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KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
MONSIGNOR PETER BLESSING COUNCIL #5273



MARCH 2016

He is Risen!

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RI State Chaplain 1913-1957
Our Council's Namesake

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

MARCH SQUIRES MEETING

PLACE: SSJP PARISH CENTER
DATE: FRIDAY, 3/11/2016
TIME: 7:00PM

ST. PATRICK'S DAY DINNER FUNDRAISER

PLACE: SSJP PARISH CENTER
DATE: SUNDAY, 3/13/2016
TIME: COCKTAILS 2PM, DINNER 2:30PM

MARCH COUNCIL MEETING

PLACE: SSJP PARISH CENTER
DATE: MONDAY, 3/7/2016
TIME: 7:30PM

APRIL SQUIRES MEETING

PLACE: SSJP PARISH CENTER
DATE: FRIDAY, 4/1/2016
TIME: 7:00PM

MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

PLACE: SS JOHN AND PAUL PARISH
DATE: WEEKEND 4/2-3/2016
TIME: ALL MASSES

APRIL COUNCIL MEETING

PLACE: SSJP PARISH CENTER
DATE: MONDAY, 4/11/2016
TIME: 7:30PM

COMBINED 1ST/2ND DEGREE CEREMONY

PLACE: SSJP PARISH CENTER
DATE: TUES, 4/12/2016
TIME: 6:30PM



Grand Knight's Corner

My Brothers All,

I pray that you and your families are well.

We are in the middle of the Lenten Season and there is still time to attend the Stations of the Cross, and other Lenten activities at our parishes. Look in the church bulletins and the RI Catholic to find events in your area.

The St. Patrick's Day Fundraiser Dinner is almost here. The dinner is on Sunday, March 13 in the SSJP Parish Center. I hope to see all of you there.

Msgr. Peter E. Blessing Council hosted a Third Degree Exemplification on Tuesday, February 23, 2016 in the SSJP Parish Center. I would like to congratulate the six Brother Knights who made their Third Degree: Justin Puckett, Richard Lord, David Tremblay, Gerard Heroux, Michael Greene and Frank D. Laiter, Jr. Also, in April, Blessing Council will have a Membership Drive and a First and Second Degree Exemplification at Saints. John and Paul's Church. Here are some of the upcoming Statewide events, more details are on the State website:

- March 6, Providence Bruins Night
- March 12, Day of Recollection at St. Augustine's Church in Providence
- April 9, Teens are Dynamite at St. Agatha's Church Hall in Woonsocket
- April 10, State Charity Ball at Quidnessett Country Club
- April 29 - May 1, State Convention at the Radisson in Warwick

We need to work on recruitment in order to achieve Star Council again this year. I challenge each of you to recruit one new member. Remember "One Member, per Council, per Month".

My wife Sue and I would like to wish you and your families a Happy Easter. God Bless and Vivat Jesus!

Frank D. Laiter, III
Grand Knight

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Meeting Place: SS John and Paul Parish Center

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William Connor

**Chaplain's Report****Nothing to report.****SSJP Membership Drive**

The membership committee is targeting April for a membership drive at SS John and Paul for the weekend of April 2-3. Brother Knights will be asked to pass out membership pamphlets after each Mass that weekend. The council will follow up the drive with an Open House on an evening to be determined in the SSJP Parish Center where a membership and fraternal benefits presentation will be made as well as refreshments served. On Tuesday, April 12, at 6:30PM, the Degree Team will hold a combined 1st/2nd Degree ceremony in the Parish Center. It is hoped that this drive will bring in a good amount of candidates to join Our Order. Also, subsequent membership drives will be planned at St. Vincent de Paul and Our Lady of Good Counsel. For any questions concerning this upcoming membership drive please contact our Worthy Chancellor and Membership Director, Angel Ferrer, at chefangel1950@yahoo.com or call 401-385-3186.

Remember When

ERIN GO BRAGH!!! It's the St. Patrick's Day Party 1982, and look at all that wearin' o' the GREEN (and plaid) at our old council hall on Knotty Oak Road!! I am guessing these groovin' folks are dancing to the Hully Gully as the Electric Slide and Macarena have yet to be invented yet. Here's hoping you'll be able to join us for this year's St. Patrick's Day bash on Sunday, March 13!



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Stephen Del Deo – Insurance Field Agent**Financial Secretary Note**

Brothers, if you are paying your dues through auto pay, please make sure that you have changed the payee address to 72 Columbia Ave., Coventry, RI 02816. Recently, there have been payments of dues that have gone out to the address of former Financial Secretaries of this council resulting in notices going out to those Brothers who believe they have already paid their dues. By ensuring that the correct mailing address is on your auto pay, you will be assured that payment will be credited in a timely manner and that there will be no delays in receiving your brand new membership card.

Thanks Brother John!

During the February meeting, the council presented Brother John Ludka an official Msgr. Peter E. Blessing Council #5273 jacket in appreciation for all the work he has done for council events held at SS John and Paul. Brother John has also been instrumental in the council successful move to its new home. A new storage area in the parish basement was also made available to the council. Brother John joined the Knights and our council back in 2001.

Who Does It? – Brother Knights Skills List

Skill	Brother Knight	Phone	Email/Address
Construction/Roof Repair	Brian Smith	401-826-1725	BCS Contruction, 23 Holmes Rd., Coventry
Blueberry Farm	John Macomber	401-397-5079	macombersblueberryfarm.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/Applicances	Tom Rossi	401-243-3767	tomr421@cox.net
Real Estate Referral Agent	Pat Hurley	401-339-5789	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 included on this list, please contact FS Neil Fidler at Narragansett55@yahoo.com to be added.

“HE is not here; HE has risen” – Mark 16:6

FREE THROW CHAMPIONSHIP AWARDS

Prior to March's meeting, the Council took time to recognize the Free Throw Championship participants and champions with certificates, plaques and medals.



The four champions will be going on to the State Free Throw Championship to be held on Sunday, April 17 from 1PM to 4PM at Bishop Hendricken High School

CULTURE OF LIFE

Once again the 40 Days for Life 2016 Lenten Campaign begins, and it runs from Wednesday, February 10, to Sunday, March 20. The focus this year is "Prayer – Fasting and Community Outreach". Members of the Blessing Council have participated in three protest groups at the Providence Planned Parenthood Center and the Women's Medical Center on Broad Street in Cranston. There are more vigils planned daily at both centers. The Culture of Life Committee will be asking for members to participate again. Remember Brothers, this is one of our big issues - the abortion of unborn babies. Let us be their voice to say **STOP THIS PRACTICE OF TAKING THE LIFE OF INFANTS!** Please join us on the day we say the Holy Rosary in front of the Women's Medical Center in Cranston, come and stand up for the infants. We do this very peacefully and remain Catholic Gentlemen and women. The COL COMMITTEE will be meeting again soon. I will announce the date at this month's (March) business meeting. Herb Knott, IPGK

FAMILY ACTIVITIES

On Wednesday, January 27, the Council resumed our Knight Out Activities. If any of you have not attended a Knight Out or are not sure what it was, I will explain. Once a month I reserve a spot at a local restaurant for our Brother Knights and their families. Also, friends are invited, too, if you want to bring another guest. The January Knight Out was held at Twisted, the new restaurant on Tiogue Ave. in Coventry across from the Stop & Shop. We had 18 people show up. We had a room all to ourselves and two servers sometimes three to take care of us. The February Knight Out was held at Doherty's which used to be Nino's. In both cases the service good, the food was excellent and the company was great. Everyone had a good time and had enough food and some left over to take home. I invite more of our brothers and their family to come to one of our Knights out, you will have a good time. We had a couple of new faces this time let's see more next time, give it a try!

Herb Knott, IPGK

*"I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly."
— John 10:10*



Squires News



Saint of the Month: St. Anthony of Padua



Saint Anthony was born Fernando Martins in Lisbon, Portugal. He was born into a wealthy family and by the age of fifteen asked to be sent to the Abbey of Santa Cruz in Coimbra, the then capital of Portugal. During his time in the Abbey, he learned theology and Latin. Following his ordination to the priesthood, he was named guestmaster and was responsible for the abbey's hospitality. When Franciscan friars settled a small hermitage outside Coimbra dedicated to Saint Anthony of Egypt, Fernando felt a longing to join them.

Fernando eventually received permission to leave the Abbey so he could join the new Franciscan Order. When he was admitted, he changed his name to Anthony. Anthony then traveled to Morocco to spread God's truth, but became extremely sick and was returned to Portugal to recover. The return voyage was blown off-course and the party arrived in Sicily, from which they traveled to Tuscany. Anthony was assigned to the hermitage of San Paolo after local friars considered his health. As he recovered, Anthony spent his time praying and studying.

Anthony occasionally taught at the universities of Montpellier and Toulouse in southern France, but he performed best in the role of a preacher. So simple and resounding was his teaching of the Catholic Faith, most unlettered and the innocent could understand his messages. It is for this reason he was declared a Doctor of the Church by Pope Pius XII in 1946.

Once, when St. Anthony of Padua attempted to preach the true Gospel of the Catholic Church to heretics who would not listen to him, he went out and preached his message to the fish. This was not, as liberals and naturalists have tried to say, for the instruction of the fish, but rather for the glory of God, the delight of the angels, and the easing of his own heart. When critics saw the fish begin to gather, they realized they should also listen to what Anthony had to say.

He was only 36-years-old when he died and was canonized less than one year afterward by Pope Gregory IX. Upon exhumation some 336 years after his death, his body was found to be corrupted, yet his tongue was totally incorrupt, so perfect were the teachings that had been formed upon it.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS



Where: Our Lady of Good Counsel
When: Friday, March 18, 2016 @ 7PM

At the February Squires meeting, our Worthy Father Prior, Fr. Paul Lemoi, reminded us that we should attend Stations of the Cross on Friday during Lent. With this in mind, the Circle will attend Stations of the Cross at Fr. Paul's church, Our Lady of Good Counsel, on Friday, March 18, at 7PM.



Chief Squire's Corner

Hello Worthy Squires and Knights,

Easter is coming up fast on us once again. Easter is one of the most important Catholic Holy Days. Unfortunately, in this ever increasing secular world, when you mention Easter, many people think "Easter Bunny." I hope I am not spoiling anyone's dreams when I say the Easter Bunny is not real. People should think about the Resurrection of Our Lord Jesus Christ when Easter is mentioned because that's exactly what it is. Yes, it is a great time to spend with family, have a nice, big dinner, and even indulge in some chocolates, but we should keep in mind the Resurrection of Jesus Christ first and foremost. So this Easter I encourage you all to think of Jesus and his Resurrection and bless his name when you do.

God bless you,
Michael Porter
Chief Squire

"And they found the stone rolled away from the tomb, but when they went in they did not find the body of the LORD JESUS." – Luke 24:2-3

MSGR. PETER E. BLESSING COUNCIL #5273 K OF C
IS PLEASED TO ANNOUNCE THEIR 4TH ANNUAL

St. Patrick's Day Dinner Fundraiser



SUNDAY, MARCH 13, 2016

COCKTAILS 2:00PM, DINNER 2:30PM

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URI Basketball Game, Ryan Center, February 21, 2016

