



THE BLESSING WORD

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
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Our Council's Namesake

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

MAY COUNCIL MEETING

PLACE: SSJP PARISH CENTER
DATE: MONDAY, 5/8/2017
TIME: 7:30PM

KANDI DRIVE

PLACE: OUR LADY OF GOOD COUNSEL
DATE: WEEKEND OF 5/6-7/2017
TIME: AFTER ALL MASSES

KANDI DRIVE

PLACE: ST. VINCENT DE PAUL AND OUR
LADY OF CZENSTOCHOWA
DATE: WEEKEND OF 5/20-21/2017
TIME: AFTER ALL MASSES

MAY KNIGHT OUT

PLACE: TBD
DATE: WEDNESDAY, 5/24/2017
TIME: 6:00PM

JUNE COUNCIL MEETING

PLACE: SSJP PARISH CENTER
DATE: MONDAY, 6/12/2017
TIME: 7:30PM

KANDI DRIVE

PLACE: SS JOHN AND PAUL
DATE: WEEKEND OF 6/3-4/2017
TIME: AFTER ALL MASSES



Grand Knight's Corner

My Brothers All,

I pray that you and your families are well. Our next business meeting will be Monday, June 12, 2017, in the Saints John and Paul Parish Center. As the Columbian Year is coming to an end, we will be electing officers for the next Columbian Year.

Blessing Council has added four new members in the last two months. Please welcome Brothers Jeffrey LaVictoire, Bernard Kenahan, Shawn Corcoran and Ryan Switzer. Also, please congratulate Brothers George McLaughlin, Bernard Kenahan and Ryan Switzer who made their Third Degree.

Blessing Council's Annual Kandi Drive will be in May and June, this year's Chairman is Financial Secretary Neil Fidler. The Our Lady of Good Counsel Kandi Drive was the weekend of May 5th and 6th. The Kandi Drive for both St. Vincent de Paul and Our Lady of Czestochowa will be the weekend of May 20th and 21st. The Kandi Drive for Saints John and Paul will be the weekend of June 3rd and 4th. Brothers, please sign up to help on these dates. All the money collected will go to charities that help individuals with intellectual disabilities.

If you know of any 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.

Remember "One Member, per Council, per Month".

God Bless and Vivat Jesus!
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Grand Knight

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Meeting Place: SS John and Paul Parish Center

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Earl Mahar

Two Year Trustee

John Pizzo

Three Year Trustee

Herbert Knott



Chaplain's Corner

May is a month that is dedicated to Our Blessed Lady. This year especially we will celebrate the 100th anniversary of the Apparition of Our Lady of Fatima. As always our Lady makes a simple request of us to pray the Rosary daily, to receive the Eucharist and to go to the sacrament of Reconciliation. On May 13th, our Diocese will have a special celebration beginning at 11:00 AM and ending with a special Mass celebrated by Bishop Tobin at 12:15 PM.

Also, May is a month of remembrance especially on Memorial Day when our Nation pause to remember all those who have laid down their lives for the sake of our freedom. I will be having a special outdoor Mass at Notre Dame Cemetery on Burlingame Rd, West Warwick, at 9:00 AM. Just bring a lawn chair to sit down. If the weather does not cooperate with us the Mass will take place at Our Lady of Good Counsel Church, 62 Pleasant St., West Warwick at 9:00 AM.

May our Blessed Lady hold you in the Mantel of her love as she did the Christ Child. May His blessing always be upon you and your families.

Vivat Jesus!

Fr. Paul Lemoi
Chaplain

May Birthdays

Happy Birthday to the following Brother Knights:

John Izzo	May 1	John Ball	May 23
James Hall	May 6	Matt Parent	May 23
Walter McLaughlin	May 7	Nicholas Parent	May 23
Charles Tamuleviz	May 14	Stephen Del Deo	May 24
Michael Kiley	May 15	Tom Imondi	May 26
Edgar Brouillard	May 19		

"Put on the whole armor of GOD, that you may be able to stand against the schemes of the devil."— Ephesians 6:11

2017 KANDI DRIVE SCHEDULE

Our first KANDI Drive at Our Lady of Good Counsel was a success. Their generous parishioners donated \$378 for the weekend! Thanks to our Worthy Chaplain, Fr. Paul, for his permission!

Here are our upcoming drives:

May 20-21: Our Lady of Czenstochowa (Masses: Saturday 4PM, Sunday 8AM & 11AM) St. Vincent de Paul (Masses: Saturday 5:30PM, Sunday 9:15PM)

June 3-4: SS John and Paul (Masses: Saturday 5PM, Sunday 7:30AM, 9:30AM, 11:30AM & 6PM)

Stephen Del Deo – Insurance Field Agent


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- Fraternal Benefits
- A Comprehensive, Complimentary Financial Analysis
- End-of-Life Planning

Give Steve Del Deo a call at 401-256-2896 to find out more.

WHO DOES IT? - Brother Knights Skills Listing

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	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/Applicances	Tom Rossi	401-243-3767	tomr421@cox.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 included on this list, please contact FS Neil Fidler at Narragansett55@gmail.com to be added.

“And we know that all things work together for good to them that love GOD. To them who are the called according to his purpose. What shall we say to these things? If GOD be for us, who can be against us?” – Romans 8:28, 31

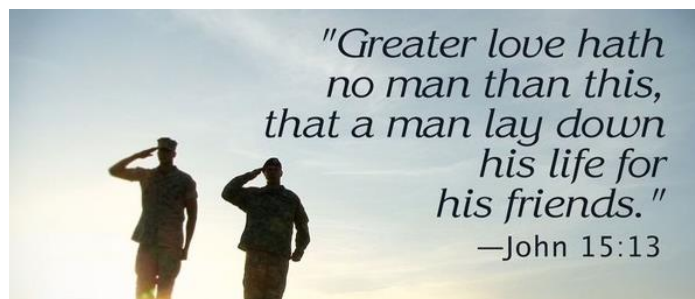
WELCOME NEW BROTHER KNIGHTS!!!



Please join the council in welcoming our two newest Brother Knights – **Ryan Switzer** and **Shawn Corcoran**. Brother Ryan and Shawn went through the Admission (1st) and Formation (2nd) Degree Exemplification ceremonies on Thursday, April 20 at SS John and Paul Parish Center. Be sure to introduce yourself to Brother Ryan and Brother Shawn when you see them.

Also, three of our Brother Knights, **George McLaughlin**, **Bo Kenahan** and **Ryan Switzer**, achieved full Knighthood at the 3rd Degree Ceremony held at Delaney/St. Teresa Council in Pawtucket on Thursday, April 27.

Remember Brothers, it's one new member, per council, per month. Blessing Council has done great in recent months, but we have to make up for the early part of the Columbian Year where we didn't recruit any new members. Ask a relative, a friend or a neighbor who is a Catholic gentleman to join. Let's get him a degree soon!



MEMORIAL DAY 2017

SUPREME KNIGHT'S STATEMENT ON RELIGIOUS LIBERTY



Statement from Supreme Knight Carl Anderson:

"We applaud President Trump's executive order on religious liberty. While there is still work to be done to restore the reverence for religious freedom enshrined in the First Amendment, this order marks an important step in restoring those constitutional principles guaranteed to every American. Guided by their beliefs, people of faith contribute in important ways to every aspect of this country, and this order will begin to restore the principles upon which this country was based: that people of faith should be able to exercise that faith with the protection rather than the opposition of their government."

WORK AT ST. VINCENT DE PAUL



On the morning of Saturday, May 6, Brother Ed Brouillard organized a working party to remove a large quantity of old wood and sandbags from in back of St. Vincent de Paul Rectory. The working party was made up of Brother Knights from our council and former Squires. Quick work was made of the wood and sandbags. Fr. Jacek sent the council a letter thanking all those who took part.

"Now when he rose early on the first day of the week, he appeared first to Mary Magdalene, from whom he had cast out seven demons." – Mark 16:9

WORK ON THE DECEASED MEMBERS BOARD



Brother David Tremblay has completed the woodworking portion of the new Deceased Members Board. Brother David and Neil Fidler started work on affixing the name plates to the board. We hope to be finished by Memorial Day weekend when the board will be put on display in the front foyer at SS John and Paul Church.