



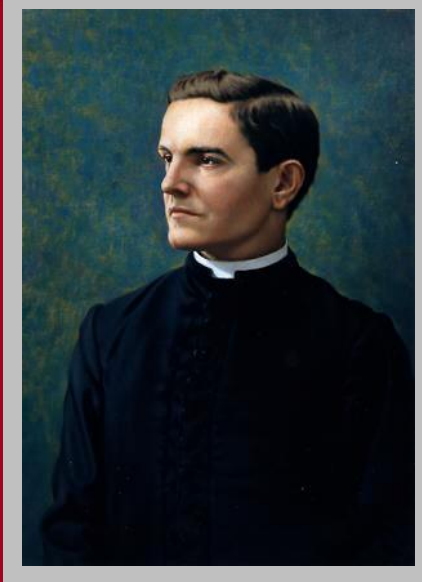
# THE LOOKOUT

## 1962-2012 CELEBRATING OUR 50<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY

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

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OUR FOUNDER

### CALENDAR OF EVENTS

#### AUGUST BUSINESS MEETING

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

#### FIRST DEGREE EXEMPLIFICATION

PLACE: STS. JOHN AND PAUL PARISH HALL  
DATE: MONDAY, 8/15/2011  
TIME: 7:30PM  
BROTHERS AND CANDIDATES ASKED TO  
ARRIVE AT 7:00PM

#### 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.

#### BLESSING COUNCIL FAMILY PICNIC

PLACE: GODDARD PARK  
DATE: SATURDAY, 9/10/2011  
TIME: 12 NOON TO 6PM

#### SEPTEMBER BUSINESS MEETING

PLACE: ST. VINCENT DE PAUL PARISH HALL  
DATE: MONDAY, 9/12/2011  
TIME: 7:30PM



## Grand Knight's Corner

Worthy Brothers, I pray you are well.

This is my first Grand Knight's Corner, and I would like to take the opportunity to thank Past Grand Knight Glenn Holt for his outstanding stewardship of our council over the past two years. Our council went through some monumental changes in that period of time, and under PGK Glenn's leadership and, of course, God's help, our council has come out stronger. In fact, in the last Columbian Year, our council achieved Star Council. Thank you and God bless you PGK Glenn!

I would also like to thank Coventry Columbus Club President Keith Parent for all the time and effort he put in to making the sale of our old council hall a success. When Brother Keith volunteered to take on President of the Club after Brother Pat Hurley stepped down, he did not realize at the time he would be presiding over the sale of the club. Once the decision was voted on by the CCC and Council to sell, Brother Keith devoted countless hours and energy into getting the sale done. He also had to deal with a sagging roof which was the result of the heavy snowfall we received last winter. Brother Keith identified a contractor, and worked with him to make sure everything was completed. Without God's help and Brother Keith's efforts, this sale doesn't happen. Thank you and God bless you Brother Keith!

The Columbian Year 2011-12 marks the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Monsignor Blessing Knights of Columbus Council. We should all be very proud of this significant milestone! We will be kicking off the celebration with a Family Picnic on Saturday, September 10 at Goddard Park. I urge all of you and your families to attend. The picnic is free of charge. We are planning on having a BBQ as well as selected fun activities. We are also inviting our Squires from the Father Leo Anctil Circle and their families as well. It should be a great time, so please come out and join us!

Lastly, I look forward to serving you as Grand Knight for this Columbian Year. I hope you will pray for me as I will pray for all of you. Already, we will be welcoming four new Knights to our Council this month which will include the first three Chief Squires of our Squires Circle. Please come on out and welcome them.

God Bless and Vivat Jesu!  
Neil Fidler, Grand Knight

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## Chaplain's Report

Dear Brother Knights,

This Summer seems like the Summer of many economic concerns in our society. In recent weeks it seems there has been news every day about working out a way to better use our limited finances on the Federal, State and even Local level of government. We have been praying for wise, just and truthful resolutions to these problems. How wonderful if we could find a better solution in the long run, not just the short run!

In the "Catholic spiritual economy" which involves all God has done for us in Jesus Christ His only begotten son, "one in being with the Father", there is never a problem with supply - God's grace is always there for us. God's economy is founded on His Word, it includes salvation for all who believe, it also includes the indwelling of the Holy Spirit, forgiveness of all our sins (especially with the Sacrament of Reconciliation) and the hope of Heaven where all pain, suffering and sadness are wiped away. This is a rich economy indeed!

The problem with the "Catholic spiritual economy" is our "demand", that is, our acceptance of all these things as well as our understanding of their importance. As you read over the above paragraph did you just rush on and say to yourself "I know all this already." What I encourage you to do is to know it more deeply. Reflect on each aspect of our "Catholic spiritual economy" with a new appreciation of it.

World economies will go up and down and sideways. But acceptance and demanding God's economy always leads to a "spiritual boom market!" 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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### Sale of Council Hall Complete!

The closing on the Council Hall was held on Tuesday, July 18. Coventry Columbus Club Keith Parent was present, and everything was successful! As the Grand Knight mentioned in this month's article, Brother Keith has gone above and beyond in making the sale of the Council Hall a successful one! Kudos to Brother Keith!

### First Degree Exemplification!

The First Degree Team will be conducting a First Degree Exemplification ceremony on Monday, August 15 at 7:30PM at the Saints John and Paul Parish Hall. Candidates and Brother Knights are asked to arrive by 7PM so we can start the ceremony on time. This will be a special ceremony as the first three Chief Squires of the Fr. Leo Anttil Circle are becoming Knights so all Brother Knights are encouraged to attend.

*"The heavens declare the glory of God; the skies proclaim the work of his hands."  
– Psalm 19:1*



## 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 Anttil 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](mailto:Narragansett55@yahoo.com).



## Blessing Council Family Picnic

**RESCHEDULED - Saturday, September 10**  
**12-6PM at Goddard Park, Warwick**

The Blessing Council Family Picnic has been rescheduled to Saturday, September 10 from 12 to 6PM at Goddard Park in Warwick. We're planning on kicking off our 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration with this picnic! Everything is free of charge and, of course, families are most definitely invited! Please contact Brother Keith Parent at 401-249-8585 with any questions you may have.

### Retention Committee Info

Any Brother Knight who needs a ride to a meeting and/or an event is encouraged to call GK Neil Fidler @ 401-632-7922 or DGK David Tanski @ 401-615-2824.

Also, the retention committee consists of Chairman David Tanski, GK Neil Fidler, PGK Glenn Holt and Brother Jim Hall. The committee is looking for more volunteers to help out. Brother Knights who are interested in joining our committee please contact either the GK or the DGK.

### This Month in Blessing Council History

**August 12, 1970** - Father Kiley was welcomed as our Chaplain in a ceremony. He remained our Council Chaplain for more than 10 years offering spiritual guidance, leading talks, and celebrating Mass at various functions.

Did you know that during August Msgr. Blessing Council held Golf Tournaments throughout the 1960s? Also, there were numerous family outings to places like Goddard Park and Arcadia.

*"Sovereign LORD, you are God! Your covenant is trustworthy, and you have promised these good things to your servant." - 2 Samuel 7:28*



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

**Inside Guard**

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

*"He chose to give us birth through the word of truth, that we might be a kind of firstfruits of all he created." – James 1:18*