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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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, 10/19/2015

TIME: 7:30PM

OLGC MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

PLACE: OUR LADY OF GOOD COUNSEL CHURCH

DATE: WEEKEND 10/17-18/2015

TIME: AFTER ALL MASSES

COMBINED 1ST/2ND DEGREE EXEMPLIFICATION

PLACE: OUR LADY OF GOOD COUNSEL CHURCH

DATE: TBD

TIME: TBD

OCTOBER KNIGHT OUT

PLACE: TBD

DATE: TBD

TIME: TBD

NOVEMBER SQUIRES MEETING

PLACE: SSJP RECTORY MEETING ROOM

DATE: FRIDAY, 11/6/2015

TIME: 7:00PM

NOVEMBER COUNCIL MEETING

PLACE: ST. VINCENT DE PAUL PARISH HALL

DATE: MONDAY, 11/9/2015

TIME: 7:30PM



Grand Knight's Corner

My Brothers All,

I pray that you and your families are well.

October looks to be a busy month for Blessing Council. Here are some of the events that are happening in the month of October.

On Monday, October 12, there will be a Clergy Recognition Night at the Twelve Acres Restaurant to show our support and appreciation for all of the Priests in the Diocese. The Blessing Council monthly business meeting has been changed from Monday, October 12, to Monday, October 19 to allow any Brother to attend the Clergy Recognition Night if he wants to.

Blessing Council will be having a Membership Drive at Our Lady of Good Council on the weekend of October 17 and October 18. The Exemplification will be on either Wednesday, October 28, or Thursday, October 29. Blessing will have Membership Drives at SS. John and Paul, and St. Vincent de Paul at later dates.

The Awards and Donations Night for Blessing Council is tentatively scheduled for Friday, November 20. We are also beginning to prepare for our Annual Christmas Party. The Silver Rose will be at Our Lady of Good Counsel on Friday, October 30th. This will be hosted by both Fr. Anctil Circle and Blessing Council. I ask all Brothers to try and attend this event if you can, this is a beautiful Prayer Service. Remember one new member per council per month.

God Bless and Vivat Jesus!

Frank Laiter
Grand Knight

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Chaplain's Report

Nothing to report this month

Excerpts from Interview with Supreme Knight Carl Anderson on the Holy Father's Visit

It was wheels up Sunday night after a busy week in the United States for Pope Francis. A few days after the trip, which included an unprecedented papal address to a joint session of Congress, a speech to the United Nations, and time in Philadelphia for the World Meeting of Families (the primary reason for, and culmination of, his trip), Carl Anderson, head of the Knights of Columbus, the largest Catholic fraternal organization in the world, talks about some of the highlights and potential fruit. — KJL

Kathryn Jean Lopez: What did you make of Pope Francis's visit to the United States?

Carl Anderson: I think both the pope and the American people are very pleased that they have finally met and gotten to know each other better. Let's hope it begins an increasingly fruitful dialogue. But already we can see a new energy among many Catholics. On his return flight to Rome, the pope was asked about his "star" status during the trip, and he responded that he is not a star, but a servant. So let's hope the lasting effect of his visit will be that more people who heard his message will follow his example of service.

Lopez: He mentioned Dorothy Day during his speech to Congress. She was once described, as a National Review editorial noted the other day, as "an apostle of pious oversimplification." Do you feel that way about Pope Francis, as many conservatives seem to?

Anderson: Pious people often have simple messages. "The family that prays together stays together." "Take time to love Jesus in the poor." "Jesus, I trust in you." I think the pope sought to connect with the American people through the example of four Americans, and he had a good measure of success. Both Saint John Paul II and Benedict XVI came to the papacy after many years of scholarship and teaching. Paul VI, Saint John XXIII, and Pius XII were trained diplomats. Francis comes to the papacy from a different place. He has a missionary attitude. I think he has concluded that — in Western societies rapidly embracing a postmodern secular, even pagan culture — a

reintroduction of the core of the Gospel in a more simple way is needed. During his address at St. Charles Borromeo Seminary in Philadelphia, he said something very revealing. In effect, he said that in our current situation endless analysis is not helpful; what is needed is to actually live the Christian life. Evangelization is not the same as catechesis. Catechesis comes later. When it comes to the work of evangelization, Paul VI wrote that teachers are listened to most attentively when they are also witnesses.

Lopez: What was the economic outlook you heard in his speech to Congress and throughout the trip?

Anderson: The pope is clearly calling all of us to greater economic stewardship and to be our brothers' keepers. There are millions of Americans in business who get up each morning and strive to do the right thing. Many businesses in this country are already committed to corporate responsibility and sustainable investment. But, of course, we can do better. There is too much greed, cheating, and corruption. Just think of Volkswagen and the LIBOR scandal.

A moment ago I mentioned my hope for a fruitful dialogue. I think this would be one of the best places to begin — dialogue between the Church and the business community. The Church has much to offer in terms of the values that should guide business and economic decision-making. The business community has a great deal of practical experience in terms of how things work on the ground and the challenges to responsible decision-making. It is a natural place for dialogue.

We also need to be realistic. Where in the world — other than the United States — do we find a free-market system that has, even with all its imperfections, offered millions of people an opportunity to lift themselves out of poverty or to advance economically? In most of the world — including Europe and Latin America — some sort of socialism is the norm. So why should we assume a familiarity with the type of ethically responsible, free-market opportunity society that so many of us experience in the United States?

"The name of the LORD is a strong tower; the righteous run to it and are safe" — Proverbs 18:10

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Lopez: Many ask: Why wasn't he harsher/clearer about abortion? Marriage, too? Especially when before the White House and Congress?

Anderson: Perhaps he could have been more specific, but I think he was certainly clear enough. The pope highlighted these issues, and he did so in an interesting way. At the U.N., he spoke of the need to have a proper relationship with nature in order to understand "moral law" or what we might call "natural law." He stated clearly the connection between concern for ecology and concern for human ecology. As part of this, he included the need for defense of life at every stage of development and reiterated the nature of marriage. He has shown us that our faith reflects the natural order of things, and that those actions in opposition to the natural order should be avoided. His message is quite clear that if we recover a proper relationship with nature, we can also recover a proper relationship with what our country's founders called "the laws of nature and nature's God." Does any member of Congress or head of state not know what a pope means when he uses such language in relation to abortion and marriage? Clearly the pope chose not to be confrontational or harsh in speaking to those he hopes will change their position on these issues. I think he specifically chose not to "introduce" himself in these venues in a confrontational way.

This also goes back to your earlier question. His argument from "human ecology" does not seem to me to be an "oversimplification" but actually something quite sophisticated. And it is entirely in continuity with the thinking of Saint John Paul II and Pope Benedict XVI. The more interesting question is whether those listening to him in the Congress or at the United Nations are capable of thoughtful analysis, or is it simply a matter of power or ideology? I think the pope has put those in Congress who agree with him on the environment in a difficult position — especially those Catholic members of Congress who agree with him on ecological issues but oppose him on the implications of what he says regarding "human ecology" as it affects abortion and marriage. Before his visit, one prominent Catholic politician who adamantly supports same-sex marriage and *Roe v. Wade* announced that he had read every page of the pope's encyclical on the environment. One wonders what he thought of the sections on "human ecology." Perhaps an "inconvenient truth"?

One other thought: The pope gave a number of speeches at different venues, and his "message" is represented by their totality; especially important were the speeches in Philadelphia on religious liberty at Independence Hall, and at the World Meeting of Families, where he said, "The family is the protagonist of an integral ecology."

Lopez: How significant was his visit to the Little Sisters of the Poor?

Anderson: In a word? Very.

Pope Francis often speaks of the need for action. So his action speaks volumes. He went there in support of the sisters' legal fight to be true to their conscience as they resist the Obama administration's HHS mandate on contraception and abortifacients. I am sure every bishop grasped the meaning of the pope's visit, as well as did millions of Catholics. Coupled with his messages on religious liberty during the trip, and his comments on the importance of the right to conscientious objection during the flight home, his visit to the Little Sisters of the Poor was unmistakably significant.

Lopez: Why was Junípero Serra's canonization important? Will there be more controversy? What might you hope people keep in mind about him? What lasting effects do you pray his canonization has?

Anderson: The canonization of Junípero Serra was courageous and very important. Saint Junípero is the first Hispanic saint from what is now the United States. He is a model of evangelization and helps guide us in terms of the integration of various cultures within our Catholic communities. He was an immigrant who brought the Gospel to the farthest reaches of his world. I hope his canonization will be an inspiration for many people, and especially for Hispanics who have so much to offer this country in terms of the witness of their own faith.

In terms of the controversy, people need to remember some key points. First, he was a champion of the humane treatment of the native peoples. Saint Junípero defended their human rights and spoke out against imposing the death penalty on them even when they killed his fellow missionaries. He also worked to protect them from — and prepare them for — the clash of civilizations that would inevitably occur with European settlement. The devastation of native people did not occur at the hands of Franciscan missionaries, but later, in the next century, during the California "gold rush." That is when people actually began speaking of the "extermination" of the American Indians in California.

Saint Junípero Serra is a symbol of the contribution of Hispanics to the development and growth of the United States. Let's remember that many cities in the southwest United States and California were founded by him and his fellow Catholic missionaries, connecting many Americans to their legacy on a daily basis.

Lopez: The whole theme of the visit — and the World Meeting of Families — was "Love Is Our Mission." What do you, as someone who wrote a book on a Civilization of Love, think that means, practically speaking?

Anderson: First, this theme is intended as entirely practical. Every person is called to a vocation of love. We are called to love of God and love of neighbor. Ancient philosophers described man as a "rational animal," but Christianity adds to this that man is a "loving animal." In fact, Christianity says that a person's life is meaningless unless he or she encounters love. The family is the first school in teaching love and the vocation of love. That is why Saint John Paul II so often said, "Families, become what you are." He meant by this that the family must be that place where love is taught. That is the mission of the family, and the family accomplishes its mission not by transforming itself into a classroom but by being a community of persons who love one another and who are able to extend that love to others.

— Kathryn Jean Lopez is senior fellow at the National Review Institute and editor-at-large of National Review Online. She is co-author of the new revised and updated edition of *How to Defend the Faith without Raising Your Voice*. Lopez is a co-founder of Catholic Voices USA, which has been working with the World Meeting of Families and the Archdiocese of Philadelphia in preparation for the pope's visit.

<http://www.nationalreview.com/node/424880/print>

CULTURE OF LIFE NEWS – IPGK Herb Knott

Brothers, our council in honoring the 40 Days for Life Program stood vigil at the entrance of the Women's Health Center abortion mill, 1725 Broad Street in Cranston on Friday, September 24, for two hours to support the ending of abortion. Everything was peaceful, quiet and prayerful. The administration of the abortion mill found it necessary to call the police because they had never seen us before. The police, however, did come and meet with us. We acknowledged we were the Knights of Columbus which satisfied the officers that we would not interrupt or block anyone. I did try to recruit one of the officers, however!

At 9:40AM we concluded our time by saying the Holy Rosary with special intercessions for Right to Life. We then left and met at McDonald's for breakfast. We all felt good about what we had done and felt that if even one person turned away because we were there to think about what they were going to do we may have saved one life.

Thanks to all that helped make this even successful. I appreciate that you took the time from your day to participate. Photos from the event are on the last page of this newsletter.

Our Council will hold vigil with parishioners of SS John and Paul and St. Vincent de Paul at the abortion mill at 1725 Broad Street in Cranston. Worthy IPGK and Culture of Life Director Herb Knott is asking Brothers to hold vigil from 9AM to 11AM.

Our Council will be hosting a Mass for the Unborn at Our Lady of Good Counsel Church, 60 Pleasant Ave., West Warwick, on Wednesday, October 21 at 9AM. Those of you who are at home at that time are urged to make every effort to attend to show support for unborn babies and pray for an end to abortion.

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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
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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.

“So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.” – Isaiah 41:10

Prayer Intentions for October



- 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 Vincent Palka III (recently deceased)
- Lucille Ferrer
- Arianna Ford (recently deceased)
- Joan Thompson
- Robert Fidler, Sr.
- Robert Fidler, Jr.
- The Unborn

October Council Meeting Date Change



Because of Clergy Appreciation Night on Monday, October 12, the date of October's council meeting has changed to Monday, October 19, at St. Vincent de Paul Church.

Christmas Party – December 11



Save the date! The annual Blessing Council Christmas Party will be held on Friday, December 11, at the SS John and Paul Parish Center. Cocktails will start at 6:30PM with dinner to be served at 7PM. More details to come!

Awards



At the September meeting, Worthy Grand Knight Frank Laiter III presented Brother Anthony Machado with his Third Degree certificate which he earned on June 9th. Brother Anthony informed us at the meeting that he now intends to achieve his Fourth Degree at the All-New England Exemplification of the Fourth Degree in honor of Bishop Daniel Reilly to be held at Mechanics Hall in Worcester. He will be joining Father Paul Lemoi and Brother Ryan Tremblay in making his Fourth Degree.

Happy Birthday!

To our Brother Knights born in September

John Criscione – 10/1	Richard Gaudette – 10/7
Donat Lamoureux – 10/1	Matthew Duska – 10/7
Francis Perry, Jr. – 10/2	Donald Oat, Jr. – 10/15
Arthur Lebrun – 10/3	Ryan Tremblay – 10/20
David Tremblay – 10/3	Alan Giroux – 10/23
Brian Smith – 10/4	Herbert Knott – 10/28
Joseph Jarvis, Jr. – 10/6	

“Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid” – John 14:27



Saint of the Month – St. Jude Thaddeus



St. Jude, known as Thaddaeus, was a brother of St. James the Less, and a relative of Our Saviour. St. Jude was one of the 12 Apostles of Jesus.

Ancient writers tell us that he preached the Gospel in Judea, Samaria, Idumaea, Syria, Mesopotamia, and Lybia. According to Eusebius, he returned to Jerusalem in the year 62, and assisted at the election of his brother, St. Simeon, as Bishop of Jerusalem.

He is an author of an epistle (letter) to the Churches of the East, particularly the Jewish converts, directed against the heresies of the Simonians, Nicolaites, and Gnostics. This Apostle is said to have suffered martyrdom in Armenia, which was then subject to Persia. The final conversion of the Armenian nation to Christianity did not take place until the third century of our era. Jude was the one who asked Jesus at the Last Supper why He would not manifest Himself to the whole world after His resurrection. Little else is known of his life. Legend claims that he visited Beirut and Edessa; possibly martyred with St. Simon in Persia.

Jude is invoked in desperate situations because his New Testament letter stresses that the faithful should persevere in the environment of harsh, difficult circumstances, just as their forefathers had done before them. Therefore, he is the patron saint of desperate cases and his feast day is October 28. Saint Jude is not the same person as Judas Iscariot who betrayed Our Lord and despaired because of his great sin and lack of trust in God's mercy.

URI Football Game – October 17



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URI Rams vs. Richmond Spiders
Meade Stadium, Kingston
Saturday, October 17, 2015
Game Time: Noon
Tickets \$15 each

The Circle will be attending the URI Rams football game on Saturday, October 17. We will be leaving from the Hopkins Hill Park and Ride at 10:30 PM sharp and have a tailgate prior to the game with hamburgers, hot dogs and chips. Should be a great time!

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

*“For God did not give us a spirit of timidity, but a spirit of power, of love and self-discipline”
— 2 Timothy 1:7*

Vigil Outside the Abortion Mill - September 25, 2015



"Knight Out" at Olde Theatre Diner - September 25, 2015

