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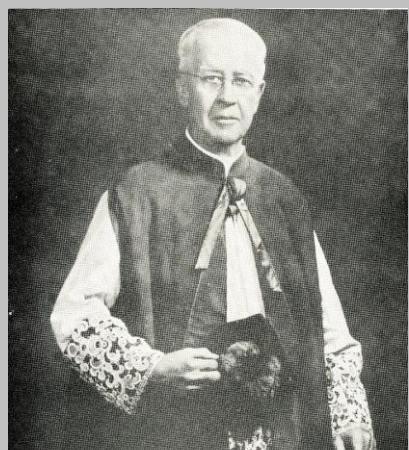
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# Happy New Year!

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## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### JANUARY SQUIRES MEETING

PLACE: SSJP RECTORY MEETING ROOM  
DATE: FRIDAY, 1/9/2015  
TIME: 7:00PM

### JANUARY COUNCIL MEETING

PLACE: ST. VINCENT DE PAUL PARISH HALL  
DATE: MONDAY, 1/12/2015  
TIME: 7:30PM

### PRO-LIFE MASS

PLACE: ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, CRANSTON  
DATE: SATURDAY, 1/17/2015  
TIME: 9:00AM

### COMBINED 1<sup>ST</sup>/2<sup>ND</sup> DEGREE EXEMPLIFICATION

PLACE: OUR LADY OF GOOD COUNSEL CHURCH  
DATE: MONDAY, 1/26/2015  
TIME: 6:30PM

### FEBRUARY SQUIRES MEETING

PLACE: SSJP RECTORY MEETING ROOM  
DATE: FRIDAY, 2/6/2015  
TIME: 7:00PM

### SQUIRES PASTA AND MEATBALL FUNDRAISER

PLACE: SSJP PARISH CENTER  
DATE: SATURDAY, 2/7/2015 (TENTATIVE)  
TIME: 6:00PM

### FEBRUARY COUNCIL MEETING

PLACE: ST. VINCENT DE PAUL PARISH HALL  
DATE: MONDAY, 2/9/2015  
TIME: 7:30PM



## Grand Knight's Corner

Brothers All, May God Bless you, your family and friends.

I pray all of you and your families enjoyed a wonderful and blessed Christmas and enjoyed a Happy New Year. Now that all the hustle and bustle is over, it's time to get back to work.

We will have to start planning for our St. Patrick's Day Fundraiser. We will be striving for Star Council this year and I am sure we can accomplish the requirements as we have in the past.

There will be a need for committee members for events coming up in the months to come. If you have not been on a committee as of yet please volunteer.

We also need to have someone volunteer for our Financial Secretary's position. This is a three-year office and it is very important.

All brothers that have not made 3rd Degree as yet let us make it a goal to become a 3rd Degree Knight this year. If there are any 3rd Degree Knights who may want to consider joining the 4th Degree Fr. Wallace Assembly this year talk to one of our 4th Degree Knights. The 4th Degree Assembly is the Patriotic Degree. I am sure you will enjoy and take pride in the works of the Assembly as you do in the Blessing Council.

I hope to see some new faces at our meetings this year. If you haven't been to a meeting in a while stop in and check out what's going on. Remember "One Member, Per Council, Per Month."

God Bless,  
Herb Knott GK  
Vivat Jesus

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**Marshal Squire**  
 Gabriel Delehant  
**Sentry Squire**  
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## Chaplain's Report

No report this month.

### Bishop Tobin's Predictions for the New Year from his Facebook page:

#### My Predictions for the New Year

- I predict that 2015 will see a combination of good things and bad things. There will be moments of joy and sorrow, success and failure, victory and defeat, health and illness, life and death. I make that prediction with total confidence because these experiences are part of our life's journey all the time, in every year.

- I predict that 2015 will be as good or as bad as you choose to make it. The good and bad elements mentioned above are the natural resources, the raw materials that God will place into your hands. What you choose to do with them, how you react to them, is up to you!

- I predict that in 2015 God will be with you. Even though God won't remove all the challenges and problems from your life, he will be with you every step of the way, walking beside you, strengthening you, sometimes even carrying you. Remember that "Nothing can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord." (Rom 8:39)

And so I offer this blessing for the New Year to you and your loved ones:

"May the Lord bless and keep you. May he let his face shine upon you and show you his mercy. May he turn his countenance towards you and give you his peace. And may the blessing of Almighty God, (+) the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, come down upon you and remain with you forever. Amen."



*"Charity unites us to God...There is nothing mean in charity, nothing arrogant. Charity knows no schism, does not rebel, does all things in concord. In charity all the elect of God have been made perfect" - St. Clement I*



### **Silver Rose Presented to Pope Francis**

At the conclusion of a special Mass celebrated by Pope Francis in St. Peter's Basilica to mark the feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe, Msgr. Eduardo Chávez, a Canon of the Basilica of Our Lady of Guadalupe and brother Knight, presented the Holy Father with a silver rose. The silver rose was hand-carried from Canada, through the United States to Mexico City by Knights of Columbus as a symbol of unity in the continent of America. For more than 50 years, the Order has sponsored the Our Lady of Guadalupe Silver Rose Program to reaffirm the Order's commitment to the sanctity of life and honor the Blessed Virgin under her title of Our Lady of Guadalupe, Patroness of the Americas.

Supreme Knight Carl Anderson, with whom Pope Francis met earlier in the day in a private audience, was also at the Mass.

The Silver Rose program began in 1960 as an initiative of the Columbian Squires, the youth program of the Knights of Columbus. In the mid-1990s, the program was adopted as a Supreme Council program which grew to encompass routes for three silver roses. Last year, five silver roses made their way across North America.

This year, six silver roses traveled from Canada to Mexico to symbolize unity among the peoples in the Americas. The rose is also a symbol of the pro-life movement, which recognizes Our Lady of Guadalupe as its patroness.

The roses began their journey in Canada in May, and for six months were carried by Knights of Columbus throughout the western, central and eastern corridors of North America. The journey concluded on December 12, the feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe, at the basilica bearing that name in Mexico City. The roses were presented before an image of Our Lady.

The Silver Rose program is replete with symbolism. The seven guides carrying the roses represent the sacraments of the Catholic faith and the ways to approach God. The thorns represent all the efforts and sacrifices of the Columbian Squires and Knights of Columbus along the way. Lastly, the strong stem represents faith.

In 2001, Supreme Knight Anderson dedicated the Order to Our Lady of Guadalupe. Since that time, the Order has organized and supported numerous spiritual initiatives and academic conferences to promote devotion to the Virgin of Guadalupe.

### **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:



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

Stephen Kukulka – 1/7	William Lyons – 1/22
Richard Houle – 1/8	Anthony Machado – 1/24
Patrick Hurley – 1/12	Anthony Favata – 1/25
James Martin – 1/15	Scott True – 1/30
Anthony Paone – 1/15	Jared Andrade – 1/31
Zachary Farrell – 1/21	Richard Sullivan – 1/31
Earl Mahar – 1/21	

### **Prayer Intentions for January**



- 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
- PSD's Ken Hogan and John Macari (recently deceased)
- PGK Bill Moskosky
- PGK Ernie Pennine of Our Lady of Fatima Council
- Brother Matt Parent
- Brother Len Denommee
- Brother Vinnie Palka
- Lucille Ferrer
- Mary Mahar
- Erica Shea
- Robert Fidler, Jr.
- The Preborn

*“Let us therefore give ourselves to God with a great desire to begin to live thus, and beg Him to destroy in us the life of the world of sin, and to establish His life within us.” – St. John Eudes*



## Saint of the Month – St. Basil the Great



St. Basil the Great was born at Caesarea of Cappadocia in 330. He was one of ten children of St. Basil the Elder and St. Emmelia. Several of his brothers and sisters are honored among the saints. He attended school in Caesarea, as well as Constantinople and Athens, where he became acquainted with St. Gregory Nazianzen in 352. A little later, he opened a school of oratory in Caesarea and practiced law. Eventually he decided to become a monk and found a monastery in Pontus which he directed for five years. He wrote a famous monastic rule which has proved the most lasting of those in the East. After founding several other monasteries, he was ordained and, in 370, made bishop of Caesaria. In this post until his death in 379, he continued to be a man of vast learning and constant activity, genuine eloquence and immense charity. This earned for him the title of "Great" during his life and Doctor of the Church after his death. Basil was one of the giants of the early Church. He was responsible for the victory of Nicene orthodoxy over Arianism (heresy) in the Byzantine East, and the denunciation of Arianism at the Council of Constantinople in 381-82 was in large measure due to his efforts. Basil aided the victims of drought and famine, strove for a better clergy, insisted on a rigid clerical discipline, fearlessly denounced evil wherever he detected it, and excommunicated those involved in the widespread prostitution traffic in Cappadocia. He was learned, accomplished in statesmanship, a man of great personal holiness, and one of the great orators of Christianity. His feast day is January 2.

St. Basil the Great is the patron saint of hospital administrators.

## Pasta and Meatball Fundraiser Dinner

When: Tentatively scheduled for Saturday, February 7 @ 6PM  
Where: SS John and Paul Parish Center

Our Circle is planning to hold a Pasta and Meatball Dinner to raise funds for young people to attend the Steubenville East conference. The date and time are tentative depending on the availability of the SSJP Parish Center. Stay tuned for more details.

## Corps d'Elite Award Progress

A special election for new officers were held during the January meeting, and the results are as follows:

Chief Squire – Michael Porter  
Deputy Chief Squire – Caleb Delehant  
Notary Squire – David Tardiff  
Bursar Squire – Brennen Connor

After elections were held, Chief Squire Porter appointed the following officers:

Marshal Squire – Gabriel Delehant  
Sentry Squire – William Connor

## 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 during the 2014-15 Columbian Year:

### Spiritual (3 of 4)

Living Rosary  
Silver Rose Prayer Service  
Altar Servers at three churches

### Circle (3 of 4)

PawSox Game  
Coventry Town Meeting  
Blessing Council Christmas Party

### Service (3 of 4)

Coventry Food Bank  
Apple Tree School Supplies  
OLGC Rectory Porch Painting

### Membership (4 of 4)

SSJP Membership Drive  
OLGC Membership Drive  
State Council Presentation  
Investiture for Newport Squires

Upcoming events this year will include the Pro-Life Mass, Pasta and Meatball Fundraiser Dinner, KANDI Drive and Stations of the Cross during Lent. All Squires are encouraged to come up with new ideas for activities.

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

*"Sir, my concern is not whether God is on our side. My greatest concern is to be on God's side for God is always right" — Abraham Lincoln*