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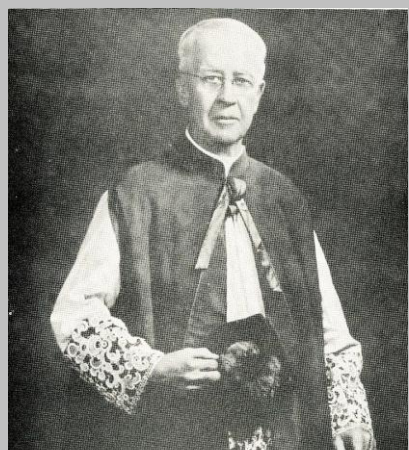
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OUR COUNCIL'S NAMESAKE

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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

CHRISTMAS PARTY

PLACE: SSJP PARISH CENTER
DATE: FRIDAY, 12/5/2014
TIME: 6:30PM

DECEMBER COUNCIL MEETING

PLACE: ST. VINCENT DE PAUL PARISH HALL
DATE: MONDAY, 12/8/2014
TIME: 7:30PM

LASALETTE SHRINE VISIT

MEET AT: HOPKINS HILL PARK AND RIDE
DATE: FRIDAY, 12/19/2014
TIME: 5:30PM

DINNER AT HOUSE OF PIZZA IN PAWTUCKET



Grand Knight's Corner

Brothers All,

We have just completed a very busy month. October was very busy with membership drives, Memorial Masses for Living and Deceased Members of the Blessing council. We conducted a 1st and 2nd Degree and welcomed our new members into our council.

Our annual Donation and Awards Night Dinner was a great success. Once again, the dinner was great and we thank our Chef Angel and his crew who always do a wonderful job. All these events are made possible because of the work and dedication of our Brother Knights who organize them.

November, the Holiday Season is upon us and your Brothers have already planned the Christmas Party, which you should have received a flyer with all the particulars for December 5, at 6:30pm. This time of year is very busy with Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Years so I have canceled the Knight Out until January when we will continue it again.

As many of you know, we had a few members who were in the process of starting a new council SS John and James in West Warwick. They have been participating in our meetings for a while, now their council is ready to begin. We will be losing a few members as they begin building their new council. We wish them success. Worthy Warden Mike Colvin will be leaving to be with the new council. I want to wish Mike and all the Brothers that have worked with us success and know we will miss them at Blessing Council. I extend an invitation to them to visit us at any time; you are welcome at our meetings and our events, Best Wishes and God Bless.

Our goals remain the same, one man per council per month. Ask a friend or men in your parish who you might not know to consider joining the Knights.

I want to wish all of you and your families a Safe, Happy, and Healthy Thanksgiving Holiday. While you are celebrating, take time to remember family and friends who are ill or passed. Pray for the people who are not as fortunate as we may be. If you have to travel, please travel safely.

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



*"If you can't feed a hundred people, then feed just one."
 -Mother Teresa*

Awards and Donation Night

We held our third annual Awards and Donation Night on Friday, October 24, at SS John and Paul Parish Center. The event, emceed by Former District Deputy and Past Grand Knight Neil Fidler, started out with a dinner prepared by Blessing Council Chancellor Angel Ferrer and his crew.

The donation portion of the evening saw the Fr. Anctil Circle present donations of \$50 each to two seminarians. Also, the Squires presented donations of \$235 each to four special needs charities: Project Friends of Coventry, SPRED West Warwick, Coventry High School Transitions to Success Program and Meeting Street School. Blessing Council then presented donations of \$1,000 each to the three parishes they serve: SS John and Paul Parish and St. Vincent de Paul Parish of Coventry and Our Lady of Good Counsel of West Warwick. Donations of \$500 each were presented to two seminarians, the St. Vincent de Paul Society, Our Daily Bread Program of SSJP, Bishop Tobin's Keep the Heat On Fund, Senior Priest Retirement Fund, Fr. Leo Anctil Circle #5211 and the Coventry Food Bank. Additional donations of \$400 each were presented to Project Friends of Coventry, SPRED West Warwick and the Coventry High School Transitions to Success Program as well as a \$150 donation to Meeting Street School.

The awards portion of the evening saw District Deputy John Pizzo be recognized for his role as Grand Knight from 2012 to 2014. Blessing Council presented priest appreciation certificates as well as a copy of "Parish Priest," the biography of K of C founder Venerable Rev. Michael J. McGivney, to the Very Reverend Paul Grenon and Reverend John J. Duggan of SS John and Paul and Reverend Paul Lemoi of Our Lady of Good Counsel. The Corps d'Elite Award was presented to the Fr. Leo Anctil Circle #5211 Columbian Squires for 2013-14 as one of the top Circles in the country. Certificates of Appreciation were presented to 14 Knights of the Blessing Council for accomplishments 2013-14. The Family of the Year award was presented to the family of Chancellor Angel Ferrer. Blessing Council's Knight of the Year was presented to Deputy Grand Knight Edgar Brouillard. The final award presented was the Double Star Council Award to the Blessing Council for the 2nd year in a row.

Some photos of the event can be found on Page 5 of this newsletter. More can be seen on our website at <http://coventryknights.org/activities>

Confirmation Breakfast at SSJP

During the recent Confirmation Masses at SS John and Paul Parish on November 1, Brother Knights of the Blessing Council were called upon to help out with breakfast for His Excellency Bishop Evans and the Priests of SSJP. Worthy Chancellor and Master Chef Angel Ferrer and Brother Don Oat made sure the food was top notch and Worthy Treasurer Neil Fidler helped out with some of the serving duties. Needless to say the Bishop and Priests were definitely full after this feast!



L-R: Deacon Persson, Fr. Woodhouse, Neil Fidler, Fr. Grenon, Angel Ferrer, Bishop Evans, Fr. Dandeneau, Fr. Duggan and Fr. Rodrigues

Coventry Food Bank



Blessing Council Knights lent their talents at the Coventry Food Bank on Saturday, November 1, to help facilitate the Boy Scouts' food drive. Brothers Dick Belanger, Tony Favata, John Macomber and Neil Fidler helped out boxing up food for distribution to those in need and had a lot of fun doing it.

*"If He asks much of you, it is because He knows you can give much."
— St. John Paul the Great*

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 November



- Our Holy Father Pope Francis
- His Excellency Bishop Thomas Tobin, Bishop of Providence
- The Priests of the parishes we serve
- PSD/FDD/PFN/PGK James Kiley, Jr. & Wife Angie
- PGK Bill Moskosky
- PGK Ernie Pennine of Our Lady of Fatima Council
- Brother Matt Parent
- Brother Len Denommee
- Lucille Ferrer
- Mary Mahar
- The Preborn

Happy Birthday to our Brother Knights born in November

Neil Fidler – November 1
 Joseph Bailey, Sr. – November 4
 John Deary – November 5
 Richard Masterson – November 5
 John Simonelli – November 5
 Fr. Peter Sheehan – November 7
 James Brouillard – November 9
 Leland Mello – November 9
 Todd Delehant – November 10
 Timothy Roy – November 12
 David Tanski – November 14
 Mark Trainor – November 15
 Patrick Sullivan – November 19
 Vincent Palka III – November 20
 Dick Belanger – November 21
 John Southland – November 26

Welcome New Knights!

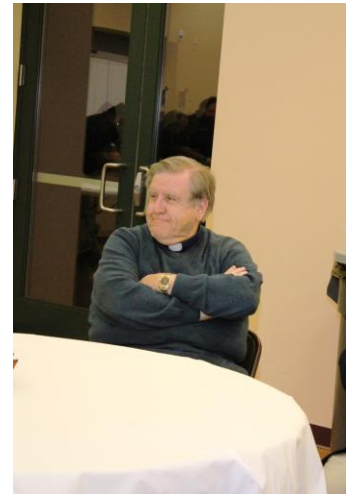
Our Council recently welcomed five new Brother Knights after the combined 1st/2nd Degree at Our Lady of Good Counsel last month. Welcome to Brothers Ryan Tremblay, Gerard Heroux, Michael Greene, Roy Sylvander and Anthony Machado.

Farewell SS John and James Knights!

We also bid farewell to all the Brother Knights who have transferred over to the newly formed SS John and James Council #7238. These Brother Knights include Fr. Eddy Lopez, Michael Colvin, Gene Daigneault, Andrew Graham, John Lancellotta, Donald Lusignan, Joshua Monahan, Michael Osenkowski, Jose Rivera and Daniel Sylvester. SS John and James Council #7238 is now an official council having achieved membership of 20 Brother Knights. Please pray for the success of this new council

*"It was pride that changed angels into devils; it is humility that makes men as angels."
 – St. Augustine*

Awards and Donation Night – October 24, 2014



Squires News

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Lasalette Shrine Visit



When: Friday, December 19 @ 5:30PM
Where: Hopkins Hill Park and Ride

The Fr. Leo Ancil Circle will be making our annual visit to the LaSalette Shrine on the night of Friday, December 19th. We will be leaving from the Hopkins Hill Park and Ride at 5:30PM getting to the House of Pizza in Pawtucket for dinner and then onto the Shrine.

We would like to invite our sponsoring Council to join us for this event. Family and friends are invited!

Welcome New Squires!

Our Circle welcomed our newest Squire, Jacob Pimentel in an Investiture Ceremony which occurred during our October meeting. Welcome to the Circle, Jacob! Also, during the November meeting, our Circle held an investiture for two new Squires who will be part of the newly reinstated Leo Crowe Circle #2091 sponsored by the Newport/Middletown Council #256. Welcome Junior and Mark Marez!

Coventry Town Council Meeting

When: Monday, November 24 @ 7:00PM
Where: Coventry Town Hall Council Chambers

Our Circle will be attending a meeting of the Coventry Town Council on Monday, November 24 @ 7PM, at the Coventry Town Hall Council Chambers, 1670 Flat River Rd. This will be a great opportunity to see our local government in action.



Chief Squire's Corner

By Peter Tardiff
Nothing to Report

Corps d'Elite Award Progress

Our Circle has been awarded the Corps d'Elite Award every year since the 2008-09 Columbian Year. In order for the Circle to achieve the award it must:

1. Submit all required paperwork to Supreme on time.
2. Pay all bills on time.
3. Annually conduct and report at least four (4) major involvement activities in each of the following areas of the Squires program: spiritual, service, circle and membership.
4. Achieve net gain of at least two (2) members by June 30.

We've made great progress so far this year. All of our paperwork and payment of bills have been submitted on time. We have welcomed a new Squire into our Circle – just one more to go. And as for our activities, we have accomplished the following:

Spiritual: Living Rosary at SSJP and Silver Rose Prayer Service (2 of 4 activities)

Service: OLGC Rectory Porch painting, canned goods collections for Coventry Food Bank (2 of 4 activities)

Membership: Church drive at SSJP, church drive at OLGC, investiture of Newport/Middletown Squires in honor of Fr. Paul Lemoi, and an introduction of the Squires program at the State council. (4 of 4 activities)

Circle: PawSox game (1 of 4 activities).

Upcoming Events:

Spiritual – Lasalette Shrine visit in December and Pro-Life Mass at St. Paul's Cranston in January

Service – "Keep the Heat" On Fundraiser Dinner in January
Circle – Coventry Town Hall Meeting in November and Blessing Council Christmas Party in December

Keep up the great work Squires! Esto Dignus! Be Worthy!

"If you don't behave as you believe, you will end by believing as you behave."
— Bishop Fulton J. Sheen



Silver Rose Prayer Service
Our Lady of Good Counsel
October 30, 2014



*"Be close to your priests with affection and with your prayers, that they may always be shepherds according to God's heart."
 – Pope Francis*

Christmas Party!



Please join the Msgr. Peter E. Blessing
Knights of Columbus Council #5273
for food and Christmas cheer on
Friday, December 5, at 6:30 p.m.
SS John and Paul Parish Center
341 South Main St.
Coventry, RI

Music by
"Common Thread"

Cash bar for
beer and wine

Buffet-Style Menu:

Pasta Primavera
Sausage, Peppers, Potatoes
Mushrooms & Onions
Chicken Cacciatore
Meatballs
Chicken Tenders

Vegetables
Pizza Strips
Rolls
Garden Salad/Dressings
Coffee, Soda, Water
Dessert

50/50 Raffle – Proceeds to go to Bishop Tobin's "Leave
the Lights On" Fund

Tickets are \$12 per person / \$50 max per family
Also, attendees are asked to bring an unwrapped new
toy for "Toys for Tots"

Please R.S.V.P. with number of people attending by 11/28
PGK Richard Belanger 821-1405 or
FDD/PGK Neil Fidler at 632-7922