

John Paul the Great Council #486  
Middletown Assembly #762  
Middletown, New York

February 2010



# THE SHIPWRIGHT

## Upcoming Meeting and Special Event Schedule

**Thursday, February 4 – 7:30PM**  
Council Officers' Meeting

**Thursday, February 11 – 8:00PM**  
Council Business Meeting

**Thursday, February 18 – 8:00PM**  
4<sup>th</sup> Degree Assembly Meeting

**Friday, February 19 – 5:30-8:00PM**  
Lenten Fish Fry

**Thursday, February 25 – 8:00PM**  
Council Social Meeting

**Friday, February 26 – 8:00PM**  
Chapter Meeting – Marlboro

**Sunday, February 28 – TBA**  
Council Anniversary Dinner Dance

**Thursday, March 4 – 7:30PM**  
Council Officers' Meeting

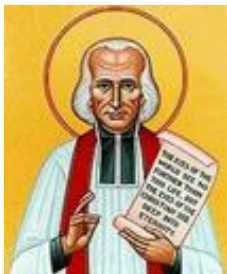
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Council Business Meeting

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Chapter Meeting – St. Martin's



2009-2010

The Year For Priests

Brothers,

February is our anniversary month. We must take time and look back on the past and remember all those great memories that made our council the great success it is today. It is also time to reflect on how we can make it better, how we can grow it, how we can make it stronger. The answer is simple; get yourself re-involved with your council. You joined it for a reason, didn't you? If you're not in the area anymore, we still want to hear from you. Drop us a postcard, let us know how you are doing. If there is anything you need from us, let us know.

We remember in a special way all the victims of the earthquake in Haiti. May God help them thru these turbulent times. Remember our troops and clergy in your prayers.

Vivat Jesus!!!

Greg

## Grand Knight's Message

Gregory Sillen



## Please pray for those who are ill

Msgr. George Valastro  
Tom Shormis, PGK  
Elfio Politi  
Joseph Szela  
Thomas Colligan  
Jim Higgins  
John Ward



**Sick Committee Chairman**  
Deacon Richard Trapani, Sr.  
344-1087



## Please pray for those who have passed away

Clarence Fraser  
James Alu  
George Ellis, PGK PFN  
Peter Feeny, PFN  
Henry Seiffert



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P.O. Box 323  
Middletown, New York 10940

**New York State Council - 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  
Social Meeting - 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday 8:00PM

**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

## 2009-10 Council Officers

### Chaplain

Rev. Dennis Nikolic 343-6013

### Grand Knight

Gregory Sillen 343-7343

### Deputy Grand Knight

Michael Biondi 343-1285

### Chancellor

Douglas Linguanti 344-5922

### Warden

Edwin Diaz 313-5297

### Recorder

Paul Dickinson 692-0938

### Financial Secretary

Jim Higgins 360-2454

### Treasurer

Larry Bedosky 343-0180

### Advocate

John O'Connor, PGK 343-7164

### Inside Guard

Carl Williams, Jr. 342-8740

### Outside Guard

Sean Williams 342-8740

### Trustee 3 Years

Richard Trapani, PGK 956-6383

### Trustee 2 Years

Carl Williams, PGK 342-8740

### Trustee 1 Year

Matthew Enering, PGK 692-2720

### Lecturer

Deacon Richard Trapani, Sr. 344-1087

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Richard Malek Agency 566-8790

## Council Programs

### Program Director

Michael Biondi 343-1285

### Membership Director

Douglas Linguanti 344-5922

### Church Director / Sick Committee

Deacon Richard Trapani Sr. 344-1087

### Community Director / Shipwright Editor

Richard Trapani, PGK 956-6383

### Family Director

John O'Connor, PGK 343-7164

### Youth Director

Sean Williams 342-8740

### Council Director

Gregory Sillen 343-7343

### Pro-life Director

Paul Dickinson 692-0938

## Majority of Americans View Abortion as Morally Wrong

In the wake of the 37th anniversary of the Supreme Court's decision in Roe v. Wade, which legalized abortion throughout the United States, a new survey shows a strong majority of Americans believe abortion to be "morally wrong."

"**Millennials**" (those 18-29) consider abortion to be "morally wrong" even more (58%) than **Baby Boomers** (those 45-64) (51%). **Generation X** (those 30-44) are similar to Millennials (60% see abortion as "morally wrong"). More than 6 in 10 of the **Greatest Generation** (those 65+) feel the same. The most recent Knights of Columbus – Marist survey – conducted in late December and early January – is the latest in a series of such surveys commissioned by the Knights of Columbus and conducted by Marist Institute for Public Opinion. In October of 2008 and July of 2009, the survey has been tracking an increasing trend toward the pro-life position – a trend confirmed by Gallup and Pew surveys in mid-2009.

"Americans of all ages – and younger people in even greater numbers than their parents – see abortion as something morally wrong," said Supreme Knight Carl Anderson. "America has turned a corner and is embracing life – and in doing so is embracing a future they – and all of us – can be proud of."

He added: "Advances in technology, show clearly – and ever more clearly – that an unborn child is completely a human being. That, coupled with the large number of Americans who know one of the many people who has been negatively affected by abortion are certainly two of the reasons that Americans are increasingly uncomfortable with Roe v. Wade's legacy of abortion, and with abortion generally. The majority of Americans now understand that abortion has consequences, and that those consequences are not good."

## Dues Notices

Dues notices for the 2010 Columbian Year have been distributed. Please send all payments to Financial Secretary Jim Higgins. If you have a financial hardship, contact Grand Knight Greg Sillen. All information is strictly confidential.

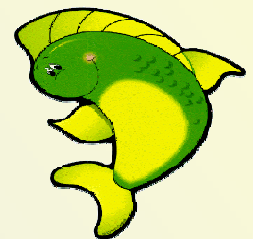
## Council Dinner Dance

Come and join us for our annual anniversary Council dinner dance, scheduled for Sunday, February 28 at Saint Joseph's Parish Center. Fortune Esposito will provide music and entertainment at this event. Tickets can be purchased by calling chairman John O'Connor at 343-7164. Our Council is 110 years young and going strong!



## Lenten Fish Fries

2 fish fries have been planned to help the earthquake relief effort in Haiti. They are scheduled for Friday, February 19<sup>th</sup>, and Friday, March 12<sup>th</sup> at the Saint Joseph's Parish Center, from 5:30 to 8:00PM. The price is \$15.00 per person, and take out will be available. Volunteers from our Council will be needed to make this event a success. Please contact chairman Douglas Linguanti at 344-5922. Thank you for your support.



## February Birthdays

Wayne Bricker	February 3	Roland Rossi	February 18
Frank Catania	February 3	Carl Williams PGK PFN	February 22
Henry Pagan	February 5	Deacon John Frohbose	February 23
Charles Paduch	February 13	Louis Destefano	February 24
Charles Van Gelder	February 17	George Sears	February 24



## Faithful Navigator's Log

Richard Trapani, Jr.



### Brother Sir Knights,

It is my sad duty to report the loss of two Sir Knights over the past couple of months, Peter Feeney, and George Ellis. Both men were Faithful Navigators of our Assembly. Please keep them and their families in your prayers.

I am saddened by the news media reports regarding the tragic earthquake and the utter destruction in Haiti. The nation has been decimated, and they are in desperate need of our help. Please donate, if you can so that much needed supplies and care can be sent. A letter from our State Deputy has been published in this newsletter, or you may visit Supreme's web site at [www.kofc.org](http://www.kofc.org). Please pray for the souls of the dead, and for the welfare of the survivors.

Our annual 4<sup>th</sup> Degree Exemplification is scheduled for Saturday, April 10, 2010 at the Holiday Inn in Fishkill. In order to be eligible, you must be a 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree member in good standing, and a member of the Knights of Columbus for at least one year. If you are interested in joining the patriotic arm of the Order, please ask any 4<sup>th</sup> Degree member for an application. There is a cost to make this degree, so please do not delay.

God Bless,  
Rich Trapani



## Middletown Assembly 762

Province of St. Isaac Jogues  
New York District #2  
District Master: Chester Smith

### 2009-10 Assembly Officers

<b>Faithful Friar</b>	
Rev. Dennis Nikolic	343-6013
<b>Faithful Navigator</b>	
Richard Trapani, Jr.	956-6383
<b>Faithful Admiral</b>	
Paul Silipino, PFN	343-3724
<b>Faithful Captain</b>	
Edwin Diaz	313-5297
<b>Faithful Pilot</b>	
Randy Krause	695-1645
<b>Faithful Scribe</b>	
Steven Maleike, PFN	733-5751
<b>Faithful Comptroller</b>	
Gregory Sillen	343-7343
<b>Faithful Bursar</b>	
Matthew Enering, PFN	692-2720
<b>Faithful Inner Sentinel</b>	
Nicholas Cortese, PFN	343-5355
<b>Faithful Outer Sentinel</b>	
Charles Paduch	342-2273
<b>Faithful Trustee 3 Years</b>	
Joseph Hartmann, PFN	744-3795
<b>Faithful Trustee 2 Years</b>	
Michael Biondi, PFN	343-1285
<b>Faithful Trustee 1 Year</b>	
Carl Williams Sr., PFN	342-8740
<b>Color Corps Commander</b>	
Joseph Hartmann, PFN	744-3795
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<b>Sick Committee Chairman</b>	
Deacon Richard Trapani, Sr.	344-1087
<b>Youth Director</b>	
Carl Williams, PFN	342-8740
<b>Pro Life Committee Chairman</b>	
Paul Dickinson	692-0938

## Shipwright Articles

Newsletter submissions and articles must be submitted by the 20<sup>th</sup> of each month. Contact Rich Trapani at 956-6383 or by e-mail at [rtrapani@warwick.net](mailto:rtrapani@warwick.net). Please use the information above to correct errors or to receive The Shipwright by e-mail. Help us to reduce mailing costs.

We must pray  
without tiring, for  
the salvation of  
mankind does  
not depend upon  
material success  
. . . but on Jesus  
alone.



*St. Frances Xavier Cabrini*

## Insurance Agent's Corner

Tempus Fugit. Time Flies. The older we get, the more that statement seems to ring true. Especially as we prepare to ring in another new year. I hope that 2009 was a healthy, prosperous year for you and your family. If you're like most people, you've made some resolutions for the New Year. If I may, I'd like to add to your list of resolutions by two. First, write them down. A resolution is really a goal for the year and, until you commit a goal to writing, it's nothing more than a wish. So write your resolutions down. Whether they be to lose weight, contribute more time and money to charity, read more or watch less television, you're more likely to stick to them if you write them down. Second, schedule some time to visit with me, your professional Knights of Columbus insurance agent. The "insurance check-up" that I'll provide (free of charge, by the way!) will quickly identify any gaps in your family's life insurance program. And you'll want to fill those gaps now, not later. Because unlike many other products, you need more than money to obtain life insurance. You also need good health, and no one will ring a bell warning you when your health is about to change. Knights of Columbus life insurance offers something precious few other financial products can - guarantees. As long as you pay your premiums, the policy proceeds will be there for your beneficiaries should something happen to you. We call that peace of mind, and that's-as they say in the credit card commercial- priceless.

Richard Malek Insurance Agency  
566-8790

**A Letter from our State Deputy  
Haiti Earthquake Relief Fund**

In an effort to come to the aid of the people of Haiti, who are suffering a humanitarian catastrophe of huge proportions in the wake of a 7.0 earthquake on January 12<sup>th</sup>, the Knights of Columbus Supreme Council has sent an immediate contribution of \$50,000 to Catholic Relief Services and they are asking that state and local councils make their contributions and send their support to the Supreme Council so that we can maximize the impact of the funds raised.

Donations by individual Knights or councils can be made to the state office in Douglaston. Checks should be made out to New York State Charities, Inc. and mailed to 40-27 235th St.; Douglaston, NY 11363. Please write "Haiti Earthquake Relief" on the memo line of the check.

Contributions will be forwarded to the Supreme office and used to provide assistance wherever it can have the most immediate impact, or the need is greatest.

Please ask all Knights and their families to also offer their prayers for the victims of this terrible disaster.

Vivat Jesus,  
Arthur J. Harris  
State Deputy

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