



# THE BLESSING WORD

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS  
MONSIGNOR PETER BLESSING COUNCIL #5273



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Portrait of Christopher Columbus

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### OCTOBER SQUIRES MEETING

PLACE: SSJP RECTORY MEETING ROOM  
DATE: FRIDAY, 10/3/2014  
TIME: 7:00PM

### 1ST/2ND DEGREE EXEMPLIFICATION

PLACE: SSJP PARISH CENTER  
DATE: TUESDAY, 10/7/2014  
TIME: 6:30PM

### OCTOBER COUNCIL MEETING

PLACE: ST. VINCENT DE PAUL PARISH HALL  
DATE: MONDAY, 10/13/2014  
TIME: 7:30PM

### SILVER ROSE PRAYER SERVICE

PLACE: OUR LADY OF GOOD COUNSEL PARISH  
DATE: THURSDAY, 10/30/2014  
TIME: 7:00PM

### NOVEMBER SQUIRES MEETING

PLACE: SSJP RECTORY MEETING ROOM  
DATE: FRIDAY, 11/7/2014  
TIME: 7:00PM

### NOVEMBER COUNCIL MEETING

PLACE: ST. VINCENT DE PAUL PARISH HALL  
DATE: MONDAY, 11/10/2014  
TIME: 7:30PM

### "KNIGHT OUT"

PLACE: TBD  
DATE: MONDAY, 11/21/2014  
TIME: 7:30PM



## Grand Knight's Corner

Brothers May the Lord watch over you and your family and friends.

This is a beautiful time of year. Take some time with your family and enjoy the fall activities that are available throughout the state. Activities become more centered on home and family this time of year and the football season begins. Raking and cleaning up our yards and winterizing the items we have to close up for the winter.

I want to thank all our brothers for the time and effort that you gave to the projects that were completed during this 1<sup>st</sup> quarter as your Grand Knight. Because of your hard work, we will be able to continue to support the charities, church, and community. We scheduled a Membership Drive and a 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree. We have our Donation and Awards night, which is scheduled to present the money we raised to the charities we support. It is also time to recognize some of our members and families for their accomplishments.

I am grateful to the PGK brothers for their guidance. I have seen an increase in participation in some of the activities. I also encourage our new brothers to get involved in the work of the council, join a committee we welcome new ideas. Next month once again we will continue to grow the council one man, per council, per month. I encourage members who have not been to a meeting in a while to become active again. I encourage Brothers who have not obtained their 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree to make an effort to continue on your road to Knight Hood. Once again, the Silver Rose will be in RI. It will be at OLGC October 30, at & 7:00PM. The Blessing Council is one of the most active councils, lets continue on that road.

God Bless,  
Herb Knott GK  
Vivat Jesus

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# Chaplain's Report

Dear Brother Knights,

The month of November is a month of remembrances, All Saints, All Souls and Veterans Day. Who are the saints we celebrate?

The Catechism of the Catholic Church explains a Saint is "The holy one who leads a life in union with God through the grace of Christ and receives the reward of eternal life." All of us are called to be saints. The Church, throughout its history, has declared members of the faithful saints, for example, Mary the Mother of Our Lord and the Apostles. We call on them as intercessors. There are many unnamed saints. Children at baptism are without sin. They are incapable of committing sin. Should they die, they are in the presence of God, and therefore are saints. Many faithful who are never canonized, who lived their lives in union with God are saints. I am sure all of us can remember such a person. In the Creed, we declare we believe in the communion of saints. We, through our baptism, belong to this communion. Therefore, we celebrate the Saints the Church set before us as role models and intercessors. We celebrate the Saints who have been part of our lives, our parents, grandparents, a member of our family, or a friend. We celebrate what we are called to be. Pope John Paul II tells us, "Let us look at the saints who are valiant witnesses of fidelity to Christ; let us be inspired by their example in climbing the mountain of holiness. Be Saints! This –as you well know- is every believers calling."

On the day following the feast of All Saints, we celebrate All Souls Day by remembering all our family and friends that have gone before us. On November 11, we remember our Veterans for their service to this country. Let us remember one another in Prayer. We remember all our brothers and Sisters in God's family. We all call Him our Father.

Rev. Fr. Jacek Ploch



*Finally, he sent his son to them, thinking, 'They will respect my son.'  
But when the tenants saw the son, they said to one another,  
'This is the heir. Come, let us kill him and acquire his inheritance.'  
They seized him, threw him out of the vineyard, and killed him.' – Matthew 21:37-38*



## **"KNIGHT OUT" at Westcott House Pizza on RT3 in Coventry - September 2014**

Brothers, in September the "Knight Out" was held at Westcott House Pizza on RT3 in Coventry. The Knight Out is always a great time for enjoying an evening of sharing stories, jokes and good food. If you haven't joined in yet maybe you will next time.



*"Jesus said to them, "Did you never read in the Scriptures: The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; by the Lord has this been done, and it is wonderful in our eyes? Therefore, I say to you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that will produce its fruit." – Matthew 21: 42-43*



## **Membership drive at Our Lady of Good Counsel Parish**

The membership drive at Our Lady of Good Counsel Parish on October 19<sup>th</sup> went very well. Three men filled out Form 100's and two potential candidates were also identified. Thanks goes out to Father Paul Lemoi who allowed the membership drive at his Parish. At the end of each Mass, Fr. Paul gave a great membership speech for the Knights and Squires.

At the end of the 11AM Mass, Fr. Paul asked Brother Frank Laiter, a parishioner of OLGC and who joined our Council last year, to step forward for a presentation. Fr. Paul presented to Brother Frank, a sword that belonged to Brother George Foley who was a Fourth Degree Knight and a parishioner of St. Augustine Parish in Providence. Brother George gave the sword to Fr. Paul 35 years ago and requested he present the sword to a worthy Fourth Degree member. Brother George went on to his final reward shortly thereafter. As Brother Frank made his Fourth Degree last Spring, Fr. Paul was finally able to present the sword all these years later. What a wonderful gesture by Fr. Paul! (Account by Neil Fidler)



*On that day it will be said: "Behold our God, to whom we looked to save us!  
This is the LORD for whom we looked; let us rejoice and be glad that he has saved us!"  
For the hand of the LORD will rest on this mountain. – Isaiah 25:8-10*



### **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 for Knights and Family**



Pope Francis, Bishop Thomas Tobin, The good Priests of the parishes we serve, PGK James Kiley, Jr. & Wife Angie, PGK Richard Denningham, Sr. (deceased), PGK Ernest Esposito (deceased), PGK Tom Del Mastro, PGK Bill Moskosky, PGK Ernie Pennine of Our Lady of Fatima Council, Br. George Appolonia (deceased), Br. Matt Parent, Br. John Derry, Br. Len Denommee, Br. Don Bouchard, Br. Vinnie Palka, James Piccirilli (deceased), Violette Lemoi (deceased), Martine Kelly (deceased), Mary Chinn, Mary Mahar, Grace Morelli, Lucille Ferrer and the Pre-Born.

### **Happy Birthday to our Brother Knights born in October**



### **Knights of Columbus Museum Trip**



Don't miss the K of C Museum Tour with Mass at St. Mary's church at 12:00pm. Lunch follows at the Fr. Michael McGivney Council.

The bus for New Haven, CT is leaving at 8:00 AM on November 15<sup>th</sup> from St. John's Parish, 63 Church St. Slatersville, RI. It's returning around 6:00 PM

Cost is \$40 per person (we need a minimum of 40 people) If interested in joining us, please contact; Joe Medeiros at 401-474-4977.

*Then he said to his servants, 'The feast is ready, but those who were invited were not worthy to come. Go out, therefore, into the main roads and invite to the feast whomever you find.' The servants went out into the streets and gathered all they found, bad and good alike, and the hall was filled with guests." – Matthew 22: 8-10*



## **OLGC Rectory Porch Painting - September 20, 2014**

On September 20<sup>th</sup> brother Knights and Squires helped to paint the rectory porch at Our Lady of Good Council Church in West Warwick. Here are some of the photos.

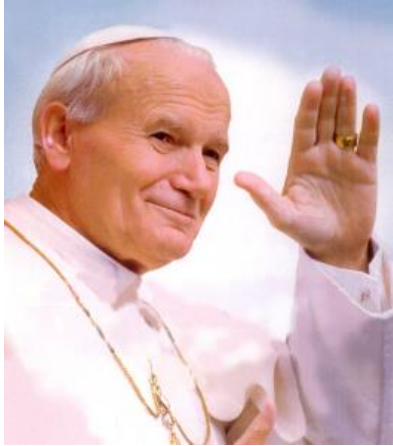


*For the sake of Jacob, my servant, of Israel, my chosen one,  
I have called you by your name, giving you a title, though you knew me not.  
I am the LORD and there is no other,  
there is no God besides me.— Isaiah 45:4-5*





## Pope Saint John Paul II



**Feast Day: October 22**

Born in Wadowice, Poland, Karol Jozef Wojtyla had lost his mother, father and older brother before his 21st birthday. Karol's promising academic career at Krakow's Jagiellonian University was cut short by the outbreak of World War II. While working in a quarry and a chemical factory, he enrolled in an "underground" seminary in Kraków. Ordained in 1946, he was immediately sent to Rome where he earned a doctorate.

Communist officials allowed him to be appointed auxiliary bishop of Kraków in 1958, considering him a relatively harmless intellectual. They could not have been more wrong!

He attended all four sessions of Vatican II and contributed especially to its *Pastoral Constitution on the Church in the Modern World*. Appointed as archbishop of Kraków in 1964, he was named a cardinal three years later.

Elected pope in October 1978, he took the name of his short-lived, immediate predecessor. Pope John Paul II was the first non-Italian pope in 455 years. In time, he made pastoral visits to 124 countries, including several with small Christian populations.

He promoted ecumenical and interfaith initiatives, especially the 1986 Day of Prayer for World Peace in Assisi. He visited Rome's Main Synagogue and the Western Wall in Jerusalem; he also established diplomatic relations between the Holy See and Israel. He improved Catholic-Muslim relations and in 2001 visited a mosque in Damascus, Syria.



## *Chief Squire's Corner*

By Peter Tardiff  
Nothing to Report

### Continued

The Great Jubilee of the Year 2000, a key event in John Paul's ministry, was marked by special celebrations in Rome and elsewhere for Catholics and other Christians. Relations with the Orthodox Churches improved considerably during his ministry as pope.

"Christ is the center of the universe and of human history" was the opening line of his 1979 encyclical, *Redeemer of the Human Race*. In 1995, he described himself to the United Nations General Assembly as "a witness to hope."

His 1979 visit to Poland encouraged the growth of the Solidarity movement there and the collapse of communism in central and eastern Europe 10 years later. He began World Youth Day and traveled to several countries for those celebrations. He very much wanted to visit China and the Soviet Union but the governments in those countries prevented that.

One of the most well-remembered photos of his pontificate was his one-on-one conversation in 1983 with Mehmet Ali Agca, who had attempted to assassinate him two years earlier.

In his 27 years of papal ministry, John Paul II wrote 14 encyclicals and five books, canonized 482 saints and beatified 1,338 people. In the last years of his life, he suffered from Parkinson's disease and was forced to cut back on some of his activities. Pope Benedict XVI beatified John Paul II in 2011, and Pope Francis canonized him in 2014.



*Knowing their malice, Jesus said, "Why are you testing me, you hypocrites? Show me the coin that pays the census tax." Then they handed him the Roman coin. He said to them, "Whose image is this and whose inscription?" They replied, "Caesar's." At that he said to them, "Then repay to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and to God what belongs to God."- Matthew 22:18-21*



## Living Rosary

On October 5<sup>th</sup> the Fr. Leo Squires and brother Knights participated in the living rosary ceremony at SS John and Paul. Here are some photos.



*"You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the greatest and the first commandment. The second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. The whole law and the prophets depend on these two commandments." - Matthew 22:37-40*