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Special

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Convention news

Welcoming Activities

In a departure from our usual schedule, the usual State Dinner was moved from Friday to create the Gala Dinner on Saturday.

In its place were welcoming activities (from 4-6 pm), which included a Kornhole (Bean Bag Toss) Tournament and the traditional Hospitality Suites opened at 6 pm.

Thirteen Councils hosted Hospitality Suites on Friday. Offerings included; French Meat Pies, Pea Soup, Wieners, Coffee Milk (a quintessential RI staple), pastries, adult beverages, stuffies, homemade ice cream,

sausage and peppers, and lasagna among other items

Here are some photos from the Friday festivities:



(above & below) A view of the Hospitality Parlor hosted by the self-proclaimed "SuperFriends"; Delaney-St. Teresa, Woonsocket, Frehill and John Paul II Councils and their attendant Assemblies – Moylan & Delaney

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East Providence Council's Parlor



The State Council Hospitality Parlor



State Treasurer Dave Quinn making Irish Coffee in the Hickey Council Suite

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thank you all for your hard work and dedication to the Knights of Columbus. Over the past 125 years many lives have been impacted by the Knights of Columbus here and abroad.

Let me start by telling you how honored I am to be part of such a wonderful organization. While the decision to become involved with the Knights of Columbus was made before my husband and I were married, it is something I couldn't be prouder to be associated with. Although the Knights of Columbus is, by definition, a fraternal organization, it is very much a ***Family*** organization. It took years of marriage and many KofC events for me to really understand this fact.

I come to you today to encourage you to communicate with your families the goals of your council and what it means to be a Knight. This way everyone can join in the conversation. So often, the wives will spark a thought or an idea that can



St. Philip's Council and homemade Ice Cream

A Lady's Perspective

(the following is from Sara Shea, wife of Convention Co-Chair DD PJ Shea)

Dear Sir Knights and families, it is with great honor that I write to you all today.

My name is Sara Shea, I am the wife of District 1 District Deputy & 125th Anniversary Chairman PJ Shea. On the impending 125th Anniversary of our State Council I want to congratulate and

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make a council take on a new challenge. These challenges often take on a life of their own. A simple conversation with your families to share upcoming events, can make a difference in our success. We need to rejuvenate our ways of committing to this organization and not just simply attend meetings. We need to share what is happening with our wives, our children, our extended family and our communities around us. We must help them understand why you meet twice a month and why we host events. Once we can get to that understanding, we can truly thrive.

Make your wives and family want to say, "My husband/son is a Knight of Columbus in Rhode Island and WE are a strong community and I love being a part of it too." As you can tell, I very much consider myself and my children a part of my husband's council, of District 1 and of this State Council; its success is a priority to me. In the world we live in, I adore the honorable men my boys

2018 Convention Issue Friday edition and daughter get to look up to and learn from. Many of you have taken the time to learn their names and what they like and don't like. You make it a point to ask for them when they are not around. This is what sets us apart from many other organizations and we will always make sure to uphold that standard in this State.

I encourage you to make this the year we bring our families in and make sure they know that we are ALL part of the Knights of Columbus. Here's to the next 125 years!

Love and Blessings the Shea Family

Prayers Requested

As always, we ask you to pray for all our Brothers and their families who are ill or in distress.

Vivat Jesus!

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