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MONSIGNOR PETER BLESSING COUNCIL #5273



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Our Council's Namesake

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

NOVEMBER SQUIRES MEETING

PLACE: SSJP RECTORY MEETING ROOM
DATE: FRIDAY, 11/6/2015
TIME: 7:00PM

NOVEMBER COUNCIL MEETING

PLACE: SSJP PARISH CENTER
DATE: MONDAY, 11/9/2015
TIME: 7:30PM

AWARDS AND DONATION NIGHT

PLACE: SSJP PARISH CENTER
DATE: FRIDAY, 11/20/2015
TIME: 6:30PM

DECEMBER SQUIRES MEETING

PLACE: SSJP RECTORY MEETING ROOM
DATE: FRIDAY, 12/4/2015
TIME: 7:00PM

CHRISTMAS PARTY

PLACE: SSJP PARISH CENTER
DATE: FRIDAY, 12/11/2015
TIME: 6:30PM

DECEMBER COUNCIL MEETING

PLACE: SSJP PARISH CENTER
DATE: MONDAY, 12/14/2015
TIME: 7:30PM



Grand Knight's Corner

My Brothers All,

I pray that you and your families are well.

At the October business meeting the council voted to move our business meetings to the SS John and Paul Parish Center. This will allow for better access for all our Brother Knights who attend the meetings. The first meeting at the SS John and Paul Parish Center will be on Monday, November 9.

Here are some upcoming events for Blessing Council and the State Council. The Wounded Warrior Project Dinner will be on Saturday, November 14, at the Dillon Council in Lincoln. The annual Blessing Council Awards and Donation Night will be held at the SS John and Paul Parish Center on Friday, November 20, at 6:30pm. The Christ the King Mass and Brunch on will be on Sunday, November 22 at the Cathedral in Providence. The Blessing Council Christmas Party will be on Friday, December 11, at 6:30pm at the SS John and Paul Parish Center. There is more info about the State Council events on the State website.

As we all know Thanksgiving Day is this month. Let us give thanks to God for the many blessings that we have. I would like to wish all my Brother Knights and their families a Happy Thanksgiving.

I would like to thank all Veterans for serving our country. I would also like to wish all Veterans a happy Veterans Day.

Remember one new member per month per council.

God Bless and Vivat Jesus!

Frank Laiter III, Grand Knight

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**Chaplain's Report****Nothing to report.****Move to SS John and Paul Parish Center**

During our October meeting, the council voted to move our monthly meetings to the **Saints John and Paul Parish Center, 341 South Main Street, Coventry.** The reason for this is that the SSJP Parish Center is wheelchair accessible and easier to access for Brother Knights who have difficulty going up and down stairs. **Thank you Fr. Grenon for granting us permission to hold our meetings in the SSJP Parish Center!**

Also, if you haven't been to a meeting recently, we would like to take this opportunity to invite you back to join us at our new location on the **2nd Monday of each month.** Our council has been one of the more active councils in Rhode Island since our move out of our old council home five years ago. There are plenty of programs underway that may interest you. Also, every Brother Knight brings something to the table, whether it be ideas, experience or labor. We'd love to see you back, and we pray you do!

Also, we would be remiss if we did not take this opportunity to thank our Council Chaplain, Fr. Jacek Ploch, and also Past Chaplain Fr. Michael Kelley, for granting us permission to hold our meetings since 2010 at the St. Vincent de Paul Parish Hall. We enjoyed holding our meetings in the original hall where we held our meetings prior to moving into our council hall in 1967. **Thank you Fr. Jacek, Fr. Kelley and St. Vincent de Paul Parish!**

"Let us come before him with thanksgiving and extol him with music and song. For the LORD is the great God, the great King above all gods." – Psalm 95:2-3

Stephen Del Deo – Insurance Field Agent



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K of C Insurance Program Milestone

The Knights of Columbus surpassed \$100 billion of life insurance in force this week, marking an important milestone in the Catholic fraternal benefit society's mission to protect the future of Catholic families. This milestone was achieved despite continuing adverse conditions affecting the insurance industry.

Established in 1882 by a young Catholic priest, the organization — which offers its line of top-rated products exclusively to its members and their eligible family members — manages \$21 billion in assets and ranks 939 on the 2015 Fortune 1000 list, placing it among the largest life insurers in North America.

“The \$100 billion milestone is not simply a number,” said Supreme Knight Carl Anderson. “It highlights the fact that each year we are protecting the future of more Catholic families, continuing the mission of our founder, Venerable Father Michael J. McGivney. With each dollar of top-rated insurance in force that our professional agency force adds, additional, meaningful security is provided to the families whose livelihoods we protect.”

The Knights of Columbus offers insurance to its members and their families through a network of more than 1,500 dedicated, professional agents in the United States and Canada — all of whom are members of the Knights of Columbus. The \$100 billion milestone caps a year in which the Knights of Columbus set a new record for insurance sales with \$8 billion sold, earned the top rating of A++ Superior from AM Best for the 40th consecutive year, and was named a “World’s Most Ethical Company” for the second consecutive year by the Ethisphere Institute®.

Remember When...



It's the Blessing Council basketball free throw competition for 1982! The gentleman in the red shirt on the right is PGK Dick Mulhearn. The Brother Knight with the ballcap on is unknown. That's the late Francis H. Sherman in the middle with the grey shirt on. He was a prominent Coventry politician. The names of the young people have been lost to history, but this photo reminds us that our upcoming free throw competition that will take place this January. More details to come!

Awards



During the October meeting, Worthy District Deputy John Pizzo presented Worthy Grand Knight Frank Laiter III (filling in for IPGK Herb Knott) with the Star Council Award won by our council for the 2014-15 Columbian Year. The council met both the membership and insurance quota as well as winning the Columbian Award for fraternal events. Kudos go out to all Brother Knights for making this happen!

“I always thank God for you because of his grace given you in Christ Jesus. For in him you have been enriched in every way – in all your speaking and your knowledge” – 1 Corinthians 1:4-5



Squires News



Saint of the Month: St. Gabriel the Archangel



St. Gabriel is one of seven archangels who enter and serve before the Glory of the Lord, and one of the three archangels mentioned in Sacred Scripture:

Michael (Revelation 12:7-9),

Raphael (Tobit 12:15), and

Gabriel (Luke 1:27-28).

The name Gabriel means “Man of God” in Hebrew or “God has shown might.” He is often depicted with a spear in his right hand and a mirror of jasper with an X (the first letter of the word Christ in Greek) in his left hand. The mirror signifies the wisdom of God as a hidden mystery.

According to Sacred Scripture, the archangel Gabriel is the messenger angel who appeared to people in the Old Testament and the New Testament on many different occasions. In some appearances, Gabriel is mentioned by name. On other occasions, Gabriel is thought to be the unnamed angel who appeared and made announcements to Moses, to Saints Joachim and Anne, to the shepherds at Jesus’ birth, to the myrrh bearing women approaching Jesus’ tomb, and to Jesus in the Garden of Gethsemane to strengthen him.

Feast Day: The feast of St. Gabriel was included in the Roman calendar in 1921, for celebration on March 24, the day before the Feast of the Annunciation. In 1969, the feast day for St. Gabriel the Archangel was changed to September 29 for a combined celebration with the Archangels Michael and Raphael.

Patron Saint: Saint Gabriel is the patron saint of messengers, communication workers, and postal workers.

Lasalette Shrine Visit!



When: Friday, December 4, 2015, 5:30PM

Where: SSJP Rectory Parking Lot

In lieu of the December meeting, the Circle will visit Lasalette Shrine on Friday, December 4. We will meet in the SSJP Rectory parking lot at 5:30PM. From there, we will go on to the House of Pizza, 206 Division Street, in Pawtucket, for dinner. Then we will drive up to the Shrine. It is highly suggested that you dress warm as we will be outside for a good period of time, and the weather is likely to be cold. Once we get to the Shrine, we will light a candle for the unborn.

Advancement Program



All Squires are reminded to work on their next level of advancement, and to be prepared for each meeting with their advancement booklet. Also, parents can sign off on any advancement requirement that is listed with an asterisk next to it. Parents are asked to review the booklet with their Squire to see if there are any activities that can be signed off. The goal for each Squire is to attain his next level of advancement by the end of this Columbian Year – June. This can be accomplished, and your Counselors are here to assist you in making that a reality!

“All this is for your benefit, so that the grace that is reaching more and more people may cause thanksgiving to overflow to the glory of God” – 2 Corinthians 4:15

Who Does It? – Brother Knights Skills List

Skill	Brother Knight	Phone	Email/Address
Construction/Roof Repair	Brian Smith	401-826-1725	BCS Contruction, 23 Holmes Rd., Coventry
Blueberry Farm	John Macomber	401-397-5079	macomersblueberryfarm.shutterfly.com
Certified Tutoring	Edgar Brouillard	401-354-9298	edbrou@gmail.com
Auto Repair	John Starziano	401-821-9887	Star Service Center, 53 Arnold Rd., Coventry
Plumbing/Electrical/Applicances	Tom Rossi	401-243-3767	tomr421@cox.net
Realtor	Pat Hurley	401-935-5266	realephurley@verizon.net
Writing Instruments	Herb Knott	401-316-7230	knoth1@gmail.com
Computer Repair	Mike Colvin	401-641-6881	mikegcolvin@gmail.com
Delilah's Deli	Paul Bellavance	401-385-3483	780 Victory Hwy #10, West Greenwich

If you have a particular skill and would like to be included on this list, please contact FS Neil Fidler at Narragansett55@yahoo.com to be added.

New Documentary on Our Lady of Guadalupe to Air on ABC This Fall

A new documentary film narrated by actor Jim Caviezel offers original insights into the details, story and impact of the 16th century apparition of Our Lady of Guadalupe — one of the most recognizable religious icons in the American hemisphere.

The Knights of Columbus-produced film, *Guadalupe: The Miracle and the Message*, paints a comprehensive and inspiring picture of the history, facts and legacy of the image of Our Lady of Guadalupe. Being aired as part of ABC's Visions and Values Series, the documentary will have a broadcast window from Oct. 11 to Dec. 10.

The film delves into the inexplicable existence of the image that appeared on the tilma (cloak) of an indigenous convert named Juan Diego, who, over the course of four days in December 1531, received a series of visions of the Virgin Mary. The indigenous people were amazed how the image revealed important elements of the Christian faith through native symbols — an actual codex — that they could understand. Most experts and historians affirm that the image miraculously imprinted on the tilma resulted in the conversion of millions to the Catholic faith.

"The message of Our Lady of Guadalupe helped to build bridges between cultures and worlds and began the transformation of our continent into a Christian continent of hope," said Supreme Knight Carl Anderson, executive producer of the film. "The apparition helped to unite the entire continent in a way that didn't exist before. Through her intercession, then and now, those throughout this hemisphere have found a deep and shared sense of faith, hope and identity."

The image itself has long been puzzling to the scientific community, since it has been shown to exist without having been painted, has survived despite extreme age, adverse conditions and a bombing. The image also exhibits features reminiscent of photographs, such as reflections in the image's eyes, even though it appeared hundreds of years before photography.

Guadalupe: The Miracle and the Message brings this remarkable history to life through modern reenactments, 3D animations which allow viewers an unprecedented glimpse into the intricacies of the centuries-old wonder and interviews with leading theologians, historians and scientists. The film also dispels popular myths, including that the image's impact does not extend past Mexico's border.

"Some see Our Lady of Guadalupe as a Mexican or as a Latin American, Hispanic phenomenon," said Supreme Knight Anderson. "However, this understanding is incomplete. Our Lady of Guadalupe is the patroness of all of America and of the Philippines as well. She is loved and embraced across cultural lines throughout this continent and beyond."

"Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good: His love endures forever" – 1 Chronicles 16:34



An Invitation



You are cordially invited to

Awards and Donation Night

When: Friday, November 20, 2015 at 6:30PM

Where: Saints John and Paul Parish Center
341 S. Main St, Coventry

The Monsignor Peter E. Blessing Knights of Columbus Council #5273 will be conducting an Awards and Donation Night. Come and join us for our presentations of donations to our worthy recipients and awards to deserving Knights!

Menu:

- Cheese and crackers tray
- Hamburgers/Cheeseburgers
- Hot Dogs/Chili Dogs
- Pizza Strips
- Chips
- Salad
- Coffee, soda, water
- Desserts

Cost of the dinner is \$10 for adults and \$5 for children 12 and under to be collected at the door. Members of the Clergy and recipients of donations are free.

Please R.S.V.P. with number of people attending by November 9 – Neil Fidler
401-632-7922.

Christmas Party!



Please join the
Msgr. Peter E. Blessing Council #5273
Knights of Columbus
for food and Christmas cheer on
Friday, December 11, at 6:30 p.m.
SS John and Paul Parish Center
341 South Main St., Coventry, RI

Music by
"Common Thread"

Cash bar for
beer and wine

Buffet-Style Menu:

Cheese & Crackers Tray

Pasta Primavera
Sausage, Peppers,
Mushrooms & Onions
Chicken Marsala
Chicken Cacciatore
Meatballs

Vegetables
Pizza Strips
Rolls
Garden Salad/Dressings
Coffee, Soda, Water
Dessert

Raffle Drawing for RCA 48" Smart LED LCD 1080p HDTV
50/50 Raffle – Proceeds to go to the "Keep the Heat On" fund
Tickets are \$15 per person and \$10 for children 12 and under.
Also, attendees are asked to bring an unwrapped new toy for
"Toys for Tots"

For tickets please contact Richard Belanger at 821-1405
Please RSVP by November 28, 2015

URI Football Game, Meade Stadium, October 17, 2015



Silver Rose Prayer Service, Our Lady of Good Counsel, October 31, 2015

