



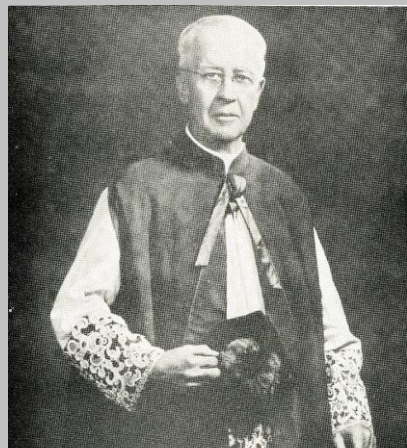
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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

AUGUST SQUIRES MEETING

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

INSTALLATION OF OFFICER

PLACE: OUR LADY OF GOOD COUNSEL CHURCH
DATE: TBD
TIME: TBD

AUGUST COUNCIL MEETING

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

PAWSOX GAME

PLACE: MCCOY STADIUM, PAWTUCKET
DATE: WEDNESDAY, 8/19/2015
TIME: 7:05PM

BLESSING COUNCIL FAMILY PICNIC

PLACE: GODDARD PARK, WARWICK, RI
DATE: SATURDAY, 8/29/2015
TIME: NOON 'TIL DUSK

SEPTEMBER SQUIRES MEETING

PLACE: SSJP RECTORY MEETING ROOM
DATE: FRIDAY, 9/4/2015
TIME: 7:00PM

SEPTEMBER COUNCIL MEETING

PLACE: ST. VINCENT DE PAUL PARISH HALL
DATE: MONDAY, 9/14/2015
TIME: 7:30PM



Grand Knight's Corner

My Brothers All,

I pray that you and your families are well.

On July 27, Blessing Council had a First and Second Degree Exemplification at Our Lady of Good Counsel and added two new members to our council. The two new members are Adam Giolitti and Frank Laiter. This is a great start to reaching our membership goal. Remember one new member per Council.

Upcoming August Events:

The Installation of Officers will be at Our Lady of Good Counsel Church on Sunday August 9, after the 10:00 am Mass.

Fr. Leo Ancil Circle and Msgr. Peter Blessing Council will be going to a Pawtucket Red Sox game on Wednesday August 19. The game starts at 7:05 pm, family and friends are invited. If you plan on going to the game, please contact Worthy FS Neil Fidler by August 8, so he can order the tickets.

Blessing Council will be having a Family Picnic at Goddard Park on Saturday August 29. There will be a mailing with more information.

God Bless and Vivat Jesus!

Frank Laiter
Grand Knight

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Bursar Squire

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Marshal Squire

Gabriel Delehant

Sentry Squire

William Connor



Chaplain's Report

Nothing to report this month

Archbishop Lori, Our Supreme Chaplain, reflects on religious liberty challenges

NEW ALBANY, Ind. (CNS) — The Supreme Court's decision on same-sex marriage will likely have broad effects across the legal system, said Baltimore Archbishop William E. Lori, chairman of the U.S. bishops' Ad Hoc Committee for Religious Liberty.

"Marriage, as understood between one man and one woman, is embedded throughout the law," he said, "so to upend that is to produce a sea change in our legal system."

The archbishop made the comments in an interview with *The Criterion*, newspaper of the Archdiocese of Indianapolis, while in his hometown of New Albany July 18. He was attending a celebration with former classmates of the 50th anniversary of their graduation from the eighth grade at Our Lady of Perpetual Help School.

In its 5-4 decision in *Obergefell v. Hodges*, the court ruled June 26 that marriage licenses cannot be denied to same-sex couples nationwide.

"It has certainly already begun to affect individuals who want to bring their Christian principles to their work," Archbishop Lori said, noting past court rulings at the state level against Christian business owners opposed to same-sex marriage. "We certainly think of the bakers, photographers and county clerks with marriage licenses.

"On a day-to-day basis, it will certainly affect almost everyone, because every day we bump up against the institution of marriage, either because we're part of it or because we deal with it."

In reflecting on the possible effects of *Obergefell* on churches and church organizations, Archbishop Lori noted with concern how Justice Anthony Kennedy, who wrote the majority opinion, said that religious groups retained their right to teach and advocate for opposing views on marriage. He did not include the right to apply those teachings as an exercise of religious liberty.

"We've already been driven out of adoption in many places," Archbishop Lori said. "Hiring for mission may become a problem. So, if you don't want to hire a teacher who is living in a marriage that the church can't recognize because you're trying to give a good example to the students, that would become problematic."

He said such hiring practices could be legally questioned even in light of the Supreme Court's 2012 ruling in *Hosanna-Tabor vs. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission*. The court said churches, their schools and other religious groups "must be free to choose their teachers and employees when their primary duties consist of teaching, spreading the faith, church governance, etc., without government interference."

"It depends how widely we can cast the ministerial mantle, so to speak," Archbishop Lori said.

"The trouble with all of this is that it keeps pushing the church within the four walls," he added. "It makes it less a force in the shaping of culture and of people's minds and hearts."

Nonetheless, Archbishop Lori found hope in an Associated Press poll released earlier the day of the interview that reported that support for religious liberty and for traditional marriage had increased in the wake of *Obergefell*.

"That kind of gives us a sense that we have a fighting chance," he said. "There are plenty of people who see the problem, and plenty of people who don't like it. So, I don't think that we should give up the ghost."

Archbishop Lori particularly encouraged supporters of religious liberty to back the First Amendment Defense Act, or FADA, introduced in Congress. If it became law, it would prohibit federal agencies from taking punitive actions, such as revoking a tax-exempt status, against religious organizations that teach that marriage is a union between one man and one woman.

- By Sean Gallagher, Catholic News Service

"Let us ask ourselves this evening, adoring the Christ truly present in the Eucharist: do I let myself be transformed by Him?" – Pope Francis

Shining Armor Award Recipients



At the July meeting, five Brother Knights received the Shining Armor Award. What is special about these brothers is that they all entered the Order making 1st and 2nd Degree on the same date – November 25, 2013. They also made 3rd Degree on the same date – March 26, 2014. Also, all five brothers are parishioners of Our Lady of Good Counsel. They are Worthy Grand Knight Frank Laiter III, Worthy Treasurer Mark Giolitti, Worthy Warden Tom Rossi and Worthy Brother Len Denommee. Worthy Brother Jim Martin also achieved the award, but was out of state for the meeting. The requirements for the Shining Armor Award during 1st year of membership are as follows: 1) Be involved in at least 3 council programs. 2) Attend at least 3 council meetings. 3) Receive their 2nd and 3rd Degrees. 4) Meet with their Council's Insurance Field Agent. 5) Recruit at least one new member. Congratulations brothers are your great accomplishment!

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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WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

On Monday, July 27, Blessing Council hosted a combined 1st/2nd Degree Exemplification at Our Lady of Good Counsel Church. Welcome to our two newest Knights – Frank Laiter, Jr., and Adam Giolitti! The honoree for the 1st Degree was Pope Francis, and the honoree for the 2nd Degree was Fr. Paul Lemoi, Pastor of OLG. Many thanks to Fr. Paul for allowing us the use of his church for the ceremony!

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 |
| Blueberry Farm | John Macomber | 401-397-5029 | macomersblueberryfarm.shutterfly.com |
| Certified Tutoring | Edgar Brouillard | 401-354-9298 | edbrou@gmail.com |
| Auto Repair | John Starziano | 401-821-9887 | Star Service Center, 53 Arnold Rd., Coventry |
| Plumbing/Electrical/ Appliances | Tom Rossi | 401-243-3767 | tomr421@cox.net |
| Realtor | Pat Hurley | 401-243-3767 | realephurley@verizon.net |
| Writing Instruments | Herb Knott | 401-316-7230 | knotth1@gmail.com |
| 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.

“Do not be afraid! Life with Christ is a wonderful adventure. He alone can give full meaning to life. He alone is the center of history. Live by Him!” – St. John Paul the Great

Prayer Intentions for August



- 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)
- Brother John Figuerado (recently deceased)
- PGK Bill Moskosky
- Brother Matt Parent
- Brother Len Denommee
- Brother Angel Ferrer
- Brother Joe Farrell
- Lucille Ferrer
- Peter Lemek (recently deceased)
- Erica Shea (recently deceased)
- Brianna Giorgio (recently deceased)
- Joan Thompson
- Robert Fidler, Sr.
- Robert Fidler, Jr.
- The Unborn

Happy Birthday!

To our Brother Knights born in August

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| Frank Laiter III, GK – 8/1 | Joseph Lavoie – 8/20 |
| Daniel Michalski – 8/4 | David Tiernan – 8/20 |
| Bill Moskosky, PGK – 8/8 | James O'Connor, Jr. – 8/22 |
| Stephen Smith – 8/9 | Charles Sweeney – 8/23 |
| Bernard Bernatonis – 8/10 | Mark Giolitti – 8/23 |
| Raymond Byrnes – 8/10 | Antonio Neves – 8/23 |
| Very Rev. Paul Grenon – 8/10 | Steven Bailey, PGK – 8/24 |
| Leo Charpentier, Jr. – 8/14 | Angel Ferrer, Jr. – 8/25 |
| James Sartell – 8/18 | Michael Brault – 8/26 |
| | John Mulholland – 8/30 |

Correction: PGK James Woolley should have been listed last month in the July birthdays. Unfortunately, the roster from Supreme had his birthday as September 1. That mistake has been rectified. Brother Jim celebrated his 89th birthday last July 19. Happy Belated Birthday Brother Jim!

Awards and Donations

During good of the order at July's meeting, a check was presented to David O'Connell, Director of the Mother of Life Center, for \$3,000. This money represented the total amount of funds raised during the St. Patrick's Day Fundraiser Dinner put on by our council and donated directly to the Mother of Life Center. Brother David is also the Deputy Grand Knight of East Providence Council.



L-R: IPGK Herb Knott, David O'Connell, GK Frank Laiter III

Also, 1st, 2nd & 3rd Degree certificates were presented to Brother Ryan Tremblay by IPGK Herb Knott.



Ryan joined our Council last year and quickly advanced to Third Degree Knight. Ryan plans to make his Fourth Degree in November during the region-wide Fourth Degree Ceremony. Ryan is also a well-known Christian Music singer and songwriter, and just recently, with his wife Elizabeth and family, provided the musical entertainment during the recent Pasta and Meatball Fundraiser Dinner. His website is: <http://www.ryantremblaymusic.com>.

*“Everything is a reminder of the Cross. We ourselves are made in the shape of a Cross”
– St. John Vianney*



Saint of the Month – St. Hyacinth



St. Hyacinth, the glorious apostle of Poland and Russia, was born of noble parents in Poland, about the year 1185. His early education was entrusted to the care of his uncle, a pious priest who later became Bishop of Cracow. Hyacinth manifested so much learning and piety that he was sent to complete his studies at the best universities in Europe.

In 1220 he visited Rome, and while there met St. Dominic. He became one of the first members of the newly-founded Dominican Order. Because of his spirit of prayer and his zeal for the salvation of souls, he was sent to preach and establish the Dominican Order in his native land, Poland. He journeyed also to Austria, Bohemia, and the shores of the Black Sea, and eventually on to China, Sweden, and Norway. Because of his evangelizing, multitudes were converted, and churches and convents were built. He worked numerous miracles, and at Cracow raised a dead youth to life.

He inherited from St. Dominic a child-like and tender devotion to the Mother of God. To her he attributed his success, and to her aid he looked for his salvation. When Hyacinth was at Kiev, the fierce Tartars sacked the town, but it was only as he finished Mass that he heard of the danger. Without waiting to unvest, he took the ciborium in his hands, and was fleeing the church. It is recorded that as he passed by an image of Mary he heard a voice say, "Hyacinth, my son, why dost thou leave me behind? Take me with thee and leave me not to mine enemies." Although the statue was heavy alabaster, when Hyacinth took it in his arms, it was light as a reed. With the Blessed Sacrament and the image of Mary he came to the river Dnieper, and walked over the surface of the waters.

Worn out by his constant labors and vast journeys, Hyacinth spent the last few months of his life in a convent he had founded at Cracow. There on the Feast of St. Dominic, 1257, he fell sick with a fever that was to terminate his earthly life. On the eve of the feast of the Assumption, he was warned of his coming death. In spite of his condition, he celebrated Mass on the feast day, as a dying man. He was anointed at the altar, and died the same day in 1257.

He was canonized in 1594 by Pope Clement VIII. The feast day of St. Hyacinth is celebrated on August 17th.

PAWSOX GAME!



VS.



Pawtucket Red Sox vs. Syracuse Chiefs
McCoy Stadium, Pawtucket
Wednesday, August 19, 2015
Game Time: 7:05 PM
Tickets \$15 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.

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

Come join our Family

PICNIC

A series of black silhouettes depicting various picnic activities: a person holding a plate, a person with a dog, a person sitting at a table with a picnic basket, a person standing, a person holding a child, a person grilling, a person jumping, and a person with a child on a swing.

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Knights of Columbus

Saturday, August 29, 2015

Starting at Noon

Goddard Memorial State Park

1095 Ives Rd., East Greenwich

Freewill Donations Accepted



Burgers

Dogs

Salads

Drinks



Pasta and Meatball Fundraiser Dinner – July 11, 2015

