



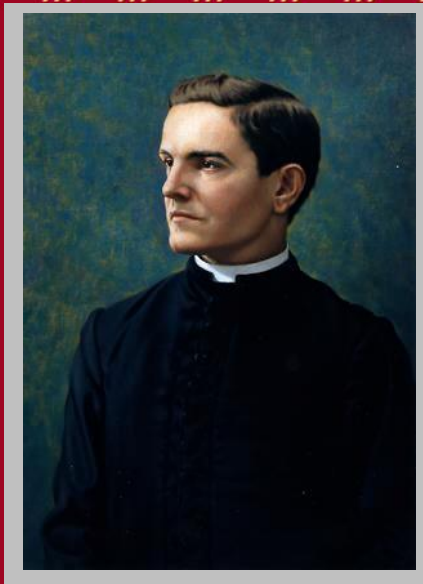
THE LOOKOUT

1962-2012 CELEBRATING OUR 50TH ANNIVERSARY

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

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**FATHER MICHAEL MCGIVNEY
OUR FOUNDER**

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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

OCTOBER BUSINESS MEETING

PLACE: ST. VINCENT DE PAUL PARISH HALL
DATE: MONDAY, 10/17/2011
TIME: 7:30PM
(PENDING COUNCIL VOTE TO RESCHEDULE
MEETING DUE TO COLUMBUS DAY HOLIDAY)



Grand Knight's Corner

Worthy Brothers, I pray you are well.

What a way to start the new Columbian Year and our 50th Anniversary celebration - by welcoming six new Brother Knights! Welcome Brothers Alexander Cote, Nicholas Parent, Stephen Smith, John Pizzo, Stephen Mulcahy and Alan Ogrodnik! Our new Brothers went through their First Degree Exemplification on Monday, August 15, at the Saints John and Paul Parish Center. In attendance were State Deputy John Marcello, State Membership Director David Beybn and District Deputy Mark Bamberg. Our First Degree Team did another fantastic job with the Exemplification led by our Worthy Advocate Pat Hurley. Thank you Brothers!

I would also like to add that our new Brothers Alex Cote, Nick Parent and Stephen Smith are the first three Chief Squires of our Squires Circle, and their addition to our Council, along with Nick's brother Matt who made his First Degree in June are the first wave of Squires to join our ranks. This is extremely significant as our Council looks to the Squires Circle as a major source of new Brother Knights. Brothers, I urge you to support the Squires Circle. They are a fine group of young Catholic men. I know they benefit greatly from the support of the Council. Their meetings are every first Friday of the month at the Saints John and Paul Rectory Conference Room. Please join them and show them your support.

As I mentioned in last month's newsletter, this Columbian Year 2011-12 marks the 50th anniversary of the Monsignor Blessing Knights of Columbus Council. We will be kicking off the celebration with a Family Picnic on Saturday, September 10 at Goddard Park. Hours are from 12 noon to 6PM. I urge all of you and your families to attend. This event is free of charge. We are planning on having a BBQ as well as selected fun activities such as waffle ball, touch football, sack races and balloon toss. We are also inviting our Squires from the Father Leo Antil Circle and their families as well. It should be a great time, so please come out and join us!

In closing, I pray that all of my Council brothers and their families made it through Tropical Storm Irene without harm. It is the hurricane season, so I pray Irene will be the last storm we suffer this year.

God Bless and Vivat Jesu!
Neil Fidler, Grand Knight

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Chaplain's Report

Dear Brother Knights,

As we are in the "eventful" month of September we can certainly say it is a month "full of events". For many of us this is the time our children are returning to school, religious education classes are part of this schooling as well. Our parishes are resuming a whole array of ministries and organizational meetings and many annual events are being held. This is all in addition to our usual duties of family, parish and employment.

In other parts of this newsletter you can see the list of Knights activities and events being held as well. We are blessed to have each other, our fellow Brother Knights, to share meaningful events and services.

Of course, in each of our "event-ful" lives we need PRIORITIES.

I once worked closely with a very successful salesman who took me aside one day and told me, "You know, Mike, I can only do what I do when I keep my priorities straight: God first, family second and job last."

After knowing many people and their life situations I have come to see more and more the wisdom of these priorities. It is so easy to get sidetracked into time consuming hobbies or extra hours of entertainment (usually sports) or even "work-a-holic" time that we get our lives all out of balance. This can lead to big, big problems and has done so even in some of your families.

But never forget, Brothers, God is very merciful! Especially through the Sacrament of Reconciliation we can get back on the right track. Sunday Mass is a PRIORITY. Especially as men we need to set the example of the importance of attending Sunday Mass each week. I commend those of you who do this so faithfully.

With our priorities straight we can enjoy each event as it comes around knowing that we are using our God-given time in the best way possible. 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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Installation of Officers

The installation of officers ceremony for the 2011-12 Columbian year will be held on Saturday, September 17, after 5PM Mass at St. Vincent de Paul Church. All newly elected officers are asked to attend 5PM Mass and to be available for the ceremony afterward.

Financial Secretary Needed

As has been discussed, John Tally will be stepping down as our Financial Secretary soon. The Council is in need of a Brother Knight to step up and take his place. It is preferable that a replacement be identified as soon as possible so that Brother John may give him a proper turnover. If you are interested in becoming the Council's new Financial Secretary, please contact either GK Neil Fidler or FS John Tally.

*"This is the message you heard from the beginning: We should love one another."
– 1 John 3:11*

First & Second Degree Exemplification!



On Monday, August 15, the Blessing Council First Degree Team held a First Degree Exemplification Ceremony in honor of Blessed John Paul II at the Saints John and Paul Parish Center. Dignitaries who attended were State Deputy John Marcello, State Membership Director David Bebyn and District Deputy Mark Bamberg. Also on hand were Past Grand Knights of the Blessing Council. Seven new Knights made their First Degree: Alan Ogrodnik, Alexander Cote, Nicholas Parent, Stephen Smith, Stephen Mulcahey and John Pizzo. Three of those new Knights – Alex Cote, Nick Parent and Stephen Smith – are the first three Chief Squires of the Father Leo Anttila Columbian Squires Circle. Once again, our First Degree Team did an outstanding job, and the state dignitaries all remarked on how professional and prompt the team was.

The following evening, five of the six new Knights as well as Brother Matthew Parent ventured down to St. Francis Council in North Kingstown for the Second Degree Exemplification. They were escorted by Grand Knight Neil Fidler, PGK Earl Mahar, PGK and Membership Director Dick Belanger, Brother Jim Hall and Brother Keith Parent.

Brothers, let this be just the beginning of a banner year for membership. We must continue to strive to bring in new Knights to our Council. Tell them what we do, let them know that joining the Knights will strengthen their Catholic faith! Vivat Jesu!



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 50th 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.

Coventry Columbus Club Meeting

The final meeting of the Coventry Columbus Club will be held on Wednesday, October 5, at 7PM at the Saints John and Paul Rectory Conference Room. The purpose of the meeting will be the dissolution of the club and the transfer of funds from the Club to the Council. The Board of Directors is asked to attend this meeting, and all Brother Knights are invited to attend as well.

"Make sure that nobody pays back wrong for wrong, but always try to be kind to each other and to everyone else." – 1 Thessalonians 5:15



Carl Anderson, Supreme Knight



John Marcello, State Deputy

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

Photos from the PawSox Game



McCoy Stadium, Pawtucket - August 18, 2011