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## *Council News*

### *Officers for Fraternal Year*

*2018-2019*

July 8<sup>th</sup> at St. John Vianney Church in Cumberland. Mass will be at 1:30 pm with a reception to follow at the Coachmen's Lodge in Bellingham, MA. More to follow in the July Newsletter.



Fraternal Year 2018-2019 State Officers-elect

(left to right) IPSD Mike Benson, State Treasurer Dave Bebyn, State Deputy Mike Dziok, State Secretary Dave Quinn, State Advocate Joe Carrigan, State Warden Eric Batista.

The Installation of the new State Officers will take place on

## *Membership News*

Membership Director FDD Eric Batista reports that, as of this writing, the Jurisdiction of Rhode Island is ahead of all other New England States in achieving its membership goals (Vermont is slightly behind). That's the good news. Now the reality. We need to work hard to reach our quota for the Fraternal Year. We can still reach Circle of Honor status if we adhere to: ***One member per Council per month!***

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13<sup>th</sup> – 3<sup>rd</sup> at Warwick Council,  
candidates @ 6:30pm



Degree and Ceremonials Director  
Bob Gallant would like to see more on  
the calendar for this month, let's help  
him out.

Supreme is once again offering a \$4.50 rebate (per active member) for attaining Star Council. Additionally, Supreme is offering a lottery incentive for 10 couples to attend the World Day of Families in Dublin, Ireland – **all expenses paid**. Every time you recruit a new member between December 1<sup>st</sup>, 2017 and June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2018, your name will be entered in a drawing. 10 names will be drawn at random on July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2018.

### *Knighthood Degree*

St. Thomas the Apostle Council hosted a Knighthood (3<sup>rd</sup>) Degree on May 23<sup>rd</sup>. The Degree Team headed by Dave Bebyn and Jim Gilcreast did their usual exemplary job in bringing 24 Brothers to full Knighthood. Congratulations! to all.

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

### *Message from the State Deputy*

Following are the degrees scheduled for June (so far):

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

Dear Brother Knights, Beloved Clergy, families and friends, I pray this message finds you well, full of faith and

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excited about the direction of the Knights of Columbus in Rhode Island.

State Treasurer-elect David & Ann Bebyn, State Advocate-elect Joe & Danielle Carrignan, and most especially State Chaplain Fr. Joseph Paquette, for your support and continued dedication to the principles and goals of the Knights of Columbus in Rhode Island.

This month we enter the final month of our Fraternal Year. For many of us it is also the final month of our time in our current office of responsibility. It is my hope and prayer that where this applies, we have built upon the success of our predecessors so that our replacements can begin their terms with the best possible opportunity for the attainment of their assigned goals. To that end, I sincerely thank Immediate Past State Deputy Peter N. Lentini and his wife Janet for their dedication to realizing the growth of our esteemed Order during his two terms, and for their support to my wife, Lee Ann and myself during the past two years I served as State Deputy.

Lee Ann and I also want to again thank the dedicated Knights serving as District Deputies, and their families: PJ & Sara Shea, Ray & Pauline Riel, Bob & JoAnn Lynch, Bob & Sue Moniz, Lee & Sue Rossetti, Ted & Christine Benz, Mark & Heather Paul, John Kay, Paul & Cherie Saunders, Victor & Nancy Silva, Gene & Gizele Garceau, and Alan & Irene LaMake! The countless hours you spent working toward the success of the councils you were assigned is most appreciated, as is the wide variety of the State Program Committees you were involved with. We wish you the very best in wherever your Knights of Columbus career takes you.

In turn, we are excited to offer our support to Michael & Vicky Dziok as Mike begins his first term as State Deputy on July 1. Congratulations State Deputy-elect Michael Dziok and Vicky, and to all the newly elected State Officers and Ladies: State Secretary-elect David Quinn & Lise Merrifield,

We are also most grateful to the creativity and long hours provided by State Membership Director & State

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Warden-elect Eric Batista & Amanda, Ceremonial Director Bob Gallant & Carmella, Member Retention Chairman Joe Carrignan & Danielle, State Program Director Jeff Gaulin & Sue, as well as his team: Church Programs Director Michael De Angelis & Martha, Community Programs Director Steve Perry, Council Programs Director Jack Tracy & Linda, Family Program Director Al Hervieux & Jean, Youth Program Director Michael Guerra & Karri, and Culture of Life Program Director (& Diocese of Providence Lumen Gentium Award Winner) Michael Krzywonos & Pat. Your accomplishments are directly related to the rising influence of the Knights of Columbus to the mission of the Catholic Church in Rhode Island. Thank you!

Much gratitude and respect is also acknowledged to those that pitched in to make sure nothing slipped through the cracks for their actions, advice and encouragement: Executive Secretary FDD Michael Krzywonos, Training Director & Advisor PSD/FM Steve Ciolfi & Peg, Advisor PSD/FM Arthur

Sylvester & Mona, Website gurus FDD Jeff Gaulin, DD PJ Shea and FN John Tougas, Newsletter Editor GK Jack Tracy, Historian & Parliamentarian PSD James E. Gilcreast, Jr., all the Program Chairmen, the Fraternity of Past State Deputies, Council Grand Knights & Officers, Council Chaplains, the Insurance Agency led first by Michael Lehman and now Scott Eastwood, the Patriotic Degree led by Master Rick Devine, and our Supreme Council MPC's Dannie Harris and Eric Johnson and everyone who was involved. Thank you!

I would be remiss if I did not also include in my note a debt of gratitude to Mrs. Rebecca Schulte, wife of Former Master of the 4th Degree Bill, and Mrs. Pam DePaolo, wife of Former District Deputy Phil. These ladies are amazing contributors to the success of State Council Programs, as were their husbands. Thank you.

A very special note of thanks to my wife Lee Ann, who worked so hard to advise, guide, create, and execute our

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vision to fulfill the mission of Fr. Michael McGivney. You made everything you touched far better than I could have done on my own. Thank you! I love you!

We have been blessed to have received the support of so many people. It is my sincere hope I have not missed anyone, but if I have, know you will soon be remembered, and included in our prayers. Thank you all.

To continue our collective momentum, it is critical that we **FINISH STRONG** this year, and get off to a **FAST START** for the 2018-19 Fraternal Year!

**FINISH STRONG: Schedule an Admission Degree this month!** Our collective membership quota is 280. We enter June having realized 185 new members. We are just 95 new members short of achieving Circle of Honor status for the 4th year in a row. What an honor this would be during our 125th Year Anniversary as a State Council. This means we need just 2 new members per council this month, which is less than the average per most Admission

Degrees. We can easily accomplish this by having your council schedule an Admission Degree prior to June 30. If for whatever reason your council cannot schedule an Admission Degree, you should utilize Online Membership. Simply email a note to family and friends identifying them as having the qualifications to be a Knight. Be sure to include the link: [www.KofC.org/JoinUs](http://www.KofC.org/JoinUs). If each council sends the note and link to 5 or more candidates, we will realize our goal. You can do this! We can do this! #Unity

**FAST START: Schedule your council's Admission Degrees now for July, August, and September!** Do not wait until the new Fraternal Year begins to start planning your Degree dates. Too often councils do not initially prioritize membership and find themselves scrambling to reach their membership goals because they have gotten off to a late start. Ideally a council is scheduling a minimum of one Admission Degree per quarter, or 4 times per year. The old

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New York State Lottery saying, “*You can’t win if you don’t play!*” also applies to membership.

Finally, our strong Knights of Columbus programs offer Catholic men a compelling reason to join us. Pope St. John Paul II said of us that we are guided by the Holy Spirit: “...**to hear the Word of God and put it into practice.**” This is what we as members of the Knights of Columbus do, and we do it better than any other Catholic lay organization in the world. “*Where there are people suffering, we have a program for that:*”

- When families are hungry, we have “**Food for Families!**”
- When children need warmth, we have “**Coats for Kids!**”
- When people are freezing in their own homes, we have “**The Bishop’s Keep the Heat On**” campaign.
- When kids need a place to go after school, we have “**Teens Are Dynamite**” to support the two remaining CYO centers in Rhode Island.

- When Veterans are forgotten, especially during the holidays, we have “**Operation R.O.V.A.C.!**”
- When people with intellectual disabilities need support, we have the “**KANDI Drive**” to raise thousands of dollars every year in Rhode Island to sponsor athletes for Special Olympics, support SPRED programs and provide for their needs.
- When families desire to provide their children with a quality education, we have “**Scholarships & Book Awards!**”
- When men lose their faith, or wish to become more fully faith-formed, we have “**Building the Domestic Church!**”
- When men and women answer the call from God to discern a Vocation to religious life, we have the “**RSVP**” program to provide funding and support!

Help us spread the word.

[www.kofc.org/JoinUs](http://www.kofc.org/JoinUs)

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God Bless all of you, for all you do  
for others!

Let us also remember to advise  
Supreme of the leadership for the  
next Fraternal Year, send in those  
#365 & #185 forms. These forms  
help with communication to the  
right people, **which is essential to  
effective programming.**



Vivat Jesus.

*Michael Benson*, Rhode Island Knights  
of Columbus State Deputy

## *Congratulations!*

May and June is election  
season for us (not news for any of  
you, I know). Congratulations to all  
our Brothers who will lead the  
Councils in the next Fraternal Year.  
Let them know that they have your  
support.

## *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.**

The programming structure  
will be retooled for the next  
Fraternal Year. Supreme has  
decided to retire the **Surge with**

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**Service** program. In its place will be the **Faith in Action** program. Programming categories will be downsized to 4 areas: Faith (formerly Church), Family, Life (formerly Culture of Life), and Community. The programs formerly identified as Youth will be blended into the Family and Community categories, so the actual programs will not be disappearing. The Council programs already can be seen as alternately fitting in to each of the 4 Program areas, so they will not be going away either. (ed.note – I have been asked to continue with the newsletter, so you will still be hearing from me).

More on this will be presented at the State Leadership Workshops on July

21<sup>st</sup>, so it will be important for each Council to send representation. Also, each Council should complete and submit their Forms #185 and #365 and bring a copy to the Workshops on July 21<sup>st</sup>.

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

### *Upcoming Events*

“Prayer in action is love, and love in action is service,” – *Mother Teresa*

Service (love in action) is the difference between the Knights of Columbus and other Catholic men's groups – State Deputy Mike Benson



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**June 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup>** – (Little Sisters of the Poor 2-day Yard Sale at the Jeanne Jugan Residence I Pawtucket, starting at 9 am.

**June 10<sup>th</sup>** - Bishop Hickey Annual Clambake at East Warren Rod & Gun Club in Warren, starting at 1 pm.

**June 13<sup>th</sup>** – Drone Club at St. Cecilia Church in Pawtucket at 6 pm

**June 16<sup>th</sup>** – St. Eugene Council Annual Steak Fry at the Church. Starting at 5:30 pm.

**June 28<sup>th</sup>** – KANDI Drive wrap-up dinner at St. Cecilia, Pawtucket at 7 pm.

**July 4<sup>th</sup>** – Bristol Parade

**July 8<sup>th</sup>** – Installation of State Officers at St. John Vianney @ 1:30 pm.

**July 21<sup>st</sup>** – State Leadership Workshops at St. Teresa, Pawtucket

Check the State Website regularly for details and new listings.

### *Pilgrimage Opportunity*

Fr. TJ Varghese (Chaplain, St. Eugene's Council) will be conducting a tour/pilgrimage to:

ENGLAND, SCOTLAND & WALES over  
12 DAYS: Sept. 17 - 28, 2018 visiting

*Stonehenge, Salisbury, Bristol, Cardiff, Bath, Stratford, The Lake District, Edinburgh, York, Oxford and London*

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**For a brochure & more information, please contact Fr. Varghese at: 401-568- 5102 or email: revtj23@gmail.com**

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## *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.....



District of Rhode Island Color Corps entering the Ryan Center at SORI opening ceremonies



The Color Guard for the opening of the 50<sup>th</sup> Special Olympic Rhode Island Games

.....while doing good works.

## *Culture of Life Activities*

### *Community Activities*

#### *Kandi Drive*

KANDI Drive wrap-up dinner will be held on Thursday, June 28<sup>th</sup> at St. Cecilia Church in Pawtucket at 7 pm. Contact Chairman Bruce Guindon at 474-0371 or [bruceguindon@yahoo.com](mailto:bruceguindon@yahoo.com).

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### *Youth Activities*

#### *Teens R Dynamite*



The Teens R Dynamite Fundraiser was held May 5<sup>th</sup> at St. Agatha in Woonsocket. Donations

donations still coming in. Thank you to DD Bob Moniz who chaired the event and Rich Riel (and Jack Tracy) who led the cooking team.



in the amount of \$4200 have been raised to date with some outright

### *Church Activities*

St. Agatha Church in Woonsocket held its 4<sup>th</sup> Corpus Christi Procession through its neighborhood after the 11 am Mass on June 3<sup>rd</sup>. An Honor Guard escort was provided by the Sir Knights of Moylan Assembly and the Brothers of Woonsocket Council.

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### *Council Activities*

#### *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. Additionally, the State Council has a Training Officer available to assist with any topic. PSD FM Steve Cioffi is here to help. With the new Fraternal Year approaching, now would be a good time to schedule a training session with Steve. New and returning officers, and any interested Council member, could benefit greatly.

#### *State Website*

Check out the State Website at [www.kofcri.org](http://www.kofcri.org) . It is connected to UKnight Interactive (kofcknights.org) and allows connection to any local Council website that is also a part of the



Fr. Michael Kelley with the Monstrance and a Moylan Assembly Honor Guard



Corpus Christ Procession at one of prayer stops

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UKnight family. There are also links to other sites of interest such as Fathers for Good, the Supreme Council et alia. *The Links of Interest* tab will connect you to Council event flyers. This can be an invaluable resource, but you must use it for it to help you.

### *State Newsletter*

Local Newsletter Spotlight:  
check out the Newsletter of  
Blessing Council, it can be found  
through their website at  
[coventryknights.org](http://coventryknights.org).

I am contemplating a name for  
the State Newsletter (e.g. –  
Woonsocket Council's newsletter is  
called *Knights and Days*). I would  
welcome input from the  
membership, reach me at my email  
address (see below).

News items for the newsletter can be sent  
through the various program Directors, including  
myself, or your DD, who will forward to me. I will  
draw event items for the Local Council section from  
your input. I also welcome photos from the event  
itself: [ijklmc.tracy@att.net](mailto:ijklmc.tracy@att.net)

### *Patriotic Degree News*

There is a tentative date for  
the Patriotic (4<sup>th</sup>) Degree  
Exemplification. While we are still  
awaiting confirmation of a venue,  
the tentative date is July 15<sup>th</sup>.  
Further information will be released  
as it is received. Check the State  
Website and July Newsletter for  
more information.

(Those of you familiar with the  
Moylan Assembly Newsletter know that I  
occasionally indulge in personal entries  
if it is Knights-related. This next entry is  
one such).

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Bride Kara Taft and Groom Sir Knight Jonathan Taft  
with the Moylan Color Corps



Bride Kara Tracy with her Father SK Jack Processing  
in to the wedding

Moylan Assembly recently took part in the Nuptial Ceremony of one of its own. SK Jonathan Taft (Woonsocket Council Warden) was wedded to Kara Tracy (daughter of SK Faithful Pilot Jack Tracy). A Color Corps escort was provided for the occasion, only the 2<sup>nd</sup> such in SK Bob Gallant's long service to the Knights.

## *State Meeting*

The last State Meeting of this Fraternal Year was held on May 18<sup>th</sup> at St. Teresa of the Child Jesus (Delaney-St. Teresa Council) on May 18<sup>th</sup>. State Deputy Mike Benson distributed Certificates of Appreciation to a great many Knights and Councils who helped make the program a

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very successful one. Below is an assortment of photos of recipients. Congratulations and THANK YOU to all.



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ensure that it is represented at these meetings.

The next State Meeting will be held August 24<sup>th</sup> at Dillon Council at 7:30 pm.

*Prayers Requested*



Prayers are requested for the repose of the soul of:

and God's comfort to their families.

Prayers are also requested for Bishop Louis Gelineau, Fr. Joseph Paquette (who recently had surgery), Executive Secretary Mike



Remember that 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



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Krzywonos, PGK PFN Ernie Pennine, PGK PFN Earl Mahar, Pam DePaolo, Barry Chevette of Pascoag Council, PGK Gilbert Oliver, Jamie Lynn Benson Bauman, DD Bud Garceau, GK Jerry Marra, as they each deal with various health concerns.

State Chaplain Fr. Joe Paquette  
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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.

Staff et al.

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Remember, these men are here because they love the Knights and want 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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