



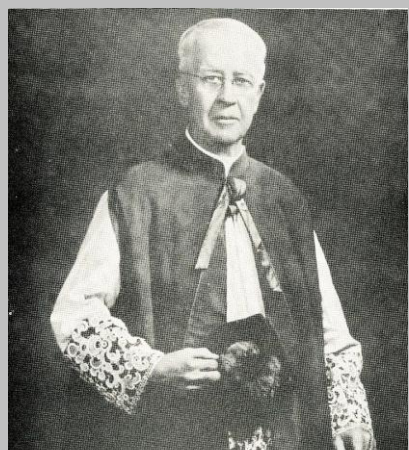
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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

CHRISTMAS PARTY

PLACE: SSJP PARISH CENTER
DATE: FRIDAY, 12/5/2014
TIME: 6:30PM

DECEMBER COUNCIL MEETING

PLACE: ST. VINCENT DE PAUL PARISH HALL
DATE: MONDAY, 12/8/2014
TIME: 7:30PM

LASALETTE SHRINE VISIT

MEET AT: HOPKINS HILL PARK AND RIDE
DATE: FRIDAY, 12/19/2014
TIME: 5:30PM

DINNER AT HOUSE OF PIZZA IN PAWTUCKET

JANUARY SQUIRES MEETING

PLACE: SSJP RECTORY MEETING ROOM
DATE: FRIDAY, 1/9/2015
TIME: 7:00PM

JANUARY COUNCIL MEETING

PLACE: ST. VINCENT DE PAUL PARISH HALL
DATE: MONDAY, 1/12/2015
TIME: 7:30PM

JANUARY "KNIGHT OUT"

PLACE: TBD
DATE: TBD
TIME: TBD



Grand Knight's Corner

Brothers All, May God Bless you, your family and friends.

I hope you all have recovered from the Thanksgiving holiday, "Black Friday and Cyber Monday." We now have to prepare for Christmas and New Years, so we began early this month with our annual Christmas Party. Once again, the party was a success. We filled 20 tables at Sts. John and Paul Church Hall. The meal was excellent, the music was excellent and everyone was enjoying good friends, good conversation and a good time. We also filled three plus boxes with toys for the Marines "Toys for Tots" program, which I am sure we'll make a number of boys and girls and their families happy this year. We had a 50/50 drawing and that went to the "Keep the Heat On" program.

Our Christmas Party Committee and all the people who volunteer to help with the preparations did a great job once again.

With all the festivities, traveling, and Christmas preparation at home all of us will be very busy. Take time to enjoy the meaning of Christmas "Birthday of our Lord Jesus Christ" and enjoying your family and friends. I find a good start for the season is a trip to Lasalette with your family, ask some friends to join you. Our Squires Circle will be going on Friday, December 19, so you may want to consider joining them.

Travel safe, rest, enjoy, and thank God for all your blessings.

Donna and I wish all of you and your families a Blessed Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

God Bless,
Herb Knott GK
Vivat Jesus

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Chaplain's Report

Dear Brother Knights,

We begin our Advent journey; a journey toward Christmas. In our Church's celebrations, we celebrate the Past. The Advent time in the past is the time before the birth of Christ. The Jewish people were waiting for the promised Messiah to free them from slavery and oppression at different times in their history. They believed God would be true to His promise. They were waiting for an earthly savior. God's promise was fulfilled in Jesus, therefore the title given Him, Christ, which means Savior. In the gospel of St. Luke 2:21-40, we read about Simeon and Anna who had been waiting their whole life for the Messiah. Mary and Joseph presented the infant Jesus as prescribed by the Law and Simeon and Anna were present. Both recognized the infant Jesus as the Messiah and praised God.

We celebrate the Present. We celebrate Christ's coming now in our time in our lives. He comes to us in Sacred Scriptures; He is the Word that became flesh. He is present to us in the Eucharist; His own words to us are "This is my Body." We encounter Christ in our neighbor; He tells us whatsoever you do to the least among you, you do to me.

Therefore Advent time is not only the four weeks before December 25 when we celebrate His birth; Advent time is every day of our lives, preparing ourselves to be ready for Christ.

We also celebrate the Future, the time when Christ will come again and we meet Him face to face. Our liturgical celebrations remind us to prepare and be ready for His coming.

This is a joyful time, because we await our Messiah, our Savior.

Rev. Fr. Jacek Ploch



"Mankind is a great, an immense family... This is proved by what we feel in our hearts at Christmas."

- St. John XXIII

4th Annual Christmas Party

We held our fourth annual Christmas Party on Friday, December 5, at SS John and Paul Parish Center. The event, emceed by Former District Deputy and Past Grand Knight Neil Fidler, featured a delicious dinner prepared by Blessing Council Chancellor Angel Ferrer and his crew. Excellent music was provided by the band Common Thread featuring Brother Tom Rossi's wife Laurie and John Wurtz. Photographs were taken by Terry Giolitti, wife of Brother Mark Giolitti. The front entrance was manned by Brother Paul Lemek and his wife Roberta and Brother Len Denommee handled the 50/50 raffle.

We were honored by having the following priests in attendance: Very Rev. Paul Grenon, pastor of SS John and Paul and Dean of the Pawtuxet Valley Deanery IV, Rev. Paul Lemoi, pastor of Our Lady of Good Counsel and Fr. Prior of the Squires Circle, Rev. Thomas Woodhouse and Rev. Stephen Dandeneau, associate pastors of SS John and Paul. We presented each priest with a Christmas gift in appreciation of all that they have done for us over the course of the year.

We were also honored to have the following RI State Officers in attendance: State Deputy Peter Lentini and his wife Janet, State Secretary Michael Benson and his wife Lee Ann, State Treasurer Michael Dziok and his wife Vicky and State Advocate David Quinn and his guest Lise. Other dignitaries included DD John Pizzo and his wife Kathleen, FDD Neil Fidler and his wife Karen, FDD Pat Hurley and his guest Joan and FDD Alan Giroux and his guest Mary Ann.

All guests were asked to bring a toy for the Toys for Tots programs. DD John Pizzo arranged for the US Marines to join us and pick up the toys. Three boxes full were collected. Also, a 50/50 raffle was held with $\frac{1}{2}$ the proceeds to go to the Bishop's "Keep the Heat On" fund. Father Paul Lemoi won the raffle and donated half of his winnings to the fund. A total of \$450 was raised for "Keep the Heat On."

All in all, the 2014 Christmas Party was a rousing success! Everyone had a great time, and we're all looking forward to next year's party. Kudos go out to the Fundraiser Dinner Committee comprised of PGK Dick Belanger, FDD/PGK Neil Fidler, DD/PGK John Pizzo, GK Herb Knott, Master Chef and Chancellor Angel Ferrer, Warden Frank Laiter, Don Oat, Paul Lemek, Alan Ogrodnik, Tom Rossi, and Len Denommee. Great work gentlemen! Wishing everyone a blessed Advent and Merry Christmas!

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:



Happy Birthday to our Brother Knights born in December

Kenneth Jackson – 12/5	Paul Trainor – 12/20
Russell Maxwell – 12/6	Frank Andrade, Jr. – 12/21
John Ricci, Jr. – 12/6	Robert Considine – 12/21
James Kiley, Sr. – 12/7	Brian Moffitt – 12/21
Skip Wendoloski – 12/7	David Simonelli – 12/22
Ernest Quaglieri – 12/12	Paul Bellavance – 12/26
John Cook – 12/15	Matthew Offiler – 12/27
Russell Michael – 12/17	Robert Champagne – 12/28
Joseph Kane – 12/20	Rev. Robert Forcier – 12/30

Prayer Intentions for December



- Our Holy Father Pope Francis
- His Excellency Bishop Thomas Tobin, Bishop of Providence
- The Priests of the parishes we serve
- PSD/FDD/PFN/PGK James Kiley, Jr. & Wife Angie
- PGK Bill Moskosky
- PGK Ernie Pennine of Our Lady of Fatima Council
- Brother Matt Parent
- Brother Len Denommee
- Brother Vinnie Palka
- Lucille Ferrer
- Mary Mahar
- Erica Shea
- The Preborn

"The liturgy of Advent...helps us to understand fully the value and meaning of the mystery of Christmas."

– St. John Paul II



LaSalette Shrine Visit



When: Friday, December 19 @ 5:30PM

Where: Hopkins Hill Park and Ride

The Fr. Leo Anctil Circle will be making our annual visit to the LaSalette Shrine on the night of Friday, December 19th. We will be leaving from the Hopkins Hill Park and Ride at 5:30PM getting to the House of Pizza in Pawtucket for dinner and then onto the Shrine.

We would like to invite our sponsoring Council to join us for this event. Family and friends are invited!

Pasta and Meatball Fundraiser Dinner

When: TBD January or February 2015

Where: SS John and Paul Parish Center

Our Circle is planning to hold a Pasta and Meatball Dinner to raise funds for Bishop Tobin's "Keep the Heat On" fund. We are targeting either late January or early February for the event. Stay tuned for more details.



Chief Squire's Corner

Peter Tardiff has decided to step down as Chief Squire as of the end of December. According to the bylaws of the Circle, the Deputy Chief Squire, currently Michael Porter, will assume the duties as Chief Squire until the end of the Columbian Year. Also, Caleb Delehant will assume the role of Deputy Chief Squire, David Tardiff will be Notary Squire, Brennen Connor will assume the duties of Bursar Squire. The Chief Squire will need to appoint a Marshal Squire during the January meeting.

Corps d'Elite Award Progress

Our Circle has been awarded the Corps d'Elite Award every year since the 2008-09 Columbian Year. In order for the Circle to achieve the award it must:

1. Submit all required paperwork to Supreme on time.
2. Pay all bills on time.
3. Annually conduct and report at least four (4) major involvement activities in each of the following areas of the Squires program: spiritual, service, circle and membership.
4. Achieve net gain of at least two (2) members by June 30.

We've made great progress so far this year. All of our paperwork and payment of bills have been submitted on time. We have welcomed a new Squire into our Circle – just one more to go. And as for our activities, we have accomplished the following:

Spiritual: Living Rosary at SSJP and Silver Rose Prayer Service (2 of 4 activities)

Service: OLGC Rectory Porch painting, canned goods collections for Coventry Food Bank (2 of 4 activities)

Membership: Church drive at SSJP, church drive at OLGC, investiture of Newport/Middletown Squires in honor of Fr. Paul Lemoi, and an introduction of the Squires program at the State council. (4 of 4 activities)

Circle: PawSox game (1 of 4 activities).

Upcoming Events:

Spiritual – LaSalette Shrine visit in December and Pro-Life Mass at St. Paul's Cranston in January

Service – "Keep the Heat" On Fundraiser Dinner in January

Circle – Coventry Town Hall Meeting in November and Blessing Council Christmas Party in December

Keep up the great work Squires! Esto Dignus! Be Worthy!



"It is Christmas every time you let God love others through you... yes, it is Christmas every time you smile at your brother and offer him your hand."

— Mother Teresa