



The Shipwright

Grand Knight's Report

Gregory Sillen



Brothers,
As our Colombian year starts to wind down, I look back on the past year and recognized everything we accomplished. At the same time, I also look back and notice everything that we did not accomplish. To those members that our there on a consistent basis to make things a success, I full heartedly thank you. To the rest of the members I ask you this question...Why did you join? Now that may seem like a harsh question, but, it is not intended to be. It is meant to be a soul searching

question, hopefully a question that will bring you back to the meetings, bring you back to help us help the communities and our fellow brothers. Your council needs your help. I know many of you have served in various positions for a long time and we thank you, but, maybe you can pop your head in and say "hi" at a meeting, help at an event or just recruit a member with the same passion you had when you joined. You are truly missed.

This month is our annual Communion breakfast being organized by PGK Lou Scarano. Lou has worked hard on this event and is looking forward to a huge turnout. You can call Lou for tickets at 342-3471. The date is May 17, 2009, 8:30am mass followed by breakfast at Kuhl's Highland house. Look forward to seeing you and your family there.

The month of May is for Mary and please remember to pray your rosary daily. Remember the children of our parishes as they prepare for first Communion and Holy Confirmation. Keep our Clergy and troops in your prayers.

Fraternally,
Greg

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**John Paul the Great council 486
congratulates and welcomes His
Excellency Timothy Dolan as
Archbishop of New York**



Calendar

Upcoming Events

May

Thursday, May 7	Council officers Meeting	7:30PM
Friday, May 8	Chapter Meeting – Middletown	8:00PM
Tuesday, May 12	NYS Prayer Rally – Albany	TBA
Thursday, May 14	Council Business Meeting	8:00PM
Sunday, May 17	Council Communion Breakfast	8:30AM
Thursday, May 21	4 th Degree Assembly Meeting	8:00PM
Thursday, May 28	Family Pot Luck Dinner	6:30PM

June

Thursday, June 4	Council Officers' Meeting	7:30PM
Friday, June 5	Chapter Meeting – Wappingers	8:00PM
Thursday, June 11	Council Business Meeting	8:00PM
Friday, June 12	Lourdes Charity Ball	7:00PM
Thursday, June 18	4 th Degree Assembly Meeting	8:00PM
Thursday, June 25	Family Pot Luck Dinner	6:30PM

May Birthdays

Gene Beaver	May 2
Walter Piantino	May 3
Robert Sacchi	May 5
Eugene Avidano	May 9
Rev. Edmund Connors	May 9
Carlos Anchundia	May 11
Nicholas Cortese, PGK, PFN	May 14
Michael Korn	May 15
William Myers, PGK, PFN	May 15
Michael Kohler	May 16
Anthony Abatangello	May 17
Richard Bogdanski	May 20
Gerald Griffin	May 23
Michael Noto, Jr.	May 24
Jose Santacruz	May 24
Richard Fischer	May 28
Cyrus White	May 28
Richard Guertin	May 29

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New York District #50

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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



2008-09 Council Officers

Chaplain	
Rev. Dennis Nikolic	343-6013
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Trustee 2 Years	
Carl Williams, PGK	342-8740
Trustee 1 Year	
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Richard Kitrick	494-8142

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Youth Director	
Sean Williams	342-8740
Council Director	
Gregory Sillen	343-7343
Pro-life Director	
Douglas McGlynn	344-3593



Remember in your prayers those who are ill

His Eminence, Cardinal Edward Egan
Msgr. George Valastro
Henry Seiffert
Tom Shormis, PGK
Elfio Politi
Joseph Szela
Thomas Colligan
Jim Higgins
George Ellis PGK



Contact Sick Committee Chairman

Deacon Richard Trapani, Sr.
344-1087

Council Officer Elections

The end of the 2008-2009 Columbian Year is nearly upon us. With the upcoming Council officer elections on Thursday, June 11, a nominating committee has been chosen to oversee them. The members of the committee are Matthew Ening PGK 692-2720, Carl Williams PGK 342-8740, and Richard Trapani PGK 956-6383.

Upcoming Degree Dates

3rd Degree Sunday, June 7
Council 445
Beacon

For more information, please contact Chancellor **Douglas Linguanti** at **845-544-4451** or by e-mail at dougl@hvc.rr.com. Sponsors are encouraged to attend the degrees with their candidates.



Annual Communion Breakfast
Sunday, May 17, 2009
8:30 AM Mass at St. Joseph's
Followed by
Breakfast at Kuhl's Highland
House
\$12 Adults
\$6 Children under 12
Contact Lou Scarano PGK for
details

Only the human person, created in the image and likeness of God, is capable of raising a hymn of praise and thanksgiving to the Creator. The earth, with all its creatures, and the entire universe call on man to be their voice.



Pope John Paul the Great

New Member

Congratulations to Ronald Kusse who was inducted into our fraternal Order on April 14, making his first degree at Goshen Council. We welcome our new Brother Knight and wish him well as he becomes involved with our Council.





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Richard Trapani	956-6383
Faithful Pilot	
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Faithful Scribe	
Steven Maleike, PFN	733-5751
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Gregory Sillen	343-7343
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Nicholas Cortese PFN	343-5355
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Michael Cummings, PFN	733-5345
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

Assembly Officer Elections

In compliance with the constitutional laws of our Order, officer elections for Middletown 4th Degree Assembly #762 will be held at the business meeting on Thursday, June 18 at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish Center. Please contact Faithful Navigator Paul Silipino at 343-3724 for more information.



Knights of Columbus Insurance

There's a simple – and painless – way to increase your permanent life insurance coverage. How? By using your policy dividend to purchase paid-up additions. When you choose this option, your dividend becomes a single premium that purchases additional insurance on your life. How much depends on your age: A \$500 dividend will buy more insurance if you're 25 than if you're 50.

Over time, the increase in your policy's face value – the amount you're insured for – can increase substantially. What's more, your paid-up additions build cash value and are eligible to receive dividends, beyond that of the base policy and with no current tax liability. (Note: dividends are not guaranteed.)

Regardless of your current health, paid-up additions are purchased at a standard rate. One final note: You aren't stuck with any particular choice. At any time while your policy is in effect, you can change the way your dividends are paid to you. The other dividend options include:

Leaving them on deposit to accumulate interest. Taking them as a cash payment. Applying your dividend to pay all or part of your premium.

As your field agent, it's my job to help you to understand the options available to you – and to help you to make any changes in your coverage. Just give me a call.

May God bless you all.
Richard Kitrick, Field Agent
494-8142



Knights Join Initiative to Protect Religious Freedom in Connecticut

A pivotal battle for religious liberty is being fought in Connecticut, as the state legislature considers a bill that codifies last year's state Supreme Court ruling imposing same-sex marriage.

The Knights of Columbus has an especially strong interest in the issue because the Supreme Council headquarters, which employs some 750 people, is located in New Haven, 40 miles from the State Capitol.

Bill 899 was reported out of the Judiciary Committee on March 30 with virtually no religious liberty protection for churches, religious groups like the Knights of Columbus, or individuals who wish to act in accordance with their sincerely-held religious beliefs.

The bill also would repeal a section of existing law that bars the state from promoting homosexuality in schools or requiring the teaching of homosexuality as an acceptable lifestyle, and from establishing numerical goals, quotas or other affirmative action for homosexuals.

This provision sets the stage for legal attacks against any teacher, church or organization that does not accept and celebrate alternative sexual lifestyles.

Bill 899 is the work of the same joint legislative committee that in recent weeks tried to push through bills allowing assisted suicide and stripping Catholic bishops and priests of their governing authority.

Both bills were quickly tabled when the Knights of Columbus led a broad-based phone and e-mail campaign of protest.

The fight against Bill 899 involves a broad coalition of groups that the Order has worked with previously, in addition to the state's Catholic bishops and the Connecticut Catholic Conference.

The Family Institute of Connecticut, the National Organization for Marriage, and a number of faith-based groups and churches in the state are all weighing in on the dangers of failing to provide religious liberty protections in the wake of the state Supreme Court's 4-3 decision in Kerrigan v. Commissioner of Public Health last October.

The Big Golf Match!

The Pope met with his cardinals to discuss a proposal from the prime minister of Israel.

Your Holiness," said one of his Cardinals, the prime minister wants to challenge you to a game of golf to show the friendship and ecumenical spirit shared by the Jewish and Catholic faiths."

The Pope thought this was a good idea, but he had never held a golf club in his hand. "Is there a Cardinal to represent me?" he asked.

"None that plays very well," a Cardinal replied. "But," he added, "There is a man named Jack Nicklaus, an American golfer who is a devout Catholic. We can make him a Cardinal, and then ask him to play the prime minister as your personal representative. In addition, to showing our spirit of cooperation, we'll also win the match.

Everyone agreed it was a good idea. The call was made. Nicklaus was honored and agreed to play. The day after the match, Nicklaus reported to the Vatican to inform the Pope of the result. "I have some good news and some bad news, your Holiness," said the golfer.

"Tell me the good news first, Cardinal Nicklaus," said the Pope.

"Well, your Holiness, I don't like to brag, but even though I've played some pretty terrific rounds of golf in my life, this was the best I have ever played. I must have been inspired from above. My drives were long and true, my irons were accurate and purposeful, and my putting was perfect. With all due respect, my play was truly miraculous

"There's bad news?" The Pope asked.

Yes, Nicklaus sighed. "I lost to Rabbi Tiger Woods by three strokes."

Editor's Note

Contributions to our newsletter are welcomed. For June's issue, please submit any news items, photographs, and articles no later than May 15th by e-mail at rtrapani@warwick.net or by phone at 956-6383.

Please use the above information to report errors or corrections, or if you would like to receive your newsletter by e-mail.

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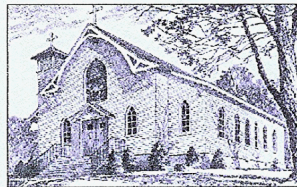
We are compiling a history of our Council and Assembly for future generations. If you have any vintage photographs or other interesting stories about us, please contact **Rich Trapani** at 956-6383 or at rtrapani@warwick.net. Thank you.

Shipwright Advertising

Now is the time to think about advertising here. We are introducing a new pricing structure. The first tier is the business card style advertisement at a cost of only **\$50.00**, a 50% decrease. We will also offer a section for booster members at the low cost of **\$25.00**. This will include a line item for your name, or your business. For more information, please contact Grand Knight **Greg Sillen** at 343-7343 or **Rich Trapani** at 956-6383.

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