



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

INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

PLACE: ST. VINCENT DE PAUL CHURCH
DATE: SATURDAY, 8/9/14
TIME: AFTER 5PM MASS

AUGUST COUNCIL MEETING

PLACE: SVP PARISH HALL
DATE: MONDAY, 8/11/2014
TIME: 7:30PM

PAWSOX GAME

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

AUGUST "KNIGHT OUT"

PLACE: TBD
DATE: 8/22/2014
TIME: 6:00PM



Grand Knight's Corner

Brothers,

I want to begin by thanking all of you for your faith and confidence by selecting me to fill the position of Grand Knight for the Blessing Council. I would also like to congratulate all the officers who were elected. I am looking forward to working with you and all the brothers of the council.

I would like to thank our current DD and PGK John Pizzo and FDD/PGK Neil Fidler for the leadership and inspiration they demonstrated in the past 2 years. Thanks to all the officers, and all brothers who dedicated themselves to making the Blessing Council a council we can be proud of.

My hope is that we can stay the course that we are on and continue to grow the council. We were able to make Double Star Council again. I know we can do it again this year and maybe Triple Star.

Some goals for this year will be the same, recruit new members, support our parishes and continue to raise funds for the charities we support by the events we produce. Some new goals, I would like for us to be more visible in our parishes and communities.

The main thing is to keep our Lord first and foremost in our endeavors and thank Him for all the blessings we receive. Once again, thank you.

God Bless
Vivat Jesus
Herb Knott GK

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Chaplain's Report

Dear Brother Knights,

One of the requirements of being a Knight of Columbus is to be a practicing Catholic. That means attending Mass on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation. We need an attitude of "Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord" (Psalm 122) instead of "we have to go to Mass." The sacraments, attending Mass and putting into practice the commandments of love as Christ taught us, give us our Catholic identity.

With the month of August, we look at the beginning of a new school year. As Catholic Fathers and Grandfathers we are to be teachers to our children. We help our children to develop their skills, their knowledge and especially their faith. This means we need to know and practice our faith. The best way to teach and pass on our faith is by example. Another way is by teaching. All our parishes are preparing for their Faith Formation and all are in need of volunteers. By teaching our faith we learn and grow ourselves.

Another way to help us grow in our faith is through the RCIA program. This program helps our adult friends who are interested in the Catholic faith to know what our faith is about. As sponsors we can help them on their faith journey. All parishes have some adult classes. We can never fully understand God. Each time we share our faith with others, and they with us, we grow in our faith and grow closer to God.

Let our and that of our family's relationship with God be the top priority in our lives.

Blessings,

Rev. Fr. Jacek Ploch

"Thus says the LORD: Rejoice heartily, O daughter Zion, shout for joy, O daughter Jerusalem! See, your king shall come to you; a just savior is he, meek, and riding on an ass on a colt, the foal of an ass." – Zechariah 9:9

“KNIGHT OUT” at the Greenwood Inn **Warwick, RI. June 27, 2014**



Good conversation, good fun, good food = A GREAT TIME.

Our last "Knight Out" was another success, 15 people attended. The accommodations were great, comfortable and the service was excellent. If you haven't joined use as yet please try to join use next time.

God Bless,

Herb Knott GK

“Consequently, brothers and sisters, we are not debtors to the flesh, to live according to the flesh. For if you live according to the flesh, you will die, but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live.” – Romans 8:11-13



If each of us Recruits Just 'ONE MORE KNIGHT'



**We would overcome our recent membership losses immediately!
Always Carry a Form-100!!!**

Illuminating the Word: The Saint John's Bible



Opening on June 2 and continuing through October 2014 at the Knights of Columbus Museum, *Illuminating the Word: The Saint John's Bible* showcases the first handwritten and hand-illustrated Bible to be commissioned by a Benedictine monastery in 500 years.

Illuminating the Word presents 68 original pages from all seven volumes of The Saint John's Bible along with tools, sketches, materials and rare books.

"Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am meek and humble of heart; and you will find rest for yourselves. For my yoke is easy, and my burden light."- Matthew 11:28-30

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:



Prayer Intentions



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

Pope Francis, Bishop Thomas Tobin, The good Priests of the parishes we serve, PGK James Kiley, Jr. & Wife Angie, Br. Len Denommee, Br. John Derry, Br. Matt Parent, Mary Mahar, Lucille Ferrer, Don Bouchard, Vinnie Palka, Grace Morelli, James Piccirilli, Violette Lemoi, PGK Ernie Pennine of OLF Council, PGK Ernest J. Esposito, Mary Chinn.



July Birthdays Blessing Council #5273

Happy Birthday to our Brother Knights born in July

Thomas J Carroccia, Alexander J Cote, Cyril J Dubrachek, Paul L Lemek, John W Ludka, George A O'Loughlin, Raymond D Patten, Timothy M Patterson, Robert EJ Taylor, Rev. Thomas Woodhouse Jr, James Woolley

"Why do you speak to them in parables?" He said to them in reply, "Because knowledge of the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven has been granted to you, but to them it has not been granted. To anyone who has, more will be given and he will grow rich; from anyone who has not, even what he has will be taken away." – Matthew 13:10-12

2014 Charity Golf Classic



- Where?** *Crystal Lake Golf Club
100 Broncos Highway
Mapleville, RI*
- When?** *Sunday, September 21, 2014
Best Ball Scramble Format
Registration 12:00 - 12:30 Pm, Shotgun Tee-off at 1:00 PM
Dinner immediately following golf at approx. 5:30 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?** *50/50 raffles on 2 par 3's plus 50/50 raffle on putting green for all*
- Prizes?** *Win prize for hole in one.
Win prize for closest to hole*
- Contact?** *Paul Galitskie. Phone 401-419-4757 eMail: PGalitskie@aol.com
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His slaves said to him, 'Do you want us to go and pull them up?' He replied, 'No, if you pull up the weeds you might uproot the wheat along with them. Let them grow together until harvest; then at harvest time I will say to the harvesters, "First collect the weeds and tie them in bundles for burning; but gather the wheat into my barn." – Matthew 13:28-30



Saint Maria Goretti



Feast Day: July 6

One of the largest crowds ever assembled for a canonization—250,000—symbolized the reaction of millions touched by the simple story of Maria Goretti. When she made her First Communion not long before her death at age 12, she was one of the larger and somewhat backward members of the class.

On a hot afternoon in July, Maria was sitting at the top of the stairs of her house, mending a shirt. A cart stopped outside, and a neighbor, Alessandro, 18 years old, ran up the stairs. He seized her and pulled her into a bedroom. She struggled and tried to call for help. "No, God does not wish it," she cried out. "It is a sin. You would go to hell for it." Alessandro began striking at her blindly with a long dagger. She was taken to a hospital. Her last hours were marked by the usual simple compassion of the good—concern about where her mother would sleep, forgiveness of her murderer and her devout welcoming of Viaticum, her last Holy Communion. She died about 24 hours after the attack. Her murderer was sentenced to 30 years in prison. One night he had a dream or vision of Maria, gathering flowers and offering them to him. His life changed. When he was released after 27 years, his first act was to go to beg the forgiveness of Maria's mother.

Devotion to the young martyr grew, miracles were worked, and in less than half a century she was canonized. At her beatification in 1947, her mother (then 82), two sisters and a brother appeared with Pope Pius XII on the balcony of St. Peter's. Three years later, at her canonization, a 66-year-old Alessandro Serenelli knelt among the quarter-million people and cried tears of joy.



Chief Squire's Corner

Nothing to report

El Salvador Youth Saved From Violence by Music



(CNA/EWTN News) Excerpted - Nearly 1,000 children and teens who live in violent, crime-ridden areas of El Salvador have turned to the Don Bosco Youth Symphonic Orchestra as an alternative to a life of drugs and conflict.

The orchestra is financed by a \$1 million grant from the Social Fund for the Development of Japan, administered by the World Bank. Formed more three years ago, the orchestra made its debut in San Salvador last year. The young musicians range in age from 8 to 20 and are from various public schools located in neighborhoods plagued by gang violence. Twenty-five year old Bryan Cea, himself from a troubled neighborhood, directs the orchestra.

El Salvador is one of the most violent countries in Central America, along with Honduras and Guatemala. According to El Salvador president Sanchez Ceren, the murder rate in the country has increased from six per day in 2013 to 10 per day in 2014. Gang violence is so intense that even living in or visiting an area controlled by a rival gang can mean death. For this reason, the orchestra project is so important, as it gives young people a peaceful alternative for learning, Fr. Pepe said. In statements to CNA, he noted that gangs tend to use public schools as a base for selling and hooking kids on drugs. Carlos Palma, 20, plays the violin and says the project is positive cultural experience, while Madelin Morales, 15, who plays the flute, says belonging to an orchestra has helped her improve in school and to see life "from a better point of view."

He proposed another parable to them. "The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that a person took and sowed in a field. It is the smallest of all the seeds, yet when full-grown it is the largest of plants. It becomes a large bush, and the 'birds of the sky come and dwell in its branches.'" - Matthew 13:31-32