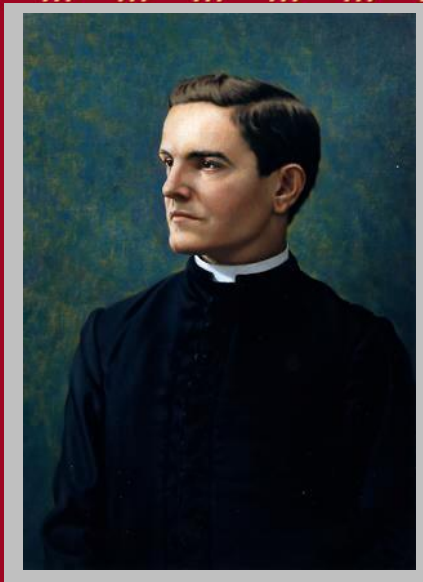




# THE LOOKOUT

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



FATHER MICHAEL MCGIVNEY  
OUR FOUNDER

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### APRIL BUSINESS MEETING

PLACE: ST. VINCENT DE PAUL PARISH HALL  
DATE: MONDAY, 4/11/2011  
TIME: 7:30 PM

### MAY BUSINESS MEETING

PLACE: ST. VINCENT DE PAUL PARISH HALL  
DATE: MONDAY, 5/16/2011  
TIME: 7:30 PM

### MAY SOCIAL MEETING

PLACE: TBD  
DATE: TBD  
TIME: TBD



## Grand Knight's Corner

Worthy Brothers, I pray you are well.

Have we replaced holiness with busyness? Is life so much more complicated today than thirty, twenty or even ten years ago? Do we have time to even pray or attend Mass? Is it a choice we all face?

This is Satan's most insidious plan. This plan is propagated by our ever growing secularized world. Keep them busy in the non-essentials of life and invent unnumbered schemes to occupy their minds. Tempt them to spend, spend, spend, then borrow, borrow, borrow. Persuade the wives to go to work and the husbands to work six or seven days a week, 10-12 hours a day, so they can afford their lifestyles. Keep them from spending time with their children. As their family fragments, soon their homes will offer no escape from the pressures of work.

Over stimulate their minds so that they cannot hear that still, small voice. Entice them to keep the TV, the DVD, the internet and their digital diversions going constantly in their homes. Tempt them to spend more time on their computers, especially watching internet pornography.

Fill their lives with magazines and newspapers and unending advertisements that promise what they cannot deliver. Pound their minds with the news 24 hours a day. Invade their driving moments with billboards. Flood them with junk mail, sweepstakes, mail order catalogues, and every kind of newsletter and promotional offering, free products, services and false hopes.

If we can be separated from Jesus, from our Church and even our brothers and sisters in Christ then we can be led away from our Faith. It is then a short trip to depression and destruction as we are witnessing in our society today.

I have read much about the "Greatest generation" and how they saved the world. We need another "Greatest Generation" again. That in 60 or 70 years from now we will be talked and written about as the "Greatest Generation".

With that in mind won't you please join us for our Business meeting on Monday, April 11<sup>th</sup>, at St Vincent De Paul in Coventry at 7:30 PM. Unfortunately, we will not have a Social Meeting in April, however stay tuned for May. Your ideas for Social Meetings and projects are always needed. Please contact me at any time.

God Bless and Vivat Jesu!  
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## Chaplain's Report

Dear Brother Knights:

May the grace of the Lenten Season continue to be with you.

As I write this column, we are just about at the midway point of Lent. How is it going for you? This is that special season, remember, when we are trying to grow in our Faith in all that God has revealed especially through His Son, Jesus.

Extra times of prayer, fasting and almsgiving, all primarily for the love of God, are great helps to this growth in faith. Let me relate a little more about prayer.

Brothers, it is important to recall that in the middle of our busy days we need to take time to pray to the Almighty. Those of you who are taking my words seriously may be wondering: "How can I pray if I don't have any time left to pray"? The answer lies in the way we prioritize. In a word, we must make prayer a higher priority.

There is a story about a priest who was doing many, many good things for the people of his parish. After awhile he started getting "frazzled" that he was doing, doing, doing... A brother priest told him: "Don't pray one hour a day any more. PRAY TWO HOURS A DAY!"

This is an example from a man with a religious vocation. For most of us who pray less than an hour a day the point can be the same. If you are "frazzled" with much "doing" DOUBLE your prayer time!

Oh, if we really had a hunger for prayer. I talk with some people who are afraid to pray because they feel they always need to be doing something that appears productive. Primarily prayer is a fuller awareness of being in the presence of the One who loves us even more than we can imagine. Words are not always necessary.

Have a blessed Holy Week!

Rev. Michael A. Kelley - 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 have 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 May 14th 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.

*"Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead..."*

*- 1 Peter 1:3*



### The Redefinition of Marriage

St. Cecilia Church Hall  
1253 Newport Ave.  
Pawtucket, RI  
Tuesday, April 19, 2011

The St Cecilia Knights of Columbus are pleased to announce that Scott T. Spear, Esq., a Providence attorney, will be making a dynamic presentation on "The Redefinition of Marriage" on Tuesday April 19, 7PM at St Cecilia Church Hall, 1253 Newport Ave., Pawtucket, RI. This event is open to the general public and free of charge.

### Retention Committee

The Monsignor Blessing Council has started a retention committee comprised of the following Brother Knights: DGK Neil Fidler (chairman), GK Glenn Holt, David Tanski and Peter Turner. The first meeting was held on Monday, April 4<sup>th</sup>. Going forward, committee meetings will be held monthly at the St. Vincent de Paul Church Hall one hour prior to the monthly business meeting. The Retention Committee is looking for additional Brother Knights to offer ideas and help make this committee a success. Please see DGK Neil Fidler (401-632-7922) if you are interested.

### Trip to Yankee Stadium

Sunday, July 31, 2011 @ 7AM  
Baltimore Orioles vs. New York Yankees



The St. Augustine Council is pleased to announce its 3rd annual Yankees baseball trip to the new Yankee Stadium as the Yankees meet the Baltimore Orioles. The bus will leave the lower parking lot next to St. Augustine School, 635 Mt. Pleasant Ave. in Providence at 7:00 AM SHARP. Hopefully an early arrival to the stadium will allow us to visit the famous Monument Park. The price is \$80.00 per person and that includes the ticket to the game, bus to the stadium, and snacks on the way down and back.

Your worthy GK and DGK will be attending the game!

For tickets, contact: Jerry Scannell at 353-1360.

### Joint Knights/Squires Social Meeting a Success!

On Monday, March 21, the Father Anctil Columbian Squires Circle #5211 joined forces with their sponsoring council, The Monsignor Blessing Knights of Columbus Council #5273 for a joint social meeting held at Saints John and Paul Parish Center in Coventry. Honored guests on hand were State Deputy John Marcello and his wife Margie, State Treasurer Jim Gilcrest, and District Deputy Mark Bamberg, his wife Jane and daughter Ellie.

The evening kicked off with Grace being said by the State Deputy and a pot-luck style dinner, followed by their annual donation presentation ceremonies. This year, the Squires made donations to the following organizations: \$350.00 to the Special Religious Development (SPRED) Organization of Coventry for the purpose of special needs religious instruction, \$350.00 to the Coventry High School Life Skills Program to be used toward reviving their Special Olympics program, and \$350.00 to the Project Friends of Coventry for their continuing work with the adult special needs community.

The Squires donations were followed up with a \$640.00 donation by the Msgr. Blessing Council to the Coventry High School Transition for Success Program.

These donations truly exemplify the work our organizations do to better the community and the lives of individuals with special needs as well as many other acts that generally go unnoticed. Photos from the event are posted on Page 5 of this newsletter.

*"Honor your father and your mother, so that you may live long in the land the LORD your God is giving you." – John 11:25-26*



Carl Anderson, Supreme Knight

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**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

*"Do not be afraid, for I know that you are looking for Jesus, who was crucified. He is not here; he has risen, just as he said." – Matthew 28:1-10*



### Photos from the March Social Meeting



GK Glenn Holt presents donation to Ms. Ricci from Coventry High School Transitions for Success Program



Plenty of great food!



Big Crowd!



State Deputy John Marcello speaks to the audience



Inside Guard Jim Hall accepts Squires donation for Project Friends of Coventry