



The Blessing Word

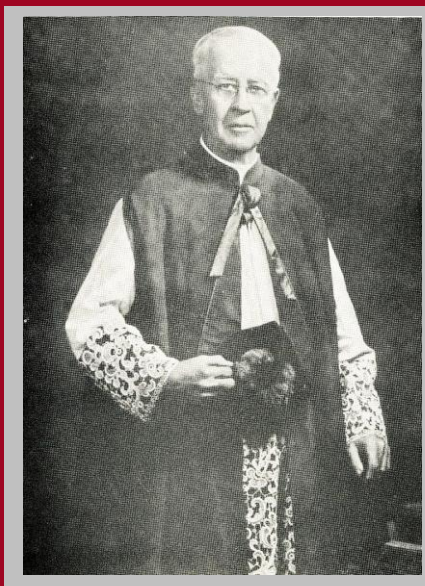
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Our Council's Namesake

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

NOVEMBER SQUIRES MEETING

PLACE: SSJP RECTORY CONFERENCE ROOM
DATE: FRIDAY, 11/2/2012
TIME: 7:00PM

1ST/2ND DEGREE EXEMPLIFICATION

PLACE: SSJP PARISH CENTER
DATE: MONDAY, 11/5/2012
TIME: 6:30PM

NOVEMBER COUNCIL MEETING

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

DECEMBER SQUIRES MEETING

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

INFORMATION HOUR

PLACE: SSJP PARISH CENTER
DATE: SUNDAY, 12/9/2012
TIME: AFTER 11:30AM MASS

CHRISTMAS PARTY

PLACE: SSJP PARISH CENTER
DATE: MONDAY, 12/10/2012
TIME: 6:30PM



Grand Knight's Corner

My Brothers All, I pray you are well.

It is November and an election year, so please do not forget to vote this year. More than any other is a very important election. It is our obligation as responsible citizens of this republic to be involved.

Our next meeting is Monday, November 12, and since we last meet our Squires had their Installation of Officers for which the worthy State Deputy Jim Gilcrest was in attendance. It was a wonderful evening and to be able to see the young men who are going to be our orders future, I can say I was impressed, and our future looks very bright.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank Blessing Council for sending my wife and me to the annual charity ball at the Newport Council. It was a wonderful evening! We made new friends, got to dance and the dinner was excellent, so thank you all so very much!

We have some upcoming events: The Blessing Council Christmas Party which will be held on Monday, December 10, at the Saints John and Paul Parish Center. I would like to request everyone who attends brings an unwrapped Christmas gift, so that we may make a donation to the Marine Corps Reserve Toys for Tots program. No child should have to wake up Christmas morning and feel bad because Santa didn't come. Also, we will also be hosting an information hour after the 11:30AM Mass on Sunday, December 9. The Christ the King Mass will be held on Sunday November 25 at the Cathedral in Providence followed by brunch which will be served downstairs. The cost is \$10 for adults and \$6 for children 12 and under. It is posted on the State website. Finally the Charity Ball is going to be held on Saturday, April 6, 2013, at the O Club in North Kingstown.

Also I would like to say Happy Veterans Day to all of our Veterans and thank you for your service.

Finally I would like to say that November is the month of Thanksgiving. It shouldn't be one day where everyone thinks about what to be thankful for, but try every day to think about what you have to be thankful for and thank God for those blessings.

God Bless and Vivat Jesu!

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Chaplain's Report

Dear Brother Knights,

As I am writing this column I have just come from the voting booth. I had a strong sense from God that no matter how the elections turn out (which you know now) there is great reason to give thanks! "Rejoice Always, Pray Constantly, Give thanks in all Circumstances for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you." - St Paul.

Here are some ways we can give thanks.

We can give thanks that we live in the United States of America. We have a history of great Christian tradition that has given birth to our Democracy. So many of our founding fathers were dedicated Christians. George Washington was an outstanding one. Even some 170 years before him the Puritans and Pilgrims made laudable contributions to a Christian culture that has helped to add to our greatness as a nation. As Catholic Christians we like to trace back even further to Christopher Columbus and his Catholic Christian roots in conceiving and living out such an unprecedented venture.

We can give thanks for our ongoing Catholic heritage which we especially have come to appreciate as Knights of Columbus. We have recently begun a "Year of Faith" in which we all have an opportunity to deepen our conversion to Christ! To help with this conversion, I want to encourage all of you to find a good Catholic book this year and read it. This may sound very simple but it is not so simple. We all have many things calling for our time and it is not easy to make extra time to read. But if we give up part of our "entertainment" time we will find the time to read an inspiring book. If you would like a suggestion about a good book for you just give me a call (1-821-8719 ext. 3).

We give thanks that we have the greatest gift in the whole world which is our Catholic Christian Faith and no government here on earth can take this gift away! Thank you, Lord, for this great eternal gift.

Have a Blessed Thanksgiving!

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)



To all Brother Knights who serve and have served our great nation in wartime and in peacetime, from the bottom of our hearts we thank you for your service. It is because of you that we enjoy our freedom today! Also, please remember Brother Nick Parent in your prayers who left for the USMC last month

Welcome New Brother Knights!

The Blessing Council hosted a combined 1st/2nd Degree Exemplification at SSJP Parish Center on Monday, November 5. The Council welcomed three new Brother 2nd Degree Knights: Michael Colvin, Edward Rice and Edgar Brouillard. Please be sure to introduce yourself at the next meeting! The Blessing Council First Degree Team did a great job, as usual, with the First Degree Ceremony. Keep up the great job recruiting!

Membership – Information Hour



When: Saturday, December 9, 2012 after 11:30AM Mass
Where: SS John and Paul Parish Center

Brother Knights are urged to attend the Information Hour which will be hosted by our Council after the 11:30AM Mass on 12/9 at SSJP Parish Center. Worthy GK John Pizzo and DD Neil Fidler will be speaking to the prospective candidates and there will be informative videos shown on what the Knights are all about. There will also be pizza and refreshments. We pray we will get more new members with this recruiting event.

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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Christmas Party!



Please join the Msgr. Peter E. Blessing Knights of Columbus Council #5273 for food and Christmas cheer on Monday, December 10, at 6:30 p.m. SS John and Paul Parish Center 341 South Main St. Coventry, RI

Buffet-Style Menu:

Pasta Primavera
Sausage & Peppers
Chicken Marsala
Meatballs
Chicken Tenders
Pizza Strips

Mushrooms & Onions
Green Beans
Rolls
Garden Salad/Dressings
Coffee, Soda, Water
Dessert

50/50 Raffle – "Bibles for the Marines"

No cost, however, attendees are asked to bring an unwrapped new toy for "Toys for Tots"

Please R.S.V.P. with number of people attending and what you are bringing by 11/30 calling GK John Pizzo at 828-7359 or PGK Richard Belanger at 822-5617

"Look to the LORD and his strength; seek his face always. Remember the wonders he has done, his miracles, and the judgments he pronounced." - 1 Chronicles 16:11-12 (NIV)



SAINT OF THE MONTH

St. Katherine Drexel

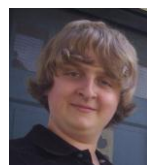
Katharine Mary Drexel was born Catherine Marie Drexel in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, on November 26, 1858, to Francis Anthony Drexel and Hannah Langstroth. Her family owned a considerable banking fortune, and her uncle Anthony Joseph Drexel was the founder of Drexel University in Philadelphia. She had two natural sisters, Louise and Elizabeth. She was a distant cousin of former first lady Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis on her father's side.

She took religious vows, and took the name Mother Katharine, dedicating herself and her inheritance to the needs of oppressed Native Americans and African-Americans in the western and southwestern United States, and was a vocal advocate of racial tolerance. Joined by 13 other women, she then established a religious congregation, the Sisters of the Blessed Sacrament to further this cause. She also financed more than 60 missions and schools around the United States, as well as founding Xavier University of Louisiana – the only historically Black, Roman Catholic university in the United States.

Katherine was beatified by Pope John Paul II on November 20, 1988, and canonized on October 1, 2000, one of only a few American saints and the second American-born. The Vatican cited a fourfold legacy of Drexel:

“A love of the Eucharist and perspective on the unity of all peoples; courage and initiative in addressing social inequality among minorities; her efforts to achieve quality education for all; and selfless service, including the donation of her inheritance, for the victims of injustice.”

Her feast day is observed on March 3, the anniversary of her death

*Chief Squire's Corner*

Brother Squires,

Thanks to all of you for putting on a great Installation of Officers and Awards ceremony as well as a great Investiture ceremony. It was great meeting our Worthy State Deputy Jim Gilchreast and receiving our 4th straight Corps d'Elite award. Keep up the great work!

Also, welcome to our newest Squires: Peter Tardiff, David Tardiff and James Thomas. We are glad to have you in our Circle!

God Bless,

Chief Squire Josh Fidler

Squires Installation of Officers and Awards Ceremony – Welcome new Squires!



On Monday, October 22, the Fr. Leo Antil Circle held its Installation of Officers and Awards Ceremony which was attended by the Worthy State Deputy Jim Gilchreast, Jr., and Worthy District Deputy Neil Fidler. Worthy Grand Knight John Pizzo presided over the ceremony where the following officers were installed: Chief Squire Joshua Fidler, Deputy Chief Squire Zachary Farrell, Notary Squire Neil Grant and Bursar Squire Christopher Peloso. Awards were also presented to Squires and those who supported the Circle the past year. The Corps d'Elite award for 2011-12 was presented by Worthy SD Gilchreast to Chief Squire Fidler. The Circle began the night with a pot luck dinner with great food for all!

Also, on Friday, November 2, the Circle conducted an Investiture and welcomed the three newest Squires: Peter Tardiff, David Tardiff and James Thomas.

“For just as through the disobedience of the one man the many were made sinners, so also through the obedience of the one man the many will be made righteous.” - Romans 5:19 (NIV)

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