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Council News

The 2018 Supreme Program Awards were distributed at the January State Meeting. Congratulations to all who earned Contest of Champions, Star Council, Fr. McGivney, Founder's, and Columbian Awards.

State Chaplain Fr. Joe Paquette (left), IPSD Mike Benson (2nd from right) and State Deputy Mike Dziok.

N.B. – If your Council earned an award but were not present at the January Meeting, your award was presented on your behalf to your District Deputy.

The Keep Christ in Christmas Poster Contest winners were chosen by the State Officers at the January meeting. Winners announced below in the Family Section.



Above are pictured 4 of the Awards being received flanked by

Membership News

Making Councils Stronger

**Strong Councils through
Engaging and Diverse Programs**

NOW is the time to recruit younger members (middle-age & older members are



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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.

As an example of what we can be, below is a 3 Generation photo from Newport/Middletown Council. There are stories like this throughout the state and likely the world.



Jim Geer (2nd from right) with son Brian (far right) and his 2 grandsons (to Jim's left)

Following are the upcoming degrees scheduled (so far):

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February 11th – 1st/2nd at Woonsocket Council @ 7 pm, candidates at 6:30

February 13th – 1st/2nd at St. Gregory the Great Council @ 7pm, candidates at 6:30

February 19th – 1st/2nd at Delaney-St. Teresa @ 7 pm, candidates at 6:30

February 21st – 1st at East Providence Council @ 7 pm, candidates at 6:30

February 25th – 2nd at Frehill Council @ 7 pm, candidates at 6:30

February 27th – 1st at Warwick Council @ 7 pm, candidates at 6:30

March 6th – 1st at Newport/Middletown Council @ 6 pm, candidates at 5:30

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!



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Message from the State Deputy

Brothers,

While watching the Super Bowl (Congratulations to the Patriots), I could not help but to draw a comparison to the current membership situation being experienced within our State. Both sides playing very hard with the resulting score far below all expectations. We find ourselves mid-way through the third quarter with less than 30 percent of our anticipated goal met. Much like the game, it continues to be a struggle, yet with a strong continued effort and commitment, the prize can be realized.

The message – Refuse to Lose!

Start planning for your Spring Recruitment Programs; please set dates for these drives and order your recruitment materials now.

Over the past months, there have been many activities and much hard work that must be acknowledged. Kudos to Worthy State Master Bob Gallant and the Worthy Sir Knights who participated in November's Christ the King Mass and breakfast. Also thank you to DD Bob Moniz who once again chaired the Keep the Heat on Christmas Concert fundraiser. A beautiful concert with much needed money raised to support this Diocesan program for the individuals and families challenged with keeping warm this winter. To DD John Kay for overseeing the distribution of the State Council's allotment of Coats for Kids at the Bishop McVinney



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School in Providence. To Mike Guerra for overseeing the Christmas Poster contest, and Al Hervieux and Tom O'Malley for the Keep Christ in Christmas card sales program

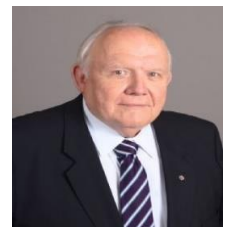
And a special thank you to those brother Knights and their families for their forceful presence in support of life at the recent State House rally and to those who participated in the March for Life in Washington, DC.

Thank you to all that participated in and supported the 90th Annual Charity Ball in December, and to Chairperson Pam DePaolo for another very successful event!

There are five months left to this Columbian Year. Let each of us strive to be the Knights envisioned by our founder, the Venerable Michael J. McGivney.

Thank you to every Council that demonstrating the first principle of our Order - CHARITY.

The Annual Pro-Life Dinner chaired by PSD Jim and Mary Gilcreast raised monies for five local groups whose mission is to defend the sanctity of life at all ages. Thank you to Kennedy Council for once again preparing the delicious meal for this dinner.



Vivat Jesus!

Mike Dziok



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Patriotic (4th) Degree News

From the District Master

Programming Activities

Encouraged by the turnout at the November Exemplification, I am currently laying the foundation for a Spring Exemplification to be held in May (19th is the current working date). I will release the details as soon as I have a location nailed down but want you to have this “save the date” information. Spring Confirmation season is near and Spring events requiring Color Corps will also be soon upon us. Please watch for email requests for help.

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

- **February 8th** – Hickey Council Game Dinner at 7 pm
- **February 13th** – Delaney Assembly Dining to Donate at Applebee's in North Attleboro



Vivat Jesus!

Robert (Bob) Gallant



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- **February 15th** - St. John Paul II Clam Cake & Chowder Dinner @ St. Cecilia beginning at 6:30 pm
- **February 23rd** – Woonsocket Council C.O.P.S. Walk Pasta Dinner 5-7 pm
- **February 25th** – Pius XII Council Holy Smoke for the Orphans Cigar Dinner at Arturo Joe's
- **February 25th** – St. Paul Council (Cranston) Holy Hour for Life beginning at 6 pm
- **February 28th** – Deadline for Youth of the Year nominations



St. John Vianney Council Pasta Dinner

.....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)

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.....

Life Activities



There were many life-affirming events throughout the month of



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January; the annual State Pro-Life Dinner, the National March for Life in Washington, a Right to life Rally at the RI State House among others. At the Pro-Life Dinner we were apprised of the good work being done by the private agencies in our State. The day of the State House Rally saw a small victory in the legislative battle for life. While it is very minor, we did get the legislation to allow the horrific “New York” style expansion sent back to committee for further study. Let’s keep up the fight.

The National March For Life showed the great media bias against forces of life. The only mention of the March For Life was made under the attempt to cast aspersions upon a group from Covington High School (Kentucky) which were later shown to be a manufactured misrepresentation of

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what really happened. Below are some photos from these.



IPSD Mike Benson & SS Dave Quinn in Washington (left & center photos) and Exec. Sec. Mike Krzywonos at the RI State House

Community Activities

St. John Vianney Council held a Pasta & Meatball Dinner to raise funds for various Council charities. It was their 1st since re-activation last year. It seemed a great success (to this editor) and



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included a great silent recruiting display.

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Rosary at 4:30 PM and Mass with Holy Communion beginning at 5:00 PM.



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

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

Faith Activities

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

St. Augustine is conducting First Saturday Devotions beginning with the Sacrament of Reconciliation 3:45 PM (continuing until 5:00 PM), the Holy Rosary in song at 4:00 PM, private meditation on the mysteries of the

The Knights of Columbus SS John & James Council 7238 welcomes their new Chaplain Father Douglas J. Spina, Pastor of



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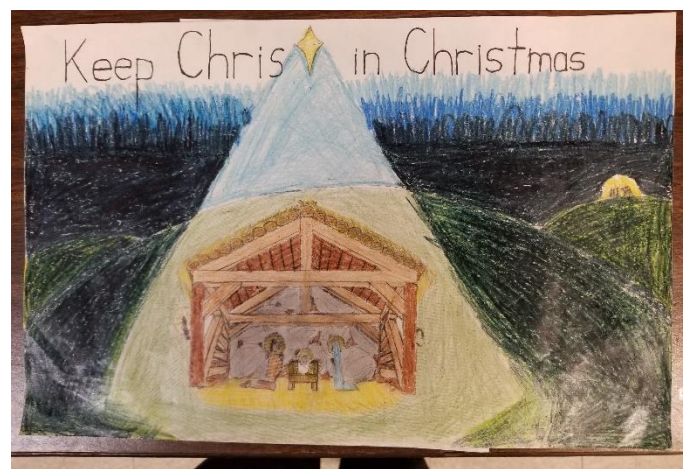
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St. Mary's Church West Warwick
RI.

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SS John & James Council members at a Silver Rose Ceremony this past fall, Fr. Doug Spina at center



Submitted by Lance Cota (age 11-14 Division)

Family Activities

This year's Keep Christ in Christmas Poster Contest Winners have been chosen. Thank you to Warren Rensehausen for chairing this program. See the 3 winning entries below.



Submitted by Jenesis Castellanos (age 8-10 Division)
from St. Paul Council # 2385 in Cranston



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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.

Rules and eligibility:

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



Submitted by Myles MacPhee (age 5-7 Division) from St. John Paul II Council # 12613

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

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.



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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. 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. You can reach him at stevec618@aol.com.

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.

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.



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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.*

The next **State Meeting** will be
held **March 22nd at Bristol
Council at 7:30 pm.**

**Please Note: the 22nd IS the 4th
Friday of the month**

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



Prayers are requested for the
repose of the soul of:

Rev. Msgr. William I. Varsanyi

Jamie Lynn Benson Bauman,
niece of IPSD Mike & Lee Ann
Benson



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Rosemary Soares (mother of Fr.
John Soares of St. Thomas the
Apostle)

Carolyn DaPonte (wife of
Anthony DaPonte)

Peg Maynard (wife of GK Ken
Maynard)

Salvatore A. "Sal" Castaldi
(Scalabrini Council)

FDD Herbert Spencer
(Finnegan Council)

Ruth (Tracy) Wilkinson (aunt of
Newsletter Editor Jack Tracy)

and God's comfort to their
families.

Prayers are also requested for
Bishop Louis Gelineau, Fr. Dennis
Reardon, Fr. Robert Bailey, Nancy
Forest (wife of PGK Richard
Forest), Pat Logan (wife of PGK
Greg Logan), Cheryl Tedeschi
(wife of FDD Anthony Tedeschi),

PSD/FVSM Sav Giusti, FDD Ray
Riel, PFN Rick Regan, Roger
Depot, Executive Secretary Mike
Krzywonos, PGK PFN Ernie
Pennine, PGK/PFN Walter Jalbert,
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), DD Dave Lucas,
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.

In a final note, DD Dave Lucas
has asked me to include a thank



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you to all as he has felt your
prayers on his behalf.

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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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