



The Blessing Word

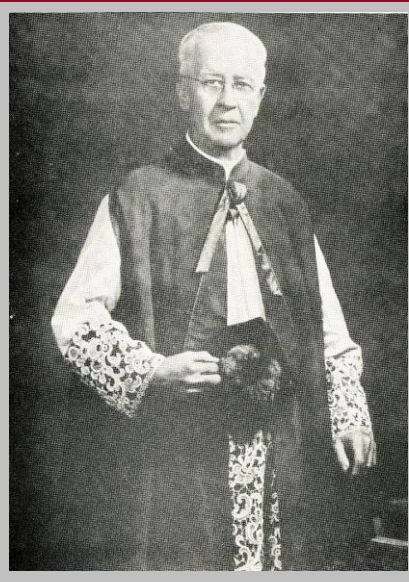
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KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
MONSIGNOR PETER BLESSING COUNCIL #5273
COVENTRY, RHODE ISLAND

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

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

APRIL COUNCIL BUSINESS MEETING

PLACE: ST. VINCENT DE PAUL PARISH HALL
DATE: MONDAY, 4/9/2012
TIME: 7:30PM

APRIL SQUIRES BUSINESS MEETING

PLACE: SSJP PARISH CENTER CLASSROOM
DATE: FRIDAY, 4/13/2012
TIME: 7:00PM

INFORMATIONAL NIGHT

PLACE: SSJP PARISH HALL
DATE: TUESDAY 4/17/2012
TIME: 6:30PM

1ST/2ND DEGREE EXEMPLIFICATION

PLACE: SSJP PARISH HALL
DATE: FRIDAY, 4/30/2012
TIME: 6:30PM

MAY SQUIRES BUSINESS MEETING

PLACE: SSJP RECTORY CONFERENCE ROOM
DATE: FRIDAY, 5/11/2012
TIME: 7:00PM

MAY COUNCIL BUSINESS MEETING

PLACE: ST. VINCENT DE PAUL PARISH HALL
DATE: MONDAY, 5/14/2012
TIME: 7:30PM



Grand Knight's Corner

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

I watched one of my favorite movies the other day, "The Shawshank Redemption" which is about a man wrongly accused and convicted of a crime and sent to prison. In the movie is one of my favorite sayings where the character Red, played by Morgan Freeman, says, "Get busy living or get busy dying." Well, my Brother Knights and Squires, our Council and our Squires Circle have most certainly gotten busy living. Our Donation Night the on March 26 was a huge success, and I cannot tell you how delighted I was that our Council and Circle was able to give our donations to the parishes and worthwhile charities. As our Worth State Deputy John Marcello said, the Knights have two goals – to support or local parishes and to donate to charities – and our Council and Circle accomplished both that night. Job well done to you!

In keeping with getting busy living, our next big event is upon us already. On Tuesday, April 17, we will be holding an "Information Night" where we will hopefully be hosting prospective candidates to become Knights. Brother Knights and Squires, I would like a big turnout on our part for this. The absolute best way to recruit new members into our Council and Circle is face-to-face contact. We need to let these men know what we do and how the order has made us better Catholics. David Bebyn, the RI State Membership Director, will be on hand as our guest speaker. He is a dynamic speaker, and I know that once prospective candidates hear what he has to say about our Order that they will be keen to join. We will be following up our Information Night with a combined 1st and 2nd Degree Exemplification on Monday, April 30. The Msgr. Blessing Council is only one Brother Knight away from being a Star Council for '11-'12.

My wife Karen and I would like to wish you and your families a Blessed Holy Week and a Happy Easter.

God Bless and Vivat Jesu!

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Chaplain's Report

THANKS BE TO GOD FOR HIS PRECIOUS GIFT

Dear Brother Knights,

First of all I want to thank you for the generous gift you have given to my parish of St. Vincent de Paul - \$10,000 dollars! It is a truly generous gift! I will be talking to our finance council about how best to put this gift to good use.

As we move from the Holy Week time into the glorious Easter Season we can all thank God again for His priceless gift of His Son and His passion, death and resurrection all out of a great enduring love for us!

In our times, Brothers, when the popular mood of our country is favoring secular humanism more than Christianity I believe we need to increase our awareness of letting the Liturgical Seasons of our Church inspire and effect our thinking, our spirits and our whole lives. We can't help but be thankful men as we recall often that we have a gracious, generous, loving Lord who shows us great love always in Jesus' passion, death, resurrection, ascension and the sending forth of the Holy Spirit to guide us every day!

All of these things that God has done can affect our very approach to life no matter what challenges may come in our families, our Church, our County or our World. Jesus has Risen from the dead! He has won the biggest battle of all times and "nothing can separate us from the love of God (Romans 8:38-39) made most evident in Him (Jesus).

May each of you and your families have a glorious Easter Season thankful always that the Risen Christ is with us!

Rev. Michael Kelley

Chaplain

Msgr. Blessing Council #5273



"Jesus looked at them and said, 'With man this is impossible, but with God all things are possible.'" – Matthew 19:26

2012 Rhode Island K of C State Convention

When: May 4-6, 2012

Where: Radisson Airport Hotel, 2081 Post Rd., Warwick

The room rates this year are...

- Deluxe Room (2 dbl beds or 1 King bed) \$85.00 Single or Double Occupancy. Plus tax
- Executive Suite (1 King W/Living Room, refrigerator & Microwave) \$105.00 Single or Double Plus tax.

Please call the Hotel@ 401-739-3000 for 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 4th at 7:15 PM in the University Ballroom on the second floor. The cash bar starts at 6:30PM.
- The meal will be Tomato-Basil Soup, Roast Loin of Pork, Red Bliss Mashed Potatoes with Cranberry Apple Cherty. The cost will be \$34.00 per person.
- The opening Mass will be celebrated by Auxilliary Bishop Evans 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 in the Hotel on Saturday the 5th at noon, starting with Mixed Green Salad. The Main course will be Chicken Piccata w/ Roasted sweet Potatoes follow by dessert and beverage. The cost of the Luncheon is \$28.00. Special musical entertainment is planned for the Gals.
- The Memorial Mass will be Saturday Evening at May4th at 6:00 PM in the Gaspee Room on the main floor.

Please send your Dinner reservations and checks made out to R. I. State Council to A.R. Drywa, 53 Mill Cove Rd., Warwick, R.I. 02889. Deadline for reservations is May 1, 2012.

Health Care Reform Meeting at State House

On Wednesday April 11 there is a very important Health Care Reform meeting at the State House. The House Judiciary Committee will be reviewing nine bills (7 Pro-life and 2 anti-life). We need a physical presence of Pro Life supporters there to show the legislators Rhode Island is Pro-Life. I am looking for a good turnout of knights and family with Pro-Life pins or Pro-Life signs. We need your presence, we are asked not to testify just show up to support life.

When: Wednesday, April 11, 2012 @ 5PM. Where: State House Room 313. You can park at St. Patrick's School lot on Smith Street, walk to state house 300 ft.

Show your Pro-Life stance by your presence!

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 McVinnery 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 earrings 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

*"Greater love has no one than this, that he lay down his life for his friends."
– John 15:13*

The Human Life Guild Organization of the Diocese of Providence and RI K of C are co-sponsoring the movie...

October Baby



For more information and to reserve your ticket for showings on April 13, 14, & 15 . . . call or visit the theater website:

Cinemaworld - Lincoln Mall 16
622 George Washington Hgwy. Lincoln, RI

Call: (401) 333-8676 (Movie Line) or
(401) 333-8019 (Customer Service) or visit theater website:
www.cinemaworldonline.com/lincoln/index_full.asp

Life & Family Contact: Carol Owens at (401) 421-7833 x 218 or e-mail: rl.outreach@dioceseofprovidence.org
K of C Contact: Mike Krzywonos at (401) 474-2285

"A Must See Movie"

Rating: PG-13 · Run time: 1 hrs 45 min



Knights of Columbus & Columbian Squires Information Night

When: Tuesday, April 17, 2012 @ 6:30PM

Where: Saints John and Paul Parish Center

Guest Speaker:

David Bebyn, RI State Knights of Columbus Membership
Director

The Monsignor Peter E Blessing Council #5273 is hosting an Information Night. Please come join us to learn about our Catholic, Family, Fraternal and Service Organization. Being a Knight is more than camaraderie; it is about supporting our Parishes, Bishops and Priests while enhancing your own Catholic faith. The Knights also strive to protect and enhance our family life. The Squires are the youth arm of the Knights comprised of young Catholic men ages 10-18.

Facts about the Knights and Squires:

- 1.8 million Knights and 25,000 Squires worldwide.
- \$154 million donated to charity in 2010.
- Over \$1 billion donated to charity in the last 10 years.
- 70 million man hours in volunteer service in 2010.
- Insurance in force exceeds \$80 billion

To find out more, come and join us! We'll be happy to answer your questions about the Knights and Squires, and we'll have refreshments! Families most definitely invited! See you there!

"Better is one day in your courts than a thousand elsewhere; I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than dwell in the tents of the wicked." – Psalm 84:10



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. Jean-Baptiste de La Salle



Born in Reims, France, John-Baptiste de La Salle received the tonsure at age eleven and was named canon of Rheims Cathedral when he was fifteen.

St. Jean-Baptiste de La Salle dedicated much of his life to the education of poor children in France, creating many lasting educational practices that are followed to this day. He is considered the founder of the first Catholic schools. He thereby began a new order, the Institute of the Brothers of the Christian Schools, also known as the De La Salle Brothers (in the U.K., Ireland, Malta, Australasia, and Asia) or, most commonly in the United States, the Christian Brothers.

St. Jean-Baptiste de La Salle's work quickly spread through France and, after his death, continued to spread across the globe. He was canonized by Pope Leo XIII on May 24, 1900, and was inserted in the Roman Catholic calendar of saints in 1904. Because of his life and inspirational writings, he was proclaimed as the Patron Saint of Teachers on May 15, 1950, by Pope Pius XII.



Chief Squire's Corner

Greetings Squires! I would like to start off by congratulating Colby as the newest addition to our Squire circle. The investiture we had for him ran well and you all did a fine job. I believe that we will be well prepared for the investiture planned for April 13th.

The potluck dinner was fantastic. The food was great and our circle received \$1000 from the Blessing Council. That was an amazing surprise and we should be sending a card to the Council soon. It was also nice to provide the checks to the well-deserving charities that we support.

Lastly, we should still focus on membership. It is great that we are gaining a new Squire this April. Continue to search for more Squires. Have a Happy Easter. God Bless.

Sincerely,
Norman A. Francis Jr.
Chief Squire

Yard Sale in May!



When: May – date TBD
Where: TBD

The Circle will be holding a Yard Sale sometime in late May. The exact date and time and place to hold is to be determined. However, it would be appreciated if all Knights and Squires would start identifying items they would like to contribute to the yard sale.

KANDI Drive



The Circle's 2012 KANDI (Tootsie Roll) Drive will be held at Stop and Shop on Saturday, May 12 from 10AM to 6PM. There will be two four hour shifts. Unfortunately, the Circle was not able to get the three days as in the past as the Stop and Shop has changed their policy and are not allowing multiple days in a week. However, we will be allowed to extend our hours on Saturday from six to eight hours.

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



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: Door Prizes, 50/50 Raffle

Menu: Italian Buffet
Chicken Marsala or Chicken Parnigiana
Veal and Peas
Sausage, Peppers and Potatoes
Meatballs
Ravioli
Eggplant Parnigiana or Oven Roasted Eggplant
Spinach Ring
Prosciutto 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 9, 2012
Contact: Glenn Holt PGK at 401-263-3614
(or geholt56@gmail.com)



Photos from Donation Night 3/26/2012



Blessing Council donation to Transitions for Success



Fr. Grenon accepts donation for Saints John and Paul Parish



The Fr. Leo Anctll Circle accepts donation from Blessing Council



Br. John Deary accepts donation for St. Vincent de Paul Parish

Photos from Donation Night 3/26/2012 – Part 2



PGK Earl Mahar accepts donation for Our Lady of Czenstochowa Parish



Squires Donation to Coventry High Life Skills Program



Br. Jim Hall accepts Squires donation for Project Friends of Coventry



Squires Donation to SPRED West Warwick Program



More photos can be found on the Council and Squires Facebook page. Search on "Monsignor Peter E. Blessing Knights of Columbus Council" or "Fr. Leo Ancil Columbian Squires Circle."