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### Grand Knight's Report

Gregory Sillen



Brothers,

It seems like August was just yesterday. December is here and we are in the Advent season preparing for the birth of Christ. We can go out and see at any store or any paper you read people preparing for Christmas for the wrong reasons. They are all wrapped up in the secular world and forget to prepare for the true meaning of Christmas. As Knights and Catholic gentlemen we need to stop and remember, not just for others, but, also for ourselves that it is Christ that we celebrate. Always remember to keep Christ in CHRISTmas.

During the month of December our council remembers all our Past Grand Knights. We recognize them with a special dinner and we also have a special meeting in their honor. It is their hard work and dedication that kept this great council moving. I thank them for all there hard work and dedication.

In closing, I just want to wish you and your families a Blessed Christmas and a happy and healthy New Year!

Vivat Jesus,  
 Greg

## The Shipwright Newsletter

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### New York District #50

**District Deputy:** Larry Deignan 651-3630

### Council Meetings held at Saint Joseph's Parish Center Conference Room

Officers' Meeting - 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday 7:30PM  
Business Meeting - 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday 8:00PM  
Family Pot Luck - 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday 6:30PM

**4<sup>th</sup> Degree Assembly Meetings held at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish Center**  
Assembly Meeting - 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday 8:00PM



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### Council Director

Gregory Sillen 343-7343

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Douglas McGlynn 344-3593

## Calendar

### Upcoming Events

### December

Tuesday, December 2	Light up for Christ	7:30PM
Thursday, December 4	PGK/PFN Dinner	6:00PM
Friday, December 5	Chapter Meeting / New Paltz	8:00PM
Thursday, December 11	Annual PGK Business Meeting	8:00PM
Thursday, December 18	4 <sup>th</sup> Degree Assembly Meeting Cancelled	
Thursday, December 25	Family Pot Luck Dinner Cancelled	

### January

Thursday, January 1	Officers Meeting Cancelled	
Thursday, January 8	Council Business Meeting	8:00PM
Thursday, January 15	4 <sup>th</sup> Degree Assembly Meeting	8:00PM
Sunday, January 19	Annual Right to Life Mass - NYC	10:30AM
Thursday, January 22	Annual March for Life	
	Family Pot Luck Dinner	6:30PM
Friday, January 30	Lourdes Charity Kickoff / Fishkill	7:30PM



## Remember in your prayers those who are ill

### Contact Sick Committee Chairman

Deacon Richard Trapani, Sr.  
344-1087

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## December Birthdays

John Guilfoyle	December 1	Nick Damiano, Jr.	December 21
Anthony Persina	December 1	Christopher Pratti	December 23
Albert A Barone	December 2	John Peterson	December 28
Gregory Terlecky	December 3	Daniel Nebus	December 29
Clarence Fraser	December 7	Joseph Szela	December 29
Darrell Dirr	December 12	Joseph Cantoli	December 31
Kenneth Bowen	December 18	Adam Kless	December 31

## Council Memorial Mass

Many thanks to Chairman Lou Scarano for once again organizing our annual Memorial Mass held on November 9. Father Dennis Nikolic and Deacon Richard Trapani celebrated the Liturgy, with many members and their families in attendance. As we remembered our departed Brother Knights and their families, special recognition was given to Brothers Michael Mingolla, Anthony Leo, and Anthony Parenti who passed away during the past year. We also thank Commander Joseph Hartmann and members of the Fourth Degree Color Corps who were present at the Mass.

## Light Up For Christ

Please join us on Tuesday, December 2<sup>nd</sup> at Saint Joseph's Church for our annual Light Up For Christ Celebration. We will begin at 7:30PM with Mass, followed by prayers, Christmas carols, and the lighting of the Christmas tree in front of the school. Light refreshments will follow. All are invited to attend this special event as we focus on the true meaning of the Christmas Season.



## Middletown Assembly 762

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<b>Faithful Trustee 1 Year</b>	
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## Faithful Navigator's Report

Paul Silipino



Brother Sir Knights,

Here we are in December and soon the Christmas season will be upon us. It is the time of the year when we think of getting together with our family and friends, parties, presents, big dinners, etc. But as the hustle and bustle of the season grabs us up, it is time to stop and reflect on the true reason we celebrate this holiday. It is the celebration of the birth of our savior, Jesus Christ. As Brother Knights,

we need to go out and remind others of this and encourage them to help "Keep Christ in Christmas."

Also, as we gather with our family and friends, let's be thankful for all that we have and let's remember all those who aren't as fortunate as us. This year, especially with many facing tough economic times, let us reach out and help others as much as our means allow us.

From my family to yours, a very Merry Christmas.

Vivat Jesus,  
Paul Silipino



**Annual PGK  
Business Meeting  
December 11, 2008  
8:00PM**

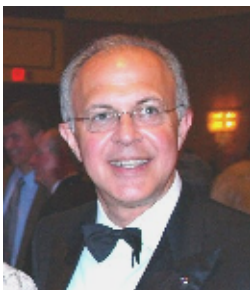
**Honoring those who  
have led our Council  
throughout the  
years!**



**Refreshments by  
Randy Krause**

## Supreme Knight on the 2008 Election

Carl A. Anderson



The election of Barack Obama represents an important moment in American history. Although much has been done to eradicate racial enmity in America since the days when Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. led the civil rights movement four decades ago, Senator Obama's election represents a decisive affirmation of our national commitment to racial equality.

Having had the privilege of serving on the United States Commission on Civil Rights, I believe that we cannot understate the importance of the election in this regard.

America will face many urgent problems during the years to come, and we must work together to come up with solutions.

It is also said that we may face challenges from abroad during the early months of the new administration. No potential foe should ever doubt that we will stand together as a nation in the face of such a challenge.

We join with the Catholic Bishops of the United States in extending our congratulations to the president-elect and offer our prayers that God will grant him strength and wisdom during the years to come.

We are grateful that citizens of California, Florida and Arizona voted to approve state constitutional amendments recognizing marriage as between one man and one woman. Marriage is the institution that provides the optimal environment for having and raising children, and clear majorities, in every one of the 30 states where this question has been put to the voters, have decided to preserve this understanding in their constitutions.



High ideals are not the exclusive preserve of the young, but they seem to go hand in hand with youthful energy and optimism. The trick is to keep our ideals burning brightly even when the vitality of youth begins to fade. This is, in part, what distinguishes a saint from the rest of us. A saint keeps the vision of God's love and the call to serve one's neighbor bright and clear to the end. In fact, when we look at the lives of holy men and women, we see that their ideals grow stronger with the passage of time. Physical energies may fade, but sanctity requires a clarity and consistency that remain to the end of one's days.

Father McGivney was an idealist. He was a man whose youthful vision and creativity expanded and matured even as his physical well-being diminished. His intense idealism is often expressed today in titles ascribed to him as his cause for canonization progresses: "Apostle to the Young" and "Protector of Christian Family Life." These provide an outline for a spiritual portrait of Father McGivney.

For more information on Father McGivney, please visit [www.fathermcgivney.org](http://www.fathermcgivney.org).

*All who are seeking the meaning of life,  
all you whose hearts are burning with  
the hope of salvation, freedom and  
peace,  
come to meet the Child born of Mary:  
He is God, our Savior,  
the only one worthy of this name, the  
one Lord.  
He is born for us, come, let us adore  
Him!*

**-- Pope John Paul the Great**



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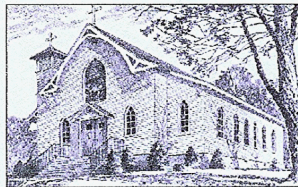
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For the January issue, please submit any news items no later than December 15<sup>th</sup>.

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