



# The Blessing Word



## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS MONSIGNOR PETER BLESSING COUNCIL #5273

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Our Council's Namesake

### **CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

#### **AUGUST COUNCIL MEETING**

PLACE: SVP PARISH HALL  
DATE: MONDAY, 8/12/2013  
TIME: 7:30PM

#### **PAWSox GAME**

PLACE: MCCOY STADIUM, PAWTUCKET  
DATE: SUNDAY, 8/18/2013  
TIME: 1:05PM

#### **SQUIRES FIELD TRIP**

PLACE: NATHANAEL GREENE HOMESTEAD  
DATE: MONDAY, 8/19/2013  
TIME: 10:30AM

#### **SQUIRES MEETING**

PLACE: SSJP RECTORY CONFERENCE ROOM  
DATE: FRIDAY, 9/6/2013  
TIME: 7:00PM

#### **COMBINED 1<sup>ST</sup>/2<sup>ND</sup> DEGREE EXEMPLIFICATION**

PLACE: SSJP PARISH CENTER  
DATE: MONDAY, 9/9/2013  
TIME: 6:30PM

#### **SEPTEMBER COUNCIL MEETING**

PLACE: SVP PARISH HALL  
DATE: MONDAY, 9/23/2013  
TIME: 7:30PM



## Grand Knight's Corner

Worthy Brothers, I pray you and your families are well.

For those of you with young children its back to school time (yeah!). I hope you all had a wonderful summer.

Our next business meeting is 23 September. Upcoming events are the installation of Officers mass (date to be determined). Brother Keith Parent has also agreed to head the committee for our annual family picnic (date to be determined).

An upcoming State event is the Knights of Columbus and Pawsox Baseball on Sunday August 18<sup>th</sup> followed by a clam cake and chowder dinner. The deadline to register is August 11<sup>th</sup> all the info can be found on the State website.

Finally I would like to emphasize that we are still to be recruiting according to the power of one, which means 1 new member per council per month. I really believe that Blessing Council is capable of surpassing that quota again. I really would like to have another year like this past one, which is entirely possible.

God Bless and Vivat Jesu!  
John Pizzo, Grand Knight

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Carl A. Anderson

**RI State Deputy**

James Gilchreast, Jr.

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Neil Fidler

**Insurance Agent**

Stephen Del Deo

**Msgr. Blessing Council  
Officers:****Chaplain**

Vacant

**Grand Knight**

John Pizzo

**Financial Secretary**

David Tanski

**Deputy Grand Knight**

Herb Knott

**Chancellor**

Alan Ogrodnik

**Recorder**

Michael Colvin

**Treasurer**

Glenn Holt

**Advocate**

Patrick Hurley

**Warden**

Angel Ferrer Jr.

**Inside Guard**

James Hall

**Outside Guard**

Stephen Kukulka

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Richard Belanger

**Two Year Trustee**

Earl Mahar

**Three Year Trustee**

Neil Fidler

**Fr. Leo Ancitil Squires  
Circle Officers:****Father Prior**

Rev. Derek Puleo/Rev. Eddy Lopez

**Chief Squire**

Joshua Fidler

**Deputy Chief Squire**

Michael Porter

**Notary Squire**

Caleb Delehant

**Bursar Squire**

Christopher Peloso

**Marshal Squire**

Brennen Connor



## Service Committees and Membership

**ATTENTION ALL MEMBERS!** Please note that there are unstaffed committees and chairmanships open to willing members in good standing. Please consider volunteering for some of these positions, as the council is always in need of active participating members. Please speak to the GK, DD or other officers about any interest you might have in joining! For more information on service programs and committees please click below.

<http://www.kofc.org/en/service/index.html>

## What Is That KofC Office?

### Deputy Grand Knight



The deputy grand knight is second in command. He assists the grand knight with council affairs and fulfills all duties assigned to him by the grand knight. Should the grand knight be absent from a council meeting, the deputy grand knight will preside. He is chairman of the council's retention committee and also a member of the Advisory Board charged with overseeing the council's sponsored Columbian Squires circle.

*"You fool, this night your life will be demanded of you; and the things you have prepared, to whom will they belong? Thus will it be for all who store up treasure for themselves but are not rich in what matters to God." Luke 12:20-21*



### Prayer Intentions



Please keep the following Knights and family members in your prayers.

Br. Matt Parent, PGK Jim and wife Angie Kiley, Mrs. Laura Pizzo mother of GK John Pizzo recently deceased. Rick Florio recovering from brain cancer, and PGK Tom Del Mastro and wife Delores recovering from an accident.

### 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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### August Birthdays: Blessing Council #5273

Happy Birthday to our Brother Knights born in August.

Steven Bailey, Bernard Bernatonis, Michael Brault, Leodore Charpentier JR, Michael Colvin, Angel Ferrer JR, Rev Paul Grenon, Joseph Lavoie, Daniel Michalski, William Moskosky JR, John Mulholland, James O' Connor JR, James Sartell, Stephen Smith, Charles Sweeney, Robert Tiernan

### 1<sup>st</sup>/2<sup>nd</sup> Degree Exemplification Scheduled



A combined 1<sup>st</sup>/2<sup>nd</sup> degree exemplification will be held on September 9 at the SSJP Parish Center. Candidates and attendees should arrive by 6:30 pm. Help to show your support by attending this event and representing the Blessing Council to our brother knights and candidates. VIVAT JESU!

*“Sell your belongings and give alms. Provide money bags for yourselves that do not wear out, an inexhaustible treasure in heaven that no thief can reach nor moth destroy. For where your treasure is, there also will your heart be.” - Luke 12:33*



### **KofC Sponsored Veteran's Memorial**

The Knights of the Blessing Council were asked if they might take over the maintenance of a Veterans Memorial in Coventry. This spot was previously maintained by the local Am Vets; however, they do not have anyone who can continue to provide the maintenance of this spot. This was taken up at our last meeting and no decision was made at that time. There are a few Knights that were more than willing to seize this task of maintaining this Adopt a Spot Memorial. Recently four of our Brother Knights have progressed by beginning the cleanup. We have worked 3 Thursdays for about one and one half hours each day. I provided a few photos that are attached to give you an overview of the site's condition. I will provide more pictures at the completion of our cleanup. When the area is completed it will take about 30 to 40 minutes to keep up. My Brother Knights and I will individually commit to a week to cut the grass and do a little maintenance. Ed Brouillard, Chris Dyl, Alan Ogrodnik and I (Herb Knott) have been working there and will continue to maintain it. We would appreciate a few more volunteers for the final phase of the project that is spreading the mulch. We will need your help one morning for about one and one half hours to assist us. The Town of Coventry will supply all materials needed (at no cost to the council) to clean and maintain the site. They have agreed to remove the Adopt a Spot sign and add Knight of Columbus Blessing Council. Brothers this is a notable way to demonstrate our respect to the veterans. Our 4th Degree is our Patriotic Degree and this is another way to show support and respect for the men and women of our community who have served in the US Military. God Bless! Herb Knott, DGK



*“Do you think that I have come to establish peace on the earth? No, I tell you, but rather division. From now on a household of five will be divided, three against two and two against three; a father will be divided against his son and a son against his father...” - Luke 12:50-53*



### The Knight Out

On Friday, Aug, 2, 2013 a group of twelve met for dinner at Mozzarellas in East Greenwich. This was the first time I think any of us have been there. It was recommended by a fellow brother Knight. The place was nice and the food was excellent. The prices were reasonable. The waitress was very nice and accommodating. We all thanked her when we left. I also thanked the manager for being so accommodating to us. He did not really want to have to give separate checks, but I told him that was fine and I said I'll just have to call some other places that will do that for me. Well we got separate checks. So, anyway it's on my list for restaurants to go to. Everyone enjoyed themselves, we had a great time. Maybe you should check it out if you haven't joined us yet, we have room for a couple more guests. Thanks and God Bless! Herb K, DGK



*“Be sure of this: if the master of the house had known the hour when the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. You also must be prepared, for at an hour you do not expect, the Son of Man will come.” - Luke 12:39-40*



**SAINT OF THE MONTH****St. John Vianney****Feast day: August 4**

St. John Vianney, Priest (Patron of priests) Feast day - August 4. Universally known as the "Cure of Ars", St. John Mary Vianney was ordained a priest in 1815. Three years later he was made parish priest of Ars, a remote French hamlet, where his reputation as a confessor and director of souls made him known throughout the Christian world.

His life was one of extreme mortification. Accustomed to the most severe austerities, beleaguered by swarms of penitents, and besieged by the devil, this great mystic manifested an imperturbable patience. He was a wonder worker loved by the crowds, but he retained a childlike simplicity, and he remains to this day the living image of the priest after the heart of Christ.

He heard confessions of people from all over the world for the sixteen hours each day. His life was filled with works of charity and love. It is recorded that even the staunchest of sinners were converted at his mere word. He died August 4, 1859, and was canonized May 31, 1925.

***Chief Squire's Corner***

I hope you all had a wonderful summer. As we return to school, let us keep in mind the words of St. Paul in his letter to Timothy: "Don't let anyone look down on you because you are young, but set an example for the believers in speech, in conduct, in love, in faith and in purity." As Columbian Squires we are called to be leaders, and even though we're young, our lives can still be an important example to our friends.

Thank you and God Bless,

Peter Tardiff  
Chief Squire

**St. Theresa's Shrine Visit**

**When:** A Saturday in August to be determined  
**Where:** St. Theresa's Shrine, Nasonville, RI

On a Saturday in late August, the Circle will be touring the grounds of the St. Theresa' Shrine in Nasonville, RI. They will also be attending 5PM Mass at St. Theresa's Church and going over to Wright's Farm for dinner. This event is open to families as well as the Blessing Council Knights and their families.

*"Lord, will only a few people be saved? He answered them, Strive to enter through the narrow gate, for many, I tell you, will attempt to enter but will not be strong enough. After the master of the house has risen and locked the door, then will you stand outside knocking and saying 'Lord, open the door for us.' He will say in reply 'I do not know where you are from. - Luke 13:23-25*