



THE BLESSING WORD

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
MONSIGNOR PETER BLESSING COUNCIL #5273



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Portrait of Christopher Columbus

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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

1ST AND 2ND DEGREE EXEMPLIFICATION

PLACE: SSJP PARISH CENTER
DATE: FRIDAY, 3/21/2014
TIME: 6:30PM

APRIL SQUIRES MEETING

PLACE: SSJP RECTORY MEETING ROOM
DATE: FRIDAY, 4/4/2014
TIME: 7:00PM

APRIL COUNCIL MEETING

PLACE: SVP PARISH HALL
DATE: MONDAY, 4/14/2014
TIME: 7:30PM

SQUIRES STATE HOUSE TOUR

PLACE: STATE HOUSE, PROVIDENCE
DATE: TBD
TIME: TBD



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 was held on Sunday the 16th at Club Jogues and since Christ died so that we may live it is very fitting that the proceeds from this dinner again went to the Mother of Life center in Providence. I can't express in words what a wonderful night this was. Thank you all so much for your tireless efforts in making this a success.

Our next business meeting is going to be held on April 14 at 7:30PM. Other upcoming dates are: 22 March a day of Recollection at St. Maria Goretti Church in Pawtucket. Friday March 21, a combined 1st and 2nd Degree Exemplification at Sts. John and Paul Parish Center. Wednesday March 26 A 3rd Degree exemplification at St. Francis Council and finally Saturday April 5th the Annual Charity Ball to be held at the O'Club on Quonset point, the Blessing Council has already confirmed 10 people and this is always a wonderful knight.

I would also like to have a 3rd Degree exemplification either at the end of April or Beginning of May.

And lastly and most importantly, pray brothers, pray for the patience to be a good Catholic and an example to others, pray for wisdom to know how to respond to those who attack us because of our faith, and finally pray that the people of our State and Nation turn back to the Judean-Christian values which made us great.

God Bless and Vivat Jesu!
John Pizzo,
Grand Knight

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Chaplain's Report

Nothing to Report This Month



2nd Annual Day of Recollection

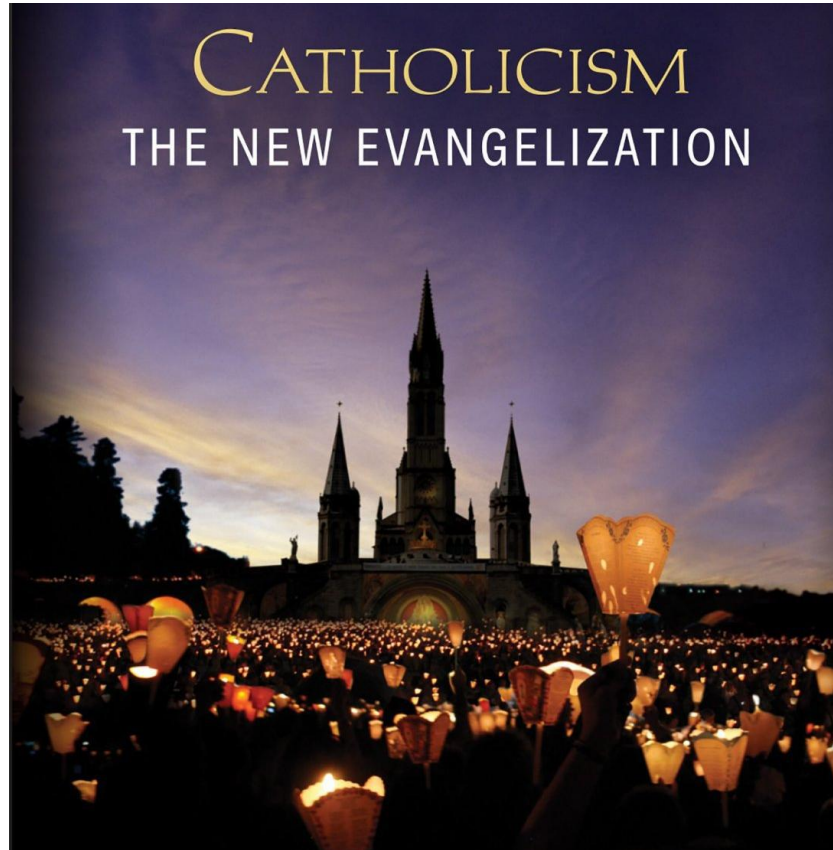
The Rhode Island Knights of Columbus Councils are hosting a Day Of Recollection on **Saturday, March 22** at St. Maria Goretti Church located at 165 Power Road in Pawtucket, RI from 9:30 to 5:30, with lunch included.

This day will be hosted by State Chaplain Fr. Joseph Paquette and will be focused on "Living Your Faith Fully Every day."

All Knights and their families, and indeed all Catholics are invited to attend this special day that will include themed talks and discussions, Recitation of the Rosary, Benediction, and concludes with Mass at 4:30. Please call the State Council office with reservations: 401.943.7836.

*"Zion said, "The LORD has forsaken me; my LORD has forgotten me."
Can a mother forget her infant, be without tenderness for the child of her womb?
Even should she forget, I will never forget you." - Isaiah 19:17-18*

NEW PROGRAM TO BE RUN AT SVDP PARISH



**Put your faith into action with
NEW ARDOR, NEW METHODS, and NEW EXPRESSIONS**

CATHOLICISM: The New Evangelization explores the Church's mission within the challenges of contemporary culture. Created by Father Robert Barron, the documentary and study program focuses on the cultural obstacles the Church faces today and sends us on a mission with a message of great joy. 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

"So do not worry and say, 'What are we to eat?' or 'What are we to drink?' or 'What are we to wear?' All these things the pagans seek. Your heavenly Father knows that you need them all. But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given you besides. Do not worry about tomorrow; tomorrow will take care of itself. Sufficient for a day is its own evil." – Matthew 6:31-34

Jim Kiley Receives Meritorious Service Plaque

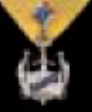
On January 24th, 2014, PSD/FDD/PFN/PGK Jim Kiley Sr. and his wife Angie were visited by a delegation from the Msgr. Blessing Council to present him with a plaque. In fact they were escorting none other than the Worthy State Deputy James E. Gilcreast. The plaque read "The Knights of Columbus gratefully acknowledges 50 years of loyal, faithful and exceptional service by James J. Kiley Sr. PSD, FDD, PGK" Well done Jim, Vivat Jesu!



"No, God knows well that the moment you eat of it your eyes will be opened and you will be like gods who know what is good and what is evil." The woman saw that the tree was good for food, pleasing to the eyes, and desirable for gaining wisdom. So she took some of its fruit and ate it; and she also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate it." - Genesis 3:5-7

What Is That KofC Office?

Advocate



The advocate is the legal representative of the council and serves as the council's attorney at trials and investigations of any interest to the council. While he does not need to be a member of the legal profession, he should be familiar with the council by-laws, the Order's Charter, Constitution and Laws (#30), Methods of Conducting a Council Meeting (#1937), and Robert's Rules of Order.

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. Chris Dvl's father and Brennen Connor.



MARCH BIRTHDAYS

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Happy Birthday to our Brother Knights born in March.

Michael Byrne, Robert Cassidy, Joseph Da Silva, Leonard Denommee, Christopher Dyl, Ernest Esposito, Joseph Farrell, Thomas Kelly, Paul Lacroix, Jaroslaw Lewkowski, Edwards Petrarca, Gerard Petrocelli, Steven Saritell, John Tally, Eugene Tognetti, Donald Walker

"In conclusion, just as through one transgression condemnation came upon all, so, through one righteous act, acquittal and life came to all. For just as through the disobedience of the one man the many were made sinners, so, through the obedience of the one, the many will be made righteous." - Romans 5:18-19

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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Reminder of Our March Knight Out



Friday, 3/28 @ 6PM at the Kelley-Gazzerro VFW Post #2812, 1418 Plainfield St., Cranston. Knights and wives are most definitely invited. Ralph's Catering at the Post is doing the cooking. Contact DGK Herb Knott at [401-828-7359](tel:401-828-7359) or email ke1by@verizon.net to let him know how many in your party are going.



Msgr. Blessing Council is Hosting 1st and 2nd Degree Exemplification

The Msgr. Blessing Degree Team will be conducting a combined 1st/2nd Degree Exemplification this Friday at SS John and Paul Parish Center. Candidates are to be there for 6:30PM and the ceremony will start promptly at 7PM. We have two candidates who will be taking their 1st/2nd Degree as well as two other candidates from other Councils.

You are invited to join us for the ceremony to support these candidates as they commence their journey as Knights of Columbus. After the ceremony there will be a collation. Please try to make it. Vivat Jesu!

"While he was still speaking, behold, a bright cloud cast a shadow over them, then from the cloud came a voice that said, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him." When the disciples heard this, they fell prostrate and were very much afraid." - Matthew 17:5-6

Annual KofC Hockey Game

The Annual K. of C. Game at the Providence Bruins at the Dunkin' Donuts Center was on Sunday, March 2, 2014. The game was against the Albany Devils. Clam Cakes and Chowder Dinner followed the game at Cranston Council #1738 and as you can see, Msgr. Blessing Council was represented as always!



“Then the devil took him up to a very high mountain, and showed him all the kingdoms of the world in their magnificence, and he said to him, “All these I shall give to you, if you will prostrate yourself and worship me.” At this, Jesus said to him, “Get away, Satan! It is written: The Lord, your God, shall you worship and him alone shall you serve.” – Matthew 4:8-10



SAINT OF THE MONTH

Saint Dominic Savio



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

Feast Day: March 10

Born into a peasant family at Riva, Italy, young Dominic joined St. John Bosco as a student at the Oratory in Turin at the age of 12. He impressed John with his desire to be a priest and to help him in his work with neglected boys. A peacemaker and an organizer, young Dominic founded a group he called the Company of the Immaculate Conception which, besides being devotional, aided John Bosco with the boys and with manual work. As a youth, Dominic spent hours rapt in prayer. His raptures he called "my distractions." Even in play, he said that at times "It seems heaven is opening just above me. I am afraid I may say or do something that will make the other boys laugh." Dominic would say, "I can't do big things. But I want all I do, even the smallest thing, to be for the greater glory of God."

Dominic's health, always frail, led to lung problems and he was sent home to recuperate. As was the custom of the day, he was bled in the thought that this would help, but it only worsened his condition. He died on March 9, 1857, after receiving the Last Sacraments. St. John Bosco himself wrote the account of his life.

Some thought that Dominic was too young to be considered a saint. St. Pius X declared that just the opposite was true, and went ahead with his cause. Dominic was canonized in 1954.



Chief Squire's Corner

Nothing to Report This Month

"Noah" Movie (PG-13) Opens With Controversy on March 28



Pope Francis is one busy man as reports have come in that the Vatican has declined to meet "Noah" star Russell Crowe. While the group was denied a private meeting, the group composed of Crowe, director Darren Aronofsky and Paramount executive Rob Moore met with Pope Francis during the Papal general audience at the Vatican and has been confirmed by a Universal spokeswoman, reports Variety. Crowe had tweeted "Ciao Roma, my love for your eternal light just grows deeper. Thank you holy father @Pontifex for the blessing." While Crowe was spotted in the VIP section of St. Peter's Square, their group was too far back to reach the pope.

The Guardian reports that the meeting would have been ideal for the studio to counter some of the poor publicity the film has been garnering among religious communities. A number of Evangelical Christians have been upset over the portrayal of Noah in the film including drunkenness. Yahoo! reports that the film has been banned in much of the Muslim world because of its inaccurate depiction of the prophet and many groups have complained about its liberties with the Biblical account of the flood.

"You people worship what you do not understand; we worship what we understand, because salvation is from the Jews. But the hour is coming, and is now here, when true worshipers will worship the Father in Spirit and truth; and indeed the Father seeks such people to worship him. God is Spirit, and those who worship him must worship in Spirit and truth." - John 4:21-24