



# The Shipwright

Knights of Columbus  
Middletown Council #486  
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## Grand Knights Message

Brothers, we are now into the second month of the year and many events are on the horizon. First and foremost our Annual Diner Dance will be held this month. Please call PGK Nick Cortese at 343-5355 to arrange to get your tickets and table together. Nick has put much time and effort into this endeavor so lets show him and our council support by attending.

Father Joseph Fallon is now officially our Chaplain. Please extend your thanks to the good Father as you see him around St. Joseph's and welcome him aboard.

We are saddened by the lose of Brother Tony Dragone. A special memorial meeting was held after our last business meeting on 28 January, 1999. Many brothers spoke fondly of Tony and he will be dearly missed by all.

Please join me in welcoming two new members to our council, Henry Pagan and Jose Santa Cruz. They took their 1st degree at Warwick Council on 27 January 1999. These two gentlemen are excited about joining our ranks and will be a asset to our council.

I'd like to thank all brothers who have been at our meetings, attendance has been growing by leaps and bounds. This your council, come on back and help us continue our positive goals.

Fraternally in Christ,  
Matt

*VIVAT JESUS*

## Chaplains Report

### *Be Loyal to Faith Values*

Christians are being persecuted today in China and other parts of the world. Thus far, in our nation, we have not had to face a firing squad, enduring torture, or otherwise be martyred for upholding our faith. But, there are other tests of loyalty that confront us.

When we receive the Sacrament of Confirmation, we were given a special grace from the Holy Spirit to spread and defend the faith by word and action as true witnesses of Christ. Confirmation like Baptism, imprinted on our souls and

indelible spiritual mark. That mark, received only once in a persons life, perfects the grace of Baptism and prepares us to be true witnesses to Christ.

How often have we had the opportunity to carry out that role? How many times have we neglected to stand up for our faith? Have we stood silently when our faith values were ridiculed?

In today's culture, maturity and personal responsibility is played down. Fashion, fads, commercials on TV, tend to keep people outer-directed rather than inner-directed. When we are inner-directed we are able to put things into perspective and we are motivated by principles and high ideals which are really our own. We can draw on our spiritual reserves, on that grace that was bestowed upon us through the Sacrament of Confirmation. We can rise above the materialist trends.

The challenge that faces us each day is the challenge of making sure that our actions conform to what we profess to believe. We need to measure our ideas and actions against the teachings of Jesus Christ. We can readily see that the values and practices of the society in which we live are out of step with Christian ideals and practices. We must guard against falling into the thinking mode of "everybody does that nowadays" as an excuse for approving transgressions against the commandments of God.

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**\*\* 99th Annual Dinner Dance \*\***  
**Sunday, February 21, 1999**  
**Kuhl's Highland House 2-7 PM**  
**\$30 per person**

A wonderful and memorable affair is hosted by our Council each year. Fred Bevin All Star Band, Cocktail hour, Dinner Choices, all for \$30 per person. Please contact Nick or Russ Cortese soon for this popular afternoon!!!

The Hudson Valley Chapter (44 Councils) will begin the annual Lourdes Charity Raffle soon. Please support this worthy cause.

The New York State C&B Drive has sent a bonus check to our Council for \$324, for over 162 raffle books sold. Thanks again, Chairman George Sears!

The Free Throw Competition has been organized by Mike Amodio, PGK. Please contact him for semifinals dates.

Please remember all sick and deceased Brothers and their families in your prayers including: Anthony Dragone, Jerry O'Donnell PFN, Dom Elia

**Council Calendar**

Thursday Feb. 4	Officers Meeting	St. Joseph 7:30 p.m.
Thursday Feb. 11	Regular Meeting	St., Joseph 8:00 p.m.
Thursday Feb. 25	Regular Meeting	St. Joseph 8:00 p.m.

2nd Degree	February 10	Greenwood Lake
2nd Degree	February 25	Wappingers Falls
3rd Degree	March 7	Highland Falls

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