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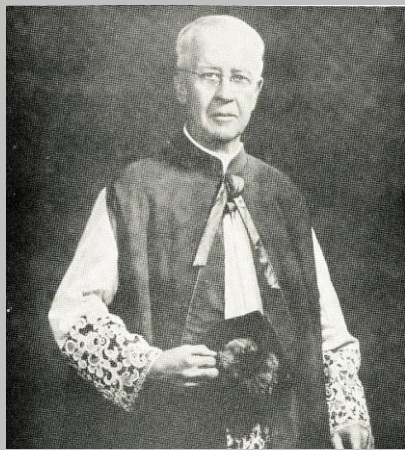
## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

### MONSIGNOR PETER BLESSING COUNCIL #5273



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OUR COUNCIL'S NAMESAKE

## **CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

### **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

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

PLACE: OUR LADY OF COUNCIL CHURCH  
DATE: WEDNESDAY, 6/17/2015  
TIME: 6:30PM

### **JUNE KNIGHT OUT**

PLACE: CHIANTI'S, EAST GREENWICH  
DATE: THURSDAY, 6/26/2015  
TIME: 6:30PM

### **JULY SQUIRES MEETING**

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

### **JULY COUNCIL MEETING**

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

### **JULY KNIGHT OUT**

PLACE: TBD  
DATE: TBD  
TIME: TBD



## **Grand Knight's Corner**

Brothers All,

I pray that you and your families are well and have been enjoying some of the nice weather we have been having. The spring and summer seasons are my favorite times of year. This time of year reminds me of new beginnings, flowers are blooming, trees have new leaves sprouting, birds are building their nest to start a new family etc. We also are beginning to enjoy time off with our families and doing things we all enjoy doing this time of year.

This time of year also means that we will soon be beginning a new fraternal year, perhaps with new members and new officers in our council. We have to remember to welcome all new members and help them find their place in our council. I encourage all to become involved in our many programs. I am sure there is one for you, maybe you have some ideas and passions that you would like to work on and bring to us (new ideas).

We have reached a few goals this year, but we are not completely finished. The council once again became Star Council, and Double Star is within our reach. I urge all of you to make it one of your goals to sign up another member before June 30. I think I speak for all when I say we would not be a member of the Knights if we did not believe in the good that the "Knights of Columbus" do. Once again, I ask you to talk to your friends and men in your parish with enthusiasm, let them see your passion for the Order and that you want them to become one of us. Would not it be a milestone to be Double Star council three years in a row, I know we can do it.

Remember that the 4th Degree Exemplification is coming up soon on June 20. God Bless and enjoy the summer.

God Bless,  
Herb Knott GK  
Vivat Jesus

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## Chaplain's Report

Nothing to report this month.

### His Excellency Bishop Thomas Tobin on the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of his installation

As I prepare to mark the Tenth Anniversary of my installation as Bishop of Providence on May 31, I want to express my profound gratitude to the priests, deacons, consecrated men and women, and laity of the Diocese for your consistent kindness, cooperation and support. If we have been able to accomplish anything good during these years, it is only because of your generosity, faithfulness and personal commitment to the Lord and His Church. Thank you!

As we look forward to the years to come, and all the challenges that will come our way, please continue to pray for me, that with the guidance of God's Holy Spirit, I will grow in faithfulness and in the living out of my episcopal motto that calls me to be "strong, loving and wise." (II Tim 1:7)

And I extend to you and your loved ones my prayers and blessings!



*"If you judge people, you have no time to love them."  
 – Mother Teresa*

### Remember When...



Correction: I received two replies on the photo above. PGK Harold Trafford and PGK Dick Belanger tell me that the Grand Knight pictured second from the right is Dick Mulhearn. Dick was Grand Knight during the 1981-82 Columbian Year. They also say the gentleman third from right is John Keenan, Sr., who was RI State Deputy during the 1979-80 Columbian Year. Brother Harold also says other than PGK Donald Paul (second from the left), the others pictured are Past State Deputies of Rhode Island, but sure of their names. Here's this month's Remember When photo:



This photo was taken after the installation of officers ceremony for the 1996-97 Columbian Year at the old council hall on Knotty Oak Road. L-R: Jim Murray, District Warden, Chancellor Al Wirick, Grand Knight Richard Belanger, Lecturer Harvey Bolton and District Deputy Jerry Scannell.

### 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 June

Alfred Lacaille – 6/1	James Kiley, Jr. – 6/13
Gerard Salois – 6/1	Stanley Jendzejec – 6/16
Roderick Fraser – 6/1	Edward Rice III – 6/17
Rev. Christopher Mahar – 6/2	Harry Munroe – 6/19
Michael Emmett – 6/6	Scott Cummiskey – 6/23
David Manfredi – 6/8	Cornelius Fitton, Jr. – 6/24
John Macomber – 6/12	Vincent Rinaldi – 6/28
Roger Cyr – 6/13	Matthew Piatek III – 6/29

### Council KANDI Drive



From Our Worthy Warden and KANDI Drive Chairman Frank Laiter III: "I would like to thank all of the Brothers who helped on the Kandi Drive at Our Lady of Good Counsel, Saints John and Paul, and at Saint Vincent de Paul. **Blessing Council was able to collect a total of \$1920.03** because of the generosity of the parishioners at these parishes. I would like to thank Fr. Jacek Ploch, Fr. Paul Grenon and Fr. Paul Lemoi for allowing Blessing Council to conduct its Kandi Drive at their parishes. I would also like to thank the parishioners at the three parishes for their generosity in making this year's Kandi Drive a success."

*"In moments of sin, in moments of weakness, in moments of failure, I have seen Jesus, and I trusted him. He has not left me alone" – Pope Francis*

### Prayer Intentions for June



- 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)
- Brother Robert Taylor (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

### May “Knight” Out at the Westcott House



May's "Knight" Out was held on May 28 at the Westcott House. A great time was had by all except that there was a little confusion with the checks afterward. But that was cleared up. The food was great, the company was better and we look forward to June's "Knight" Out at Chianti's Italian Cuisine on Friday, June 26. Mark your calendars and join us. You're guaranteed to have a great time.

### Awards and Donations

During good of the order at May's meeting, Blessing Council presented Brother David Tremblay a check for \$300 to the Our Daily Bread program. The money was raised during a 50/50 raffle at the St. Patrick's Day Dinner.



Also, DD John Pizzo presented the RI State Community Award won by Blessing Council to GK Herb Knott. Blessing Council won because of the work done at the Veterans Memorial Park at the corner of Tiogue Ave. and Arnold Rd.



Also recognized were Brothers Anthony Machado, Antonio Neves and David Canfield. They received certificates for making their 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Degrees recently.

*“Until we have a passionate love for Our Lord in the Most Blessed Sacrament, we shall accomplish nothing.” – St. Peter Julian Eymard*

### **Skills Listing of Council Brothers**

From our Worthy Grand Knight Herb Knott:

“If you are a skilled plumber, electrician, mechanic, carpenter, painter etc. I would like to have you on our list. Often we ask our brothers if there are any brothers who have these skills, and we don't know. I am more comfortable dealing with someone I know. Brothers working for brothers. I am not asking you to give free service, but to be someone we will feel comfortable to hire if we need any of these services.

So it will be like advertising your business or expertise. What do you think? Would you be willing to do this? If you are interested send me you name, telephone number and email to ke1by@verizon.net, and I will start to prepare this list. I think it will work well and you get some free advertising.”

Here is the current listing:

<b><u>Skill</u></b>	<b><u>Name</u></b>	<b><u>Phone</u></b>	<b><u>Email or Address</u></b>
<b>Construction/ Roof Repair</b>	<b>Brian Smith</b>	<b>401-826-1725</b>	<b>BCS Construction, 23 Holmes Rd, Coventry</b>
<b>Blueberry Farm</b>	<b>John Macomber</b>	<b>401-397-5029</b>	<b>macomersblueberryfarm.shutterfly.com</b>
<b>Certified Tutoring</b>	<b>Edgar Brouillard</b>	<b>401-354-9298</b>	<b>edbrou@gmail.com</b>
<b>Auto Repair</b>	<b>John Starziano</b>	<b>401-821-9887</b>	<b>Star Service Center, 53 Arnold Road, Coventry</b>
<b>Plumbing/Electrical /Appliances</b>	<b>Tom Rossi</b>	<b>401-243-3767</b>	<b>tomr421@cox.net</b>
<b>Realtor</b>	<b>Pat Hurley</b>	<b>401-339-5789</b>	<b>realephurley@verizon.net</b>
<b>Writing Instruments</b>	<b>Herb Knott</b>	<b>401-316-7230</b>	<b>knotth1@gmail.com</b>

*““Show me your hands. Do they have scars from giving? Show me your feet. Are they wounded in service? Show me your heart. Have you left a place for divine love?”  
— Venerable Bishop Fulton J. Sheen*



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

St. Monica, the mother of St. Augustine of Hippo, was born in 322 in Tagaste (located in modern-day Algeria). Her parents were Christians, but little is known of her early life. Most of the information about her comes from Book IX of her son's "Confessions." She was married to a pagan official named Patritius, who had a short temper and lived an immoral life. At first, her mother-in-law did not like her, but Monica won her over by her gentle disposition. Unlike many women of that time, St. Monica was never beaten by her husband. She said that Patritius never raised his hand against her because she always held her tongue, setting a guard over her mouth in his presence.

St. Monica and Patritius had three children: St. Augustine, Navigius and Perpetua. It was a source of great pain that Patritius would not permit their children to be baptized. She worried about Augustine, who lived with a young woman in Carthage who bore him an illegitimate son. Her constant prayers and tears for her son had the effect of converting her husband to Christ before his death. Augustine, however, continued on the path that led him away from Christ.

While in Carthage, Augustine fell under the influence of the heretical Manichean sect. His mother was horrified and tried to turn him away from this cult. She was calmed after she had a dream in which she was told to be patient and gentle with her son. Augustine, however, paid little attention to her arguments, and remained with this sect for nine years. St. Monica felt disheartened and disappointed, but never gave up. She even tried to enlist the help of a bishop who had once been a Manichean himself, but he would not argue with Augustine. He told St. Monica said that he couldn't reason with the young man because Augustine was still attracted by the novelty of the heresy. The bishop reassured her saying, "Go on your way, and God bless you, for it is not possible that the son of these tears should be lost."

St. Monica went to Rome with Augustine when he was scheduled to lecture there in 383. Later, he received an appointment to Milan, where he met St. Ambrose and was greatly impressed by his preaching. Bishop Ambrose came to have a great deal of respect for St. Monica, and often congratulated Augustine on having such a virtuous mother.

While Augustine was reading the New Testament in the garden one day, he came to the passage of Paul's Letter to the Romans at Chapter 13, Verses 12-14. Augustine immediately decided to "cast off the works of darkness," and "put on the Lord Jesus Christ." He was baptized on the eve of Pascha in 387.

After his baptism, Augustine and his mother planned to return to Africa. They stopped to rest in Ostia, where St. Monica fell asleep in the Lord at the age of fifty-six. She was buried at Ostia, and her holy relics were transferred to the crypt of a church in the sixth century. Nine centuries later, St. Monica's relics were translated to Rome.

In the West, St. Monica is considered the patron saint of wives and mothers whose husbands or sons have gone astray.

## **Squires May Activities**



The month of May has been a busy one for the Fr. Leo Antcil Circle. On Saturday, May 9, the Circle held its annual KANDI Drive at Stop and Shop and Benny's. For four hours work in both locations, the Squires collected \$926. All of the proceeds go directly to helping people with intellectual disabilities.



On the following Sunday, the Circle along with Knights of the Blessing Council took part in maintaining the grounds at the Veterans Memorial Park. They mowed, raked, weeded, picked up garbage and laid loam.

*"Darkness can only be scattered by light, hatred can only be conquered by love."  
— St. John Paul the Great*

## Squires KANDI Drive – May 9, 2015

