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## *Council News*

The Installation of State Officers took place on Sunday, June 30<sup>th</sup>, at 1 pm. at St. Aidan & St. Patrick parish in Cumberland. The Installation Mass was followed by a collation. All State Officers were installed for a 2<sup>nd</sup> term as follows: State Deputy Mike Dziok, State Chaplain Fr. Joe Paquette, State Secretary Dave Quinn, State Treasurer Dave Bebyn, State Advocate Joe Carrignan, State Warden Eric Batista, and Immediate Past State Deputy Mike Benson.



Fr. Joe Paquette being installed by SD Mike Dziok (left).  
State Warden Eric Batista Receiving his Jewel from wife  
Amanda

Also installed were the District Deputies for this Fraternal Year: Al Nunes (1), PSD Peter Lentini (2), Bob Moniz (3), Mark Paul (4), Victor Silva (5), Mike Colvin (6), Matt Belair (7), John Kay (8), Keith Roberts (9), Jack Tracy (10), and Alan Lamake (11).



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**DIRECTIONS** (Councils to State ⇔ State to Councils). I encourage all to use the great resource that is found in our State Officers, District Deputies, State Program & Membership Personnel and Staff. We are here for your benefit. It is our job to make you shine.

Members from throughout RI marched in the Bristol 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade, including 4<sup>th</sup> Degree members pictured below.



Mike Colvin (Left) receiving his Jewel from his wife Bernadette. Keith Roberts & Noel Seeley receiving congratulations from SD Mike & Vicky Dziok (right)

The District Deputy Workshop has been scheduled for July 20<sup>th</sup> at All Saints Church in Woonsocket. It will begin with Coffee An' at 8 am and will run until 2 pm and includes lunch. In the weeks following the workshop, the District Deputies will be holding District Meetings to exchange information with their Councils. Remember! The DDs are intended to serve as an informational conduit in BOTH





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Joining the Knights were students  
from Our Lady of Mt. Carmel  
School (Pictured Below).

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And, thanks are extended to DD Al  
Nunes for providing his truck for  
those needing to ride. (pictured at  
right).

## *Membership News*

### *Making Councils Stronger*

**Strong Councils through  
Membership Growth &  
Engagement**

**NOW** is the time to recruit younger  
members (middle-age & older members are  
still okay too)! And, a perfect opportunity to  
employ the new on-line membership tool



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[www.kofc.org/JoinUs](http://www.kofc.org/JoinUs). Once we have them, we then need to ensure they are **engaged in our programming** and wish to further our 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):

**July 9<sup>th</sup> – 3<sup>rd</sup>** @ Federal Hill Council/  
Holy Ghost, Providence at 7 pm,  
candidates at 6:30

**July 15<sup>th</sup> – 1<sup>st</sup>** @ Woonsocket Council  
at All Saints at 7 pm, candidates at 6:30

**July 17<sup>th</sup> – 1<sup>st</sup>** @ East Providence  
Council at 7 pm, candidates at 6:30

**July 25<sup>th</sup> - 1<sup>st</sup>** @ Dillon Council at 7  
pm, candidates at 6:30

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!***

## *General Agent*

General Agent John Ruffo is available for all your Fraternal Benefits questions. He can be reached at [john.ruffo@kofc.org](mailto:john.ruffo@kofc.org) or by phone at 860-807-3234 (office) & 860-531-8883 (cell)

## *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.**



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

## *Events of Note*

- **July 4<sup>th</sup>** – Independence Day – Bristol Parade
- **July 20<sup>th</sup>** – Leadership Workshop
- **July 20<sup>th</sup>** – St. Francis Council 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Dinner
- **July 23<sup>rd</sup>** – *The Church & the Knights of Columbus*
- **July 24<sup>th</sup>** – Mother of Life Dinner
- **July 26<sup>th</sup>** – Hickey Council fundraiser: Dave Kane's *Jokes my Irish Father Told Me* at 6:30 pm dinner 8 pm show
- **July 27<sup>th</sup>** – St. Eugene's Annual Steak Fry
- **July 28<sup>th</sup>** - Frehill Annual Car Show

Check the State Website regularly for details and new listings.

## *State & Local Happenings*

It is the time of year when Councils should be installing their new Officers. As noted above, the State Officers were installed this past Sunday. Also, installed were the Officers of Rooney Council: Chaplain Fr. Daniel Gray, GK Conrad Donahue, DGK John Casey, Chancellor Keith Roberts, Recorder Peter Letendre, Treasurer Rich Brown, Advocate Michael Nott, Warden John O'Gara, Inside Guard Steven Casey, Outside Guard Ralph Guerriero, Trustees Jimmy McRoy, Hildeberto Peixoto, and Philip Sheridan at Rooney Council pictured below.





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Newport/Middletown Council has also held their Installation: Chaplain Father Frank, GK James Hicks, DGK Tom Murphy, Chancellor George E Zecher Jr, Recorder Dan Bulpett, Financial Secretary Terry Murphy Jr, Treasurer Michael O'Sullivan, Advocate Robert M Silva, Warden David E Silveira, Inside Guard Ken Collum, Outside Guard Michael Hicks, Lecturer Kevin Hussey, Trustees are Brian Geer, Tim Chapman, and Greg Huet. See picture below.



GK Paul Bourget, Chaplain Fr. Michael Kelley DGK Jonathan Taft, Chancellor Ovide Auger, Warden Joseph Crisafulli, Financial Secretary Andrew Gaulin Treasurer William Desrosiers, Recorder Donald Hoard, Advocate Matthew Belair, Lecturer Craig Lacouture, Guards Marc Pare (Inside) and Christopher Hoard (Outside), and Trustees Jeff Gaulin (1) Bud Garceau (2) and Jack Tracy (3).



Also installed in June were the Officers of Woonsocket Council:

Below are just a few of the many activities held by Councils around the



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State. Many of our functions build a  
spirit of Fraternity.....

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*Life Activities*

.....while doing good works.

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

As part of the summer  
lecture series at St Pius Church,  
Providence, there is a talk on  
Tuesday, July 23 at 7PM in the  
church hall on "The Church and  
the Knights of Columbus" by Dr.  
Sharon Murphy. St Pius  
Church is located at 55  
Elmhurst Ave, Providence next  
to Providence College.

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



Below is one more photo (to add  
to last month's) from the Awards  
banquet at Special Olympics RI  
Games opening night.





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## *Community Activities*

On June 7<sup>th</sup>, Sullivan Council held an event to raise money for the Council's charities. Over 100 raffle items were donated and approximately \$1600 dollars were raised.

This next is a "leftover" from last month. St. Francis Council provided a Knights presence to the community by marching in the Wickford Memorial Day Parade (below).



The Sullivan Council kitchen crew



## *Faith Activities*

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

On Thursdays at 6 pm during the Summer, John Paul II (St. Cecilia) will host a Bible Study program presented by Seminarian Peter Cotnoir.



The 100+ donated raffle items





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Pictured above and below are some of the 20 students from Bishop Hendricken, La Salle Academy, St Patrick's Academy, and St Mary's Academy, Bayview who received \$500 scholarships from St. Lawrence Council.



On Sunday, June 30<sup>th</sup> Fr. Henry Zinno hosted an Interfaith service celebrating the 4<sup>th</sup> of July. Knights provided an Honor Guard for the service. (pictured above)



## *Family Activities*

On July 28<sup>th</sup>, Frehill Council will hold its Annual Car Show at North Smithfield Middle School 10 am to 2 pm. Proceeds benefit their Scholarship Fund





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### *Fraternal Training and Communication*

#### *Training*

There are many training opportunities throughout the year (see the Supreme Website – [www.kofc.org](http://www.kofc.org)), they are open to any Brother Knight who may be interested. You can register from the Home Page of the supreme website: go to Members, Resources & then the Fraternal Training tab. 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](mailto:stevec618@aol.com).

#### *State Website*

Check out the State Website at [www.kofcri.org](http://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

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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](mailto: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 on **August 23<sup>rd</sup>** at **St. Thomas Council** in Cumberland. Meeting time is **7:30 pm**. St. Thomas's new home is at St. Aidan & St. Patrick Parish on Diamond Hill Road in Cumberland (next to The



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Monastery). This meeting is a good opportunity to exchange information with the State and other local Councils. Remember, these meetings belong to YOU. The State Council does not exist without the local Councils.

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

## *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 newspaper obits we must now add word of mouth or social media methods of communication.

Please pray for the repose of

Richard DeCesare (Dillion Council),

Jacquelyn Dandeneau, mother of  
Fr. Stephen Dandeneau

Marcel Cote (Frehill Council)

Bob Vieira

And God's comfort to their families

Prayers are requested for Joseph Texiera and the following members of the Masterson (St. Francis GK Jay) family; Teresa, Diane, and David

Prayers are also requested for Bishop Louis Gelineau, Fr. Dennis Reardon, Fr. Robert Bailey, Phil Shea Jr., Patricia



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Moran (grandmother of Membership Director PJ Shea), 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, Bob Jackson (St. Francis Council), Mike Magill, DD Alan Lamake, David Riendeau (John Paul II Council), FDD 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.

(to have someone mentioned, contact me @ [rikofcnewsletter@gmail.com](mailto: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.

*Vivat Jesus!*