



The Blessing Word



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Our Council's Namesake

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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

MARCH SQUIRES BUSINESS MEETING

PLACE: SSJP PARISH CENTER CLASSROOM
DATE: FRIDAY, 3/1/2013
TIME: 7:00PM

MARCH COUNCIL MEETING

PLACE: SVP PARISH HALL
DATE: MONDAY, 3/11/2013
TIME: 7:30PM



Grand Knight's Corner

Worthy Brothers, I pray you and your families are well

It has been a busy month since we last met. We had a 1st and 2nd degree exemplification in which we welcomed 6 new brothers with more still waiting in the wings to join our council. We also had 4 of our brothers attain their 3rd degree on January 29th so congratulations to them. Our next meeting is Monday February 11, 2013.

Also since last we met, the General Assembly in their infinite wisdom has decided to pass a bill recognizing same sex marriage. I called my rep and voiced my opposition, but he is apparently more concerned with voting a party line than representing his constituents, I will do whatever I can to make him regret that decision.

The next big thing we can do is to call our State senators and tell them we oppose same sex marriage. Just because a minority of approximately 4 percent of the population want to legitimize their lifestyle by trying to co-opt the term marriage. Marriage is a religious sacrament; the laws we have regarding marriage were enacted to protect children, which can only be produced in the union between a man and a woman,

Walls do not just fall down in one fell swoop gentleman. It is the erosion of the sediment over time that holds all of it together, that is when it falls.

Beginning Monday February 4th there is a presentation of Fr. Robert Barron's Catholicism at St Vincent De Paul at 7 PM. I hope to see you there.

Finally I would just like to say that we are being attacked and our fundamental rights are being usurped. Learn about our rights and our faith Gentlemen, it is our duty and obligation to do so.

God Bless and Vivat Jesu!

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Chaplain's Report

Dear Brother Knights,

During the month of February we are beginning another Lenten Liturgical Season. Ash Wednesday is on February 13th. Easter will be March 31st. I would like to highlight some things about Lent in this Chaplain's Report.

Lent means "Spring Time" which is a welcome thought as we trudge through winter. It is meant to be a time when we do "Spring Cleaning" in our spiritual life and commit ourselves in a deeper way than perhaps ever before to loving God and our neighbor.

In the Catechism of the Catholic Church paragraph #540 it is mentioned that Jesus, Our Lord, fasted 40 days and 40 nights in preparation for his public ministry. We try to follow Jesus' example in everything. "By the solemn forty days of Lent the Church unites herself each year to the mystery of Jesus in the desert."

There is the regular rather minimal fast and abstinence on certain days of Lent which you will be reminded of in your parishes. But then there is the choice of extra things we can and should do in order to draw closer to heaven and further God's Kingdom by our lives.

The number one "fast" we should do is "fast from sinning." This could lead us to some concrete decisions. Perhaps we should spend less time watching sporting events and more time chipping away at work projects around our homes. Perhaps instead of spending so much personal time on our computers we should try to help our children with their homework assignment or at least spend more time talking to our children. There are many other fasts we can do.

We should also think about ways we are spending time in prayer. How is God calling us to deepen in our prayer and thus in our relationship with Christ. Seeing our prayer as talking to Jesus and listening to Jesus makes it a great adventure.

Finally, we should make an effort to be generous with our money and our time. The needs are great. Parish priests can tell you there are many people hurting financially. Some can't pay their rent or the heating bills. Perhaps we can help especially through our parishes. So, dear Brothers, let us join our Lord Jesus and advance the Kingdom of God by our Lenten practices of fasting, prayer and almsgiving. You will not be disappointed.

Rev. Michael Kelley

Chaplain

Msgr. Blessing Council #5273

"When thou shalt pour out thy soul to the hungry, and shalt satisfy the afflicted soul then shall thy light rise up in the darkness, and thy darkness shall be as the noonday." - Isaiah 58:10 (DRA)

Bishop's Call to Action!

Bishop Tobin recently wrote a piece in the RI Catholic last month regarding homosexual marriage. He said: *"As the General Assembly takes up the question of permitting same sex marriage once again, I urge members of the Diocese of Providence and other concerned citizens to contact their state representatives and senators immediately to encourage them to stand firm; to protect the traditional values of marriage and family and reject same-sex marriage. Dear friends, now is the time to practice your faith and let your voice be heard!"*



February Birthdays for Council #5273

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

Joseph N. Allen
George Charpentier
John Connor
Daniel Danis
Marvin Day
John Folloni Jr.
Frederick Haibon
Walter Menders
Victor Moffitt
Matthew Reay

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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St. Patricks Day Dinner Fundraiser

The Msgr. Blessing Council is holding a St. Patrick's Day Dinner Fundraiser on Friday March 15, 2013. Cocktails are at 6:30 PM followed by dinner at 7:00 PM. It will be held at Club Jogues in Coventry, 184 Boston St. The cost is \$20 per person with proceeds to be donated to the Mother of Life Center. Special dispensation has been granted by Fr. Grenon. The menu will consist of a variety of buffet items. Stay tuned for more details in an upcoming Flyer.



"Commanding them: When you shall do the office of midwives to the Hebrew women, and the time of delivery is come: if it be a man child, kill it: if a woman, keep it alive. But the midwives feared God, and did not do as the king of Egypt had commanded, but saved the men children." - Exodus 1:16-17 (DRA)

Welcome New Brother Knights!

The Blessing Council is happy to announce that six more Brother Knights joined our Council in January. They recently completed a combined 1st/2nd Degree Exemplification. Please be sure to introduce yourself at the next meeting! Keep up the great job recruiting!



"Day of Recollection" to be Held

Something "Good" to Listen to on the Radio **WSJW 550 AM**

Bishop Tobin is a fan and now you can be one too! Now in its 12th year, Relevant Radio® is "Talk Radio for Catholic Life", broadcasting 24/7 on 34 stations in 13 states and across the world over the internet. Relevant Radio owns and operates 13 stations and produces 60 hours of original programming each week. Relevant Radio creates a community of hope. Through this personal and intimate forum of communications, hope is rekindled, marriages are saved, souls draw closer to Christ and His Church, and the Truth sets many free. Be a part of this amazing journey! Tune in and listen now!



To comply with the Holy Father's proclamation that the 13 month period from October 11, 2012 through November 24, 2013 shall be a Year of Faith, the RI State Council is proud to announce a "Day of Recollection to be held on Saturday February 16, 2013 at the La Sallette Shrine in Attleboro, MA. The day will begin with coffee 'an' from 8:00-9:00 AM followed by a full complement of activities geared to make your day of prayer complete. Our State Chaplain, Fr. Joseph Paquette is planning the entire event so please make every effort to sign up for this wonderful day. The State Council will pay for lunch and the entire event is free of charge to everyone. The only thing you need to do is get in touch with State Treasurer Michael Benson (email: mbenson601@aol.com, Cell: 401-301-3823, Home: 401-268-3823) with your count.

Prayer Intentions

This month I have received no new prayer requests. 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 and I will try to add them into the next monthly edition of the newsletter.

God Bless and Vivat Jesu!

"And the blood shall be unto you for a sign in the houses where you shall be: and I shall see the blood, and shall pass over you: and the plague shall not be upon you to destroy you, when I shall strike the land of Egypt. And this day shall be a memorial to you: and you shall keep it a feast to the Lord in your generations with an everlasting observance." - Exodus 12:13-14



SAINT OF THE MONTH

Saint Blaise



Many Catholics might remember Saint Blaise's feast day because of the **Blessing of the Throats** that took place on this day. Two candles are blessed, held slightly open, and pressed against the throat as the **blessing** is said. Saint Blaise's protection of those with throat troubles apparently comes from a legend that a boy was brought to him who had a fishbone stuck in his throat. The boy was about to die when Saint Blaise healed him.

Very few facts are known about Saint Blaise. We believe he was a **bishop** of Sebastea in **Armenia** who was martyred under the reign of Licinius in the early fourth century. The legend of his life that sprang up in the eighth century tell us that he was born in to a rich and noble family who raised him as a Christian. After becoming a bishop, a new persecution of Christians began. He received a message from **God** to go into the hills to escape persecution. Men hunting in the mountains discovered a cave surrounded by wild animals which were sick. Among them Blaise walked unafraid, curing them of their illnesses. Recognizing Blaise as a bishop, they captured him to take him back for trial. On the way back, he talked a wolf into releasing a pig that belonged to a poor woman. When Blaise was sentenced to be starved to death, the woman, in gratitude, sneaked into the prison with food and candles. Finally Blaise was killed by the governor.

Blaise is the patron saint of wild animals because of his care for them and of those with throat maladies. Take time as Saint Blaise did to find out how you can help wild animals. Find out what is being done to support and protect the wildlife in your area. There is wildlife everywhere, even in cities. Even a birdfeeder can help God's creatures survive.

*Chief Squire's Corner*

Hello, Brother Squires!

I believe in this month we can briefly take focus off of membership and turn it to something else - the advancement program. We also gained two new counselors this month - one of which has been made counselor to help us with the advancement program. What the advancement program is is a way of rewarding Squires for their accomplishments. It allows us to rise through ranks, including Page, Lancer and more, and eventually obtain the prestigious title of Squire of the Body of Christ. We will learn more about the program while we go through it.

God Bless,
Chief Squire Josh Fidler

World Youth Day 2013 in Rio de Janeiro

Pope John Paul II announced the institution of World Youth Day in December, 1985, as an annual gathering of youth and young adults for prayer, worship and celebration of the Catholic faith. The event is observed every three years at an international gathering.

THE PURPOSE OF WORLD YOUTH DAY IS THREEFOLD

1. **Putting Trust in the Young**
World Youth Day is a coming together of young adults from the four corners of the world.
2. **Gathering Together**
World Youth Day is a time to put trust in the world's youth. A calling for the world's youth to come together as one people.
3. **Meeting the International World on a Human Level**
It is still a marvel in this the 21st Century to exchange with others and to be a part of an international experience.

Contact Us

Please feel free to contact the USCCB World Youth Day Office with any questions you may have pertaining to World Youth Day Rio 2013.

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WORLD YOUTH DAY



"Go and Make Disciples of All Nations" (Matthew 28:19)

WYD 2013: JULY 23-28, 2013
RIO DE JANEIRO, BRAZIL

"And the Lord spoke to Moses, saying: Sanctify unto me every firstborn that openeth the womb among the children of Israel, as well of men as of beasts: for they are all mine. And Moses said to the people: Remember this day in which you came forth out of Egypt, and out of the house of bondage for with a strong hand hath the Lord brought you forth out of this place that you eat no leavened bread"- Exodus 13:1-3 (DRA)

Blessing Council Holds Free Throw Championship

On January 26th the Blessing Council held a basketball Free Throw Championship at the St. Vincent de Paul Parrish School Gymnasium. The winners were Matthew St. Jean (10-year old boys), David Rexter (12-year old boys), and Brett Rexter (14-year old boys). The winners go on to the State Free Throw Championship to be held at Bishop Hendricken High School on March 17.

Matthew True son of Br. Scott True



Matthew St. Jean



David Rexter



Brett Rexter