



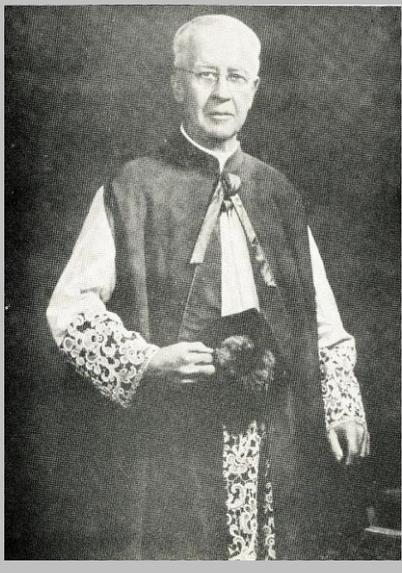
# The Blessing Word

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

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS  
MONSIGNOR PETER BLESSING COUNCIL #5273  
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D.D., V.G.  
Our Council's Namesake

### CALENDAR OF EVENTS

#### JULY SQUIRES BUSINESS MEETING

PLACE: SSJP PARISH CENTER CLASSROOM  
DATE: FRIDAY, 7/6/2012  
TIME: 7:00PM

#### JULY COUNCIL BUSINESS MEETING

PLACE: ST. VINCENT DE PAUL PARISH HALL  
DATE: MONDAY, 7/9/2012  
TIME: 7:30PM

#### AUGUST SQUIRES BUSINESS MEETING

PLACE: SSJP PARISH CENTER CLASSROOM  
DATE: FRIDAY, 8/3/2012  
TIME: 7:00PM

#### PAWSox GAME

PLACE: MCCOY STADIUM, PAWTUCKET  
DATE: WEDNESDAY, 8/8/2012  
TIME: 7:05PM  
LEAVING FROM HOPKINS HILL PARK AND RIDE  
AT 5PM SHARP. DINNER AT HOUSE OF PIZZA.

#### AUGUST COUNCIL BUSINESS MEETING

PLACE: ST. VINCENT DE PAUL PARISH HALL  
DATE: MONDAY, 8/13/2012  
TIME: 7:30PM



## Grand Knight's Corner

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

It was 236 years ago our forefathers beseeched the blessings of our Almighty Father in heaven that we would be endowed with his rights of Life, Liberty and the Pursuit of Happiness. I pray that we remember what the 4th of July really means and the risks that were undertaken so that we may live free to honor and praise God as we see fit, and not how someone else sees.

This will be my first meeting as your Grand Knight. I pray God that I become worthy of the honor you have all given to me. For those of you who were able to attend our 50th Anniversary dinner, it was a wonderful time for all, both new and old friends came and shared memories and enjoyed a wonderful show put on by Rita Beaulieu dancers and a terrific meal was served by Nino's.

On a personal note I wish to thank our immediate past Grand Knight Neil Fidler for all the hard work and dedication he has given to the MSGR Peter E. Blessing council over this past year and wish him nothing but great success as the new district deputy for RI District 5, may Gods' hand guide you and bring you nothing but success.

For all the rest of us I look forward to a fantastic year of doing great charitable works and may Gods' loving grace bless and guide us all in his will. I would like for everyone to take an active part in the council this year, whether it is recruiting a new member, volunteering on one of the committees or just attending a council meeting, for as the philosopher said, every great journey begins with a single step.

May God bless this year's journey and I look forward to seeing you all.

God Bless and Vivat Jesu!

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# Chaplain's Report

Dear Brother Knights,

At the time of this writing our U.S. Supreme Court has just ruled to uphold the President Obama Health Care Plan called "the Affordable Health Care Act" which contains some features with which we strongly disagree.

At first appearances this can seem like a defeat for us who seek always to be faithful Catholic Christians but I want to highlight that it is not necessarily a defeat. The good work for religious liberties and freedom of conscience goes on and many faithful Catholics like you are promoting this good work through prayer, action and study.

You may well realize that the 43 lawsuits filed by a wide variety of Catholic organizations and entities goes on full effort and will be considered at length in the future. Also, our Bishops have new hope of meeting with President Obama again to work out real concessions (not just paper work shifting) regarding the extent and type of coverage.

Everyone in our country is affected by this Affordable Health Care Act. As it stands now it has parts that are questionable, at best. We want freedom of conscience for all people especially in the matter of having to provide employees with insurance coverage for contraception, sterilization and abortifacient drugs.

We, as Catholics, certainly would like to see a better health care system. There are several other proposals for health care in Congress that could serve all people much better and have no objections from us Catholics.

Dear Brother Knights, these things are so important in our day! To help you keep up with accurate information I encourage all of you to read at least parts of our "COLUMBIA" K of C monthly magazine. It is wonderful! Also, in the coming weeks I hope to supply to you various booklets and fliers that will help you make more informed decisions as Catholics when it comes to voting times.

Have a blessed Summer!

May God Bless each of you!

**Rev. Michael Kelley**  
**Chaplain**  
**Msgr. Blessing Council #5273**

*“Do not let any unwholesome talk come out of your mouths, but only what is helpful for building others up according to their needs, that it may benefit those who listen.”*

*- Ephesians 4:29*

### K of C Family Picnic



**K of C Family PICNIC**

Sponsored by the RI State Council

Sunday August 19, 2012  
 Pascoag Council Grounds  
 Roosevelt Ave. Pascoag, RI  
 12:00 Noon- 5:00PM  
 Adults \$25.00  
 Children 12 & under \$15.00  
**Rain or Shine !**

*Bring your Lawn Chairs and Enjoy the Beautiful Grounds and the Fun & Games*

Lunch: Clam Cakes & Chowder  
 Dinner: Family Style Chicken, Pasta, Salad & Watermelon

For Tickets Contact: Mike Dziok  
 21 Ryder Ln, Cumberland, RI 02864  
 401-333-6422 or [www.mdziok1067@aol.com](mailto:www.mdziok1067@aol.com)

Councils are asked to bring a Liquor Bottle Donation for our Raffle

### 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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### Golden Anniversary Dinner



The Msgr. Peter E. Blessing Golden Anniversary Dinner was held on Saturday, June 23, and by all accounts was a huge success! Many thanks go out to the Retention Committee headed by then Deputy Grand Knight John Pizzo.

Past Grand Knight Glenn Holt did a fantastic job as our Emcee. The Rita Beaulieu Dancers provided us with some terrific entertainment! And how about that food! Nino's always does a great job!

### Fortnight for Freedom

The fourteen days from June 21—the vigil of the Feasts of St. John Fisher and St. Thomas More—to July 4, Independence Day, are dedicated to this “fortnight for freedom”—a great hymn of prayer for our country. Our liturgical calendar celebrates a series of great martyrs who remained faithful in the face of persecution by political power—St. John Fisher and St. Thomas More, St. John the Baptist, SS. Peter and Paul, and the First Martyrs of the Church of Rome. Culminating on Independence Day, this special period of prayer, study, catechesis, and public action will emphasize both our Christian and American heritage of liberty. Dioceses and parishes around the country have scheduled special events that support a great national campaign of teaching and witness for religious liberty.

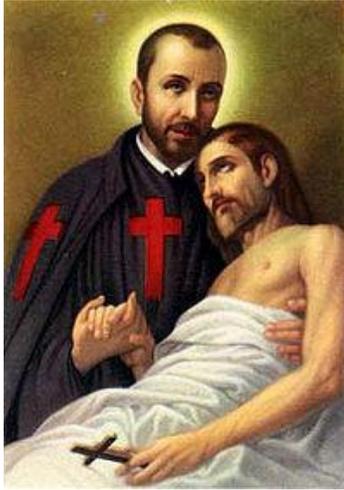
*“Jesus replied, ‘What is impossible with men is possible with God.’”  
 - Luke 18:27*



### 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 2012-13, we will honor a Saint each month in our Newsletter.

### St. Camillus de Lellis



St. Camillus de Lellis was born at Bocchianico, Italy. He fought for the Venetians against the Turks, was addicted to gambling, and by 1574 was penniless in Naples. He became a Capuchin novice, but was unable to be professed because of a diseased leg he contracted while fighting the Turks. He devoted himself to caring for the sick, and became director of St. Giacomo Hospital in Rome. He received permission from his confessor (St. Philip Neri) to be ordained and decided, with two companions, to found his own congregation, the Ministers of the Sick (the Camellians), dedicated to the care of the sick. They ministered to the sick of Holy Ghost Hospital in Rome, enlarged their facilities in 1585, founded a new house in Naples in 1588, and attended the plague-stricken aboard ships in Rome's harbor and in Rome.

In 1591, the Congregation was made into an order to serve the sick by Pope Gregory XIV, and in 1591 and 1605, Camillus sent members of his order to minister to wounded troops in Hungary and Croatia, the first field medical unit. Gravely ill for many years, he resigned as superior of the Order in 1607 and died in Rome on July 14, the year after he attended a General Chapter there. He was canonized in 1746, was declared patron of the sick, with St. John of God, by Pope Leo XIII, and patron of nurses and nursing groups by Pope Pius XI. His feast day is July 18th.



## Chief Squire's Corner

Brother Squires,

I believe it has been on the minds of all of us Squires that we are losing members by the year and gaining far less than we've lost. While I do congratulate those who have brought in new members, our focus still must remain on gaining members. I realize that it is difficult to get young men such as ourselves to join an organization like the Squires, but you must not lose faith. I implore any Squire who knows a young, Catholic man to ask him if he wants to join the Squires. I have faith in all of you to do this.

God Bless,  
Chief Squire Josh Fidler

### PawSox Game!



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When: Wednesday, August 8 at 7:05PM

Where: McCoy Stadium, Pawtucket

The Circle Committee is announcing the fifth annual Squires' PawSox game. The PawSox will be playing the Syracuse Chiefs. Tickets are \$11.00 each. We will be leaving from the Hopkins Hill park and ride at 5PM and stopping for dinner at the House of Pizza in Pawtucket. The Circle is inviting the Blessing Council to join us.

### New Slate of Officers

The new slate of officers for the 2012-12 Columbian Year is as follows:

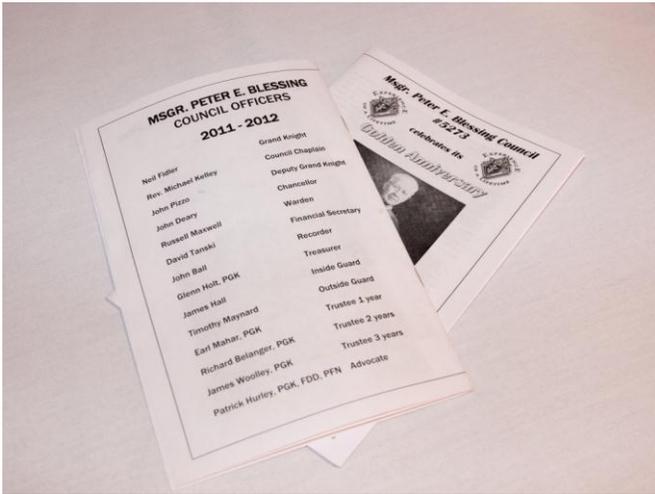
- Chief Squire – Joshua Fidler
- Deputy Chief Squire – Zachary Farrell
- Notary Squire – Neil Grant
- Bursar Squire – Christopher Peloso
- Marshal Squire – Derek Smith

The slate of officers was unanimously voted for by the Circle. The new officers will assume their positions as of July 1<sup>st</sup>.

*“Blessed are they whose ways are blameless, who walk according to the law of the LORD.  
Blessed are they who keep his statutes and seek him with all their heart.”*

- Psalm 119:1-2

### Golden Anniversary Dinner at Nino's 6-23-2012



**Golden Anniversary Dinner at Nino's 6-23-2012 (cont.)**

