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Grand Knight's Message

Brothers,

I hope you and your families have had an enjoyable summer. Now that autumn is almost upon us, we have been busy with our plans for the year. While we hope to repeat the successes of last year, we also have planned more service programs and activities in an effort to reach out even further. Our Council has chosen several directors to help facilitate the planning. Each will be responsible for a certain area of development, but we will all work together for the betterment of our Council.

With the memory of September 11th still fresh on our minds, we think of those who have dedicated their lives to protect us. There are many people, both abroad and at home who have worked tirelessly to defend the freedoms we have come to enjoy. With so much hatred and anger in the world, we must remember that the power of prayer is our greatest weapon. It is only through our Lord's intervention that mankind can achieve a true and lasting peace.

We as Brother Knights and devoted Catholics have always cherished "Life" and our Liberties, but at this time, take an extra moment to thank GOD for our Faith, our Families and our Freedom. Make it a practice not to leave for work or close your eyes without first telling your wives, children and family how much you love them.

Please, continue to pray for the intentions of our Holy Father, and for all of our priests and clergy.

God Bless, Rich Trapani

Meeting Schedule

Our meetings are held on the 2nd and 4th Thursday of each month at 8:00PM, at the Saint Joseph's Parish Center Conference Room, Cottage Street.

The meeting of our 4th Degree Assembly is held on the 3rd Thursday of each month at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish Center on Wawayanda Avenue. This meeting is at 8:00PM.

Pray for our Sick

Tom Shormis PGK Joseph Olinski Anthony Leo
Joseph Szela Anthony Parenti Thomas Colligan

If you are aware of a Brother Knight or family member who is ill or in need of pastoral care, please contact our sick committee chairman **Deacon Richard Trapani** at 342-7188, or notify any Council Officer.

In Memoriam

Please pray for the family of Brother Knight Vincent Panetta, who entered eternal life on Tuesday, July 24, 2007. He was a member of our Council for 27 years, and will be greatly missed by all of us.

Blue Mass

Join us on Sunday, September 16th, as we honor those in our community who have sacrificed much for our well being and safety. These are the dedicated firemen, police officers, EMT's, corrections officers, security personnel, and auxiliaries who selflessly give of themselves for us. A Mass will be celebrated in their honor at Saint Joseph's Church at 4:00PM, followed by a light reception. All Brother Knights are welcome with their families, and the 4th Degree Color Corp is invited to participate. For more information, please contact Deacon Richard Trapani, Sr. at 344-1087 or 342-7188.

We Miss You!

Whenever a Brother Knight cannot attend our meetings, he is greatly missed. If you need assistance to attend our meetings, or if you are in need of anything else, such as the Sacraments or just a visit from another Brother Knight, please drop us a line anytime. Feel free to contact any officer by phone or e-mail, or contact Rich Trapani at 956-6383.

Council Survey

Our Council is always looking for ways to do our job better, for our membership and families, for the Church, and for our community. During the upcoming weeks, our Council officers will be contacting many of you by phone and conducting a short survey. These are just general questions and all information will be kept confidential. Thank you.

Insurance Agent's Corner

If you could buy a \$500,000 estate for each of your children for just a few dollars a week, would you be interested? Reports from the American Association of Universities and Colleges show that, on average, the value of a college education in lifetime earnings is \$500,000. Where will money come from for college? You hope that you will be able to help -- but why hope when you can guarantee? The price of that guarantee is just a few dollars a week until your children are ready for college. A college education is one of the greatest gifts any parent can give a child. Let me help you plan for your children's education.

The Knights of Columbus insurance program is one of the major identifying points for the Knights. Members have the dual benefits of access to a member-oriented insurance program and a nationally recognized, stable financial organization with the highest ratings.

Please, contact me for all of your insurance needs at 427-2957.
Fraternally, William Schimpf FIC



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A day we all
can pray for peace.



World Day of Prayer for Peace

The Knights of Columbus World Day of Prayer for Peace strives to unite Knights, other Catholics and all people of good will – regardless of their religious faith – in prayer for peace.

While the date of September 11 will always be sadly remembered for the tragic loss of American lives, we, as Brother Knights, hope that this somber occasion will be the foundation of an annual opportunity for a day of earnest prayer for peace in the world.

Adoration of the Eucharist

Many benefits are gained through the devotion and adoration of Jesus Christ, who is truly present in the Sacrament of the Eucharist. All it takes is a small commitment on your part to establish a personal relationship with the Lord. If you are interested in spending one hour a week with Him, please contact Jim Higgins at 613-0871.

Calendar of Events

September

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| Thursday, September 6 | Council Officers' Meeting | 7:30PM |
| Thursday, September 13 | Council Business Meeting | 8:00PM |
| Sunday, September 16 | Blue Mass for Emergency Personnel | 4:00PM |
| Thursday, September 20 | 4 th Degree Officers' Installation | 7:30PM |
| Thursday, September 27 | Council Social Meeting | 8:00PM |
| Saturday, September 29 | Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser | 6:30PM |

October

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| Thursday, October 4 | Council Officers' Meeting | 7:30PM |
| Thursday, October 11 | Council Business Meeting | 8:00PM |
| Thursday, October 18 | 4 th Degree Assembly Meeting | 8:00PM |
| Thursday, October 25 | Council Social Meeting | 8:00PM |

Important Degree Date

3rd Degree

There is a 3rd Degree scheduled for Friday, September 28 in Wappingers Falls at 7:00PM. If you are a 2nd Degree Knight and would like to make this degree, or if you would like more information, please contact Chancellor Michael Biondi at 343-1285. Of course, sponsors of candidates are strongly encouraged to attend the degrees. A 2nd Degree membership card is required for admission to the 3rd Degree.

Council Directors Appointed

In conformity with Supreme Council suggested guidelines, the following Brother Knights have been appointed to the following positions for this Columbian Year:

Lecturer/Pastoral Care – Deacon Richard Trapani, Sr.
Program Director – Carl Williams, PGK, PFN
Membership Director – Michael Biondi, PFN
Church Director – Deacon Richard Trapani, Sr.

Family Director – John O'Connor, PGK PFN
Council Director – Christopher Pratti
Youth/Squires Director – Gregory Sillen
Community Director – Douglas Linguanti

Council Fundraising Events

Spaghetti Dinner

On Saturday, September 29, our Council will be sponsoring its first major fundraiser of the Columbian Year. Our spaghetti dinner will take place following the 5:30PM Mass at Saint Joseph's Church, and will feature spaghetti and home-made meatballs with real home-made tomato sauce, prepared by our culinary chef and District Deputy, Burt Struble. Please come, and bring your families and friends. The price of admission is \$10.00 for adults, and \$5.00 for children. There will also be door prizes for some lucky winners.

We are also looking for Brother Knights to assist with the cooking, setup, serving, and cleanup. Please, help us make this event a success. We can't do it without you. Please contact Larry Bedosky at 343-0180 or Greg Sillen at 343-7343 for more information.

C&B Ticket Sales

Arrangements are being made to sell C&B raffle tickets at our local Parishes during the month of October. The dates will be posted as they are scheduled. We will need MANY volunteers to assist us as we support the many charitable causes that the New York State Knights of Columbus espouses, including Special Olympics. Please contact Larry Bedosky at 343-0180 for more information. Thank you.

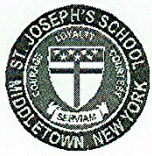
4th Degree Assembly Officers' Installation

The installation of our 4th Degree Assembly Officers will take place on Thursday, September 20. This event will take place at the gymnasium at Saint Joseph's Parish and will begin at 7:30PM. We will have several other assemblies joining us. Please note the time and location change from the regular meetings. Wives or significant others are cordially invited to attend.

Businesses Wanted!

Local businesses and other organizations are invited to advertise in our monthly newsletter for very reasonable rates. Your sponsorship or advertisement will help our Council financially, as well as help you reach a whole new customer base. Consider helping us as we help others in the community. Please contact Rich Trapani at 956-6383 or Greg Sillen at 343-7343 for an application.

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peace must be constructed patiently and with
unshakable faith."*

- Pope John Paul the Great