



The Blessing Word

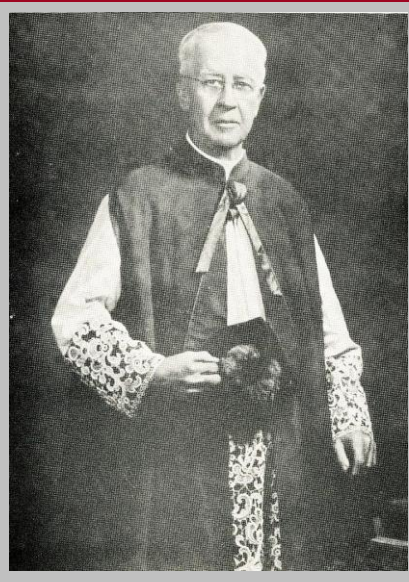
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Our Council's Namesake

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

DECEMBER SQUIRES MEETING

PLACE: SSJP RECTORY CONFERENCE ROOM
DATE: FRIDAY, 12/7/2012
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

LA SALETTE SHRINE VISIT (SQUIRES)

LEAVE FROM HOPKINS HILL PARK AND RIDE
DATE: FRIDAY, 12/14/2012
TIME: 5:30PM

JANUARY SQUIRES MEETING

PLACE: SSJP PARISH CENTER CLASSROOM
DATE: FRIDAY, 1/11/2013
TIME: 7:00PM

JANUARY COUNCIL MEETING

PLACE: SVP PARISH HALL
DATE: MONDAY, 1/14/2013
TIME: 7:30PM



Grand Knight's Corner

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

Merry Christmas! It is December, where did this year go? Our next meeting is Monday January 14, 2013.

For those of you who attended our Christmas party on Monday the 10th, thank you for a very successful evening, we were able to collect three large Toys for Tots boxes of toys. Lance Corporals Rivera and Angell from the Marine Corps Reserve attended and spoke as to how events like ours are where they really make their goals of providing toys to needy children; we were also able to collect nearly \$300 in the 50/50 raffle for our Bible for Marines drive. Also the information hour on the 9th of December was a tremendous success, thank you to all our brother Knights who came and gave testimonial as to their experiences as Knights, we were able to get 5 prospective brothers.

The Ten Commandments monument donated by the Blessing Council and Leo Ancil Squires Circle was blessed by Father Grennon after Mass on Sunday the 9th, thank you to all who attended it was cold, but my heart was warmed. The State Charity Ball is going to be held on Saturday 6 April 2013 at the O Club in North Kingston, I feel it would be a wonderful thing if we could fill a couple of tables with brothers of the Blessing council.

Finally I would like to say that if not for Christ there would be no Christmas and therefore no Holiday season. So please wish everyone a Merry Christmas, stand up for our beliefs and our rights. A cross and a nativity scene on the public square do not violate any section of the constitution no matter how much those who oppose it say it does, they are wrong, but we need to stand together and insist that our rights are just as important. The only thing necessary for evil to triumph is for good men to do nothing. You are all good men and we need to do something!

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

God Bless and Vivat Jesu!

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Chaplain's Report

Dear Brother Knights,

It was great to see many of you at the K of C Christmas Party on Dec. 10th at Saints John and Paul Church. I am proud of your generosity, too, in providing toys for the "Toys for Tots" program.

As we are in what I like to call the Advent/Christmas Season it is good for us to keep in mind the fuller meaning we see in all of this.

Advent is that four week period before Christmas when we seek to stir up in our spirits (and in the spirits of those we are responsible for) a deeper desire to grow in our relationship with Almighty God! It's almost like we imagine that Christ hasn't come yet. We would really have something major missing in our lives. Indeed, we would be missing the central reason for our existence!

Christ has come! This is the reason for our Christmas celebrations and it is the greatest reason of all. Despite all of our problems and concerns, despite all of our sins, despite all the many missed opportunities to do good Christ has still come!

As Knights of Columbus we have a special reason to celebrate Christmas – because we are Catholic men. This is a great privilege and responsibility, always. Christians believe something that no other religion dares to imagine. God so loved the World that He, the Heavenly Father, gave His only begotten Son! God became one of us to help us be more like God! This needs to be said again and again! All the ramifications of this are truly awesome and awe inspiring.

So, dear Brothers, I encourage you all to see this Christmas as a brand new opportunity to have Christ in your life. Go to the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Make more room for Him in your life. Attend Christmas Mass with family and loved ones. Be a witness to others of the fullest reason for joy at Christmas.

A Merry Christmas to you all!

Rev. Michael Kelley

Chaplain

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"For, this day, is born to you a Savior, who is Christ the Lord, in the city of David." - Luke 2:11 (DRA)

Ten Commandments Dedication

On December 9th Father Grennon led a dedication at SSJP following the 11:30AM Mass to bless the new Ten Commandments monument which was donated by the MSGR Blessing Council and the Fr. Anctil Squires Circle.



Welcome More New Brother Knights!

The Blessing Council is happy to announce that two more Brother Knights joined our Council in November, bringing the monthly total to five. Brothers George O'Loughlin and Stephen Kukulka recently completed a combined 1st/2nd Degree Exemplification. Please be sure to introduce yourself at the next meeting! Keep up the great job recruiting!

Membership – Information Hour



SUCCESS!

Brother Knights, the Information Hour which was hosted by our Council after the 11:30AM Mass on 12/9 at SSJP Parish Center was a great success! Worthy GK John Pizzo and DD Neil Fidler spoke to the prospective candidates and informative videos were shown on what the Knights are all about. Our prayers for new recruits were answered with 5 new prospective members. Thanks to all of you who helped make this event fruitful.

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 2012



As the Grand Knight mentioned, our Christmas party was very well attended by our members and we succeeded in filling the Marine Reservist's three large Toys for Tots boxes. The event was attended by no less than six PGKs, the council officers, council members, squires and family members. Thanks to all who donated their time and treasure to make it happen!

The 50/50 Raffle was conducted to help support our Bibles for Marines drive. There is a great need to provide material aid to the military chaplains of the Archdiocese for the Military Services. We were able to raise almost \$300 and the raffle winner generously donated her half of the winnings back to the pot, Hoo-rah!

“And she shall bring forth a son: and thou shalt call his name Jesus, for he shall save his people from their sins” - Matthew 1:21 (DRA)



SAINT OF THE MONTH

St. Juan Diego

On December 9, 1531, a native Mexican named Juan Diego rose before dawn to walk fifteen miles to daily Mass in what is now Mexico City. As Juan passed Tepeyac Hill, he heard music and saw a glowing cloud encircled by a rainbow. A woman's voice called him to the top of the hill. There he saw a beautiful young woman dressed like an Aztec princess. She said she was the Virgin Mary and asked Juan to tell the bishop to build a church on that site.

The bishop was kind but sceptical. He asked Juan to bring proof of the Lady's identity. Before Juan could go back to the Lady, he found out his uncle was dying. Hurrying to get a priest, Juan missed his meeting with the Lady. The Lady, however, met him on his path and told him that his uncle had been cured. She then told Juan to climb to the top of the hill where they first met. Juan was shocked to find flowers growing in the frozen soil. He gathered them in his cloak and took them at once to the bishop.

Juan told the bishop what had happened and opened his cloak. The flowers that fell to the ground were Castilian roses (which were not grown in Mexico). But the bishop's eyes were on the glowing image of the Lady imprinted inside Juan's cloak. Soon after, a church was built on the site where our Lady appeared, and thousands converted to Christianity. Our Lady of Guadalupe was declared the patroness of the Americas.

***Chief Squire's Corner***

Hello worthy Squires!

I would like to wish you and your families a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! While we are all enjoying a wonderful time with family at this time of the year, we need to remember that Christmas is all about the birth of Our Lord. As our Past Father Prior Fr. Forcier told us, "Jesus Christ is the reason for the season." I look forward to seeing you at the Blessing Council Christmas Party and at LaSalette!

God Bless,
Chief Squire Josh Fidler

LaSalette Shrine Visit – 2012

The Circle will be making our annual visit to the LaSalette Shrine on the night of Friday, December 14th. We will be leaving from the Hopkins Hill Park and Ride at 5:30PM getting to the House of Pizza in Pawtucket for dinner and then onto the Shrine.

This is our fourth straight year visiting the Shrine so let's make a good showing! Family and friends are invited! Also, Knights from the Blessing Council and their families are welcome as well!

"And this shall be a sign unto you. You shall find the infant wrapped in swaddling clothes, and laid in a manger."- Luke 2:12 (DRA)