



November, 2007 Newsletter

Knights of Columbus
John Paul the Great Council #486
Middletown, New York

The Shipwright

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Grand Knight's Message

Brothers,

As Americans, we are privileged to live in the land of opportunity during this day and age. By far, we are indisputably the most affluent nation in the world. For the most part, we have the freedom to live as we wish, to worship as we see fit, and to chase our own dreams without too much interference. But, it's easy to take so much for granted, and it's easy to overlook the many blessings that God has bestowed on us. We sometimes grumble about our inconveniences, and about other situations over which we exercise little control.

Thanksgiving is nearly upon us, with Christmas just around the corner. Please, don't lose this opportunity to thank God for all that we have. And please, don't forget to pray for those who may not. And help them if you can. For those who are in need, the worst thing that we can do is nothing.

Please, take note of the schedule changes for the rest of the year. Because of the upcoming Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays, we have added some events, but some of our regularly scheduled functions have been cancelled.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish all of you and your loved ones, a very happy and blessed Thanksgiving.

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 Officers' meeting is held on the 1st Thursday of each month at 7:30PM. Our business meeting is held on the 2nd Thursday at 8:00PM. Our social potluck dinner is held on the 4th Thursday at 6:00PM. These meetings are held at the St. Joseph's Parish Center on Cottage St.

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

Pray for our Sick

Msgr. George Valastro
Mike Cummings PGK
Thomas Colligan
Carl Williams PGK
Tom Shormis PGK

Joseph Olinski
Anthony Parenti
Daniel Bellotto
Anthony Leo
Joseph Szela

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.

Council Memorial Mass

November is the month in which we pray for those Brother Knights who have passed away. Please join us on Sunday, November 25th as we celebrate our annual Council Memorial Mass to remember all of our deceased Brothers and their families. Our Mass will be celebrated at Saint Joseph's Church at 11:30AM. Below is a list of our Brothers who have died during the previous year.

Richard Kent Keller	January 12, 2007
John Anthony Semerano	January 31, 2007
Paul A. Schupp	February 24, 2007
William Kenneth Green	March 14, 2007
Nicholas J. Damiano, Sr.	April 17, 2007
Ralph L. Turi, Jr.	June 30, 2007
Vincent L. Panetta	July 24, 2007
Eugene F. Wenz	September 11, 2007

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.

We Are Here!

We want to make sure that all of our members are cared for, whether it entails attending our meetings and functions, or if they are in need of the Sacraments. Please contact Rich Trapani at 956-6383, or any other Brother Knight if you are in need of assistance.



Council Officers

Chaplain

Rev. Dennis Nikolic
343-6013

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Richard Trapani, Jr.
956-6383

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343-7343

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William Schimpf FIC
427-2957

District Deputy

Burton Struble PGK
342-0190



Insurance Agent's Corner

Why do you need insurance anyway? How about mortgage protection? A house is more than just a "house," isn't it? If you've laughed in it, cried in it, and lived in it, it's your home. If something should happen to you, will it remain with those who you love?

You have worked hard to bring you family's standard of living up to where it is. You shouldn't be willing to give that up—no matter what. They say "you can't take it with you," but earning capacity goes when you do! You can guarantee that they will never have to sacrifice that standard of living, whether you are here or not. Life insurance.

Few things concern parents today more than helping their children get a college education. The cost of education continues to rise. Money like that can be hard to come by. What can you do about it? Make sure your children have the same opportunities for education whether you live or die.

Have you thought about retiring lately? When you do, figure out how much money you'll have. Retirement benefits such as pensions or Social Security are nice, but are they enough? Supplemental income is usually necessary. Life insurance.

The furnace breaks. The car goes on the blink. The roof leaks. Someone in the family becomes ill. These are everyday occurrences all over the country. What do you do? Life insurance can help. The cash and loan values of a whole life policy are available to you when emergencies happen. Or even to provide cash for some other event.

The unfortunate truth is that the last thing you'll do on this earth is incurring a debt that you won't be around to pay. Final expenses may include burial costs, unpaid bills, and excess hospital bills over and above your health insurance. The emotional drain on your family should not be aggravated by concern about money. Not if you can help it.

But you CAN help it. Please, contact me for all of your insurance needs at 427-2957. Fraternaly, William Schimpf FIC

First Degree Planned

On Thursday, November 29, our Council will host a 1st degree at Saint Joseph's Parish. Candidates for this degree should be present by 7:15PM, with the degree beginning at 8:00PM. If you know of a Catholic gentleman who would like to become a Knight of Columbus, please contact Chancellor Michael Biondi at 343-1285.

Calendar of Events

November

Thursday, November 1	Officers' Meeting Cancelled	
Thursday, November 8	Business Meeting	8:00PM
Thursday, November 15	4 th Degree Assembly Meeting	8:00PM
Thursday, November 22	Potluck Dinner Cancelled	
Sunday, November 25	Council Memorial Mass	11:30AM
Thursday, November 29	First Degree Exemplification	8:00PM

December

Tuesday, December 4	Light Up For Christ	7:30PM
Wednesday, December 5	Past Grand Knights' Dinner	TBA
Thursday, December 13	Past Grand Knights' Meeting	8:00PM
Thursday, December 20	4 th Degree Assembly Meeting Cancelled	
Thursday, December 27	Potluck dinner Cancelled	

***To be scheduled – Christmas Party**

Thanksgiving Adopt-a-Family

This year, our Council will be adopting a family for Thanksgiving. We ask that our members collect non-perishable food items for this worthy cause and bring them to the meetings and Council functions. We have so many things for which to be thankful. Please help us do the same for another family. If you would like to help or donate, please contact Matt Enering at 692-6720 or Rich Trapani at 956-6383 for further information.

Council Phone Tree

In order to inform our membership of important news and events, we are constantly updating our phone tree. This information may include news of deceased members, changes in scheduling, or cancellations of Council functions. If you would like to be included in this important list, we need your phone number and e-mail address for our records. Please provide your phone number and e-mail address by calling Grand Knight Rich Trapani at 845-956-6383 or by e-mailing rtrapani@warwick.net. All of your information will be kept confidential and only used for Council business. Thank you.

C&B Ticket Sales

The next dates for our C&B ticket sales drive will be on Saturday, November 3 thru Sunday, November 4th at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church. Volunteers are needed to help us sell tickets at all Masses on that weekend. Please contact Larry Bedosky at 343-0180 for further information.

Also, if you have not yet returned the ticket books that were mailed to our membership, please do so as soon as possible in time for the drawing at the beginning of December. Thank you for contributing to this program's success.

Past Grand Knights Annual Business Meeting

Thursday, December 13th is our annual Past Grand Knights Business Meeting, in which we recognize and thank those who have led our Council during the past 107 years. The meeting will begin at 8:00PM and will be presided over by our Past Grand Knights, with refreshments provided afterward. Of course, all Brother Knights are encouraged to attend.

Schedule Changes

At the business meeting on October 11, our membership voted to change our social meetings to a potluck dinner with a speaker to follow. These events will begin at 6:00PM, and our families and friends are invited to participate. This will affect our social meeting schedule until the end of the Columbian Year (June). There will be no change to our business meetings.

Of course, the potluck dinners on Thursday, November 25, and Thursday, December 27 will be cancelled due to the Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays.

Businesses Wanted!

Please, be sure to support those who have advertised in the Shipwright. Businesses and other community organizations are invited to advertise in our monthly newsletter for as little as \$100 per year. While helping our Council financially, it will help you reach a whole new customer base. Please help us as we reach out to the community. Please contact Rich Trapani at 956-6383 or Greg Sillen at 343-7343 for an application.

The Fourth Degree

Have you ever considered joining the Fourth Degree? With the exemplification only a few months away, it's not too early to sign up. You'll then be a part of the most visible part of the Knights of Columbus. Please contact Faithful Navigator Mike Cummings at 733-5345 for further information.

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- Pope John Paul the Great -