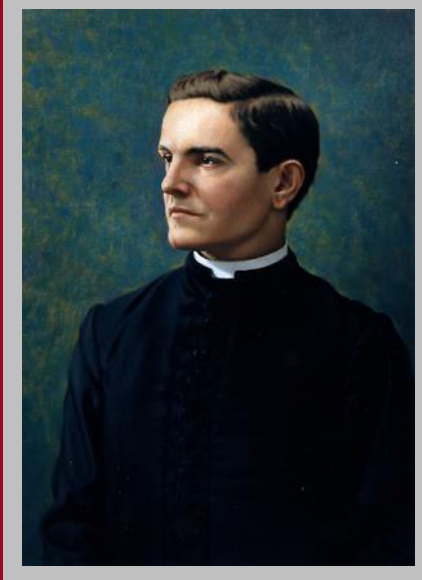




THE LOOKOUT

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



FATHER MICHAEL MCGIVNEY
OUR FOUNDER

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

MARCH BUSINESS MEETING

PLACE: ST. VINCENT DE PAUL PARISH HALL
DATE: MONDAY, 3/14/2011
TIME: 7:30 PM

MARCH SOCIAL MEETING

PLACE: SS JOHN AND PAUL PARISH HALL
DATE: MONDAY, 3/21/2011
TIME: 7:00 PM

APRIL BUSINESS MEETING

PLACE: ST. VINCENT DE PAUL PARISH HALL
DATE: MONDAY, 4/11/2011
TIME: 7:30 PM

APRIL SOCIAL MEETING

PLACE: TBD
DATE: TBD
TIME: TBD



Grand Knight's Corner

Worthy Brothers, I hope you are well.

As we head for spring we can look back at the winter of our discontent and we can look forward to the season of Lent to Resurrection Sunday. First, however we must go through the 40 days in the desert. The 40 days of Lent, culminating with Holy Week and finally Resurrection Sunday.

After Jesus was baptized, a Baptism for us and certainly not for him, he was immediately led to the desert. Just as the Israelites wandered in the desert on the way to the Promised Land, so Jesus is led to the desert, to his passion, death and finally his resurrection. So, too, are we led to our own desert, our own small passion, our ultimate death and hopefully one day our own resurrection.

When Jesus was led to the desert, he was led alone. That is there were no other brothers or sisters there to help him. Jesus, fully human, relied solely on his Father. No water, no food, no place to rest his weary body. To cap it off, at his most humanely weakest point, here arrived Satan. Satan picks the weakest point to throw out false hope - to offer temporary and perishable human solutions to that which can only be satisfied completely by spiritual solutions. Yet Jesus, in his humanity chose to rely solely on his Father, our Father.

As I said, we are in our own desert, we are led and tempted and the same false hope is afforded us by the same Satan, now known as the "world." The difference is we do not have to go it alone. We have the Church, we have Holy priests and Religious and we have the Knights. We are called as Knights to help support our Brothers, to weep with Brothers who weep and to rejoice with Brothers who rejoice. We are called to be with those Brothers in their desert and to help them through to Resurrection Sunday. Please take this opportunity afforded by the Church to seek God, to knock at the Altar and to seek the face of God. Then you will be prepared to last through the desert, to accept the things of God and refuse the things of this world. Then you will be ready for your own resurrection to a new life in Jesus.

With that in mind won't you please join us for our Business meeting on Monday, March 14th, at St Vincent De Paul in Coventry at 7:30 PM? Also, please join us at our Social meeting at SS John and Paul Parish Hall on Monday March 21st at 7 PM. We will give our annual donations from the Kandi Drive in conjunction with the Squires. Become involved in your Council as we begin a new year with new opportunities to serve.

God Bless and Vivat Jesu!
Glenn Holt, Grand Knight

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Chaplain's Report

Dear Brother Knights:

As you know, on March 9th we begin another Season of Lent. It is a season which many Christian's observe as a special time for increased prayer, fasting and almsgiving.

You might be thinking, 'Father, that sounds good but I'm too busy to do more of these things. I can barely keep up with what I'm doing now'. Ahh! This is my very point. We may be "TOO BUSY" with many things thinking sometimes that these things are "All Important". Are they really?

We desparitly need a season to spend more time to reflect on our priorities, why do we do the things we do? Who are we doing them for? Are the things we are doing God's Will for us or are they our will for ourselves? Answers to these questions and more like them can best come through heartfelt prayer - our talking to God and our listening to Him!

In a land of abundance such as ours we need to cut back on some of our "overdoing" of things. Perhaps it is our overdoing of eating and drinking. Perhaps it is our overdoing of entertainment. Mostly, we want to "cut back" from sin of any kind.

Knights of Columbus men have always been know for their generosity. This is truly commendable and there are many examples especially in support of Church Teaching on respect for all human life from conception on. Lent is a time for us to take a second look. Can we be a bit more generous especially to the poor and disadvantaged?

So, my Brother Knights, as we live this Lent to the full I ask you to consider these things seriously for the glory of God and the good of all His people. May you have a blessed Lent.

May God Bless each of you,

Rev. Michael A. Kelley - Chaplain for Mgrs. Blessing Council.

2011 Rhode Island State Convention

The 2011 R. I. State Convention will be May 13 thru 15 2011 at the Radisson Airport Hotel, 2081 Post Road in Warwick.

The room rates this year are...

- Deluxe Room (2 dbl beds or 1 King bed) \$89.00 Single or Double Occupancy. Plus tax
- Executive Suite (1 King W/Living Room, Frig & Microwave) \$109.00 Single or Double Plus tax.

Please call the Hotel @ 401-739-3000 for a reservation. Make sure you mention you're from the Knights of Columbus.

The basic agenda for Friday and Saturday are:

- The State Dinner will be Friday May 13th at 7:15 PM in the University Ballroom on the second floor. The cash bar starts at 6:30PM.
- The meal will has yet to be determined but will be in the \$32.00 to \$38.00 range.
- 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 on Saturday the 14th. Plans will be forthcoming
- The Memorial Mass will be Saturday Evening at May14th at 6:00 PM.

Please send your Dinner reservations and have checks made out to R. I. State Council to:

A. R. Drywa.
53 Mill Cove Rd.
Warwick, R.I. 02889

Telephone: 401-739-3547
eMail: redkaye@verizon.net

Deadline for Reservations is May 1st 2011.

"Salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to men by which we must be saved." – Acts 4:12

2011 Charity Ball

"PHANTOM OF THE OPERA"
Saturday, April 9, 2011

Where: West Valley Inn - Bella Room, 4 Blossom St.
 West Warwick, RI
 Time: COCKTAIL RECEPTION 7:00 P.M. (Hors d'Oeuvres Served),
 DINNER 7:45 P.M.
 Cost: \$40.00 per person (Ticket deadline April 1, 2011)
 \$375.00 for a table of 10 (pre-purchase only by March 26,
 2011)

This event is open to ALL Brothers, Families, Friends and
 Acquaintances

Attire: Tuxedo preferred ... business suits are acceptable

Music by: Living Reel Productions by Eric Kaighin
 Featuring: Silent Auction, Raffles — This Years Grand Raffle
 \$1,000.00 Cash Prize

Menu: Wine Toast
 Soup (Family Style)
 Penne Pasta (Family Style)
 Choice of Half Roast Chicken or Broiled Fresh Scrod w/
 Lemon Butter
 Potato & Vegetable
 Italian Bread & Butter
 Raspberry Truffle Ice Cream Pie
 Coffee, Tea, Decaf

Please Note: We are again asking all Councils to donate a themed
 gift basket. These baskets will be part of the Silent Auction.

Contact: Phil DePaolo FDD, Chairman at 401-737-6616 (or
 pdepaolo1@cox.net)

STATEWIDE ACTIVITIES

Trip to Yankee Stadium

Sunday, July 31, 2011 @ 7AM
Baltimore Orioles vs. New York Yankees



The St. Augustine Council is pleased to announce its 3rd annual Yankees baseball trip to the new Yankee Stadium as the Yankees meet the Baltimore Orioles. The bus will leave the lower parking lot next to St. Augustine School, 635 Mt. Pleasant Ave. in Providence at 7:00 AM SHARP. Hopefully an early arrival to the stadium will allow us to visit the famous Monument Park. The price is \$80.00 per person and that includes the ticket to the game, bus to the stadium, and snacks on the way down and back.

For tickets, contact: Jerry Scannell at 353-1360.

National Organization For Marriage

National Organization of Marriage Our morality is under attack right now. Our new Governor Lincoln Chafee has publicly stated that he is totally in favor of same sex marriage, and would sign legislation if it came to his desk. He wants this legislation to be introduced and voted on right away.

We can't allow this to happen. Over the next few days the RI State Council Knights of Columbus are asking you to contact your RI State Senator and Representative as well as Governor Lincoln Chafee's office (411) 222-2080 and Senate President M. Teresa Paiva-Weed's office (401) 222-6655 to voice your concern of this legislation that would dramatically redefine what marriage is. The executive director, Chris Plante, visited our mid-winter meeting today (January 9, 2011) to explain what they do and to ask for our support.

Visit them on the internet at www.NOMRhodelsland.org

NOTE: You can find your State Senator and State Representative by visiting the RI General Assembly at <http://www.rilin.state.ri.us/> and then click on the heading Representatives. Follow the link entitled "Find your Legislator". Enter your Street address and Zip code and then click the Search button. The subsequent page will show you a list of all of your elected officials. Scroll down to the "State and Federal Elected Officials" section and locate the last two listed are your Representative and Senator. You can then click on their respective names and find contact information to them.

"Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord!" – Luke 19:37-40



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Message from the State Deputy**Rhode Island State Deputy John Marcello**

My Brother Knights,

I would like to thank and commend you for your membership in the Knights of Columbus. These are very challenging times for our Catholic faith in our nation. What with abortion on demand paid for with public funding of Planned Parenthood, movies and television portraying sex as freedom of expression, euthanasia as a right of passage, same sex marriage as natural and a civil right, cohabitation as normal and acceptable 'a try it before you buy it' approach leading to increase divorce rates, and contraception use leading to sex as recreational and promiscuity, all of these are attacks on our moral values. Because of you we are able to present a united front combating these evils, which exist in our society. When "One Nation Under God" was challenged in our court system you came to the defense and won by providing the funding to sustain the court battle. Yes you may not have realized it but your membership dues provided the funding. With the ongoing fight to legalize same sex marriage in our state, you contacted your politicians to voice your objection and many attended the committee hearing to register their disapproval. Yes it is through your membership that we are able to provide funding and a concerted and united effort to demonstrate our support or objection depending on the issue.

This leads me to another very important point: the obligation we have as members of the K of C to offer the benefit of membership to every eligible Catholic. Why?

1. Because of your membership in the K of C, our Catholic Faith has been defended, protected and preserved.
2. Because of your membership in the K of C, I think I can safely say your Catholic faith has been strengthened as well as that of your families.
3. Because of your membership in the K of C, it keeps you Catholic.
4. Because of your membership in the K of C, you are better able to live the lesson of the gospel "I am my brother's keeper" through our charitable donations.

I encourage you to "Just Ask" that fellow parishioner you see at Mass, the parishioners who serve in your parish ministries, your coworkers, members of your family and friends.

Carry a form 100 with you and have the courage to ask. Our nation founded on Christian principles and our society as a whole depends on us to maintain our moral values and live up to our position as "the strong right arm of the Catholic Faith" Are you prepared to this? I think you are. 'Just Ask!' Thank you! Vivat Jesus! John Marcello, State Deputy

"Be patient, then, brothers, until the Lord's coming." – James 5:7