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Council news

2nd – 1st / 2nd at Middletown/Newport candidates @ 6:00 pm

Membership News

2nd – 1st/2nd at St. Mark's Council candidates @ 7:00 pm



9th – 1st/2nd at Bish. Neumann Council candidates @ 7:00 pm

15th – 1st/2nd at Pope Pius Council, candidates @ 6:30 pm

18th – 2nd at Bristol Council, candidates @ 1:00 pm

21st – 3rd at St. Thomas the Apostle, candidates @ 7:00 pm

28th – 1st / 2nd at St. Philip's Council, candidates @ 7:00 pm

28th – 1st / 2nd at St. Francis Council candidates @ 7:30

The State Council has brought in about 50 new members to date. We are at the same pace as last year, so, with a little effort, we can still reach our Circle of Honor goal. Our target for this Fraternal Year is 280 new members.

Remember! *One member per Council per month!*

Following are the degrees scheduled for November:

1st – 1st / 2nd at Narragansett Council candidates @ 6:30 pm

Recognitions

Awards earned during Fraternal Year 2016-2017 were distributed at the October State Meeting. Congratulations to all Councils

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receiving recognition for their hard work. Congratulations also go to two of our Worthy District Deputies for achieving Star District Status. Great Job District 1 DD PJ Shea and District 6 DD Ted Benz.



Columbian Award Recipients

Also recognized at the State Meeting were the winners of the State Golf Tourney (below)



Star Council Recipients



Columbian & Founders Award Recipients



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State Treasurer Message

And, saving the best for last, we note the recipient of Chaplain of the Year. Monday, October 9th at Twelve Acres the State Council held its biennial Clergy Appreciation Dinner. Among several nominations, Fr. Michael Sisko was honored for his outstanding work and efforts on behalf of his Council (St. John Paul II), his parish and the Church.

State Treasurer Dave Quinn reminds all Councils and Brothers that you should remember to notate the purpose of any monies with your remittance. This ensures that everything ends up in the correct account. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

State Advocate Message

State Advocate Dave Bebyn urges all Councils and Home Corporations to ensure compliance with the Youth Protection requirements imposed by Supreme. Not only is it required of us, **IT IS THE RIGHT THING TO DO!**



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This year's Silver Rose journey through Rhode Island is winding down before the transfer to Connecticut, the remaining schedule follows:

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*

Nov. 5th Forty Days for Life (Providence & Cranston) wraps up its Fall Campaign. Thank you to all who participated in any fashion. But, remember the need for prayer continues all day, every day.

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

Fri., Nov. 3 – open

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



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State & Local Happenings

Nov. 4th – East Bay Charity Ball @
Middletown/Newport Council 6:30 pm

Nov. 10th – Hickey Council Annual
Turkey Trot 7:00 pm

Nov. 11th – Marian Pilgrimage for
Vocations @ LaSalette 11:00 am

Nov. 12th – Woonsocket Council Blood
Drive @ St. Joseph Church 10:00 am

Nov. 18th – Jeanne Jugan Residence
Annual Christmas Bazaar

Nov. 18th – Blessing Council Bus Trip
to New Haven (KofC Museum and St.
Mary's Church)

Nov. 26th – Christ the King Mass and
Brunch @ Cathedral of SS. Peter and
Paul 10:00 am

Check the State Website regularly for
details and new listings.

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



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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State Meeting

The next State Meeting will be held on January 26th at 7:30 at Cranston Council #1738.

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.

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.

Community Activities

Operation ROVAC is in full swing. New items such as hats, gloves, underwear, and puzzle books are just some of the items which can be contributed. Final collection date is December 16th at East Providence Council, to be transported from there to the Bristol Veterans Home. Thanks go to Big Blue Bug Solutions and Tony DeJesus for helping with logistics.

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

Youth Activities

The Annual State Soccer Challenge takes place on November 4th from 9:30 am until noon. Our host site is Club Juventude Lusitana, 10 Chase St., Cumberland.

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

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the number of books you want and he will work with you to get them delivered. 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.)

Culture of Life Activities

Forty Days for Life may be wrapping up soon, but our Pro-Life activities are ongoing. On a joyous note, two babies were confirmed saved due to our efforts and the Ancora ultrasound equipment.

Planning has already begun for the March for Life and Pro-Life Dinner events held in January, as well as other efforts. More in the December Newsletter.

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.

Council Activities

State Charity Raffle

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

State Newsletter

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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

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.

Prayers Requested



(to have someone mentioned, contact me @ [ijklmc.tracy@att .net](mailto:ijklmc.tracy@att.net))

Please remember the following in your prayers:

For the repose of Fr. Paul Reynolds

For the repose of Deacon James Rudnik

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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.

Vivat Jesus!

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*



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