



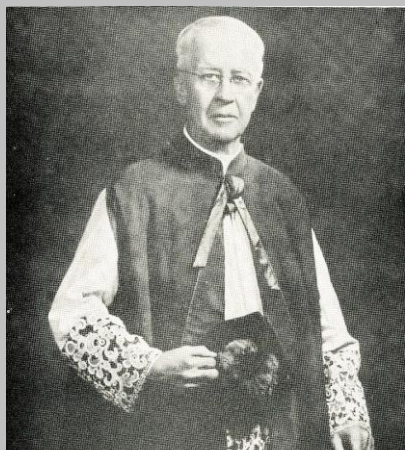
# THE BLESSING WORD

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OUR COUNCIL'S NAMESAKE

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### FEBRUARY SQUIRES MEETING

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

### FEBRUARY COUNCIL MEETING

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

### MARCH SQUIRES MEETING

PLACE: SSJP RECTORY MEETING ROOM  
DATE: FRIDAY, 3/6/2015  
TIME: 7:00PM

### MARCH COUNCIL MEETING

PLACE: ST. VINCENT DE PAUL PARISH HALL  
DATE: MONDAY, 3/9/2015  
TIME: 7:30PM

### ST. PATRICK'S DAY DINNER FUNDRAISER

PLACE: SS JOHN & PAUL PARISH CENTER  
DATE: SUNDAY, 3/15/2015  
TIME: 2:00PM



## Grand Knight's Corner

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

I just do not believe how fast the time is going by. This month has been very busy. Members of the council participated in the Pro Life activities put on by the State Council. They marched and said the Rosary at the abortion clinic on Broad St. in Cranston. The Bishop offered a Pro Life Mass at St. Paul's in Cranston. The Pro Life Dinner was a great success. There was speakers from Mother of Life and Little Flower Home plus a few other speakers.

A few words about membership. We must strive to complete the requirements to win STAR Council again this year. Remember every catholic man you meet is prospective member. You should always ask the question "Have you ever considered becoming a Knight?" Remember "One Member, Per Council, Per Month."

I would like to see our goal be more than one. Let us approach prospective members with a positive attitude so they will say yes to joining us. If we are positive, we will receive positive results. We have to be excited when we are talking about the Knights. We can do that, now let's go out and recruit some candidates.

Lastly, thank all of you for the support you demonstrated for our Brothers who lost loved ones this month. Thanks for the prayers for other members who are not well.

One more thing - GO PATS!!!!

God Bless,  
Herb Knott GK  
Vivat Jesus

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# Chaplain's Report

Dear Brother Knights,

We just began the year 2015, and the first month is already gone.

After celebrating Christmas we see in the Gospel Jesus, who begins His ministry by proclaiming the Kingdom of God is at hand. He does this by bringing healing to the sick and gives hope to the hopeless. He calls the disciples and sends them out with the mission to follow His example. Through our baptism, we are called and sent.

The 42nd anniversary of Roe versus Wade this year is once again a reminder for us of this mission. The respect life issue - end to abortion, death penalty and euthanasia - is an important catholic issue for us to actively be committed to. To be a voice for the voiceless fits in the mission Jesus gives to us.

We are reminded by our Bishops of the seriousness of these issues. Our lives need to reflect that life from the moment of conception until natural death is God's gift to us. We need to respect every human being. As Knights of Columbus this is one of our commitments.

We are only few weeks away from the season of Lent. Let us use this season as a time of growth by prayer, fasting and alms giving. Prayer strengthens our relationship with God. Fasting helps us to grow in self-discipline and by alms giving we share God's blessings to us with our neighbors.

God's blessings!

Rev. Jacek Ploch  
Chaplain



*"The Eucharistic mystery stands at the heart and center of the liturgy since it is the fount of life by which we are cleansed and strengthened to live not for ourselves but for God and to be united in love among ourselves." – Pope Paul VI*

## Farewell to Two Great Ladies



Angelina Kiley (1924-2015)



Mary Mahar (1938-2015)

In January, we bid farewell to two wonderful women who went on to their final reward. Mary Mahar, wife of PGK/PFN Earl Mahar and mother of Rev. Christopher Mahar, passed away on January 17. Angelina "Angie" Kiley, wife of PSD/FDD/PGK/PFN James Kiley, Sr., and mother of brothers James Kiley, Jr., and Michael Kiley, passed away on January 24. As those of us who are married all know brothers, we are nothing without our wives. Both Angie and Mary played an extremely important part in both the Church and Knights community in Coventry and Rhode Island. We will miss them both greatly. Our prayers are most certainly with the Kiley and Mahar families.

## Prayer Intentions for February



- Our Holy Father Pope Francis
- His Excellency Bishop Thomas Tobin
- His Excellency Bishop Robert Evans
- The Priests of the parishes we serve
- Angelina Kiley (recently deceased)
- Mary Mahar (recently deceased)
- 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
- Lucille Ferrer
- Erica Shea
- Robert Fidler, Jr.
- The Preborn

## 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 February

Victor Moffit – 2/2	Daniel Danis – 2/16
John Folloni, Jr. – 2/5	Frederick Haibon – 2/19
David Florio – 2/6	George Charpentier – 2/23
Ray Piccirilli – 2/6	Rev. Paul Lemoi – 2/25
Rev. John Duggan – 2/7	Joseph Allen – 2/26
Walter Menders – 2/8	Matthew Reay – 2/26
Dr. Douglas DeCubellis – 2/14	Marvin Day – 2/28
John Connor – 2/15	

## Council Web Page



In case you didn't know, our council has a webpage. If you've never seen it, all you need to do is open a web browser on your computer and type in [coventryknights.org](http://coventryknights.org). The website has a lot of information about our council, our history, upcoming events and an archive of photos from events over the past three years. There's a section for our Squires Circle as well. The webpage is updated on a monthly basis to keep current. There's also a page called "Links" which has a good number of Catholic and Knights websites listed. If there's something you'd like to see on our website, please contact Treasurer Neil Fidler at [Narragansett55@yahoo.com](mailto:Narragansett55@yahoo.com). Happy surfing!

*"Far better it is for you to say: 'I am a sinner,' than to say: 'I have no need of religion.' The empty can be filled, but the self-intoxicated have no room for God." – Bishop Fulton Sheen*



### **Saint of the Month – St. Brigid**



A few years after St. Patrick arrived in Ireland, a little girl named Brigid was born. Her father was an Irish lord named Dubthac and her mother was named Brocca. As Brigid grew up, she deepened her love for Jesus. She looked for him in the poor and often brought food and clothing to them. It has been said that one day she gave away a whole pail of milk. Then she began to worry about what her mother would say. She prayed to the Lord to make up for what she had given away. When she got home, her pail was full again. Brigid was very pretty. Her father thought that it was time for her to marry. However, she had decided in her heart to give herself entirely to God. She did not want to marry anyone. When she learned that her beauty was the reason young men were attracted to her, she made an unusual request to God. She asked that her beauty be taken from her. God granted her request. Seeing that his daughter was no longer pretty, Brigid's father gladly agreed when Brigid asked to become a nun. The girl did follow her call to religious life. She even started a convent so that other young women could become nuns, too. It seems that after she consecrated her life to God in the convent, a miracle happened. Brigid became beautiful again! She reminded people of the Blessed Mother because she was so lovely and gentle. Some called her the "Mary of the Irish." St. Brigid died in 525. Jesus loves each one of us. We look the way he wants us to. Brigid concentrated on important values such as the meaning of her life and helping less fortunate people. She reminds us not to waste our time worrying about whether we are nice looking or plain. Each of us is special to God. St. Basil the Great is the patron saint of hospital administrators.

### **Pasta and Meatball Dinner Postponed**

The Pasta and Meatball Dinner Fundraiser originally scheduled for Saturday, February 7, has been postponed indefinitely. We are looking at holding the event in the Spring.

### **Squires Advancement Program**

Like the squires of old, Columbian Squires, through the Squire Advancement Program, will advance through various levels of training. The program has the goal of recognizing and rewarding each Squire for acquiring the skills and attitudes of Catholic leadership as he moves towards becoming a Knight.

The program is structured with five levels of achievement, designed to guide a Squire through a process of learning and growth, while he masters certain activities and develops leadership skills. Each level requires a specific number of achievements in four categories: Home and Family; Squires and Knights; Community and Country; and Church.

We welcome Deputy Grand Knight Edgar Brouillard to our Circle as our new Advancement Counselor.

### **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 (4 of 4)**

Living Rosary  
Silver Rose Prayer Service  
Altar Servers at three churches  
Pro-Life Mass

#### **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  
March for Life, Washington, DC

#### **Membership (4 of 4)**

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

Upcoming events this year will include a Providence Bruins Game, 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!

*"From my point of view, God is the light that illuminates the darkness, even if it does not dissolve it, and a spark of divine light is within each of us." — Pope Francis*

MSGR. PETER BLESSING COUNCIL #5273  
IS PLEASED TO ANNOUNCE THEIR 3RD ANNUAL

# St. Patrick's Day Dinner Fundraiser



SUNDAY, MARCH 15, 2015

COCKTAILS 2:00PM, DINNER 2:30PM

SS JOHN AND PAUL PARISH CENTER

341 SOUTH MAIN ST., COVENTRY

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## Buffet-Style Menu:

Corned Beef  
Steamed Cabbage  
Potatoes  
Whole Baby Beets & Onions  
Roasted Chicken  
Baked Stuffed Scrod

Cheese and Crackers  
Rolls  
Salad Bar  
Coffee  
Dessert  
Cash Bar (Beer & Wine)

\$20.00 PER PERSON

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Phone: 401-632-7922 Email: [Narragansett55@yahoo.com](mailto:Narragansett55@yahoo.com) (Limited number of tickets available)