



THE BLESSING WORD

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
MONSIGNOR PETER BLESSING COUNCIL #5273



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Portrait of Christopher Columbus

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

SQUIRES INVESTITURE

PLACE: SSJP RECTORY CONFERENCE ROOM
DATE: FRIDAY, 6/27/2014
TIME: 7:00PM

JULY COUNCIL MEETING

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

JULY "KNIGHT OUT"

PLACE: TBD
DATE: TBD
TIME: TBD

AUGUST COUNCIL MEETING

PLACE: SVP PARISH HALL
DATE: MONDAY, 8/21/2014
TIME: 7:30PM

PAWSOX GAME

PLACE: MCCOY STADIUM, PAWTUCKET
DATE: THURSDAY, 8/21/2014
TIME: 7:05PM

AUGUST "KNIGHT OUT"

PLACE: TBD
DATE: TBD
TIME: TBD



Grand Knight's Corner

Worthy Brothers, I pray you and your families are well

It has been my Great Honor to have served as your Grand Knight these past two Columbian years. I can't even begin to thank you all for your wonderful support and efforts you all put forth, which is directly contributable to all the success we have had.

I would like to ask that the same effort and zeal you put forth these past two years continues. I want the Blessing Council to be the standard by which councils are measured. We have great people with awesome ideas and the desire to execute, which is the recipe for success.

I would also ask that we support our incoming Grand Knight Herb Knott and if we put forth the effort we have inside us to do we will garner for him Triple Star Council for Columbian Year 2014-2015. Also please if a position or committee pops up volunteer to be on it.

Finally I look forward to being your District Deputy; I pray that I prove to be as successful there as I was as your Grand Knight. So I will say again my Brothers from the bottom of my heart Thank you and may God Bless you!

God Bless and Vivat Jesu!

John Pizzo,
Grand Knight

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Chaplain's Report

Dear Brother Knights,

A month ago the season of Easter ended. Ten days before that we celebrated the Feast of the Ascension of our Lord and we heard the instructions the Apostles received, "Go into the whole world and proclaim the Gospel to every creature." Then on the feast of Pentecost we were reminded of the gift of the Holy Spirit, the fulfillment of the promise our Lord made to His Disciples and to us: "And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate to be with you always, the Spirit of truth." (John 14:16)

The Apostles were given the Holy Spirit with His gifts of Wisdom, Understanding, Counsel, Fortitude (Courage), Knowledge, Piety and Fear of the Lord, to guide them. Through our Baptism and Confirmation we became followers, disciples of Our Lord. Reflecting on these two feasts, we, the followers of Christ, are sent to proclaim the Gospel and we receive the help we need to accomplish this mission. We are called to be witnesses to the world, beginning with our families.

After the Feast of Pentecost, the month of June gave us many opportunities for reflection. We celebrated the feast of the Holy Trinity, Corpus Christi and the Sacred Heart of Jesus. The saints we remembered during the month are great examples for us. A few of these are St. Norbert, St. Barnabas, and St. Peter and St. Paul. Read about the lives of the saints. As we celebrated Father's Day on June 15, we gave thanks for the gift of our family and the trust God shows us. Being a Catholic father or grandfather is a great privilege and responsibility. How can we live up to this responsibility? Teach by example. Here are some ideas. Go to Sunday Mass as a family and dress as if you were going to a wedding. Let your children see you pray. Pray with them. Turn off the television, dust off your Bible, and let your children read to you. Spend quality time with them. The time you spend with your family is worth more than the things we give them. Celebrate your children's achievements. Listen to them. As you make vacation plans, be safe and make sure Sunday Mass is in your plan.

Have an enjoyable summer.

God's blessings,

Rev. Fr. Jacek Ploch

"If you are insulted for the name of Christ, blessed are you, for the Spirit of glory and of God rests upon you. But let no one among you be made to suffer as a murderer, a thief, an evildoer, or as an intriguer. But whoever is made to suffer as a Christian should not be ashamed but glorify God because of the name." – 1 Peter 4:14-16



CONGRATULATIONS Msgr. Blessing #5273!

Double Star Council Achieved for a Second Consecutive Year

Blessing Council has achieved Double Star Council for the Columbian Year 2013-14, that's two years in a row. This is the first time Blessing Council has earned that honor since its inception in 1962. 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.

Special congratulations go to our Worthy Grand Knight and District Deputy Designate John Pizzo and Membership Director and Chancellor Elect Angel Ferrer for a fantastic job done these past two years. Also, we should keep in mind that we also had the help of Brother Pat Dahlen and the new brothers who joined us from SS John and James parish. Thanks to them and their efforts as well! 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. KUDOS TO ALL, VIVAT JESUS!

Double STAR Award – The Supreme Council recognizes those Councils that achieve these very high requirements: The Star Council Award recognizes outstanding achievement in membership, insurance and service program activities. To be eligible to earn the Double Star Council Award, a council must qualify for the Father McGivney, Founder's, and Columbian awards.

- ☐ Submit your Service Program Personnel Report (Form 365) before August 1
- ☐ Achieve at least 200% of your Council membership quota
- ☐ Achieve at least 100% of your Council insurance quota
- ☐ Submit your Survey of Fraternal Activity (Form 1728) before January 31
- ☐ Submit Columbian Award Application (Form SP7) before June 30
- ☐ Supreme per capita must be paid
- ☐ Host or participate in a minimum of four First degree ceremonies.

“I do not pray for the world but for the ones you have given me, because they are yours, and everything of mine is yours and everything of yours is mine, and I have been glorified in them.” –

John 17:9-10

KNIGHT'S CORNER

Vocations from our Parish

Last month on Vocations Sunday, Father Grenon in his homily was reminiscing on the 39th anniversary of his priesthood and how he entered Our Lady of Providence seminary high school in Warwick at age 14 and then went on to St. Bernard's Seminary in Rochester NY and was ordained a priest on May 12, 1978.

He also pointed out that although there will be no priestly ordination this year, we should be proud of the three priests that have so far come out of our parish and he mentioned them by name. It occurred to me that many of our new parishioners were not aware of them, so I am submitting this photo of them with our former pastor Fr. Joseph Henry on the occasion of Father Mahar's Diaconate ordination in Rome in 2003. Their academic achievements would fill a whole page.



Left to Right: Frs. Reilly, Mahar, Henry and Woolley
(Photo taken at Ss. John & Paul Basilica, Rome, 2003)

Since this photo was taken, Fr. Timothy Reilly is currently the Chancellor of the Diocese and Spiritual Director at Our Lady of Providence Seminary, Fr. Christopher Mahar is the Rector of OLP Seminary, and Father Michael Woolley is Pastor of St. Joseph Parish in Woonsocket and Dean of the Blackstone Valley Deanery III. Frs. Mahar and Woolley were baptized and grew up in our parish, while Fr. Reilly joined the parish as a young adult.

The Knights of Columbus are very supportive of seminarians studying for the priesthood. We have a program where for every \$500 scholarship donated to a seminarian, the Supreme Council in New Haven will reimburse the Council \$100. We usually donate one or two scholarship a year. We also close all of our meetings with a prayer for Vocations. Please join us in also praying daily for more vocations to the priesthood from our parish!

Fraternally,
Jim Woolley PGK
(Proud parent of a priest)

“Then there appeared to them tongues as of fire, which parted and came to rest on each one of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in different tongues, as the Spirit enabled them to proclaim.”- Acts 2:3-4

What Is That KofC Office?

Board of Trustees



The board of trustees consists of three members elected by the council and the grand knight, who serves as chairman of the board. They oversee the work of the financial secretary and treasurer, and with the deputy grand knight serve on the council's retention committee. During council elections, only the three-year trustee is voted on, with the others moving on to become two- and one-year trustees, respectively.

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 Denomme, Br. John Derry, Br. Matt Parent, Mary Mahar, Lucille Ferrer, Don Bouchard, Vinnie Palka, Grace Morelli, PGK Ernie Pennine of OLF Council.



JUNE BIRTHDAYS Blessing Council #5273

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

Scott D Cummiskey, Roger P Cyr, Michael J Emmett, Cornelius J Fitton Jr, Roderick J Fraser, Stanley M Jendzejec, James J Kiley Jr, Alfred O Lacaille, John Macomber, Harry E Munroe, Edward J Overton, Matthew J Piatek III, Edward C Rice III, Vincent J Rinaldi, Gerald L Salois,

“There are different kinds of spiritual gifts but the same Spirit; there are different forms of service but the same Lord; there are different workings but the same God who produces all of them in everyone. To each individual the manifestation of the Spirit is given for some benefit.” – 1 Corinthians 12:4-7

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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**FORTNIGHT
FOR
FREEDOM**

The third annual Fortnight for Freedom will be held this year from June 21 to July 4, Independence Day. The U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) asks the nation's Catholics, and even non-Catholics, to participate in this period of prayer, fasting and advocacy to respond to the many threats to religious liberty our country now faces.



Knights of Columbus Council # 1738
Est. 1914
Presents

The Annual Council 9 hole Golf Outing

Sunday, July 20, 2014

Cranston Country Club

Registration at 10:00 am to 11:15 am
Tee-Off Begins at 11:30 am

\$50.00 per golfer- includes green fees- cart- dinner
at the Council Home

**Prizes include: Closet to the pin-longest drive-
50/50**

Please use sign-up sheets or see Ed Hanley If interested in
playing

"Come, Holy Spirit, come! And from your celestial home shed a ray of light divine! Come, Father of the poor! Come, source of all our store! Come, within our bosoms shine. You, of comforters the best; You, the soul's most welcome guest; Sweet refreshment here below;"
- Veni, Sancte, Spiritus

Blessing Council KANDI Drive at SS John & Paul Parish

The Knights of Blessing Council held a KANDI (Tootsie Roll) Drive on the weekends of May 17/18 and May 24/25. The donations for the weekend of May 17/18 were \$1192 and the donations for the weekend of May 24/25 were \$693, for a combined total of \$1885. What a fantastic success for our council! A great thank you to Fr. Paul Grenon for allowing us to hold our drive at the parish, the parishioners for their generosity, and our brother knights who contributed their time and treasure. Here are some photos that were taken.



Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them, and whose sins you retain are retained." – John 20:21-23



Saint Thomas Moore



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

Feast Day: June 22

A Martyr, (Patron of Lawyers) St. Thomas Moore was born in London in 1478. After a thorough grounding in religion and the classics, he entered Oxford to study law. Upon leaving the university he embarked on a legal career which took him to Parliament. In 1505, he married his beloved Jane Colt who bore him four children, and when she died at a young age, he married a widow, Alice Middleton, to be a mother for his young children. A reformer, this learned man numbered Bishops and scholars among his friends. By 1516 he wrote his world-famous book "Utopia". He attracted the attention of Henry VIII who appointed him to a succession of high posts and missions, and finally made him Lord Chancellor in 1529. However, he resigned in 1532, at the height of his career and reputation, when Henry persisted in holding his own opinions regarding marriage and the supremacy of the Pope.

The rest of his life was spent in writing mostly in defense of the Church. In 1534, with his close friend, St. John Fisher, he refused to render allegiance to the King as the Head of the Church of England and was confined to the Tower. Fifteen months later, and nine days after St. John Fisher's execution, he was tried and convicted of treason. He told the court that he could not go against his conscience and wished his judges that "we may yet hereafter in heaven merrily all meet together to everlasting salvation." And on the scaffold, he told the crowd of spectators that he was dying as "the King's good servant but God's first." He was beheaded on July 6, 1535. His feast day is June 22nd.



Chief Squire's Corner

It is now summer time, and I would like to wish you a happy and blessed summer. Also I would like you all to think about the many feast days that are coming up. One is the feast of Saints Peter and Paul.

Peter was an Apostle and one of the original twelve. Although his faith faltered at times, he repented, and Jesus made Peter the first Pope. Paul was not one of the original twelve, but is still considered an Apostle. He converted cities and then wrote them letters so they would remain in the faith. Paul's letters make up some of the New Testament.

Peter Tardiff
Chief Squire

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Taking the Time to Say Thank You to Our Priests

Recently, I was watching EWTN and saw an interesting commercial. It was about an organization whose mission is the encouragement of priests in their ministry: www.EncouragePriests.org. I invite you to visit this website and to explore their suggestions on ways to express your gratitude to the priests who have generously served you and others in God's family. Be sure to thank those who selflessly serve us in the Church: priests, deacons, consecrated religious, lay ecclesial ministers, volunteer lay women and men. Our faith lives are enriched because of you! To those who serve our country and to those who serve our church: thank you.

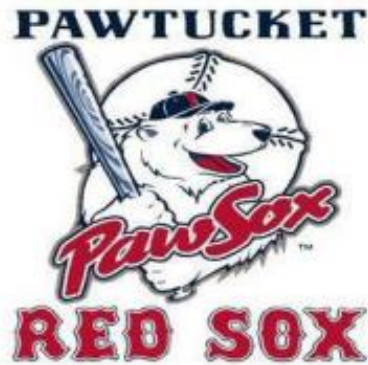
God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him." - John 3:16-17

Squires Circle KANDI (Tootsie Roll) Drive

On May 10th the Squires of the Fr. Leo Ancil Circle held their annual KANDI Drive at Benny's and Stop & Shop to raise funds for those with disabilities. They were able to raise \$890 dollars, Great Job! Below are some of the photos that were taken during their outing.



*"Brothers and sisters: The cup of blessing that we bless, is it not a participation in the blood of Christ? The bread that we break, is it not a participation in the body of Christ? Because the loaf of bread is one, we, though many, are one body, for we all partake of the one loaf."
- 1 Corinthians 10:16-17*



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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“Amen, amen, I say to you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you do not have life within you. Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise him on the last day. For my flesh is true food, and my blood is true drink. Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me and I in him.” - John 6:53-56