



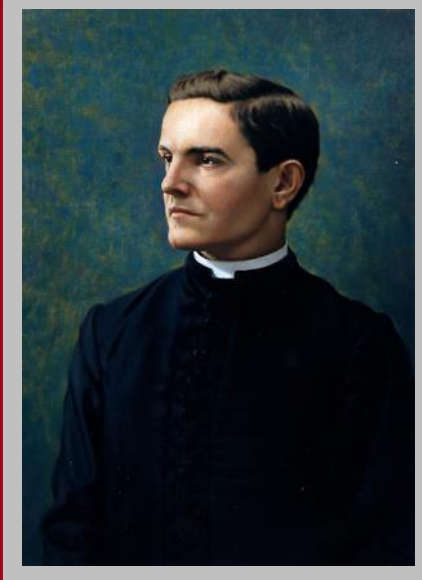
THE LOOKOUT

1962-2012 CELEBRATING OUR 50TH ANNIVERSARY

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
MONSIGNOR PETER BLESSING COUNCIL #5273
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FATHER MICHAEL MCGIVNEY
OUR FOUNDER

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

JULY BUSINESS MEETING

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

BLESSING COUNCIL FAMILY PICNIC

PLACE: GODDARD PARK
DATE: SUNDAY, 8/14/2011
TIME: TBD

AUGUST BUSINESS MEETING

PLACE: ST. VINCENT DE PAUL PARISH HALL
DATE: MONDAY, 8/15/2011
TIME: 7:30PM

PAWTUCKET RED SOX GAME

PLACE: MCCOY STADIUM
DATE: THURSDAY, 8/18/2011
TIME: 7:05PM
LEAVE FROM HOPKINS HILL PARK AND RIDE
AT 6PM SHARP.



Grand Knight's Corner

Worthy Brothers, I pray you are well.

I write this on the Fourth of July, Independence Day - the celebrated birthday of our new Republic. Many people confuse our form of government with a Democracy. It is not, it is a Republic. The difference being that a Republic is ruled by Laws and a Democracy is ruled by emotions. That is whatever feels "right" or whatever one presupposes their right to be is what they should do. There is no "greater good", there is no for the betterment of the whole, only the "I." A republic is based on laws passed by elected representatives that serve not just the individuals, but the "greater" good. There has never been a democracy that has survived. It has been said that when the individual voter understands that they can vote for their own gain, for their singular betterment, they will regardless of any impact on society as a whole. Hence we kill our unborn children, we minimize the family and degrade the sanctity of marriage to whomever would like to form this sacred bond, despite the destruction of the cornerstone of our society, the family. It has been said the final steps of a doomed society are selfishness, apathy and then destruction. Brothers we are almost there.

However we have hope. We have the same hope that our founding Fathers and Mothers, yes women played a vital role (actually if they owned land they could vote, that's another story). We have the hope given by our Sovereign God, by the life, death and resurrection of our Lord and the Holy Spirit to guide us. Let us celebrate our Independence from Great Britain and celebrate our dependence on God. Let us work as one for all and not as each one for themselves. The whole is far stronger than the sum of its parts.

To form this more perfect union won't you please join us for our Business meeting on Monday July 11th at St Vincent De Paul in Coventry at 7:30 PM. We will have our new slate of officers then, so please be there. Also, please pray for an uneventful closing on the sale of the Council Hall on July 16th.

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,

We have reached, again, perhaps the most beautiful month of the year when the living is "easier". There are no heating bills; we can go in and out without putting on coats and jackets; we can travel without being concerned about sliding on ice (but still, watch out for the other guy. Be a cautious, even charitable driver).

Many of us have a chance for vacation time during July and/or August. There are truly many wonderful places to visit right here in New England!

My spiritual encouragement to you, as a fellow Knight, is when you are taking it easy or when you are one vacation with family or friends do not take a vacation from God. What I mean, of course, is continue to live your religion.

When you are traveling different places on a weekend take a look at information about Holy Mass places and times. [See masstimes.com] Holy Mass is an opportunity (and an obligation) to stay connected with Our Lord! There are certainly extenuating circumstances when you can't make a Sunday (or Saturday night) Mass. But we should certainly make the effort to find a place.

Also, when you are driving why not take part of the time to pray the Rosary either by yourself or with others. When traveling long distance with others why not take along an inspiring Catholic book (even the Bible and have someone read a chapter or two outloud (preferably the driver should NOT be the one reading!)

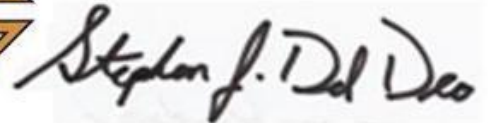
I leave it to your own good imagination and creativity to think of other ways to continue to live our Catholic religion during vacation or anytime. Remember, brothers, as men we are called to be the spiritual leaders for our family. Survey after survey indicate that when the father takes his religion seriously the children are more likely to do the same (yes, even more than the mother as devout as she may be).

Have a blessed Summer and don't forget Sunday Mass and daily prayer. May God bless each of you,

Fr. Michael Kelley, Chaplain, Msgr. Blessing Council

Stephen Del Deo – Insurance Field Agent

Worthy Brothers, if you didn't already know our Insurance Field Agent is Brother Stephen J. Del Deo and he is a member of our Council. For information about the excellent insurance benefits the Knights of Columbus has to offer, please contact Brother Stephen at the contact information below:



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Progress On Sale of Club

The contractor chosen by the CCC, Koch Enterprises, have almost completed work on the roof. The deadline for the sale was extended to July 15 because the work could not be completed by June 30. As the outgoing Grand Knight states in his Grand Knight's corner, please pray for an uneventful sale and closing. God willing the club will be sold this month!



Blessing Council Family Picnic

Save The Date – Sunday, August 14

The planning is in the works to kick off the Council's 50th Anniversary by holding a Council Family Picnic at Goddard Park on Sunday, August 14. Worthy Brother Keith Parent has volunteered to be the chairman for the Outing committee. Volunteers for this committee are certainly welcome! More details to come at the July Business Meeting.

"They that hoped in the Lord will renew their strength, they will soar as with eagles' wings; They will run and not grow weary, walk and not grow faint." – Isaiah 40:31

New Slate of Officers for CY 2011-12

At the Council's June business meeting, the slate of officers for the new Columbian year was approved. A candidate for Office must be a 3rd Degree member in good standing. The Officers elected are:

- Grand Knight: Neil Fidler
- Deputy Grand Knight: David Tanski
- Chancellor: John Deary
- Recorder: John Ball
- Treasurer: Glenn Holt
- Advocate: Pat Hurley
- Warden: Russell Maxwell
- Inside Guard: Jim Hall
- Outside Guard: Tim Maynard
- 1yr. Trustee: Richard Belanger
- 2yr. Trustee: Earl Mahar
- 3yr. Trustee: James Woolley

Congratulations to our new officers, and now, it will be up to our Brother Knights, we the members, to support and assist them during the upcoming year. The installation of officers is currently planned for September.

PawSox Game!

Thursday, August 18, 2011 @ 7:05PM
Pawtucket Red Sox vs. Columbus Clippers



The Fr. Leo Anctil 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 GK Neil Fidler @ 401-632-7922 or email Narragansett55@yahoo.com.

Welcome Our Two Newest Knights!



L-R: GK Glenn Holt, Matthew Parent and Fr. Eddie Lopez

On Monday, June 6, the Blessing Council First Degree team held its first First Degree Exemplification Ceremony in over five years and did a fantastic job as Father Eddie Lopez and Matthew Parent became Knights of Columbus. Matthew Parent also became the very first Columbian Squire from the Father Leo Anctil Circle to become a Knight of Columbus. After the ceremony, a collation was held with food provided by Brothers Keith Parent and Neil Fidler.

There are tentative plans for another First Degree Exemplification in August. The first three Chief Squires of the Father Leo Anctil Circle - Alexander Cote, Nick Parent and Stephen Smith - are planning to become Knights - stay tuned!

50th Anniversary!

The 2011-12 Columbian Year will mark the 50th Anniversary of the Monsignor Blessing Council. Events and activities to mark and celebrate this great milestone in our Council's history are already underway. With the help of our newly appointed Council historian, David Tanski, we will be publishing moments in Blessing Council history in subsequent Newsletters the Columbian Year.

"God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble." – Psalm 46:1



Carl Anderson, Supreme Knight

Council Officers:

Chaplain

Rev. Michael Kelley

Grand Knight

Neil Fidler

Financial Secretary

John Tally

Deputy Grand Knight

David Tanski

Chancellor

John Deary

Recorder

John Ball

Treasurer

Glenn Holt

Advocate

Patrick Hurley

Warden

Russell Maxwell

Inside Guard

James Hall

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Tim Maynard

One Year Trustee

Richard Belanger

Two Year Trustee

Earl Mahar

Three Year Trustee

James Woolley

Insurance Agent

Stephen Del Deo

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

"Love does no harm to its neighbor. Therefore love is the fulfillment of the law." – Romans 13:10