



THE BLESSING WORD

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
MONSIGNOR PETER BLESSING COUNCIL #5273



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Portrait of Christopher Columbus

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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

SQUIRES AWARDS DINNER

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

JUNE COUNCIL MEETING

PLACE: SVP PARISH HALL
DATE: MONDAY, 6/9/2014
TIME: 7:30PM

1ST AND 2ND DEGREE EXEMPLIFICATION

PLACE: SSJP PARISH CENTER
DATE: MONDAY, 5/5/2014
TIME: 6:30PM



Grand Knight's Corner

Worthy Brothers, I pray you and your families are well

It has been a busy couple of months, but we have no time to rest. We have a 1st and 2nd degree exemplification coming up on June 16th at Saints John and Paul's' parish center. The 4th Degree Exemplification is coming up on Sunday June 1st; I unfortunately will not be able to attend due to a prior commitment to the Boy Scouts.

I would also like to let you all know that the Blessing Council is only a few members and insurance members away from a repeat Double Star Council. So if you know a friend who may have an interest in the Knights give him a form 100, as Worthy Membership Director David Bebyn says, "We have a moral obligation to share knighthood."

The big item for this months' business meeting is the election of our new slate of officers. Please make every attempt to be at the meeting as the more participation we have the better we will be. I would also like to take this opportunity to thank each and every one of you for your support of me as Grand Knight over the past two years, the Blessing Council has achieved a great deal and it is directly attributed to all of your efforts. I look forward to serving you as your District Deputy.

Finally I would like to ask that for the upcoming Fraternal year if there is anything which is near and dear to your hearts or feel is worthy of our efforts or if you want to volunteer to take the reins of one of the committees please speak up, our council needs you and as I said before the more participation we have the better we will be.

God Bless and Vivat Jesu!

John Pizzo,
Grand Knight

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Chaplain's Report

Nothing to Report This Month



4th Degree Exemplification Sunday, June 1, 2014

**St. Philip Church
Putnam Pike, Greenville**

1:00 Check-in of candidates (Parish Center)

2:00 Mass (Church)

3:00 Exemplification (Parish Center)

3:00 Ladies Program (School)

**Banquet
Twelve Acres Banquet Facility
Douglas Pike, Smithfield**

5:00 Cocktails

6:00 Banquet

"He was known before the foundation of the world but revealed in the final time for you, who through him believe in God who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your faith and hope are in God. ." – 1 Peter 1:20-21

Rhode Island State Council
Knights of Columbus
2014 Charity Golf Classic



Where? *Crystal Lake Golf Club*

100 Broncos Highway

Mapleville, RI

When? *Saturday, June 14, 2014*

Best Ball Scramble Format

Coffee 'an' and registration 7:00 - 7:30 am, Tee-off at 08:00 AM

Italian dinner buffet immediately following golf at approx. 1:00 PM

Cost? *\$100.00 per person includes golf and dinner. Open to the general public, too. \$25.00 for just dinner or an additional dinner guest. Invite your family and friends!*

Raffles? *\$500.00 plus a variety of baskets.
Tickets are \$10.00 apiece or 3 for \$25.00*

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“And it happened that, while he was with them at table, he took bread, said the blessing, broke it, and gave it to them. With that their eyes were opened and they recognized him, but he vanished from their sight. Then they said to each other, “Were not our hearts burning within us while he spoke to us on the way and opened the Scriptures to us?” – Luke 24:30-32

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

*"Then Peter stood up with the Eleven, raised his voice, and proclaimed:
"Let the whole house of Israel know for certain that God has made both Lord and Christ,
this Jesus whom you crucified." - Acts 2:36*

What Is That KofC Office?

Inside & Outside Guards



The guards have similar responsibilities, but distinct differences. The outside guard tends to the outer door admitting visitors and members to the inner door. Once at the inner door, the inside guard checks to make sure that their membership cards are current.

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, Br. Len Denommee, Br. Matt Parent, The Preborn, Lucille Ferrer, PGK Ernie Pennine of Our Lady of Fatima Council.



MAY BIRTHDAYS Blessing Council #5273

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

James Ancone, Benny Badessa, John H. Ball, Lawrence Bricker, Edjar J. Brouillard, Robert J. Cayer, Stephen J. Del Deo, James Hall, John A. Izzo, Rev. Michael A. Kelley, Michael G. Kiley, William H. Koch Jr., Rev. Eddy E. Lopez, Walter McLaughlin, Matthew W. Parent, Nicholas K. Parent, Charles A. Tamuleviz.

“When he was insulted, he returned no insult; when he suffered, he did not threaten; instead, he handed himself over to the one who judges justly. He himself bore our sins in his body upon the cross, so that, free from sin, we might live for righteousness.” – 1 Peter 2:23-25

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:



Squires Awards Pot-Luck Dinner

The Squires of the Fr. Leo Anttil Circle #5211 would like to invite the Knights of their sponsoring council as well as family members to attend their Awards Pot-Luck Dinner. The dinner will be held on Friday, June 6 (70th anniversary of D-Day), starting at 6:30PM at the SS John and Paul Parish Center, 341 South Main St. in Coventry. You could also consider this dinner to be the "Knight Out" since we did not have one in May. If you plan on going, please respond to Br. Neil Fidler by phone at [401-632-7922](tel:401-632-7922) with the number of people who will be attending and what dish you are bringing.



Msgr. Blessing Council is Sponsoring A 1st and 2nd Degree Exemplification At SS John and Paul Parish

The Msgr. Blessing Council will be conducting a combined 1st/2nd Degree Exemplification on Monday June 16th at the SS John and Paul Parish Center. Candidates are to be there for 6:30 PM and the ceremony will start promptly at 7:00 PM.

Please try to attend as the new brothers could use your support and encouragement as they commence their journey as a new Knights of Columbus. Please try to make it. Vivat Jesu!

"Whoever enters through me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture. A thief comes only to steal and slaughter and destroy; I came so that they might have life and have it more abundantly." - John 10:9-10

April Knight Out

The April Knight Out dinner was held at the Cornerstone Pub in Exeter on Friday, 4/25 at 6PM. Knights presented 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. It was well attended by our brothers and wives. Here are some photos that were taken.



Jesus said to his disciples: "Do not let your hearts be troubled. You have faith in God; have faith also in me. In my Father's house there are many dwelling places. If there were not, would I have told you that I am going to prepare a place for you?" – John 14:1-2



SAINT OF THE MONTH

Saint Joan of Arc



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

Feast Day: May 30

Joan was beatified in 1909 and canonized in 1920. Born of a fairly well-to-do peasant couple in Domremy-Greux (southeast of Paris), Joan was only 12 when she experienced a vision and heard voices that she later identified as Sts. Michael the Archangel, Catherine of Alexandria, and Margaret of Antioch.

During the Hundred Years War, she led French troops against the English and recaptured the cities of Orléans and Troyes. This enabled Charles VII to be crowned as king in Reims in 1429. Captured near Compiègne the following year, she was sold to the English and placed on trial for heresy and witchcraft. Professors at the University of Paris supported Bishop Pierre Cauchon of Beauvais, the judge at her trial; Cardinal Henry Beaufort of Winchester, England, participated in the questioning of Joan in prison. In the end, she was condemned for wearing men's clothes. The English resented France's military success—to which Joan contributed.

In 1431, she was burned at the stake as a heretic in Rouen, and her ashes were scattered in the Seine River. A second Church trial 25 years later nullified the earlier verdict, which was reached under political pressure. Remembered by most people for her military exploits, Joan had a great love for the sacraments, which strengthened her compassion toward the poor. Popular devotion to her increased greatly in 19th-century France and later among French soldiers during World War I. Joan of Arc has been the subject of many books, plays, operas, and movies.



Chief Squire's Corner

Nothing to Report

In Bethlehem, near site of Christ's birth, pope speaks out for children



By Francis X. Rocca and Judith Sudilovsky (edited)

BETHLEHEM, West Bank (CNS) – Celebrating Mass a few steps from the spot traditionally believed to be the birthplace of Jesus, Pope Francis said that the way society treats its young reveals its moral character. Children are a "diagnostic sign, a marker indicating the health of families, society and the entire world," the pope said May 25 in Manger Square, outside the Church of the Nativity. "Wherever children are accepted, loved, cared for and protected, the family is healthy, society is healthier and the world is more human." Pope Francis told those gathered in the square that "children need to be welcomed and defended, from the moment of their conception."

He said "all too many children continue to be exploited, maltreated, enslaved, prey to violence and illicit trafficking. Today, in acknowledging this, we feel shame before God, before God who became a child." Pope Francis spoke of children used as soldiers and as models for fraudulent charitable appeals. "Are we perhaps people who use fine and pious words, yet exploit pictures of poor children in order to make money?" he asked. After the Mass, the pope met with Palestinian refugee children from four different camps in the West Bank. He told them not to let the past hinder them, but to always look to the future. Locals said the pope's arrival strengthened them.

Jesus said to his disciples: "If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate to be with you always, the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot accept, because it neither sees nor knows him. But you know him, because he remains with you, and will be in you." - John 14:15-17

Squires State House Visit

On April 25th the Squires of the Fr. Leo Ancil Circle went on a field trip to visit the Rhode Island State House in Providence. Below are some of the photos that were taken during their outing. More photos can be found at the Coventry Knights website, <http://www.coventryknights.org/activities.htm>



"It was not you who chose me, but I who chose you and appointed you to go and bear fruit that will remain, so that whatever you ask the Father in my name he may give you. This I command you: love one another." - John 15:16-17



PAWTUCKET



Rhode Island State Council K of C & PAWSOX Baseball

Sunday July 20, 2014 1:05 PM Start at McCoy Stadium

Join us as the home team PawSox take on the Buffalo Bisons the

Toronto BlueJays Triple A Affiliate

Join us after the game (4:00pm) for *all you can eat* chowder & clam cakes, hamburgers, hot dogs, and chicken strips prepared by *Mickey G's Travelin Clam Shack* including beverages at **Saint Pope John Paul II Church**, 1253 Newport Ave., Pawtucket, RI (enter behind church)

Approximately 1.5 miles from ballpark

Tickets and after-game meal \$25.00

Meal Only \$15.00

Game Ticket only \$11.00

DEADLINE: July 13, 2014

TICKETS: Contact Mike Dziok 401-333-6422 / www.mdziok1067@aol.com

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"Always be ready to give an explanation to anyone who asks you for a reason for your hope, but do it with gentleness and reverence, keeping your conscience clear, so that, when you are maligned, those who defame your good conduct in Christ may themselves be put to shame." - 1 Peter 3:15-16