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Happy New Year

are photos from the event. And, see the State Deputy' message for some comments about the Ball.



The lobby and entry décor

Welcome to a new Liturgical Year. Some years ago (long before entering the KofC) I became convinced that we need more recognition of our new year, thus the above greeting - *editor*



The Very Merry Dickens Carolers

Council News

A Frosty Knights' Gala

This year's State Charity Ball was held today, December 8th at Quidnessett Country Club. Theme: *A Frosty Knights' Gala* . Below





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Enjoying the Dance Floor (left) and the exquisite Quilt
handcrafted by Rebecca Schulte & Nancy Silva.



Champion fundraiser for SORI Michael Walter (far
right) & family with St. Philip's GK Bob Balmforth

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Following are the upcoming
degrees scheduled (so far):

Which have all taken place

December 3rd – 1st/2nd – @ SS. John
& James at 7 pm, candidates at 6:30

December 4th – 1st @ Newport/
Middletown at 6 pm, candidates at 5:30

December 5th – 1st @ St. Mark's
Council at 8:15 pm, candidates at 7:45

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!**

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)!

Message from the State Deputy

Brothers,

The end of a year causes most
of us to reflect on the happenings –
both the good and the bad, and



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how they may have affected us and our families personally. The same can be said for K of C Council families. Have there been changes that have had an effect on the relationships within. In both cases if they have been positive, continue to grow with it. If the experience was less than positive are you willing to accept it, as it is just the way it is, or to take steps to reverse the course. Consider entering the New Year with an affirmative attitude.

I would like to thank the Worthy District Master Robert Gallant and his team for the recent Christ the King Mass and Breakfast held at the Cathedral, sponsored by the Fourth Degree. I would also like to recognize all the Worthy Sir Knights who stood as honor guard as the Mass celebrant, His

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Excellency Bishop Thomas Tobin entered.

A thank you to District Deputy Robert Moniz for chairing the K of C's support of the Bishop's Diocesan Keep the Heat on Program by participating in the Holiday Concert at the cathedral. A thank you to all the councils and individuals and councils that participated by patronizing this event.

The 91st Rhode Island Charity Ball was held at the Quidnessett Club on December 8th and we are thankful for everyone who took time out from their hectic holiday schedules to support our largest fundraiser of the year. A special thank you to all the committee members who had been meeting over the months to assure its success as well as those who made donations to the wine and



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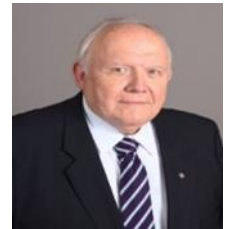
gift card booth and silent auction tables. Thank you to Nancy Silva and Rebecca Schulte for their donation of a beautiful handmade quilt which was raffled. A special shout-out to our Chaplain Fr. Joe Paquette and Fr. Michael Sisco who each separately offered to cook a meal for eight. The meals were auctioned off by PSD Jim Gilcrest who raised an amazing amount of money for these meals. Thank you Fathers for your generosity! A special acknowledgement to our Master of Ceremonies, PJ Shea who directed the afternoon's proceedings perfectly. And last but certainly not least, a very special thank you to Mrs. Pam DePaolo who once again stepped up to chair this Charity Ball event. An extraordinary job Pam!

On behalf of my wife Vicky, my family and myself, we wish you all

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a very Merry Christmas and a
Healthy and Happy New Year!

Vivat Jesus !



Michael Dziok
State Deputy

Patriotic Degree News

The ordering hiatus for Regalia ended on December 1st.

As before, orders may be placed at kofcuniform.com.

The customer service number remains the same and is available at 1-833-562-4327.



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TSR customer service is able to assist with questions regarding uniforms ordered from the previous fulfillment company.

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860-807-3234 (office) & 860-531-8883 (cell). God Bless!



Robert (Bob) Gallant

4th Degree District Master,
Rhode Island

General Agent

General Agent John Ruffo is available for all your Fraternal Benefits questions. He can be reached at john.ruffo@kofc.org or by phone at



A Fraternal Request

St. Thomas the Apostle Council #11684 (Providence) is in need of a podium(s). If any of our Councils has unused podiums, or knows of a parish has such, please contact FDD Dave Lucas at ldaviddance@aol.com. Their hope is for one at a reasonable cost (or even better – gratis, editor's note).

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



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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.

*A Message from the
State Program Director*

Brothers, as we are fast approaching the second half of the year, please continue to execute the programs you have doing through the first half of the year. Take the time to do a check against the SP7 form as to what you have completed, be creative, because for sure you have met the requirements easily.

With Advent Season here, many councils are hosting Advent prayer services and

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events. These types of programs easily fill in the Faith Program Category and cover a required program. Another example is using the Holy Family Prayer cards in mass. Work with your Pastor, asking him to use the prayer during the Mass in the celebration of the Holy family, another item that covers both faith and could work in Family programs.

Brothers, these are some ideas to share in how to go about thinking on completing these items, again very easy and I know you are doing them, I see and have attended some of these events being held during the first half of the year.

I have provided the link for you so you can easily check:



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s/council/columbian_awardap_p
.pdf](https://www.kofc.org/un/en/forms/council/columbian_awardap.pdf)

FAITH PROGRAMS:

*RSVP, Into the Breach, Marian
Icon Prayer Program, Building
the Domestic Church Kiosk,
Rosary Program, Holy Hour,
Sacramental Gifts, Spiritual
Reflection Program (required
program)*

FAMILY PROGRAMS:

*Food for Families, Family of the
Month/Year, Keep Christ in
Christmas, Family Fully Alive,
Family Week, Family Prayer
Night, Good Friday Family
Promotion, Consecration to the
Holy Family (required program)*

COMMUNITY PROGRAMS:

*Coats for Kids, Global
Wheelchair Mission, Habitat for
Humanity, Disaster
Preparedness, Free Throw
Championship, Catholic
Citizenship Essay Contest,
Soccer Challenge, Helping
Hands (required program)*

LIFE PROGRAMS:

*Marches for Life, Special
Olympics, Ultrasound Program,
Christian Refugee Relief, Silver
Rose, Mass for People with
Special Needs, Pregnancy
Center Support, Novena for Life
(required program)*

*Enjoy the Christmas
Season with your family and
friends and enjoy this special
time of year as we prepare for
and celebrate the Birth of
Jesus!!*



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Woonsocket [The feast of the
Patroness of our Order]

Merry and Blessed Christmas

Jeff and Sue Gaulin

RI State Program Director

From the editor

Many councils will hold Christmas parties this month, while I can't list them all, I happily will include photos of yours in the next newsletter, if you send one to me.

- **December 10th** – Hickey Council 2019 Advent Service & Pot Luck Dinner
- **December 11th** – 8th Annual Nativity Lighting at the State House
- **December 13th** – Feast of the 7 Fishes at Dillon Council
- **December 14th** – ROVAC Saturday at E. Prov. Council
- **December 15th** – St. Lucy Party
- **December 25th** – Nativity of Our Lord – a day for God & family
- **December 31st** – New Year's Eve

Check the State Website regularly for details and new listings.

Events of Note

- **December 1st** – Advent began
- **December 8th** – Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception
- **December 8th** – State Charity Ball at Quidnesset CC
- **December 8th** – Bishop Tobin's *Keep the Heat On* Concert at the Cathedral
- **December 8th** – Our Lady of Guadalupe Celebration at All Saints

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

State Charity Raffle tickets are now Available. **Time is getting short for you to sell. I can accommodate delivery needs with sufficient notice.** 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: jklmc.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 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.

.....while doing good works.

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

Life Activities



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.



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Many councils have hosted or are hosting a viewing of the movie *Unplanned*, some of the showings are:

Lincoln Council recently hosted a welcome home party for soldiers returning from deployment in Afghanistan. And were rewarded with a token of thanks.

Community Activities

The Annual RI Knights with the P-Bruins will be on Sunday, March 29, 2020 at 3:05 pm at the Dunk Center. Once again, we have lower level seats (Section 113) the goal the P-Bruins shoot at for 2 periods.



Recently returned soldiers enjoying a welcome-home dinner courtesy of Lincoln Council

The \$20.00 cost to our brother knights, family and friends includes one(1) ticket, one (1) 24 oz. popcorn and one (1) 12 oz. fountain drink or one (1) 12 oz. domestic beer.



Tokens of gratitude from the soldiers, the flag flew over Bagram Air Base

Please contact PSD/DD Peter Lentini@ tireman966@hotmail.com or 401-944-2613 or SD Milke Dziok @ mdziok1067@aol.com or 401-333-6422 for tickets.



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St. Lucy Party

The Rhode Island Knights of Columbus will be hosting its annual St Lucy Christmas party for the blind on Sunday, December 15th. The event will begin with a 12 noon Mass followed by a luncheon at Dillon Council.

If you know of any blind men or women in your community, or in your parish, please reach out and encourage them to attend this special event. Any attendee will need someone to drive them. The drivers also stay for the party. If you know of any potential attendees please contact Bob Lynch at degreekofc@gmail.com at or at (401) 524-2674 with their name and contact information. Each parish in the diocese has also been notified. Thank you for your assistance.

Operation ROVAC

(Remembering Our Veterans At Christmas)



Collections for Operation ROVAC should be well underway. Below is a list of requested items:

Requested **BRAND NEW w/ TAGS** (ONLY) donations should include:

Winter hats, gloves, and scarves

Men's pants – khaki & jean

Long sleeve flannel shirts (Up to 4X)

Men's flannel button down pajamas (Med to 4X)

Cotton boxers and short legged underwear

Under shirts (Medium to 4X)

Sweat pants and flannel pants (Up to 4X)

Button down sweaters, fleece & vests (Up to 4X)

Winter jackets (Medium to 4X)

Shoes/sneakers (Velcro tab) Sizes 8 through 12.5



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Handkerchiefs

Men's slippers (Shoe type) w/ backs & rubber bottoms

ABSOLUTELY NO BOOKS OR FOOD PLEASE!

New Word/find search books (Large print ONLY)

New puzzles / New decks of playing cards

New DVD movies

New Music CD's

2020 Calendars

NEW TOILETRIES

(NO TRIAL SIZES):



Dove Soap / Irish Spring soap

Men's stick deodorant

Shaving cream

Men's cologne / ladies perfume

Toothpaste / Tooth brushes

Below are some FAQs with answers
regarding Collection:

**Q: What is the date and time for the 2018 ROVAC
Saturday Collection Event?**

A: Place: E. P. Council #1528 - 3200
Pawtucket Avenue; East Providence

Date: Saturday December 14th

Time: 10AM to 4PM (Publicity photo shoot
at 4:30PM)

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(Hot lunch will be available and our Sports Bar
opens at Noon)

**Q: Can my Council get publicity for participating in
Operation ROVAC?**

A: YES! Please bring in your donations any time
after 9AM along with your Council banner. We will
take a photo of you (ON YOUR CAMERA WITH
YOUR COUNCIL BANNER) behind all of our
donations. That photo along with a short press
release (Simply fill in your name(s) and Council
information) that will be emailed to you, will allow
you to submit both to your local newspaper and
generate wonderful publicity for your Council.

**Q: What if I have donations for ROVAC, but I
cannot get them to E.P. Council #1528 on
December 14th?**

A: No worries. Please call Big Blue Bug Solutions
at (401) 941-5700 and explain that you have a
donation for Operation ROVAC. Big Blue Bug
Solutions will send one of their local Technicians to
your address who will identify themselves and
collect your donation. Your donation will be added
to all the donations from across the state and
delivered to the R.I. Veteran's Home in time for
Christmas.

**Q: How can I assist the Operation ROVAC
Collection Drive?**

A: We would greatly appreciate any manpower to
assist in the organization of the donations at any
time between 9AM and 6PM on Saturday,
December 14th. All of our collections will be
bagged and boxed for shipment at the end of the



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day on the 14th. On December 15th, we will also greatly appreciate any manpower between 10AM and Noon as we pack the donations in our rented truck, drive them to Big Blue Solutions in Providence, and unload them.

Operation ROVAC Timeline

Late October: All Councils across the state should have this FAQ / Timeline sheet and the generic ROVAC flyers (Simply change to your Council name, address, and contact information)

Absolutely No Later Than November 15th: All ROVAC collection boxes with your flyers attached should be posted in your Council chambers, Council halls, local Catholic schools, and/or Catholic churches

Saturday, December 14th (At E. P. Council #1528):
9AM to 4PM – Drop off all donations at E. P. Council #1528

Noon – Bar open / hot lunch available / sports on our multiple big screens all day

4:30PM – Major photo opportunity with all of our donations from across the state and our State Officers

5PM – Bag and box all of our donations for pickup on Sunday morning

ALL DAY SATURDAY: Individual photos with each Council (Please bring your own camera and your Council banner) for submission to local print media. A short press release template will be emailed to you for local press submission (Along with the

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photo on your camera) for all Councils who participate.

Sunday, December 15th: 10AM to Noon - Truck picks up all of our donations at E. P Council and delivers them to the Big Blue Bug Solutions warehouse in Providence.

Catholic Citizenship Essay Contests

Some of our Councils are sponsoring Citizen Essay Contests, One such is Bristol Council. Pictured below is Bristol Grand Knight Walter Smith presenting the Our Lady of Mount Carmel 8th Grade Catholic Citizenship Essay Contest winner Julia Rensehausen [Julia is the daughter of PGK Warren Rensehausen & member of the 4017 State Family of the year], at the school on December 5, 2019.



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how you live and embody the virtue
of Charity".



Walter is seen here presenting her certificate and letting her know that she would be able to claim her prize of a \$25 Gift Card from the school's SCRIP program. Julia's essay as well as that of 9th grade Confirmation student Emily Reynolds now move to the State Competition. The topic of the contest which had to be between 500 and 750 words was to "Discuss the meaning of virtue and

Faith Activities

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

St. Philip's Council leads 5th Sunday Rosary prior to all Masses on the 5th Sunday weekend. All are welcome to join them. Check the parish website for Mass times.

St. Eugene Council sponsored a parish light ceremony on Devembere 3rd. Included were choir selections and warm beverages to enhance fellowship.

Similarly, the 8th Annual Nativity Lighting at the RI State House will occur on December 11th, 3-4 pm. There will be Caroling & cookies. And, Woonsocket Council Chaplain, Fr. Michael Kelley will offer a prayer of blessing for the Nativity scene and the attendees.



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LaSalette Shrine

Blessing Council will sponsor a trip to Lasalette Shrine on Sunday, December 15. Details as follows:
3:00PM - Meet at SS. John & Paul Parking Lot.

3:05PM - Drive up to Lasalette Shrine

4:00PM - Attend Mass

5:00PM (After Mass) - Illumination at the Creche

After seeing the lights, dinner in the Shrine Cafeteria

Please contact Brother Mark Giolitti at 401-826-2575 or email at markterry3@verizon.net or me at 401-632-7922 with a head count of how many are going to attend.



Bristol Council Lecturer Dr. Miguel Romero, Th.D., recently addressed the Symposium of the National Catholic Partnership on Disability. Dr. Romero has also spoken at the Vatican.

Feast of the 7 fishes

Dillon Council invites you to join them in celebrating La Vigilia, the Feast of the 7 fishes! Dillon Council's hall is the place on December 13th at 6 pm to enjoy this traditional celebration. Cost is \$30 per person and proceeds will



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go toward Adopt-a-Family at St.
Anthony and the St. Pius Giving
Tree

Menu (served buffet style): Baccala
Salad, Smelts, Calamari Rings with
Hot Peppers, Crab Cakes, Clams
Zuppa over Linguini, Baked Stuffed
Shrimp, Snail Salad, Salad of
Mixed Greens, Rice Pilaf, Mixed
Vegetables, and House made
Spumoni with Claret Sauce

(Chicken will be available)

For tickets and information,
contact Peter DelPonte at 353 –
9800

** Please purchase tickets in
advance!

There will be a 50/50 raffle and a
door prize.

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Family Activities

Narragansett Council held a
November coat drive at St. Pius
where they received over 500
coats, an additional effort was held
at Immaculate Conception and
distributions were made to
Pawcautuck Neighborhood Center,
Tri County Services, and the Warm
Shelter. Also, a Coats for Kids
Breakfast fundraiser was held to
provide additional coats for the
community.

Newport/Middletown Council
distributed 8 Thanksgiving baskets
on Aquidneck Island. This annual
event at the bedrock of our First &
Foremost Principle was led by Tom
O'Malley.



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with a clothing drive December 11-13 (5:30 pm – 8:30 pm). They are seeking gently used coats/jackets and other winter wear.

Which is part of the reason that Tom was recognized as Newport /Middletown Council's Knight of the Year, pictured below receiving his award from State Deputy Mike Dziok.



In a similar vein, Bristol Council participated in Coats for Kids by purchasing 72 coats. They were then presented to the Bristol Fire departments Ladies Auxiliary's Mary Martin, Jenn Mancieri and Ronna Cabral. They will be distributed to children at an event held on December 14th for families in need, after that any remaining coats will be kept on their trailer for when they respond to a fire and the occupants need clothes and other items that were lost . The Council also collected from its membership another 3 dozen gently used Adult jackets that will also be distributed.

Newport/Middletown Council will continue its charitable efforts



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winners will be chosen at the January State Meeting.

Past Grand Knight Warren Rensehausen of Bristol Council is pictured (below) with Julie Torres (cross country coach) , Jessica Walters (OLMC Principal) and Father Steve Battey (OLMC Asst Pastor). Warren organized a pasta dinner for the Council to support the cross-country teams need of new uniforms. The dinner raised the needed \$900 to purchase the uniforms.



Bristol Knights of Columbus Council 379 Past Grand Knight Warren Rensehausen presenting 72 new coats purchased through the Knights of Columbus "Coats for Kids" program.

Keep Christ in Christmas

Keep Christ In Christmas
Poster contests are happening
around the State. The State level





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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.

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. 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.

State Website

Check out the State Website at www.kofcri.org. It is connected to UKnight Interactive (kofcknights.org) and allows connection to any

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

The next **State Meeting** will be on **January 24th** at **St. John**



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Vianney Council, Diamond Hill Road, Cumberland. 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.

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month or social media methods of communication.

*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 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 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



Please pray for the repose of:

Fr. William Sullivan, S.S.C. (Former Chaplain of Bristol Council)

George Bannon of Gibson Council #181 (now St. Anthony, West Warwick)

Joseph Teixeira of Bristol Council

And God's comfort to their families



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Prayers are also requested for Bishop Louis Gelineau, Fr. Dennis Reardon, Fr. Robert Bailey, Faith Director Mike DeAngelis, Kristen Jarret, FVSM Michael Donnelly, GK Joseph Bedard (Pascoag Council), Becca and Brianna Arel (granddaughters of Woonsocket Council Chancellor OJ Auger), 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.

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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 at rikofcnewsletter@gmail.com or ask the state to add to them to the prayer list on the website)

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Vivat Jesus!

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Danielle Carrigan (left) & Janet Lentini (right) staffing the Cocoa & Cookie station



Silent Auction items (left) and the "game-day" coordinators for the Auction (right photo) Sara Shea (right in photo) & Linda Tracy

Some additional Charity Ball photos to close things out.