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Council News

The Knights of Columbus of Rhode Island have been honored by the Special Olympics of Rhode Island for their support of their phenomenal athletes and the organization for all 50 years of SORI's existence. The State and local Councils have shown an indefatigable commitment to the SORI and to the many athletic teams throughout the state. Congratulations to all Knights in every corner of Rhode Island.

The presentation of the Award was made by Kathy Krzywonos, daughter of Executive Secretary Mike Krzywonos and his wife Pat. Kathy is an SORI athlete. Volume 2, issue 5



Kathy Krzywonos flanked by SD Michael J. Dziok (left) and PSD Peter N. Lentini (an SORI Board member) for the presentation of the Special Olympics Rhode Island Award on behalf of all councils in the Jurisdiction for 50 Years of continuous support.

Membership News

Membership Director PJ Shea is encouraging all to make our recruiting initiatives personal. Share your story with prospects.



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Tell them why you became a Knight and what it has meant to you. We have many great stories to share and inspire. Herewith, I present one such story, that of District 7 Deputy Matt Belair:

Why I wanted to become a Knight is because my dad was a 3rd Degree Knight and when he died Leo Leclerc got permission to give him his 4th degree in his casket. He was a member of Lincoln Council for a long time. Ever since I always wanted to be part of the Knights of Columbus. I joined in 2006 and did my 4th degree that November. My sponsor is Donald Godin. I am glad he brought me in and he is also my godfather. Now I am a District Deputy and have met some awesome guys through the years. My dad did so much for the church and for the Knights. I wish he was here to see me in my roles in the council and in the state. He died when I was 8 years old and my dad was 42.

I want to talk about my dad a little. So, when he worked at Kmart at the Lincoln

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Mall if someone opened a package of diapers (and left them on the shelf), instead of throwing them away, he gave them to the church and handed them out to the needy. Our priest at the time was Fr Bob. When dad got really sick, Fr. Bob was always at my house. The year my dad died Fr Bob made a picture of a tree and in sign it he put "The Jeff Belair Memorial Giving Tree" I have it going into my room all year long. He died on Oct. 20, 1995 from pancreatic cancer.



### Strong Councils through Membership Growth & Engagement

**NOW** is the time to recruit younger members (middle-age & older members still okay too)! And, a perfect opportunity to employ the new on-line membership tool <u>www.kofc.org/JoinUs</u>. Once we have them, we then need to ensure they



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are **engaged in our programming** and wish to further its aims of Charity, Unity, Fraternity and Patriotism. Without new blood, we will eventually die out, and so will our good works.

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

**November 7**<sup>th</sup> – 1<sup>st</sup> at Nwpt/Mdltwn at 6:00 pm, candidates @ 5:30 pm

**November 14**<sup>th</sup> - 1<sup>st</sup>/2<sup>nd</sup> at St. Gregory the Great at 7:00 pm, candidates at 6:30 pm.

**November 20**<sup>th</sup>– 1<sup>st</sup> at Delaney-St. Teresa Council at 7 pm, candidates @ 6:30 pm.

**November 26<sup>th</sup>** – 1<sup>st</sup> at Dillon Council at 7 pm, candidates @ 6:30 pm

**November 28**<sup>th</sup> – 1<sup>st</sup> at Warwick Council at 7 pm, candidates at 6:30 pm.

**December 1**<sup>st</sup> – 1<sup>st</sup>/2<sup>nd</sup> at SS John & James at 9 am, candidates at 8:30 am

Degree and Ceremonials Director Bob Lynch would like to see more on Volume 2, issue 5 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, families & friends,

The month of November places us not only at the threshold of the end of the calendar year but also one of the busiest times for Rhode Island Knights. First, in keeping with the Knights of Columbus focus on patriotism and civic involvement –

#### **Get Out and Vote!**

Secondly, in a similar vein, we should also acknowledge our men and women who have served our country in uniform -Thank them for



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November 2018 their Service on Veterans Day, November 11th.

On Sunday, November 25th all Rhode Island Knights and their families are once again asked to participate in the Christ the King Mass at 10:00 AM at the Cathedral. As always, a strong showing of our Sir Knights in regalia is requested. As the most visible arm of our Order, an impressive showing can demonstrate to the assembled faithful, the Knights commitment to our Church. As I have stated before, our large visible presence can serve as an effective recruitment tool.

There are several events that should be noted on your calendars and your support is requested:

The Annual Charity Ball on December 2nd at the Quidnessett Country Club. See details elsewhere in this newsletter. This is Volume 2, issue 5 our largest single charitable fundraiser of the year.

A Christmas Concert on December 9th at the Cathedral at 3:00 PM, with proceeds directed to the Bishop's *Keep the Heat on Program*. Information can also be found in this newsletter.

A special thank you to the following Knights for their extraordinary work. First to our Family Program Chairman, Michael Guerra for overseeing the Soccer Challenge shoot-out program. The finals took place on October 20th for the District winners. Also thank you to Michael Krzywonos and Arthur Boisse for once again running the Silver Rose program which had them traveling across the State. The program reinforces the sanctity of human life through the prayers of the congregation. The Silver Rose was transferred to the Connecticut State Council on



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November 2018 October 28th at St. Mary's Church in Coventry, CT.

And finally, my wishes to you and your families to have a very happy and blessed Thanksgiving!



Vivat Jesus! Mike Dziok

Patriotic (4th) Degree News

From the District Master

As I write this, I am finalizing the plans for the 4th Degree Exemplification to be held on Sunday, November 11<sup>th</sup> at Newport Volume 2, issue 5 /Middletown Council, starting at 12:30 pm.

Those who can make it will start with Mass at St. Lucy's Church at 10:30 am.

Thanks to the wonderful corporation of Brothers throughout the state, this is going to be a very successful Exemplification.

Then it's time to concentrate on the Christ the King Mass and brunch on Sunday November 25 at the cathedral SS Peter And Paul in Providence. This will start with the 10:00 AM Mass celebrated by Bishop Evans. It would be great to have many Sir Knights in uniform and regalia there to escort Bishop Evans. Try to arrive at the cathedral hall about 9:30 AM.

The brunch will immediately follow the Mass in the basement hall. Please remember that the



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brunch is open to everyone. Family, friends, relatives, etc. This brunch is something that was started quite a few years ago when Most Reverend Louis Gelineau was our bishop. Not long ago we used to fill that hall every year. I know we live busy lives, but let's take this one Sunday forenoon to get Brothers and families and friends from all over the state to sit together for a while and enjoy each other's company.

The menu is: scrambled eggs, assorted homemade muffins, sausage, ham, baked beans, orange juice and coffee. \$15 per person. I've handed tickets to some assemblies but you can contact GK Jack Tracy at jklmc.tracy@att.net or FDD Ted Benz at ted@benztesters.com or myself at bobgal664@gmail.com Volume 2, issue 5 It will take help from all of you to make this a great morning.



Vivat Jesus!

Robert (Bob) Gallant

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.



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Events of Note

**November 8<sup>th</sup> –** Dillon Council Hot Dog Blast for the Little Flower Home at the Council at 6 pm.

**November 9<sup>th</sup> –** State Meeting at St. Thomas Council (Cumberland) @ 7:30 pm

**November 10<sup>th</sup> –** St. Eugene's Parish Bazaar 9 am to 6 pm

**November 10<sup>th</sup> –** JP II Council Drone Club at St. Cecelia Church @ 10 am

**November 11<sup>th</sup> –** Patriotic Degree Exemplification at Newport/Middletown Council @ 12:30 pm (Mass at 10:30 am at St. Lucy on West Main Rd). Report @ 11:45 am at the Council Hall

**November 15<sup>th</sup>** – Proudly Pro-Life Banquet at the Cathedral of SS Peter & Paul at 6 pm (a RIRTL event)

**November 15<sup>th</sup>** – Matching Fund Event for the Mother of Life Center at Kirkbrae CC @ 6 pm

**November 18<sup>th</sup>** – Scalabrini Council Game Dinner at Santa Maria DiPrata Club Volume 2, issue 5 at 5 pm. Check the State Website Event Calendar for the flyer.

November 22<sup>nd</sup> – Thanksgiving Day: spend time with your family

**November 24<sup>th</sup>** – Woonsocket Council 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Toy Drive in Memory of Ron Auger. All Saints Church 10 am to 2 pm.

**November 25<sup>th</sup> –** Annual Christ the King Mass & Brunch @ the Cathedral of SS Peter & Paul. Mass at 10 am, Brunch immediately following

**December 1**<sup>st</sup> – E. Providence Council monthly Family Rosary

**December 2<sup>nd</sup>** – 90<sup>th</sup> State Charity Ball at Quidnessett CC beginning at 3 pm

Check the State Website regularly for details and new listings.

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.....



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.....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)

Our premiere Charitable event of the Fraternal Year is fast approaching. The 90<sup>th</sup> RI Charity Ball will be held on December 12<sup>th</sup> at Quidnessett CC, beginning at 3 pm. Our theme is *The Knights Before Christmas – 90 Years of Charity.* Monies raised from this event are the principle source of funding for the charitable endeavors of the State Council. Tickets are \$50 per Volume 2, issue 5 person (\$45 per for tables of 8 or 10). You can also participate by placing an advertisement in the program book or donating a gift basket to be raffled. Tickets may be purchased by going to: https://store11778367.ecwid.com/,

or contact State Advocate Joe Carrignan at 401-523-0728. For other details, you can check the State Website.

For ad rates contact GK Jack Tracy at 401-749-0987 jklmc.tracy@att.net.

Life Activities



The Silver Rose program for the year finished it's RI leg after being transferred to Connecticut on



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Silver Rose Transfer at St. Mary's

The last event in RI was held @ St. Vincent DePaul (Blessing Council) in Coventry.



Last Silver Rose in RI for this Fraternal Year

Volume 2, issue 5 The Fall 40 Days for Life Campaign has also concluded (November 4<sup>th</sup>).



While these 2 programs have concluded, the fight for life continues EVERY DAY. We must continue the fight.

### Community Activities

It is time for your Council to begin its collection efforts for Operation ROVAC (Remembering Our Veterans At Christmas). Partnering with **Big Blue Bug Solutions** and spearheaded by E. Providence Council, our efforts will



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help brighten the Christmas holiday for approx. 200 men and women at the Veterans Home in Bristol. Clothing and toiletry items are on ongoing need for these American Heroes. Check the State Website for flyers listing detailed needs and the timeline for the collection drive. They are under the *Links of Interest.* 

Also seeking to benefit our community is the Bishop Tobin's *Keep the Heat On Concert*. To be held on December 9<sup>th</sup> at the Cathedral of SS Peter & Paul beginning at 3 pm. Proceeds benefit the heating assistance program of the Diocese. Your Council might even consider buying a block of tickets to distribute to those who might not be able to purchase them for themselves, enriching their lives while helping the less fortunate. Volume 2, issue 5

### Faith Activities

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

The Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe will be celebrated by the All Saints Church Hispanic Community in Woonsocket on December 9<sup>th</sup>. The State Council joined Woonsocket Council in supporting this vibrant community last year. And will do so again this year. If you have not worshipped with our Hispanic brethren why not join us that day. They understand the meaning of **celebrating** the Mass. Mass time is 12 noon.

In our ongoing prayer efforts for the increase of Vocations, please



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November 2018 be mindful of the events on the below flyer:



November 1, 8, 15, 29 December 6 January 24, 31 February 14, 21, 28 March 7, 21, 28 April 4, 11, 25 May 2

## Family Activities

RI State Knights of Columbus Soccer Challenge was held on October 20<sup>th</sup> at Clube Juventude Lusitana in Cumberland. Volume 2, issue 5 Boys and girls from across Rhode Island, ages 9-14, competed in the 2018 RI Knights of Columbus Soccer Challenge.



Josh Donehower (Coventry) won the 9-year old boys' division. Sabrina Albro (Coventry) was the 10-year-old girls' champion and Lucas Pacheco (Riverside) & Michael Tremblay (North



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Smithfield) were co-winners of the 10-year old boys' division.

In the 11year-olds' bracket, Mia Hanson (Bristol) was the girls' champion and Dylan Osagie (Coventry) was the boys' champion. Twelve-year-old winners in the girls' and boys' divisions were Sara Sacchetti (Coventry) and Carter Deslauriers (North Smithfield).

### Fraternal Training and Communication

**Training** 

There are many training opportunities throughout the year (see the Supreme Website – <u>www.kofc.org</u>), 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 Volume 2, issue 5

session with Steve. New and returning officers, and any interested Council member, could benefit greatly.

State Website

Check out the State Website at <u>www.kofcri.org</u>. 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.

State Newsletter

Local Newsletter Spotlight: SS John & James Council has an informal newsletter on the Parish Website under the Knights tab. Check it out.

News items for the newsletter can be sent to me at <u>rikofcnewsletter@gmail.com</u>, through your DD, who will forward it to me, or the various program Directors. 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 November 9<sup>th</sup> at Sullivan Council at 7:30 pm. Volume 2, issue 5 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 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:

Fraternal Goncern

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



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Bill Lyons of St. John Paul II Council #12613.

Roland Drainville of Frehill Council # 5702 (Charter) and Moylan Assembly

and God's comfort to his family.

Prayers are also requested for Bishop Louis Gelineau, Fr. Dennis Reardon, PSD/FVSM Sav Giusti, 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, PGK/PFN Walter Jalbert, Pat Logan, wife of PGK/PFN Greg Logan, DD Bud Garceau, Barry Chevrette (Pascoag Council), GK Jerry Marra, Ellen and PSD Normand Charpentier, Pat DeMello (wife of FDD Bob DeMello), Bob Jackson (St. Francis Council), Mike Volume 2, issue 5 Magill, DD Alan Lamake, David Riendeau (John Paul II Council), 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 @ <u>rikofcnewsletter@gmail.com</u> 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!

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