



Fr. Leo Anctil Columbian Squires Circle #5211

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HAPPY NEW YEAR!



Epiphany

The Epiphany is a Christian feast day that celebrates the revelation of God the Son as a human being in Jesus Christ. It falls on January 6 (or, for Roman Catholics in many countries, on the Sunday that falls between January 2 and January 8). On this feast, we commemorate the visitation of the Biblical Magi or the Three Kings/Wise Men to the Baby Jesus.

Epiphany is also the climax of the Advent/Christmas Season and the Twelve Days of Christmas, which are usually counted from the evening of December 25th until the morning of January 6th which is the Twelfth Day.

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LaSalette Shrine Visit



For the second straight year, the Circle celebrated the Christmas season with a trip to the LaSalette Shrine in Attleboro, Mass. On a much more agreeable night weather-wise than last year, the Squires joined by Brother Knights from the Blessing Council enjoyed seeing the awesome light display at the Shrine. Some Squires and Knights chose to climb the praying stairs by kneeling down and praying at each step. Prior to going to the Shrine, the Squires and Knights enjoyed dinner at the House of Pizza in Pawtucket famous for it's fantastic hot roast beef sandwiches. The Squires are already looking forward to visiting LaSalette next Christmas!

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

JANUARY BUSINESS MEETING

PLACE: SAINTS JOHN AND PAUL PARISH HALL CLASSROOM

DATE: FRIDAY, 1/7/2011

TIME: 7:00 PM

JANUARY SOCIAL MEETING

PLACE: ST. VINCENT DE PAUL CHURCH HALL

DATE: MONDAY, 1/24/2011

TIME: 7:00 PM

FEBRUARY BUSINESS MEETING

PLACE: SAINTS JOHN AND PAUL PARISH HALL CLASSROOM

DATE: FRIDAY, 2/4/2011

TIME: 7:00 PM

FEBRUARY SOCIAL MEETING

PLACE: ST. VINCENT DE PAUL CHURCH HALL

DATE: MONDAY, 2/21/2011

TIME: 7:00 PM

Circle Committee Report

Brother Squires –

We have a hefty task ahead of us to maintain the circle and to watch it grow and prosper. With all the efforts of the Columbian Squires and people associated in this program we can gain new members and show them a good time. Hopefully in getting closer to the church we will receive more publicity and from that possibly achieve our goal of achieving new members. So let's continue giving it our all and never back down.

- Nick Parent, Circle Committee Chairman

Chief Squire's Corner

Brother Squires,

It's a new year, and our circle will be off to new and exciting tasks. Think of all our achievements last year, and all the things that made it a good year. Now, let's set our goals to make this year even better.

One of the most important ways for us to do this is to increase our membership. More Squires will mean more ideas, more attendance and more fun. Not to mention the importance of gaining new Squires so that this circle will be around for the next year.

~Stephen Smith, Chief Squire

Service Committee Report

Brother Squires –

The Chief Counselor has told me that the old Council Hall where we used to hold our meetings is in the process of being sold. If the sale goes through, it will be the Council's responsibility to clean out the hall before the new owner moves in. I would like to propose the Circle volunteer to help the Council clean out the Hall if and when the time comes. This would fulfill a service activity requirement. Also, this month, we will vote on how to distribute our charity money. We will be getting \$794.83 back from the State Council for the Tootsie Roll drive to add to the money we already have set aside for charity.

~Joshua Fidler, Service Committee Chairman

Chief Counselor's Note

Membership! Membership! Membership!

That's going to be our theme for 2011 - MEMBERSHIP! Worthy Squires, we've been talking a lot about recruiting and membership for a while now, but NOW IS THE TIME to put words into action! Here are the facts – We will be losing THREE Squires this coming year as they are turning 18 and will hopefully be going on to the Blessing Council as Knights. This will leave us with only SIX active Squires. We MUST replenish our ranks. With God's help and yours, I know we can do it! Membership! Membership! Membership!

The good news is that we've already gotten started. During the Christmas break, I phoned Mr. Bob Constanza who was the Chief Counselor of the North Scituate Circle which is no longer active. I asked Mr. Constanza if he knew of any Squires who would like to join our Circle. He told me he would ask all his Squires and get back to me. I will be calling him back soon. I would be happy if even just one Squire from that Circle would join us.

Also, your Deputy Chief Squire Norman Francis has informed me that he was able to have one prospective candidate fill out a membership form, AND he knows of another prospective candidate who might like to join our Circle. This is fantastic news! I would like you all to follow the Deputy Chief Squire's example of recruiting friends which means simply talking to them about all the activities that the Circle does. I am reminded of what some of my Brother Knights have told me when they ask other Catholic gentlemen why they are not a Knight of Columbus. The answer is usually "I've not been asked to join." I am going to guess this would be the answer of some Catholic young men like you. This coming business meeting, I am going to once again hand out referral slips to each of you. I would also like you to know that this Columbian Year, Mr. Keith and I are going to implement the Squire of the Year award, and just so you know, membership will be one of the biggest qualifications for this award.

The big ticket item, however, is to hold Open Houses at the churches. This way you will get to talk to prospective candidates and tell them about our Circle. In my mind, this is the best way to recruit. Chief Squire Stephen and I will be working with Membership Committee Chairman Zachary to schedule Open Houses sometime in February and/or March. These Open Houses will be scheduled after Masses at SSJP Church, St. Vincent de Paul Church and perhaps Our Lady of Good Counsel. As we have not had much luck in putting together a recruitment video, I will be creating a PowerPoint presentation with photos of all our activities over the past three years to have available for the Open Houses as well as the photo album that Mr. Tom started putting together when he was Chief Counselor.

In the meantime, I ask you all again to think about your family and friends who are Catholic young men ages 10-18 who would also enjoy being a part of our Circle as you all have told me that you do. I believe your Chief Squire said that membership is his #1 priority for the Circle this year. He is absolutely correct, and it should be your #1 priority as well. Remember – MEMBERSHIP! MEMBERSHIP! MEMBERSHIP!

God Bless,
Mr. Neil

Photos from the LaSalette Shrine Visit

