



THE BLESSING WORD

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
MONSIGNOR PETER BLESSING COUNCIL #5273



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Portrait of Christopher Columbus

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

FEBRUARY SQUIRES MEETING

PLACE: SSJP PARISH CENTER CLASSROOM
DATE: FRIDAY, 2/7/2014
TIME: 7:00PM

FEBRUARY COUNCIL MEETING

PLACE: SVP PARISH HALL
DATE: MONDAY, 2/10/2014
TIME: 7:30PM

SQUIRES STATE HOUSE TOUR

PLACE: STATE HOUSE, PROVIDENCE
DATE: TUESDAY, 2/18/2014
TIME: 11:00AM

MARCH SQUIRES MEETING

PLACE: SSJP RECTORY MEETING ROOM
DATE: FRIDAY, 3/7/2014
TIME: 7:00PM

MARCH COUNCIL MEETING

PLACE: SVP PARISH HALL
DATE: MONDAY, 3/10/2014
TIME: 7:30PM

ST. PATRICK'S DINNER FUNDRAISER

PLACE: CLUB JOGUES COVENTRY
DATE: SUNDAY, 3/16/2014
TIME: 5:00PM

3RD DEGREE EXEMPLIFICATION

PLACE: SSJP PARISH CENTER
DATE: FRIDAY, 3/21/2014
TIME: 7:00PM



Grand Knight's Corner

Worthy Brothers, I pray you and your families are well

Spring is nearly here. Thank the good Lord for I am tired of shoveling snow, as I am sure the rest of you are. 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 Sunday March 16th 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 10th at 7:30PM. Other upcoming dates are: Friday March 21 the Blessing Council will host a third degree exemplification at the Saints John and Paul Parish Center. April 6th for the Annual Charity Ball to be held at the O'Club on Quonset point.

I would also like for the Blessing Council to host a First and Second Degree exemplification sometime in April with the Venerable Father Michael McGivney being the Honoree.

And lastly and most importantly, pray for Pope Francis that he may guide Christ's church and spread the word and faith of our Catholic Community.

God Bless and Vivat Jesu!
John Pizzo,
Grand Knight

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Chaplain's Report

Nothing to Report This Month

Knights of
Columbus
Museum

Windows into Heaven: Russian Icons and Treasures

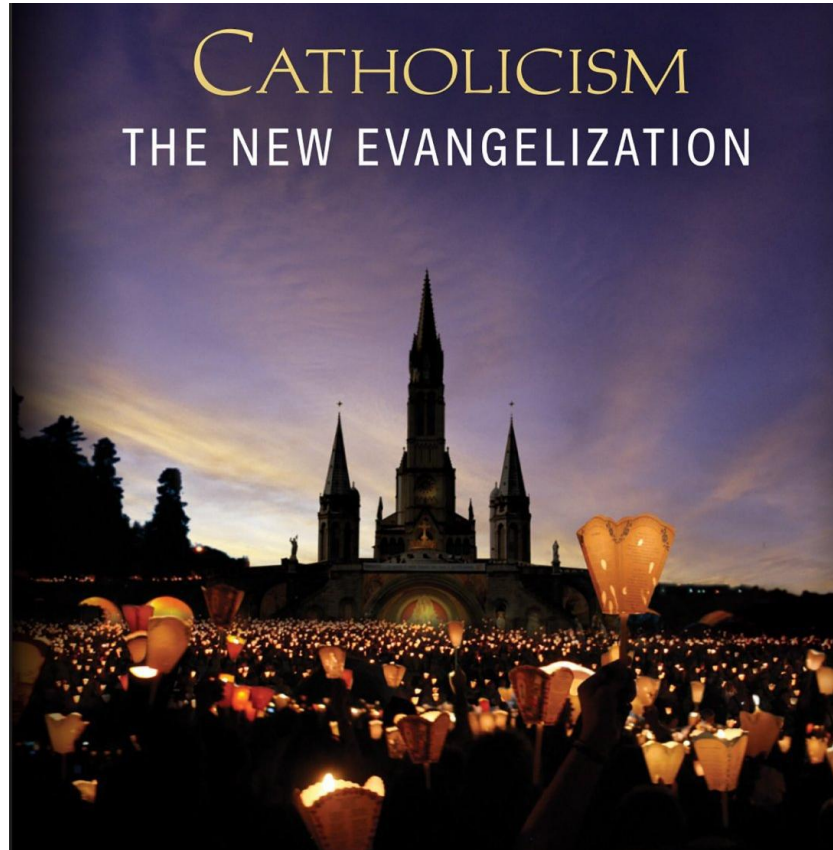
Few customs or traditions have endured for longer than a millennium, but the use of icons in Russia is among them. In this exhibition, the Knights of Columbus Museum is pleased to share more than 225 examples of Russian Orthodox iconography, along with other liturgical and devotional items. Icons are often called windows into heaven because they are said to give the viewer a glimpse of the eternal realm. Many of the items are more than 100 years old, predating the Bolshevik Revolution (1917).

"Icons have been synonymous with Christian prayer and practice for centuries," said Supreme Knight Carl Anderson. "One of the great traditions of Eastern Christianity, icons are less well known here, and we are pleased that this exhibit will enable residents of the Northeast to grow in their understanding of the history and religious significance of these windows into heaven." Be sure to see this exhibit at the Knights of Columbus Museum showing now through April 27th, 2014.



"Now, Master, you may let your servant go in peace, according to your word, for my eyes have seen your salvation, which you prepared in the sight of all the peoples: a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and glory for your people Israel." - Luke 2:29-32

NEW PROGRAM TO BE RUN AT SVDP PARISH



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Join us as we explore the call to the New Evangelization.

When: March 3, 17, 31 & April 7, 21, 28 @ 7PM.

**Where: St. Vincent de Paul Church Hall (Basement), 6 St. Vincent de Paul St.,
Coventry, RI 02816**

Cost: None. Study Guide @ \$24.95 which is recommended but not obligatory

Contacts: Edgar Brouillard – 401-354-9298 and Chris Dyl – 401-397-5882

“Jesus summoned the Twelve and began to send them out two by two and gave them authority over unclean spirits. He instructed them to take nothing for the journey but a walking stick –no food, no sack, no money in their belts. They were, however, to wear sandals but not a second tunic.” - Mark 6:7-9

JANUARY KNIGHT OUT

Brothers All, our January "Knight Out" was another success. We went to "Timmy's" in Oakland Beach. The food and the service were great and we closed the place. There were 21 of us, a great time, hope to see you at the next Knight Out, it will be February 21, at The Old Theatre Diner, don't forget to sign up by Feb 19.



"You are the light of the world. A city set on a mountain cannot be hidden. Nor do they light a lamp and then put it under a bushel basket; it is set on a lampstand, where it gives light to all in the house. Just so, your light must shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your heavenly Father." - Matthew 5:14-16

What Is That KofC Office?

Lecturer



The lecturer is appointed by the grand knight to provide both educational and entertaining programs to the council. He is responsible for the 'Good of the Order' portion of council meetings. In order to provide members with informative and educational programs, he must be knowledgeable and aware of all council programming.

Prayer Intentions



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

Our Holy Father Pope Francis, His Excellency Bishop Thomas Tobin, Bishop of Providence, The Priests of the parishes we serve, PSD/FDD/PFN/PGK James Kiley, Jr. & Wife Angie, Brother Len Denommee, Brother Matt Parent, Brother Lawrence Bricker and family, The Preborn, Lucille Ferrer, PGK Ernie Pennine,



FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

Blessing Council #5273

Happy Birthday to our Brother Knights born in February.

Joseph Allen, George Charpentier, John Connor, Daniel Danis, Marvin Day, Dr. Douglas M. De Cubellis, John Folloni Jr., Frederick Haibon, Rev Paul R Lemoi, Walter Menders, Victor Moffitt, Matthew Reay

"Jesus said to his disciples: "Do not think that I have come to abolish the law or the prophets. I have come not to abolish but to fulfill. Amen, I say to you, until heaven and earth pass away, not the smallest letter or the smallest part of a letter will pass from the law, until all things have taken place..." - Matthew 5:17-19

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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Annual KofC Hockey Game



The Annual K. of C. Game at the Providence Bruins at the Dunkin' Donuts Center is scheduled for Sunday, March 2, 2014. The game against the Albany Devils begins at 3:05 p.m. Clam Cakes and Chowder Dinner follows the game at Cranston Council #1738, 1047 Park Ave., Cranston, RI 02910. Tickets are \$25 per person and include the game and dinner. For tickets call State Secretary Peter Lentini at [401-944-2613](tel:401-944-2613) or District Deputy Ron Ross at [401-568-6179](tel:401-568-6179). This event is always an enjoyable time. Friends and family are all welcome to attend. Please order your tickets before 02/21/14.



2nd Annual St. Patrick's Day Fundraiser Dinner

There are plenty of tickets available for our 2nd annual St. Patrick's Day Dinner Fundraiser to benefit the Mother of Life Center. As announced, we will be hosting the event on Sunday, March 16, at Club Jogues on Boston St. in Coventry. We are planning a penny social with plenty of gifts and a 50/50 raffle. Both of these events will benefit the Our Daily Bread program at Saints John and Paul Parish for feeding needy families.

Last year's fundraiser dinner was a rousing success and this year's looks to be even better. Please consider joining us and enjoying a great time. March 7 is the RSVP date so please have your payment to DD Neil Fidler by then. The address is Neil Fidler, 72 Columbia Ave., Coventry, RI 02816-7120. See you there!

"Let no one deceive himself. If any one among you considers himself wise in this age, let him become a fool, so as to become wise. For the wisdom of this world is foolishness in the eyes of God..." – 1 Corinthians 3:18-19

OUR LADY OF GOOD COUNCIL (NOTRE DAME) PORCH PROJECT

In November of last year the council undertook to help repair the rectory at Our Lady of Good Council parish. If you didn't get a look at the fine work that was done, you can see it here in these photos. Kudos to all the brothers that helped make this happen! This is what we are all about.



“For if you love those who love you, what recompense will you have? Do not the tax collectors do the same? And if you greet your brothers only, what is unusual about that? Do not the pagans do the same? So be perfect, just as your heavenly Father is perfect.” – Matthew 5:46-48



SAINT OF THE MONTH

Blesseds Jacinta and Francisco Marto



[Click the picture to hear their story](#)

Feast Day: Feb. 20

Between May 13 and October 13, 1917, three children, Portuguese shepherds from Aljustrel, received apparitions of Our Lady at Cova da Iria, near Fatima, a city 110 miles north of Lisbon. At the first appearance, Mary asked the children to return to that spot on the thirteenth of each month for the next six months. She also asked them to learn to read and write and to pray the rosary "to obtain peace for the world and the end of the war." They were to pray for sinners and for the conversion of Russia. Up to 90,000 people gathered for Mary's final apparition on October 13, 1917.

Less than two years later, Francisco died of influenza in his family home. He was buried in the parish cemetery and then re-buried in the Fatima basilica in 1952. Jacinta died of influenza in Lisbon, offering her suffering for the conversion of sinners, peace in the world and the Holy Father. She was re-buried in the Fatima basilica in 1951. Their cousin, Lucia dos Santos, became a Carmelite nun and was still living when Jacinta and Francisco were beatified in 2000. Sister Lucia died five years later. The shrine of Our Lady of Fatima is visited by up to 20 million people a year.



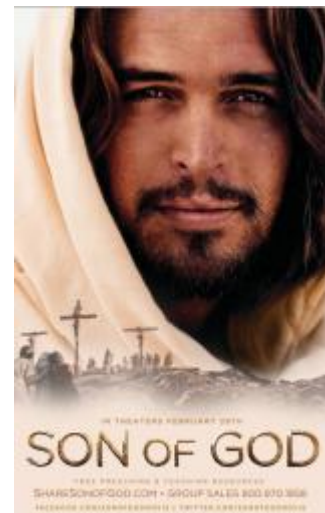
Chief Squire's Corner

Dear Brother Squires,

We are now approaching the season of lent. I would just like to remind you of the importance of this liturgical season. Lent is a season in which we block out worldly distractions in order to think about God. Just as Jesus entered the desert, we enter a milder form of self-denial. Lent is also a season for preparation. We are getting ready to celebrate Jesus' death and resurrection.

Peter Tardiff
Chief Squire

"Son of God" Movie Opens This Week



Young people especially can connect with Jesus. Teens are constantly searching for love and acceptance, and no one embodies the ultimate kind of love than Jesus. That's why I encourage you to see the "Son of God" movie opening this week. It is rated PG-13 for obvious violence. But this is a good choice for a movie night with lent approaching.

"He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" Simon Peter said in reply, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God." Jesus said to him in reply, "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah. For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my heavenly Father." - Matthew 16:16-17

MSGR. PETER BLESSING COUNCIL #5273
IS PLEASED TO ANNOUNCE THEIR 2ND ANNUAL

St. Patrick's Day Dinner

Fundraiser

SUNDAY, MARCH 16, 2014
COCKTAILS 5:00PM, DINNER 5:30PM

CLUB JOGUES
184 BOSTON ST., COVENTRY
Buffet-Style Menu:

USDA Choice Corned Beef	Cheese and Crackers
Steamed Cabbage	Rolls
Potatoes	Salad Bar
Whole Baby Beets & Onions	Coffee
Roasted Chicken	Dessert
Baked Stuffed Scrod	Cash Bar

\$20.00 PER PERSON
PROCEEDS TO BE DONATED TO THE MOTHER OF LIFE CENTER

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For tickets, please make checks out to: Msgr. Peter E. Blessing K of C Council #5273
Mail checks to Neil Fidler, 72 Columbia Ave., Coventry, RI 02816 by 3/7/2014
Email: Narragansett55@yahoo.com (Limited number of tickets available)

“He ordered the crowd to sit down on the ground. Then, taking the seven loaves he gave thanks, broke them, and gave them to his disciples to distribute, and they distributed them to the crowd. They also had a few fish. He said the blessing over them and ordered them distributed also.” – Mark 8:6-7