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In Memoriam

Past Supreme Knight Virgil Dechant went home to God on February 15th. PSK Virgil served the Order longer than anyone else (1977-2000) and is credited with leading the order through a phenomenal level of growth in both membership & service. He was also instrumental in fostering the Order's relationship with the Holy See in general and Pope St. John Paul II in particular. He was 89.

Council News

The 127th State Convention is just 1 & ½ months away. There is still time 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. Youth scholarship & Book Awards will be announced at the State Dinner on Saturday night. See the *Family* section or State Website for more information.

Membership News

Woonsocket Council #113 hosted an Exemplification of Charity, Unity & Fraternity on February 23rd at All Saints Church. Welcome & congratulations to all the new Knights (11) and congratulations to all those who were elevated to full Knighthood (10). Included in those elevating was Fr. Joe Upton, Pastor at All Saints. Why not consider joining the Patriotic Degree as a complementary method of service.



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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):

Remember! *One member per Council per month!*

Patriotic Degree News

Worthy Sir Knights,

I wish to remind all the Brother Sir Knights that the Biennial Meeting of the Patriotic Degree will be held on Thursday, April 30, 2020 at All Saints Church hall, 323 Rathbun St. Woonsocket at 7:00 PM. All Sir Knights are invited. The delegate

forms are out for those who will represent their Assemblies as electors. The dress is; Uniform for those who have it, others is Tux with social baldric or Suit with shirt and tie and social baldric.

Looking for resolutions from Assemblies, especially pertaining to any Sir Knight who may want to be considered for the position of Master of the District of Rhode Island. I need a minimum of three (3) candidates to submit to Supreme.

Also, spread the word out to the councils that the next Exemplification of the Patriotic Degree will be on **Sunday, May 31, 2020** [this is a change from the originally announced date] at St. Teresa Church hall 358 Newport Ave. Pawtucket. Still working on time and banquet.

Confirmation schedule is out and asking ALL Sir Knights to please help with these ceremonies when



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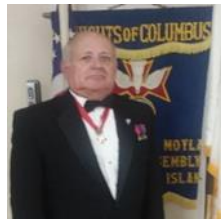
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they can, especially those with the regalia.

Fraternally yours,



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 860-807-3234 (office) & 203-501-3219 (cell). God Bless!



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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.

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

*A Message from the
State Program Director*

Faith In Action Programs

Brothers, we are fast approaching that time of the year, with a great deal of activity taking place throughout our councils in Rhode Island. We



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are very excited of the many Lenten retreats taking place, 40 Days for Life Programs, the various Lenten Dinners going on to help the parish communities and Special Olympics just to name a few.

To that end, **YOUR** State Council will be awarding the Faith in Action Program State Awards at the RI State Convention on April 25th, 2020. Each council has been running some great programs in Faith in Action Program and the State Program Team is looking forward to receiving your submissions by March 31, 2020.

How Many Awards Will Be Presented?

There are 4 Categories and a form (**STSP – State Council**

Service Program Award) may be submitted in each category **1. Faith, 2. Family, 3. Community, 4. Life** (only one program per form)

Where Can I Find the Form?

1. Forms can be located at <https://www.kofc.org/en/members/resources/forms/council.html>

2. Please fill out the form (one for each Category) and have it signed (electronic Submission works via email) by the Grand Knight of the Council and return the Form **to Jeff Gaulin, RI State Program Director - jagaulin@verizon.net**.

The committee will be meeting on the first Saturday of April to select the winners, so the plaques can be prepared in Advance for the



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winners. You are to be present at the State Convention to accept the award, as it would make it a GREAT opportunity for your Council to be recognized for your Hard Work during this past Fraternal year as well as to support your Brothers throughout the state!! Keep making the effort to go to each other's events, because in Unity & Fraternity we have the strength to make a difference!

Finally, a friendly reminder that the 1295 February 15, 2020 Audit form must be submitted, that form can be found on the same website as the State Council Program Awards Entry form link that was provided under the section titled Administrative Forms.

On behalf of the Program Team (Mike DeAngelis – Faith Director, Mike Guerra – Family Director, Steve Perry – Community Director,

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Jim Gilcreast, PSD – Life Director) we extend our appreciation for your support in Faith in Action throughout the State. It is with these programs that our councils and its members remain active, make a difference, support our Priests and help to grow the membership in our honored order.



Jeff Gaulin

State Program Director

Events of Note

- **Each day of March** – 40 Days for Life spring campaign continues
- **Each Friday of Lent** – Dillon Council Fish Dinners



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- **March 6th & 27th** – Our Lady of Mount Carmel Fish Dinners
- **March 7th** – Fr. Misgivings @ East Providence Council
- **March 13th** – Lincoln Council Clam Cake & Chowder
- **March 13th** – St. John Paul II showing of *Unplanned*
- **March 14th** – Warwick Council St. Patrick Dinner
- **March 15th** – Cranston Council Nicole Brissette Leukemia battle fundraiser
- **March 15th** – Dillon Council St. Patrick/St. Joseph Dinner
- **March 17th** – Little Sisters of the Poor St. Patrick's Fundraiser
- **March 21st** – St. John Vianney Pasta Dinner
- **March 27th** – State Meeting at SS.. John & James
- **March 28th** – Great Bowls of Fire Chili Cook-off @ E.P. Council
- **March 29th** – Founder's Day
- **March 29th** – Knights at the PBruins
- **April 3rd** – Warwick Council Pine Car Derby for Adults

Milestone Celebration



Having celebrated their 125th Charter Anniversary date on January 27th, **Woonsocket Council #113** now turns their attention to the planned April Gala Celebration. It will be April 18th @ St. Ann' Arts & Cultural Center on Cumberland Street in Woonsocket (just down the road from the Council home @ All Saints Church). With questions, or to participate contact State Program Director Jeff Gaulin (event chair) at jagaulin@verizon.net or District Deputy Jack Tracy at ijklmc.tracy@att.net.

Check the State Website regularly for details and new listings.



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State & Local Happenings

over \$6000 to the causes of the Knights of Columbus in addition to the monies raised by each of the participating Councils.

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.



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 still 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.

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

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

Life Activities



The Spring 40 Days for Life Campaign is underway (it



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began on Ash Wednesday) and will continue throughout Lent. If you can make it to Providence for the peaceful informational demonstrations, you will help make a powerful statement. If you can't be there in person, you can still help through the power of prayer. Never underestimate the power evidenced by these actions.

chamber of the RI Legislature. The same holds true for nationally considered bills.

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.



Also, you are urged to stay in touch with your legislators to inform them of your opinion whenever any life issue legislation is before either

Community Activities

Lincoln Council recently donated the use of their hall for a Comedy Night Fundraiser to benefit the RI Reds 13U baseball program.

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



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level seats (Section 113) the goal
the P-Bruins shoot at for 2 periods.

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
or 401-944-2613 or SD Milke Dziok
@ mdziok1067@aol.com or 401-
333-6422 for tickets.

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

East Providence Council will
hold an Irish Night w/ Father

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Misgivings (Dave Kane) on March
7th @ 7PM. Tickets are \$20 per
person. Light refreshments will be
served.

Dillon Council will be holding
Lenten Fish Dinners on the Fridays
of Lent [February 28th, March 6th, 13th,
20th, & 27th and April 3rd & 10th] 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 6th & March 27th 4:30 – 7:30
pm.

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

Warwick Council will host a St.
Patrick's Dinner on Saturday,



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March 14th @ 5pm, \$15 per
person.

Dillon Council will host a St.
Patrick/St. Joseph Celebration on
Sunday, March 15th @ 2 pm, cost
is \$20 per person.

Brother Knight Michael Walter
will be participating in the Annual
Torch Run and is once again
seeking our support. Here is part of
his message to the State Deputy:

**On March 21st and 22nd, 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.**

**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". My goal for
2020 is to not only increase the number of**

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**plunges that I do over two days, but to also
reach my goal of raising \$13,000 to
celebrate the 13th Anniversary of this
event. With your continued support, I
hope I can achieve my goal!**

Pope Pius XII Council Held a
"Fill the Container" event
throughout January. This was
preparatory to their annual work trip
to Jamaica. I am including their
Press Release as it says it far
better than I can:

Narragansett, R.I. - During the first 3 weeks of
January 2020, Knights of Columbus Council
5295 located in Narragansett, held a "Fill the
Container" event to fill a 40-foot shipping
container with various materials needed for an
adult orphanage located on the island of
Jamaica. Jacob's Ladder, one of the Mustard
Seed Communities' orphanages located in
Jamaica, houses adult residents that are
disabled and have been abandoned by their
families. If not for Mustard Seed, they would be
homeless and living on the streets. They
currently have 100 permanent residents, with a
future goal to house 400. Each spring, the



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Knight of Columbus Council 5295 visit Jacob's Ladder to help with the construction and expansion of the facility. In preparation for this year's visit, they decided to hold a donation drive to fill a storage container full of construction materials and supplies needed in Jamaica. In addition to those items, they want to provide new and slightly used adult clothing, along with adult diapers, which are in dire need at Jacob's Ladder. "The outpouring of support from the local community was unbelievable" stated Larry DeMichele, Knight of Columbus Program Manager. "We were able to stuff a 40-foot-long shipping container with 19,277 pounds of collected item. Truly unbelievable. We are very thankful for all of the support provided by everyone." In addition to collecting over 3,100 pieces of adult clothing and over 11,750 adult diapers, a large amount of building materials was donated by Pariseault Builders in Warwick, RI. The total value of all of the items collected was in excess of \$55,000. The shipping container was picked up on January 22nd from the parking lot of St. Thomas More Church in Narragansett and driven to the Port of Newark in New Jersey that day. It was placed on a container ship and set sail two days later. The journey to the Port of Kingston, Jamaica is expected to take 10 day.

By the Numbers: • Total pounds of material collected: 19,277 • Number of pieces of adult clothing collected: 3,100+ • Total number of

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adult diapers: 11,750+ • Overall total value: \$55,000+.

Calling all Scouts

and non-Scouts too!

Pine Car Derby For Adults

Where: Knights of Columbus
Warwick Council 2295, 475 Sandy
Ln., Warwick

When: April 3rd at 7pm Check-
in: 5:30pm

Cost - By Division:

- Individual Cars: \$20 (\$100 prize)
- Councils: \$35 (50/50 split for charity of your choice)
- Classic Cars: \$5(50/50 split for our charity and winner... must enter individual division)
- Community Sponsors: \$40 (50/50 split for charity of your choice) Sponsors will be thanked in opening and closing remarks



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All Cars Guaranteed 3 Races

Lincoln Council recently held a

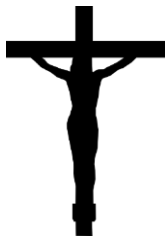
Fee includes entrance fee and car kit.

Donation Presentation to the SPRED Program at St. Joseph's Church in Ashton. See photo below.

**Only provided car may be used,
BSA rules will be followed.**

Tickets & Sign-up Sheet available at the bar.

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.



(l to r) Peter Hamm & Matt Perry with SPRED, Lincoln GK Ray Hedenskog, and PGK Bud Gardner

As a follow-up to Fr. John Soares being named Chaplain of the Year in October, the City of Providence recently recognized the honor with an Official Citation, pictured below. Congratulations once again Fr. Soares.



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will be held on Sunday, March 29th, 2020 at 12 noon @ Bishop Hendricken High School in Warwick.

Note: Please enter the gym from the parking lot off Oakland Beach Ave.

Please provide the winners completed forms, from your Council, to Walter Sebastianelli at bmw11904@cox.net before Sunday, March 14th, 2020. Email subject should be:

2020 RI KofC Free Throw - Council # (your Council here).

By providing the completed forms beforehand, it will allow Walter to categorize the free throw participants into the appropriate groups. Also on the day of the event, please bring your Council's winners forms with you as a backup. Thank you for your



Family Activities

Many of the local Councils have held or plan to hold Basketball Free Throw Contests which will lead to the State Competition. And, on that note:

The RI Knights of Columbus State Free Throw Championship



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cooperation and good luck to all
Council winners.

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Columbiette News

Youth Recognition

Youth of the Year and Youth
Scholarship & Book Awards will be
announced at the Convention in
April. **Deadline for the Youth of
the Year was February 29th.**
Deadline for Scholarship & Book
Awards is **April 18th – Hard
Deadline** as the Convention is the
following week. See the State
Website (www.kofcri.org) for more
information.

Save the Date!

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



The Columbiettes of Bishop
Hickey Council # 3623 will hold
their Annual Spring Fashion Show
& Ladies Luncheon on Sunday,
April 19th @ 1-4pm at St. Brendan's
Hall, 60 Turner Avenue, Riverside.
Ticket Donation: \$10.00 per person
Luncheon, Fashion show, Raffles,
Door Prize & Shopping
opportunities and fellowship.

Fashions Provided By: Sass &
Sparkle Boutique

Jewelry Provided by: Bee's
Bling Boutique

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for Women Veterans of New Socks
(all sizes, styles and colors)



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accepted) For every donation of new women's stockings we give you a **free** entry into a Patriotic Raffle.

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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.

For more information contact:
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Cell (774) 488-9345

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.

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.

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, through your DD, who will forward it to me, or the various program Directors.



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State Meeting

A Note of Fraternal

Concern

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 **Friday, March 27th** 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.

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

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

Prayers Requested

Please pray for the repose of:

PSK Virgil Dechant

PGK Ed Sowa (Charter member of St. Eugene's Council)



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John Prokopowicz of Hickey
Council

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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.

And God's comfort to their families



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,

And, I selfishly add a request for prayers for a healthy pregnancy for Kara (Tracy) & Jonathan Taft and thanksgiving for same.

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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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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