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Council News

Fraternal Surveys are due soon, end of January with Audits shortly afterward (February) for both Councils and Assemblies. Both are important documents for financial integrity. And more importantly, the Fraternal Survey is important to maintaining our tax status.

Membership News

Making Councils Stronger

**Strong Councils through
Accurate and Appropriate
Rosters**

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 www.kofc.org/JoinUs. Once we have them, we then need to ensure they 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 upcoming degrees scheduled (so far):

January 2nd – 1st at

Newport/Middletown Council @ 6 pm,
candidates @ 5:30 pm

January 9th - 1st at East

Providence Council @ 7 pm, candidates
at 6:30 pm.

January 22nd – 1st at Delaney/St.

Teresa Council @ 7 pm, candidates at
6:30 pm

February 6th – 1st at

Newport/Middletown Council @ 6 pm,
candidates at 5:30 pm



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

Remember! *One member per Council per month!*

for the Exemplification. The 4th Degree team of Fr. Joe Paquette, PSD Jim Gilcreast, SS Dave Quinn, ST Dave Bebyn, PJ Shea, Mike DeAngelis, John Tougas and Bob Lynch did a great job.



The Patriotic Degree Class of 2018

Patriotic (4th) Degree News

From the District Master

53 new Sir Knights joined the Patriotic Degree at the Exemplification held on Sunday, November 11. The day started with most joining the parishioners of St. Lucy Church at the 10:30 AM Mass. Thank you Fr. John O'Brien for inviting us. Then, all met at the Newport/Middletown Council home

Also, the Color Corps from around the District was led by District Marshal Warren Rensehausen. A great meal was enjoyed by all afterwards. Thank you so much, Rosecrans Assembly, for helping me to make it happen.

Then on Sunday, November 25th, 36 in regalia Sir Knights were present to escort the State K of C



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Officers and District Deputies and Bishop Evans for the Christ the King Mass at the Cathedral. About 100 Brothers, family and friends enjoyed a brunch in the basement hall after the Mass with Bishop Evans.



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.



Again 'thank you' to all who helped make that happen.

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



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Events of Note

January is the month of Life.
There are some significant Pro-Life
activities this month.

- **January 12th** - The Respect Life Mass at the Cathedral of SS Peter & Paul at 9 am
- **January 12th** – Pro-Life Dinner at John Paul II parish (St. Cecelia) in Pawtucket, beginning with Mass at 4:30, followed by dinner in the hall
- **January 18th** – March for Life in Washington, busses leave on the 17th.
- **January 22nd** – RI Right to Life Pro-Life Rally at the RI State House beginning @ 3 pm.

It is important that we support these life-affirming activities. Details on participation can be found on the State Website through the events calendar or upcoming events entry.

Also of note, the State Leadership team will be conducting its Mid-Year Meeting January 4-6 for strategic planning.

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.....



(above & below) Some of the 200+ patrons attending the 90th State Charity Ball, the State's premier charitable fundraiser.



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The Mother of Life Center held a matching Fund event on November 15th at Kirkbrae CC.

RI Right to Life held the 2018 Proudly Pro-Life Banquet at the Cathedral of SS Peter & Paul on November 29th.

.....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)

Community Activities

Newport/Middletown has delivered Thanksgiving and Christmas Baskets to those in need for over 50 years. Pictured below are photos from each delivery. With one of many truckloads.

Life Activities



(above) Tom O'Malley & Mike Hicks from the Thanksgiving delivery



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(below) Tom O'Malley (far right), Greg Huet (2nd from left) with Greg's son & son-in-law from Christmas

East Providence Council spearheaded another Operation ROVAC Drive and it was, once again, a smashing success. This year's effort will benefit approximately 200 veterans (male & female) at the Bristol Veterans Home. Tony DeJesus (Big Blue Bug Solutions, the originator of the effort) has relayed that they are overwhelmed by the generosity of

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the Knights of Columbus throughout RI. Thanks go out to ALL the Councils who participated and to the moving force behind the effort – Community Director Steve Perry.



Community Director Steve Perry (right) with Tony DeJesus of the Big Blue Bug Solutions



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The Knights contribution to ROVAC, ready to be delivered.

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The Cathedral Choir.

Bishop Tobin's Keep the Heat On Concert was held on December 9th at the Cathedral of SS Peter & Paul. This year's program featured a tribute to Alexander Peloquin. This is one of our many efforts to help those in need.

Faith Activities

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

All Saints Church in Woonsocket has a vibrant Hispanic community, which annually celebrates the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe. This feast has been



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regularly supported by Woonsocket Council and last year, the State Council added its support. This year's celebration was held on December 9th (closest Sunday to the Feast of Our Lady – the 12th), which is the feast day of St. Juan Diego, to whom Our Lady of Guadalupe first appeared.

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Pictured above is the Icon from the Knights of Columbus originally circulated during John Marcello's term as State Deputy and now belongs to the All Saints Hispanic Community. If you have never attended an Hispanic service, it would be well worth your while to do so. They truly CELEBRATE the Mass and can teach us a lesson in joy.

Faith Development Opportunities

Two of our partners in ministry have faith enrichment opportunities coming up this January.

The Men of St. Joseph will hold their Annual Men's Conference on January 19th from 7:45 am - 3:30 pm at St. Philip in Greenville. Featured speakers will be Diocesan Vocations Director Fr. Christopher Murphy and MOSJI Chaplain Fr. Francis Santilli. Mass





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and lunch are included. Cost for the Day is \$35. I have attended some of these days and they are quite rewarding. For more information contact: 401-568-7601 or www.mosji.org

The Diocesan Office of Youth Ministry will be holding an Adult Search on January 18th (beginning @ 7 pm) through January 19th at 10 pm. (sleepover facilities are an option). It will be held at *Rejoice In Hope Youth Center* in Cranston.

The team for this retreat includes some of our own (which should help your comfort level), Rich and Chris Riel of Woonsocket Council and PJ and Sara Shea of Delaney Council. Both couples have a long association with Youth Ministry in addition to the Knights of Columbus.

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This retreat is a spiritually refreshing opportunity to continue your Faith Development. I have also attended one of these (many years ago while serving on the Board of Directors at *Father Marot CYO Center* in Woonsocket. For further information please call 401-278-4626

These 2 opportunities will allow a greater insight to our Ministry Partners and a view to how our donations help the world around us.

It has been demonstrated that families with fathers who are present and active are healthier. This applies to our spiritual family also. And the "fathers" of our spiritual families are our Priests. It is our responsibility to encourage more men to become our Spiritual



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Fathers. In our ongoing prayer efforts for the increase of Vocations, please be mindful of the events on the below flyer:

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Dept.'s Toy Drive in Memory of Ron Auger. This year they collected 450 toys and raised \$3600 which will be distributed to area families for Christmas. East Providence, Delaney and Lincoln Councils also made contributions to this effort. Thank you for helping the Holy Day be a bright one for many children.

The Seminary of Our Lady of Providence and the Office of Vocations announce

Eucharistic Adoration for Vocations

October 2018 through May 2019
Thursdays, from 12 noon to 5 p.m.

At the Chapel of the Seminary of Our Lady of Providence
485 Mt. Pleasant Ave., Providence



PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR PRIESTS & SEMINARIANS.

OCTOBER 25
NOVEMBER 1, 8, 15, 29
DECEMBER 6
JANUARY 24, 31
FEBRUARY 14, 21, 28
MARCH 7, 21, 28
APRIL 4, 11, 25
MAY 2



WPD officers with Woon. Council Advocate Joe Crisafulli. Note: I have chosen this photo with glare as a statement as to how we (as Knights) help bring a light into the world.

Family Activities

Woonsocket Council held its 6th Annual Toy Drive on November 24th. Toys and monies raised support the Woonsocket Police



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The State Council will award its 2nd Annual Youth of the Year at the Convention in May. The award is to honor a boy or girl (age 10 to 18), in the State of Rhode Island, for their service and/or charitable works in their community. The winner will receive \$500.00 (\$250 for the individual and \$250 for a charity of their choice). Councils should submit a letter describing why their selected nominee should be the Youth of the Year for the State of Rhode Island. Please provide details on what the nominee does to make a difference in the community. Note: Feel free to include picture(s) of the child in action, with the application.

- Child does not have to be Catholic
- 1 nomination per council
- Due date of nomination is Thursday, Feb. 28, 2019
- Submit letter and pictures to the Rhode Island Family Director, Michael Guerra via Mikegonemad@gmail.com or USPS: Michael Guerra, 77 Bonnie Brook Dr., Cumberland, RI 02864 Please Note "Youth of the Year".

If you have any questions about the Youth of the Year award, please feel free to contact me at the above email address or via phone at 401-374-1487.

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

Rules and eligibility:

- Boy or Girl – age 10 to 18
- Child does not have to be a child or grandchild of a member



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interested. The next such webinar will be held Thursday, January 10th at 8:30 pm. The theme is Building Fraternal Momentum. You can register from the Home Page of the supreme website. You must register to participate, but once registered, you do not have to view it live. Rather, you can view it later at a time of your convenience.

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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State 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.

The next **State Meeting** will be held **January 25th at St. Thomas the Apostle Council (Providence) at 7:30 pm.**



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Prayers Requested

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 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 are requested for the repose of the soul of:

Bishop Robert Mulvee, Bishop Emeritus of the Diocese of Providence

FDD PGK Bob DeMello (St. John Paul II Council)

PGK Paul Beno (St. Francis Council)

John E. Ferreira of Palm Harbor, FL, originally from RI

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



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and God's comfort to their families.

Prayers are also requested for Bishop Louis Gelineau, Fr. Dennis Reardon, PSD/FVSM Sav Giusti, 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, PGK/PFN Stanley Eason (Woon. Council/ Moylan Assembly), GK Jerry Marra, Ellen and PSD Normand Charpentier, Pat DeMello (wife of recently deceased FDD Bob DeMello), Bob Jackson (St. Francis Council), Mike Magill, DD Alan Lamake, David Riendeau (John Paul II Council), and FDD George Plante as they each deal with various health concerns.

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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 @ rikofcnewsletter@gmail.com 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.

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Vivat Jesus!

