



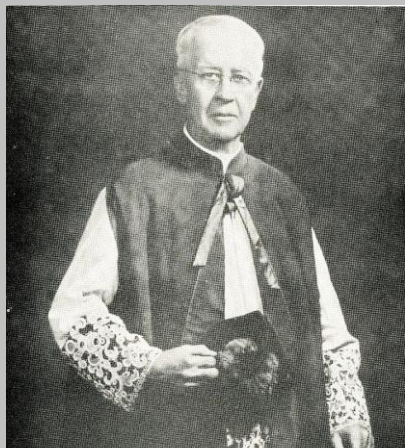
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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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

SOCCER CHALLENGE (TENTATIVE)

PLACE: FISH HILL FIELD, COVENTRY
DATE: SUNDAY, 9/27/2015
TIME: 10AM – 2PM

SEPTEMBER KNIGHT OUT

PLACE: DILLON COUNCIL, 1675 DOUGLAS AVE.
NORTH PROVIDENCE
DATE: MONDAY, 9/28/2015
TIME: 6:00PM

OCTOBER SQUIRES MEETING

PLACE: SSJP RECTORY MEETING ROOM
DATE: FRIDAY, 10/2/2015
TIME: 7:00PM

OCTOBER COUNCIL MEETING

PLACE: ST. VINCENT DE PAUL PARISH HALL
DATE: MONDAY, 10/12/2015
TIME: 7:30PM

OCTOBER KNIGHT OUT

PLACE: TBD
DATE: TBD
TIME: TBD



Grand Knight's Corner

My Brothers All,

I pray that you and your families are well. On August 29th Blessing Council had a Family Picnic at Godard Park. The Picnic was a success, all who attended had a good time. I would like to thank Brother Mark Giolitti and Brother Neil Fidler for grilling the hot dogs and hamburgers. Also, thanks to all of the members of the committee for doing a great job planning for the picnic. I look forward to next year's Family Picnic.

Pope Francis will be visiting the United States during the month of September. The Pope will be visiting Washington, DC, Philadelphia, and New York City. The Holy Father will address a Joint Meeting of the US Congress and address the United Nations. Many Brother Knights will be volunteering in different capacities during Pope Francis's Apostolic Journey. Please pray for Pope Francis during his visit.

The 40 Days for Life campaign will begin in September 23rd and end October 31st. 40 Days for Life is a Pro-Life campaign to end abortion with prayer. There is more information about 40 Days for Life on the K of C State web site.

Blessing Council will be conducting Membership Drives at Saints John and Paul, and Our Lady of Good Counsel in the coming months. Remember One New Member per Council per Month.

See you at our meeting on Monday, Sept. 14 @ 7PM at St. Vincent de Paul!

God Bless and Vivat Jesus!

Frank Laiter
Grand Knight

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Chaplain's Report

Nothing to report this month

Supreme Knight Carl Anderson on Persecuted Christians

The following is an excerpt of Supreme Knight Carl Anderson's Remarks on the Order's Christian Refugee Relief Fund.

Iraqi and Syrian Christians, as well as other religious minorities, continue to face violent persecution and the very real prospect of extinction. Thousands have fled their homelands to escape forced conversion or martyrdom.

Our Knights of Columbus Christian Refugee Relief Fund donated \$2.2 million to help these families in Iraq. Our donation paid for the construction of new homes on property owned by the Chaldean-rite Archdiocese of Erbil.

The houses were built mostly for Iraqi Christians who were driven from their homes in Mosul and the surrounding area — many of whom have been unable to find room even in emergency shelters.

We also gave \$150,000 to provide emergency medical care for refugees in Erbil this summer. Our Christian Refugee Relief Fund has also sent \$200,000 in general aid to the Melkite-rite Archeparchy of Aleppo, Syria. And more recently, an additional \$150,000 was donated after the diocesan facilities were bombed.

FAITHFUL CITIZENSHIP — AID TO CHRISTIANS

Eighty-nine years ago, Supreme Knight Flaherty addressed the Supreme Convention in Philadelphia with these words:

We behold our brothers suffering for their faith, in one of the most violent and unjust persecutions of modern times. ... It is a sorry hour for our civilization when a persecution of this sort ... can be conducted under sanction of silence. We shall not give it that sanction.

He also said, "We are bidden to hold our peace, but we shall not hold our peace."

In 1926, Supreme Knight Flaherty was speaking of the persecution of Catholics in Mexico.

But who among us, hearing those words today, does not think of the religious cleansing — or, as Pope Francis recently said in his address to the World Meeting of Popular Movements, the "genocide" — of Christians in the Middle East? What is their only crime? To believe in the one who 2,000 years ago taught us to love our neighbor.

In Iraq alone, the Christian population has fallen by at least two-thirds, from 1.5 million to less than 400,000. Many of these Christians have fled to the city of Erbil. In Syria, almost 10 percent of the population is Christian. There, too, violence against Christians has caused a refugee crisis. Thousands have fled for their lives to escape forced conversion and martyrdom.

Just days ago, a headline in The New York Times asked, "Is This the End of Christianity in the Middle East?" The world remains largely silent. These refugees' cries for help remain largely unheard. Thankfully, the Kurdistan Regional Government and the nations of Jordan and Lebanon have offered safe haven for many, and we are grateful. But neither the United States government nor the United Nations are doing enough.

The blood of these martyrs cries out to heaven for justice. And the blood of these martyrs cries out to you and to me for help. As with Mexico in 1926, the Knights of Columbus will come to their aid. Through our Knights of Columbus Christian Refugee Relief Fund, we have already delivered more than \$3 million to assist our brothers and sisters in Iraq and Syria. Our dollars provide housing and medical care, but we can and must continue to do more.

Today, I announce that the Knights of Columbus will redouble our efforts to bring aid to these victims in the Middle East. We will begin a new education campaign to expose the crimes against humanity that are being committed.

It is time for a season of truth about what is happening to Christians and other minorities.

It is a time for action.

"But you shall freely open your hand to him, and shall generously lend him sufficient for his need in whatever he lacks" — Deuteronomy 15:8

A Great Time Had By All



The Blessing Council restarted a tradition of family picnics going back to the days of its founding on Saturday, August 29, at Goddard Park. A lot of planning went into the event, and everything seemed just perfect from the weather, to the food, to the great company! Members of our Squires Circle and their families came to the event as well. There were plenty of burgers, hot dogs, salads and other goodies courtesy of our crack cooking staff – Mark Giolitti, Frank Laiter and Neil Fidler. Also, the Squires partook in some football and Frisbee tossing and even managed to coax their Chief Counselor into playing. Hopefully we will see you at next year's picnic!

Stephen Del Deo – Insurance Field Agent



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Remember When...



The first ten Grand Knights of our Council from a photo taken at the 10th anniversary dinner in 1972. L-R: H. Garberg III, F. Ellery, E. J. Esposito, W. J. Sweeney, S. V. Hall, J. J. Kiley Sr., H. L. Trafford Jr., C. W. Dwyer and G. H. Paquin. Missing: R. J. Denningham. This photo comes from a 1992 edition of the Blessing Word courtesy of PGK Harold Trafford.

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	401-397-5079	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
Delilah's Deli	Paul Bellavance	401-385-3483	780 Victory Hwy #10, West Greenwich

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.

“One who is gracious to a poor man lends to the LORD, And He will repay him for his good deed.” – Proverbs 19:17

Prayer Intentions for September



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

Awards



During the August meeting, Worthy District Deputy John Pizzo presented to Immediate Past Grand Knight Herb Knott, the Food for Families plaque for the 2014-15 Columbian Year. Our Council donated \$500 to the Coventry Food Bank qualifies for recognition from Supreme in the form of the plaque.

Also, Brother Jim Martin received his Shining Armor Award and Brothers Gerard Heroux and Adam Giolitti received certificates for achieving 1st and 2nd Degree. Brother Adam also received a certificate recognizing his achievement going from Squires to Knight. Congratulations brothers!

Knights Corner



Brother Tony Favata wrote the following Knights Corner bulletin note for SSJP:

Charity is Our First Principle!

Last year, the Knights of Columbus worldwide donated more than \$170 million to many charities throughout the United States and the world. We could do so much more with your help, but what's in it for you?

Well, how about the satisfaction of giving a winter coat to a child who is suffering from the cold? Providing wheelchairs for the disabled? Feeding the hungry? Providing ultrasound machines for pro-life pregnancy centers? We Knights do that! There are many, many more good works done by the Knights. My personal favorite is what our order is doing for the victims of the 2010 Haiti earthquake. The Knights are providing, free of charge, prosthetic limbs for every child who lost arms or legs as a result of that devastating earthquake. And those children will continue to get new prosthetic limbs all the way into adulthood – all provided by the Knights of Columbus.

Charity is the first principle of the Knights of Columbus. Do you have a favorite charity or cause? Let's see if we can serve it together as Brother Knights. If this is something that interests you, please get in touch with our membership director, Angel Ferrer, at 401-385-3186. We'd love to hear from you!

Tony Favata

Happy Birthday!

To our Brother Knights born in September

Richard Ferri – 9/4
James Pelletier – 9/8
Benny Badessa – 9/9

John Starziano – 9/14
Timothy Maynard – 9/17
Hugh Fitzpatrick, Jr. – 9/25

*“Give to him who asks of you, and do not turn away from him who wants to borrow from you”
– Matthew 5:42*



Saint of the Month – St. Adrian



According to legend Adrian was a pagan officer at the imperial court of Nicomedia. Impressed by the courage of a group of Christians who were being tortured, he declared himself a Christian and was imprisoned with them and suffered excruciating tortures before he was put to death. His young wife, Natalia, who was present at his death, comforted him in his agony, recovered one of his severed hands, and took it to Argyropolis near Constantinople, where she fled to escape the importunities of an imperial official of Nicomedia who wanted to marry her. She died there peacefully on December 1. Adrian is the patron of soldiers and butchers.

Soccer Challenge



Our council will be hosting its first ever soccer challenge, and the event is tentatively scheduled for Sunday, September 27, from 10am to 2pm at the Fish Hill soccer field. This is a competition designed for players to demonstrate the most basic soccer skill – the penalty kick. It is open to all boys and girls, ages 9-14, where each player will be allowed 15 shots at the goal from the penalty line (12 yards from the goal). Winners progress to the regional, state and international levels.

Corps d'Elite Award Winners – Congrats!



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

*“But give that which is within as charity, and then all things are clean for you.”
— Luke 11:41*

Council Family Picnic – August 29, 2015

