



The Blessing Word



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Our Council's Namesake

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

APRIL SQUIRES MEETING

PLACE: SSJP RECTORY CONFERENCE ROOM
DATE: FRIDAY, 4/5/2013
TIME: 7:00PM

APRIL COUNCIL MEETING

PLACE: SVDP PARISH HALL
DATE: MONDAY, 4/8/2013
TIME: 7:30PM

INFORMATION/FRATERNAL BENEFITS NIGHT

PLACE: SSJP PARISH CENTER
DATE: MONDAY, 4/22/2013
TIME: 7:00PM

1ST/2ND DEGREE EXEMPLIFICATION

PLACE: SVDP PARISH HALL
DATE: WEDNESDAY, 4/24/2013
TIME: 6:30PM

DONATION NIGHT DINNER FUNDRAISER

PLACE: SSJP PARISH CENTER
DATE: FRIDAY, 4/29/2013
TIME: 6:30PM

MAY SQUIRES MEETING

PLACE: SSJP RECTORY CONFERENCE ROOM
DATE: FRIDAY, 5/10/2013
TIME: 7:00PM

MAY COUNCIL MEETING

PLACE: SVDP PARISH HALL
DATE: MONDAY, 5/13/2013
TIME: 7:30PM



Grand Knight's Corner

Worthy Brothers, I pray you and your families are well. As I write this it is Easter and I pray it was a blessed day for all of you and your families. Since our last business meeting the Blessing Council held its 1st Annual St. Patrick's Day Dinner and it was a rounding success. Those of you who were able to attend and for making it such a success, Thank you.

Our next business meeting is going to be held on April 8th at 7:30PM. At that meeting we are going to put together a nominating committee for our upcoming June elections as the 2012-2013 Columbian year is coming to an end, if you have any desire and are interested in becoming involved or perhaps wanting to become a council officer please let us know.

We will also be having a Fraternal Benefits night/Recruitment night on Monday April 22nd at the Saints John and Paul Parish Center. If you want to know what is available to you as a Knight or have a friend who is interested in becoming a Knight, you should definitely be there, also know that your families are welcome to attend so they can be informed as well.

Following that, on Wednesday April 24th The Blessing Council will host a 1st and 2nd Degree Exemplification in the St Vincent De Paul Parish Hall in honor of our Council Chaplin Father Kelly. There is also a 3rd Degree on 14 April at the St Thomas Council in Cumberland which we will have candidates from The Blessing Council making their 3rd Degree so if you would like to attend let me know.

One very important Exemplification coming up is the 4th Degree which will happen on Sunday May 19th at Saints John and Paul Parish Center, if you are a 3rd Degree Knight and want to become part of the visible arm of the Knights of Columbus I highly recommend this Degree, it is truly worthwhile.

Finally we have been blessed with a new Pope, Francis I. Pray that this truly humble man does (which I have no doubt he will) an excellent job leading the church through these very troubling times in the world

God Bless and Vivat Jesu!
John Pizzo,
Grand Knight

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Chaplain's Report

Dear Brother Knights,

Just before I began to write this letter I received an e-mail (as you may have, too) from our Brother Neil Fidler. He was encouraging us to contact our Senators again about maintaining the proper definition of marriage for our State of Rhode Island.

In these same days, the Supreme Court is deliberating a similar discussion. Many people who are promoting "same sex marriage" seem to be well organized, well financed, and quite influential in the media. I hope you have already responded to Brother Neil's exhortations.

To end on a positive note in the last part of this report, I want to write out for you Our Supreme Chaplain's wonderful prayer for the family: **A FAMILY PRAYER:**

"Heavenly Father, thank you for the gift of our family. Enlighten our hearts and minds that we may live more fully this vocation to love. In our daily life and work, may we reflect the self-giving love which you, O Father, eternally show with your Son and the Holy Spirit. Let your love be evident in the peace that reigns in our home and in the faith we profess and live. May our family always be a place of generosity, understanding, forgiveness and joy. Kindly give us the wisdom and courage to be witnesses to your eternal design for the family; and grant that the Holy Family of Nazareth may always guide our path to holiness as a family. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God forever and ever. Amen."

A Blessed Easter Season,

Rev. Michael Kelley

Chaplain

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"He said therefore to them again: Peace be to you. As the Father hath sent me, I also send you. When he had said this he breathed on them: Receive ye the Holy Ghost. Whose sins you shall forgive, they are forgiven them; and whose sins you shall retain, they are retained." - John 20:21-23

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March 'Knight Out Dinner' at the "Olde Theatre Diner"

My Worthy Brothers,
On Tuesday, March 26, 2013, a group of your Brother Knights met for a social dinner at the "Olde Theatre Diner" on Sandy Bottom RD in Coventry. We met at 6:00pm. There were a total of 5 Brother Knights and 3 wives. We all shared good



conversation and drinks to begin the evening. There was some minor business that was completed during our cocktail hour. The staff at the restaurant was happy to have us there for dinner and the service was great. The food arrived at our table quickly and hot! Everyone enjoyed some funny stories, good conversation and some talk about current events. Oh yes, I check with everyone and the food was great.



This was the 2nd time we have had this event. Please check your email or ask a brother knight for the time and place of the next Knight Out. We are sure you will have an enjoyable evening. Oh! Don't forget to bring your spouse or a friend or just yourself.

God Bless,
Herb Knott
DGK

Stephen Del Deo – Insurance Field Agent

Worthy Brothers, if you didn't already know our Insurance Field Agent is Brother Stephen J. Del Deo and he is a member of our Council. For information about the excellent insurance benefits the Knights of Columbus has to offer, please contact Brother Stephen at the contact information below:



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*"He said to him the third time: Simon, son of John, lovest thou me? Peter was grieved, because he had said to him the third time: Simon, son of John, lovest thou me? And he said to him: Lord, thou knowest all things: thou knowest that I love thee. He said to him: Feed my sheep." -John 21
16:17(DRA)*



St. Patrick's Dinner Fundraiser

"My Brothers all,
I pray that you and your families are well. I just wanted to let all know what a rounding success our 1st Annual St. Patrick's Day dinner was. For those of you who were able



to attend thank you, to those who were unable you truly missed a wonderful evening which was capped off by our Council Chaplin Father Kelly singing Our Lady of Noc, It was an absolute success and to all those who pitched in to help set up and participated in the planning on the retention committee thank you all you are all the reason is



April Birthdays: Blessing Council #5273

Happy Birthday to our Brother Knights born in April.

Rudy Cirelli, Stelvio Cordeiro, Richard Denningham JR, Richard J. Denningham, John W. Figuerado, Joseph L. Fleury, Robert A. Iannotti, Robert T. Martin, Alan A. Ogrodnick, George H Paquin, Keith A. Parent, John A. Pizzo, Peter J. Turner



was such a tremendous success, and I would also like to make special recognition of Brother Angel Ferrer and his wonderful family for everything they did as far as set up food prep and service fantastic job Angel keep up the great works. Hopefully next year will be an even greater success. God Bless and Vivat Jesu! John Pizzo, Grand Knight"

"Now this is the will of the Father who sent me: that of all he hath given me, I should lose nothing, but should raise it up again in the last day. And this is the will of the Father who sent me: that everyone that seeth the Son, and believeth in him, may have life everlasting, and I will raise him up in the last day"- John 6:39-40 (DRA)

Welcome New Brother Knights!

The Blessing Council is happy to announce that we have added a total of 13 new members in the last five months. Please give these new Brothers a warm welcome and be sure to introduce yourself at the next meeting.

November 2012

Br. Edgar Brouillard, Br. Eddy Rice, Br. Mike Colvin, Br. Steve Kulkulka, Br. George O'Loughlin

January 2013

Br. Michael Byrne, Br. Paul Lemek, Br. Donald Oat, Br. David Simonelli, Br. John Simonelli, Br. Scott True

February 2013

Br. Joseph Farrell, Br. Zachary Farrell

Keep up the great job recruiting!



Upcoming Benefits/Recruiting Night and 1st/2nd Degree Exemplification

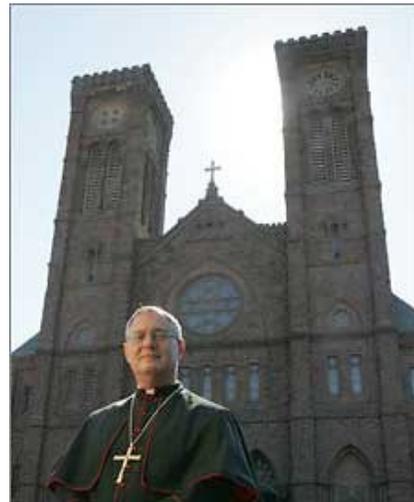
The Blessing Council will be hosting a Fraternal Benefits/Recruiting Night on Monday 22 April from 6 to 8 PM in the Saints John and Paul Parish center, this event will be open to all brother Knight and their families and all prospective Knights so if you know anyone who is interested it will be a good introductory opportunity, this will be followed up by a 1st and 2nd Degree exemplification on 24 April at the St Vincent de Paul Parish hall with candidates arriving at 6:30 and the Exemplification to begin at 7PM.



Squires News

ORDINATION AT THE CATHEDRAL

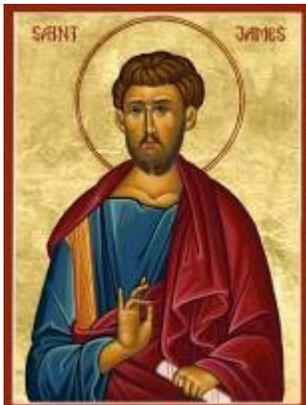
The Circle's Father Prior, Fr. Puleo, has invited the Squires to attend the Ordination Mass at the Cathedral of SS Peter and Paul in Providence on Saturday, June 1. We will be riding to the Cathedral courtesy of our sponsoring Council who donated \$275 for a bus. For this event, we should be in the Squires uniform of white shirt, black pants and officer jewels. Details on time are to be determined.



INVESTITURE THIS MONTH

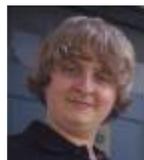
The Circle will be welcoming a new candidate into our ranks this month. Gabriel Delehant, brother of Notary Squire Caleb Delehant, will become a Squire at an Investiture Ceremony at the April Meeting on 4/5 @ 7PM. All Knights of our sponsoring council are welcome to attend.

“My sheep hear my voice: and I know them, and they follow me. And I give them life everlasting; and they shall not perish forever, and no man shall pluck them out of my hand. That which my Father hath given me, is greater than all: and no one can snatch them out of the hand of my Father. I and the Father are one.” - John 10:27-30 (DRA)

**SAINT OF THE MONTH****Saint James, son of Zebedee**

He was the brother of John and the son of Zebedee. Together with Simon Peter and Andrew, he was a fisherman on the Sea of Galilee. With the others, he heard Christ's call in Galilee and promptly gave up all to follow Him (Matt. 4:18-22). He was appointed to be one of the Twelve and, together with his brother John and Peter, formed a closer inner circle of Christ's friends. They alone witnessed the Transfiguration and the raising of Jairus's daughter (Matt. 17:1ff., Mark 5:37ff.).

He and his brother were quite warm and impulsive (he would have called down fire from heaven to destroy a Samaritan town that Christ—Luke 9:51ff.) and our Lord nicknamed them *Boanerges*—sons of thunder. At first he shared with the other Twelve a desire for preeminence and had his mother ask Christ to give him and his brother the chief places in His kingdom. Our Lord, however, rejected the ways of ambition and favoritism and said that those places were for those the Father had prepared. He called them instead to the self-denial that would lead to martyrdom. This "cup of suffering" they said they were ready to drink (Matt. 20:20ff.). James did indeed drink this glorious cup—he was the first of the apostles to suffer martyrdom, being slain with the sword by King Herod in about 44 (Acts 12:2). Thus did he fulfill his service to his Lord and inherit the crown. Source: "A Daily Calendar of Saints" by Rev. Lawrence R. Farley. Feast day is April 30.

**Chief Squire's Corner**

Squires,

As we exit the Lenten season and enter Easter, we must be reminded of what Easter really is. Although most associate Easter with egg hunts and the Easter Bunny, Easter is perhaps the most important day in Catholicism. It is the day on which we remember Jesus' resurrection - and think of what his resurrection meant. His resurrection stands for hope and, in this Easter season, we should not only enjoy the usual Easter celebrations but remember what happened so many years ago to give the world hope.

Chief Squire Josh Fidler

KANDI DRIVE

For the sixth year in a row, our Circle will be holding our annual KANDI (Knights Aiding Intellectually Disabled Individuals) Drive this coming May. We will be working at Crestwood Liquors and at Benny's from 10AM to 2PM. Half the Circle will work at Crestwood Liquors and half at Benny's.

"For my flesh is meat indeed: and my blood is drink indeed. He that eateth my flesh, and drinketh my blood, abideth in me, and I in him. As the living Father hath sent me, and I live by the Father; so he that eateth me, the same also shall live by me." - John 6:56-58 (DRA)