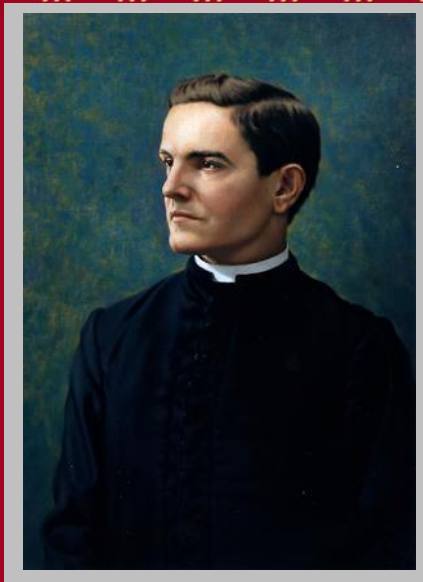




THE LOOKOUT

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



FATHER MICHAEL MCGIVNEY
OUR FOUNDER

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

JUNE COLUMBUS CLUB MEETING

PLACE: K OF C BLESSING COUNCIL HALL
DATE: WEDNESDAY, 6/2/2010
TIME: 8:00 PM

JUNE BUSINESS MEETING

PLACE: BLESSING COUNCIL HALL
DATE: WEDNESDAY, 6/9/2010
TIME: 7:30 PM

JUNE SOCIAL MEETING

PLACE: K OF C BLESSING COUNCIL HALL
DATE: WEDNESDAY, 6/23/2010
TIME: 7:30 PM

JULY COLUMBUS CLUB MEETING

PLACE: K OF C BLESSING COUNCIL HALL
DATE: WEDNESDAY, 7/7/2010
TIME: 7:30 PM

JULY BUSINESS MEETING

PLACE: BLESSING COUNCIL HALL
DATE: WEDNESDAY, 7/14/2010
TIME: 7:30 PM

JULY SOCIAL MEETING

PLACE: K OF C BLESSING COUNCIL HALL
DATE: WEDNESDAY, 7/28/2010
TIME: 7:30 PM

Grand Knight's Message

Worthy Brothers,

I hope you are well. I am writing this on a Sunday afternoon and reflecting on the Gospel reading from Mass. Jesus had been speaking to the crowds of the Kingdom of God, and he healed those who needed healing. I don't know about you, but I include myself in that group, needing the healing of Jesus.

The twelve apostles approached Jesus and asked that he dismiss the crowds as it was getting late and the people needed to find food for them. Jesus replied "give them some food your selves." I can only imagine their thoughts. What? Me? There are only five loaves and two fish! I'm not responsible for these people! Let them fend for themselves. Dismiss them and they can go find their own, after all I have five loaves and two fish. They're not my responsibility. Somehow I can see myself saying the same things.

Jesus seems to ignore them, the Apostles, and says "have them sit in groups of fifty." Jesus then prayed to our Father and broke the bread and gave it to the disciples who then distributed it to the groups of fifty and all were well fed. Even to the point of having more than needed.

You see as disciples of Jesus, Christians, we are called to be Apostles. We are called to be responsible for the welfare of our brothers and sisters, just as Jesus showed the apostles. Now I know we cannot do this on our own, we will fail miserably and become very discouraged and maybe dismiss the people to go find their own way. However when we meet together, when we pray together, when we pool our resources and seek the help of Jesus, our meager resources will be multiplied and many will be fed. Fed, not just with bread and water, but the very Bread of Life.

Won't you join us in our Knights of Columbus meetings? Won't you give us maybe two hours a month and let Jesus multiply your offering? Help us to be light to a dark world Help us to feed the hungry both physically and spiritually. You can make a difference as a member of the Body of Christ and an active member of the Knights of Columbus.

Our meetings are the 2nd Wednesday of the month (Business meeting) and the 4th Wednesday of the month (Social Meeting). The meetings come to order at 7:30 PM and are at the Monsignor Blessing Council Hall on Rte. 116 in Coventry. Won't you bring your bread or fish and let Jesus use it to feed many?

God Bless and Vivat Jesu!

Glenn Holt, Grand Knight

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IT'S UP AND RUNNING!

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Chaplain's Report

Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ

An old-timer in a café began talking to a Brazilian pilot who stopped in. They soon discovered they were from the same province. Next they discovered they were from the same town. When the Brazilian pilot was about to leave the old-timer said to him jokingly, "You know, if we keep talking, we might discover that we're from the same family."

That story can be an introduction to the Eucharist. For the Eucharist is a meal at which we discover, in a special way, that we are a family. We discover that we are brothers and sisters: members of the Body of Christ. Christ is always revealing himself where he has concealed himself. He is within any one who eats the bread from heaven. He is in what looks like bread and wine but what we know is his Body and Blood (reveal/conceal).

St. Paul says of the Eucharist: "Because the loaf of bread is one, we, though many are one body, for we partake in the one loaf." Today's feast celebrates the great gift Jesus made to his disciples at the Last Supper. Luke describes it this way, "This is my body, which will be given for you; do this in memory of me." "This cup is the new covenant in my blood, which will be shed for you."

These words "given for you" and "shed for you," speak of sacrifice, the very sacrifice of Jesus body and blood for us on the Cross. St. Paul speaking of this sacrificial aspect said, "The cup of blessing that we bless, is it not a participation in the blood of Christ? The bread that we break, is it not a participation in the body of Christ?"

Each time we celebrate the Eucharist together, we participate in Jesus' offering of himself to his Father. In other words, the Eucharistic meal that we celebrate each Sunday is not a new sacrifice. It is the very same sacrifice that Jesus began at the Last Supper and completed on the Cross. Where Jesus is concealed he reveals himself through the Ultimate Sacramental Sign, His Body and Blood.

Do we acknowledge Jesus Christ where he is concealed in the Eucharist? In spite of the miracles by which Jesus manifested his divine power during his public life, many people were unable to recognize him. In Gethsemane and in his Passion his divinity seemed totally hidden. Jesus hides

again in the Blessed Eucharist under the appearances of bread and wine so that our faith and our love may seek him out.

The Incarnate Word (Wisdom) is there in the Host, just as he was in the times of the Apostles and of the crowds who followed him and were fed by him. The grace that flows out of the Eucharist ask for nothing but to flow into men and women to transform them into himself. By doing so he incorporates us into one family, brothers and sisters, in the Body of Christ.

Jesus said, 'For my flesh is food indeed, and my blood is drink indeed. He who eats my flesh and drinks my blood abides in me, and I in him (Jn 6:48-59).' When Jesus said this the Jews murmured. Jesus could have said that he only meant it as a metaphor, but he did not. When many disciples left him he did not call them back by correcting himself. Jesus let them go. They could not fathom that God could be revealed in a man, let alone in the form of bread.

Pope Benedict in 2007 spoke to the Bishops of Latin America and the Caribbean while in Brazil, one of his topics was Sunday Mass (The Eucharist). "Christians should beware that they are not following a character from past history but the living Christ, present in the today and now of their lives. He is the living one who walks alongside us, revealing to us the meaning of events, of suffering and death, of rejoicing and feasting, entering our homes and remaining there, feeding us with the bread that gives life. For this reason Sunday Mass must be the center of Christian life. The encounter with Christ in the Eucharist calls forth a commitment to evangelization and an impulse toward solidarity (one family); it awakens in the Christian a strong desire to proclaim the Gospel and to bear witness to it in the world so as to build a more just and humane society."

From the Eucharist in the course of the centuries an immense wealth of charity has sprung forth of sharing difficulties of others, of love of justice. Only from the Eucharist will the civilization of love spring forth that will transform Latin America, the Caribbean, and the world."

Do we believe that Jesus Christ reveals himself where he seems concealed (hidden)?

Father Peter J. Sheehan, Chaplain
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"Yes, LORD, walking in the way of your laws, we wait for you; your name and renown are the desire of our hearts."

Isaiah 26:8

Coming Council Events

PAWSOX GAME – Thursday, August 19th!



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The Fr. Leo Anttila Columbian Squires Circle is happy to announce the third annual Squires Pawtucket Red Sox Game Outing on Thursday, August 19th at the McCoy Stadium. The PawSox are taking on the Lehigh Valley Iron Pigs. The game starts at 7:05PM. The Circle would like to invite the Brother Knights of the Monsignor Blessing Council to join us in seeing a great baseball game! To buy tickets, please contact Deputy Grand Knight and Chief Counselor Neil Fidler (823-8526) with how many tickets you wish to buy. Families are most certainly welcome!

Fundraisers and Activities Statewide

Clambake – Bishop Hickey Council

Bishop Hickey Council is hosting its 3rd annual clambake. \$23.00 per person and tickets must be purchased by 6/1. Please contact DGK Allen Winter, Sr. @ 433-5147

Sunday, June 13, 2010 @ 1PM

Peter Sepe Pavillon

**50 Asylum Road, Warren, RI
(Off Rte 103 – Child St.)**

Ham & Bean Dinner – Sullivan Council

Ham and beans are only part of the main entree. Salad, dressing, Italian and brown bread, and a pastry for dessert.

\$8 for adults, \$5 for children 6-10 yrs. 5 and under free!

For advance ticket purchases or more info contact Real @ 241-3001 or Leo @ 641-3989

Friday, June 18, 2010 @ 4:30-7:30PM

Sullivan Council

20 Claremont St., Central Falls, RI

Council Membership Drive/Open House

IMPORTANT!!!

Over the next three weeks, the Monsignor Blessing Council will be conducting a Membership Drive. The drive will consist of the following:

- An invitation to the Columbian Squires Fathers, Grandfathers and Uncles to join the Council as Brother Knights.
- Worthy Brother and Insurance Agent Stephen Del Deo and his team are making phone calls to eligible men in the local parishes.
- Two membership blitzes – the first one at St. Vincent de Paul Parish on Sunday, June 13 at the 8AM and 10:30AM Masses – the second one at Saints John and Paul Parish on Sunday, June 20 at the 10AM and 11:30AM Masses. Brother Knights will hand out pamphlets with flyers for the Open House
- An Open House at the Council Hall on Saturday, June 26 from 3 to 6PM for prospective members. We will be inviting guest speakers such as the State Deputy, District Deputy and Insurance Agent Stephen Del Deo. We'll be showing a video and then holding a BBQ.

With this action plan, we pray that we will be increasing active membership in the Council over the next few months. Of course, a membership drive is an ongoing event, and new ideas for doing this are always welcome.

Rhode Island K of C 2010 Charity Golf Classic



Sunday, June 13, 2010

Chemawa Golf Course

350 Cushman Road

North Attleboro, MA

**Sign in at 7:00 am with shotgun start at 7:30 am
Dinner following at Sullivan Council with awards
Cost? \$100 per person (\$25 for additional dinner
guest) Contact George Plante Jr. 401-524-3639**

*Humility and the fear of the LORD bring wealth and honor and life.
Proverbs 22:4*



Carl Anderson, Supreme Knight

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Two Year Trustee

Earl Mahar

Three Year Trustee

James Woolley

PGK/PCC Tom Del Mastro Farewell

As I leave the state of RI for new adventures, I want you to know that it has been my honor and privilege to serve our council. I wish to convey my sincere appreciation and most sincere heartfelt thanks to all my council brothers and their wives for the kindness, courtesy, friendship, advice and support extended to my wife, Delores, and I as we chaired some of the council functions over the years. We shall not forget your fond farewell dinner, was much appreciated and for those in attendance. It was great to see you all again.

My profound gratitude to my wife who always shows great support for me, Msgr. Blessing Council and in general the Knights of Columbus. A Grand Knight needs the support of his family for all the work that he must do that takes time away from them if he is to do the job efficiently. Thanks to all my council brothers and their willingness to extend their cooperation whenever asked of them for I have always tried to be there for them as well. There are old adages that if you want something done, ask a busy person. This adage describes our council brothers and their wives that serve the council in one capacity or another throughout the years. It is this dedication that continues to make our order relevant 48 years after our founding. Our council may be going through a difficult time at present; however, I know in my heart of hearts that if you support your new Grand Knight and his officers that you will weather through it and be stronger because of it! In 2012 you will celebrate your 50th anniversary! I shall pray that you will have both a strong council and Squires circle.

I would remiss if I did not also thank our chaplain, Rev. Sheehan, for taking the time from his busy schedule to provide the council with all that he does. As I have stated many times, we have been blessed to have such caring, spiritual and devoted individual as our chaplain. I will never forget the time a council widow, Mrs. Angie Bonetti, laid on her deathbed and I placed a call to SS John & Paul Parish for the anointing of the sick. It was after rectory hours and Fr. Sheehan answered the phone. After I explain the situation he said that he would there within a ½ hr. Later that evening our council's widow went to meet her maker. Rev. Sheehan was our chaplain for about two weeks or less. It was later in the week that I discovered that after rectory hours the message goes into a voicemail; however, Rev. Sheehan elected to pick up the phone.

Finally, be assured that Delores and I will always remember the many great experiences and events of our years at Msgr. Blessing Council. We shall always cherish the great K of C friendships that we developed here in Rhode Island and look forward to developing new K of C friends in AZ.

Vivat Jesu!

Fraternally,
Brother Tom Del Mastro PGK/PCC

*I seek you with all my heart; do not let me stray from your commands.
Psalm 119:10*

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Rhode Island State Deputy Steven Ciolfi