



The Shipwright

Grand Knight's Report

Gregory Sillen



Brothers,

It has seemed that summer is a distant memory and fall is blowing by. As we prepare for Thanksgiving, this year, probably more than ever we have to give thanks for what we got. As we face tough economical times, we have to be willing to answer the call to charity. To help those in need. Our food pantries are hurting already and winter has not yet begun. I am asking all brothers

to bring a can or box item to our next business meeting on November 13, 2008. I would like to see this done at every business meeting this winter. We will then turn it over to Fr. Dennis to give to the food pantry.

By the time you receive the newsletter, Election Day will only be a few days away. The only thing I can suggest to you is to get out and vote, vote what your Catholic upbringing teaches you. This is a very important election year. I encourage all to pick up a copy of "Voters guide for Serious Catholics" to help you in your decision making.

I wish you and your families a happy and healthy Thanksgiving. Continue to pray for our troops who will be separated from their families this holiday.

Vivat Jesus,
Greg

Let us pray for our Brother Knights who have passed away John Paul the Great Council #486 Memorial Mass



Sunday, November 9, 2008
11:30AM
Saint Joseph's Church

We especially remember our
Brothers who have passed away
during the past year.

Anthony R. Parenti, Sr.
Anthony Leo
Michael J. Mingolla

Calendar

Upcoming Events

November		
Thursday, November 6	Council Officers Meeting	7:30PM
Sunday, November 9	Council Memorial Mass	11:30AM
Thursday, November 13	Council Business Meeting	8:00PM
Sunday, November 16	Third Degree / Haverstraw	
Thursday, November 20	4 th Degree Assembly Meeting	8:00PM
Sunday, November 23	Chapter Memorial Mass	4:00PM
Thursday, November 27	Family Pot Luck Dinner Cancelled Happy Thanksgiving!	
December		
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 th Degree Assembly Meeting Cancelled	
Thursday, December 25	Family Pot Luck Dinner Cancelled Merry Christmas!	

November Birthdays

Rev. Paul Feeley	November 1
George Jordan	November 1
Rev. John Lo Conte	November 1
Joseph G. Owen	November 1
Frank Sorice	November 1
Bela Gesztes	November 3
Douglas McGlynn	November 4
Brian Powers	November 4
Adam A. Sciascia	November 7
Randy Krause	November 11
John O Dea	November 17
Edward Persina	November 20
Peter Damiano, Jr.	November 22
Vincent Cariello	November 23
Rev. George Sears	November 24
Robert Zawasky	November 25
Sean Casey	November 27
Antimo Pezzullo	November 30

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

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

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



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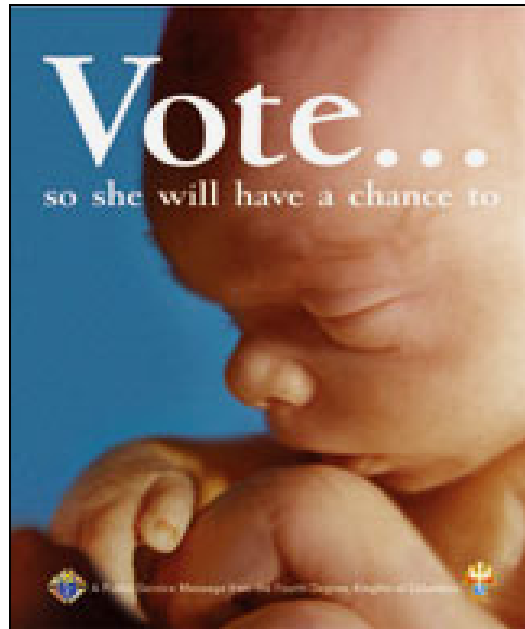
Remember in your prayers those who are ill

Msgr. George Valastro
Henry Seiffert
Tom Shormis, PGK
Elfio Politi
Joseph Szela
Thomas Colligan
Frank Vignola PGK
Thomas DiDiego
Gary Texter
Jim Higgins



Contact Sick Committee Chairman

Deacon Richard Trapani, Sr.
344-1087



Family Pot-luck Dinners

In order to accommodate more of our families, the start time for our monthly pot-luck dinners will be changed to 6:30PM when they resume in January. There are none scheduled for the November and December due to the Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays.

Please Contact Us!

If you are aware of an ill or shut-in Brother Knight, family member, or friend who may be in need of pastoral care or the Sacraments, please contact Deacon Richard Trapani at 344-1087.

Field Agent's Corner

William Schimpf



Brothers,

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God Bless,
William Schimpf FIC
427-2957



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Faithful Navigator's Report

Paul Silipino



Brother Sir Knights,

On November 4th, our nation will go to the polls to select those who will represent us at the national, state, and local levels of government. Sir Knights have always taken seriously our civic responsibility to participate in the election process, and to encourage others to do so as well. In **Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship** published last year, the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops declared, "In the Catholic Tradition, responsible

citizenship is a virtue, and participation in political life is a moral obligation. This obligation is rooted in our baptismal commitment to follow Jesus Christ and to bear Christian witness in all we do."

In this spirit, and in solidarity with our bishops and priests, I ask you to cast your vote in November, and to encourage your family and friends to vote as well.

Vivat Jesus,
Paul Silipino
Faithful Navigator

Fourth Degree Date Announced

It's not too early to start thinking about joining the Fourth Degree of our Order. Our area's annual exemplification will be held on Saturday, April 18, 2009. To be eligible, you must be a third degree member in good standing with one year of membership.

In order to find out more, contact Faithful Navigator **Paul Silipino** at 343-3724.



Hudson Valley Chapter Memorial Mass

Sunday, November 23
4:00PM
Saint Mary's Church
Wappingers Falls, NY



The legacy of Father McGivney is alive and well in our tumultuous times. Although the world has changed since the founding of our Order, Catholic men, women, and children everywhere are aspiring to live according to the holiness and values that he espoused during his lifetime. We are well aware of the Order's growth to 1.75 million members worldwide. But it takes some thought to fully understand the impact he continues to have on the world today. Father McGivney dedicated his life to the spiritual and physical welfare of others. Father McGivney wanted each person's heart and mind attuned to greater love of God within the Church and the family.

Since the beginning of Father McGivney's cause for canonization in 1997, popular devotion to him has increased. This is evident as people everywhere have begun spreading his story of love for Mary our Mother. The Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, D.C., has added a stained-glass window depicting his image. Today, a growing number of schools, medical centers and social service agencies named for him associate their work with his charisma and priestly devotion.

For more information on Father McGivney, please visit www.fathermcgivney.org.

Our Newsletter

For the December issue, please submit any news items no later than November 15th by e-mail at rtrapani@warwick.net or by phone at 956-6383.

If you are interested in receiving your issue by e-mail, please use the above contact information. This will enable us to save Council funds by reducing the costs of printing and postage.

Most Americans want Abortion Restricted

A U.S. nationwide poll shows that almost all Americans think abortion should be restricted.

The poll was conducted for the Knights of Columbus by the Marist College Institute of Public Opinion between September 24 and October 3. It aimed to enable comparisons of the views of Catholic voters with those of the general electorate.

The poll asked respondents to state which of six statements came closest to describing their opinion on abortion.

Only 8% of U.S. residents chose the statement saying abortion should be available to a woman any time she wants during her entire pregnancy.

That same percentage said abortion should be allowed only during the first six months of pregnancy. Twenty-four percent moved the abortion limit to the first three months of pregnancy.

The largest percentage – 32% - chose the statement saying abortion should be allowed only in cases of rape, incest, or to save the life of the mother.

Fifteen percent chose the fifth option: that abortion should be allowed only to save the life of the mother.

And 13% affirmed that abortion should never be permitted under any circumstances.

The poll also indicated that even among those who describe themselves as pro-choice, 71% favored restricting abortions. Of these, 43% would restrict abortion to the first trimester and 23% would restrict abortion only to cases of rape, incest, or to save the life of the mother.

Supreme Knight Carl Anderson said the poll results are "indicative of the fact that the term 'pro-choice' – when applied broadly – needlessly polarizes the discussion of abortion and masks the fact that there is a broad consensus among Americans that abortion should be restricted.

Annual Right to Life Mass Sunday, January 18, 2009 Saint Patrick's Cathedral New York City



Annual March for Life Thursday, January 22, 2009 The Mall Washington, DC



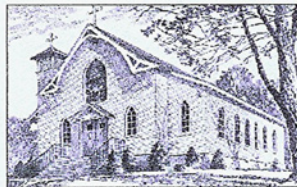
"Father McGivney's vision remains as relevant as ever in the changed circumstances of today's Church and society."

-- Pope John Paul the Great



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