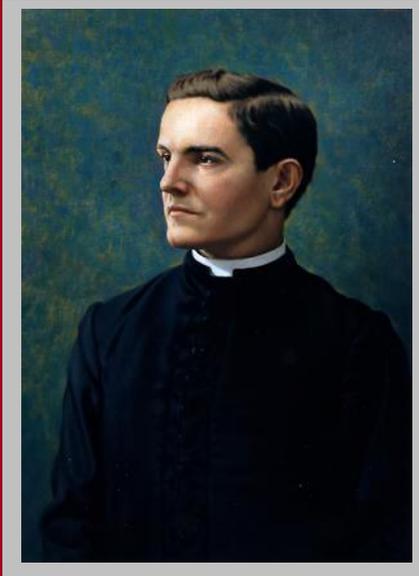




THE LOOKOUT

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



FATHER MICHAEL MCGIVNEY
OUR FOUNDER

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

AUGUST COLUMBUS CLUB MEETING

PLACE: K OF C BLESSING COUNCIL HALL
DATE: WEDNESDAY, 8/4/2010
TIME: 7:30 PM

AUGUST BUSINESS MEETING

PLACE: BLESSING COUNCIL HALL
DATE: WEDNESDAY, 8/11/2010
TIME: 7:30 PM

SEPT. COLUMBUS CLUB MEETING

PLACE: K OF C BLESSING COUNCIL HALL
DATE: WEDNESDAY, 9/1/2010
TIME: 7:30 PM

SEPT. BUSINESS MEETING

PLACE: BLESSING COUNCIL HALL
DATE: WEDNESDAY, 9/8/2010
TIME: 7:30 PM

Grand Knight's Message

Worthy Brothers,

I hope you are well

Brothers, where are you? I was at a meeting this week. It was a rather dry, long and drawn out meeting. Since it was called by our corporate global director, we were required to be there. About half way through the director asked one of the attendees, "John, where are you?" It had become obvious that though John was physically and visually there, he was not mentally at the meeting. He had been distracted mentally and was not an active participant. I then thought of Adam and Eve in the Garden. They had just directly disobeyed God and were hiding. God then asked "where are you?" Now God knew full well where they were, but God did not mean physical presence for God could see that. God meant spiritual location, where were their souls, where were their hearts, where was their initial faith and love and devotion?

I ask the same questions of you and all our Brothers. Where are you? At one point you joined the Knights of Columbus. At one point you had fervor or at least a desire to be a Knight and to serve our fellow Brothers, our community, our Parishes, our State and especially to serve God. Is it that you are stuck in this world, are you going through rough times? Have you strayed from the Church? Are you so inundated with other diversions in this world that there is no time to serve your Brothers? Remember many hands make a weight lighter. Please join your Brothers and take your mind to the diversions of God and of service to others. I ask again, where are you? I hope that you will come out from whatever diversion is holding your attention and return to the Council you joined. I hope that you will allow God to use those few hours per year for the good of our Church and our Council. Do not hide behind a fig leaf or the excuses we can all come up with. Step out into the light, as you are and say, "Here I am!"

Please make every effort to join us at the Columbus Club Business meeting on the first Wednesday of each month and the Council Business meeting on second Wednesday of each month. Both meetings start at 7:30 PM and are at the Council Hall on Rte 116 in Coventry. Come and let your voice be heard. Most of all pray for the Columbus Club, the Council and your officers that we follow God's will and that you will be able to help us grow.

God Bless and Vivat Jesu!
Glenn Holt, Grand Knight

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IT'S UP AND RUNNING!

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CHAPLAIN'S MESSAGE – FATHER PETER JOHN SHEEHAN

This month, our Chaplain, Father Peter John Sheehan embarked on a career with the United States Navy. He left for Officer Development School and Chaplain's School enroute to his first duty station – the U.S. Marine Corps Recruit Depot at Parris Island, South Carolina.

Before he left, Father Sheehan sent along his final Chaplain's Message for the July Newsletter. Unfortunately, the message was misplaced, but it was eventually resent by him and forwarded along to the Council. We will now publish it for the August Newsletter. Here is Father Sheehan's final Chaplain's Message:

What does Independence Day mean for us? Is it merely a holiday in the middle of the summer when we can organize a barbeque and watch fireworks? Or does it evoke deep sentiments that recall an initial act of defiant courage followed by the heroic response to a War for Independence?

Fireworks, patriotic tunes, red, white, and blue streamers are great, but they are empty if the reality they celebrate is not assured. Religious freedom is precious; we continue to preserve it as we work for peace.

Are we at peace, and do we build up the Kingdom of God? Did you know that 52 Of the 55 signers of the Declaration of Independence were orthodox, deeply committed Christians? The other three all believed in the Bible as the divine truth, the God of Scripture, and His personal intervention.

Patrick Henry, who is called the firebrand of the American Revolution, is still remembered for his words, "Give me liberty or give me death." Here is what he actually said: "An appeal to arms and the God of hosts is all that is left us. But we shall not fight our battle alone. There is a just God that presides over the destinies of nations. The battle sir, is not to the strong alone. Is life so dear or peace so sweet as to be purchased at the price of chains and slavery? Forbid it almighty God. I know what course others may take, but as for me, give me liberty or give me death."

Peace is a reality that should be very important for us and is a fruit of the Holy Spirit. According to what Jesus says in our Gospel it is very closely linked to the Kingdom of God. Jesus tells the 72 to think not of your needs; you will receive them from those who welcome you into their homes.

Their only valuable is peace, which they are to offer generously. This "peace" is a messianic gift, work of the Spirit, sign of the coming of the Kingdom: even the angels announce this at the Nativity of Jesus, "on earth peace to those whom his favor rests."

Jesus granted this peace himself, and it is one of the most beautiful fruits of the Easter Victory. It is up to the individual to accept or reject this peace, and does not depend on the messenger. It is a sign of the proximity of the Kingdom, like the healing of the sick.

There is a way of looking at the significance of the "Kingdom of God," which we could call the idealistic or mystical interpretation. It sees ones interiority as the essential location of the Kingdom of God. The "Kingdom of God" is not found on a map. It is located in the Christians inner being. It grows and radiates outward from that inner space and peace. We are to harness humankind's potential and direct it toward the future, a world governed by peace, justice, and the conversion of creation.

In order to have peace we must defend our Religious Freedoms, and pray that the Father send workers for the harvest, which is the whole world. We too must be ready to labor and be sent.

On May 2, 1778, when the Continental Army was beginning to emerge from the infamous winter at Valley Forge, Commander-in-Chief George Washington commended his troops: "While we are zealously performing the duties of good citizens and soldiers, we certainly ought not to be inattentive to the higher duties of religion. To the distinguished character of Patriot, it should be our highest glory to add the more distinguished character of Christian."

We can find peace by living out and sharing our Christian faith, we can start by picking up a Bible. "The Bible is the best of all books, for it is the word of God and teaches us the way to be happy in this world and the next. Continue therefore to read it and regulate your life by its precepts." What great advice for the 4th of July from John Jay, Original Chief-Justice of the U.S. Supreme Court.

This will be my final article for the Msgr. Blessing Council Newsletter. My last day at Sts. John and Paul is August 1st. I will then prepare for Officer Development School which begins on or around August 15th at the Newport Navy Base. After 5 weeks I will proceed to Fort Jackson in Columbia, South Carolina for Chaplain School.

Bishop Tobin has released me for an initial period of three years in order to serve Our Great Nation as a Navy Chaplain. I hope to make it back to active Marine units to share my faith and patriotism with the men and women of the US Navy, Marines, and Coast Guard. I salute all men and women of the US Armed forces, and I salute all of you, true Patriots committed to preserving peace and religious liberty in our great country.

Coventry Columbus Club Message

IMPORTANT – PLEASE READ!!!

It has become extremely expensive to keep our home. It requires \$1200 per month to keep the doors open. The rentals have not been there and as we have few workers the fund raisers have not been working. Therefore the Columbus Club officers have voted to sell.

Please attend the next Columbus Club meeting on Wednesday, September 1st at 7:30 PM if you wish to express your opinion or have any ideas to keep it going - Please be there.

Also the next Council Business meeting will be Wednesday, September 8th at 7:30. We will be discussing our move to SSJP and what to do with all the stuff in the Council Hall.

Blessing Council Knights and Fr. Anctil Circle Squires visit St. Theresa's Shrine in Nasonville



On Saturday, July 17, Brother Knights from our sponsoring Council joined the Squires on a trip to the St. Theresa's Shrine of the Little Flower in Nasonville, Rhode Island. The Squires and the Knights toured the grounds which included statues of the Stations of the Cross, the Holy Stairs, Knights of Columbus statue and a large outdoor 15-decade rosary. After the tour, the Squires and Knights attended Mass at St. Theresa's Church. Afterward, it was a family-style chicken dinner at nearby Wrights Farm. A great time was had by all, and everyone was already talking about returning next year, possibly for an outdoor mass. Photos from the event are on the following page.

K of C Family Picnic at Francis Farm

The Rhode Island State Council Knights of Columbus cordially invites YOU and YOUR FAMILY to a day of FUN, FOOD & GAMES!

Lunch: Clam Cakes & Chowder

Dinner: BBQ Chicken, Salad, Ziti, Watermelon

Tickets: Adults - \$25, Children 12 & under - \$15

Liquor Raffle: All councils are asked to participate by making a liquor bottle donation to our raffle!

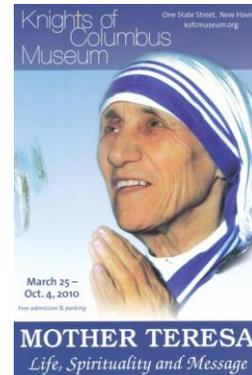
Date: August 22, 2010 Time: 11:30am – 4:30pm

Where: Francis Farm, 27 Francis Farm Road, Rehoboth, MA (GPS: 151 County St.)

Please RSVP with payment by August 8 to Mike Dziok, 21 Ryder Lane, Cumberland, RI 02864 mdziok1067@aol.com

Checks made payable to: RI State Council K of C

K of C Bus Trip to Knights of Columbus Museum



Sunday, September 19, 2010

St. Thomas More Council 13500 presents its Second Annual Fish and Clam Fry – An afternoon for the whole family – at the Knights of Columbus Museum from 1PM to 4PM. Menu to include fried fish, clam strips, clam chowder, onion rings, French fries, hot dogs, hamburgers, beverages. The itinerary as follows:
9am – Bus leaves from Cranston Council, 1047 Park Ave., Cranston

12 noon – Mass at St. Mary's Church, New Haven, CT

1PM – Arrive K of C Museum, New Haven, CT

1-4PM – Fish and Clam Fry at Museum and tour of Mother Teresa Exhibit

5PM – Bus leaves Museum

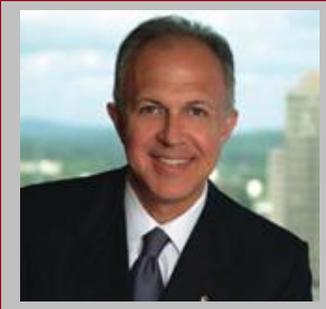
7PM – Bus returns to Cranston Council

Entertainment featuring "Silks n' Sounds" Woman Chorus of Hamden, CT.

\$65 per person which includes the Fish and Clam Fry. Checks payable to RI STATE COUNCIL K of C and sent to GK Allen Winter, Sr., 85 Ferncrest Drive, Riverside, RI 02915. Deadline for tickets: August 19th

*"Do not be overcome with evil, but overcome evil with good."
Romans 12:21*

ST. THERESA'S SHRINE VISIT PHOTOS



Carl Anderson, Supreme Knight

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James Hall

One Year Trustee

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Earl Mahar

Three Year Trustee

James Woolley



Knights of Columbus Statue and Altar



St. Theresa of the Little Flower

*“Let everything that has breath praise the Lord. Praise the Lord.”
Psalm 150:6*

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Rhode Island State Deputy John Marcello

SQUIRES YARD SALE!

The Squires of the Father Leo Ancil Circle will be holding their 3rd annual Yard Sale on Saturday, September 25. Proceeds will go to Special Needs charities. Brother Knights are asked to please make donations to the Yard Sale – if you have any salable, wearable or useable items you wish to donate, please contact either Neil Fidler (823-8526) or Keith Parent (826-0418) for pickup of items.