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Our Council's Namesake

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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

MAY SQUIRES MEETING

PLACE: SSJP PARISH CENTER
DATE: FRIDAY, 5/6/2016
TIME: 7:00PM

MAY COUNCIL MEETING

PLACE: SSJP PARISH CENTER
DATE: MONDAY, 5/9/2016
TIME: 7:30PM



Grand Knight's Corner

My Brothers All,

I pray that you and your families are well.

On Sunday March 13, 2016, Blessing Council held its 4th Annual St. Patrick's Day Fundraiser and it was tremendous success. As in the past, we will be giving a donation to the Mother of Life Center. The 50/50 Raffle proceeds will be donated to Eric Thatcher, son of SSJP parishioner David Thatcher, to help with medical expenses. I would like to thank all of the Brothers who helped to make the St. Patrick's Day Fundraiser a great success.

Our next business meeting will be Monday, April 11, 2016. As the Columbian Year is coming to an end, the Nomination Committee will be meeting and we will be having elections for new officers in June. If you would like to become an officer, please let the Nomination Committee know.

Blessing Council will be hosting a 1st and 2nd Degree Exemplification on Tuesday, April 12, 2016. If you know of any practical Catholic gentlemen who might like to join the Knights of Columbus, please invite them. New brothers help us to grow as a council and to do our works of charity.

Here are some of the upcoming Statewide events, more details are on the State website:

- 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
- June 12, Fourth Degree Exemplification at St. Theresa of the Child Jesus Church in Pawtucket.

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".

Frank D. Laiter, III
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Meeting Place: SS John and Paul Parish Center

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Gabriel Delehant

Sentry Squire

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

With both Blessing Council and Ancil Circle holding membership drives and open houses this month, here's a photo from the January 2010 Squires Open House at the old Council Hall. L-R: Joshua Fidler, Evan Patten, Nicholas Parent and Samuel Cote. Sam is holding a photo album put together by Past Chief Counselor (and Past Grand Knight) Tom Del Mastro.



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— Psalm 37:4*

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April Birthdays

Happy Birthday to the following Brother Knights:

Robert Iannotti – 4/1	Tom Rossi – 4/21
Joseph Fleury – 4/3	Alan Ogradnik – 4/26
George Paquin – 4/11	Keith Parent – 4/26
Stelvio Cordeiro – 4/12	Rudy Cirelli – 4/28
Richard Denningham, Jr. – 4/14	Pete Turner – 4/26
Robert Martin – 4/15	Gerard Heroux – 4/30
John Pizzo – 4/19	

Squire: James Thomas 4/6

Veterans Memorial Park Maintenance

As the weather gets warmer with Spring, the council and Squires circle will be back to maintaining the Veterans Memorial Park at the corner of Tiogue Avenue and Arnold Road in Coventry. Worthy DGK Edgar Brouillard will be putting together the maintenance schedule for the year. Please consider helping us out with this. It is our way to honor the service of our local veterans. It only takes about 1/2 hour to an hour on a Saturday morning. Come out and join us!

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.

“God will meet all your needs” – Philippians 4:9

MARCH "KNIGHT" OUT PHOTOS



CULTURE OF LIFE

On Saturday, March 19, members of the COL Committee and a few Brother Knights from the council met at SS John & Paul and drove to the Woman's Health Center on Broad Street in Cranston. It was a beautiful day, sun shining and a little cool. We spent some time walking in front of the center and displaying a few signs for our presence there. All the responses from passing vehicles were positive. There was some activity Saturday morning at the facility. We remain as always Knights and Catholic gentlemen. The facility did not call the police as they did last time, but this time, just to find out who we were, there was someone outside watching us though. We finished our demonstration by reciting the Holy Rosary, The Sorrowful Mysteries for our cause. We did see some people leave and hopefully they changed their mind because of our demonstration. We left as quietly as we arrived. A special thank you to the Brother Knights who participated. God bless, Herb Knott, IPGK

FAMILY ACTIVITIES

The Knights, their spouses and friends met on Wednesday, March 23, at the Dragon Palace for our monthly "Knight Out" get-together. The Dragon Palace set us up in their party room. We had a terrific waitress; she was fast and accurate and very pleasant. The food was excellent and served hot and quickly. There was plenty of great conversation and laughter; everyone had a great time. We had a total of 13 people attend, and there probably would have been more if it wasn't Holy Week. These "Knight Outs" have been very successful and we really look forward to them. I am absolutely positive that if you haven't joined us for a "Knight Out" yet and actually attend one you will most definitely become a regular. We would love to welcome you to our next "Knight Out." Once the notification goes out in April, go ahead and give me a shout to make a reservation you would like to join us and have a fun evening. You will not be disappointed!

Herb Knott
IPGK

*"Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you."
— James 4:7*



Squires News



SQUIRES ALUMNI PIZZA PARTY



Where: Famous Pizza, 1738 Main St., West Warwick
When: Friday, June 24, 2016 @ 7:00PM (Tentative)

The plans are in motion to hold a Squires Alumni Pizza Party in June. All Father Priors, Squires and Counselors, past and present, as well as their families will be invited to this event. The Squires would also like to invite Knights from the Blessing Council to join us. The event will be Dutch treat. We're hoping to see as many Squires, Knights and family members as we can. At current time, this is to be considered a tentative event as it is contingent on Famous Pizza being available.

KANDI DRIVE

This is a change of plan for this year's KANDI Drive, and quite possibly for future KANDI Drives. Unfortunately, Stop and Shop and Benny's are not available for the Circle's annual KANDI Drive collection this year. Therefore, the Circle will be joining forces with Blessing Council in holding KANDI Drives at the three parishes that we serve. The first KANDI Drive will be at SS John and Paul Parish after the Masses on the weekend of May 21-22. Subsequent drives will be held at St. Vincent de Paul and Our Lady of Good Counsel.

LIVING ROSARY



Where: SS John and Paul Church
When: Sunday, May 22, 2016 @ 9:30AM Mass

Fr. Dandeneau at SSJP has asked that the Squires take part in the Living Rosary to be held at SS John and Paul Church on Sunday, May 22, after the 9:30AM Mass. There will be one decade of the Holy Rosary read in the prayer garden after which will be a pancake breakfast held in the Parish Center. Please make sure you will be there for this blessed event.



Chief Squire's Corner

Nothing to report.

"Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go." – Joshua 1:9

St. Patrick's Day Dinner Fundraiser, SSJP Parish Center, March 13, 2016

