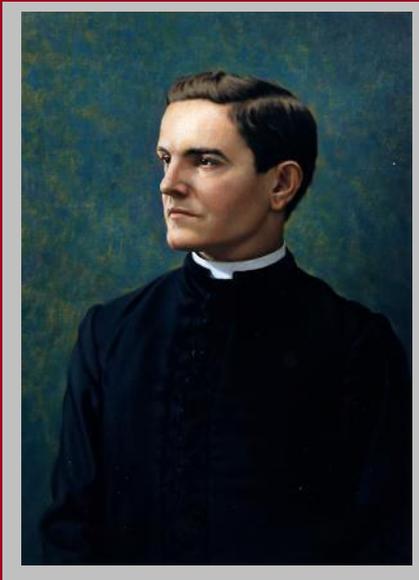




THE LOOKOUT

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
MONSIGNOR PETER BLESSING COUNCIL #5273
COVENTRY, RHODE ISLAND



FATHER MICHAEL MCGIVNEY
OUR FOUNDER

HAPPY EASTER!

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

APRIL BUSINESS MEETING

PLACE: K OF C BLESSING COUNCIL HALL
DATE: WEDNESDAY, 04/14/2010
TIME: 7:30 PM

APRIL SOCIAL MEETING

PLACE: K OF C BLESSING COUNCIL HALL
DATE: WEDNESDAY, 4/28/2010
TIME: 7:30PM

MAY BUSINESS MEETING

PLACE: BLESSING COUNCIL HALL
DATE: WEDNESDAY, 5/12/2010
TIME: 7:30 PM

MAY SOCIAL MEETING

PLACE: K OF C BLESSING COUNCIL HALL
DATE: WEDNESDAY, 05/26/2010
TIME: 7:30 PM

Grand Knight's Message

Back in August of 2008, a manager at work, I'll call him John, came to my office to discuss a new project he needed help with. He shared with me that he was going away for a few days to visit his brother David who had just been diagnosed with an inoperable rare brain tumor. I know that John had been raised Catholic but had not been to a Mass in 20 years, and I did not probe as to why. However I said I would pray for him and John surprised me by saying thank you. Usually he would tell me how useless prayer is.

The holidays came and went and sometime in February 2009, John told me that his brother was undergoing a clinical trial for a new treatment and this time asked me if I was still praying. I assured him I was. He asked if I thought God would forgive him as it had been so long. I told him the parable of the prodigal son and then said to just go and seek a priest and ask for the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

The next time we spoke in a personal manner he told me that he, his wife and their three grown children and their families had come home to Jesus and were members of a Catholic Parish. He then said his brother had been given six months to live. I then asked if he would pray right there and then with me. He looked around and then agreed.

By November John updated me that David had good days and bad days. David had become forgetful of simple things such as tying his shoes. However he was able to get around. John was hopeful however as he had persuaded his brother, his sister-in-law and their two grown and married children to go back to Church and they were all praying together. He was so grateful that I had spoken up to him, and that he shared it with his brother and his family. I was blessed to have God allow me the opportunity to be used for His purposes.

I have been and continue to be asked by people how a loving God can allow such pain and suffering. I usually respond to foster a greater good. Because of one brain tumor in one man 18 people came home to the Catholic Church. Now that's what I call a greater good.

Brothers we are all called to be salt and light to a fallen world. We as Knights have a greater calling to bring the light as a group to a world that is crying for direction. At one time we all joined the Knights for a reason. Please pray to remember that reason and join us as a body for Christ at our business meetings on the second Wednesday every month and/or the social meeting the 4th Wednesday every month. Please read the new newsletter for any changes and news. We miss you and we need all our members to work for the greater good.

Now for the rest of the story. John came to me just recently. There was a smile on his face. It seems that David has fully recovered from the inoperable brain tumor. In fact he had heard that day that he was medically declared as "cancer free". The Doctors are still puzzled, and because of the rarity of this type of tumor it is not known to reoccur. John and I stopped for a moment, looked at each other and prayed. Right there in my office, in front of the windows to the shop floor. Brothers you can do the same, you never know what God can do with a simple "Yes Lord, send me".

God Bless you and your families and all the lives you touch. Have a blessed Resurrection Sunday and go in peace.

Glenn Holt, Grand Knight

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COMING SOON!

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Chaplain's Report

Holy Thursday - Mass of the Lord's Supper

Recently, in February 2010 issue of Columbia, Bishop William E. Lori told a story of a woman. "Not long ago, a parishioner said to me that she just didn't see the need to go to Mass every Sunday. 'I go to Mass once in a while, when I think it will help me,' she said. Unfortunately, many people who consider themselves faithful Catholics share this attitude, an attitude that is not proportionate to the gift and mystery of the Eucharist."

"This is my Body that is for you. Do this in remembrance of me. This cup is the new covenant in my Blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me." These words are the institution of the Eucharist as they were handed down to St. Paul. By asking the disciples to "Do this in remembrance of me," he is asking them to perpetuate this Sacrament of sacraments till the end of time, thus the beginning of the priesthood. How much does the Eucharist influence our lives?

In 1985 all the TV news programs showed footage of a woman pinned beneath a fallen crane in New York City. Doctors fought to keep her alive until a larger crane could be brought in to lift the fallen crane. They gave her fluids, blood transfusions, and massive doses of painkiller, then came a dramatic moment. The woman had a request of her own. She asked for the Body of Christ in Holy Communion. This, too, the TV camera's showed. Eventually the woman was freed and rushed to a hospital, where a team of doctors saved her life.

Although a crane weighs none of us down, many of us are troubled by our sins and the struggles of life. It may seem as if a crane had fallen on us. The question we must ask ourselves is: Do we allow the Eucharist to be our source of strength as we continue on our pilgrimage through life?

The Institution Narrative of Paul and the Gospel Narrative of John are chosen for Holy Thursday because they actualize Jesus' words and deeds within the Liturgy. The

Mass of Our Lord's Supper is special because it explains more clearly the fundamental link between what Jesus did "before he was given up to death, a death freely accepted" and what we do every time we celebrate the Eucharist in memory of him. When the priest says, "This is my Body," "This is my Blood," these words effect, here and now, what they express; a representation of Jesus' sacrifice on Calvary in the form of a sacrament.

Christian tradition has seen the sacrifice of the paschal lamb as a prefiguring of the sacrifice of the one of whom John the Baptist said: "Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world." The Passover could not be eaten alone: it was shared among a family or between neighbors. One is saved in community, as were the Israelites and we, by belonging to the people of God. Jesus Christ has accomplished once and for all in the sacrifice of his life (Lamb of God), the salvation of all. The Lord's Last Supper, and every subsequent Mass, celebrates the Passover of the Lord, in which we partake in joy and thanksgiving.

In John's Gospel there is no Institution Narrative but many Eucharistic and Baptismal themes. In the washing of his disciple's feet, one can draw a lesson about humility and service from Jesus' example. It is a revelatory action by Jesus. Jesus shows the disciples what they must do; Our Lord gives them a model to follow.

Jesus did this act freely and knowingly out of love for his own, for he wished to serve his own, though he was "Teacher and Lord." Jesus wants to leave an important lesson "Love one another as I have loved you," and "Let us love not in word or speech but in deed and truth."

The celebration of Holy Thursday begins the Easter Triduum. I hope we can allow the Eucharist to feed us and lift any care or worries that weigh us down. We are never pinned down under a huge crane of difficulties for Jesus is here with us, and we have the service of each other.

Father Peter J. Sheehan, Chaplain
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"Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead..." 1 Peter 1:3

Coming Council Events

Tootsie Roll Drive



The Blessing Council will be holding our annual Tootsie Roll Drive at the Centreville Bank in early May. Dates and times have not been determined yet. PGK Earl Mahar is currently recruiting Brother Knights for shifts so please make sure you contact him at earlmahar@verizon.net. The Squires will be working the Stop and Shop on May 6 & 7 and are trying to obtain another location for May 8.

Fundraisers and Activities Statewide

St. Francis Council Sunday Breakfast

Sunday Breakfast will be held Sunday, April 11th from 7:45 am to 10:30 am at the Council Hall, 1275 Tower Hill Road, North Kingstown. Menu: Scrambled Eggs, Sausage, French Toast, Home Fries, Beans, Juice, Coffee/Tea. The cost is \$6.00 per adult; \$4.00 per child 12 and under; children six and under are free.

St. Lawrence Council Annual Steak Sandwich Extravaganza

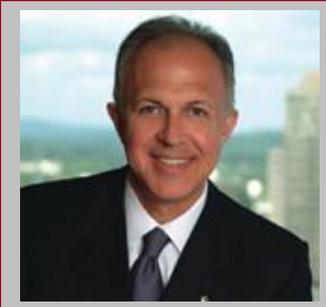
Saturday, April 24, 2010 @ 7PM at the Council Hall, 1835 Mineral Spring Ave., North Providence. Adults \$12.50 /Kids \$6.00 "Our Famous Steak Sub Smothered in Onions." All you can eat! Menu includes: salad, pastry and coffee. Hot dogs for the kids. For tickets, call Don Del Mastro at 232-2149 or Richard Quetta at 353-9683.

2010 Rhode Island State Convention

The 2010 RI State Convention will be held May 14-16, 2010 at the Radisson Airport Hotel, 2081 Post Rd. in Warwick. The agenda is as follows:

- The State Dinner will be Friday May 14th at 7:15 PM in the University Ballroom on the second floor. The cash bar starts at 6:30PM
- The meal will be Roast Loin of Pork with Cranberry Apple Cherty. The cost will be \$32.00 per person
- The opening Mass will be celebrated by Bishop Tobin and will be held in the same Ballroom at 8:00AM on Saturday, followed by Coffee 'an.
- The first order of business will be the presenting of the Councils Catholic Charity Donations to the Bishop.
- The Ladies Luncheon will be held in the Hotel on Saturday the 15th at noon, this year's theme is Oriental. The Luncheon will be Fruit Cup, Salad with Oriental Chicken and assorted Pastry dessert, coffee and tea, plus entertainment. The cost is the same as last year, \$27.00 per person.
- The Memorial Mass will be held Saturday evening at 6PM.
- Send your dinner reservations and checks made out to "RI State Council" to A. R. Drywa, 53 Mill Cove Rd., Warwick, RI 02889.
- Room rates this year are:
 - Deluxe Room (2 double beds or 1 king bed) \$89.00 Single or Double occupancy plus tax
 - Executive suite (1 King 2/ living room, fridge & microwave) \$109.00 single or double plus tax.
- Call the hotel @ 401-739-3000 for reservation. Mention you are from the Knights of Columbus.

If you have any questions concerning the convention please call "Red" at 401-739-3547 or email redkaye@verizon.net.



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News Alert: 9th US Circuit Court of Appeals Upholds Constitutionality of “under God in Pledge

The 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals ruled on March 11, 2010, that the words “one nation under God” in the Pledge of Allegiance “do not violate the Establishment Clause” of the First Amendment to the Constitution.

The Knights of Columbus led the campaign to add the words “under God” to the Pledge in the early 1950s, and the trial court agreed to allow the Knights of Columbus to join the present case as defendants when it was originally filed in 2005.

“This decision is a victory for common sense,” Supreme Knight Carl A. Anderson said. “It is also a welcome reversal of the 9th Circuit’s 2002 decision in a similar case that was ultimately thrown out by the Supreme Court on technical grounds. Today, the Court got it absolutely right: recitation of the Pledge is a patriotic exercise, not a religious prayer.

“Best of all, the Court said that the words ‘under God’ add a ‘note of importance which a Pledge to our Nation ought to have and which in our culture ceremonial references to God arouse.’ Every reasonable person knows that, and today’s decision is a breath of fresh air from a court system that has too often seemed to be almost allergic to public references to God. This is a very good day for America,” Anderson concluded.

In today’s ruling, the Court noted that, “Among the ‘self-evident truths’ the Framers believed was the concept that all people are entitled to certain inalienable rights given to them by the ‘Laws of Nature and Nature’s God’ and that the purpose of government should be to “secure those rights.” Such beliefs provide the context in which the words of the Pledge must be understood, the Court said.

The Knights of Columbus and several individual Knights and their families were defendant-interveners in the case, and the court’s 2-1 decision incorporates many of the arguments presented to the Court by The Becket Fund for Religious Liberty, a public interest law firm that represented the Knights in the case. Oral arguments before the 9th Circuit panel had been heard in December 2007. Other defendants in the case included the United States government and a Sacramento-area school district.

“I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.”

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Rhode Island State Deputy Steven Ciolfi