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## *Council News*

Welcome to a new Fraternal Year. There are some exciting changes on tap for this year in the program and we have a new leadership team in place. Let's begin with leadership.

First, thank you to Immediate Past State Deputy Mike Benson for his leadership over the past 2 years. And, Congratulations to State Deputy Mike Dziok on his accession to the prime Office. Both these men are great examples of Knighthood.

The rest of the State Office positions are filled by Dave Quinn as State Secretary, Dave Bebyn as State Treasurer, Joe Carrigan as State Advocate and Eric Batista as State Warden.



Fraternal Year 2018-2019 State Officers-elect

(left to right) IPSD Mike Benson, State Treasurer Dave Bebyn, State Deputy Mike Dziok, State Secretary Dave Quinn, State Advocate Joe Carrigan, State Warden Eric Batista.

The Installation of the new State Officers took place on July 8<sup>th</sup> at St. John Vianney Church in Cumberland. Mass was at 1:30 pm with a reception following at the Coachmen's Lodge in Bellingham,

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MA. Below are some photos of the liturgical celebration and investing of office:



Above and below PSDs Lentini and Parenteau  
proclaiming the readings



Fr. Joe Paquette blessing the Jewels of Office

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New DDs Mike Colvin (above) and Matt Belair (below) receiving the Jewel of Office



SD Dziok's grandchildren gifting him a gavel



The other significant change is in the program format. As indicated in last month's newsletter, Supreme has decided to retire *Surge With Service* in favor of *Faith In Action*. The themes of the programs have been reduced to 4 from the previous 6. The themes of *Council* and *Youth* have been eliminated, though the individual programs will largely remain, just under a different theme. Most will

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now fall under the themes of Community and Family, depending upon the focus of the individual program. For example, our highly successful *Teens R Dynamite* is a Family Program. A companion article on this topic can be found below.

## *Membership News*

***One member per Council per month!***

The Jurisdiction of Rhode Island went live with on-line membership back on April 23<sup>rd</sup> and has already brought in some new members via this new method. The intent is to make it easier to enroll new members. It must be noted that while someone can now become a Knight online and attend meetings, they may not vote until they take their Admission Degree. So, online membership does not replace Admission Committees or

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Exemplifications. It is simply an additional tool for bringing in members.

Help us spread the word.

[www.kofc.org/JoinUs](http://www.kofc.org/JoinUs)

Following are the degrees scheduled for July (so far):

**July 31<sup>st</sup> – 1<sup>st</sup>** at St. Francis Council, candidates at 7 pm.

Degree and Ceremonials Director Bob Lynch would like to see more on the calendar for this month, let's help him out.

**Remember! *One member per Council per month!***

## *Message from the State Deputy*

My Brother Knights:

As we stand on the threshold of a new Columbian Year and in the

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midst of our 125<sup>th</sup> year as the First State Council in the Order, I ask, as your newly elected State Deputy, that you reflect upon the past history of your Council's service to our Church, our priests, the community, and our families, and their impacts that were achieved. Reflect upon them personally and/or as a Council, and hopefully you are proud of the results.

However, we must ask, are we, as members of Councils within the State, still as active in our programs, and are they being guided by our founding principles of Charity, Unity Fraternity? Is our Catholic faith being demonstrated in our actions?

In response to these questions, this year Supreme Council has developed a new program for the Knights of Columbus – *Faith In Action*. This model seeks to balance all our priorities as an Order – FAITH, FAMILY, COMMUNITY and LIFE – and offers us as Knights, meaningful opportunities to serve people in need in our parishes and communities. *Faith In Action* fully integrates *Building the Domestic Church* programs, and allows councils to concentrate on implementing faith-filled family programs. The goal – Quality over Quantity!

This new initiative will be explained in greater detail in the upcoming months.

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Another initiative, *On-line Membership* has been up and running in our State since April. Knights should familiarize themselves with this powerful new tool in the recruitment of new members.

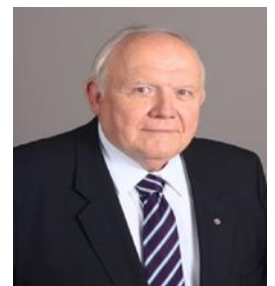
for their outstanding service during Michael's term. Fortunately, many of these same men will remain in place, for which I am very grateful.

Worthy Knights, let us make this our best year and continue the legacy of the Knights of Columbus in Rhode Island.

Vivat Jesus!

State Deputy

Michael Dziok



Editor's Note: the above message was pulled from  
the State Website

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank our outgoing State Deputy, Michael Benson, for his outstanding leadership over the past two years. Councils in Rhode Island were responsive to his outlined goals, most notably the prestigious Circle of Honor Award for membership in 2016-2017. Also, I would be remiss if I failed to recognize a significant member of his team, his wife Lee Ann, and thank her for her support of both Michael and our entire membership in RI. Thank you to the District Deputies and Program Chairman

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## *Programming Activities*

All our State sponsored and promoted activities can be used to satisfy requirements of the Columbian Award. Note also that some of our biggest State initiatives began as a local Council activity (e.g. – Operation R.O.V.A.C.). Supporting the causes of other Councils will also get them to reciprocate and support your causes.

The programming structure has been retooled beginning this Fraternal Year. Supreme has decided to retire the **Surge with Service** program. In its place will be the **Faith in Action** program. Programming categories will be downsized to 4 areas: Faith (formerly Church), Family, Life (formerly Culture of Life), and Community. The programs

formerly identified as Youth will be blended into the Family and Community categories, so the actual programs will not be disappearing. The Council programs already can be seen as alternately fitting in to each of the 4 Program areas, so they will not be going away either. (ed.note – I have been asked to continue with the newsletter, so you will still be hearing from me).

In addition, the featured programs have been adjusted to the new requirements.

More on this will be presented at the State Leadership Workshops on July 21<sup>st</sup>, so it will be important for each Council to send representation. Also, each Council should complete and

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submit their Forms #185 and #365 and bring a copy to the Workshops on July 21<sup>st</sup>.

you Moylan Assembly for the float and DD Al Nunes for pulling it). Thank you to all who participated. Below are some photos.

***- Fraternity begets Unity and together lead to an increase of Charity.***

## *Events of Note*

Our great country celebrated another birthday (funny how that happens every July) and we here in Rhode Island were blessed again to have the oldest celebration in the nation take place through the streets of Bristol.

Naturally, we had a contingent from the Knights of Columbus marching and riding the float (thank





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“Prayer in action is love, and love in action is service,” – Mother Teresa

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**Service (love in action) is the difference between the Knights of Columbus and other Catholic men's groups – IPSD Mike Benson**

## *Pilgrimage Opportunity*

Fr. TJ Varghese (pastor at St. Luke's in Barrington) will be conducting a tour/pilgrimage to:

ENGLAND, SCOTLAND & WALES over  
12 DAYS: Sept. 17 - 28, 2018 visiting

*Stonehenge, Salisbury, Bristol, Cardiff, Bath, Stratford, The Lake District, Edinburgh, York, Oxford and London*

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**July 8<sup>th</sup>** - Installation of State Officers at St. John Vianney, Cumberland @ 1:30 pm

**July 18<sup>th</sup>** – Mother of Life Summer Gala at Crystal Lake Golf Club in Burrillville, starting at 6 pm.

**July 21<sup>st</sup>** – State Leadership Workshops at Delaney-St. Teresa Council 9am – 3pm.

**July 29<sup>th</sup>** – Frehill Council Annual Car Show at North Smithfield Middle School 10 am - 2 pm (entrant registration 8 – 10 am).

**August 7<sup>th</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup>** – Supreme Convention in Baltimore

Check the State Website regularly for details and new listings.

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## *Community Activities*

### *State & Local Happenings*

Below are just a few of the many activities held by Councils around the State. Many of our functions build a spirit of Fraternity.....

.....while doing good works.

### *Life Activities*

The Mother of Life Summer Gala will take place on July 18<sup>th</sup> beginning at 6 pm at Crystal Lake Golf Club in Burrillville

St. Eugene Council held their Annual Steak Fry on June 16<sup>th</sup> at the parish hall. This popular fundraiser goes to support the Council's various charities. And I can attest to its quality.

Frehill Council is once again sponsoring a Car Show to raise funds for the Council's Scholarship and other charitable programs. It will take place on Sunday, July 29<sup>th</sup> at North Smithfield Middle School from 10 am to 2 pm (entries 8-10 am). A well-done production annually. For more info contact Paul Vadenais at [pvsandman@yahoo.com](mailto:pvsandman@yahoo.com).

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## *Faith Activities*

Each first Saturday of the month, East Providence Council sponsors a Family Rosary at the Council home, 3200 Pawtucket Avenue.

Knight who may be interested. Additionally, the State Council has a Training Officer available to assist with any topic. PSD FM Steve Ciolfi is here to help. With the new Fraternal Year under way, now would be a good time to schedule a training session with Steve. New and returning officers, and any interested Council member, could benefit greatly.

## *Family Activities*

The State Council is sponsoring a Family Fun Day at Goddard Park on August 18<sup>th</sup>. Watch for more details through emails and the August Newsletter.

## *State Website*

Check out the State Website at [www.kofcri.org](http://www.kofcri.org). It is connected to UKnight Interactive ([kofcknights.org](http://kofcknights.org)) and allows connection to any local Council website that is also a part of the UKnight family. There are also links to other sites of interest such as Fathers for Good, the Supreme Council et alia. *The Links of Interest* tab will connect you to Council event flyers. This can be an invaluable resource, but you must use it for it to help you.

## *Fraternal Training and Communication*

### *Training*

There are many training opportunities throughout the year (see the Supreme Website – [www.kofc.org](http://www.kofc.org) ). they are open to any Brother

## *State Newsletter*

**Local Newsletter Spotlight:** check out the Newsletter of St. Francis Council, it can be found through their website at [kofc2011.com](http://kofc2011.com).

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I am contemplating a name for the State Newsletter (e.g. – Woonsocket Council's newsletter is called *Knights and Days*). I currently have 1 suggestion, if there are no others by August 1<sup>st</sup>, that will be the new name – but you will have to check us out in August to know the new name. I would welcome input from the membership, reach me at my email address (see below).

News items for the newsletter can be sent through the various program Directors, including myself, or your DD, who will forward to me. I will draw event items for the Local Council section from your input. I also welcome photos from the event itself: [ijklmc.tracy@att.net](mailto:ijklmc.tracy@att.net)

## *State Meeting*

Remember that these meetings allow interaction between local Councils, and allow information to be exchanged between the local and State Councils (in **both** directions). Each Council should ensure that it is represented at these meetings.

The next State Meeting will be held August 24<sup>th</sup> at Dillon Council at 7:30 pm.

N.B. – Charity Raffle Tickets will be available for distribution at this meeting.

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and God's comfort to their families.

## *Prayers Requested*



Prayers are requested for the repose of the soul of:

Fr. Kevin Brassil, FDD/PGK  
Charlie Turner (Lincoln Council),  
Greg Delacruz (father-in-law of  
PSD Arthur Sylvester), FDD/PGK  
William Champion (Newport), PGK  
George Goodreau (Woonsocket  
Council), Lucille Forest (mother of  
PGK Rick Forest), Cecile Drouin  
(wife of PGK Gerry Drouin), and  
Catherine Scannell (mother of DD  
Jerry Scannell)

Prayers are also requested for  
Bishop Louis Gelineau, Executive  
Secretary Mike Krzywonos, PGK  
PFN Ernie Pennine, PGK PFN Earl  
Mahar, PGK Gilbert Oliver, Jamie  
Lynn Benson Bauman, DD Bud  
Garceau, GK Jerry Marra, GK Don  
Oulette (E.Prov. Council), Ellen  
Charpentier (Wife of PSD Norm  
Charpentier), and Pat DeMello  
(wife of FDD Bob DeMello) as they  
each deal with various health  
concerns.

I am sure I am missing others,  
and for that I apologize. Please feel  
free to add them to this list of those  
we pray for and remember.

(to have someone mentioned, contact me @  
[jklmc.tracy@att.net](mailto:jklmc.tracy@att.net))

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Remember, these men are here  
because they love the Knights and want  
to help you and your Council. Don't be  
afraid to contact them for help or with  
any questions you may have.



*Vivat Jesus!*



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