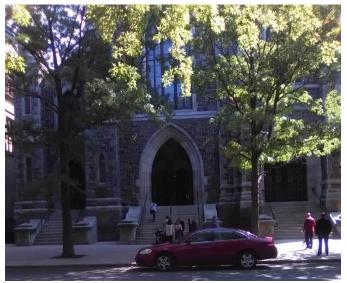


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St. Mary's Church, New Haven, CT

Council News

We begin this month's newsletter with a special note.

Congratulations! to Providence

College/Friar Council #5787 for being awarded the Culture of Life Award at the recent Supreme Council's College Councils Conference in New Haven. The Volume 2, issue 4 following is the release from Supreme.

The College Council Service
Program awards recognize
outstanding council programs in six
key areas of outreach — Church,
Community, Council, Family, Youth
and Culture of Life— during the
preceding fraternal year. Whether
ongoing or one-time initiatives, these
programs embody the spirit of the
Order and serve as an inspiration for
all Knights of Columbus.





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Winning Program: Persecuted Christians Week by Providence College Council #5787 in Providence, Rhode Island.

The encyclical Evangelium Vitae begins with a solemn reminder that "The Gospel of life is at the heart of Jesus' message." Throughout the Order, our councils take up this message of life and serve as strong defenders of the unborn, the elderly, the ill, and all those most vulnerable to the culture of death. This year, the Providence College council dedicated themselves to protecting a particularly embattled community—those persecuted for their Christian faith in the Middle East.

Persecuted Christians Week was the Providence council's crowning achievement this past fraternal year. It was an initiative to educate fellow American Catholics, particularly those on campus, about the plight of the modern martyrs. The beginning of the week was devoted to advertising a lecture by His Excellency, the Most Reverend Nicholas Samra of the Eparchy of Newton, on the reality of life for Christians in the Middle East. Bishop Samra, himself a Syrian-American who visits Syria several times a year, provided first-hand accounts of the atrocities leveled on the Christian communities left in that region.

The council also held an all-night vigil in Eucharistic adoration, called "All Knight Adoration," praying especially for the Church in the Middle East. This vigil culminated in Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament and a Mass offered for the intentions of persecuted Christians.



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Finally, the council spent a day cooking and preparing for a dinner-dance, the proceeds of which were donated to the Knights of Columbus Christian Refugee Relief Fund.

Membership News

Making Councils Stronger

Strong Councils through Engaging and Diverse Programs

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.

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

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

October 9th – 2nd at East Providence Council at 7:00 pm, candidates at 6:30 pm.

October 16th – 1st/2nd at St. Teresa-Delaney Council at 7 pm, candidates @ 6:30 pm.

October 21st – 2nd/3rd at Nwpt/Mdtwn Council at 1 pm, candidates @12:30 pm.

October 24th – 1st/2nd at Warwick Council at 7:00 pm, candidates @ 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!



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Message from the State
Deputy

Brothers, with the onset of Fall and the changes it brings, it is now time for Councils to evolve and get into their respective development and membership recruitment modes. Hopefully, all councils have met with their respective parish priests in their communities introducing themselves and offering their assistance to pastors as they might see fit. These interactions will provide the visibility necessary and opportunity to increase membership.

The lifeblood of any Council is an active membership. It is no longer acceptable for any Council to possess a "status quo" attitude. Recent communication from our Degree & Ceremonial Chairman, Volume 2, issue 4

Robert Lynch indicated that of the 12 Districts in our State, only three Districts 1, 4 and 9 are carrying the brunt of achieving our membership goal. Our Strategic Plan requires that each District has at least one Admission (1st) degree each quarter. We must pick up this pace.

Recently, St. Francis Council #2011 held a Recognition Dinner in honor of our Immediate Past State Deputy Michael Benson, During Michael's two years of State Council Leadership his accomplishments were significant. His outreach to the Diocese, to local churches and schools, the pro-life community and Catholic based charitable organizations, has opened and given our Order greater presence and respect within the State. He has worked tirelessly in seeing that the mission of our founder, Fr. Michael J.



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McGivney is being fulfilled in Rhode Island. Thank You Michael!

Some events to place on the calendar [event chair in parenthesis], the **K of C Soccer Challenge** on October 20th, (Michael Guerra) the return of the **Silver Rose** to Connecticut on October 28th, (Michael Krzywonos), a **4th Degree Exemplification** on November 11th (Robert Gallant), the **Christ the King Mass** on November 25th (Robert Gallant), and the **Keep the Heat on Concert**, December 9th (Robert Moniz).

Another significant event is our annual Charity Ball which will be held on December 2nd at the Quidnessett Country Club. This year's theme – "The Knights Before Christmas". This is also RI's 90th Charity Ball! 90 Years of Charity. Information regarding tickets is available on the State's

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website. Councils are also asked to provide gift baskets for the silent auction, or consider placing an ad in the ad book, or possibly doing all three.

Brothers, the second quarter of the year is an extremely busy one, but with the determination that I know we have as Knights, and our faith in God, the job can and will get done.

Vivat Jesus! Mike Dziok





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Patrictic (4th) Degree News

From the District Master

The District of Rhode Island has 2 significant events in the very near future. While they occur in November, we need to get the word out now. The first of these is a Patriotic (4th) Degree Exemplification. It will be held on November 11th (Veterans Day) at Newport/Middletown Council, 7 Valley Rd, Middletown. Start time 12:30 pm. Candidates need to be in black (or dark blue or grey) business suit with black shoes. plain white dress shirt and tie. Cost to candidates is \$50 (includes collation). Guests may attend the collation at a cost of \$15. Checks should be made out to *Master of* the Fourth Degree and forwarded to me at: 664 Black Plain Rd. North Volume 2, issue 4

Smithfield, RI 02896-9514. Time is short so don't delay. You may contact me (bobgal664@gmail.com) or DD Paul Saunders (psaund1229@aol.com) with questions.

The annual Christ the King Mass and Brunch will be Sunday November 25th; Mass@ 10:00 am, Brunch following. Cost for the Brunch is \$15. Tickets available from me, FDD Ted Benz and GK Jack Tracy.

Finally, thank you to all who turned out for the parades this past weekend, Westerly and Federal Hill on Sunday and Woonsocket on Monday.



Vivat Jesus!

Robert (Bob) Gallant



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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.

Events of Note

October 1st – John Paul II Golf Classic @ Pawtucket CC, 11 am start

October 7th – John Paul II Blood Drive @ St. Cecelia, 8:30 am to 12:30 pm

October 7th – Westerly Parade, 1 pm start

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October 7th – Federal Hill Columbus Parade in Providence, 11 am Start

October 7th – SS John & James Mass for the respect for Life at St. Mary's in W. Warwick at 10 am

October 8th – Autumnfest Parade in Woonsocket, 10 am start

October 8th – Testimonial for IPSD Mike Benson @ Quonset O Club, Cocktails at 6 pm, Dinner at 7 pm

October 12th – RI State Council Meeting at Sullivan Council, 7:30 pm

October 20th – St. Francis Council Clam Cake & Chowder Dinner 5:30 pm start

October 20th - State Soccer Challenge at Lusitana Club, Cumberland (see below)

October 21st – Warwick Council Cornhole Tournament beginning at 12 noon at the Council home

October 28th – Transfer of Silver Rose to Connecticut @ St. Mary's in Coventry, CT, 10:30 am

For Silver Rose Dates, see article below

Check the State Website regularly for details and new listings.



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Volume 2, issue 4 delegation of Massachusetts State Officers.

State & Local Happenings

The annual Columbus Day Banquet was held last evening at the Quonset "O" Club in North Kingstown. This year's honoree was IPSD Mike Benson, Mike's tenure saw amazing growth in many areas of our mission. And, while Mike would be the first to give credit to his predecessors and his team of Brother Knights, we must also acknowledge that he assembled the team and used their God-given talents to great effect. For more commentary, see that SD message above. The hosts for the evening were St. Francis Council and the Master of Ceremonies was a very entertaining PSD Pete Lentini. Also in attendance was a

Below are some photos from the event.



Fr. Paquette with Lee Ann and IPSD Mike Benson at the Annual Columbus Day Banquet honoring the Bensons and Fr. Joe for their service to the State.



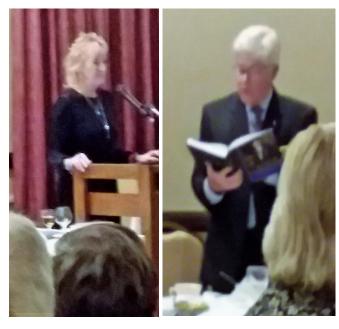
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(left) Former 1st Lady Lee Ann Benson addressing the attendees at the Columbus Day Banquet. (right) IPSD Mike Benson inspecting a book by Virgil Dechant (Supreme Knight 1977-2000), a gift from PSD Arthur and Mona Sylvestre.



PSD Peter Lentini, Master of Ceremonies for the evening.



SD Mike Dziok extoling the efforts of his predecessor, IPSD Mike Benson and thanking him for his service



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



Helping Hands to benefit New Beginnings soup kitchen

.....while doing good works.

What good is it, my brothers, if someone says he has faith but does not have works? (Jas 2:14)

So also Faith of itself, if it does not have works, is dead. (Jas 2:17)

Life Activities



Silver Rose dates have been released. We received 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:



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Oct. 3rd – SS John & Paul, Coventry

Oct. 5th - St. Joseph, Cumberland

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

Oct. 13th – St. Leo, Pawtucket

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Oct. 15th – St. Teresa, Pawtucket

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. 23rd - St. James, Manville

Oct. 24th - St. Pius X, Westerly

Oct. 25th - St. Vincent DePaul, Coventry

Oct. 28th – Transfer to CT Knights at St. Mary's in Coventry, CT

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

Community Activities

Pascoag Council held a Harvest Supper on September 30th at St. Joseph Church. It was the first since the closing of their hall.



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By all accounts it was a rousing success and its return was welcomed by many from around the State.



Pascoag Harvest Supper Attendees

Woonsocket Council held its 1st fundraiser of the year on September 30th at All Saints. The event was a breakfast held to support *New Beginnings* soup kitchen which is also based at All Saints.

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Patrons at the New Beginnings fundraiser

The Council was assisted in serving the breakfast by Girl Scout Troop 360, also based at All Saints. This was a great example of multiple organizations coming together to help those in need.



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Craig Lacouture & Arthur St. George of Woonsocket Council along with Caitlyn Tracy and Cassandra Doiron of Girl Scout Troop 360

Faith Activities

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

On September 22nd St. John Vianney (Cumberland) witnessed the installation of Fr. Joseph Pescatello as its new Pastor by Bishop Thomas Tobin. The Council

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demonstrated its support by a great attendance and were further assisted by Sir Knights of Moylan Assembly (of which St. John is a member Council).

Also installed recently was Fr. Michael Woolley as the new Pastor at SS. John & Paul in Coventry on September 30th. Sir Knights of Wallace and Moylan Assemblies jointly provided an escort (Fr. Woolley was a longtime Pastor at St. Joseph, Woonsocket before going to his home parish of SS. John and Paul).

Other Faith Activities during September included the Human Life Guild Mass at the Cathedral on the 29th and the Blue Mass on the 30th.



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Family Activities

The Annual State Golf
Tournament was held on
September 22nd at Swansea CC.
This year we began a new
partnership arrangement with the
Diocesan Schools to help support
their emergency tuition aid fund.
Through the efforts of the Tourney
Committee (headed by Phil & PJ
Shea), we were able to raise \$3500
for this fund which is being
renamed in honor of Fr. Michael
McGivney.



Golf Tourney Chair PJ Shea presenting \$3500 check to Superintendent Daniel Ferris, flanked by SD Mike Dziok.

State Family Director Mike Guerra has announced a date for the Soccer Challenge. It will be held on October 20th from 9:30 am to 12 noon @ Club Juventude Lusitana, 10 Chase St., Cumberland (same venue as last year. Please remember to bring completed forms for your local winners with you.



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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 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.

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Local Newsletter Spotlight:

check out the Newsletter of <u>Delaney-St. Teresa Council</u>, it is a separate attachment to the email accompanying this newsletter.

News items for the newsletter can be sent to me at rikofcnewsletter@gmail.com, through your DD, who will forward it to me, or the various program Directors. I also welcome photos from the event itself.

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.



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The next State Meeting will be held November 9th at St. Thomas Council #1472 (Cumberland) at 7:30 pm.

This is a change in location from previously announced!

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.

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 Volume 2, issue 4 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

communication.

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

of mouth or social media methods of

Cosumbiette Corner

In trying to encourage the bond between our Councils and Columbiette Councils in the Jurisdiction of RI, I am including messages from the perspective of our Ladies. I initiated this with a message from Sarah Shea in the State Convention issues. This month being a Recruitment Drive month, I am including the recruiting message given by my wife, Linda, at St. Agatha a few years ago.

Jack Tracy, editor

Good afternoon. I want to Thank Fr. Kelley for allowing me to speak

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today. For those of you who don't know me, my name is Linda Tracy and I am here on behalf of the Knights of Columbus. I know you're all asking: "why is a woman speaking for the Knights"? And, possibly, why me? The second question is easy, my husband is a member of Woonsocket Council (and my father belonged to Pascoag Council) so I have a good knowledge of the Knights. And that leads to the first question: 1) An informal survey of Woonsocket Council shows that many of the members were motivated to join at the behest of a family member. 2) While all Knights are men, it is really a family-oriented organization. From insurance to social functions to scholarships to the charitable work of the order, all family members can participate. 3) No Knight can do the charitable works they do without the support of his wife and family. (though you need not be married to be a Knight). And what are those works of charity? They range from

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the well-publicized, like Special
Olympics, to behind the scenes
things like building handicap access
ramps for people in need to holding
a collection event for the
Woonsocket Police Toy Drive and
aiding the Little Sisters of the Poor.
Woonsocket Council alone
contributed \$10,000 in donations
and service hours last year.

Now this may seem like it is time consuming, and it is. But the wonderful thing about the Knights is that it only asks whatever you can give. Maybe that is one function/event a year or a meeting once a month or if you wish, State Council functions like tonight's Teens are Dynamite fundraiser for the two remaining CYO Centers in the State (plus it gets your husband out of the house). There will be Knights at the entrances to the church to answer your questions and more downstairs in the hall running the fundraiser. I urge you to join the Knights of Columbus for an



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experience you and your family will find quite rewarding.

I want to thank you for your attention and urge you to go downstairs and support our youth through our Dynamite fundraiser.

Prayers Requested



Prayers are requested for the repose of the soul of:

Tom Del Mastro, Sr. (FDD, PFN, PGK) of Blessing Council

Bob Deschenes of John Paul II Council

Bill Lyons of John Paul II Council

Volume 2, issue 4 and God's comfort to their families.

Prayers are also requested for Bishop Louis Gelineau, Fr. Dennis Reardon, GK PFN Tom Clupny (E.P.), GK Bruce Guindon, 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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Vivat Jesus!

