



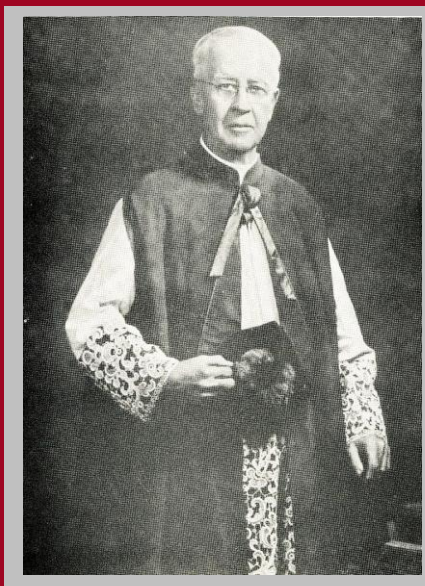
The Blessing Word

1962-2012 CELEBRATING OUR 50TH ANNIVERSARY

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

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MSGR PETER E. BLESSING, L.L.D.,
D.D., V.G.
Our Council's Namesake

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

JUNE COUNCIL BUSINESS MEETING

PLACE: ST. VINCENT DE PAUL PARISH HALL
DATE: MONDAY, 6/11/2012
TIME: 7:30PM

GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY DINNER

PLACE: NINO'S ON LAKE TIOGUE
DATE: SATURDAY, 6/23/2012
TIME: 6:00PM

JULY SQUIRES BUSINESS MEETING

PLACE: SSJP RECTORY CONFERENCE ROOM
DATE: FRIDAY, 7/6/2012
TIME: 7:00PM

JULY COUNCIL BUSINESS MEETING

PLACE: ST. VINCENT DE PAUL PARISH HALL
DATE: MONDAY, 7/9/2012
TIME: 7:30PM



Grand Knight's Corner

Worthy Brothers, I pray you and your families are well.

It's hard to believe this will be my last Grand Knight's Corner column. This Columbian Year has gone by so fast. It seems like yesterday that we kicked off our Columbian Year with the Family Picnic at Goddard Park.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of the outgoing Council Officers and Committee Chairmen. Our Council could have not accomplished a thing without you. I would especially like to thank those officers who stepped up this year when our Worthy Past Financial Secretary John Tally announced his retirement. As you know, the Deputy Grand Knight at the time, David Tanski, volunteered to take on that very important office. Also, when the DGK position became open, Brother John Pizzo, who has just joined our Order this year, volunteered to take it on.

I would also like to thank our Round Table Chairmen – Dick Belanger, Glenn Holt and Earl Mahar. Because of their efforts, we have reaffirmed our support of our parishes and parish priests. I know that our Parish Priests are very pleased with their efforts.

Brothers, it is very important that we keep our momentum going. We cannot rest on our laurels. I urge all of you to support the new slate of officers as much as you can. We need your ideas. We need your help recruiting new Knights. Don't wait for someone to ask you to do something. Come up with ideas and make them happen.

I pray I will see all of you at our Golden Anniversary Celebration Dinner at Nino's on Lake Tiogue on Saturday, June 23 at 6PM. I also pray we see some Brother Knights who we haven't seen in a while. I think you all will enjoy the program we have planned.

Lastly, I thank you all for your support this last year. Without you, we wouldn't have enjoyed the success we did. Thank you and God bless you!

God Bless and Vivat Jesu!

Neil Fidler, Grand Knight

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Neil Grant



Chaplain's Report

Dear Brother Knights,

Recently I saw the movie "For Greatly Glory - the true story of Cristiada". As you probably know it was the feature article in the May issue of Columbia Magazine. I hope many of you have also seen it or will see it soon. It is well worth the time and I'll tell you why I say this.

The movie does a great job of showing how secular/anti-Catholic government leaders caused terrible loss of life and suppression of faith. For example, over 160 priests were martyred while thousands of other priests fled the country or went underground! From 1926 to June 21st 1929 the Cristeros War raged throughout the country. In losses among government military and the Cristeros fighters and the common people combined over 250,000 lives were lost in Mexico. It is no wonder these events are little known because they are so sad and almost seem unbelievable to happen on our North American continent in such recent times.

Dear Brothers, the sobering reality is OUR religious liberties are being threatened today in the U.S.A.! The HHS Mandate and other measures have already limited our free practice of our religion. Examples are very clearly stated in Achbishop Lori, our Supreme Chaplain, in a recent bishops letter: "Our First Most Cherished Liberty".

In response to all this, a "Fortnight for Freedom" will be June 22nd to July 4th. This is being held throughout the Country with prayer, fasting, teaching and preaching in many Catholic Churches and dioceses. I encourage you to join whatever prayer effort you can at your parish or even on your own our both. Pray that all our religious liberties be restored and protected as soon as possible.

The Cristeros fighters in Mexico put their life on the line to fight for our precious Catholic faith and the free practice of it. What will we sacrifice now for the free practice of our Catholic faith?

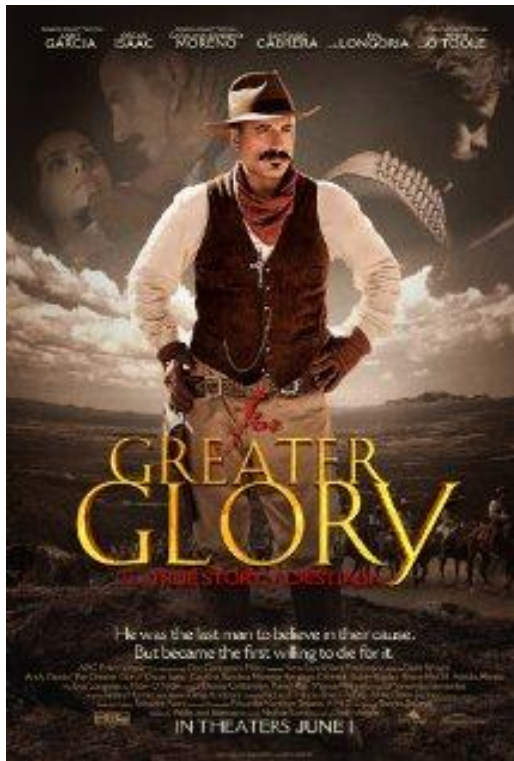
May God Bless each of you!

Rev. Michael Kelley

Chaplain

Msgr. Blessing Council #5273

"Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called sons of God." Matthew 5:9



For Greater Glory

Our Worthy Chaplain mentioned the movie For Greater Glory in his Chaplain's Report, and it is currently playing in theaters. Here in Rhode Island, the movie is playing at the Lincoln Mall. Show times daily are 1:05PM and 4:40PM. The Supreme Chaplain and Supreme Knight as well as our State Deputy urge all Knights to see this film about the Cristero War where Mexicans rose against the atheist government for their religious freedom.

This Month in Blessing Council History

June has always been a very active month for Blessing Council. Historically it is the month where we, and other councils, nominate officers. However, we have not only looked toward the future in the coming year, but we have acted in the present. Blessing council had a scholarship fund and awarded scholarships yearly until 1996. It is also in June that we have allocated and donated the money raised by the "KANDI" or "Tootsie Roll" drive, our single largest fundraiser through which we have raised and donated almost \$40,000 (not accounting for inflation).

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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The Msgr. Peter E. Blessing Foundation

We have invested \$75K of the proceeds from the sale of our building into the Vanguard Wellington Fund.

I would like to see it called "The MSGR. PETER E. BLESSING FOUNDATION" which will be similar to the "BISHOP MCVINNEY FOUNDATION." The Bishop McVinney Foundation was set up by a group of lay Catholic gentlemen from a donation given to them by the Bishop's sister which I understand was a sizable amount. The earnings from the foundation have been used over the years to benefit the seminarians of Our Lady of Providence Seminary to foster future vocation.

You can do a Google search on Vanguard Wellington fund on the computer and it will give you all the information you need to know about the fund. I would like to have it as simple as possible so that we can donate the proceeds to the Seminary and let them use it for their needs. It would also be nice to see a scholarship given annually to a needy Catholic high school student.

I hope to see an annual income of \$5K a year from the fund.

Naturally, this is not set in stone and we have a lot of planning to do over the next year. Needless to say a committee will have to be set up. That is the gist of it and I have high hopes for its success.

PGK Jim Woolley, Trustee 3rd Year

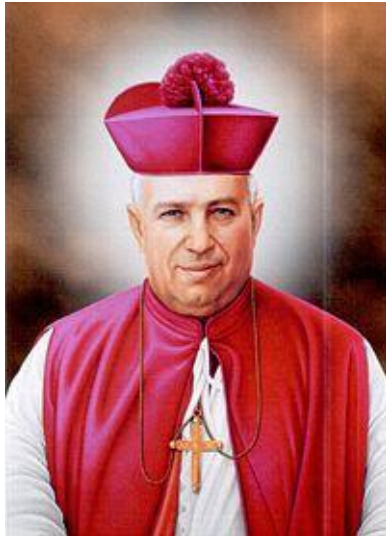
*"How good and pleasant it is when brothers live together in unity!"
- Psalm 133:1*



SAINT OF THE MONTH

Catholic saints are holy people who lived extraordinary lives. Each saint the Church honors responded to God's invitation to use his or her unique gifts. God calls each one of us to be a saint. For the Columbian Year 2011-12, we will honor a Saint each month in our Newsletter.

St. Rafael Guizar Valencia



St. Rafael Guizar Valencia, known as "the bishop of the poor" cared for the wounded, sick and dying during Mexico's 1910-20 revolution. He was a special target for persecution because of his outspoken defense of the Church.

He was forced to live in hiding in order to continue his work as a priest and bishop. He escaped to Guatemala and Cuba and returned to Mexico in 1929.

"We welcome to canonization of our brother Knight, Bishop Guizar Valencia. His life of courage and legacy of evangelization will be an inspiration to our 1.7 million members around the world."

- Supreme Knight Carl A. Anderson

New Slate of Officers Elected

At the May Business Meeting, the nominating committee proposed a new slate of officers for the 2012-12 Columbian Year as follows:

Chief Squire - Joshua Fidler
Deputy Chief Squire - Zachary Farrell
Notary Squire - Neil Grant
Bursar Squire - Christopher Peloso
Marshal Squire - Derek Smith

The slate of officers was unanimously voted for by the Circle. The new officers will assume their positions as of July 1st.



Chief Squire's Corner

I would like to congratulate you all on the fine job you did at the yard sale and the KANDI Drive. This is my final Chief Squire's report. I would like to start off by thanking Mr. Neil for all the time and effort that he has put into planning and scheduling the events that the Squires do. To all of the newly elected officers, congratulations and good luck. And to the Squire circle in general, I wish you all good luck in this coming year and that you all will have a great summer. May God bless you all.

Sincerely,
Norman A. Francis Jr.
Chief Squire

Yard Sale a Success!



The Circle participated in the SSJP Flea Market on Saturday, June 2. The Circle raised \$160 of which half will go to charity and half to the general fund. The Circle wishes to thank the Knights of the Blessing Council who contributed the majority of the items the Squires sold.

KANDI Drive



The Circle's 2012 KANDI (Tootsie Roll) Drive will held at Stop and Shop on Saturday, May 12 was a huge success. The Circle raised \$1,315.00. While this total didn't match the previous year's total, it was because the Squires only had one day to raise funds as opposed to three days in the past. Well done to all the Squires who participated.

"Let justice roll on like a river, righteousness like a never-failing stream!"

- Amos 5:24



You are cordially invited to the
MSGR. PETER E. BLESSING
KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL #5273
50th Anniversary Celebration!

When: Saturday, June 23, 2012

Where: Nino's on Lake Tiogue, 446 Tiogue Ave., Coventry, RI

Time: Cocktails 6:00 P.M.

Dinner 7:00 P.M.

Cost: \$25.00 per person (RSVP June 9, 2012)

**This event is open to ALL Brother Knights, Families, Friends and
Acquaintances**

Attire: Semi-Formal

Music by: *B&N Music*

Featuring: 50/50 Raffle

Menu: Italian Buffet

Chicken Marsala or Chicken Parmigiana

Veal and Peas

Sausage, Peppers and Potatoes

Meatballs

Ravioli

Eggplant Parmigiana or Oven Roasted Eggplant

Spinach Ring

Proscuitto Ring

Choose three of the following Salads:

Italian Potato Salad, Pasta Salad, Italian Green Bean Salad, Fruit Salad, or Fresh

Garden Salad

Coffee

Mini Pastries

Rolls and Butter

RSVP June 16, 2012

Contact: Glenn Holt PGK at 401-263-3614

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Squires KANDI Drive 5-12-2012

