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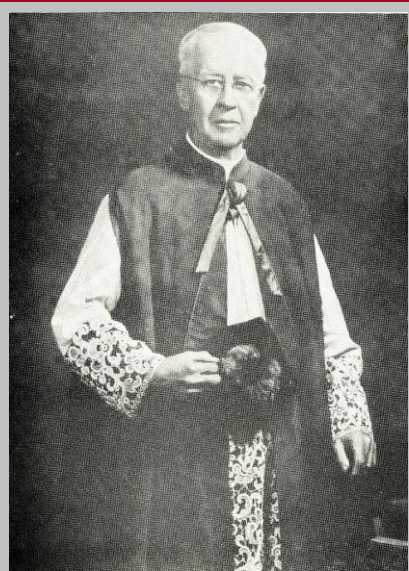
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COVENTRY, RHODE ISLAND

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Our Council's Namesake

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

OCTOBER SQUIRES BUSINESS MEETING

PLACE: SSJP PARISH CENTER CLASSROOM
DATE: FRIDAY, 10/5/2012
TIME: 7:00PM

SQUIRES URI FOOTBALL GAME

PLACE: MEET AT HOPKINS HILL PARK & RIDE
DATE: SATURDAY, 10/6/2012
TIME: 11:00AM

OCTOBER COUNCIL BUSINESS MEETING

PLACE: ST. VINCENT DE PAUL PARISH HALL
DATE: MONDAY, 10/15/2012
TIME: 7:30PM

SQUIRES INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

PLACE: SSJP PARISH CENTER CLASSROOM
DATE: MONDAY, 10/22/2012
TIME: 6:30PM

NOVEMBER SQUIRES BUSINESS MEETING

PLACE: SSJP PARISH CENTER CLASSROOM
DATE: FRIDAY, 11/2/2012
TIME: 7:00PM

NOVEMBER COUNCIL BUSINESS MTG

PLACE: ST. VINCENT DE PAUL PARISH HALL
DATE: MONDAY, 11/12/2012
TIME: 7:30PM



Grand Knight's Corner

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

For those of you who attended the Installation of Officers ceremony and the collation afterwards, I thank you all. My wife and I enjoyed it very much. Those of you who attended the Family Picnic in Goddard Park thank you and a special thanks to Brother Keith Parent for the wonderful job he did setting it all up. It was a truly blessed day.

Our next business meeting is 8 October and since I will be away on Military duty our worthy Deputy Grand Knight Herb Knott will be filling in for me. The fall season is upon us and I would like to sit with all of you and plan an information night as well as a 1st degree exemplification upon my return. Any and all input will be greatly appreciated.

Some upcoming State events are the Columbus Day Banquet honoring Immediate State Deputy John Marcello on Monday 8 October 2012 at the RI Convention Center (tix are \$40 per person). Also, the Charity Ball is scheduled for Saturday, 6 April 2013, at the O Club in North Kingstown.

Finally I would like to reiterate that we are supposed to be recruiting according to the power of one. This means one new member per council per month. This is the future of our order Brothers.

God Bless and Vivat Jesu!

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Chaplain's Report

Dear Brother Knights,

As we begin the month of October, I ask that you be mindful that October is considered by many to be the "Respect Life Month" as well as "The Month of the Rosary." These two considerations go well together. St. Mary intercedes for all human lives.

You may well be aware of Pro-Life activities going on in our area this month. For example, on October 6th & 7th, St. Vincent de Paul Church is sponsoring an annual Rose Sale to help support the "Mother of Life Center" in Providence which has assisted hundreds of women in recent years to have their babies. A Brother Knight will be delivering the roses to my parish. Also, on October 7th, the annual "Life Chain" will be held on the sidewalk in front of Sacred Heart Church in West Warwick from 2:30PM to 3:30PM. This is a peaceful and prayerful event that brings many positive signals from passers-by.

On October 20th, there will be a coffeehouse at SS John and James sponsored by "Silent No More Rhode Island." It is called a "Concert of Hope" and begins at 7PM.

Some parishes are taking up special collections this month to help sponsor a "Pro-Life Across America" billboard. There will soon be one (again) on Route 3 near the address #2075 in Coventry.

I have expanded on all this to give you, dear Brothers, an opportunity to participate in or donate to these events. The "Respect Life" cause is very much a part of our beliefs and support as Catholic men and as Knights of Columbus. It is very important that we, as men, actively participate. We add needed affirmation to the purpose of it all. The Good Lord would have us, I believe, strive to be even more active in "Respect Life" things as we approach election time in November.

Keep praying and working, Brothers, that God's truth will prevail!

May God bless each of you and your families!

Rev. Michael Kelley

Chaplain

Msgr. Blessing Council #5273

"Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own"
Matthew 6:34 (NIV)

Blessing Council Family Picnic



A great time was had by all at the second annual Blessing Council Family Picnic at Goddard Park. The Lord blessed us with a beautiful day, and the turnout was wonderful. Many thanks to Brother Keith Parent for arranging the event, and also for his great cooking skills grilling up those burgers and dogs. Please be sure to check out the photos on the last three pages of this newsletter.

Membership – “The Power of One”



The Supreme Council has introduced its newest membership initiative called “the Power of One.” What does this mean to the Blessing Council? It means this – one new member in our Council per month. Brothers, we have work to do. It is already October which means we are three months behind. To remedy that, our Worthy Grand Knight John Pizzo will be working with the Membership Director PGK Dick Belanger to hold a membership drive in the Parishes that we serve which will culminate in a combined 1st/2nd Degree Exemplification to be held at Saints John and Paul in early November. More details to come!

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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Retention

Brothers, retention is just as important as membership and recruiting. Once we welcome new Brother Knights into the Council, we must keep them active with new activities and responsibility. Also, we must get in touch with Brother Knights who have been inactive for a while and find out how they're doing and why they are not able to make it to council meetings and activities. The Retention Committee is made up of the Deputy GK as Chairman as well as the Chancellor and other council brothers. They will be meeting soon to come up with ideas on how to make sure we are doing all we can with regard to retention. If you are interested in working on the Retention Committee, please contact Worthy DGK Herb Knott.

40 Days for Life

The 40 Days for Life program has begun again as of the end of September at Planned Parenthood offices in Providence and the Women's Center Abortion Mill on Broad Street in Cranston. The 40-day vigil will be ending on November 4. Councils are urged to adopt a day during this time and hold a vigil saying the Rosary. At current time, the Council is looking for a Pro-Life chairman, but in the meantime, we will try to identify a day during the October meeting so that we can hold vigil outside the abortion mill.

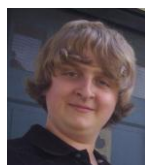
“Let your conversation be always full of grace, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how to answer everyone”
Colossians 4:6



SAINT OF THE MONTH

St. Francis of Assisi

Francis Bernardone was born the son of Pietro di Bernardone, a rich cloth merchant in Assisi in Italy. He led a wealthy and privileged life, wearing clothes made of the best materials and was well educated. With a future guaranteed in his father's business some of his youth was mis-spent. His experiences as a soldier, during which time he was a prisoner of war, led him to a more somber and religious life. He undertook a pilgrimage to Rome and returned to Assisi following spiritual visions and mystical experiences. He decided to devote his life to the Christian faith and renounced all of his wealth preferring to lead a life of poverty. His evangelical preaching inspired others to follow him and in 1209 Francis and his first followers went to Rome to ask permission from Pope Innocent III to found a new religious order. The pope agreed and Francis of Assisi became the founder of the Franciscan Order of Preaching Friars. He was said to have preached to birds and animals which explains his association with nature and all of God's creatures. Francis of Assisi is also famous for the Canticle of Brother Sun and Sister Moon. Saint Francis of Assisi died in 1226 of natural causes.

***Chief Squire's Corner***

Brother Squires,

It has been a successful month for the Circle. We have five new potential candidates for Squiredom, which were signed up at the recent membership drive. Unfortunately, not many Squires were there at the drive, but we managed with the few that we had. This is an amazing thing for the circle since our circle's membership has been dwindling. Once we have these five squires confirmed for membership, we will be initiating them into the Squires soon.

God Bless,
Chief Squire Josh Fidler

Squires Installation of Officers and Awards

When: Monday, October 22, at 6:30PM

Where: SSJP Parish Center

The Circle will be holding its annual Installation of Officers and Awards Ceremony on Monday, October 24 at 7PM, at the Saints John and Paul Parish Hall. The evening will start off with a Pot-Luck Dinner. Parents are encouraged to bring a dish or two. After the dinner, the Installation of Officers ceremony will start. After the installation, the Circle will have our Columbian Year 2011-12 Awards ceremony. This is always a great event with outstanding food so please make every effort to be there.

"And Jesus grew in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and man."
- Luke 2:52 (NIV)

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