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Council news

26th – 1st/2nd at Delaney-St. Teresa, candidates @ 6:30 pm

Membership News

30th – 1st/2nd at Woonsocket Council, candidates @ 6:30 pm



State Advocate Message

The State Council held a Knighthood Degree Exemplification on September 27th, hosted by Woonsocket Council, at which 10 Brothers attained full Knighthood. Congratulations! to all.

State Advocate Dave Bebyn reminds all Councils and Home Corporations that we need to keep the Youth Protection initiative at the forefront of our operations. Make sure you are in compliance.

Following are the degrees scheduled for October:

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

8th – 2nd at Middletown/Newport candidates @ 5:30 pm

24th – 1st/2nd at St. Philips candidates @ 6:30 pm

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

Sept. 27th - Nov. 5th Forty Days for Life (Providence & Cranston)

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Oct. 1st – Veneration of Padre Pio Relics @ St. Thomas More, Narragansett

Thur., Oct. 19 – Our Lady of Good Counsel, 62 Pleasant St., W. Warwick, RI at 7:00 PM

Fri., Oct. 20 - St. Thomas More Church, 53 Rockland St, Narragansett, RI at 7:00PM

Sat., Oct. 21 -open

October 7th – November 5th Silver Rose services at various locations.

Mon., Oct. 23 - St. John Evangelist, 63 Church St., Slatersville, RI at 7:00PM

The schedule follows:

Tue., Oct. 24 – St. Francis de Sales, 381 School St., North Kingston, RI at 7:00 PM

Sat. 10/7 - Receive the Silver Rose from MA – St. Cecilia, Pawt. at 4:30 pm, Collation follows

Wed., Oct. 25 – St. Pius X, 44 Elm Street, Westerly, RI at 7:00 PM

Tue. 10/10 - SS John & James, 20 Washington St., W. Warwick at 7:00PM

Thu., Oct. 26 – Our Lady of Czestochowa, 445 Washington St., Coventry, RI at 7:00 PM

Wed. 10/11 – St. Jude, 301 Front Street, Lincoln, RI at 7:00 PM

Fri., Oct. 27 – St. Bernard's, 415 Tower Hill Road, North Kingston, RI at 7:00 PM

Thur. 10/12 – SS John and Paul, 341 South Main Street, Coventry, RI at 7:00 PM

Sat., Oct. 28 – St. Mark, 9 Garden CT, Cranston, RI at 6:00PM

Fri. 10/13 - Little Sisters of the Poor, 964 Main Street, Pawt., RI at 3:00PM

Mon., Oct. 30 – St. Teresa of the Child of Jesus, 358 Newport Ave., Pawt., RI at 7:00PM

Fri., Oct 13– St. Philip, 622 Putnam Pike, Greenville, RI at 7:00 PM

Wed., Nov. 1 – open,

Sat., Oct.14 – St. Augustine, 639 Mount Pleasant Ave., Prov., RI at 7:00 PM

Thu., Nov. 2 – St. Vincent de Paul, 6 St. Vincent de Paul St., Coventry, RI at 7:00,

Mon., Oct.16 – open

Fri., Nov. 3 – open

Tue., Oct.17 – open

Sun., Nov.5 – Transfer to CT KofC, St. Matthias, 317 Chesterfield Rd., E. Lyme

Wed., Oct.18 – St. Thomas, 65 Fruit Hill Ave., Prov., RI at 7:00 PM

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State & Local Happenings

Many of our functions build a spirit of Fraternity.....

Columbus Day weekend parades: Sunday, October 8th Federal Hill & Westerly, Monday October 9th Newport & Woonsocket's Autumnfest. (Nota bene – the Federal Hill parade was initiated by the K of C to honor the courage and foresight of our Order's Namesake. In these times when he is unfairly under attack for simply being an explorer with vision that we need to "show the flag".

Clergy Appreciation Night
Monday October 9th at 7 pm.

Fatima devotion led by Fr. Joseph Paquette at St. Martha's Church on October 29th at 1 pm.

Check the State Website regularly for details and new listings.



At the State Charity Golf Tourney

.....while doing good works.

Other activities help unite us to others in service to our community, such as support of our First Responders at the Blue Mass.

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Blue Mass 2017 for First Responders

State Meeting

The next State Meeting will be held on October 27th at 7:30 at Newport/Middletown Council #256.

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 ensure that it is represented at these meetings.

Local Council Functions

Oct. 2nd – St. John Paul II Golf Classic @ Pawt. Country Club

Oct. 7th – E. Providence Council Monthly Rosary

Oct. 21st – E. Providence Council Ham & Bean Dinner

Please see the State website for details.

Patriotic Degree News

As part of Bishop Healy Province for the Patriotic Degree we salute our recently retired Vice Supreme Master Michael Donnelly,

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whose term of office ended on August 31st. We thank him for his service to the order. His successor took over on September 1st.

Congratulations and welcome to new VSM William McCarthy. We look forward to your guidance during your term of office.

There are also Regalia calls out for a number of upcoming events, check the State Website and watch your emails. [see photo right]

Finally, a reminder that we will soon enter the Fall Confirmation Season. Watch for an email from the Master or your Assembly with the release of dates.

These types of events help with our visibility (& recruitment) while supporting the Church and the community.



Bishop Evans and Col. Assumpico of the RI State Police surrounded by Knights at the Blue Mass.

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Fraternal Benefits Corner

The Retirement balancing act

Think of retirement as a three-legged stool. In order to maintain balance, you need all **three** legs... or there is a real possibility of a crash!

One leg consists of the benefits the government offers you. Debate

rages about the viability of future benefits, and my best advice is to stay tuned to the discussion and make sure you are aware of what is planned for those benefits. Any change in future promises should be accounted for when we get to the third leg.

The second leg is your company's pension plan, either

defined benefit (such as a traditional pension: you work so many years and the company provides you with so much monthly benefit) or defined contribution (such as the popular 401K plans). Some of these plans, particularly traditional ones, are under stress, have been frozen or pared back. Learn how yours works; read the plan description; stay on top of the news coming from the company. On the 401K side, become a good investor. Learn the fundamentals of good diversification and know how much you have and when you will need it.

Finally, the third leg is the saving you do yourself, and this is the only aspect you can control completely. Everyone needs this third leg. It consists of the money you personally set aside on a disciplined basis to help in

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retirement. You don't directly control government benefits and you don't directly manage your company's pension plan, but you must manage your money and your life.

help yourself. It's reasonably priced, guaranteed and controlled by someone you trust: **you!**

- *Mike Lehman*

Establish a retirement plan of your own. Here at the Knights of Columbus, you can open a retirement annuity for as little as \$300. Consistent and disciplined savings placed into that annuity over time can **guarantee** you an income that you cannot outlive at retirement. That's right – **guarantee** - an income you cannot outlive. That will provide you with true peace of mind.

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.

As you ponder all the things that may not work out as you proceed toward retirement, think about the one thing you can do to

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

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Community Activities

By supporting our community activities and fundraisers, we raise awareness of our Order, promote goodwill and assist in increasing contributions to future charitable endeavors.



Frehill Council at No. Smithfield Pumpkinfest

Pictured are DD Ted Benz and Don Stubbs

Your editor recently attended North Smithfield's Pumpkinfest in support of Frehill Council. Even

though the last thing I need this time of year is Dynamites (I usually help with Autumnfest dynamites for my parish) – they were quite good.

Community Activities Director Steve Perry is assembling a promotions and publicity packet for Councils to promote their good works. One document is already on the State Website with more to follow. Even those who already have a plan in place might benefit from new ideas.

Church Activities

Church Director Mike DeAngelis reminds all that church based activities are at the heart of our order. We are first and foremost a **Catholic Organization**. There are several church related activities throughout the calendar,

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please support them. Remember, we are called to ***Build the Domestic Church.***

The flyers for these contests can be found on the State Council Home page (near the bottom).

Youth Activities

The RI State Council, in conjunction with the celebration of its 125th Year, has initiated a new Annual Award, *The Youth of the Year Award*. It is open to any boy or girl (10 -18 years old) in the State of RI in recognition of service and charitable works. Youth Director Mike Guerra recently emailed the Local Councils with an informational flyer and which encouraged participation by all the Councils in the State. Other Youth Activities we are supporting this time of the year are the Keep Christ in Christmas and Substance Abuse Poster Contests and the Catholic Citizenship Essay contest.

Council Activities

Training

Ongoing training can be accessed through the Supreme Website (www.kofc.org) Fraternal Training Portal (which can also be accessed through the State website (www.kofcri.org).

The State Council will host a special training session on Monday, October 23rd, @ 7pm at East Providence Council. The topic will be *Building the Domestic Church* and will be conducted by MPC Dannie Harris.

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State Charity Raffle

As mentioned in last month's newsletter, Charity Raffle Tickets have been printed and are ready to distribute. It is felt that their earlier availability may help increase sales. Increased sales will help the local Councils achieve greater funds for their Charitable causes, a win-win for all. Tickets will cost the Council \$1 per book (each book has 6 tickets) which you can then sell for \$5 per book, realizing a potential **400% profit**. This is an easy fundraiser for your Council. Contact Jack Tracy (ticket Chairman) at jklmc.tracy@att.net or 401-749-0987 with the number of books you want and he will have them ready for you at the October State meeting. You can also bring your check at the same time. (Note: while they will be available throughout most of the Fraternal year, the earlier you get them, the more opportunity to sell them.)

State Website

Check out the new look of 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. *The Links of Interest* tab will connect you to Council event flyers.

State Newsletter

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: jklmc.tracy@att.net

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Prayers Requested



Please remember the following in your prayers:

For the repose of Cecilia Keenan, widow of late PSD John Keenan

For the repose of SK David Giroux of Moylan Assembly

For the repose of Russell "Rusty" Bouchard, perennial Asst. State Membership Dir.

For the repose of Peter Fleurant, son of FDD Charlie and Gloria

For Brother Knights, FVSM Sav Guisti, PSD Rene Trudel, DD Bud Garceau, PGK Ernie Pennine,

Bishop Louis Gelineau, DD Bob Moniz GK Richard Mourningham, FDD Charlie Fleurant, FDD Bob DeMello, and GK Jack Tracy and all our Brothers and their families facing medical issues. For Annette Bebyn, mother of SA Dave Bebyn and her medical issues, Dottie Carrigan, mother of SW Joe Carrigan and Barbara Sisco, mother of Fr. Michael Sisco.

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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

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afraid to contact them for help or with any questions you may have.

Closing Note

Remember, this is here for you, the membership, so please let me know what you want, find useful or even what you feel is not helpful. Contact me at ijklmc.tracy@att.net.

Also, (and I know I said this above) please send me content to promote your Council and its good works. Photos are good, too. I will include as much as possible and run as many pages as it takes (it is an online newsletter, after all, I don't need to print it. – said laughingly)

- *Jack Tracy*

Vivat Jesus!



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