



THE BLESSING WORD

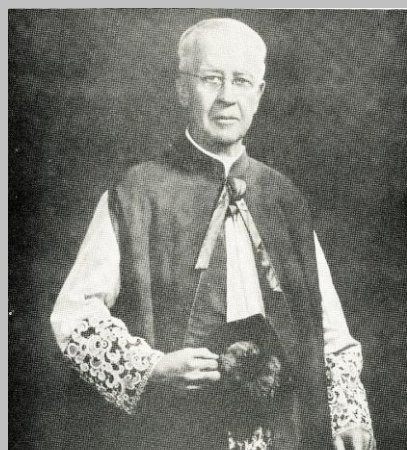
KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

MONSIGNOR PETER BLESSING COUNCIL #5273



MAY 2015

VOLUME 6 ISSUE 5



MSGR. PETER E. BLESSING,
L.L.D., D.D., V.G.
RI STATE CHAPLAIN 1913-1957
OUR COUNCIL'S NAMESAKE

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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

MAY KNIGHT OUT

PLACE: WESTCOTT HOUSE, COVENTRY
DATE: THURSDAY, 5/28/2015 (TENTATIVE)
TIME: 6:30PM

JUNE SQUIRES MEETING

PLACE: SSJP RECTORY MEETING ROOM
DATE: FRIDAY, 6/5/2015
TIME: 7:00PM

JUNE COUNCIL MEETING

PLACE: ST. VINCENT DE PAUL PARISH HALL
DATE: MONDAY, 6/8/2015
TIME: 7:30PM

JUNE KNIGHT OUT

PLACE: CHIANTI'S, EAST GREENWICH
DATE: THURSDAY, 6/18/2015 (TENTATIVE)
TIME: 6:30PM

KANDI DRIVE

SEE DETAILS LATER ON IN THE NEWSLETTER



Grand Knight's Corner

Brothers All,

I would like to start by saying CONGRATULATIONS for all your efforts in recruiting new members to our council. We are now at 150% of our quota. We have already qualified for STAR Council and only require six more members before June 30th to qualify for Double Star. You have proved repeatedly that we could meet the challenge; I know you do it again.

Next month we will be looking for Brothers to fill officer positions for the next fraternal year. If you are interested let the nominating committee know.

The Knight Out for April was held at St Bart's Club and restaurant in Providence. The facility was very nice, decorated in Italian decor and was quiet to make for easy conversation (well it was quiet until we arrived). Everyone enjoyed the food and drinks, and the cost was comparable to other restaurants we have visited. We had an attendance of 12 join us for dinner. Our thanks to Brother Mark Giolitti, our Worthy Treasurer, for recommending St Bart's. I extend the invitation for many more of our brothers to attend one of our Knights Out. You won't be disappointed, you will have a good time. Watch for the announcement of next month's Knight Out in your email, you are only required to let us know you are going to join us so we can let the facility prepare for the number that will be there.

I ask you in the next few weeks to make contact with the men in your parish and invite them to join our council. You can tell them about the things we have accomplished this year. It's OK to brag a little when you are proud of the things we have done to aid our churches, communities and families!

Remember One Member/Per Council/Per Month.

God Bless,
Herb Knott GK

MSGR. PETER E. BLESSING COUNCIL #5273 K OF C
P.O. BOX 1470
COVENTRY, RI 02816
coventryknights@verizon.net
<http://www.coventryknights.org>

Supreme Knight
Carl A. Anderson
RI State Deputy
Peter Lentini
District Deputy (RI Dist. 5)
John Pizzo
Insurance Field Agent
Stephen Del Deo

Msgr. Blessing Council Officers:

Chaplain
Rev. Jacek Ploch
Grand Knight
Herb Knott
Financial Secretary
Neil Fidler
Deputy Grand Knight
Edgar Brouillard
Chancellor
Angel Ferrer
Recorder
Jim Martin
Treasurer
Mark Giolitti
Advocate
Patrick Hurley
Warden
Frank Laiter III
Inside Guard
James Hall
Outside Guard
Stephen Kukulka
One Year Trustee
Richard Belanger
Two Year Trustee
Earl Mahar
Three Year Trustee
John Pizzo

Fr. Leo Anctil Circle Officers:

Father Prior
Rev. Paul Lemoi
Chief Counselor
Neil Fidler
Advancement Program Counselor
Edgar Brouillard
Counselor
Stephen Kukulka
Counselor
James Hall
Chief Squire
Michael Porter
Deputy Chief Squire
Caleb Delehant
Notary Squire
David Tardiff
Bursar Squire
Brennen Connor
Marshal Squire
Gabriel Delehant
Sentry Squire
William Connor



Chaplain's Report

Nothing to report this month.

Pope Francis: marriage inscribed in creation

Pope Francis held his weekly General Audience on Wednesday, May 6, 2015, during which he continued his catechetical reflections on the nature and purpose of marriage in the order of creation and in the Divine plan of salvation. This week, the Holy Father focused specifically on Christian marriage as a Sacrament: an efficacious sign of God's love for each and every person, for all humanity and for the whole world, a means of grace, and a genuine way of living our common baptismal call to holiness.

"Christian marriage is that sacrament which builds up the community of the Church and of society," explained Pope Francis through an interpreter in the English-language synopsis of the main catechesis, which he delivered in Italian. "Marriage has been inscribed in creation's design by God, and, by his grace, countless Christian men and women have lived married life fully," he continued.

The Holy Father went on to describe marriage as an act of faith in God's plan for humanity and an act of selfless love. Drawing on the writings of St. Paul the Apostle, the Pope focused especially on the duties of husbands to their wives, saying that married love is an image of the love between Christ and his Church, and that a husband is therefore to love his wife as Christ loved the Church, by giving himself completely for her. "When a man and a woman marry in the Lord, they participate in the missionary life of the Church, by living not only for themselves or their own family, but for all people," explained Pope Francis. "Therefore," the summary continued, "the life of the Church is enriched through every marriage which shows forth this beauty, and is impoverished when marriage is disfigured in any way."

Pope Francis concluded his remarks by saying that every couple which faithfully and courageously lives the grace of this sacrament assists the Church in offering the gifts of faith, hope and love to all people, and helps others to experience these gifts in their married lives and their families. He prayed that married couples everywhere live this mystery ever more fully, trusting in God's tenderness and the Church's maternal care.

*"Love God, serve God; everything is in that."
— St. Clare of Assisi*

Remember When...



Can anyone identify the Brother Knights in this black and white photo? I believe the gentleman 2nd from the left is PGK Donald Paul. Is that PGK Domenic Zannini 2nd from the right? My guess is the photo was taken sometime in the 1970's or early 1980's at our old Council hall on Knotty Oak Road. There's the old banner that went missing a while ago.

Prayer Intentions for May



- 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)
- Theresa Spellman (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:



Knights of Columbus
INSURANCE
YOUR SHIELD FOR LIFE

Stephen J Del Deo, FIC, FICF
20 Hickory Rd
Coventry, RI 02816
401-256-2896
stephen.deldeo@kojc.org
sjdeldeo1@juno.com



Happy Birthday!

To our Brother Knights born in May

John Izzo – 5/1	John Ball – 5/23
William Koch – 5/1	Matthew Parent – 5/23
James Hall – 5/6	Nicholas Parent – 5/23
Walter McLaughlin – 5/7	Stephen Del Deo – 5/24
Charles Tamuleviz – 5/14	James Ancone – 5/26
Michael Kiley – 5/15	Tom Imondi – 5/26
Edgar Brouillard – 5/19	Rev. Michael Kelley – 5/31

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, SSJP on the weekends of 5/16-17 and 5/23-24 and OLCG – 5/16-17. Worthy Warden Frank Laiter will be notifying you of your assignments.

“Pray as though everything depended on God. Work as though everything depended on you.”
– St. Augustine



Saint of the Month – St. Vincent de Paul



St. Vincent was born of poor parents in the village of Pouy in Gascony, France, about 1580. He enjoyed his first schooling under the Franciscan Fathers at Acqs. Such had been his progress in four years that a gentleman chose him as subpreceptor to his children, and he was thus enabled to continue his studies without being a burden to his parents. In 1596, he went to the University of Toulouse for theological studies, and there he was ordained priest in 1600.

In 1605, on a voyage by sea from Marseilles to Narbonne, he fell into the hands of African pirates and was carried as a slave to Tunis. His captivity lasted about two years, until Divine Providence enabled him to effect his escape. After a brief visit to Rome he returned to France, where he became preceptor in the family of Emmanuel de Gondy, Count of Goigny, and General of the galleys of France. In 1617, he began to preach missions, and in 1625, he lay the foundations of a congregation which afterward became the Congregation of the Mission or Lazarists, so named on account of the Priory of St. Lazarus, which the Fathers began to occupy in 1633.

It would be impossible to enumerate all the works of this servant of God. Charity was his predominant virtue. It extended to all classes of persons, from forsaken childhood to old age. The Sisters of Charity also owe the foundation of their congregation to St. Vincent. In the midst of the most distracting occupations his soul was always intimately united with God. Though honored by the great ones of the world, he remained deeply rooted in humility. The Apostle of Charity, the immortal Vincent de Paul, breathed his last in Paris at the age of eighty. His feast day is September 27th. He is the patron of charitable societies.

Squires' 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 both Stop and Shop and Benny's.

Stop and Shop

Knights: Keith Parent, Matt Parent, Edgar Brouillard
Squires: Caleb Delehant, Gabe Delehant, David Brouillard
Jacob Fiocco, Andrew Fiocco

Benny's

Knights: Tony Favata, Nick Parent
Squires: Michael Porter, Brennen Connor, William Connor, David Tardiff
Chief Counselor Neil Fidler will be going back and forth to both locations.

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!

*"Charity is certainly greater than any rule. Moreover, all rules must lead to charity."
— St. Vincent de Paul*