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Council news

Countdown to the

Convention /

The State Convention is fast approaching, it is only 18 days away. Last Chance to get your plans completed.

Remember, this is a big year for us. Our State Council is First in the Order, **BUT** it only exists to serve the local Councils. Your participation is vital. We ask you to encourage participation by as many Council members as possible. Members and guests need not Stay at the hotel to participate. It is a small State and the City of Warwick is centrally located to facilitate an event trip. No cost to

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attend the Masses, Hospitality Suites
or Business Meetings. You don't need
to be a delegate to observe the
Business Meetings (just have your
Travel/ Membership Card on you).

#### **RHODE ISLAND KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCILS**

A Circle of Honor Jurisdiction and the Order's 1st State Council
Celebrating 125 years of Service to Our Parishes and the
Communities they serve!



#### 2018 STATE CONVENTION

Friday, April 20 through Sunday, April 22 at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Warwick

### **CONVENTION EVENTS**

#### FRIDAY

Family oriented fun, including

- Golf Outing
- Cards "Tournament"
   Corn Hole Tournament
- RI K of C Jeopardy hosted by the Alex Trebek of Rhode Island, PSD Mr. James E. Gilcreast, Jr.
- Hospitality Rooms

#### SATURDAY

- Memorial Mass
- Bishops Charity Fund Appeal Donations
- Convention Meeting
  - Greetings from the Supreme Knight
     Report of the State Officers
  - Star Council Best Practice
- Ladies Program & Luncheon
   Certificates of Appreciation Presentation
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   125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Mass
- Council Historical Displays
- 125th Anniversary Gala Dinner & Awards Presentations

#### SUNDAY

- Resolutions
- State Council Officer Elections
- State Raffle Drawing

### **RI KOFC AWARDS**

### HOPE AWARD

Our jurisdiction's most prestigious award presented to a Rhode Islander who has exhibited a strong, positive and life-changing impact on the lives of others.

#### MILES A. MCNAMEE LIFETIME AWARD

This first-time award which is named after the first State Deputy of the first State Council in the Knights of Columbus, is presented to a Knights of Columbus member in Rhode Island that exemplifies the principles of our Order.

#### NIGHT OF THE YEAR

Presented to a member of the Rhode Island councils who best demonstrates leadership in growing the membership and outreach of the Order.

#### **FAMILY OF THE YEAR**

Awarded to a Rhode Island Knight and his family for their leadership in Building the Domestic Church, and to the Order's growth and outreach.

#### YOUTH OF THE YEAR

Awarded to honor a young lady or young man between the ages of 10 and 18 from Rhode Island, for their service/charitable works in the community. The winner will receive \$500 (\$250 for the individual and \$250 for a charity of their choice)

Contact State Convention Director, PSD/FM Steve Cioff at stevec618@aol.com for more information









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# Schedule of Events for the 125th Rhode Island State Convention

### Friday, April 20, 2018:

4:00 – 6:00 pm - Attendee Registration & Check-In

6:00 pm - Hospitality Suites Open

### Saturday, April 21, 2018:

7:00 - 8:00 am - Attendee Registration & Check-In

8:00 am - Memorial Mass

9:00 am - State Council Breakfast Snack Reception

9:30 am - 12:00 pm - Business Meeting (Session 1)

10:00 am - 2:00 pm - Ladies Program

12:00 - 1:30 pm - Lunch Break (Men)

1:30 - 3:00 pm - Business Meeting (Session 2)

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3:30 - 4:30 pm Attendee Registration & Check-In

4:30 pm - 125th Anniversary Mass

6:00 - 7:00 pm - 125th Anniversary Cocktail Reception

7:00 pm - 11:00 pm - 125th Anniversary Celebration & Gala

### Sunday, April 22, 2018:

8:00 - 9:00 am - Attendee Registration & Check-In

9:00 - 12:00pm - Business Meeting (Session 3)

9:00 - 10:00 am - Zumba Class hosted by First Lady Lee Ann Benson

12:00 - 2:00 pm - Closing Luncheon

I intend to publish 1 or 2
Convention Bulletins to be
published on site after the Gala
and from home on Sunday night or
Monday morning. The Gala Extra



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will be focused on Award winners and heavy on photos. The Roundup edition will feature election results and Charity Raffle announcements. Look for these extras on the website first (I will email them out a couple of days after the Convention closes.

### Vivat Jesus!

- Jack Tracy, newsletter editor

Membership News





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.

# Remember! One member per Council per month!

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



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**4**<sup>th</sup> – **1**<sup>st</sup> at East Providence Council, candidates @ 6:30 pm

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

24<sup>th</sup> – 1<sup>st</sup>/2<sup>nd</sup> at St. Philip's Council, candidates @ 6:30 pm

25<sup>th</sup> – 1<sup>st</sup>/2<sup>nd</sup> at Pope Pius XII Council,

Candidates @ 6:30 pm

May 2<sup>nd</sup> – 1<sup>st</sup>/2<sup>nd</sup> at St. Augustine Council, candidates @ 6:30 pm

Degree and Ceremonials Director Bob Gallant wants to flood these degrees with Candidates, let's help him out.

# State Deputy Message

Dear Brother Knights, Beloved Clergy, families and friends. Lee Ann and I pray this note finds you and yours well. As we begin the Easter Season, I wish you all the joy and peace the Resurrection of Volume I, issue 9 our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ promises.

The month of April brings a great number of programs worthy of our attention as members of the largest lay Catholic organization in Rhode Island and the world.

First up is the announcement from the Diocese of Providence that our very own Executive Secretary, Former District Deputy Michael Krzywonos has been selected to receive this year's Lumen Gentium Award for his service to a Culture of Life. This is a most deserved honor as we are all aware of the countless hours Michael has invested on behalf of all of us for the unborn. Please be sure to congratulate Michael, his wife Pat and daughter Kathy on this achievement and consider attending the Lumen Gentium



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April 2018 event on May 16 at Twin Rivers Casino to show your support.

There are limited seats still available to attend the Dr. Scott Hahn presentation at McVinney Auditorium this Saturday, April 7 from 9 AM to 12 PM. Information can be found at discovercatholicfaith.com

Also Saturday, April 7, is the 50th Annual High School Track & Field Relays to be held at Mt. Pleasant High School's Conley Stadium. High School athletes from across New England and New York will compete for the 50th consecutive year under the direction of Brother Knight Richard Duggan.

Attention Ladies! The Columbiette's will hold their annual charity Fashion Show on Sunday, April 8 at East Providence Council

Volume I, issue 9 with fashions from the Dress Barn. Tickets are \$10. Contact Jean Oliver at (401) 497-0515 for more information.

The Diocese of Providence Human Life Guild will hold their 7th Annual Pastoral Care Dinner on Saturday evening, April 14, 6 PM at St. John Paul II Church Hall in Pawtucket. Proceeds from the evening will support Diocesan Pastoral Care programs including: St. Gabriel's Call (pregnancy and beyond outreach ministry), Project Rachel/Rachel's Vineyard Retreats (post- abortion ministry), and My Child...My Gift (pre- natal diagnosis ministry). Contact FDD Michael Krzywonos at 474-2285 by April 6 for tickets.

This is an important year in our history. Rhode Island was the first Jurisdiction to establish a State Council, thus we are the first in the



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Order to reach 125 years of service to our Diocese and our communities. The highlight of our year as members of the Knights of Columbus in Rhode Island will be the 125th Anniversary Mass & Gala taking place during our annual State Convention. Knights from throughout the jurisdiction will celebrate this momentous occasion at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Warwick April 20-22, 2018.

The weekend schedule of events begin with convention delegate and hotel registrations on Friday afternoon, and include social activities into the evening open to all members of the Knights of Columbus and their guests that will include card tournaments, a bean bag tournament and council-hosted hospitality rooms. Every Knight and their guests are welcome!

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The Saturday events open with a Memorial Mass to remember those Knights that have entered into Eternal Rest during the past year. This is followed by the State Council Business Meeting for officers and council delegates from throughout the state and will include the presentation of financial support to the Bishop's Annual Charity Fund Appeal, Special Olympics Rhode Island and Our Lady of Providence Seminary.

The 125th Gala begins with the Celebration of Mass at 4:30, concelebrated by His Excellency Bishop Louis E. Gelineau, State Chaplain Rev. Joseph Paquette and Council Chaplains and Parish Pastors from throughout the state. A cocktail hour follows where guests can view memorabilia from our councils rich histories. The Gala Banquet includes a robust



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Awards program that will see the presentation of the Youth of the Year, the Family of the Year, and the Knight of the Year awards, as well as the Miles A. McNamee Award for lifetime achievement from a member of the Knights. The pinnacle of the evening will be the presentation of our most prestigious acknowledgement, the Hope Award, presented to a man or woman, living or deceased, that had a substantial and positive impact on the lives of others during their lifetime. Past recipients include Bishop Gelineau, Bishop Daniel Reilly, PawSox owner Ben Mondor, Philanthropist Allen Shawn Feinstein, former Governor J. Joseph Garrahy, and most recently, former Special Olympics **Executive Director Michael** McGovern, among others.

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Our Hope Award recipient for this edition will be Coach David Belisle. David's passion for his faith, family, youth development and his community make him a most deserving selection as these contributions are perfectly aligned with the mission of the Knights of Columbus. Who can forget the words of encouragement and pride he provided his Cumberland American baseball team in their National Championship loss during the Little League World Series. The constructive impact he has had on the lives of children for almost 40 years through his work coaching youth sports is inspiring.

In addition to Bishop Gelineau and Mr. Belisle, the Rhode Island Knights of Columbus Councils are humbled and honored to welcome Supreme Secretary Mr. & Mrs. Michael J. O'Connor, and Supreme



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Director Mr. & Mrs. Scott Flood, as well as dignitaries from visiting Jurisdictions, and Past State Deputies from Rhode Island.

The Sunday Business Meeting will include the election of State Council Officers and Delegates to the 136th Supreme Convention in Baltimore. Be sure your council's vote is counted during these important elections. Remember: Each council in Rhode Island is a member of the State Council. This is your annual event, which is conducted to bring us together in Unity and Fraternity to celebrate our Charity to those who need us. Every council needs to be represented at the Gala, and most certainly at the Convention.

The Rhode Island Knights of Columbus Councils in partnership with the Men of St. Joseph International are sponsoring the

Diocese of Providence 2018 Catholic Men's Conference, "Come Follow Me: renewed in Christ" which will take place at the Cathedral of SS Peter & Paul in Providence on Saturday, April 28 from 8 AM until 2 PM. The day opens with Holy Mass celebrated by Bishop Robert Evans. The day includes morning coffee, talks from our keynote Catholic speakers Damon Owens and Jon Leonetti, lunch, and more. Early Bird Tickets: \$30 (until April 8th); Regular Admission: Tickets \$40. Shop early and save! This is an excellent opportunity to grow in

Finally, looking ahead to May, please save the date for the annual Teens Are Dynamite event to raise funds to support the two remaining CYO Centers in Rhode Island. The

your faith. #BuildingThe

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event takes place at St. Agatha Church Hall in Woonsocket on Saturday, 5 PM. Tickets are \$10 and can be purchases through District Deputy Bob Moniz. Even if you or your council cannot attend, please consider a donation to support this worthy cause.

The KANDI Drive to raise funds for intellectually disables persons is scheduled for May 10-12.

More details on all of the above, and more including our Prayer List, can be found on the State Council website at kofcri.org. Be sure to visit often.

The strength of our Programs are the primary reason men want to be involved with the Knights of Columbus. Strong Programs create strong Membership. Be sure the members of your councils are tuned in to the events showcased

Volume I, issue 9 in this Newsletter, and share them with your parish community.

Our Membership intake goals are still within reach as we enter the final three months of this Fraternal Year, however we must be proactive. All along our membership requirement has been "One Member, Per Month, Per Council." If all 46 councils do this during the months of April, May and June, we will have even more Star Councils and once again attain the prestigious Circle of Honor as a Jurisdiction. We are that close. It is imperative each Council has a Degree schedule or identified to attend each month. Please contact your District Deputy or Membership Director Eric Batista (ebkofc@gmail.com) if your council needs assistance. We are here to help you succeed.



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



Vivat Jesus!

- SD Mike Benson

# State Secretary Message

Just a reminder that RI State per-capita bills were mailed in January and due now. Council's delegates to the upcoming State Convention (April 21-22, 2018) will not be seated if Supreme and/or State per-capita assessments have not been paid.

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State Convention Delegate Accreditation forms have also been mailed to each Grand Knight. To avoid any last-minute confusion at the convention, return completed forms to the State Secretary ASAP.

Questions: Contact SS Michael Dziok at 401-333-6422 or mdziok1067@aol.com

# Thoughts from the IPSD

IPSD Peter Lentini sends along the following motivational article:

# 4 Reasons You Should Think Like an Ant

Imagine what you could accomplish if you never quit and always did all that you could do.

By Jim Rohn, January 10, 2016



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When was the last time you saw ants reach an obstacle and give up with their heads down and head back to the ant hole to relax? Never.

Here's another question. How much will an ant gather during the summer to prepare for winter? All that it possibly can.

Imagine what you could accomplish if you never quit and always did all that you could do.

I think everybody should study ants and their philosophy—it's simple, but it's powerful:

### 1. Ants never quit.

That's a good philosophy. If ants are headed somewhere and you try to stop them; they'll look for another way. They'll climb over, they'll climb under and they'll climb around. They keep looking for Volume I, issue 9 another way. What a neat philosophy, to never quit looking for a way to get where you're supposed to go.

### 2. Ants think winter all summer.

That's an important perspective. You can't be so naive as to think summer will last forever. So, ants are gathering their winter food in the middle of summer.

An ancient story says, "Don't build your house on the sand in the summer." Why do we need that advice? Because it's important to be realistic. In the summer, you've got to think storm. Think ahead.

### 3. Ants think summer all winter.

That is so important. During the winter, ants remind themselves, "This won't last long; we'll soon be out of here." And the first warm day, the ants are out. If it turns cold



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April 2018 again, they'll dive back down, but then they come out the first warm day. They can't wait to get out.

# 4. Ants think "all-you-possibly-can."

How much will an ant gather during the summer to prepare for the winter? All he possibly can. Ants don't have quotas or "good enough" philosophies. They don't gather a certain amount and then head back to the hole to hang out. If an ant can do more, it does. What an incredible philosophy, the "all-you-possibly-can" philosophy.

Never give up, look ahead, stay positive and do all you can.

Failure happens. The best thing is to learn from your mistakes and keep moving forward. Learn the 7 reasons you might be failing.

# 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.

Fast on the heels of the State Convention will be the Diocese of Providence Annual Men's Conference. The Conference is hosted by the Diocesan Office of Faith Formation at the Cathedral complex. Annually sponsored by the Men of St. Joseph, the RI State Council Knights of Columbus will once again join as co-sponsors (for the 2<sup>nd</sup> year). The event Date is April



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28<sup>th</sup> from 8 am until 2 pm. Featured speakers are Damon Owens and Jon Leonetti. Contact the Office of Faith Formation to register at 278-4646.

- 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 Volume I, issue 9

**April 7**<sup>th</sup> – 50<sup>th</sup> Annual High School Track and Field Relays at Mt. Pleasant High

**April 7<sup>th</sup> -** Scott Hahn at McVinney Auditorium, 9am -12 noon

April 8<sup>th</sup> - The Columbiettes of Council #3623 will hold their Annual Spring Fashion Show and Ladies Luncheon. It will take place @ East Providence Council, starting at 1 pm.

**April 14**<sup>th</sup> – Pastoral Care Dinner at 6 pm @ St. Cecilia in Pawtucket.

**April 20<sup>th</sup>-22<sup>nd</sup>** – 125<sup>th</sup> State Convention: see the lead article for schedule.

**April 22**<sup>nd</sup> – Wild Game Dinner at 12 noon @ Cranston Council.

April 28<sup>th</sup> – Catholic Men's Conference beginning at 8 am to 2 pm @ the Cathedral of SS. Peter and Paul, Providence. (cosponsored by the Men of St. Joseph and the RI Knights of Columbus).



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**May 5**<sup>th</sup> – *Teens R Dynamite* fundraiser beginning at 5 pm @ St. Agatha Church in Woonsocket.

May 10<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> - KANDI Drive dates around the State

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

### At a cost of just \$3599 per person.

(Air/land tour price is \$3099 plus \$500 government taxes/airline surcharges)

Price Includes: Roundtrip Air from Boston, First Class/Select Hotels, Most Meals, Professional Tour Director, Volume I, issue 9
Comprehensive Sightseeing, Entrance
Fees and More!!

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

# 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.....





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Woonsocket Council's kitchen crew from Palm Sunday, raising funds for various Council charities.

.....while doing good works.

## Culture of Life Activities

The Spring 40 Days for Life Campaign was recently concluded with some success as Planned Parenthood seems agitated enough to react. We seem to be reaching people.



St. Patrick Dinner at St. Francis Council

### Community Activities

Councils from around the State celebrated St. Patrick's Day with traditional Irish meals; including, but not limited to, Blessing, Cranston and St. Francis Councils.

### Kandi Drive

The annual Kandi Drive Kickoff Dinner was held on February 20<sup>th</sup>. Thanks to St. John Paul II Council & Chairman GK Bruce Guindon (bruceguindon@yahoo.com or

401-474-0371) for taking the lead for this event. Each Council is encouraged to participate in this effort to raise funds for those with



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April 2018 intellectual disabilities. The 2<sup>nd</sup> weekend in May (10<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup>) is the preferred time for local Councils to conduct their efforts.

## Teens R Dynamite



Fast approaching is the State
Council sponsored *Teens R Dynamite* Fundraiser. This event
raises money for the 2 CYO
Centers in the Diocese: **Rejoice In Hope** in Cranston and **Fr. Marot** in
Woonsocket. The effort is
spearheaded by DD Bob Moniz of
St. Francis Council with the
cooking team at Woonsocket

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Council, led by PGK PFN Rich Riel and GK Jack Tracy.



The centers help to promote the formation of our youth's spirituality and faith through athletic, cultural, social, Christian social action and spiritual programs such as the Catholic Athletic League, *Glorify*, prayer meetings and the *Search for Maturity* program.



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Fr. Joe Brice bestowing a Search Cross on Caitlyn Tracy during the closing of the March Search at the Fr. Marot Center in Woonsocket

## From District 6 Deputy Ted Benz

Saint Vincent De Paul Society is looking for locations for their clothing collection bins. Churches and council halls are asked to

Volume I, issue 9 consider locating these bins at their facilities.

Feel free to contact Ted for more information: <a href="mailto:ted@benztesters.com">ted@benztesters.com</a>

### Church Activities

A Lenten Day of Recollection was held on March 10<sup>th</sup> at All Saints Church, Woonsocket (Woonsocket Council). Hosted by State Chaplain Fr. Joseph Paquette and featuring Elizabeth and Ryan Tremblay, 65 people attended the event and experienced a day filled with prayer, music and inspiring stories. It was a great way to prepare for the last weeks of Lent and prelude to the joy of Easter. Below are some photos from the day.



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Elizabeth and Ryan Tremblay performing at the Day of Recollection



Sharing time leading into Benediction and Rosary



Twelve volunteers brave enough to dance for the Lord



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## Youth Activities



The State Basketball Free Throw Finals were conducted on March 18<sup>th</sup>. Winners from competition at the locals Councils advance to the State level.

Boys and girls from across Rhode Island, ages 9 to 14, were named Rhode Island State Champions of the 2018 Knights of Columbus Free Throw Championship. Councils across Rhode Island sponsored the local competition during the past few months and winners from the Councils level moved forward to the State level. All youngsters ages 9 to 14 were eligible to participate. The state competition was held on Sunday,

Volume I, issue 9 March 18 at Bishop Hendricken High School in Warwick, RI.

Nine-year-old state champions were Keira Harnois (North Smithfield) in the girls' bracket and Luke Cavanaugh (Lincoln) in the boys'. Caitlin McVeigh (Lincoln) was the 10-year-old girls' state champion and Brayden Ricco (North Smithfield) was the winner of the 10year-old boys' division. In the 11- yearolds' bracket, Lauren Cipriano (Lincoln) was the girls' state champion and Jonus Rivera (Providence) was the boys' champion. Twelve-year old state winners in the girls' and boys' divisions were Bailey Howell (Westport, MA) and Garrett Ballou (West Greenwich). The 13-year-old girls' division was won by Ahtiana Benway (Lincoln) and the boys by Benjamin Reyes (Providence). Fourteen-year-old state champions were Rebecca Usher (Bristol) in the girls' bracket and Nathan Cooperman (Barrington) in the boys'.



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### Going from left to right --

Kevin Blais (Chancellor from St. John Vianney Council 12312 in Cumberland), Rebecca Usher (Bristol) age 14, Ahtiana Benway (Lincoln) age 13, Bailey Howell (Westport, MA) age 12, Lauren Cipriano (Lincoln) age 11, Caitlin McVeigh (Lincoln) age 10, Keira Harnois (North Smithfield) age 9, Robert Chesney (Grand Knight from St. John Vianney Council 12312 in Cumberland)

Each contestant was allowed 25 free throw attempts in the contests. Ties were settled by successive rounds of five free throws per contestant until a winner emerged. Each of these winners will compete international level.



Going from left to right --Kevin Blais (Chancellor from St. John Vianney Council 12312 in Cumberland), Luke Cavanaugh (Lincoln) age 9, Brayden Ricco (North Smithfield) age 10, Jonus Rivera (Providence) age 11, Garrett Ballou (West Greenwich) age 12, Benjamin Reyes (Providence) age 13, Robert Chesney (Grand Knight from St. John Vianney Council 12312 in Cumberland)

Note: Nathan Cooperman (Barrington) age 14 was not available for boys' picture

Congratulations to all who participated. And, good luck to those who have advanced to the next level.



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# Council Activities State Charity Raffle



The time is now my Brothers! This year's State Raffle Winners will be drawn this month at the State Convention. Make sure you bring in your stubs from sold tickets and get them into the Raffle Drum. If you don't turn them in, they have zero chance to be drawn. The actual date of the drawing is April 22<sup>nd</sup>, Sunday.

## New Initiative!

In order to encourage a best practices effort in the area of

Volume I, issue 9 communication, the State is beginning an effort to recognize Councils and Assemblies who publish their own newsletter and separately those who develop their own website and/or Facebook page. Should your Council have any of these, please direct me to them by emailing me at jklmc.tracy@att.net.

The form of the recognition is still being developed and I have already accessed some Council's communications but can use all the help I can get. Thank you.

- Jack Tracy

### The State Convention

The major event of the Fraternal Year is upon us. See the lead article for important information, but remember that the Convention belongs to the local Councils. It is our best opportunity to exchange information and



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April 2018 socialize with each other on a grand scale.

### Training

There are many training opportunities throughout the year (see the Supreme Website – <a href="www.kofc.org">www.kofc.org</a> ). 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 Ciolfi is here to help.

### State Website

Check out the State Website at <a href="www.kofcri.org">www.kofcri.org</a>. 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. This can be an invaluable resource, but you must use it for it to help you.

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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: jklmc.tracy@att.net

# State Meeting

The next State Meeting will be held on May 18<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 at Delaney- St. Teresa Council, Newport Avenue, Pawtucket.

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.



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Prayers Requested



Prayers are requested for the repose of the soul of:

Deacon N. David Bouley

Prayers are also requested for Bishop Louis Gelineau, Executive Secretary Mike 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 (Pope Leo Council), PFN Jerry L'Esperance (Moylan Assembly) and GK Kevin Audette (Delaney-St. Theresa Council) as

Volume I, issue 9 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.

(to have someone mentioned, contact me @ jklmc.tracy@att .net)

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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 <a href="mailto:jklmc.tracy@att.net">jklmc.tracy@att.net</a>.

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.

- Jack Tracy



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