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Editor's Note

Please note the new banner. I would like to thank Bruce Guindon, Jim Gilcreast and my wife Linda for their input on a name. Also note the logo, it is this year's State Pin. I will also take this opportunity to thank all for your continuing support and encouragement.

- *Jack Tracy, Editor*

Council News

The State Council held the Leadership Workshops for District Deputies, Grand Knights and other local and State Council leaders on July 21st. The focus for the day were the new additions to

membership and programming. MPC Eric Johnson was present to answer questions and clarify Supreme intent. As with last year's workshops, State Program Director Jeff Gaulin and his team (Faith Director Mike DeAngelis, Family Director Mike Guerra, Life Director Mike Krzywonos, and Community Director Steve Perry) along with new Membership Director PJ Shea put together a great presentation.

Highlights include an explanation of the mechanics and benefits to the on-line membership initiative, and a discussion of the intensified focus on Church & Family in our programming. The changes in programming are designed to help Councils with many of the efforts already being conducted. While the first few months will still have that "feeling-out" aura about it, we will all



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become comfortable with it in short order. There is plenty of information available through Supreme at kofc.org/faithinaction. Each program entry will provide a one-page description of the individual program which can be downloaded & printed. This is available to any member.

In addition, the programming team assembled by new State Deputy Mike Dziok is available to answer questions, address concerns and guide us all through the change. It looks to be an exciting year and there is no reason every Council in the jurisdiction can't earn the Columbian Award.

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Membership News

Making Councils Stronger

Strong Councils through Membership Growth & Engagement

The Jurisdiction of Rhode Island has an age problem. The average age of our membership is 64. And, if you remove the Brothers at Friar Council from the equation, it jumps upwards by about 4 years – think about that for a moment. **NOW** is the time to recruit younger members! And, a perfect opportunity to employ the new on-line membership tool www.kofc.org/JoinUs. Without new blood, we will eventually die out, and so will our good works.

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

August 15th – 1st at Newport/
Middletown Council at 6:00 pm,
candidates at 5:30 pm



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August 27th – 1st/2nd at Woonsocket Council at 7:00pm, candidates at 6:30 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!

From the State Advocate

Brothers, Welcome to a new fraternal year. If you haven't heard yet, The Supreme Council has changed the requirements for the Safe Environment program. It is our responsibility to protect the children that attend our events, as well as protect ourselves from the potential liabilities associated from having children at our events. Praesidium's **Armatus Safe Environment** program

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accomplishes both these objectives. Supreme now requires the following members to be certified by this program. The following board members must be certified within 30 days of receiving their email from Praesidium. They are: **Grand Knight; Program Director; Community Director and Family Director**. There will be a background check done on both the community and family directors. I was notified that if the 30 days lapse, the Grand Knight will have to reappoint another member to fill that position. **Taking this course is not voluntary** and must be completed to fulfill your duties. Also, Non-compliance in following this policy will disqualify your council in receiving any awards. The course is in three parts and can be taken at your own pace. But must be completed within the 30



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days allotted. The certification is good for 2 years, so if you have taken the course last year, you are all set, however if you have not taken the Armatus course, or have taken it prior to last year you need to be recertified. If you are certified with another organization, i.e. - Boy Scouts, Schools or through the Diocese, you still must complete this course. Non-Compliance can open us to being personally liable. If you have any questions, or need any assistance, feel free to contact me at joe.carrignan@outlook.com; jcar1472@outlook.com; or cell phone 401-523-0728.

Vivat Jesus

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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.

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

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

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



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Check the State Website regularly for
details and new listings.

Events of Note

August 7th – 9th – Supreme
Convention in Baltimore

August 12th – F. McGivney's
Birthday

August 12th – St. Thomas the
Apostle Council bus trip to Foxwoods
leaving at 1:00 pm.

August 18th – Pope Pius Council 6th
Annual Golf Tournament @ Richmond
CC starting at 8 am

August 18th – RI Family Day
(sponsored by the RI State Council) at
Goddard Park from 10 am til 2 pm

August 19th – Little Sisters of the
Poor Family Fun Day @ the Pawsox
starting at 11:30 am.

August 24th – State Meeting at
Dillon Council 7:30 pm.

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*

At a cost of just \$3599 per person.

(Air/land tour price is \$3099 plus \$500
government taxes/airline surcharges)

Price Includes: Roundtrip Air from
Boston, First Class/Select Hotels, Most
Meals, Professional Tour Director,
Comprehensive Sightseeing, Entrance
Fees and More!!



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**For a brochure & more information,
please contact Fr. Varghese at: 401-
568- 5102 or email:
revtj23@gmail.com**

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service for this important life-affirming prayer event. Dates booked so far are:

Oct. 3rd – SS John & Paul, Coventry

Oct. 6th – E. Prov. Council

Oct. 7th – St. John Evangelist, Slatersville

Oct. 9th – St. Thomas, Providence

Oct. 10th – SS John & James, W. Warwick

Oct. 15th – St. Teresa, Pawtucket
(tentative)

Oct 17th – St. Catherine, Warwick

Oct. 18th – Sacred Heart, E. Prov.

Oct. 19th – St. Thomas More, Narragansett

Oct. 21st – St. Mark, Cranston

Oct. 22nd – Columban Fathers Chapel,
Bristol

Oct. 25th – St. Vincent DePaul, Coventry

Once again, Arthur Boisse and Mike Krzywonos lead the way for these prayer services.

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

Silver Rose dates have been released. We will be receiving the Silver Rose from Massachusetts on September 30th. We will be handing it to Connecticut on October 28th. In between we encourage your Council to host a



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St. Paul the Apostle Council took part in Foster Old Home Days to raise funds for various Council charities. A great way to be visible in the community while encouraging charity. Note the KANDI Drive (Tootsie Roll Drive) collection jar on the table.

Community Activities

Recently **Pope Pius XII Council** assisted *Habitat For Humanity* with the rehabilitation of a home in Charlestown. The Council assists this program on an ongoing basis.



Above and below: The great group of Knights from Pope Pius XII working to help *Habitat for Humanity*



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Frehill Council held their
Annual Car Show on July 29th at
North Smithfield Middle School.

There were over 135 entries
and hundreds of people viewing, all
to raise money for Frehill Council
Scholarship Fund. The Ford Edsel
pictured below may have flopped
on the sales floor, but it drew a lot
of onlookers at the Car Show.



Ford Edsel



1937 Pierce Arrow

Scalabrini Council recently
raised funds to support Operation
Stand Down RI Food Pantry. A
good reminder that our veterans
deserve year-round support. (photo
below)



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PSD Peter Lentini with a check for Operation Stand
Down RI Food Pantry



SS John and James Council
is running a September Sports
Event raffle. See the flyer below for
details. For raffle tickets contact
Jack Cotter at 401-862-1258, Mike
Osenkowski at 401-439-6264 or
the parish rectory at 401-821-7661.

In one of many examples of
activities which fit in multiple
categories, here is another photo of
St. Paul Knights at Foster Old
Home Days interacting with the
community to raise charitable
funds.



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Patriarch Absi is touring his congregations here in the United States following his recent elevation to the Patriarchy.

September Sports Event
Raffle
Red Sox vs Orioles
Revolution vs Fire
Win 4 tickets to Sox, 2 tickets to Revs
Plus a \$200 Visa Debit Card
Drawing on Sept 8
Total Prize Value \$450.00
For tickets
Jack Cotter 401-862-1258
Rectory 401-821-7661
Mike Osenkowski 401-439-6264



Faith Activities

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

Members of the Patriotic Degree from **Delaney and Moylan** Assemblies recently provided an Honor Guard for the visitation of Melkite Catholic Patriarch Joseph Absi to St. Basil the Great Church.



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Family Activities

The State Council is sponsoring a Family Fun Day at Goddard Park on August 18th. The Family Director, PGK Mike Guerra will be arranging for hamburgers, hot dogs, and soft drinks. Bring your own favorite pot-luck dish to share with others. There will be activities as well. Please sign-up (to ensure enough food on hand) at <https://goo.gl/forms/X5l6Y8WROjsZM3lm2>. This will be a good opportunity to meet and interact

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with other Knight Families from around the State.

The State Council recently presented 2 checks to the Diocesan Youth Ministry in the amount of \$6000 (\$3000 each to the *Fr. Marot CYO Center* and *Rejoice in Hope*) as the proceeds of the Annual *Teens R Dynamite* fundraiser held this past May 5th.



Top Row: IPSD Michael Benson and Carlene Fontaine (Youth Minister for Fr. Marot CYO Center) receiving check for the Fr. Marot CYO Center

Middle Row: SD Michael Dziok and DD Bob Moniz (event Chairman)



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Front Row: Family Director Michael Guerra, Terry Viccione (Youth Minister for Rejoice in Hope Center), Joshua Santos, Angela Matsuma, Alexis Costa, State Sec. David Quinn) and Louise Dussault (Diocese of Providence Director of the Office of Catholic Youth Ministry)



Angela Matsuma receiving the check for Rejoice in Hope
CYO Center

This worthwhile cause is annually supported by local Councils throughout the State. And defines the very essence of what it means to be a State Council – **many local Councils working in Unity for the benefit of all.** (after all, there would be no State Council without the local Councils).

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Fraternal Training and Communication

Training

There are many training opportunities throughout the year (see the Supreme Website – www.kofc.org). they are open to any Brother Knight who may be interested. Additionally, the State Council has a Training Officer available to assist with any topic. PSD FM Steve Cioffi 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.

State Website

Check out the State Website at www.kofcri.org . It is connected to UKnight Interactive (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.



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Local Newsletter Spotlight:

check out the Newsletter of St. Francis Council, it can be found through their website at kofc2011.com.

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 Events of Note from your input. I also welcome photos from the event itself: ijklmc.tracy@att.net

State Meeting

Remember! 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

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ensure that it is represented at these meetings.

The next **State Meeting** will be held **August 24th at Dillon Council at 7:30 pm.**

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

Fraternal Concern

Brothers, as noted above, our membership is older, with an average age of 64. Implicit in that average is the fact that we have many older Brothers. These Brothers often are unable to regularly attend meetings and functions. This can lead to Councils losing track of them and,



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unfortunately, should they pass away we fail to recognize their significance and membership in our Order.

I am asking that the word be spread among your membership and families to be vigilant to the passing of a Council member or Council family member and relay the information to the Grand Knight. In my home Council, I have designated a member to scan the newspaper obituaries. However, with fewer people utilizing the newspapers obits we must now add word of mouth or social media methods of communication.

Regardless, we must be informed to properly **Honor the Dead.**

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Prayers Requested



Prayers are requested for the repose of the soul of:

Catherine Scannell, mother of
DD Paul "Jerry" Scannell

Kenneth Patriarca, brother of
DGK Joe Patriarca (Dillon Council)

Pam Kerry, wife of late SK Tom
Kerry (St. John Paul II Council)

Jeannette Chapdelaine,
grandmother of Brother Knights
Nick and Andrew Gaulin
(Woonsocket Council)

Jane Eastwood, mother of
General Agent Scott Eastwood



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and God's comfort to their families.

Prayers are also requested for Bishop Louis Gelineau, Executive Secretary Mike Krzywonos, PGK PFN Ernie Pennine, Jamie Lynn Benson Bauman, DD Bud Garceau, GK Jerry Marra, GK Don Oulette (E.Prov. Council), Ellen and PSD Normand Charpentier, Pat DeMello (wife of FDD Bob DeMello), Mike Magill, and FDD George Plante 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 @ ijklmc.tracy@att.net or ask the state to add to the prayer list on the website)

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



Vivat Jesus!