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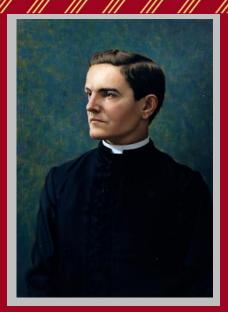
THE LOOKOUT



Knights of Columbus

Monsignor Peter Blessing Council #5273

Coventry, Rhode Island



FATHER MICHAEL McGIVNEY OUR FOUNDER

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

FEBRUARY BUSINESS MEETING

PLACE: St. VINCENT DE PAUL PARISH HALL DATE: MONDAY, 2/14/2011

TIME: 7:30 PM

FEBRUARY SOCIAL MEETING

PLACE: TBD DATE: TBD TIME: TBD

MARCH BUSINESS MEETING

PLACE: ST. VINCENT DE PAUL PARISH HALL

DATE: MONDAY, 3/14/2011

TIME: 7:30 PM

MARCH SOCIAL MEETING

PLACE: TBD DATE: TBD TIME: TBD



Grand Knight's Corner

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Worthy Brothers, I hope you are well.

As a practical Catholic and a Knight of Columbus we are not only called to proclaim the Gospel of Life, but to also actively oppose the culture of death which has gripped our great nation. This a call directly from God in the words, "...that you be either hot or cold" and "...being lukewarm I will spit you from my mouth..."

There are many facets to the culture of death. There is abortion, the murder of an innocent baby; there is euthanasia or assisted suicide, which places no value in a life that does not conform to someone else's definition of quality of life. There the devaluation of the American worker, who is now thought of as a number on a balance sheet and dehumanized as simply labor. This has led to a decline in a work ethic and to a general malaise and depression among the workforce. I know there are exceptions and we need to support those companies that remember that their workers have the dignity of being a child of God. We have become merely consumers being sold something, anything for the sake of a profit. There is the pornography industry which uses people to prey on the weaknesses of others, all for a tidy profit. It seems that a life is not a life unless they have a quantifiable dollar amount attached to their contribution. How sad that life from God, a gift from God, has become a self serving wandering in the desert.

I ask you as Brothers to examine your own life, your own motivations. Are you wandering in the desert or have you set your GPS to "seek ye first the kingdom of Heaven"?

I ask each one of you to be at our next Council meeting on Feb 14th at St Vincent De Paul in Coventry at 7:30 PM. There we can all set our GPS devices and follow the same trek out of the desert. There we can support local, state and national Knights work to bring light to the culture of death. We can make a difference; after all it is a matter of life and death.

God Bless and Vivat Jesu! Glenn Holt, Grand Knight

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Chaplain's Report

Dear Brother Knights:

This winter we are all very aware of the greater than average snow and rain we have been receiving. This has been not only in New England but, it seems, throughout most of our country.

Questions we can always ponder are "Why is God allowing this?" and "Is God speaking any message to me through these circumstances?"

One passage in Scripture that someone reminded me of recently seems very appropriate:

"For as the rain and the snow come down from Heaven and do not return there but water the earth, making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater, so shall My word be that goes forth from My mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I intend, and prosper in the thing for which I sent it.

| Isaiah 55:10-11

God's Word does come to us like the rain and the snow which we have seen so much of recently. It comes to us through the official teaching of our Catholic Church on faith and morals (so rooted in Sacred Scripture); it comes to us sometimes through a Brother Knight who we may seek out for good advice or counseling on something happening in our lives; it may come to us in a sense of Jesus advice when we ask Him things in daily prayer; it may come in other ways.

Brothers, God wants to speak to us in some way every day to guide us in His ways. May we be as aware of His word as we are aware of the snow and the rain.

May God bless each of you,

Fr. Michael Kelley - K of C Chaplain for Mgsr. 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 May14th 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.

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2011 Charity Ball

"PHANTOM OF THE OPERA" Saturday, April 9, 2011

Where: West Valley Inn - Bella Room, 4 Blossom St.

West Warwick, RI

Time: COCKTAIL RECEPTION 7:00 P.M. (Hors d'Oeuvres Served),

DINNER 7:45 P.M.

Cost: \$40.00 per person (Ticket deadline April 1, 2011)

\$375.00 for a table of 10 (pre-purchase only by March 26,

2011)

This event is open to ALL Brothers, Families, Friends and Acquaintances

Attire: Tuxedo preferred ... business suits are acceptable

Music by: Living Reel Productions by Eric Kaighin

Featuring: Silent Auction, Raffles — This Years Grand Raffle

\$1,000.00 Cash Prize Menu: Wine Toast

Soup (Family Style)
Penne Pasta (Family Style)

Choice of Half Roast Chicken or Broiled Fresh Scrod w/

Lemon Butter

Potato & Vegetable Italian Bread & Butter

Raspberry Truffle Ice Cream Pie

Coffee, Tea, Decaf

Please Note: We are again asking all Councils to donate a themed gift basket. These baskets will be part of the Silent Auction.

Contact: Phil DePaolo FDD, Chairman at 401-737-6616 (or

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STATEWIDE ACTIVITIES Clothing Drive @ Rev. Bouffard Council

Men's Clothes Needed!

Much Needed: Winter Coats Hats and Gloves Boots

Sweatshirts and Pants

All donations are delivered every Friday night to various homeless shelters. Do your wife a favor and clean out your closet. Remember, we are our brother's keeper.

For more information, please contact Gregory Unsworth @ 401- 639-1886

A Night With The Providence Bruins

Sunday, March 6 @ 4:05PM
At the Dunkin' Donuts Center in Providence
Providence Bruins vs. Bridgeport Sound Tigers

Tickets are \$20/piece. Invite your co-workers, family and friends. This includes dinner to follow at the Cranston Council, 1047 Park Ave. in Cranston. First 1,000 kids who enter get a free P-Bruins hat!

Join the Group! To buy tickets, please contact Pete Lentini @ 401-944-2613 or Ron Ross @ 401-568-6179. Deadline to buy tickets is Friday, February 18.

National Organization For Marriage

National Organization of Marriage Our morality is under attack right now. Our new Governor Lincoln Chafee has publicly stated that he is totally in favor of same sex marriage, and would sign legislation if it came to his desk. He wants this legislation to be introduced and voted on right away.

We can't allow this to happen. Over the next few days the RI State Council Knights of Columbus are asking you to contact your RI State Senator and Representative as well as Governor Lincoln Chafee's office (411) 222-2080 and Senate President M. Teresa Paiva-Weed's office (401) 222-6655 to voice your concern of this legislation that would dramatically redefine what marriage is. The executive director, Chris Plante, visited our mid-winter meeting today (January 9, 2011) to explain what they do and to ask for our support.

Visit them on the internet at www.NOMRhodelsland.org

NOTE: You can find your State Senator and State Representative by visiting the RI General Assembly at http://www.rilin.state.ri.us/ and then click on the heading Representatives. Follow the link entitled "Find your Legislator". Enter your Street address and Zip code and then click the Search button. The subsequent page will show you a list of all of your elected officials. Scroll down to the "State and Federal Elected Officials" section and locate the last two listed are your Representative and Senator. You can then click on their respective names and find contact information to them.

"For you have been born again, not of perishable seed, but of imperishable, through the living and enduring word of God." – 1 Peter 1:23

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