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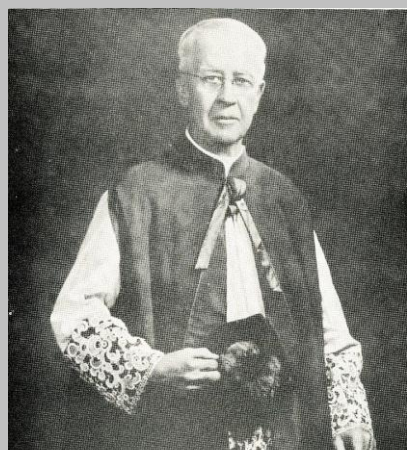
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HAPPY EASTER – HE IS RISEN!

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

APRIL SQUIRES MEETING

PLACE: SSJP RECTORY MEETING ROOM
DATE: FRIDAY, 4/10/2015
TIME: 7:00PM

APRIL COUNCIL MEETING

PLACE: ST. VINCENT DE PAUL PARISH HALL
DATE: MONDAY, 4/13/2015
TIME: 7:30PM

APRIL KNIGHT OUT

PLACE: TBD
DATE: TBD
TIME: TBD

MAY SQUIRES MEETING

PLACE: SSJP RECTORY MEETING ROOM
DATE: FRIDAY, 5/1/2015
TIME: 7:00PM

MAY COUNCIL MEETING

PLACE: ST. VINCENT DE PAUL PARISH HALL
DATE: MONDAY, 5/11/2015
TIME: 7:30PM

KANDI DRIVE

SEE DETAILS LATER ON IN THE NEWSLETTER



Grand Knight's Corner

Brothers All,

I am so happy that the weather has changed and I hope the snow will be disappearing quickly. Talking about disappearing, the Fraternal Year end is coming to an end quickly. The nomination committee will soon be choosing a new slate of officers for the council. This is an opportunity for brothers who would like to be an officer. Let us know!

We had our St Patrick's Day Fundraiser Dinner and it was a great success. The food was prepared excellently and with many choices, there was something for everyone. I believe there were as many as 175 people in attendance. The conversations were many, the music was great, and everyone seemed to be enjoying the day. We were able to donate to The Mother of Life Foundation and fund a project to build a wheel chair ramp for a family member of a brother knight.

March was Supreme's Church Membership Drive and we conducted one at St Vincent de Paul at the end of each Mass. Thanks to everyone that helped with the Drive and the Information Night. We added two Knights to our council on March 31. One was due to our church drive.

Once again, I cannot thank you enough for the contributions of your time that you give to the events that we conduct. The motivation that you exhibit is just great and it is contagious. The committees seem to attract more brothers each year.

I wish everyone a Religious, Blessed and Happy, Easter Season.

God Bless,
Herb Knott GK
Vivat Jesus

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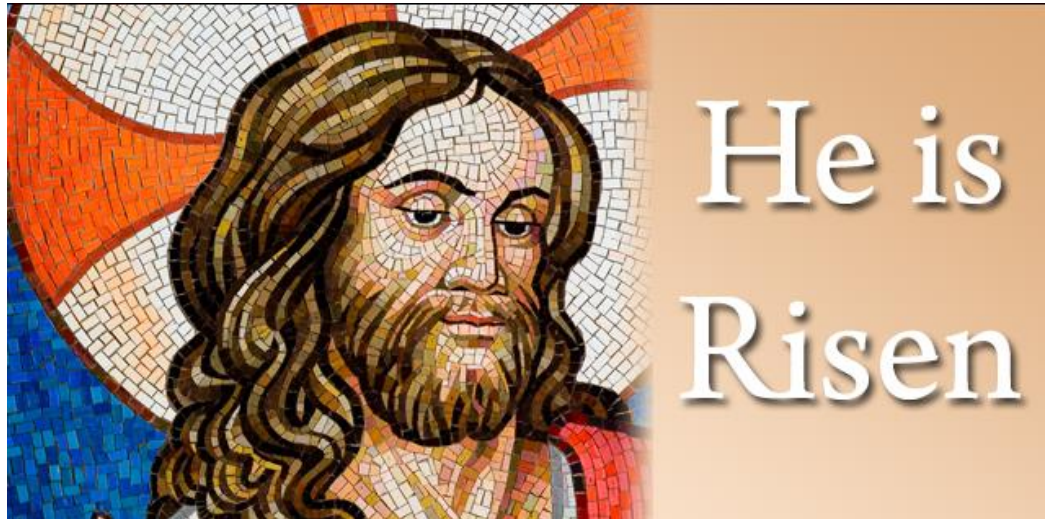
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Chaplain's Report

Nothing to report this month.



*"Do not abandon yourselves to despair. We are the Easter people and hallelujah is our song."
– St. John Paul the Great*

Remember When...



Not sure of the date on this photo, but here's PGK and current Trustee Dick Belanger, FDD/PGK and current Advocate Pat Hurley and Past Chaplain Fr. Leo Ancil at the old council hall on Knotty Oak Road. Perhaps the photo was taken during Pat's reign as Grand Knight (1998-2000).

Prayer Intentions for April



- 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)
- Helen Paul (recently deceased)
- PGK Bill Moskosky
- Brianna Giorgio (recently deceased)
- Brother Matt Parent
- Brother Len Denommee
- Lucille Ferrer
- Erica Shea
- Joan Thompson
- Robert Fidler, Jr.
- The Unborn

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:



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Happy Birthday!

To our Brother Knights born in April

Robert Iannotti – 4/1	John Pizzo – 4/19
John Figuerado – 4/2	Tom Rossi – 4/21
Joseph Fleury – 4/3	Alan Ogrodnik – 4/26
George Paquin – 4/11	Keith Parent – 4/26
Stelvio Cordeiro – 4/12	Rudy Cirelli – 4/28
Richard Denningham, Jr. – 4/14	Peter Turner – 4/29
Robert Martin – 4/15	Gerard Heroux – 4/30

KANDI Drive



Brothers, prepare to sign up for the KANDI Drive. We are currently finalizing our dates with the three churches, but tentatively, we will be collecting after the Masses at SVP on the weekend of 5/9-10 and SSJP on the weekends of 5/16-17 and 5/23-24. OLCG – TBD. More details to come by Chairman Frank Laiter at the April meeting.

“And He departed from our sight that we might return to our heart, and there find Him. For He departed, and behold, He is here.”

– St. Augustine



Saint of the Month – St. Vincent Ferrer



St. Vincent Ferrer is the patron saint of builders because of his fame for "building up" and strengthening the Church: through his preaching, missionary work, in his teachings, as confessor and adviser. At Valencia in Spain, this illustrious son of St. Dominic came into the world on January 23, 1357. In the year 1374, he entered the Order of St. Dominic in a monastery near his native city. Soon after his profession he was commissioned to deliver lectures on philosophy. On being sent to Barcelona, he continued his scholastic duties and at the same time devoted himself to preaching. At Lerida, the famous university city of Catalonia, he received his doctorate. After this he labored six years in Valencia, during which time he perfected himself in the Christian life. In 1390, he was obliged to accompany Cardinal Pedro de Luna to France, but he soon returned home. When, in 1394, de Luna himself had become Pope at Avignon he summoned St. Vincent and made him Master of the sacred palace. In this capacity St. Vincent made unsuccessful efforts to put an end to the great schism. He refused all ecclesiastical dignities, even the cardinal's hat, and only craved to be appointed apostolical missionary. Now began those labors that made him the famous missionary of the fourteenth century. He evangelized nearly every province of Spain, and preached in France, Italy, Germany, Flanders, England, Scotland, and Ireland. Numerous conversions followed his preaching, which God Himself assisted by the gift of miracles. Though the Church was then divided by the great schism, the saint was honorably received in the districts subject to the two claimants to the Papacy. He was even invited to Mohammedan Granada, where he preached the gospel with much success. He lived to behold the end of the great schism and the election of Pope Martin V. Finally, crowned with labors, he died April 5, 1419. His feast day is April 5.

KANDI Drive

The Squires' KANDI Drive this year is tentatively scheduled for Saturday, May 9, from 10AM to 2PM at both Stop and Shop and Benny's. We have obtained approval from Stop and Shop and are awaiting approval from Benny's.

Welcome New Squires!

During the March Meeting, we held an Investiture Ceremony welcoming three new Squires to our Circle. Welcome to:

- Jacob Fiocco
- Andrew Fiocco
- David Brouillard

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.

Squires, we have done it! All of our paperwork and payment of bills have been submitted on time. We have welcomed four new Squire into our Circle. 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
Providence Bruins Hockey Game

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

All requirements have been fulfilled! All that remains is to be awarded the plaque which will likely happen at the Awards and Donation Night scheduled for October.

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

"God exists: that is the real message of Easter. Anyone who even begins to grasp what this means also knows what it means to be redeemed." — Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI



St. Patrick's Day Dinner Fundraiser – Sunday, March 15, 2015

"Jesus Christ is risen today, Alleluia! Our triumphant holy day, Alleluia!"