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Council News

The Summer months see many Council Officer Installations. Amongst the many was the Installation of Lincoln Council Officers by DD Al Nunes, pictured below.



Congratulations to all our newly installed and re-installed Grand Knights and their Officer Teams.

Membership News

Making Councils Stronger

Strong Councils through Accurate and Appropriate Rosters

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.

At a combined Admission/Formation Degree on August 27th, hosted by Woonsocket Council, we added 3 new members to the order. Congratulations to these new Brothers.

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

September 18th – 1st/2nd at St. John Paul II Council at 7:00 pm, candidates at 6:30 pm.



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September 19th – 1st at
Newport/Middletown at 6 pm,
candidates @ 5:30 pm.

September 20th – 1st/2nd at SS John
& James at 7:00 pm, candidates @ 6:30
pm.

September 26th – 1st at Warwick
Council at 7:00 pm, candidates @ 6:30
pm.

September 26th – 3rd at Dillon
Council at 7:00 pm, candidates @ 6:30
pm.

October 3rd – 1st at Nwpt/Mdltwn at
6:00 pm, candidates @ 5:30 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!***

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*Message from the State
Deputy*

Brothers,

With Labor Day behind us,
many Councils are returning to the
start of their business. It is
unfortunate that many Councils
take the summer off, but be that as
it may, I know that everyone is up
to the challenge and will have an
extraordinary 10 months of
charitable works and membership
recruitment.

As was mentioned at the
Leadership Workshop and again at
the August State Meeting, there
are a number of program changes
that have been put in place which
Council leadership must be aware
of and initiate within their
respective groups. The new *Faith*



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in Action Program requires specific activities within each of the 4 categories of Faith, Family, Community, and Life. Also, it is required that specific Council officers and program chairmen be compliant with the Order's *Safe Environment Training*. If this is the first you're hearing of this, contact your District Deputy and setup the necessary training ASAP.

Your State Officers and District Deputies stand ready to assist you in any way they can. Please avail your Councils of this resource.

Vivat Jesus!

Mike Dziok



Brothers, I want to repeat my request that each Council meet with the Pastors in your respective areas to offer assistance in any way that may be necessary. It is necessary for our Councils and its members become a visible and active part of our parish communities. This visibility is a strong recruiting tool. With more members, there is so much more we can do.

Patriotic (4th) Degree News

It was announced at the August State Meeting that a new District Master has been appointed for the Jurisdiction of RI. Congratulations to new DM Robert (Bob) Gallant on his appointment (effective September 1st). Bob's welcoming message is included below.

We also would thank FM Maurice "Rick" Devine for his



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service to the District these past 2
years.

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J. McVinney Assembly as
Secretary to the Master.

Message from the District Master

Sir Knights and Brothers,

As most of you are probably aware by now, the Supreme Master, Dennis J. Stoddard, has appointed me as Master of the 4th Degree for the District of Rhode Island beginning September 1, 2018 to August 31, 2020.

I am deeply honored to receive this appointment and hope that, with your help, we can make some good advances in **The Patriotic Degree**. I have chosen PFN John Tougas from Rev. Patrick Delaney Assembly as my Marshal, and FDD Ronald Ross from Bishop Russell

Now I need the Faithful Navigator and/or Faithful Comptroller of each Assembly to please email me with your officer's name and contact info as I have very little and would like to start installing the Assembly officers as soon as possible.

My first plea to all Sir Knights with regalia, due to our dwindling numbers, is that we remove the barriers the Assemblies have performed under for many years. That is that the Assemblies have been assigned certain churches to cover for Confirmations and other ceremonies. It is evident that some Assemblies have gone down in numbers while others are still going strong. While I'm not looking to overtax the strong ones, it does not make all of us look good when the



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bishop has an escort of 6 or 8 Sir Knights at one Confirmation and 1 or 2 at the next. I'm hoping to get enough advance notice for all ceremonies to make a call for Sir Knights and get responses, so we have a decent number at each event. This can be done if all Sir Knights work with me.

My second plea is to ask all Sir Knights that have the new outfit to join us as often as you can.

And third, I am asking all my Brothers to help me to promote the Patriotic Degree.

Upcoming scheduled Color Corps events:

Installation of Fr. Varghese as pastor of St. Luke church at 108 Washington Rd., Barrington on September 16th @ 11:30am Mass (arrive at 11:00am)

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Installation of Fr. Pescatello as pastor of St. John Vianney church at 3609 Diamond Hill Rd., Cumberland on September 22nd @ 5:00PM Mass (arrive at 4:30pm)

Christ the King Mass and brunch Sunday November 25th @ 10:00 am Mass.

More to follow

Vivat Jesus!

Robert (Bob) Gallant





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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*

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**

Events of Note

September 8th – National Day of Remembrance – All Babies.

September 8th – Sports Raffle at SS John & James

September 22nd – RI State Council Annual Charity Golf Tourney at Swansea CC, starting at 12:45 pm.

September 22nd – St. Mark's Church Fall Harvest Fest 11am – 6:30 pm

September 26th – 40 Days for Life Fall Campaign begins.

September 29th – Human Life Guild Day at SS Peter & Paul Cathedral beginning at 9 am.



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September 30th – Receive the Silver Rose at 3 pm at St. Joseph Church, Pascoag - see full schedule below.

September 30th – Pascoag Council Harvest Supper at St. Joseph Church, Pascoag beginning 4:30 pm.

September 30th – Woonsocket Council Breakfast Fundraiser for “New Beginnings” soup kitchen at All Saints Church 8 am til 12 noon.

Check the State Website regularly for details and new listings.

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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 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 the Apostle, Providence

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

Oct. 12th – St. Bernard. North Kingstown

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.



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Oct. 16th – Our Lady of Good Counsel,
West Warwick

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

Oct. 28th – Transfer to CT Knights

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

Community Activities

The Brothers of
Newport/Middletown Council &
Rooney Council combined to host
the 60th Annual Mahar Picnic.



Mahar guests



Knights in Service

Over 150 clients were treated
to great food, fun games and good
music.



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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.

We have some clergy welcoming events this month. St. John Paul II parish will welcome Deacon Brendan Rowley today, September 8th.

Woonsocket Council is hosting an open Welcoming Reception for Fr. Carl Fisette as new Pastor of St. Joseph Church, Woonsocket on September 10th at the Council home at 7 pm.

St. Luke's will see Fr. Varghese installed as Pastor on September 16th at the 11:30 Mass.

St. John Vianney in Cumberland will see its new Pastor

installed by the Bishop on September 22nd at the 5 pm Mass.

Please remember to pray for these men and all members of the clergy and Consecrated Religious.

Family Activities

The State Council sponsored a Family Day at Goddard Park last month. The group of attendees enjoyed good food, good fellowship and good times.



Some of our wonderful Ladies at Family Day



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(above) Family Day Organizer and Grill master
extraordinaire Mike Guerra (State Family Director)

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 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.

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.



Bridget Shea entertaining Linda Tracy, wife of your editor, a great example of how the Knights are extended family



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Local Newsletter Spotlight:
check out the Newsletter of
Woonsocket Council, it can be
found through their website at
kofc113.org (it should have a
familiar feel to it – you may
recognize the editor's style)

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:
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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
ensure that it is represented at
these meetings.

The next **State Meeting** will be
held **September 28th at East
Providence Council at 7:30 pm.**

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

Fraternal Concern

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



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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.***

Prayers Requested



Prayers are requested for the repose of the soul of:

Viola Palumbo, wife of Angelo of Bristol Council

and God's comfort to their families.

Prayers are also requested for Bishop Louis Gelineau, FDD Ray Riel, PFN Rick Regan, Roger Depot, Executive Secretary Mike Krzywonos, PGK PFN Ernie Pennine, Jamie Lynn Benson Bauman, DD Bud Garceau, GK Jerry Marra, 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.



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website www.kofcri.org

Remember, these men are here to
help you and your Council. Don't be

Vivat Jesus!

