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## *Council News*

The RI delegation to the 137<sup>th</sup> Supreme Convention numbered about 20 of our finest (photo below). We applaud and thank you for your service & dedication.



The RI Delegation to the 137<sup>th</sup> Supreme Convention

St. Paul Council #95 recently celebrated their 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. Congratulations Brothers, here's to another 125. (photo below)

## *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 still okay too)!

One of our Goals this year is for each District to hold a minimum of 1 Admission degree per month. 11 Districts x 12 months x 3 members (an arbitrary # based on the actual for the year's first



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Admission Degree) = 396 new members. Think about it! What we are capable of with 400 new Brothers & their families is astounding.

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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!***

Following are the upcoming degrees scheduled (so far):

**September 3<sup>rd</sup> – 1<sup>st</sup>** @ Narragansett Council (Westerly) at 7pm, candidates at 6:30

**September 18<sup>th</sup> – 1<sup>st</sup>** @ E. Providence Council at 7 pm, candidates 6:30

**September 23<sup>rd</sup> – 1<sup>st</sup>/2<sup>nd</sup>** - @ Dillon Council at 7 pm, candidates at 6:30

**September 24<sup>th</sup> - 1<sup>st</sup>** @ Pope Pius XII Council at 7 pm, candidates at 6:30 (at St. Thomas More Church)

**September 30<sup>th</sup> – 1<sup>st</sup>/2<sup>nd</sup>** @ Woonsocket Council at 7 pm, candidates at 6:30

**October 4<sup>th</sup> – 1<sup>st</sup>/2<sup>nd</sup>** @ St. John Vianney Council at 7 pm, candidates at 6:30

### *Message from the State Deputy*

“Knights in Unity....Through our unity as brother Knights and Christian men, we are limited by nothing and capable of anything.... As Fr. McGivney knew, we are strongest when we stand together,”

These words were delivered by our Supreme Knight Carl Anderson at the opening of the 137th Annual Supreme Convention in August held in Minneapolis, Minnesota. It was through these united efforts



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that order-wide the Knights of Columbus were able to make 185.6 million dollars in charitable this past year. In addition 76.7 million volunteer hours with an estimated worth of 1.9 billion dollars was dedicated to support our charitable mission.

Now I ask you to consider what our local councils have accomplished here in Rhode Island. Who would have stepped in and filled the void in your churches or communities had not your councils been there to meet these needs? Thank you for all you have done and for what you continue to do. Just think about how much more could be accomplished with an increased membership base.

Right now, we stand with two months of the new Columbian year behind us. Unfortunately, many councils were inactive during the

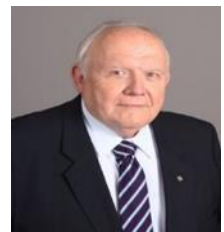
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summer months, and therefore have some catching up to do. Let us all as members make a commitment to visibly live the principles of our Order and promote them through our actions. This is our strongest recruitment tool.

Make this the year that the legacy of our councils is enhanced.

Vivat Jesus!

Mike Dziok





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**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*

- **September 1<sup>st</sup>** – Mass in honor of Our Lady of Fatima (see below)
- **September 2<sup>nd</sup>** – Labor Day
- **September 6<sup>th</sup>** – Blessing Council Comedy Night (see below)
- **September 8<sup>th</sup>** – Nativity of Blessed Virgin Mary
- **September 11<sup>th</sup>** – Patriot Day
- **September 14<sup>th</sup>** - National Day of Remembrance for Aborted Children
- **September 21<sup>st</sup>** – St. John Vianney Fall Festival; Frehill Council at North Smithfield Pumpkinfest; Woonsocket Council Pasta Dinner; St. Eugene Parish Yard Sale (see below)
- **September 25<sup>th</sup>** – 40 Days for Life Fall Campaign begins

## *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**



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Check the State Website regularly for details and new listings.

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Right: The Officers of Lincoln Council

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

## *State & Local Happenings*

Installations of Council Officers continue around the State. Below are photos from St. Eugene's Council and Lincoln Council.



Left: Fr. Stephen Dandeneau receiving his Chaplain Jewel



Right: St. Eugene's Council Officers for 2019-2020



State Charity Raffle tickets are now Available. As in recent years, cost to the Council is \$1 per book of 6 tickets. Please contact DD Jack Tracy to order your needed quantity of Books of tickets. You can do this by emailing [ijklmc.tracy@att.net](mailto:ijklmc.tracy@att.net).

This can be an easy way to raise money for your Council's charitable causes, the return on investment is 400%. So, for a \$100 investment, you could realize \$400 for your Council's charities. Let's



Left: Fr. Charles Galligan blessing the Jewels of Office







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not forget that the \$1 you spend to purchase the books from the State also supports charitable causes.

The last 3 years of the Charity Raffle have contributed over \$6000 to the causes of the Knights of Columbus in addition to the monies raised by each of the participating Councils.

Delivery of tickets will begin at the September State Meeting and can be paid for at the same time.

.....while doing good works.

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

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

St. Francis Council recently held a Steak Fry for the benefit of the Council's charities. Pictured below are the Master Grill Crew (top) & some of the many patrons (bottom)





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## *Life Activities*

Bristol Council #379 and E. Providence Council #1528 jointly held a Whiskey, Cigar & Steak Fry fundraiser to benefit *The Little Flower Home*. Their joint effort raised \$1500 plus baby supplies (diapers, bottles, etc.) to help the clients of this life affirming (& saving) program.



(l to r) Warren Rensehausen & Mike DeAngelis (event chairmen flanking PSD John Marcello of The Little Flower Home BOD



Always remember that the fight to protect life never ends. Whether it is end of life causes, treatment of the living in this world (social justice issues) or treatment of the not yet born.

The Silver Rose will be in Rhode Island from September 8<sup>th</sup> until October 6<sup>th</sup>. If you would like to host a Silver Rose Prayer Service, contact event Chairman Mike DeAngelis at 617-721-8874 or [deangelis36@msn.com](mailto:deangelis36@msn.com) .

The Diocesan Office of Life & Family Ministry will be holding a memorial service in conjunction



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with the *National Day of Remembrance for Aborted Children* on September 14<sup>th</sup> at 10 am at Gate of Heaven Cemetery, Wampanoag Trail, Riverside (at the Guardian Angel Statue). Also remembered at this event will be all babies lost to miscarriage, stillbirth & illness.

On Sunday, September 15, 2019 9 am - 1 pm, St. Thomas Council #11684, 65 Fruit Hill Avenue, Providence will be holding a very special blood drive. It is in memory of Francesca Illiano, daughter of Brother Knight Mike and his wife, Nu. Francesca was prematurely born at 25 weeks and weighed only 380 grams at birth. Her battle to be with her loving parents lasted only 5 months but during that time she gave them what every child gives a parent and

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a parent gives a child and that is love.

This blood drive will be like no other. There will be Star War characters, Star War books, a children's reading, pizza strips, Spanish pies, and calzones from Pastry Land in Smithfield, cookies; juice & coffee. Who knows what else might be there? Please take the time out of your busy day and help save a life.

The 40 Days for Life Fall Campaign begins September 25<sup>th</sup> and runs through November 3<sup>rd</sup>. Please consider joining the peaceful demonstrations to be held outside of Planned Parenthood for a day, two or all 40 as your schedule and ability permit.

The Diocese of Providence will conduct its Annual Life Chain





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Sunday on October 6<sup>th</sup>. If your parish doesn't already take part, we ask you to encourage your Pastor to do so.

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Fatima Parish, 1 Fatima Drive, Cumberland, RI on September 1<sup>st</sup> at 5 pm at which there was a significant Knight presence. Some photos below.

## *Community Activities*

Woonsocket Council will be hosting a breakfast to benefit New Beginnings Kitchen. It will be held Sunday, September 29<sup>th</sup> 8am to noon at All Saints, 323 Rathbun Street, Woonsocket. Cost is \$10 per person with child & family discounts available.



## *Faith Activities*

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



There was a Mass in honor of Our Lady of Fatima at Our Lady of

St. Eugene's Parish will be holding a Yard Sale to benefit the parish. The



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Knights are taking a major role in organizing and running it. Stop by & discover what new treasure you can acquire.

Clergy Night will be held October 14<sup>th</sup> at Twelve Acres Restaurant, 445 Douglas Pike, Smithfield, RI

Cocktails 6:15pm, Dinner 7pm

Tickets \$45 **Reservation Deadline  
10/06/2019**

Dinner: Family Style Chicken Escarole Soup, Garden salad, Family Style Pasta, Chicken Kiev, Oven Roasted Potatoes, Mixed vegetables, bread & butter, dessert & Coffee.

Contact Faith Director Mike DeAngelis, 66 Oak Ave, Riverside, RI 02915, or 617-721-8874, or [deangelis36@msn.com](mailto:deangelis36@msn.com).

Councils are encouraged to invite their Chaplains & Council Priests (& are expected to cover the cost), they are essential to our order and need our support and appreciation.

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## *Family Activities*

St. Luke's Council collected school supplies for children in need. Collections ran through August 28<sup>th</sup>.

Blessing Council will be holding a Comedy Night fundraiser on September 6<sup>th</sup> starting at 8 pm (doors open at 7). Proceeds benefit *Coats for Kids*, the *Bishops Keep the Heat On* fund and other Council causes. It will be held at SS John & Paul parish, Coventry. Cost is \$20 per person.

You are invited to the 2nd Annual Knights of Columbus RI State Councils - Field Day and potluck Family Cookout.



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There will be games for the young and the young at heart. If you have a favorite game and you would like to share with others, please bring it.

**Date: Sunday, Sep 8th, 2019**

**Time: 1:00pm until 4:00pm**

**Place: Goddard Park, Field A**

**1095 Ives Rd, Warwick, RI 02818.**

Come join us and spend some time as a Family. Bring your favorite dish(es) to share and enjoy an afternoon together. This event is open to you, your family and your friends. Best Part: **It is FREE!!**

The Knights of Columbus RI State Council will be providing the Hot Dogs and Hamburgers. Non-Alcoholic Beverages will be provided by the Family Director Michael Guerra PGK. (N.B. Goddard Memorial State Park is a State Park and does not allow Alcoholic Beverages).

Woonsocket Council will hold a Pasta Dinner fundraiser to benefit Woonsocket High School Football on Saturday, September 21<sup>st</sup> 4:30 - 7 pm. It will take place at the Council home, All Saints Church, 323 Rathbun St., Woonsocket. Cost is \$10 per person with child & family discounts available.



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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](http://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*

Reminder: I include as much as possible in this newsletter. But I need your help by sending me information & photos from your events.

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.

#### *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).



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Each Council should ensure that it is represented at these meetings.

The next **State Meeting** will be on **September 27th** at **St. Francis Council** in North Kingstown. Meeting time is **7:30 pm**. State meetings are 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.

## *Fraternal Concern*

Brothers, as noted previously, our membership is older, with an average age of 62. 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

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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.

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

## *Prayers Requested*



Please pray for the repose of

FDD/PGK Eugene "Bud" Garceau  
(Woon. Council/Moylan Assembly)

Jared Westmore (Frehill Council)

Robert Jalette (Woonsocket/Moylan)

Diane Dubois -Hall (sister of SK Dr.  
David Dubois Frehill/Moylan)





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Marc Fontaine (brother of Neal Fontaine of Woonsocket Council & Brother-in-law SK Gene Baillargeon of Frehill/Moylan)

And God's comfort to their families

Prayers are also requested for Bishop Louis Gelineau, Fr. Dennis Reardon, Fr. Robert Bailey, Phil Shea Jr., Patricia Moran (grandmother of Membership Director PJ Shea), Gerry and Pat Desmarais (St. Eugene Council), Barry Chevrette (Pascoag Council), Matt Parent, 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, 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 at [rikofcnewsletter@gmail.com](mailto:rikofcnewsletter@gmail.com) or ask the state to add to them 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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