



# The Blessing Word



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Our Council's Namesake

### CALENDAR OF EVENTS

#### JANUARY SQUIRES MEETING

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

#### JANUARY COUNCIL MEETING

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

#### COMBINED 1ST/2ND DEGREE

##### EXEMPLIFICATION

PLACE: SSJP PARISH CENTER  
DATE: MONDAY, 1/21/2013  
TIME: 6:30PM

#### FEBRUARY SQUIRES BUSINESS MEETING

PLACE: SSJP PARISH CENTER CLASSROOM  
DATE: FRIDAY, 2/1/2013  
TIME: 7:00PM

#### FEBRUARY COUNCIL MEETING

PLACE: SVP PARISH HALL  
DATE: MONDAY, 2/11/2013  
TIME: 7:30PM



## Grand Knight's Corner

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

Welcome to the New Year, I pray you all had a blessed Christmas and New Year. If you made resolutions make sure they are realistic and attainable. Our next meeting is Monday January 14, 2013.

For those who attended the Christmas party thank you for making it an overwhelming success. We are planning a St. Patrick's Day Dinner I pray that will be as complete success.

The next big thing for us at the Blessing council is a combined 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> degree exemplification on Monday, January 21. We are lucky enough to have 6 new members who will be joining our ranks and if anyone knows of any individual who would like to join get a form 100 filled out on them and bring it to our next business meeting.

Finally I would just like to say I pray that this year is a blessed one for all of us, not only the Knights but our whole Catholic family. Keep faith in God and let the Holy Spirit guide you.

God Bless and Vivat Jesu!

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# Chaplain's Report

Dear Brother Knights,

As we begin a new year I want you all to know that I pray it will be a year filled with many graces and blessings for each of you and your families.

January is a time we are especially aware of demonstrating our belief in the dignity of all human life from natural conception until natural death. I have long been inspired by the Knight's presence at and contribution to the National Pro-life Rally in Washington D.C. held each year. Literally thousands of signs stating "K of C Defends Life" are held up and carried all throughout the Rally. This is the fortieth year since abortion has been legal in our country! What a holocaust! Over 50 million babies have been killed right in their mother's wombs. Now, our nation has re-elected President Obama who is the most pro abortion government official I have ever heard about. We must redouble our prayers and work for Life!

In my parish we are promoting a simple yet profound prayer that I am asking parishioners to pray daily. It was originally written by Archbishop Fulton Sheen. It calls us to "spiritually adopt" a baby who is right now in its mother's womb. I encourage all of you to do this. Give the baby a name and pray the following prayer for this child ever day for nine months. Here is the prayer:

"Jesus, Mary and Joseph, I love you very much. I beg you to spare the life of the unborn baby that I have spiritually adopted who is in danger of abortion."

Brothers, let us continue to stand strong in defending all human life - no matter how weak or vulnerable that life may be. Some day the law of our land will again reflect God's Law.

A Blessed New Year to you,

Rev. Michael Kelley

Chaplain

Msgr. Blessing Council #5273

*"And entering into the house, they found the child with Mary his mother, and falling down they adored him; and opening their treasures, they offered him gifts; gold, frankincense, and myrrh." - Matthew 2:11 (DRA)*

### Waiting Period for 4<sup>th</sup> Degree is Waived

Fellow Knights, did you know that the Board of Directors of the Supreme Council has recently voted to remove the 6 month waiting period to join the 4<sup>th</sup> Degree? Now, any 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree member in good standing can join the 4<sup>th</sup> Degree, regardless of how long he has been a member of the order. Fewer than 18% of Knights join the Fourth Degree, which is optional. The 4<sup>th</sup> Degree is the Patriotic Degree Only Fourth Degree Knights may optionally purchase and wear the full regalia and join the Assembly's Color Corps.



### 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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### January Birthdays for Council #5273

Happy Birthday from the Blessing Council to our Brother Knights born in January.

Dale Cross  
 Anthony Favata  
 Richard Houle  
 Patrick Hurley  
 Earl Mahar  
 Anthony Paone  
 Richard P. Sullivan

### Prayer Intentions



Dear Brothers, please keep in your prayers Joseph Del Deo, the father of Insurance Agent and Council Brother Stephen Del Deo. Mr. Del Deo is suffering from Parkinson's disease and recently fell and broke his hip. He will require major surgery and rehabilitation.

Please also remember in your prayers Lucille Ferrer, wife of Brother Angel Ferrer, who is recovering from surgery. Please pray for swift recovery for them both.

If you have prayer requests for anyone that you would like included in 'The Blessing Word' newsletter, please send them to me at [mikegcolvin@gmail.com](mailto:mikegcolvin@gmail.com) and I will try to add them into the next monthly edition of the newsletter.

God Bless and Vivat Jesu!

*“And when his parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him according to the custom of the law, He (Simeon) also took him into his arms, and blessed God, and said; Now thou dost dismiss thy servant, O Lord, according to thy word in peace; Because my eyes have seen thy salvation” - Luke 2:27-30 (DRA)*

## **Bishop Tobin on Newtown Conn. Tragedy**



From The RI Catholic 12/14/12

(PROVIDENCE, R.I.)-The Most Rev. Thomas J. Tobin, Bishop of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Providence, issued the following statement relative to the tragic events that took place in a Connecticut elementary school earlier today.

"On behalf of the Catholic Church in the Diocese of Providence, and in my own name, I extend my most sincere sympathy and prayers to all those whose lives have been touched by the terrible and tragic events that have taken place this day in Connecticut. Although even the best of words will fail at a moment like this, my prayer is that the Birth of Jesus, Emmanuel – the God who is with us in good times and bad – will bring some measure of comfort and peace to all."

## **Annual Pro-Life Dinner**

An annual pro-life dinner will be held on Saturday, January 19 at St. Philip's Parish Center located at 622 Putnam Pike, Greenville RI. Please consider joining your fellow Catholics and Brother Knights in support of the unborn. The dinner is \$20 per person and can be ordered by contacting Mike Krzywonos at (cell) 401-474-2285 or (home) 401-726-6323. You can also send a check made out to **RI Knights of Columbus** to Mike Krzywonos, 34 Blackburn St., Pawtucket RI 02861. Please include your name and the council name. Reservations will be picked up at the door and must be made in advance.

## **Marian Afternoon & Overnight Vigil**

On Sunday, January 20, 2013, Saints John and Paul Parish, Coventry, RI will be hosting a night and day of prayer and vigil to mark the fortieth anniversary of Roe v. Wade, the Supreme Court decision that legalized abortion on demand.

- **4:00 pm (Jan. 20th)** - A film on the image of Our Lady of Guadalupe and its connection to the pro-life movement held in our parish center.
- **6:00 pm (Jan. 20th)** - Holy Mass
- **7:00 pm (Jan. 20th)** - Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
- **7:00 pm – 8:30 am (Jan 20th – Jan. 21st)** - Eucharistic Adoration will take place. The pilgrim image of Our Lady of Guadalupe will be available for veneration, and a talk on the image will be given. The Rosary will be prayed at the start of each hour, and confessions will be available through the night.
- **8:30 am (Jan 21st)** - Benediction
- **9:00 am (Jan 21st)** - Holy Mass

You are invited to stay for as long as you like. Please bring your friends, your children, your loved ones. All are invited to come and pray for...Our leaders, that they will protect all human life as we mark Inauguration Day on January 21, Our nation, as we mark the 40th anniversary of Roe v. Wade on January 22, The success of the Right to Life March on January 25, Your own personal intentions. If you have any questions, please contact Father Derek Puleo at Saints John and Paul Church, 821-5764

~ This event is co-sponsored by the parish Liturgical and Respect Life Committees ~

## **Blessing Council to Host Combined 1<sup>st</sup>/2<sup>nd</sup> degree**

### **Exemplification in January!**

The Blessing Council is happy to announce that another 1<sup>st</sup>/2<sup>nd</sup> Degree Exemplification ceremony will be held at SSJP Parish Center on Monday, 1/21/13 at 6:30PM. Six new candidates for our council will be participating. Please join us in making this a special event for them. Keep up the great job recruiting!

*"And it came to pass, that, after three days, they found him in the temple, sitting in the midst of the doctors, hearing them, and asking them questions. And all that heard him were astonished at his wisdom and his answers." - Luke 2:46-47 (DRA)*

**SAINT OF THE MONTH****Brother André Bessette**

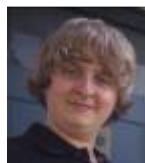
The pastor of his parish, the Rev. André Provençal, noticed the devotion and generosity of the young man. He decided to present Alfred to the Congregation of Holy Cross in Montreal, writing a note to the superior, "I'm sending you a saint." Although he was initially rejected by the order because of frail health, Archbishop Ignace Bourget of Montreal intervened on his behalf, and in 1872, Alfred was accepted, and entered the novitiate of the congregation, receiving the religious name of Brother André, by which he was known for the rest of his life. He made his final vows on February 2, 1874, at the age of 28.

André was given the task of porter at Notre Dame College in Côte-des-Neiges, Quebec. He fulfilled this function for some forty years while at the same time doing innumerable odd jobs for the community. At the end of his life, he would joke that when he came, he was shown the door, and stayed for forty years. In addition to his duties as receptionist, his tasks included washing floors and windows, cleaning lamps, bringing in firewood and carrying messages.

His great confidence in Saint Joseph inspired him to recommend this saint's devotion to all those who were afflicted in various ways. On his many visits to the sick in their homes, he would recommend them in prayer to St. Joseph, and would anoint them lightly with oil from the lamp in the college chapel which always burned before the St. Joseph altar. People claimed that they had been cured through the prayers of the good Brother and Saint Joseph, and they were grateful their prayers had been heard. Brother André steadfastly refused to take any credit for these cures, and, although usually a gentle man, he was known to become enraged at those who suggested that he possessed any healing powers. Because he wanted St. Joseph to be honored, in 1904 Bessette began the campaign to erect a chapel to honor the saint.

Brother André's reputation grew, and soon he was known as the miracle worker of Mount-Royal. He had to face the attacks and the criticism of numerous adversaries. He had the strong support, however, of the diocesan Church, and thousands of cures without apparent medical explanation made him the object of popular acclaim.

In 1924 construction of a basilica named Saint Joseph's Oratory, began on the side of the mountain, near Bessette's chapel.

**Chief Squire's Corner**

Brother Squires,

First of all, I would like to wish you all a happy New Year. After all your service in the previous year, you've deserved it. Second, I would like to point out that our focus is, after all these years of this focus, still on membership. We lost many members last year and I fear that we may be losing more members this year.

Though there is no real way to prevent people from leaving the Squires, be it by choice or simply because of their age, we can always get new members. Lastly, I would like to congratulate you all on a great year for the Squires last year. We may have lost many members, but we also achieved a lot.

God Bless,  
Chief Squire Josh Fidler

**LaSalette Shrine Visit – 2012**

The Circle made our annual visit to the LaSalette Shrine on the night of Friday, December 14th. Dinner was at the House of Pizza in Pawtucket, and then it was onto the Shrine. This was our fourth straight year visiting the Shrine. The following pages are some of the photos from our trip. The rest can be viewed on the Blessing Council website at: <http://www.coventryknights.org/activities.htm>

*"Behold an angel of the Lord appeared in sleep to Joseph, saying: Arise, and take the child and his mother, and fly into Egypt: and be there until I shall tell thee. For it will come to pass that Herod will seek the child to destroy him." - Matthew 2:13 (DRA)*

