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## Welcome & Thank you

At the January State Meeting State Deputy Dave Quinn announced the appointment of James Fielding as the new Executive Secretary to the State Council. Jim hails from Warwick Council where he serves as the Financial Secretary. He has a background in data & information services. Jim succeeds FDD Mike Kryzwonos who served admirably for many years. Welcome Jim and thank you Mike for leaving behind those big shoes to fill.

## News From Supreme

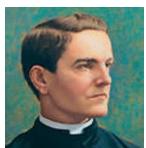
On Friday, January 29<sup>th</sup>, Supreme Knight Carl Anderson was awarded the 2021 Pro-Life Legacy Award at the **March for Life's Rose Dinner Gala** (virtual this year) for his long service to the Pro-Life cause. Congratulations

and thank you from your Brothers in Rhode Island.



Here is a small excerpt from the Supreme Knight's comments addressing the nature of the Pro-Life struggle.

"Each of us, way back from the beginning of the pro-life movement, has known we are on a lifetime's journey," he said. "The direction of that journey does not bend. It does not waver, though sometimes, it



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may slow down. But in the end, our pro-life journey has a destination and that, my friends, is victory.”

And speaking of the Supreme Knight, big news reached us on Friday afternoon. Let me tell it in the Supreme Knight’s own words via his email message:

Dear Brother Knight,

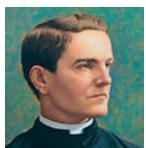
It is my great honor and joy to announce that Deputy Supreme Knight Patrick E. Kelly has been elected to succeed me and become the 14th Supreme Knight of the Knights of Columbus.

As you may know, the by-laws of the Supreme Council require that Supreme Officers retire at the end of the month of their 70th birthday. In anticipation of my reaching that milestone later this month, the Supreme Directors are meeting virtually today and have just elected Brother Kelly as my successor, effective March 1st.

We will be truly blessed to have Patrick Kelly assume leadership of the Order. His knowledge, experience and devotion to the faith make him exceedingly well-suited to continue our mission in these challenging times. I could not be more enthusiastic about transferring my duties to Brother Kelly.

In the coming weeks, the Supreme Knight-elect and I will be working closely to ensure a smooth transition and I look forward to continuing to serve the Order and to fully support my successor as Past Supreme Knight.

When I became Supreme Knight in the year 2000, I told my brother Knights that “the best is yet to come!” Reflecting on the past twenty years, and the achievements made possible by contributions of so many Knights of Columbus leaders like you, I know I was not mistaken. Today, with



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equal confidence, I believe we can all still say that for the Knights of Columbus — the best is yet to come!

Fraternally,

*Carl A. Anderson*

Supreme Knight

Following are a couple of comments from **Supreme Knight-elect Patrick Kelly** gleaned from my daily Catholic News Agency feed:

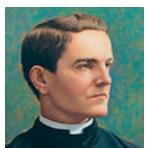
“I look forward to continuing Carl’s great work and will strive to guide the Knights of Columbus by the principles of charity, unity and fraternity according to the vision of Blessed Michael McGivney,” Kelly said in his acceptance speech.

“These principles are as important today as they were almost 140 years ago at our founding,” he said. “They are a proven path to deepen our Catholic

faith, and build strong families, strong parishes, and strong communities that work together for the common good and recognize the dignity and worth of every human being. I ask for prayers as I endeavor to advance the great history and traditions of the Knights of Columbus in service to the Lord, his Church, our brother Knights and their families, our parishes and our communities.”

## *Membership News*

The Supreme Council has extended the **McGivney2020** promotion through the end of the Fraternal Year (June 30<sup>th</sup>). When registering to join the Knights of Columbus through the on-line process ([kofc.org/joinus](http://kofc.org/joinus)), candidates may enter “McGivney2020” in the appropriate box to join for free. Also, candidates may continue the online process by enrolling for On-line



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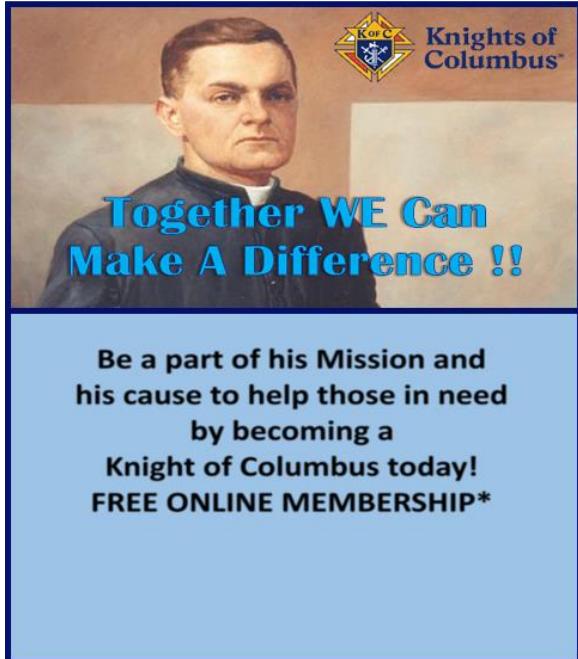
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Exemplifications **On Demand** through the Supreme website ([kofc.org](http://kofc.org)) by clicking on “For Members”, then “Ceremonials”, “Online Exemplification”.



Additionally, Membership Director Jeff Gaulin has begun offering virtual Exemplifications using video recorded using RI Knights of Columbus members.

While in person Exemplifications are still the preferred experience (John Paul II Council recently held

one), the on-line option is there when necessary.

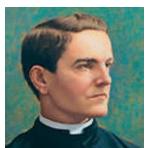
## *From the Membership Director*

Brothers,

**Membership is moving and we are growing !!!**

At the mid-year meeting it was announced that the McGivney2020 program for free membership for those who join online has been extended through June 30, 2021 (cf. above entry). I am glad to see that there are some councils taking advantage of it!!!! My hope in the coming months is that all councils take advantage of it as we need more of you recruiting.

We are at 115 to our membership goal with just 5 months to go. If every council brings in 2 members per month we will surely hit our target of 240.



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I have heard that those Councils who are having success is because they are finding ways to hold events or sponsor them which is bringing recognition to their Council and in turn picking up interest from the people who see them. Most recently, East Providence Council held a blood drive with the RI Blood Center and as a result a new member joined during that event as he was inspired by what he saw taking place and wanted to be part of it.

Brothers, that being said, it's about getting our message out there and making a difference for people. We are Knights of Charity and with that we can do the good works in our parish communities.

**Keep The Drive Alive and go out there and recruit!!!!**

God Bless

*Jeff Gaulin*

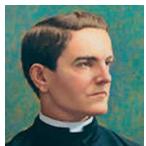
*From the District Master*



Brothers,

A few days after the January edition of A Knight's View was published I received an email from the Worthy Master of Maine, Duane Belanger, inviting Rhode Island to join his district in a virtual Fourth Degree Exemplification. The Exemplification will be held on Saturday, **February 20, 2021 at 1:00 PM. DEADLINE FOR REGISTRATION is FEBRUARY 13, 2021.**

There are many Brothers that have been waiting to join the Patriotic Degree and this presents a tremendous opportunity to do so for merely \$40.00 per candidate. For further information please contact: PSD James Gilcreast, Secretary to the Master, at 35



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Jacksonia Drive, North Providence,  
RI 02911 or email  
[jwellingtonwells@hotmail.com](mailto:jwellingtonwells@hotmail.com).  
Cell # 401-749-9035. (ed. note –  
**all completed Forms 4** need to be  
sent to Jim Gilcreast)

**REMINDER:** The Annual Survey of  
Fraternal Activity for assemblies  
was due January 31.

Fraternally,



*Peter Lentini, PSD*

District Master

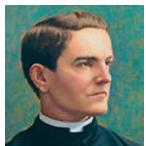
## *Fraternal Benefits*

WSD, Brothers All,

It is with great pleasure I  
announce to you all that I have  
decided to expand my Agency by

taking on an Assistant General Agent. I promoted Michael A. Colello to AGA effective January 1, 2021. Mike's position is supported and recognized by our Supreme Office. Last year Mike finished #20 at 250.83% of quota in our Order and out of 983 Field Agents. He was also our Long Term Care Leader for the Order in 2021. He is a Million Dollar Round Table Qualifier (MDRT), and achieved Supreme Knights Club status. Mike is a Registered Investment Adviser (RIA) and holds the security licenses 7, 63, & 65 as well as the designation FICF which is a Fraternal Insurance Counselor Fellow.

He has proven himself a great resource for his members and now shares that with the rest of my Agency. With Mike by my side, I expect to have more time to grow our Order both Fraternally and Insurance, allowing for a better process of hiring new agents and



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continuing to train the existing agents.

Please help me welcome Mike to the management team.

God Bless!

General Agent John Ruffo is available for all your Fraternal Benefits questions. He can be reached at [john.ruffo@kofc.org](mailto:john.ruffo@kofc.org) or by phone at 860-807-3234 (office) or 860-866-8712 (cell)



**Editor's reminder** – Fraternal Benefits include much more than Life Insurance

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

## Events of Note

- **February 6<sup>th</sup>** – Virtual Exemplification of Charity, Unity, Fraternity
- **February 17<sup>th</sup>** – Ash Wednesday

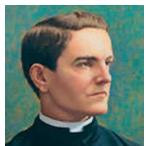
- **February 17<sup>th</sup>** – 40 Days for Life Lenten effort begins
- **February 20<sup>th</sup>** – Virtual Patriotic Degree Exemplification

Check the State Website regularly for details and new listings.

## Milestone Celebrations

Thirty years ago, 30 men of **St. Augustine Parish** banded together in the church basement (much like the first band of men did back in 1882 when the Knights of Columbus was formed in New Haven, Connecticut) and with the help of State Deputy Jim Kiley and District Deputy Bob Marciano, formed St. Augustine Council #10557. On February 21<sup>st</sup>, we commemorate the work of these men as we celebrate our 30th anniversary!

St. Augustine Council has been a stalwart of the Catholic Church



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for all of this time and have been an inspiration to all who have come in contact with us. They have provided the RI State Council with 1 State Deputy (John Marcello) as well as 4 District Deputies and several directors. And, they maintain a solid relationship with the parish and its other ministries.

Congratulations! from all of your Brothers throughout the State.

hoped that the celebration will begin with a 4pm Mass. With questions, or to participate, contact State Membership Director Jeff Gaulin (event chair) at [jagaulin@verizon.net](mailto:jagaulin@verizon.net) or DD Jack Tracy at [jkmc.tracy@gmail.com](mailto:jkmc.tracy@gmail.com).

## 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.

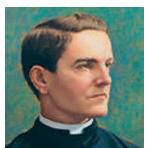


Woonsocket Council #113, whose 125<sup>th</sup> Charter Anniversary date was January 27, 2020 has once again been forced to postpone its Gala Celebration due to RI COVID19 restrictions. Your humble editor once joked that we would be celebrating Woonsocket's 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary in its 126<sup>th</sup> year. And, so, it has come to pass. **The new date for the Gala is April 17, 2021**, a mere 364 days later than originally scheduled 😊😊. The venue remains unchanged, St. Ann's Arts & Cultural Center on Cumberland Street in Woonsocket (just down the road from the Council home @ All Saints Church). It is still

## 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.....

.....while doing good works.



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## State Charity Raffle

Raffle Tickets are still available and arrangements for distribution can be made by Contacting DD Jack Tracy ([jkmc.tracy@gmail.com](mailto:jkmc.tracy@gmail.com)) to order. You may also **text (or voicemail) 401-749-0987**. I am quite flexible with regard to arranging delivery to you and strongly urge you to pre-order if only so we can talk about getting the tickets to you. In these times of curtailed programs this is a good way to supplement your fundraising activities.



Prizes remain at \$1000 for 1<sup>st</sup> prize, \$500 for 2<sup>nd</sup>, and \$250 for 3<sup>rd</sup>. Cost to the Councils is \$1 per book of 6 tickets which you can sell at \$5 per book, realizing a 400% profit to distribute to your Council's chosen charities.

**What good is it, my brothers, if someone says he has faith but does not have works? (Jas 2:14)**

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

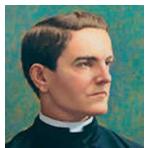
*But someone may well say, "You have Faith and I have works; show me your Faith without the works, and I will show you my Faith by my works". (Jas 2:18)*

## Community Activities



## Citizenship Essay Contest

This year's State level Catholic Citizenship Essay Contest winners are from **Bristol Council**, they are Klara Jamro (8<sup>th</sup> grade) and Tom Swift (9<sup>th</sup> grade). Both are pictured below.



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(l to r) DD Warren Rensehausen, Father Stephen Battey (Asst. Pastor OLMC) 8th grade Essay contest winner Klara Jamro and Mrs. Jessica Saglio (Principal OLMC school)

should always be respectful and civil in this dialog, we need not fear the truth regarding the sanctity of life.

We begin this month's Life articles with a response from Cardinal Dolan to a question posed by a politician. The response was carried in Catholic New York & disseminated on the internet, part of the Cardinal's statements follow below.

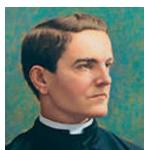
Recalling a conversation with a politician who asked him, "why are you Catholics so hung up about abortion," the Archbishop of New York explained in a Jan. 13 column at Catholic New York that "actually, we're obsessed with the dignity of the human person and the sacredness of all human life! Yes, the innocent, helpless life of the baby in the womb, but also the life of the death row prisoner, the immigrant, the fragile elderly, the poor and the sick."



(l to r) Thomas Swift 9th grade essay contest winner, DD Warren Rensehausen and Father Henry Zinno (Pastor OLMC)

## *Life Activities*

We must always be vigilant when it comes to Life issues. Never be afraid to engage your local, State and National officials in a dialog of truth. While we



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"As a matter of fact," Cardinal Dolan says, "this is not a uniquely 'Catholic' issue at all, but one of human rights. We didn't learn that abortion was horrible in religion class, but in biology, and in our courses on the 'inalienable rights' tradition in American history."

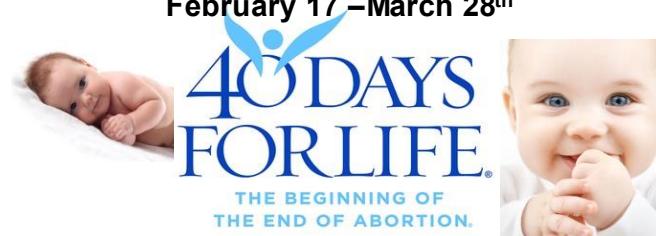
"How can we sustain a culture that recoils at violence, exclusion, suicide, racism, injustice, and callousness toward those in need, if we applaud, allow, pay for, and promote the destruction of the most helpless, the baby in the womb?"

Cardinal Dolan also writes that "pro-abortionists reassured us forty-eight years ago" that abortion would be kept safe, legal, and rare. "So much for the reassurances! We have hardly gotten used to it. Abortion remains the hottest issue in our politics, with polls showing that most Americans want restrictions on its unquestioned

use, and do not want their taxes to pay for it."

The Lenten **Forty Days for Life** campaign is set to begin on Ash Wednesday, February 17<sup>th</sup>. The Campaign runs daily through March 28<sup>th</sup>. Please join the effort if you are able.

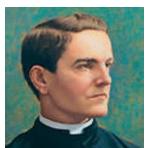
**The next 40 Days for Life is during Lent**  
**February 17 – March 28<sup>th</sup>**



Brother Knights of Rhode Island, we need your help! Please Join us to pray the Rosary for the end of Abortion. All are welcome. Bring your council, family and friends.

Location: outside of Planned Parenthood at 175 Broad Street in Providence

Hope to see many of you each Saturday during Lent 2021 for the next 40 Days for Life. Early morning Rosary starts at 7:45 or 9:00 a.m. Any questions please contact Paul Gebhart at paul\_gebhart@outlook.com



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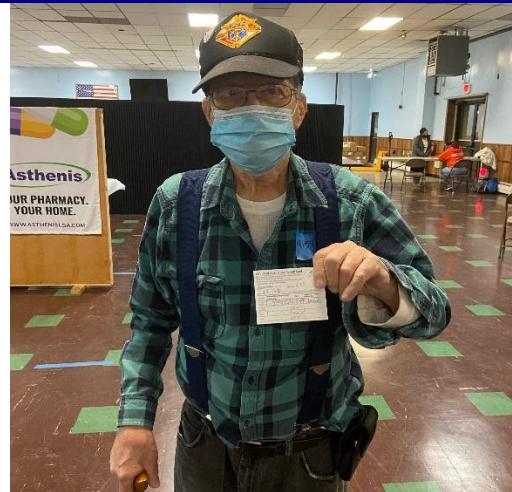
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**Bristol Council** delivered to the **Little Flower Home** in Tiverton a large supply of diapers and some gift baskets for their guests.



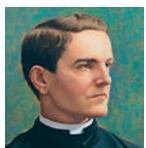
Doug Laroche of Bristol Council (l) and Lareal O'Loughlin of The Little Flower Home (r)

Doing their part on the COVID “front lines” is **Sullivan Council**, who has volunteered their building as a distribution center for the Moderna vaccine. Pictured below is PGK Leo Larivee after receiving his first dose of the vaccine.



Donnelly Council KofC will be hosting a curbside pick-up, Lenten Supper on Friday, February 26, 2021 at St. Mark’s parish. You will enjoy homemade Manicotti, Salad, Garlic Bread, and Pia’s famous wine biscuits. All proceeds will benefit Fr. Donnelly Council’s fundraising efforts to purchase a new ultra-sound machine for the Mother of Life Center in Providence. The event flyer will come as an attachment to the same email by which you receive this newsletter.

**Blood Drives** have long been a staple of Knights Life programming and continue to be important events during this time. (**Lincoln Council** held another successful one this week). Some



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tweaking of the logistics has been required due to COVID19, but the need is still there. It is strongly recommended that appointments for donations be made, though the RI Blood Center will allow walk-ins **IF** spacing permits. This is a program we can all get behind, even in these times.

## Mother of Life Center

The **Ultrasound unit at the Mother of Life Center** is beginning to show its age. It needs repair more often and those are getting difficult as the manufacturer is discontinuing some parts in favor of newer models. Please consider donating, as a Council or individually, toward acquiring a new unit. It has already been confirmed that Supreme will still match funds raised (\$1 for \$1). Your donations may be sent to the State Office at RI State Council Knights of Columbus, 3200 Pawtucket Avenue, East Providence, RI 02915. Mark it to the Attention of State Treasurer Joe Carrigan and memo that it is for Ultrasound.

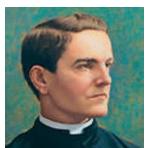
Editor's Note: Any donation/payment for any function/event/program should always include a notation (preferably on the memo line) as to what it is for so that it can be properly credited. Thank you.

## **Update!**

We are making remarkable progress toward our goal for the Ultrasound unit itself (which Supreme will match). But we don't want to stop short of the goal. In addition there are costs associated with training and installing (e.g.- electrical upgrades) which we can help with if we should exceed our goal. Thank you to all we have contributed thus far and thanks in advance to all who will contribute.

Also know that any donation can now be Tax Deductible if you use the new 501c3 Foundation recently set up. Go to the State website ([kofcri.org](http://kofcri.org)) and click on the link for either a credit card or check donation. These can be found on the main page. Please remember to note your affiliation with Council for proper credit to be given.

**Always remember that the fight to protect life never ends. Whether it is end**



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of life causes, treatment of the living in this world (social justice issues) or treatment of the not yet born.

## Faith Activities

Trust in the Lord with all your heart, on your own intelligence rely not; In all your ways be mindful of him and he will make straight your paths. (Proverbs 3:5-6)



## *Into the Breach*

St. Augustine Council is sponsoring a parish-wide Into the Breach Seminar. Into the Breach is a groundbreaking 12-episode video series that strives to answer what it means to be a Catholic man in today's world. Each episode explores a core theme such as brotherhood, leadership, fatherhood, and spiritual warfare.

Into the Breach is more than a film series; it is a place of encounter where men can acquire the knowledge and tools to transform their lives in Christ.

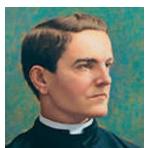
To watch a trailer, click on this link.  
<https://youtu.be/ss0i4xuSffQ>.

Their first meeting will be held on Thursday, Feb. 18 from 7:00-8:00 pm in the O'Brien Hall, lower level of the church. All safeguards according to State regulations will be adhered to for everyone's protection. For further information contact Jim Gambardella, GK at [1947jrg@gmail.com](mailto:1947jrg@gmail.com)

Here are some thoughts on the **Into the Breach** Program from State Faith Director Ed Misiolek.

Brothers,

The Into The Breach Video Series is a powerful tool for increasing your faith and the faith lives of your fellow Brothers.



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Please read this amazing testimony from one of our own Rhode Island Councils:

**The Fr. Donnelly Council #322** just completed our first phase of the Into The Breach video series (four of them). We are going to complete the rest during Lent.

In a one word, WOW.

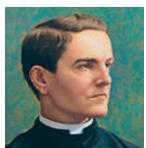
What a great way to get Brother Knights to talk about their role in the Catholic Church, their families and themselves in an open and friendly atmosphere. The videos are EXACTLY the right length and are interesting, inspiring and jam packed with great stories, quotes and call to battle - action items.

The ten Brothers we had on a Zoom meeting from the Fr. Donnelly Council for the past four weeks LOVED it. The videos, video series guide and Apostolic Exhortation by Bishop Thomas Olmstead was all I needed to

become comfortable with the material which helped me moderate the program. I created questions from the guidebook which we used to keep the discussion going. I kept it at no more than an hour so after opening prayer, the video and discussion time we were ready for a closing prayer. The time flew.

I have been a Knight since 2008 and I have always thought there was something missing from the Knights from a spiritual point of view. How were we supposed to increase our faith, our prayer time, of reading scripture and how does all of this fit into being a man in the Catholic Church without this video series!??

We have got to find a way to get others, especially lukewarm Knights, to watch one, five or all of the videos as I believe this program is a spiritual life-changer.



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## Icon Program

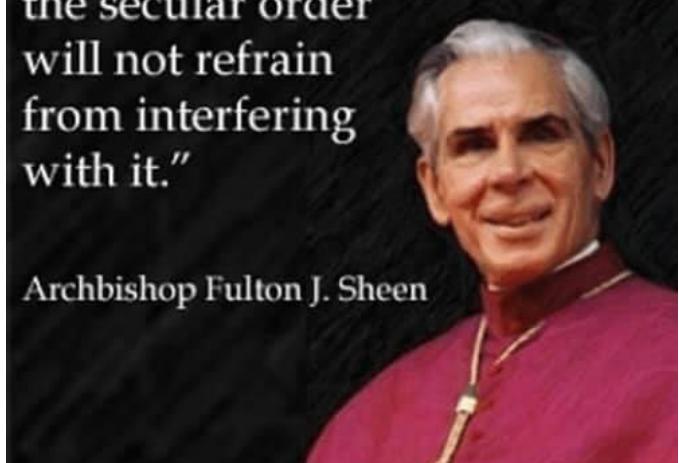
Just a reminder that we still have an **Icon** Prayer Program in place. The Icon is dedicated to St. Michael the Archangel. Anyone wishing to hold an Icon Prayer Service should contact State Faith Director Ed Misolek at [ejmisolek@gmail.com](mailto:ejmisolek@gmail.com).

## Thoughts for Discussion

Why is it that we participate in our communities, political processes and the world in general? Why don't we retreat into a bubble? Well, I discovered part of an answer during one of my infrequent forays into the world of Facebook. It seems more timely than ever. See below. Thank you Archbisop Sheen.

*"A religion that doesn't interfere with the secular order will soon discover that the secular order will not refrain from interfering with it."*

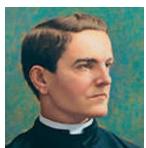
Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen



## A Year of St. Joseph

As you all know, Pope Francis has declared this Liturgical Year a **Year of St. Joseph**. Here are some thoughts regarding this declaration (taken from the January Men of St. Joseph International newsletter).

1. We need the example and witness of St. Joseph now more than ever. St. Joseph, the just man, was chosen by God to be the foster father of Jesus, the Incarnate Son



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of God. The Church here and everywhere, which we call the Mystical Body of Christ, is in need of the protection of our heavenly patron.

2. Joseph espoused himself to the Blessed Virgin Mary. Joseph, the faithful and chaste husband, is a marvelous example for all husbands and fathers to embrace their vocations with renewed fervor and dedication. Pornography and sexual sins are destroying marriages and families every day. We need St. Joseph's powerful assistance to inspire lives of chastity and purity, especially in our young people.

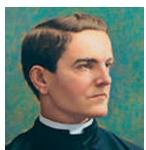
3. Joseph stands out as a role model for priests and bishops who, like St. Joseph, are charged to oversee the family of the Church, to lead her in charity and truth toward eternal life. As in all times, we need a powerful intercessor to help us remain steadfast in our

pastoral duties as shepherds and teachers.

4. Joseph is an honorable man. The men of our culture need positive examples of men who embrace justice, courage, purity of heart and body, commitment to their faith and accompaniment of their children on their own journeys of faith.

These are just some of the reasons that we see this year dedicated to St. Joseph as an opportunity for grace for our parish, our diocese and the entire Church. St. Joseph, pray for us!

Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer,  
Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary.  
To you God entrusted his only Son;  
in you Mary placed her trust; with  
you Christ became man. Blessed  
Joseph, to us too, show yourself a  
father and guide us in the path of  
life. Obtain for us grace, mercy,  
and courage, and defend us from  
every evil. Amen.



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## *Men of St. Joseph*

With many of our Brothers also belonging to the Men of St. Joseph, I try to include some items which are timely. One such is to note that the February Annual Men's Conference has been postponed until June or July. More information will be included as it becomes available.

Convention Dinner to be held in 2021. Councils should submit a letter describing why the child that their council selected should be the Youth of the Year award winner for the State of Rhode Island. Please provide details on what the child does and how they make a difference in the community in which they live.

Note: Feel free to include picture(s) of the child in action, with the application.

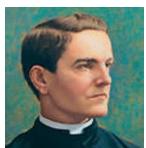
Rules and eligibility:

- Boy or Girl – age 10 to 18
- Child does not have to be a child or grandchild of a member
- Child does not have to be Catholic
- 1 nomination per council
- Due date of nomination is Sunday, Feb. 28, 2021
- Submit letter and pictures to the Rhode Island Family Director,

## *Family Activities*

### *Youth of the Year*

The Rhode Island Knights of Columbus is again sponsoring the Youth of the Year award. The award is to honor a boy or girl (age 10 to 18), in the State of Rhode Island, for their service and/or charitable works in their community. The winner will receive \$500.00 (\$250 for the individual and \$250 for a charity of their choice) at the Rhode Island State



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Subject of Email: Youth of the Year 2020 – 2021 or via

Postal Service:

Michael Guerra

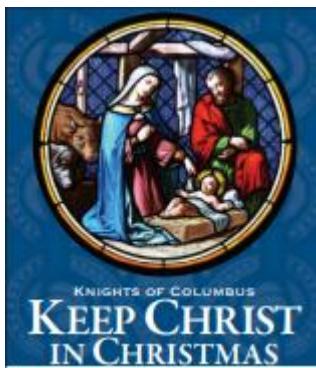
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II Council, winning entries are pictured below.



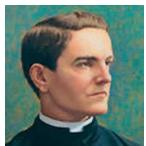
State winner grade K - 2 , Savanna Mulbah Council 12613

*Keep Christ in Christmas*



State winner grade 3 - 5 Mohsin Azhar , Council 12613

The *Keep Christ in Christmas* poster contest State Council's winners have been selected. Each of the winners are from John Paul



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State grade 6 - 8 winner Sophia Woolley , Council 12613

## *Consecration to the Holy Family*

The Feast of the Holy Family may have passed on the Liturgical Calendar, but it is not too late to dedicate (or re-dedicate) your Council (and parishes) to the Holy Family through the *Consecration to the Holy Family* prayer program.

## *A Note of Fraternal Concern*

Brothers, while we are making progress, our membership is still older. Implicit in that is the fact that we have many older members with medical issues. 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

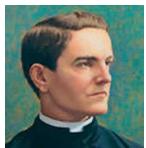
*Regardless, we must be informed to properly Honor the Dead.*

## *State Meeting*

The next State Meeting will be held on **Friday, March 26<sup>th</sup>** at **7:30 pm** via Goto Meeting & in person at Delaney-St. Teresa council in Pawtucket (if possible)

## *In Memoriam*

[ed. note: due to the pandemic there will undoubtedly be more Memorial Services for those who passed during restrictions. I will gladly continue this listing so long as I am informed]



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## *Prayers Requested*

Many of us know people who have contracted the Corona Virus (COVID-19). Please pray for them, their caregivers, and families. Below find a prayer for protection distributed by Supreme:

O Mary, you always brighten our path as a sign of salvation and of hope. We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick, who, at the Cross, took part in Jesus' pain while remaining steadfast in faith. O loving Mother, you know what we need, and we are confident you will provide for us as at Cana in Galilee. Intercede for us with your Son Jesus, the Divine Physician, for those who have fallen ill, for those who are vulnerable, and for those who have died.

Intercede also for those charged with protecting the health and safety of others and for those who are tending to the sick and seeking a cure. Help us, O Mother of Divine Love, to conform to the will of the Father and to do as we are told by Jesus, who took upon himself our sufferings and carried our sorrows, so as to lead us, through the Cross, to the glory of the Resurrection. Amen. Under thy protection

we seek refuge, O Holy Mother of God. In our needs, despise not our petitions, but deliver us always from all dangers, O glorious and blessed Virgin. Amen.



Please pray for the repose of:

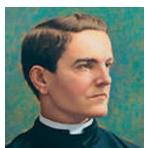
Pauline Cotnoir (mother of Eugene Cotnoir, Grandmother of Peter Cotnoir, Mother-in-law of Tim Majewski all of Woonsocket Council)

And from the January Good of the Order:

FDD Ray Riel, PGK Chuck Denecour, Bill Langevin, FDD Moe Bosse, Charles Golden (E.Prov. Council), James McStay (E.Prov. Council), Edmund Silveira (Rooney Council), Warren Windson (St. John Paul II Council), Irene Lamake (wife of DD Alan)

And God's comfort to their families

From the January Good of the Order: The Unborn, The Mother of



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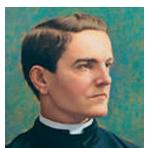
Life Center, FVSM Sav Giusti, PSD John Marcello, Annette Bebyn (mother of State Secretary Dave), DD Roger Johnson, DD John Kay, DD Warren Rensehausen, FDD Walter Jalbert, FDD Mark Paul & his daughter Ali, GK Bob Balmforth (St. Philip's Council), PGK Mike DeAngelis, PGK Jim Hopkins, Jr. (E. Prov. Council), PGK Tex Mohring (St. Francis Council), PGK Pat Dahlen, FN Mike Osenkowski, FS Walter Sebastianelli (St. Philip's), Karen Connors (wife of St. Francis DGK Ken), Sylvester Perry, Steve Cavalieri, Jack Walter. Nora Misiolek, Charlie Joyce, Joe Guilbeaux, SK Rick Degrade & Family, and Denis Richard Woonsocket Council)

Ongoing prayers are also requested for Bishop Louis Gelineau, Fr. Dennis Reardon, Fr. Robert Bailey, FDD Ron Trottier, Ron Portella (Hickey Council), James Capenito (father-in-law of Marc Pare of Woonsocket Council), FDD Bob Moniz, Ron Andrade (E.P. Council), Phoebe Andrade (mother of Ron), Pauline Neri,

Moses Segbe, FDD Charlie Fleurant, Roland Falcioni (a cousin of DD Jack Tracy), Armand Dufresne (Woonsocket Council). PGK Daniel Danis (Blessing Council), GK Joseph Bedard (Pascoag Council), Phil Shea Jr., Patricia Moran (grandmother of State Warden PJ Shea), Gerry and Pat Desmarais (St. Eugene Council), Barry Chevrette (Pascoag Council), Matt Parent, Nancy Forest (wife of PGK Richard Forest), PFN Rick Regan, Roger Depot, FDD Mike Krzywonos, PGK/PFN Ernie Pennine, PGK/PFN Stanley Eason (Woon. Council/ Moylan Assembly), GK Jerry Marra, Ellen Charpentier (Wife of PSD/FM 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.

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 or if someone wishes to be removed from the list, please contact me at [rikofnewsletter@gmail.com](mailto:rikofnewsletter@gmail.com). You can also



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ask the state to add to them to the prayer list on the website as I check that regularly)

News items for the newsletter can be sent to me at [rikofcnewsletter@gmail.com](mailto:rikofcnewsletter@gmail.com), through your DD, who will forward it to me, or the various program Directors.

### *Fraternal Training and Communication*

#### *Training*

There are many training opportunities throughout the year (see the Supreme Website), they are open to any Brother Knight who may be interested. You can register from the Home Page of the Supreme website ([www.kofc.org](http://www.kofc.org)): 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.

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](mailto:stevec618@aol.com).

Reminder: I include as much as possible in this newsletter. But I need your help by sending me information & photos from your events.

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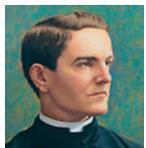
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