



The Shipwright

Grand Knight's Report

Gregory Sillen



Brothers,

Happy New Year to all of you and your families! We've all heard the expression, "A year older, a year wiser." And we've all been asked to make a New Year's resolution. Perhaps some of us are going to quit smoking, or take up exercise. Maybe spend a little more time with our families. These are very good resolutions indeed, but we

should also look at the condition of our personal relationship with God our Father. Do we pray as often as we can? Do we lead our families in a daily Rosary or read the Bible on a regular basis? Do we attend and actively participate at Mass on Sundays and other holy days? Do we offer up our sufferings and inconveniences as penance for our sins and the sins of others? Do we avail ourselves of the Sacraments? These are all things that we should do as Catholics. It is our responsibility as brother Knights to take every opportunity to strengthen the bond that has always existed between our Father and us. We must remain cognizant that God is always there for us, gently waiting for us to acknowledge His loving presence and count on Him.

Let's make a special effort this year to get to know Him better. Let's take advantage of the Sacraments and all the other gifts of God then we will have a Happy New Year.

Vivat Jesus,
Greg

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We are Pro-Life

If you believe that the mystery of human life begins long before our eyes first see a baby's birth, if we are humble enough to say that God sees things we don't, and that God's creation of first life was the climax of creation, then we understand that all of life's important values emerge from that point.

All decency and honor emerge from the miracle of invisible human seed dividing and multiplying to form the amazing fetus. If human beings were disposable, then there would be no compelling reason to deal with all the issues we have to deal with in seeking good, healthy societies. There has to be a genesis. And there was, "In the beginning, God created." And out of that act, all life emerges. Our beginning sanctifies our life and the passing from life to new life at death. When human beings violate the lives of others, be they unborn, infirm, or elderly, they undercut every reason we have for trying to have a proper society.

Calendar

Upcoming Events

January

Thursday, January 1	Council Officers Meeting Cancelled	
Thursday, January 8	Council Business Meeting	8:00PM
Thursday, January 15	4 th Degree Assembly Meeting	8:00PM
Sunday, January 18	Annual Right to Life Mass (NYC)	
Thursday, January 22	Annual Right to Life March (DC)	
	Family Pot Luck Dinner	6:30PM
Friday, January 30	Charity Drive Kickoff /Fishkill	7:30PM

February

Thursday, February 5	Council Officers Meeting	7:30PM
Thursday, February 12	Council Business Meeting	8:00PM
Thursday, February 19	4 th Degree Assembly Meeting	8:00PM
Friday, February 20	Chapter Meeting / Poughkeepsie	8:00 PM
Saturday, February 21	C&B Final Drawing / Latham	
Thursday, February 25	Family Pot Luck Dinner	6:30PM

January Birthdays

Rev. Timothy Donahue	January 1
Rev. A M Galligan	January 1
Allen Honeywell	January 1
Rev. William Murphy	January 1
Raymond Patterson	January 1
Nicholas Sheil	January 1
Harold Weigele	January 1
Stanley Kukelka	January 8
Louis Di Guida	January 10
Timothy Martin	January 12
Gerry Acerno	January 13
Frank Vignola PGK	January 15
Elfio Politi	January 16
Edward Novak	January 20
Theodore Fotopoulos	January 22
Larry Bedosky	January 31
Louis Curcio PGK	January 31

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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
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Tom Shormis, PGK
Elfo Politi
Joseph Szela
Thomas Colligan
Frank Vignola PGK
Thomas DiDiego
Jim Higgins
Michael Biondi PFN
John O Connor PGK PFN



Contact Sick Committee Chairman

Deacon Richard Trapani, Sr.
344-1087

Wanted

We are compiling a history of our Council for future generations. If you have any old photographs or other interesting stories about our past and would like to share, please contact Rich Trapani at 956-6383 or at rtrapani@warwick.net. All materials will be returned to you unharmed.

New PGK Website

Visit our new website honoring the Past Grand Knights of our great Council for the past 109 years.

www.pgk486.catholicweb.com

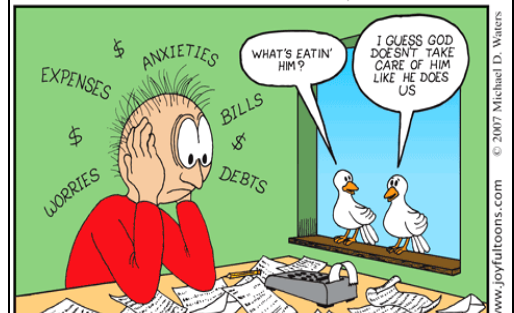


Council Dues

Dues notices have been mailed out. Please complete and return the enclosed form so that we can update our records with Supreme Council.

DON'T WORRY

A Joyful 'toon by Mike Waters



Look at the birds of the air, they do now sow or reap or store away in barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not much more valuable than they? Who of you by worrying can add a single hour to his life?
-Matthew 6:26-27

Field Agent's Corner

William Schimpf



Brothers,

Father Michael J. McGivney understood that the first duty of a Catholic husband and father is to his family — to care for their needs while alive and, to the best of his ability, to provide for their care in the event of his death. He also knew well the tragic needs of Catholic families of the deceased men in his community. Central to Father McGivney's founding vision for the Knights of Columbus was providing for the financial security of Catholic families, particularly the widows and orphans of deceased members.

The first purpose listed in the Order's 1882 charter is "rendering pecuniary aid to its members, their families, and beneficiaries of members and their families." The establishment of a financially sound insurance program for members of the Order was a primary goal. Today, lack of adequate financial resources is still a great threat to family life. Now, more than ever, the Knights of Columbus continues to address the temporal needs of Catholic families, especially through one of the most highly-rated insurance programs in the world. The Knights of Columbus has hundreds of insurance agents, serving the needs of families in local councils.

William Schimpf FIC
427-2957



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Faithful Trustee 2 Years	
Carl Williams, PFN	342-8740
Faithful Trustee 1 Year	
John O'Connor, PFN	343-7164
Color Corps Commander	
Joseph Hartmann, PFN	744-3795

Faithful Navigator's Report

Paul Silipino



Brother Sir Knights,

As we start the Dawn of a hopefully prosperous and healthy New Year, I would like to thank all of the Sir Knights for their active support during the past year. Your involvement in the various functions of our Assembly and of the Color Corps is appreciated.

The upcoming Fourth Degree Exemplification on Saturday, April 18th presents us with an excellent opportunity to

increase membership in the Middletown Assembly and to further the Columbian principle of Patriotism. And so, Sir Knights, the call goes out to each of you to help us strengthen our numbers. Please ask others to join our ranks. Membership forms for the Fourth Degree are available for the asking, just ask any Assembly officer.

Vivat Jesus,
Paul Silipino
Faithful Navigator

Fourth Degree

Our area's annual exemplification will be held on Saturday, April 18. To be eligible, you must be a third degree member in good standing with one year of membership.

Don't delay. Contact any Assembly officer or Faithful Navigator **Paul Silipino** at 343-3724.

"A family policy must be the basis and driving force of all social policies."

-- Pope John Paul the Great



Our Newsletter

For February's issue, please submit any news items no later than January 15th by e-mail at rtrapani@warwick.net or by phone at 956-6383.

If you would like to receive your issue by e-mail, please use the above contact information. This will enable us to save Council funds by reducing our costs.

Please use the above information to report errors or corrections.



People who knew Father McGivney were impressed by his energy and intensity. Father Gordian Daley later recalled, "I saw him but once, and yet I remember this pale, beautiful face as if I saw it only yesterday. It was a 'priest's face' and that explains everything. It was a face of wonderful repose. There was nothing harsh in that countenance although there was everything that was strong."

William Geary, one of the Order's charter members, said that at the first council meeting in 1882, he was "acclaimed as founder by 24 men with hearts full of joy and thanksgiving, recognizing that without his optimism, his will to succeed, his counsel and advice they would have failed."

Father McGivney had suggested Sons of Columbus as a name for the Order. This would bind both Catholicism and Americanism together through the faith and bold vision of the discoverer of the New World.

The word "knights" replaced "sons" because key members of the organizing group who were Irish-born Civil War veterans felt it would help to apply a noble ritual in support of the emerging cause of Catholic civil liberty.

On March 29, the Connecticut legislature granted a charter to the Knights of Columbus, establishing it as a corporation. The Order's principles in 1882 were "Unity" and "Charity." The concepts of "Fraternity" and "Patriotism" were added later. Each of these ideals played a major role from the beginning. The Columbus-linked themes, says historian Christopher J. Kauffman, "reverberated with pride in the American promise of liberty, equality and opportunity."

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



Light Up For Christ

December 2, 2008

Saint Joseph's Church



Past Grand Knights and Faithful Navigators Dinner

December 4, 2008

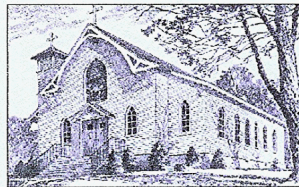
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