

The Shipwright
John Paul the Great Council #486
February 2007 Newsletter

Grand Knight's Report

Brothers,

As we march ahead in this Columbian year, it is with sadness that we remember 2 of our Brother Knights who have passed on; Brother Knight Richard Keller, and Sir Knight John Semerano. Both will be remembered fondly as men of faith and virtue. Richard was an active 3rd degree member in our Council. John was a Knight for 68 years, making him one of our longest serving members. Please, remember to keep both of them in your prayers, and remember to pray for their families who grieve for them.

While we celebrate our many successes this year, we still have more events planned in the upcoming weeks and months. I only ask for your continued support of our Council and our officers who continue to work so hard for all of us. None of this would be possible without their efforts and sacrifices.

Sunday, February 25 is the scheduled date of our annual Council Dinner Dance, to be held at Kuhl's Highland House. State Secretary Ed Castellazzi will be the guest of honor, and the featured speaker, as we assist in his campaign to be elected NY State Deputy. For tickets, please contact chairman Gregory Sillen, or District Deputy Burt Struble.

In closing, I personally would like to congratulate District Deputy Burt Struble, who was recently named Hudson Valley Chapter Knight of the Year. It is an honor to have him as a member of our Council, as well as a mentor and friend. He will be honored at the annual Charity Ball later this spring.

God Bless,
Rich

Welcome New 1st Degree Members

Edwin Diaz
Michael Bell
Michael Coburn
Gary Texter

Birthdays from 9/24/2006 Roster

Deacon John Frohbase....James Alu....James Bonney....Frank Cantania
Louis De Stephano III....George Ellis....William Fehn....Lawrence O'Brien
Charles Paduch....Henry Pagan....Roland Rossi....George Sears....Ralph Turi
Charles Van Gelder....PGK Carl Williams

February Calendar

2-1	Officer's Meeting	7:30PM Saint
	Joseph's Parish Center Conference Room	
2-3	District 50 Free Throw	1:30PM
	Registration at Saint Joseph's Gym	
2-3	Columbian Squires Investiture	5:30PM Mass at Saint
	Joseph's followed by Investiture in Gym	
2-7	Business Meeting	8:00PM Saint
	Joseph's Parish Center Conference Room	
2-15	4 th Degree Assembly	8:00PM Our Lady of
	Mount Carmel Parish Center	
2-22	Social Meeting	8:00PM Saint
	Joseph's Parish Center Conference Room	
2-25	107 th Annual Council Dinner Dance	Kuhl's Highland House,
	Contact Gregory Sillen or Burt Struble for details	

Field Agent's Corner:

As I travel about, I see a number of families who carry Term Life Insurance. While Term Life Insurance is a valuable part of our financial portfolio, and of our family estate, it is simply not Permanent Life Insurance. Because the premiums are very inexpensive, and the death benefit can be extremely high, while covering a great many of our major responsibilities such as home mortgage, children's education, and salaries for a period of time, in the event of our death, term insurance is attractive. On the other hand, Whole Life Insurance provides these same features plus policy loan availability, growth within the policy, through a dividend base second to none, stable premiums, and coverage to age 100, as well as a steady stream of income, in the event of our death, making it even more desirable for our families. A portion, or all of the Term Life Insurance should be converted to a form of Whole Life Insurance, as circumstances change, and while we are still young enough to do so.

As your Fraternal Insurance Counselor, I consider it my duty to meet with you and explain all of these pros and cons. Give me a call soon. God Bless.

William J. "Bill" Schimpf, FIC
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