



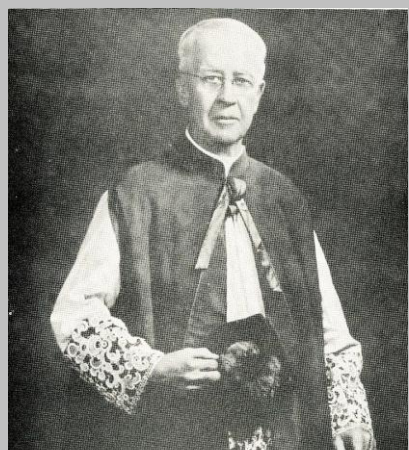
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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

MARCH SQUIRES MEETING

PLACE: SSJP RECTORY MEETING ROOM
DATE: FRIDAY, 3/6/2015
TIME: 7:00PM

MARCH COUNCIL MEETING

PLACE: ST. VINCENT DE PAUL PARISH HALL
DATE: MONDAY, 3/9/2015
TIME: 7:30PM

ST. PATRICK'S DAY DINNER FUNDRAISER

PLACE: SS JOHN & PAUL PARISH CENTER
DATE: SUNDAY, 3/15/2015
TIME: 2:00PM

APRIL SQUIRES MEETING

PLACE: SSJP RECTORY MEETING ROOM
DATE: FRIDAY, 3/10/2015
TIME: 7:00PM

APRIL KNIGHT OUT

PLACE: TBD
DATE: TBD
TIME: TBD



Grand Knight's Corner

Brothers All,

Well, I do not know about all of you, but I have had enough snow to last me a couple of years! I guess we are not out of the woods yet. Let us keep our fingers crossed. So much for Global Warming!

This past month was a little hectic. We had to change our schedule due to the weather so it may have put us behind a bit. I want to congratulate the Council for being the first in the state to make STAR Council. You all did a great job. We passed our quota for members and insurance members for this fraternal year.

Lent has started so please look for the Missions, Stations of the Cross, and poor men's suppers and other events that our parishes are presenting. Try to attend some with the family this Lenten Season. Check your parish bulletins for times and dates.

The Knights are a great organization, and its members are the reason. It is not just one or two, but all that make us what we are. Volunteer for a committee, office or program. Everyone's input is appreciated!

Last but not least, "One Member, Per Council, and Per Month." Let's keep up the good work!

God Bless,
Herb Knott GK
Vivat Jesus

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Chaplain's Report

Dear Brother Knights,

For many of our families the next few months are very important. It is a time of Sacramental preparation for many of our children. As parents we made a promise to God at the time of the Baptism of our children that we would raise them in the practice of our faith.

I believe the best way to teach our children is by living our faith. To introduce and help them to fall in love with God, we have to know Him and be in love with Him. By helping them in their preparation we grow in our faith.

Preparing for First Reconciliation is an opportunity to look at ourselves. How often do we celebrate this Sacrament, once a year or once a month? As our children prepare and receive the Eucharist (Holy Communion) we are reminded of the graces we receive through these Sacraments. Many young people are preparing to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation. This Sacrament completes the Sacraments of Initiation. We become and are members of the Christian family. This does not mean that our journey is complete; it is only the beginning of the rest of our lives.

As parents or sponsors, it is our obligation to be role models for them. As "Knights," I encourage you to take your role as a spiritual leader of your family seriously.

God's blessings!

Rev. Jacek Ploch
Chaplain



"Help one another. This is what Jesus teaches us. This is what I do. And I do it with my heart." – Pope Francis

Financial Secretary & Treasurer Turnover



Brother David Tanski has stepped down after three years as Financial Secretary. He took over from Brother John Tally in 2011 who had the position for nearly 10 years. FDD/PGK Neil Fidler now takes the reins of the position. Thanks Brother David for a fantastic job!

Also, since Brother Neil can't hold both the Financial Secretary and Treasurer position at the same time, Brother Mark Giolitti has volunteered to take over the duties. Thanks to Brother Mark for stepping up!

Prayer Intentions for March



- Our Holy Father Pope Francis
- His Excellency Bishop Thomas Tobin
- His Excellency Bishop Robert Evans
- The Priests of the parishes we serve
- Angelina Kiley (recently deceased)
- Mary Mahar (recently deceased)
- Helen Paul (recently deceased)
- PGK Bill Moskosky
- PGK Ernie Pennine of Our Lady of Fatima Council
- Brother Matt Parent
- Brother Len Denommee
- Lucille Ferrer
- Erica Shea
- Joan Thompson
- Robert Fidler, Jr.
- The Unborn

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 March

Donald Walker – 3/1	Robert Cassidy – 3/17
Michael Greene – 3/3	Leonard Denommee – 3/21
Paul Lacroix – 3/6	Joseph Da Silva – 3/22
Thomas Kelly – 3/8	Eugene Tognetti – 3/23
Gerard Petrocelli – 3/10	Edward Patrarca – 3/28
Joseph Farrell – 3/12	John Tally – 3/30
Christopher Dyl – 3/15	Michael Byrne – 3/30
Steven Saritelli – 3/16	Jaroslav Lewkowski – 3/31

Council Web Page



In case you didn't know, our council has a webpage. If you've never seen it, all you need to do is open a web browser on your computer and type in coventryknights.org. The website has a lot of information about our council, our history, upcoming events and an archive of photos from events over the past three years. There's a section for our Squires Circle as well. The webpage is updated on a monthly basis to keep current. There's also a page called "Links" which has a good number of Catholic and Knights websites listed. If there's something you'd like to see on our website, please contact Treasurer Neil Fidler at Narragansett55@yahoo.com. Happy surfing!

"Darkness can only be scattered by light, hatred can only be conquered by love."
– St. John Paul the Great



Saint of the Month – St. Thomas Aquinas



St. Thomas Aquinas, priest and doctor of the Church, patron of all universities and of students. His feast day is January 28th. He was born toward the end of the year 1226. He was the son of Landulph, Count of Aquino, who, when St. Thomas was five years old, placed him under the care of the Benedictines of Monte Casino.

When he became of age to choose his state of life, St. Thomas renounced the things of this world and resolved to enter the Order of St. Dominic in spite of the opposition of his family. In 1243, at the age of seventeen, he joined the Dominicans of Naples. Some members of his family resorted to all manner of means over a two year period to break his constancy. They even went so far as to send an impure woman to tempt him. But all their efforts were in vain and St. Thomas persevered in his vocation. As a reward for his fidelity, God conferred upon him the gift of perfect chastity, which has merited for him the title of the "Angelic Doctor".

After making his profession at Naples, he studied at Cologne under the celebrated St. Albert the Great. At the age of twenty-two, he was appointed to teach in the same city. At the same time, he also began to publish his first works. After four years he was sent to Paris. The saint was then a priest. At the age of thirty-one, he received his doctorate.

At Paris he was honored with the friendship of the King, St. Louis, with whom he frequently dined. St. Thomas not only wrote (his writings filled twenty hefty tomes characterized by brilliance of thought and lucidity of language), but he preached often and with greatest fruit. Clement IV offered him the archbishopric of Naples which he also refused. He left the great monument of his learning, the "Summa Theologica", unfinished, for on his way to the second Council of Lyons, ordered there by Gregory X, he fell sick and died at the Cistercian monastery of Fossa Nuova in 1274.

St. Thomas was one of the greatest and most influential theologians of all time. He was canonized in 1323 and declared Doctor of the Church by Pope Pius V.

KANDI Drive



The Squires' KANDI Drive this year is tentatively scheduled for Saturday, May 9, from 10AM to 2PM at both Stop and Shop and Benny's. We are awaiting final approval from both establishments at this time.

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 during the 2014-15 Columbian Year:

Spiritual (4 of 4)

Living Rosary
Silver Rose Prayer Service
Altar Servers at three churches
Pro-Life Mass

Circle (3 of 4)

PawSox Game
Coventry Town Meeting
Blessing Council Christmas Party

Service (3 of 4)

Coventry Food Bank
Apple Tree School Supplies
OLGC Rectory Porch Painting
March for Life, Washington, DC

Membership (4 of 4)

SSJP Membership Drive
OLGC Membership Drive
State Council Presentation
Investiture for Newport Squires


Upcoming events this year will include a Providence Bruins Game, KANDI Drive and Stations of the Cross during Lent. All Squires are encouraged to come up with new ideas for activities.

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


"It is not how much we do, but how much love we put in the doing. It is not how much we give, but how much love we put in the giving." — Mother Teresa

Remember When....


Here's a blast from the past. A flyer for a Family Picnic Fundraiser to be held on Sunday, August 9, 1992, at the old Council Hall grounds on Knotty Oak Road. Looks like Brother Knights were adept with a computer 23 years ago with a caricature of PGK Jim Woolley on the grill. I wonder what Woolleymelons are! This flyer puts me in mind that we'll be having a Family Picnic this year at Goddard Park on August 29. Stay tuned for more details!



FAMILY PICNIC




Fundraiser on Council Grounds
Sunday, August 9, 1992
Noon to 6 P.M.




\$5.00 per person,
Children under 12, \$2.50
Games and Prizes for children
Beer 75 cents per can

Chowder & Clamcakes
Hamburgers, Hot Dogs, & Baked Beans
Potato Salad, Soda & Coffee
Pastry & Woolleymelons

JIM WOOLLEY
AT THE GRILL



Bring the whole family and your friends!
Eat, meet and mingle with the
Families of your Brother Knights
and help raise some much needed
revenue for our pathetic Treasury



Dick Jarvis

I plan to attend
_____ Adults _____ Children
Payment enclosed _____ Will pay at picnic _____
Name _____ Phone # _____
Will provide _____ Pastry _____ Potato Salad _____ Baked Beans

"Until we have a passionate love for our Lord in the most blessed sacrament, we shall accomplish nothing" — St. Peter Julian Eymard

MSGR. PETER BLESSING COUNCIL #5273
IS PLEASED TO ANNOUNCE THEIR 3RD ANNUAL

St. Patrick's Day Dinner Fundraiser



SUNDAY, MARCH 15, 2015

COCKTAILS 2:00PM, DINNER 2:30PM

SS JOHN AND PAUL PARISH CENTER

341 SOUTH MAIN ST., COVENTRY

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Buffet-Style Menu:

Corned Beef
Steamed Cabbage
Potatoes
Whole Baby Beets & Onions
Roasted Chicken
Baked Stuffed Scrod

Cheese and Crackers
Rolls
Salad Bar
Coffee
Dessert
Cash Bar (Beer & Wine)

\$20.00 PER PERSON

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For tickets, please make checks out to: Msgr. Peter E. Blessing K of C Council #5273

Mail checks to Neil Fidler, 72 Columbia Ave., Coventry, RI 02816 by 3/7/2015

Phone: 401-632-7922 Email: Narragansett55@yahoo.com (Limited number of tickets available)