

Charles "Charlie" Cavallaro

Charlie joined the Order of United Commercial Travelers of America in 1962. He served through the chairs of office in Providence Council 67 and received his honors as a Past Local President in 1991.

Charlie served through the chairs of office in the New England Regional Council and received his honors the first time in 2006 and a second time in 2012.

Charlie is currently serving as the Regional Vice President and will assume the office of Regional President for a third time at our Regional Convention on May, 20th.

Charlie has been an instrumental member of Providence Council 67 since he joined UCT. He has served on every committee in the Local and Regional Councils.

He serves as a Trustee on the board of trustees for the Chris Antonelli New England Scholarship Fund, helping improve the care, rehabilitation and education of children and adults who are developmentally disabled.

As a member of Providence Council, he assists with all of the decision making on the awarding of council money to worthy charities. They include but not limited to:

- Operation Stand Down, whose mission is to help veterans secure stable housing and employment as well as other assistance.
- Rhode Island Community Spay and Neuter Clinic.
- Special Olympics of Rhode Island.
- Rhode Island Blood Bank.
- Joslin Community Center, benefiting underserved children in Rhode Island.
- The Johnny LoBello Friendship Fund, assisting children who are affected by cancer and their families
- Harry Kizirian Grammar School with much needed supplies.
- The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society of Rhode Island.
- The St. Thomas Food Pantry.
- The Wounded Warrior Project.
- UCT Charities
- May E. Tisdale Scholarship Fund
- Supporting Meeting Street School, providing comprehensive educational, therapeutic, and developmental services to children with disabilities and special needs.
- Chris Antonelli Scholarship Fund
- March of Dimes
- Refocus, a center serving adults with developmental disabilities.
- Supporting UCT chosen charities at Supreme Sessions

He also works side by side with the members of Providence Council 67:

- Cleaning and supporting Homestead Garden Park.
- Sponsoring a UCT Safety Contest Poster.
- Helping homeless veterans receive much need haircuts and styling.
- Collecting and donating coats to the homeless in the Providence area.
- Collecting items for needy children.
- Collecting items for animals in shelters
- Conducting Christmas Parties for the children and grandchildren of UCT members
- Running Bingo games and parties at the Veteran's Home in Providence.
- Filling Eater baskets for needy children at St. Thomas Parish.
- Coordinating a family outing for the members of Providence Council.
- Coordinating a Clam Bake and BBQ for members as a membership drive.
- Coordinating monthly service projects for council meetings.
- Editor of the council newsletter.
- Coordinator of council Friendship dinners.

Charlie was also instrumental in obtaining the funds required for Providence Council 67 to donate a Kaye Trainer to the Providence Junior Bears special hockey team.

Charlie spends all of his free time helping so many UCT causes and with his UCT council members in Providence he does not have time to look for more groups to volunteer with.

He is a mentor to the newer members and officers of Providence Council 67. Charlie works tirelessly with his fellow members to help them understand the tenets of UCT offering them guidance and suggestions to immerse them into UCT.

Charlie is a proud veteran of the United States Marine Corps., serving five years between the Korean conflict and the Viet Nam War. He is a member of the American Legion.

Charlie is a very worthy recipient of the UCT Lifetime Achievement Award.