



# The Blessing Word



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Our Council's Namesake

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### MARCH SQUIRES MEETING

PLACE: SSJP RECTORY CONFERENCE ROOM  
DATE: FRIDAY, 3/1/2013  
TIME: 7:00PM

### MARCH COUNCIL MEETING

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

### ST. PATRICK'S DAY DINNER FUNDRAISER

PLACE: CLUB JOGUES  
DATE: FRIDAY, 3/15/2013  
TIME: 7:30PM

### APRIL SQUIRES MEETING

PLACE: SSJP RECTORY CONFERENCE ROOM  
DATE: FRIDAY, 4/5/2013  
TIME: 7:00PM

### APRIL COUNCIL MEETING

PLACE: SVP PARISH HALL  
DATE: MONDAY, 4/8/2013  
TIME: 7:30PM

### DONATION NIGHT (TENTATIVE)

PLACE: SSJP PARISH CENTER  
DATE: MONDAY, 4/29/2013  
TIME: 7:30PM



## Grand Knight's Corner

Worthy Brothers, I pray you and your families are well

Welcome to March Spring is nearly here. With spring comes the Easter season and the reason we are all Catholic gentleman, we follow Christ because he willingly surrendered his life so that we may live.

On that subject, I would like to say our St. Patrick's Day Dinner is going to be held on Friday the 15<sup>th</sup> at Club Jogues and since Christ died so that we may live it is very fitting that the proceeds from this dinner are going to the Mother of Life center in Providence. I hope to see all of you there.

Our next business meeting is going to be held on March 11 at 7:30PM. Other upcoming dates are: 23 March 2013 for the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Wallace Assembly at the West Valley Inn, April 6<sup>th</sup> for the Annual Charity Ball to be held at the O'Club on Quonset point. Finally we are planning to have are annual awards night on 29 April in the Ss. John and Paul Parish center.

I would also like to have a 1<sup>st</sup> Degree exemplification either at the end of March or Beginning of April at St Vincent DePaul with Father Kelly being the Honoree.

And lastly and most importantly, pray for Pope Benedict XVI and pray that the College of Cardinals elects a new Pope as soon as possible so that Christ Church here on Earth is given leadership and guidance through these very troubling times.

God Bless and Vivat Jesu!  
John Pizzo,  
Grand Knight

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# Chaplain's Report

Dear Brother Knights:

As we are full swing into our Lenten Season, I want to commend you Brothers in the Msgr. Blessing Council for your ongoing "almsgiving" and generosity.

As you know, Lent is that time when we are trying, always with God's grace, to grow in practices of prayer, fasting and almsgiving. We do this as a sign of our love for God and others.

Since I have been your Chaplain these last several years, I have been aware of several generous donations Knight's have made. There was the donation of a number of Bibles through Fr. Peter Sheehan (my predecessor as Chaplain) who is serving at Paris Island military base. There have been a series of donations to seminarians to help defray their expenses. Four parishes in our area including St. Vincent de Paul, were given \$10,000.00 when the old meeting hall was sold. There are the donations to help support pro-life efforts in a number of ways. This month, in fact, our "Saint Patrick's Day Dinner" on March 15th is a fund raiser for the "Mother of Life Center" in Providence. They do great work to serve women in crisis pregnancy situations.

For all of these ways of generosity and more not mentioned I honor and commend you Brothers!

Our fraternal organization has four pillars: Charity, Unity, Fraternity, and Patriotism. Charity, of course, is closely related to almsgiving especially when it is given primarily out of love for God and love for our neighbor.

One final note on this topic: it is a consolation to know that Our Lord Himself says our acts of "almsgiving" can even lesson any punishment due us by our sins.

A Blessed Lent and Easter to each of you,

Rev. Michael Kelley

Chaplain

Msgr. Blessing Council #5273

*"For the space of forty days and (Jesus) was tempted by the devil. And he ate nothing in those days; and when they were ended, he was hungry. And the devil said to him: If thou be the Son of God, say to this stone that it be made bread. And Jesus answered him: It is written, that man liveth not by bread alone, but by every word of God." - Luke 4:2-4 (DRA)*



## **Msgr. Blessing Council**

### **'Knights Out Dinners'**

"Brothers All,

On Thursday, February 21, 2013 the Blessing Council held their 1<sup>st</sup> (Knights Out Dinner). We met at the West Valley Inn, West Warwick, RI. At 6:00pm for dinner. Seven brother knights and five wives were able to attend. This was the 1<sup>st</sup> of this monthly event. The dinner was an "All you can eat Family Style Dinner". The menu was Soup, Salad, Penne Pasta, French Fries, Chicken, Meat Balls, Sliced Italian Bread w/butter, Ice Cream and Coffee.



The food was great, everyone enjoyed the meal. It was served hot and the service was excellent, the waiter kept the food coming as long as we wanted it. Beverages were extra and served at the table or the bar.

During the course of the evening there was much conversation and laughing, all having a good time, it was a success. After the dinner was over (and I have to say we closed the place) we decided to plan the next "Knights Out". The nights and restaurants will vary so hopefully everyone will have a chance to join us at one of these dinners.

The next "Knights Out" will be announced as soon as we can secure a restaurant that will be able to accommodate our group. If you were unable to attend this last one we all hope



to see you at the next, you will have a great time. Good Food, Good Conversation, Good Friends. If anyone would like to suggest or recommend a restaurant and night, or would like to organize one of these dinners please contact me at [ke1by@verizon.net](mailto:ke1by@verizon.net) or call 401-316-7230."

God Bless,  
Herb Knott  
DGK



### **UPDATE:**

The next 'Knights Out Dinner' will be held on Tues. March 26, 6:00pm at The Old Theater Diner on Sandy Bottom Rd., Coventry. There is a full menu and separate checks will be provided. Please come and join us!

*"And as he spoke these things, there came a cloud, and overshadowed them; and they were afraid, when they entered into the cloud. And a voice came out of the cloud, saying: This is my beloved son; hear him. And whilst the voice was uttered, Jesus was found alone. And they held their peace and told no man in those days any of the things which they had seen" - Luke 9:34-36 (DRA)*



### **Welcome New Brother Knights!**

The Blessing Council is happy to announce that we have added a total of 13 new members in the last few months. Please give these new Brothers a warm welcome and be sure to introduce yourself at the next meeting.

#### **November 2012**

Br. Edgar Brouillard, Br. Eddy Rice, Br. Mike Colvin, Br. Steve Kulkulka, Br. George O'Loughlin

#### **January 2013**

Br. Michael Byrne, Br. Paul Lemek, Br. Donald Oat, Br. David Simonelli, Br. John Simonelli, Br. Scott True

#### **February 2013**

Br. Joseph Farrell, Br. Zachary Farrell

Keep up the great job recruiting! A combined 1<sup>st</sup>/2<sup>nd</sup> Degree Exemplification is in the works for April so spread the word.



### **St. Patrick's Day Dinner Fundraiser**

Brothers, the reservation deadline for the St. Patrick's Day Dinner fundraising event is upon us! March 10<sup>th</sup> is the deadline. Please consider attending the event. The cost is \$20 per person. Contact Earl Mahar at 397-3726 or Neil Fidler at 632-7922 to say how many in your party will attend. Proceeds benefit the Mother of Life Center in Providence.



### **March Birthdays: Blessing Council #5273**

**Happy Birthday to our Brother Knights born in March.**

Michael Byrne, Robert Cassidy, Joseph DaSilva, Ernest Esposito, Thomas Kelly, Paul Lacroix, Jaroslaw Lewkowski, Gerard Petrocelli, Steven Saritelli, John Tally, Eugene Tognetti, Donald Walker.

### **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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*“Think you that these Galileans were sinners above all the men of Galilee, because they suffered such things? No, I say to you: but unless you shall do penance, you shall all likewise perish.”- Luke 13:2-3 (DRA)*



**SAINT OF THE MONTH****St. Katharine Drexel**

Saint Katharine Drexel, Religious (Feast Day-March 3) Born in 1858, into a prominent Philadelphia family, Katharine became imbued with love for God and neighbour. She took an avid interest in the material and spiritual well-being of black and Native Americans. She began by donating money but soon concluded that more was needed - the lacking ingredient was people. Katharine founded the Sisters of the Blessed Sacrament for Black and Native American peoples, whose members would work for the betterment of those they were called to serve. From the age of 33 until her death in 1955, she dedicated her life and a fortune of 20 million dollars to this work. In 1894, Mother Drexel took part in opening the first mission school for Indians, in Santa Fe, New Mexico. Other schools quickly followed - for Native Americans west of the Mississippi River, and for the blacks in the southern part of the United States. In 1915 she also founded Xavier University in New Orleans. At her death there were more than 500 Sisters teaching in 63 schools throughout the country. Katharine was beatified by Pope John Paul II on November 20, 1988. Because of her lifelong dedication to her faith and her selfless service to the oppressed, Pope John Paul II canonized her on October 1, 2000 to become only the second recognized American-born saint up to that time.

***Chief Squire's Corner***

Hello, Brother Squires!

As we enter the month of March, we must prepare ourselves to re-evaluate our membership programs. With the unfortunate loss of four Squires we truly must start to consider new options for membership, since the things we've been doing have had only limited success. We are also preparing ourselves for the steady approach of Easter. Easter is one of the most important days in our Faith, as it is the day Jesus rose from the grave.

God Bless,  
Chief Squire Josh Fidler

**Fr. Leo Ancil Circle Squires**  
**Advancement Program**

The Fr. Leo Ancil Circle has re-initiated the Squires Advancement Program. Brother Matt Duska has volunteered to be the Advancement Program Counselor with help from the other Counselors.

Like the squires of old, the Squires, through the Squire Advancement Program, will advance through various levels of training. The program has the goal of recognizing and rewarding each Squire for acquiring the skills and attitudes of Catholic leadership as he moves towards becoming a Knight.

The program is structured with five levels of achievement, designed to guide a Squire through a process of learning and growth, while he masters certain activities and develops leadership skills. Each level requires a specific number of achievements in four categories: Home and Family; Squires and Knights; Community and Country; and Church. (Cont.)

*"But he said to him: Son, thou art always with me, and all I have is thine. But it was fit that we should make merry and be glad, for this thy brother was dead and is come to life again; he was lost, and is found"- Luke 15:31-32 (DRA)*



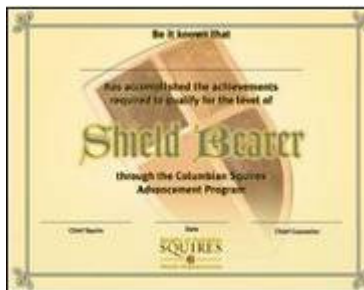
### **Fr. Leo Ancil Circle Squires Advancement Program (cont.)**

The five levels of achievement are:

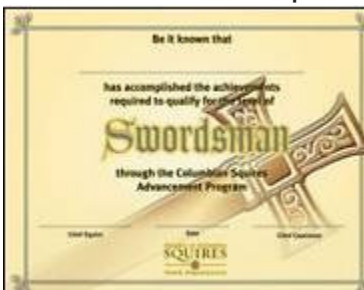
1. **Page** - To reach this level a Squire must have been a member for at least two months and must achieve a basic knowledge of the Columbian Squires, the Knights of Columbus, his family, nation and faith.



2. **Shield Bearer** - A Squire must have been a member for at least six months. He must expand on his knowledge of the Squires and of the Knights, be involved in his family, begin to get involved in his community, and become more advanced in the knowledge of his faith.



3. **Swordsman** - A Squire must have been a member for at least nine months. He should be creative and helpful at home and should be gaining increasing confidence as a committee member, as a public speaker, as a member of the community, and as a member of his parish.



*“He that is without sin among you, let him first cast a stone at her. And again stooping down, he wrote on the ground. But they hearing this went out one by one, beginning at the eldest, And Jesus alone remained, and the woman standing in the midst.” - John 8:7-9 (DRA)*

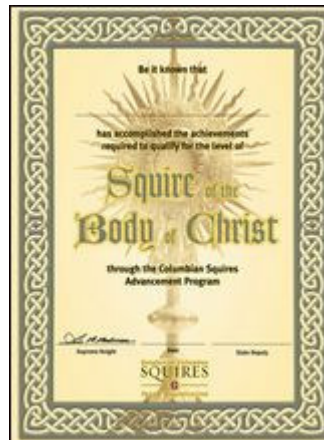


### **Fr. Leo Ancil Circle Squires Advancement Program (cont.)**

4. **Lancer** - A Squire must have attended Circle and committee meetings and activities for at least one year. He should be creative and helpful at home and should be gaining increasing confidence as a committee member, as a public speaker, as a member of the community, and as a member of his parish.



5. **Squire of the Body of Christ** - To become a Squire of the Body of Christ, the highest, most honorable level in the Squire Advancement Program, a Squire must complete at least 96 achievements and be an active Squire for at least two years. A Squire must exhibit exceptional interest in his family and in the world around him. He should demonstrate exceptional leadership skills in his circle, in the community and in the Church. He must plan, organize, implement, and complete a major activity on behalf of his parish or another Church institution in the arch/diocese.



The Advancement Program was reintroduced to the Squires at the February meeting by Brother Matt. Squires have been directed to work on their achievements at home and complete at least one requirement prior to the next Squires meeting. The Advancement Program will help reinforce Catholic and civic values. The Counselors ask the help of the Squires parents with this program to help make it successful.

*“Thou hast prepared a table before me against them that afflict me. Thou hast anointed my head with oil; and my chalice which inebriateth me, how goodly is it! And thy mercy will follow me all the days of my life. And that I may dwell in the house of the lord unto length of days.” - Psalm 22:5-6 (DRA)*