



# THE BLESSING WORD

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS  
MONSIGNOR PETER BLESSING COUNCIL #5273



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Portrait of Christopher Columbus

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### APRIL COUNCIL MEETING

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

### SQUIRES STATE HOUSE TOUR

PLACE: STATE HOUSE, PROVIDENCE  
DATE: MONDAY, 4/21/2014  
TIME: TBD

### 1<sup>ST</sup> AND 2<sup>ND</sup> DEGREE EXEMPLIFICATION

PLACE: SS JOHN AND JAMES PARISH CAFETERIA  
DATE: MONDAY, 5/5/2014  
TIME: 6:30PM

### MAY SQUIRES MEETING

PLACE: SSJP RECTORY MEETING ROOM  
DATE: FRIDAY, 5/9/2014  
TIME: 7:00PM

### SQUIRES KANDI DRIVE

PLACE: STOP & SHOP AND BENNY'S  
DATE: SATURDAY, 5/10/2014  
TIME: 10:00AM-2:00PM

### MAY COUNCIL MEETING

PLACE: SVP PARISH HALL  
DATE: MONDAY, 5/12/2014  
TIME: 7:30PM

### COUNCIL KANDI DRIVE

PLACE: SSJP PARISH  
DATE: WEEKENDS, 5/17-18 & 5/24-25/2014  
TIME: AFTER ALL MASSES



## Grand Knight's Corner

Worthy Brothers, I pray you and your families are well

We are in Holy Week and I would like to wish everyone a very happy and Blessed Easter. I would also ask that you pray and reflect on the wonderful gift that was given to us by our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. We have eternal life thanks to his sacrifice.

Our next business meeting is going to be held on May 12th at 7:30PM. We are having a 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree Exemplification on May 5<sup>th</sup> at Saints John and James Church in West Warwick as they are establishing their own Council if you are available to attend I feel it would be a great show of support.

The Msgr. Peter E Blessing Council will be hosting a 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree Exemplification on Monday 16 June 2014, if you know of a Catholic Gentleman who would like to join a Fraternal Order of like minded men and perform works of charity for their Church and community we would love to have them.

One very important Exemplification coming up is the 4<sup>th</sup> Degree which will happen on Sunday June 1st at Saints Phillip Parish Center, if you are a 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree Knight and want to become part of the visible arm of the Knights of Columbus I highly recommend this Degree, it is truly worthwhile.

Finally we will be having our elections in June and if you are interested in a position and would like to be considered please let the nomination committee know, the Blessing Council is a great team and will continue to be as long as Good men step forward.

God Bless and Vivat Jesu!  
John Pizzo,  
Grand Knight

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# Chaplain's Report

Nothing to Report This Month

## KofC Educational Scholarship Award Program

**Elementary, Secondary and College Awards are available as follows:**

- \$500.00 elementary and secondary scholarships for students attending Catholic Schools.
- Five, \$1250.00 College Book Awards.

**Please go to the state website for more information.**

<http://www.kofcri.org/testmenus.asp>



*"But if Christ is in you, although the body is dead because of sin, the spirit is alive because of righteousness. If the Spirit of the one who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, the one who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also, through his Spirit dwelling in you." - Romans 8:10-11*





# TEENS ARE “DYNAMITE”



The R.I. State Council



Knights of Columbus

in conjunction with the  
Office of Catholic Youth Ministry  
of the Diocese of Providence  
is sponsoring an

## **"ALL YOU CAN EAT BEER AND DYNAMITE BLAST"**

to benefit the Fr. Marot CYO Center and  
The Rejoice In Hope CYO Center on  
**Saturday, May 17th from 5:00-8:00pm**  
at the

Fr. Marot CYO Center,  
53 Federal St. Woonsocket, R.I.  
Donation \$10.00

For Tickets Please Call:  
401-762-3252 or 401-942-6571  
Bob Moniz 401-439-0581 or Rich Riel 401-626-8454

*"I am the resurrection and the life; whoever believes in me, even if he dies, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?" She said to him, "Yes, Lord. I have come to believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, the one who is coming into the world." – John 11:25-27*



## **KNIGHT'S CORNER**

### **Some of The K of C's Accomplishments Thru the Years**

**In addition to providing aid to victims of natural disasters such as floods, hurricanes, and earthquakes which occurred most recently in Haiti, the Philippines, and Japan, the Knights reached out in other ways:**



**During World War 1, K of C canteens provided refreshments and a taste of home to troops returning from the front for rest and recuperation. These were the fore-runners of USO canteens in WWII.**

**During World War 11, our State Chaplain Msgr. Peter E Blessing christened the SS William Tyler, a Liberty ship build in Portland, Maine with funds raised by the Knights of Columbus and named after the first Bishop of Hartford, Ct.**



**We financed the construction of the bell tower of the Basilica of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, DC; as well as the restoration of St. Mary's Church in New Haven, Ct. both interior & exterior where Father Michael J McGivney founded the Knight of Columbus in 1882.**

**Restoration of the facade and statues of Saints lining the roof of the facade of St. Peter's Basilica in Rome. Portions of the facade and some of the features of the Saints were beginning to crumble.**



**All of this was accomplished from a portion of dues collected from our members of the Knights as well as income derived from the K of C insurance program. How about that!! Who knows what we can accomplish next.**

**Fraternally  
James F Woolley PGK**

*"The crowds preceding him and those following kept crying out and saying: "Hosanna to the Son of David; blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord; hosanna in the highest." And when he entered Jerusalem the whole city was shaken and asked, "Who is this?" And the crowds replied, "This is Jesus the prophet, from Nazareth in Galilee." - Matthew 21:9-11*



## **What Is That KofC Office?**

### **Warden**

The warden is the 'watchdog' for council property and degree paraphernalia, except the property of the financial secretary, treasurer and recorder. He is also responsible for setting up the council chambers for meetings and ceremonial work. During ceremonial exemplifications, he will appoint and supervise guards.

## **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 good Priests of the parishes we serve, PSD/FDD/PFN/PGK James Kiley, Jr. & Wife Angie, John Derry, Br. Matt Parent, Fr. Grenon, Chris Dyl's father, and Grace Morelli.



## **APRIL BIRTHDAYS Blessing Council #5273**

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

Rudy Cirelli, Stelvio Cordeiro, Richard J Denningham JR, John W Figuerado, Joseph L Fleury, Robert A Iannotti, William Lyons, Robert T Martin, Alan A Ogrodnik, George H Paquin, Keith A Parent, John A Pizzo, Thomas Rossi and Peter Turner.

*"Christ Jesus, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God something to be grasped. Rather, he emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, coming in human likeness; and found human in appearance, he humbled himself, becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross." – Philippians 2:6-8*



### **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 April Knight Out**



Friday, 4/25 @ 6PM at the Cornerstone Pub in Exeter. Knights and wives are most definitely invited. We will be presenting the proprietor, Peter Buonanni, with a "Certificate of Merit" for all of his past, and continuing help with allowing our council the use of his food preparation facilities. Call Neil at 632-7922 by Wednesday April 23<sup>rd</sup>.



### **Msgr. Blessing Council is Sponsoring 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree Exemplification At SS John and James Parish in West Warwick**

The Msgr. Blessing Council will be conducting a combined 1<sup>st</sup>/2<sup>nd</sup> Degree Exemplification on Monday May 5th at the SS John and James Parish Cafeteria. Candidates are to be there for 6:30 PM and the ceremony will start promptly at 7:00 PM.

SS John and James is forming a new council and could use your support. Please attend if you can to encourage our brothers as they commence their journey as a new Knights of Columbus council. Please try to make it. Vivat Jesu!

*"Because of this, God greatly exalted him and bestowed on him the name which is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, of those in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father." - Philippians 2:9-11*



## 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual St. Patrick's Dinner

The 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual St. Patrick's Dinner at Club Jogues was a huge success and was well attended by dignitaries, clergy and our brothers and families. Here are some photos that were taken. More can be found at the council website: [www.coventryknights.org](http://www.coventryknights.org).



*““Take and eat; this is my body.” Then he took a cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, “Drink from it, all of you, for this is my blood of the covenant, which will be shed on behalf of many for the forgiveness of sins.” – Matthew 26:26-28*





## SAINT OF THE MONTH

### Saint Anselm



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

**Feast Day: April 21**

Indifferent toward religion as a young man, Anselm became one of the Church's greatest theologians and leaders. He received the title "Father of Scholasticism". At 15, Anselm wanted to enter a monastery, but was refused acceptance because of his father's opposition. Twelve years later, after careless disinterest in religion and years of worldly living, he finally fulfilled his desire to be a monk. He entered the monastery of Bec in Normandy, three years later was elected prior and 15 years later was unanimously chosen abbot.

Under his leadership, the abbey of Bec became a monastic school, influential in philosophical and theological studies. During these years, at the community's request, Anselm began publishing his theological works, comparable to those of St. Augustine. His best-known work is the book *Cur Deus Homo* ("Why God Became Man").

At 60, against his will, Anselm was appointed archbishop of Canterbury in 1093. Anselm finally went into voluntary exile until his enemy King Rufus died in 1100. He was then recalled to England by Rufus's brother and successor, Henry I. Disagreeing fearlessly with Henry over the king's insistence on investing England's bishops, Anselm spent another three years in exile in Rome.

His care and concern extended to the very poorest people; he opposed the slave trade. Anselm obtained from the national council at Westminster the passage of a resolution prohibiting the sale of human beings.



## *Chief Squire's Corner*

Brother Squires,

As we enter the Easter season I would like to reflect on its meaning. On Easter we celebrate the victory of good over evil, and light over darkness. Light and darkness make such a good metaphor for good and evil, because light will always overcome darkness. No matter how much darkness is in a place it will not be able to overcome even the smallest amount of light, just as good will always overcome evil.

Chief Squire  
Peter Tardiff

## Canonization of Popes John Paul II and John XXIII on April 27

By Bishop Jaime Soto (excerpted)

Karol Wojtyla wanted to build on the legacy of his predecessors, the instigator and the navigator of the Second Vatican Council. That the holiness of both John XXIII and John Paul II should be simultaneously recognized with their canonizations brings back the newness of the initial desire to link the lived tradition of the Church with the changed and changing circumstances of a rapidly globalizing world.

John XXIII boldly opened a window for the Church to see the world with hope. John Paul II bravely opened a door through which he carried this hope as a relentless pilgrim. The itinerant pope spoke a message to the world, intended as well for the uncertain disciple, "Do not be afraid!" These were not just the words of the pope. It was the echo of Jesus stirring up the hearts of the disciples to leave behind their fears and cast their nets anew into uncertain waters.

I was reminded of this in the recent visit of Pope Francis to the youthful multitude gathered in Rio de Janeiro. "It is not enough simply to open the door in welcome because they come, but we must go out through that door to seek and meet the people!" This can only happen if our hearts are refreshed with the ancient and ever new command, "Do not be afraid!"

*"From noon onward, darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon. And about three o'clock Jesus cried out in a loud voice, "Eli, Eli, lema sabachthani?" which means, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" Some of the bystanders who heard it said, "This one is calling for Elijah." - Matthew 27:45-47*



**Rhode Island State Council**  
**Knights of Columbus**  
**Wounded Warrior Project Fund Raiser**



**Where?**     *Dillon Council*  
1675 Douglas Pike  
N. Providence, RI 02904

**When?**     Saturday, April 26, 2014  
6:00 p.m.

**Cost?**     \$30.00 per person. Make checks payable to:  
RI State Council K of C

**Contact?**     State Deputy Jim Gilcreast.  
Phone 401-749-9035  
eMail: JWellingtonWells@hotmail.com

The "Wounded Warrior Project" is a veterans service organization that offers a variety of programs, service and events for wounded veterans of the military actions following the events of 9/11/2001. You can visit them on the web at:

**<http://www.WoundedWarriorProject.org>**

*"On the first day of the week, Mary of Magdala came to the tomb early in the morning, while it was still dark, and saw the stone removed from the tomb. So she ran and went to Simon Peter and to the other disciple whom Jesus loved, and told them, "They have taken the Lord from the tomb, and we don't know where they put him." - John 20:1-2*