



Fr. Leo Anctil Columbian Squires Circle #5211

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SAINT OF THE MONTH

Catholic saints are holy people who lived extraordinary lives. Each saint the Church honors responded to God's invitation to use his or her unique gifts. God calls each one of us to be a saint. For the Columbian Year 2011-12, we will honor a Saint each month in our Newsletter.

St. Peter Claver



St. Peter Claver understood that service, like distributing medicine and food, could be as effective a communication of the Word of God as preaching. During his 40-year ministry in Colombia, he catechized and baptized an estimated 300,000 West African slaves.

As soon as a slave ship arrived in port, he entered its filthy and diseased hold to minister to the terrified and ill-treated human cargo, caring for them, showing them kindness, assuring them of their human dignity and God's saving love. When the slaves were penned he instructed and baptized them in the faith, and defended them as best he could against their oppressors. This work earned him many enemies including some who accused him of "profaning the sacraments."

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A Beautiful Night for Baseball



On Thursday, August 18, for the fourth consecutive year, the Circle ventured up to McCoy Stadium to take in a PawSox baseball game. The Squires also invited Knights from the Msgr. Blessing Council to join them. On the way to the ballgame, the Squires stopped for dinner at the House of Pizza in Pawtucket, home of the best hot roast beef sandwiches in the world! It was a beautiful night for baseball. The game was a good one as Pawtucket got off to an early lead. However, it wasn't meant to be for the home nine that night as Columbus rallied to take the win 7-5. Even though the result wasn't the one we wanted, we all had a great time and look forward to next year's game.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

SEPTEMBER BUSINESS MEETING

PLACE: SSJP RECTORY CONFERENCE ROOM

DATE: FRIDAY, 9/9/2011

TIME: 7:00 PM

BLESSING COUNCIL FAMILY PICNIC

PLACE: GODDARD PARK, WARWICK

DATE: SATURDAY, 9/10/2011

TIME: NOON-6:PM

OCTOBER BUSINESS MEETING

PLACE: SSJP RECTORY CONFERENCE ROOM

DATE: FRIDAY, 10/14/2011

TIME: 7:00 PM

Yard Sale Cancelled

Our Fourth Annual Yard Sale which was originally scheduled for Saturday, September 24, has been cancelled. Hopefully, we will make plans for a Yard Sale to be held next spring. Stay tuned!

Change of Meeting Place

Worthy Squires – Please be advised that our meeting place has been changed to the Conference Room in the St. John and Paul Rectory Building. The Conference Room is located near the Chapel. The rectory building is located behind the church next to the Father Doyle School. If you have any questions about this, please contact Mr. Neil at 401-632-7922.

Once Squires Now Knights!



L-R: PGK Dick Belanger, Jim Hall, PGK Earl Mahar, Keith Parent, Matt Parent, Alex Cote, State Deputy John Marcello, Nick Parent, Stephen Smith, GK Neil Fidler

Last June, Matt Parent became the first Columbian Squire of our Circle to join the Knights of Columbus and our sponsoring council – Msgr. Blessing Council. On August 15, the first three Chief Squires of our Circle joined Matt in becoming Knights in going through the First Degree Exemplification ceremony. Three other Knights made their first degree the same night along with Alex, Nick and Stephen.

The following night, on August 16, all four former Squires, ventured down to St. Francis Council in North Kingstown to take part in the combined First and Second Degree Exemplification. The new Knights were able to view another First Degree Exemplification, this time as First Degree Knights. After that, they were part of the Second Degree Exemplification and became Second Degree Knights.

Worthy Squires, this is the road the sponsoring Council prays that you will take when you turn 18. Being a Squire and then a Knight helps you become a better Catholic gentleman. The Knights of Columbus world-wide total 1.8 million men. If the K of C were an army, it would be the 2nd largest in the world.

Chief Counselor's Note

Worthy Squires!

As you've probably already read here in the Newsletter, the first three Chief Squires of our Circle, as well as Matt Parent, have become Knights of Columbus. This is a magnificent achievement! Congratulations to Past Chief Squires Alex Cote, Nick Parent and Stephen Smith as well as Matt Parent for become Knights and achieving their 2nd Degree.

Only four short years ago, our Circle became a reality when 10 young Catholic men went through their investiture in North Scituate. If you can believe it, the only Squire left of the original 10 is Deputy Chief Squire Josh Fidler. And yet, we still have 11 Squires! Gentlemen, this is really how it is supposed to work. Your time as Squires helps you grow as young Catholic gentlemen, and when you turn 18, you enhance your religion and your life even more by joining the Knights of Columbus. If you didn't already know, the Knights are the largest Catholic fraternal organization in the world. But it's not just numbers, it's what the Knights do which is important. For example, after the earthquake in Haiti, the Knights were on the scene and have made sure that every child who has lost a limb receives a prosthetic limb at no cost. Also, the Knights were one of the first organizations on the scene in New Orleans after Hurricane Katrina helping to rebuild that city. Locally, the Rhode Island Knights are instrumental in making the Special Olympics ceremony at URI a reality. It is the sponsoring Council's hope that you make the decision to join and become a part of this when you turn 18.

On another note, our sponsoring Council is holding a Family Picnic at Goddard Park on Saturday, September 10 from noon to 6PM. This is open to all Squires and their families at no cost. The Council prays you will all show up and take part in all the fun activities. This event will kick off the 50th anniversary celebration of the Monsignor Blessing Council which began in April of 1962 – before even I was born! I pray that I will see you all there!

God Bless,
Mr. Neil



Blessing Council Family Picnic

**Save The Date – Saturday, September 10th
Goddard Park, Warwick
Noon to 6PM**

Our sponsoring Council is planning to kick off the its 50th Anniversary by holding a Council Family Picnic at Goddard Park on Saturday, September 10. The picnic had to be rescheduled to September due to being unable to reserve a place in August. The Council is inviting the Squires and their families. It is free of charge. Events planned are sack races, softball game and a barbeque. There will be more details to come so please save the date, and remember, this is open to your family as well.

Photos from the Living Rosary Mass 8/14/2011



SSJP Altar with Rosary



The Procession Starts



Photos from the PawSox Game 8/18/2011

