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Our Council's Namesake

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

JULY SQUIRES MEETING

PLACE: TBD
DATE: FRIDAY, 7/19/2013
TIME: 7:00PM

JULY COUNCIL MEETING

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

PAWSox GAME

PLACE: MCCOY STADIUM, PAWTUCKET
MEET AT HOPKINS HILL PARK & RIDE
DATE: THURSDAY, 8/1/2013
TIME: 6:30PM

AUGUST COUNCIL MEETING

PLACE: SVP PARISH HALL
DATE: MONDAY, 8/12/2013
TIME: 7:30PM

SQUIRES FIELD TRIP

PLACE: NATHANAEL GREENE HOMESTEAD
DATE: MONDAY, 8/19/2013
TIME: TBD



Grand Knight's Corner

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

I apologize for the tardiness of the July newsletter. I would like to say just a couple of words.

When I was first looking to join an organization which would be composed of like minded individuals, I looked at the VFW as well as the American Legion as they would have similar military experiences as I had, as luck would have it or rather as God would I was informed about the Knights of Columbus by a friend in the Military. I did some research and talked with then Grand Knight Neil Fidler, something spoke to me and I decided to join. With the passing of my mother and the outpouring of sympathy my family and I received from the Knights, well let's say I will never be able to express in words the appreciation and joy I have in my heart for this organization and the fine Catholic Gentlemen of the MSGR Peter E Blessing Council. Thank you all so much.

I would also like to congratulate the gentlemen of the Blessing Council for an outstanding 2012-2013 Columbian year, the council has achieved Double Star Council. Gentlemen at this time I would like to say the 2013-2014 Columbian year should be and can be an even better one for recruitment and charitable works. We have a great core of experienced knights along with a fantastic batch of motivated new members. Let us lead the charge of doing Christ's work and make our community a better place.

God Bless and Vivat Jesu!
John Pizzo, Grand Knight

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Service Committees and Membership

ATTENTION ALL MEMBERS! Please note that there are unstaffed committees and chairmanships open to willing members in good standing. Please consider volunteering for some of these positions, as the council is always in need of active participating members. Please speak to the GK, DD or other officers about any interest you might have in joining! For more information on service programs and committees please click below.

<http://www.kofc.org/en/service/index.html>

What Is That KofC Office?

Chaplain



The chaplain is the spiritual advisor of the council. He is expected to make a report at council meetings on religious matters. The grand knight appoints a priest in accordance with any rules established by the bishop of the diocese to serve as council chaplain. *For more specific duties, responsibilities and eligibility, refer to the Chaplain's Handbook (#945).*

"The harvest is abundant but the laborers are few; so ask the master of the harvest to send out laborers for his harvest. Go on your way; behold I am sending you out like lambs to the wolves."
Luke 10:2-3



July Birthdays: Blessing Council #5273

Happy Birthday to our Brother Knights born in July.

Thomas J. Carroccia, Alexander J. Cote, Cyril J. Dubrachek, Paul A. Lemek, John W. Ludka, George A. O'Loughlin, Raymond D. Patten, Timothy M. Patterson, Robert EJ Taylor

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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CONGRATULATIONS Msgr. Blessing #5273 **Double Star Council Achieved!**



Double Star council has been given to less than 400 councils out of nearly 15,000. We here at Msgr. Peter Blessing council are among the few achieving this honor in the great Knights of Columbus fraternity. We have attained 200% membership and insurance member growth thus earning Double Star Council. A great thank you is due to all members who have actively reached out and recruited new brothers and to those who proposed new Knights into our council. An additional thank you is due to those members who entertained the efforts of our insurance agent and wisely chose to avail themselves of the wonderful financial benefits offered by our great organization. KUDOS TO ALL, VIVAT JESU!

Prayer Intentions



Please keep the following Knights and family members in your prayers.

Br. Matt Parent, PGK Jim and wife Angie Kiley, Mrs. Laura Pizzo mother of GK John Pizzo recently deceased. Rick Florio recovering from brain cancer, and PGK Tom Del Mastro and wife Delores recovering from an accident.

"You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your being, with all your strength, and with all your mind, and your neighbor as yourself." He replied to him, "You have answered correctly; do this and you will live." - Luke 10:27-28

Knight Out In June

Brothers All, On Friday June 28th we met at the Hibachi Grill in Warwick, for our monthly "Knight Out." This is a buffet type restaurant (all you can eat Chinese's). It was a great evening with 20 people attending. Once again everyone had a good time. As you look at the pictures you may not see too many smiles; however this was due to the intense and focused eating. The food was excellent; there was both Chinese and American food. If you haven't joined us yet please try to come to the next one in July, you'll have a good time. If you have any suggestions for a place to go call or email me and let me know. God Bless, Herb Knott DPK



"Brothers and sisters: Now I rejoice in my sufferings for your sake, and in my flesh I am filling up what is lacking in the afflictions of Christ on behalf of his body, which is the church, of which I am a minister." – Col 1:24



SAINT OF THE MONTH

St. Maria Goretti

**Feastday:** July 6**Patron** of youth, young women, purity, and victims of rape
1890 - 1902

Born in Corinaldo, Ancona, Italy; her farmworker father moved his family to Ferrier di Conca, near Anzio. Her father died of malaria and her mother had to struggle to feed her children. In 1902 an eighteen-year-old neighbor, Alexander, grabbed her from her steps and tried to rape her. When Maria said that she would rather die than submit, Alexander began stabbing her with a knife. As she lay in the hospital, she forgave Alexander before she died. Her death didn't end her forgiveness, however. Alexander was captured and sentenced to thirty years. He was unrepentant until he had a dream that he was in a garden. Maria was there and gave him flowers. When he woke, he was a changed man, repenting of his crime and living a reformed life. When he was released after 27 years he went directly to Maria's mother to beg her forgiveness, which she gave. "If my daughter can forgive him, who am I to withhold forgiveness," she said. When Maria was declared a saint in 1950, Alexander was there in the St. Peter's crowd to celebrate her canonization. She was canonized by Pope Pius XII in 1950 for her purity as model for youth. She is called a martyr because she fought against Alexander's attempts at sexual assault. However, the most important aspect of her story is her forgiveness of her attacker – her concern for her enemy extending even beyond death.

*Chief Squire's Corner*

Dear Squires,

First I want to thank you all for electing me as your new Chief Squire, and welcome all the new squires to the circle. Our membership is flourishing. It seems like we are having an investiture every meeting. I hope you are all having a good summer. I notice that the beautiful summer days (like everything in nature) reflect the beauty of God. Let us try to see God's grandeur not only in the weather but in others. Watch for God everywhere, but (if you try) you can see Him best in others.

Thank you and God bless,

Peter Tardiff

"And I tell you, ask and you will receive; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives; and the one who seeks, finds; and to the one who knocks, the door will be opened." – Luke 11:9-10

PawSox Game!



Pawtucket Red Sox VS. Buffalo Bisons (the Toronto BlueJays Triple A Affiliate)

When: Sunday August 18 at 1:05PM

Where: McCoy Stadium, Pawtucket

The Rhode Island State Council K of C and PawSox Baseball are hosting the game. The PawSox will be playing the Buffalo Bisons. After the game at 4:00 pm is an optional *all you can eat*. Chowder and clam cakes, hamburgers, hot dogs, and chicken strips prepared by Mickey G's Travelin Clam Shack including beverages at **Blessed Pope John Paul II Church**, 1253 Newport Ave., Pawtucket, RI (enter behind church). Located approximately 1.5 miles from ballpark. You do not have to attend the dinner if you don't want to, it is strictly up to you. Prices are as follows:

Tickets and after-game meal are \$25.00 each. Kids 10 and under \$18.00.

Adult Meal Only \$15.00 / Kids 10 and Under Meal Only \$7.00

Game Ticket only \$11.00.

This event is open to all Knights, Squires, family and friends. Br. Neil Fidler will just need a head count and payment by August 9th so please coordinate with him as he would like us all to sit together. If handicapped tickets are needed, please let him know that, too. Please get back to Br. Neil by 8/9 if you would like to go.

Nathaniel Greene Homestead Tour



When: A Monday 8/19/13

Time: TBD

Where: Nathanael Greene Homestead, Taft St., Coventry On Monday 8/19/13, the Circle will be attending a guided tour of the Nathanael Greene Homestead on Taft St., in Coventry. The cost will be \$2 per person. General Nathanael Greene was George Washington's second-in-command during the American Revolution.

St. Theresa's Shrine Visit



When: A Saturday in August to be determined

Where: St. Theresa's Shrine, Nasonville, RI

On a Saturday in late August, the Circle will be touring the grounds of the St. Theresa' Shrine in Nasonville, RI. They will also be attending 5PM Mass at St. Theresa's Church and then going over to Wright's Farm for dinner. This event is open to families as well as the Blessing Council Knights and their families.

"The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will collect out of his Kingdom all who cause others to sin and all evildoers. They will throw them into the fiery furnace, where there will be wailing and grinding of teeth. Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the Kingdom of their Father." - Matthew 13:40-43