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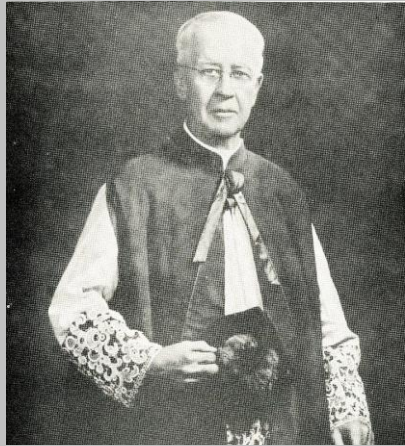
KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
MONSIGNOR PETER BLESSING COUNCIL #5273



JULY 2015

Happy Independence Day!

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OUR COUNCIL'S NAMESAKE

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

JULY SQUIRES MEETING

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

PASTA & MEATBALL FUNDRAISER DINNER

PLACE: SSJP PARISH HALL
DATE: SATURDAY, 7/11/2015
TIME: 6:00PM

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

AUGUST SQUIRES MEETING

PLACE: SSJP RECTORY MEETING ROOM
DATE: FRIDAY, 8/7/2015
TIME: 7:00PM

AUGUST COUNCIL MEETING

PLACE: ST. VINCENT DE PAUL PARISH HALL
DATE: MONDAY, 8/10/2015
TIME: 7:30PM

AUGUST KNIGHT OUT

PLACE: TBD
DATE: TBD
TIME: TBD



Grand Knight's Corner

My Brothers All,

I would like to thank all of my Brother Knights of the Blessing Council for electing me as the Grand Knight for the 2015-2016 Columbian Year. I humbly ask for your prayers that I may be worthy of this position. I would like to congratulate the new slate of incoming officers, and thank PGK Herb Knott, DD/PGK John Pizzo, and FS/FDD/PGK Neil Fidler for all that they have done to help Blessing Council make Double Star Council three years in a row.

It is my hope that in this upcoming year we will continue to support our priests and parishes, to recruit new members, and to expand our charitable works to include The Little Flower Home, maybe a diaper drive or baby food drive at our parishes. PGK Herb Knott will be the new Chairman for The Culture of Life and Families, he will be providing us with articles and information to keep us up to date on these topics.

With all of your continued support and participation in our council activities, we can read Double Star Council this year. I look forward to working with all my Brother Knights as we strive to serve God and our community. May we all pray for God's grace and guidance to be successful this upcoming year.

God Bless and Vivat Jesus!

Frank Laiter
Grand Knight

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Chaplain's Report

Nothing to report this month

Bishop Tobin – Without a Doubt Tidbits for the Summer

A few random thoughts before we take a little break for summer.

** Our Holy Father's encyclical on the environment, "Laudato Si," is an amazing document, a comprehensive challenge to the Church and the world replete with insightful observations and compelling exhortations. Pope Francis has encouraged us all to receive his teaching with "an open heart," and indeed we should. If and how it will affect our attitudes and practical behaviors, however, remains to be seen.

** And speaking of practical behaviors, "Laudato Si" has been enthusiastically embraced by the American Bishops and we've urged our fellow Catholics to take action to protect the environment. But shouldn't we bishops be giving a good example too? For the sake of reducing carbon emissions, might we consider reducing our national and international travel – especially the number of meetings and programs we schedule and attend? After all, as a story in the "New York Times" awhile back pointed-out, "Your biggest carbon sin might be air travel." I offer this as a serious consideration, not to be snarky. After all, Pope Francis has encouraged us not to be "airport bishops," hasn't he?

** The launch of "Laudato Si" begins what will be an unusually busy and important time in the life of the Church. Think about the coming events in the next few months: The visit of Pope Francis to the U.S. in September; the World Meeting of Families in Philadelphia; the October Synod of Bishops in Rome to discuss the pastoral care of the family; and the Jubilee Year of Mercy which begins in December. Each of these events has historic significance; each will provide an opportunity to present the teaching and work of the Church in a positive light; and each will invite the participation of the local Church.

** Closer to home, as I travel around the Diocese I'm always impressed by the personal dedication and hard work of so many individuals in our

parishes who work day-in and day-out, often behind the scenes, to support the ministry of the Church. I think of parish secretaries, sacristans, custodians, food pantry volunteers, kitchen helpers, altar servers, choir members, and many others. Thank you, one and all, for your love for the Church and your good work. We couldn't do it without you!

** Congratulations and blessings to our newly ordained priests – Fr. Joshua Barrow, Fr. Nicholas Fleming and Fr. Ryan Simas. Their ordination is a wonderful moment for them and their families and friends, and our entire diocesan Church. We are proud of our new priests and grateful for their willingness to serve. May they always be faithful and joyful servants of the Lord Jesus!

** But we need many more vocations to the priesthood in our Diocese, and as St. John Paul II reminded us so clearly, "all the members of the Church, without exception, have the grace and responsibility to look after vocations." Every parish and school, every priest, deacon, parent, teacher and youth minister, should take personal responsibility for identifying and encouraging new vocations to the priesthood. It strikes me that there's something dramatically wrong in our nation when we produce more young men willing to sign up and fight for ISIS than for the Catholic Church.

** My mom always said that on the 4th of July summer was over, and we always thought she was crazy. As I get older, though, I understand exactly what she meant. The daylight has now begun to recede; NFL training camps will open soon; in the very near future we'll be seeing ads for "back to school" sales; and I've already received my first Christmas catalogue from a religious goods store.

** Sorry that the Red Sox are having such a tough season. Too bad you can't deflate baseballs, huh?

- From the Rhode Island Catholic

"When you look at the crucifix, you understand how much Jesus loved you then. When you look at the Sacred Host, you understand how much Jesus loves you now."

— Mother Teresa

Remember When...



JEWEL is presented Henry Garberg 3rd, Immediate Past Grand Knight of Msgr. Peter G. Blessing Council, K. of C. by present Grand Knight Stanley Hall at the Past Grand

Knights Night held by the Council last night. Looking on are past Grand Knights James Kiley, left, and Charles Dwyer.

Times Photo

From the Kent County Times, date unknown. The caption reads: JEWEL is presented to Henry Garberg III, immediate Past Grand Knight of Msgr. Peter E. Blessing Council K of C by present Grand Knight Stanley Hall at the Past Grand Knights Night held by the Council last night. Looking on are past Grand Knights James Kiley, Left, and Charles Dwyer. As Stanley Hall is Grand Knight, this photo was likely taken in the fall of 1965.

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 July

Rev. Thomas Woodhouse – 7/1

Cyril Dubrachek – 7/1

Paul Lemek – 7/6

Vincent Apollonio – 7/11

John Ludka – 7/15

Rev. Stephen Dandeneau – 7/17

Raymond Patten – 7/23

Thomas Carroccia – 7/23

Val Longo-Simone – 7/25

Alex Cote – 7/28

Brother Knights Skills List – Who Does It?

Skill	Name	Phone	Email/Address
Construction/Roof Repair	Brian Smith	401-826-1725	BCS Construction, 23 Holmes Rd., Coventry
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Certified Tutoring	Edgar Brouillard	401-354-9298	edbrou@gmail.com
Auto Repair	John Starziano	401-821-9887	Star Service Center, 53 Arnold Rd., Coventry
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Realtor	Pat Hurley	401-243-3767	realephurley@verizon.net
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Computer Repair	Mike Colvin	401-641-6881	mikegcolvin@gmail.com

If you have a particular skill and would like to be on this list, please contact FDD/PGK/FS Neil Fidler at Narragansett55@yahoo.com to be added.

“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

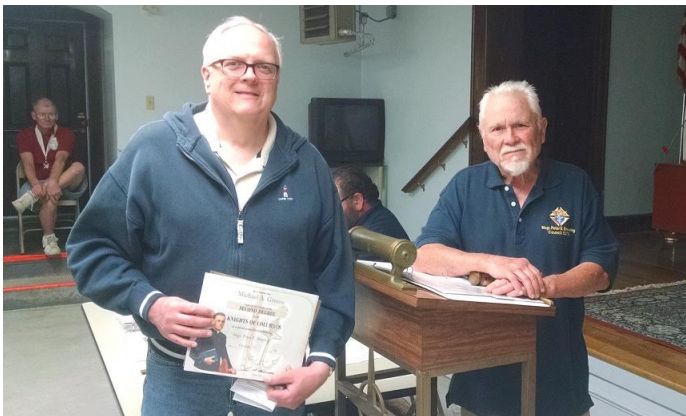
Prayer Intentions for July



- Our Holy Father Pope Francis
- His Excellency Bishop Thomas Tobin
- His Excellency Bishop Robert Evans
- The Priests of the parishes we serve
- Brother Robert Taylor (recently deceased)
- PGK Bill Moskosky
- Brother Matt Parent
- Brother Len Denommee
- Lucille Ferrer
- Peter Lemek (recently deceased)
- Erica Shea (recently deceased)
- Brianna Giorgio (recently deceased)
- Joan Thompson
- Robert Fidler, Jr.
- The Unborn

Awards

During good of the order at June's meeting, Brother Michael Greene was recognized for making his 1st and 2nd Degree. Here's DKG Edgar Brouillard presenting Brother Michael with his certificates.



Also, congratulations to PGK Dick Belanger for his 60 years of exemplary service as a Knight of Columbus. The council held a surprise dinner in his honor at Chianti's Italian Cuisine in East Greenwich on 6/26/2015. Photos from the event can be seen on the last page of the newsletter and on our website: <http://coventryknights.org/activities.htm>

**Fr. Leo Anctil Circle #5211 Columbian Squires
Sponsored by Msgr. Peter E. Blessing Council
#5273 K of C
are hosting a
Pasta and Meatball Dinner Fundraiser**



**Saturday, July 11, 2015 @ 6PM
Right after 5PM Mass
SS John and Paul Parish Center
341 S. Main St., Coventry
\$8.00 Per Person**

The Columbian Squires of the Fr. Leo Anctil Circle #5211 are hosting a Pasta and Meatball Dinner Fundraiser. The menu will consist of:

**Pasta & Meatballs
Salad
Pizza strips**

**Rolls
Watermelon
Coffee/Water**

**Music will be provided by
RYAN TREMBLAY!**

All proceeds will be donated to the family of Erica Shea to help defray expenses. Enjoy a fabulous dinner for a great price right after Mass and for a great cause!

For tickets, please make check payable to: Fr. Leo Anctil Circle #5211. Mail checks to Neil Fidler, 72 Columbia Ave., Coventry, RI 02816 by 7/5/2015. Phone: 401-632-7922. Email: Narragansett55@yahoo.com

"The nation doesn't simply need what we have. It needs what we are." – St. Edith Stein



Saint of the Month – St. Thomas the Apostle



Poor Thomas! He made one remark and has been branded as “Doubting Thomas” ever since. But if he doubted, he also believed. He made what is certainly the most explicit statement of faith in the New Testament: “My Lord and My God!” (see John 20:24-28) and, in so expressing his faith, gave Christians a prayer that will be said till the end of time. He also occasioned a compliment from Jesus to all later Christians: “Have you come to believe because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed” (John 20:29).

Thomas should be equally well known for his courage. Perhaps what he said was impetuous—since he ran, like the rest, at the showdown—but he can scarcely have been insincere when he expressed his willingness to die with Jesus. The occasion was when Jesus proposed to go to Bethany after Lazarus had died. Since Bethany was near Jerusalem, this meant walking into the very midst of his enemies and to almost certain death. Realizing this, Thomas said to the other apostles, “Let us also go to die with him” (John 11:16b).

Patron Saint of:

Architects
Construction workers
Cooks

PAWSOX GAME!



VS.



Pawtucket Red Sox vs. Syracuse Chiefs
McCoy Stadium, Pawtucket
Wednesday, August 19, 2015
Game Time: 7:05 PM
Tickets \$14 each

The Circle will be attending its 8th annual Pawtucket Red Sox game on Wednesday, August 19, at 7:05PM. We will be leaving from the Hopkins Hill Park and Ride at 5PM sharp and will stop at the House of Pizza in Pawtucket for dinner. All are invited, and this is a great opportunity to invite a young Catholic man interested in the Squires. More details to come!

Squires Schedule for Memorial Park



The Circle is scheduled to do maintenance at the Memorial Park at the corner of Tiogue Ave. and Arnold Rd. July 25, September 5, October 3 and October 31.

Please bring work gloves. All other equipment will be supplied

“Do not be afraid to be saints. Follow Jesus Christ who is the source of freedom and light. Be open to the Lord so that He may lighten all your ways.” — St. John Paul the Great

Dinner honoring PGK Dick Belanger's 60 years as a Knight – June 26, 2015

