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## *Council News*

A reminder that your Council should be considering Convention Resolutions this month. Deadline for submission to the State is closer than you think, February 20<sup>th</sup>.

This is also a good time to start thinking about the State Convention and planning 1] your delegates so you're ready when you get the forms 2] your Hospitality Suite if you participate (why not start a new tradition if you haven't hosted one before) 3] your own attendance at the State Dinner and the Business Meetings. It's not too early to book a room if you plan to stay over. We will be at the Radisson Hotel in Warwick April 24, 25, 26. If you do book a room, remember to tell them it is for the Knights Convention in order to get

the discount. 4] There are a couple of youth related items announced at the Convention, see the Family News section for details.

## *Membership News*

January 29<sup>th</sup> saw the unveiling of the new Exemplification of Charity, Unity & Fraternity here in RI. Hosted by Warwick Council, the ceremony was held at SS. Rose & Clement in Warwick. There were 13 new Knights and 33 Brothers who advanced to full Knighthood, making it one of the largest Exemplifications the State has seen in recent years.

Congratulations to the candidates, their families and also to the team for a superb first delivery of the new ceremony. While this first time use of the new Exemplification was



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conducted by a State Team, the goal is for each Council to conduct its own ceremonies, much like the old Admission Degree was at the local Council level.

The next scheduled Exemplification of Charity, Unity & Fraternity will be held February 23<sup>rd</sup> at All Saints Church (Woonsocket Council), 323 Rathbun Street, Woonsocket. It will be held immediately following the 10:15 Mass [figure about 11:15/11:30]. It would be worth your while to attend as an observer, or better yet, bring a candidate. And, it is open to the public, so you can bring someone who may be 'on the fence' without a hard commitment, he may just change his mind.

One caveat: while there is no longer avow of secrecy in the new Exemplification, we are expected to

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maintain the vows previously taken.



The Candidates for our first Exemplification of Charity, Unity & Fraternity (8 rows deep)

## *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)!

Following are the upcoming Exemplifications scheduled (so far):

- **February 23<sup>rd</sup>** – @ Woonsocket Council following the 10:15 am Mass at All Saints Church (about



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11:15/11:30) Remember to bring  
your family!

**Remember! *One member  
per Council per month!***

### *Message from the State Deputy*

On January 29, 2020 an historic event as it pertains to the Knights of Columbus in Rhode Island took place at SS. Rose & Clement Church in Warwick. For the first time the newly approved ceremony of Exemplification of Charity, Unity and Fraternity now combined into one program was held. Furthermore, it was held as an open ceremony with family members, friends and guests invited to attend and witness a candidate's acceptance into full Knighthood, and to learn the

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principles of our Order. Thirteen new Knights were welcomed to our Order that evening, and an additional thirty-three men received their 2nd and 3rd degrees.

Our Supreme Council has recognized that times have dramatically changed since the founding of our Order in the 1880's. Times have changed since the 1980's. This change was necessary in order to make it more accessible. We have to engage young men, and their families where they are, and be mindful of today's realistic family lifestyle.

I would also like to thank Degree & Ceremonial Chairman, Bob Lynch and Membership Director, PJ Shea for taking the lead in presenting the new exemplification format to the Councils.



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I ask that all my brother Knights take the opportunity to view a live presentation of the ceremony at their earliest convenience. A video presentation attachment is available on the RI Council website.

the Biennial Meeting of the Patriotic Degree. It will be on Thursday, April 30, 2020 at All Saints Church Hall, 323 Rathbun St. Woonsocket at 7:00 pm. All Sir Knights are invited to this meeting. The dress is business suit, shirt & tie, and (if possible but not necessary) social baldric.

Vivat Jesus !

Assemblies will soon receive their form for their certified delegates that they wish to electively represent them at this meeting.

Michael Dziok  
State Deputy



Also at this time I am accepting, through the Secretary to the Master, Ron Ross, any resolutions an Assembly may wish to submit. Especially pertaining to any Sir Knight from your assembly that may want to be considered for the position of Master for the District of Rhode Island. I need a minimum of three (3). I am hoping that there are Sir Knights out there that will give this some serious thought. As I have already

### *Patriotic Degree News*

Worthy Sir Knights,

I have to inform you that due to a conflict, I had to change the date of



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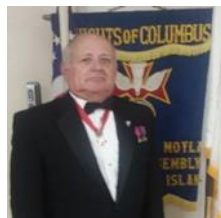
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made clear, I do **NOT** wish to serve a second term.

Also, due to more than one conflict, the Exemplification of the Patriotic Degree is now planned for Sunday, May 31, 2020. I'll have more on this later.

Assembly officers have a copy of the Spring Confirmation schedule. I'm asking ALL Sir Knights to please help with these ceremonies when they can. Especially those with the regalia.

Fraternally yours



*Robert (Bob) Gallant*

4th Degree District Master,  
Rhode Island

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*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) & 203-501-3219 (cell). God Bless!

*Congratulations!*



**Woonsocket Council #113** celebrated their 125<sup>th</sup> Charter Anniversary date on January 27<sup>th</sup>. As you can imagine, this is a BIG deal as you can count on 1 hand





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the number of RI Councils who have reached this milestone of continuous Service to the Church & Community. Coincidentally, their Monthly Business Meeting fell on this date. We recognized the event by opening the meeting to family and friends and held a light collation. We will hold a Gala Celebration to commemorate the event on April 18<sup>th</sup> @ St. Ann' Arts & Cultural Center. With questions, or to participate contact State Program Director Jeff Gaulin (event chair) at [jagaulin@verizon.net](mailto:jagaulin@verizon.net) or District Deputy Jack Tracy at [jklmc.tracy@att.net](mailto:jklmc.tracy@att.net).

### *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

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(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 14<sup>th</sup>** – Bouffard Council Valentine's Day Dinner Dance
- **February 20<sup>th</sup>** – Resolutions for the State Convention due
- **February 22<sup>nd</sup>** – Day of Recollection at Sacred Heart Church, East Providence 8 am – 1:30 pm Theme: *How to prepare for Lent*
- **February 23<sup>rd</sup>** – John Paul II Council Blood Drive
- **February 23<sup>rd</sup>** – Feeney Council Game Dinner
- **February 26<sup>th</sup>** – Ash Wednesday
- **February 26<sup>th</sup>** – 40 Days for Life spring campaign begins



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- **February 29<sup>th</sup>** – Youth of the Year nominations due

Check the State Website regularly for details and new listings.

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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.

## *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.....

.....while doing good works.



**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: [ijklmc.tracy@att.net](mailto:ijklmc.tracy@att.net).

***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)



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## *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.**

**St. Joseph's Church** in Ashton is hosting a Baby Shower to support *Gabriel's Call* on Sunday, February 16<sup>th</sup> from 8:30 am – 2 pm. The following is an excerpt from a message disseminated by the Diocesan Office of Life & Family regarding Gabriel's Call, one of the Pro-Life programs in our Diocese.

This year, the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops' is declaring a year of service called "Walking with Moms in

Need." This special pastoral care program will be commemorating the 25th anniversary of *Evangelium vitae* that begins on March 25, 2020 and concludes on March 25, 2021.

"Walking with moms in need" is an everyday mission of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Providence's Life and Family Ministry. We hope to create a greater awareness in our parishes as we invite you to announce the access to our pregnancy and beyond outreach ministry as well as the expansion of St. Gabriel's Call locations. St. Gabriel's Call has been meeting moms, families and babies, for many years and has helped with their many needs.

We help moms, families and children up to 4 years of age and sometimes beyond. We provide material needs for babies and toddlers, guidance for moms, parenting skills, as well as emotional and spiritual assistance.

We encourage parishes to host a baby shower, ideally, once a year at various times of the year. We try to direct all baby





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showers items to one of our locations that is geographically near the parish hosting the shower. Monetary donations (Checks payable to The Retreat House of the Immaculate Heart of Mary) are used to purchase larger items such as cribs, car seats, and strollers. If your parish needs assistance in hosting a baby shower, please feel free to contact our office at 278-2518. We are grateful to all of the parishes and schools that have hosted a baby shower to help us to maintain this important ministry.

Included in this communication is the list of the seven (7) St. Gabriel's Call locations and hours of service along with the 24-hour/7 day a week number – 278-4508.

Once again, to all who have helped our ministry to be a light in someone's life, thank you!

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Carol A. Owens, Director

Office of Life and Family Ministry

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### **A list of Gabriel's Call locations**

- Gabriel at Chancery-Office of Life & Family: One Cathedral Square, Providence Tue. - , Fri. from 9 to 4; English/Spanish - Appointments/Walk-ins Call St. Gabriel's Call at 278-2525
- Gabriel at St. Patrick Church: 244 Smith Street, Providence, Services in English/Spanish, Call St. Patrick's 421-7070 or St. Gabriel's Call at 278-4508
- Gabriel at All Saints Church: 323 Rathbun St., Woonsocket, Mon./Wed./Fri. 9:30 to 2, services in English/Spanish - Appointments/Walk-ins, Call St. Gabriel's Call at 762-2849 or main office: 278-2518
- Gabriel at Scalabrini - Dukceovich Center: 300 Laurel Hill Ave, Providence, Tues. 1 to 3, Wednesday 9:30 to 11:30, English & Spanish – Appointments/Walk-ins Call St. Gabriel's Call at 278-2518



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- Gabriel at St. Mary of the Bay: 645 Main St., Warren, Call Barbara or Ann: 401-245-7000 or call the main office: 278-2518
- Gabriel at Jesus Saviour: 1 Vernon Street (off of Broadway), Newport; Tues. 9 to 12 & Wed. 10 to 1 Appointments/Walk-ins Call St. Gabriel's Call at 278-4508
- Gabriel at Catholic Charity Office: St. Francis of Assisi, 114 High Street, Wakefield; Mon./ Wed./ Fri. from 9 to 2 Appointments/Walk-ins Call 783-3149
- West Warwick Social Ministry Office is a conduit to St. Gabriel's Call – for help . . . Call 401-823-6211 for more information
- "Project Rachel Post-abortion Helpline" 24/7 1-888-456-HOPE **Calls are confidential!**

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RI sent its usual complement to the Annual March for Life in Washington, D.C. and the March was a great success (despite what the mainstream media would have you believe).



(l to r) PSD Jim Gilcrest, State Secretary Dave Quinn and IPSD Mike Benson in Washington



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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.

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



Jim McLaughlin (center of photo) at the RI Pro-Life Rally  
(at the RI State House)

## *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.

**Lincoln Council** will hold an 'All-you-can-eat' Clam Cake & Chowder night on March 13<sup>th</sup> from 5:30 – 7:30 pm. Tickets are just \$10 each. Benefits Council charities.

**East Providence Council** will hold an Irish Night w/ Father Misgivings (Dave Kane) on March 7<sup>th</sup> @ 7PM. Tickets are \$20 per



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person. Light refreshments will be served.

**Dillon Council** will be holding Lenten Fish Dinners on the Fridays of Lent [February 28<sup>th</sup>, March 6<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup>, & 27<sup>th</sup> and April 3<sup>rd</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup> Time: 6 pm. Cost is \$15 per person. Proceeds to benefit Special Olympics.

**Bristol Council** will be holding a 2 Fish Dinners to benefit Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Church on March 6<sup>th</sup> & March 27<sup>th</sup> 4:30 – 7:30 pm.

The 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Great Bowls of Chili Cook-Off will be held March 28<sup>th</sup> at **East Providence Council**. Cost is \$10 per person, proceeds benefit Special Olympics.

Brother Knight Michael Walter will be participating in the Annual Torch Run and is once again

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seeking our support. Here is part of his message to the State Deputy:

On March 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup>, I'm going to be "Freezin for a Reason" as an honorary member of the Super Plunge Team and trying my best to plunge as many times as I can on both of those days at Salty Brine Beach in Narragansett. I can't believe that this will be the 13<sup>th</sup> year that I've been taking the plunge to help support Special Olympics RI and I continue to challenge myself each year to do even better than the year before. Last year, I did 11 plunges over the two days of the event. Any donation that you can give would be greatly appreciated and maybe you can come down and watch me take one of my plunges into the "Icy Water". Thanks to the continued generosity of so many family and friends, I was able to reach my goal for 2019 by raising over \$12,000 and I hope to be able to achieve that again in 2020. My goal for 2020 is to not only increase the number of plunges that I do over two days, but to also reach my goal of raising \$13,000 to celebrate the 13<sup>th</sup> Anniversary



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**of this event. With your continued  
support, I hope I can achieve my goal!**

**Rebello Assembly** is holding a fundraising bowling tournament on March 2<sup>nd</sup> at Lang' Bowlarama, 7-9 pm. Team Registration \$100.00 per team of 4. Registration includes

- 2 hours of Bowling for the teams bowlers
- Free Shoe Rentals for each bowler

- 1 Large Pepperoni Pizza
- 1 Pitcher Soft Drink

Winning Team Receives

- Championship Trophy
- Bragging Rights

Contact Peter Brissette, FN with  
Any Questions at

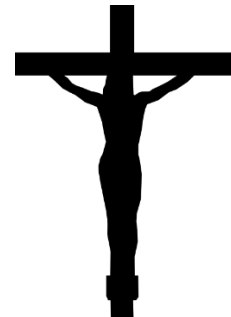
[Peter08091994@gmail.com](mailto:Peter08091994@gmail.com)

## *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 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday Rosary prior to all Masses on the 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday weekend. All are welcome to join them. Check the parish website for Mass times.

**East Providence Council** will hold a Shrove Tuesday (Mardi Gras for our French extraction Brothers) Pancake Supper on February 25<sup>th</sup> 5:30-7:30 pm, cost is \$10 per person (11 and under – Free).







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The annual State Council co-ordinated Day of Recollection will be held on February 22<sup>nd</sup> at Sacred Heart Church, 118 Taunton Ave, East Providence, RI on 2/22/2020 From 8:30am to 1:30pm.

Theme: "How to Prepare for Lent".

Remember, while the Knights of Columbus are co-ordinating this event, it is not exclusively for Knights, anyone can attend. Contact Faith Director Mike DeAngelis at (cell) 617-721-8874 or email at [deangelis36@msn.com](mailto:deangelis36@msn.com)



Our Brother group, the Men of St Joseph International, to which

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many of also belong, will hold its Annual Men's Conference this month, see below for details.

*Theme: Growing in Prayer*

When: Saturday, February 29<sup>th</sup>.

Where: St Philip's Church, Greenville, RI.

Time: 7:45 - 8:30 am  
Registration/check in, Breakfast and introduction

8:30 am Conference session begins

Cost for the day: \$40.00 if paid by 2/15, \$45.00 if paid after 2/15. Make checks payable to: MOSJI Mail to: MOSJI, 218 Paris Irons Rd, Glocester, RI 02814 Or Register on line at: <https://men-of-st-joseph-international.ticketleap.com/mosji-annualmens-conference/>



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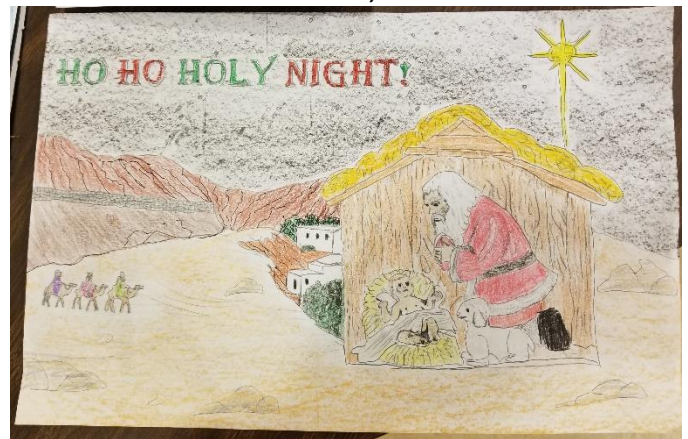
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Coffee and pastry will be available in the morning . Lunch will be provided.

Seminarians, deacons and priests: please join us as our guests (donations always welcomed).

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By Philippe Colvin

## Family Activities

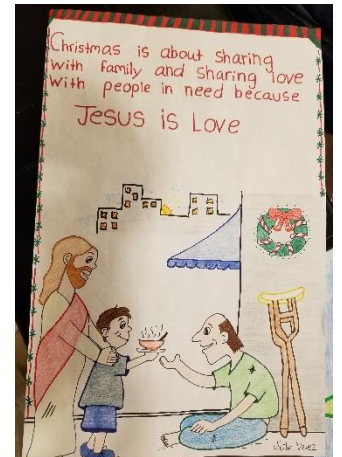
### Keep Christ in Christmas

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Poster contest State level winners, chosen at the January State Meeting, are Kendall Scott, age 5-7 group, St. John Vianney Council; Philippe Colvin, age 8-10 group, SS. John & James Council; Justin Velez, age 11-14 group, Delaney-St. Teresa Council. Photos below.



By Kendall Scott



By Justin Velez

**Feeney Council** will host a game Dinner on February 23<sup>rd</sup>, starting @ 1 pm at the St. Maria Di



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Prata Club, Cranston. Cost is \$35 per person, proceeds to benefit the Fr. Francis Keefe Memorial Scholarship fund.

Youth of the Year and Youth Scholarship & Book Awards will be announced at the Convention in April. **Deadline for the Youth of the Year is February 29th.**

Deadline for Scholarship & Book Awards is April 18<sup>th</sup> – Hard Deadline as the Convention is the following week. See the State Website ([www.kofcri.org](http://www.kofcri.org)) for more information.

## *Save the Date!*

The Annual Teens R Dynamite fundraiser will be May 16<sup>th</sup>, tickets are now available, check with your District Deputy for details.

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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 [rikofnewsletter@gmail.com](mailto:rikofnewsletter@gmail.com), through your DD, who will forward it to me, or the various program Directors.

This month I recommend to you the Blessing Council Newsletter which can be found at [http://coventryknights.org/newsletters/05273\\_2020-01.pdf](http://coventryknights.org/newsletters/05273_2020-01.pdf)

Additionally, I am sending as attachments the St. Thomas the Apostle Council and the St. Augustine Council Newsletter.

### *State Meeting*

**Remember!** these meetings allow interaction between local

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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 **Friday, March 27<sup>th</sup>** at **SS. John & James Council** (20 Washington Street, West Warwick). 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



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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

And God's comfort to their families

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

Prayers are requested for Orlando Giasanti . Ongoing prayers are also requested for Bishop Louis Gelineau, Fr. Dennis Reardon, Fr. Robert Bailey, PGK Daniel Danis (Blessing Council), 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

### *Prayers Requested*



Please pray for the repose of:

John T. Deary of Blessing Council

Rhonda Nunes, sister of PGK  
Joseph Morenzi of Bristol Council





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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.

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