



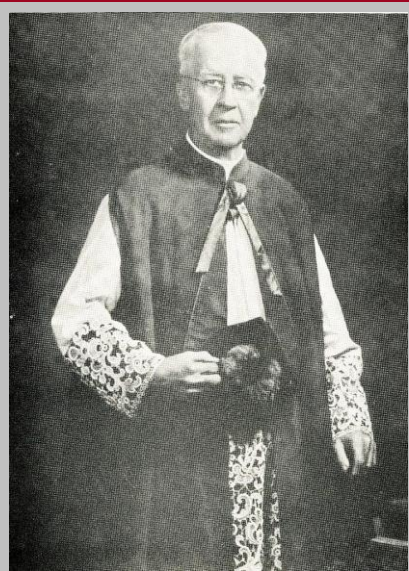
# The Blessing Word

## 1962-2012 CELEBRATING OUR 50<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS  
MONSIGNOR PETER BLESSING COUNCIL #5273  
COVENTRY, RHODE ISLAND

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MSGR PETER E. BLESSING, L.L.D.,  
D.D., V.G.  
Our Council's Namesake

### CALENDAR OF EVENTS

#### MAY SQUIRES BUSINESS MEETING

PLACE: SSJP RECTORY CONFERENCE ROOM  
DATE: FRIDAY, 5/11/2012  
TIME: 7:00PM

#### MAY COUNCIL BUSINESS MEETING

PLACE: ST. VINCENT DE PAUL PARISH HALL  
DATE: MONDAY, 5/14/2012  
TIME: 7:30PM

#### JUNE SQUIRES BUSINESS MEETING

PLACE: SSJP RECTORY CONFERENCE ROOM  
DATE: FRIDAY, 6/1/2012  
TIME: 7:00PM

#### SQUIRES YARD SALE

PLACE: SSJP PARISH HALL  
DATE: SATURDAY, 6/2/2012  
TIME: 8:00AM-3:00PM

#### JUNE COUNCIL BUSINESS MEETING

PLACE: ST. VINCENT DE PAUL PARISH HALL  
DATE: MONDAY, 6/11/2012  
TIME: 7:30PM

#### GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY DINNER

PLACE: SSJP PARISH HALL  
DATE: SATURDAY, 6/23/2012  
TIME: 6:00PM



## Grand Knight's Corner

Worthy Brothers, I pray you and your families are well.

As we wind down the Fraternal Year, I think it's a great time to take look back and take stock of our accomplishments this year of which there are many.

To begin with, our Council hosted four combined first and second degree exemplifications and in doing so welcomed eleven new Brother Knights. Our First Degree Team, after being dormant for a few years, has actually been quite active this year and has been doing a spectacular job.

Our ties to our Parishes have strengthened through our Round Table Committees who have met with our Parish Priests and have worked with them to provide what they need from our Council. Other Church Activities included hosting a Marian Hour or Prayer in honor of Our Lady of Guadalupe at St. Vincent de Paul Parish in January and a memorial Mass for our deceased Brothers over the past year at St. Mary's Parish in West Warwick.

From a Pro-Life perspective, we held vigil outside the abortion mill in Cranston adopting a day during the 40 Days for Life. Also, PGK Earl Mahar and PGK Jim Woolley worked with the Mother of Life Center to deliver roses to St. Vincent de Paul Parish.

We've also had quite a bit of fun with our Family Picnic last September at Goddard Park, our Christmas Party in December and a bunch of Pot Luck Dinners over the course of the Fraternal Year. But I believe our biggest accomplishment was being able to give back to our Parishes with a portion of the proceeds from the sale of the Council Hall.

We're not done yet! We have our Golden Anniversary Celebration dinner on June 23! I pray I see you all there to celebrate not only this year but the last 50!

God Bless and Vivat Jesu!  
Neil Fidler, Grand Knight

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Neil Grant



# Chaplain's Report

Dear Brother Knights,

During the month of May, we honor Our Blessed Mother Mary with marked devotions such as May Crownings, May altars, extra praying of the Holy Rosary and other ways. Another way I learned she is being honored is by being the patroness of a new Catholic Radio Station available in our State of RI called "Relevant Radio WSJW - 550 AM.

Yes, Mary, under the title of "Our Lady of Guadalupe," is the patroness of this station. What a station it is! Have you heard of it before reading this article? Bishop Thomas Tobin wrote about it in his recent bi-weekly article in the April 26th edition of our Catholic Newspaper - "The Rhode Island Catholic" (formerly "The Providence Visitor"). You may want to read the whole article. It is wonderfully informative about what this new Radio Station is all about.

Here is a quote from our Bishop about WSJW: "Without a doubt Relevant Radio is thoroughly Catholic. It accepts and promotes, without embarrassment or hesitation, the teaching of the Church; it respects and supports the ministry of our Holy Father and our bishops, and it is placed under the protection of our Blessed Mother, Our Lady of Guadalupe."

The Bishop goes on to write a number of reasons why we need a radio station like this in our day, especially. He sees this Station as a significant source of help for evangelization efforts.

I would encourage all of you, Brothers, to familiarize yourselves with this Station. Listen to it from time to time (perhaps while driving). Recommend it to others. Make some donation to help support it (It relies of listener donations to operate. Pray that many people will be enlightened by the sound Catholic perspective that is presented.

Brothers, it is soooooo important that we get the clear message of what is happening in the Catholic World. We are getting more and more of a distorted presentation of our Church in the secular media. I encourage you to listen, learn, tell others and support "Relevant Radio." Our Lady of Guadalupe is praying for us.

May God Bless each of you!

**Rev. Michael Kelley**  
**Chaplain**

**Msgr. Blessing Council #5273**

*"Humble yourselves, therefore, under God's mighty hand, that he may lift you up in due time."  
- 1 Peter 5:6*



### **Welcome New Knights and Squires!**

On Monday, April 30, our Council hosted a combined First and Second Degree Exemplification at the SSJP Parish Center. The Blessing Council First Degree Team performed the exemplification for the First Degree Ceremony, and the RI State Degree Team performed the exemplification for the Second Degree Ceremony. The honoree for both ceremonies was our own Chaplain, Father Michael Kelley.

The Council welcomed our two newest Brother Knights – Anthony Favata and Andrew Bass. Brother Anthony is a parishioner of SS John and Paul and Brother Andrew is a parishioner of Saint Vincent de Paul. Please be sure to introduce yourself to them at our next meeting. Six other new Knights from three other Councils also received their First and Second Degree.

Also, the Squires Circle held their second Investiture this year on Friday, April 13, at SSJP Parish Center. Brennen Connor was welcomed to the Circle as the newest Squire. All Knights are encouraged to attend all Squires meetings and ceremonies in a show of support for these young men.

### **“Like Us” on Facebook!**



The Msgr. Blessing Council and the Fr. Leo Anctil Squires Circle now have pages on Facebook. Just log on to Facebook and search on “Blessing Council” or “Anctil Circle” and you’ll find us. We are posting daily bible verses, Catholic and Knights news and general information pertinent to the Knights of Columbus. So find us and don’t forget to “Like Us” on Facebook.

### **This Month in Blessing Council History**

May is a month dedicated to the Holy Mother of Jesus. She submitted her will to the will of God for the good of all humans. The Knights of Columbus have a special devotion to Mary and her intercession for us in this life. Msgr. Blessing Council has enthusiastically embraced this devotion. In years past we have held hours of Marian prayer, and currently, during this beautiful month, we look forward to beautiful weather and another year of progress.

### **Stephen Del Deo – Insurance Field Agent**

Worthy Brothers, if you didn’t already know our Insurance Field Agent is Brother Stephen J. Del Deo and he is a member of our Council. For information about the excellent insurance benefits the Knights of Columbus has to offer, please contact Brother Stephen at the contact information below:



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### **The Msgr. Peter E. Blessing Foundation**

We have invested \$75K of the proceeds from the sale of our building into the Vanguard Wellington Fund.

I would like to see it called "The MSGR. PETER E. BLESSING FOUNDATION" which will be similar to the "BISHOP MCVINNEY FOUNDATION." The Bishop McVinney Foundation was set up by a group of lay Catholic gentlemen from a donation given to them by the Bishop's sister which I understand was a sizable amount. The earnings from the foundation have been used over the years to benefit the seminarians of Our Lady of Providence Seminary to foster future vocation.

You can do a Google search on Vanguard Wellington fund on the computer and it will give you all the information you need to know about the fund. I would like to have it as simple as possible so that we can donate the proceeds to the Seminary and let them use it for their needs. It would also be nice to see a scholarship given annually to a needy Catholic high school student.

I hope to see an annual income of \$5K a year from the fund.

Naturally, this is not set in stone and we have a lot of planning to do over the next year. Needless to say a committee will have to be set up. That is the gist of it and I have high hopes for its success.

PGK Jim Woolley, Trustee 3<sup>rd</sup> Year

*“For we are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.” - Ephesians 2:10*



### 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. Damien of Molokai



St. Damien is known as the "Apostle of the Lepers." He answered the call to Molokai, the Hawaiian leper colony. He served the physical, medical and spiritual needs of the lepers there by building a church for them, dressing their ulcers, building homes, coffins and digging graves. He became their most effective advocate for obtaining promised government support. He eventually contracted – and died of – the disease.

"Holiness is not perfection according to human criteria; it is not reserved for a small number of exceptional persons. It is the Lord who brings us the salvation of the world for the glory of God, despite our sin and our sometimes rebellious temperament." - Pope John Paul II at the beatification of St. Damien of Molokai.

### Nomination Committee Appointed

Chief Squire Norman Francis, Jr., has appointed a nomination committee to identify a new slate of officers for the coming fraternal year 2012-13. This month, during the Business Meeting on May 11<sup>th</sup>, the committee will decide on a slate of officers. They will present the slate of officers to the Circle for the June Business Meeting to be voted on.



### Chief Squire's Corner

Greetings Squires! I'd like to start off by congratulating Brennen Connor as the newest member of our Squire circle. Our circle has been excellent in membership by adding two new members to our circle in the past two months. Keep up the good work!

I'm looking forward to seeing you all at the KANDI Drive. This has always been one of my favorite fundraisers that the Squires do. Let's go out there and raise some money! God Bless.

Sincerely,  
Norman A. Francis Jr.  
Chief Squire

### Yard Sale in May!



When: Saturday, June 2  
Where: Saints John and Paul

The Circle will be participating in the SSJP Yard Sale scheduled for Saturday, June 2. The yard sale will be starting at 6AM and ending at 1PM. It would be appreciated if all Knights and Squires would identify items in their own households they would like to contribute to the yard sale. Please contact Chief Counselor Neil Fidler at 632-7922 to pick up the items.

### KANDI Drive



The Circle's 2012 KANDI (Tootsie Roll) Drive will be held at Stop and Shop on Saturday, May 12 from 10AM to 6PM. There will be two four hour shifts. Unfortunately, the Circle was not able to get the three days as in the past as the Stop and Shop has changed their policy and are not allowing multiple days in a week. However, we will be allowed to extend our hours on Saturday from six to eight hours.

*"Make every effort to live in peace with all men and to be holy; without holiness no one will see the Lord." - Hebrews 12:14*



You are cordially invited to the  
**MSGR. PETER E. BLESSING**  
**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL #5273**  
**50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration!**

**When: Saturday, June 23, 2012**

**Where: Nino's on Lake Tiogue, 446 Tiogue Ave., Coventry, RI**

**Time: Cocktails 6:00 P.M.**

**Dinner 7:00 P.M.**

**Cost: \$25.00 per person (RSVP June 9, 2012)**

**This event is open to ALL Brother Knights, Families, Friends and Acquaintances**

**Attire: Semi-Formal**

**Music by: *B&N Music***

**Featuring: 50/50 Raffle**

**Menu: Italian Buffet**

**Chicken Marsala or Chicken Parmigiana**

**Veal and Peas**

**Sausage, Peppers and Potatoes**

**Meatballs**

**Ravioli**

**Eggplant Parmigiana or Oven Roasted Eggplant**

**Spinach Ring**

**Proscuitto Ring**

**Choose three of the following Salads:**

**Italian Potato Salad, Pasta Salad, Italian Green Bean Salad, Fruit Salad, or Fresh**

**Garden Salad**

**Coffee**

**Mini Pastries**

**Rolls and Butter**

**RSVP June 9, 2012**

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### Squires Investiture for Brennen Connor 4-13-2012



L-R: Deputy Chief Squire Josh Fidler, Bursar Squire Evan Patten, Notary Squire Zachary Farrell, Marshal Squire Neil Grant, Michael Porter, Chris Peloso, Derek Smith and Brennen Connor

### Fourth Degree Exemplification for GK Neil Fidler and DGK John Pizzo 4-22-2012

