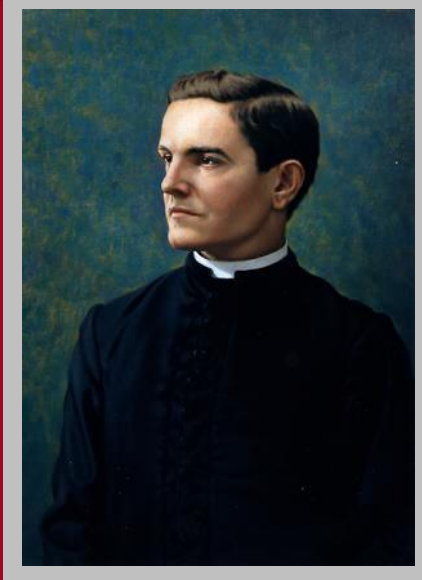




THE LOOKOUT



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



FATHER MICHAEL MCGIVNEY
OUR FOUNDER

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

MAY BUSINESS MEETING

PLACE: ST. VINCENT DE PAUL PARISH HALL
DATE: MONDAY, 5/16/2011
TIME: 7:30 PM

FIRST DEGREE TEAM REHEARSAL

PLACE: ST. VINCENT DE PAUL PARISH HALL
DATE: MONDAY, 5/23/2011
TIME: 7:00 PM

K OF C MUSEUM VISIT

LEAVE FROM: HOPKINS HILL PARK & RIDE
DATE: SUNDAY, 6/12/2011
TIME: 8:00 AM

FIRST DEGREE CEREMONY

PLACE: SS JOHN AND PAUL PARISH HALL
DATE: MONDAY, 6/13/2011
TIME: 6:30 PM

JUNE BUSINESS MEETING

PLACE: TBD
DATE: TBD
TIME: TBD



Grand Knight's Corner

Worthy Brothers, I pray you are well.

I appreciate your patience and help as we settle into our new home, and I thank Fr. Kelley for allowing us to call St. Vincent De Paul home.

With that in mind we are trying to archive a DVD to save Msgr Blessing Council's long and storied history. Our new Brother, Dave Tanski, has volunteered to scan and save whatever we have. Please contact me or Neil Fidler and we will either put you in contact with Brother Dave or have him contact you. I know there is a lot of history out there.

We will also celebrate our fiftieth anniversary next year. Neil Fidler has recently driven the formation of a new retention committee. We would like to have a very special celebration with an evening out for all. Your help in planning is greatly appreciated. Please contact Neil or me.

This is also the time for elections. We need members to step up and stand up to assume the open officer positions. I believe we will need a Grand Knight and a Deputy Grand Knight for starters. I have been pleased to be your GK for the last two terms, and this being my third year as a Knight. Please do not be fearful of stepping up. After all if I could muddle through two terms anyone can, possibly even a caveman. Let us not let our hard work and sacrifice fizzle to an end, especially since we have a good chance of making Star Council this year.

With that in mind won't you please join us for our Business meeting on Monday May 9th at St Vincent De Paul in Coventry at 7:30 PM. Unfortunately we will not have a Social Meeting in May, however stay tuned for the spring is young and summer is near. Your ideas for Social Meetings and projects are always needed. Please contact me at any time.

Once again your Council needs you. Your Catholic Church needs the Knights and we are the Knights.

God Bless and Vivat Jesu!
Glenn Holt, Grand Knight

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Chaplain's Report

Dear Brother Knights,

As we are in the beautiful month of May we can't help but be amazed again at God's grace and mercy as He renews the growth of plants, shrubs and trees everywhere we look! When you stop and think about it, EVERY living thing, plant, animal or insect, is a miracle of life! We should look on it all as a sign of God's love and as a reminder of the hope of eternal life because Christ is risen.

As we are honoring our mothers (or, for those deceased mothers, praying for their eternal salvation) we have certainly seen in them a sign of God's love as they cooperated with God (and our fathers) to bring about new life (us) in such a wondrous way! (see Psalm 139). Perhaps we can sometimes think we are just an insignificant creature but each one of us is of immense worth to God! That is why we seek to treat each other always with respect and consideration. Think how many times our mother's treated us this way and thank them.

The month of May is also a time when we honor our Spiritual Mother, the Blessed Virgin Mary. She is certainly all love for us as she intercedes for us to her Son, Jesus, continually. We as follow Knights encourage each other often to practice the devotion of praying the Rosary. It is a wonderful prayer and a wonderful practice to encourage our family prayer, as well. I know in my own life the praying of the family rosary was the beginning of my religious vocation and the strengthening of my faith in God.

On May 1st we rejoiced to have the Beatification of now Blessed John Paul II. Among so many things we admire about his holiness of life is certainly his very public devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary. Many attribute his miraculous recovery from attempted assassination on May 13th, 1981, to the intercession of our Lady of Fatima who first appeared to the children of Fatima on that date in 1917. I believe Mary can help us in many ways as we implore her to ask her Son.

By the way, if you hadn't heard, our Knights of Columbus Museum in New Haven is having a special exhibit for Blessed John Paul II up until June 30th, 2011. This would make a nice family outing or perhaps a trip with fellow Knights of other guests.

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 May 14th 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.

"He who is kind to the poor lends to the LORD, and he will reward him for what he has done." – Proverbs 19:17

Knights of Columbus Museum Visit

Sunday, June 12, 2011



The Council, along with our Squires Circle, will be visiting the Knights of Columbus Museum on Sunday, June 12. We will meet at the Hopkins Hill Park and Ride @ 8AM sharp and drive down to New Haven. We will be attending 10AM Mass at St. Mary's Church where our founder, Fr. McGivney, founded the Knights. Afterward, we will have brunch at a local restaurant and then head over to the museum. Among the displays at the museum is a "Tribute to John Paul II." As you know, Pope John Paul II was recently beautified. If interested, please contact DGK Neil Fidler @ 401-632-7922 or email Narragansett55@yahoo.com

Retention Committee

The Monsignor Blessing Council has started a retention committee comprised of the following Brother Knights: DGK Neil Fidler (chairman), GK Glenn Holt, David Tanski and Peter Turner. Meetings for the Retention Committee are held every month one hour prior to the Council Business Meeting. The Retention Committee is looking for additional Brother Knights to offer ideas and help make this committee a success. Please see DGK Neil Fidler (401-632-7922) if you are interested.

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. Your GK and DGK will be attending this event!

PawSox Game!

Thursday, August 20, 2011 @ 7:05PM

Pawtucket Red Sox vs. Columbus Clippers



The Fr. Leo Antcil Columbian Squires Circle will be attending its fourth annual PawSox game on Thursday, August 20, 2011 @ 7:05PM. The PawSox will be playing the Columbus Clippers who are the Triple-A affiliate of the Cleveland Indians. The Circle would like to extend the invitation to the Knights and their families of the Blessing Council. Tickets are \$11/each. If you're interested in attending, please contact DGK Neil Fidler @ 401-632-7922 or email Narragansett55@yahoo.com.

"Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace. And be thankful." – Colossians 3:15



Carl Anderson, Supreme Knight

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Three Year Trustee

James Woolley

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

"Teach me, O LORD, to follow your decrees; then I will keep them to the end. Give me understanding, and I will keep your law and obey it with all my heart." – Psalm 119:33-34

In Moving Ceremony, John Paul II Becomes 'Blessed'



Acknowledging the desire of Catholics throughout the world to see John Paul II declared a saint, Pope Benedict XVI took another step in that process by beatifying his predecessor in a solemn yet joyful ceremony in St. Peter's Square on Sunday, May 1.

The million or more faithful gathered outside St. Peter's Basilica and lining the streets of Rome responded with exuberant cheers as Benedict officially declared, "From now on Pope John Paul shall be called blessed," and established the late pontiff's feast day as October 22 - the day of his inauguration to the papacy in 1978.

Among those gathered for the beatification ceremony was Supreme Knight Carl A. Anderson, representing the 1.8 million Knights of Columbus throughout the world, including those in the pope's homeland of Poland. Anderson had met with John Paul II on a number of occasions and was appointed by the pope to key Vatican advisory bodies. In multiple media interviews with several media outlets, including Fox News, the Wall Street Journal, and Time magazine, Anderson said that the late pope's legacy includes his dedication to a "civilization of love" and peace, and his calls for the laity to build up the Church and transform society in accordance with Gospel values.

The supreme knight also visited the casket of the late pope in St. Peter's Basilica. With the help of the Fabbrica di San Pietro, a bound volume of messages from young Catholics that were received by the Knights of Columbus through the Order's news website Headline Bistro were placed directly on the casket. The personal messages were submitted by members of the "John Paul II Generation" who grew up during his long pontificate and owe so much of their faith and vision for the Church to the pope who inaugurated World Youth Day and held young people especially in his heart.

In a moving and personal homily that drew from the day's scriptural readings and his long-time collaboration and friendship with John Paul, Pope Benedict recalled the funeral Mass for the late pontiff six years ago and the popular opinion - expressed by the words "Santo Subito" (Sainthood Now) - that his predecessor should be placed immediately on the path to sainthood. Responding to this sentiment, soon after being elected in 2005, Pope Benedict waived the usual five-year waiting period to begin the canonization process.

"And now the longed for day has come," Benedict said in his homily. "It came quickly because this is what was pleasing to the Lord: John Paul II is blessed!"

He noted that the beatification was being held on Divine Mercy Sunday, a feast which John Paul II instituted on the Sunday after Easter, reflecting the late pontiff's devotion to Divine Mercy messages popularized by the Polish nun St. Faustina Kowalska, whom he canonized as the first saint of the new millennium in April of 2000.

In deeply personal comments, Benedict recalled his long association with the late pope during his years as head of the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith. "I was at his side and came to revere him all the more," he said. "My own service was sustained by his spiritual depth and by the richness of his insights. His example of prayer continually impressed and edified me."

Benedict concluded his homily by addressing his predecessor in heaven: "Blessed are you, beloved Pope John Paul II, because you believed! Continue, we implore you, to sustain from heaven the faith of God's people. You often blessed us in this Square from the Apostolic Palace: Bless us, Holy Father! Amen."

Note: This article was taken from the Knights of Columbus Supreme Council website: (<http://www.kofc.org/>)

"Many are the woes of the wicked, but the LORD's unfailing love surrounds the man who trusts in him." - Psalm 32:10