

Please pray for our members and family members who have passed away.

John Lusardi
Michael Krause
Bertha Scarano

Please pray for our members and family members who are sick.

Ralph Turi
Ralph Russo
George Sears, Sr.
John Cieslewitz
Paul Schupp

Notify any officer or sick committee chairman
Charlie Paduch
342-2273

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Dates to Remember

Officer's meeting Sept 1, 2005
Regular Meeting Sept 8, 2005
4th Degree Meeting Sept 15, 2005
State Deputy Breakfast Sept 17, 2005
Regular Meeting Sept 22, 2005
3rd Degree Wappings Sept 30, 2005

Officer's meeting Oct 6, 2005
Regular Meeting Oct 13, 2005
4th Degree Meeting Oct 20, 2005
Regular Meeting Oct 27, 2005

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NEWSLETTER OF THE JOHN PAUL THE GREAT KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS Council 486 and Middletown Assembly 762 in District 50
Grand Knights Message

Brothers,

We are starting to get dates for our C&B drive. We will be selling chances at St. Albert's (shrine) on September 18, 2005 at 12:00 p.m. Help is needed if you can. The chapter is having a "Breakfast with the State Deputy" on September 17, 2005 at Wappinger's Council at 9:00 a.m. The Knights of Columbus task Force will be there to Inform and field information from around the conference. If you are interested contact hvkoc@optonline.net and give council, your name and title or past title. Some of the degrees are starting to become a little more frequent now a second degree is to be held on September 9, 2005 at Wappinger's and a Third degree on September 30, 2005 at Wappinger's detail on degrees can be found at www.freewebs.com/hvkoc. We will be voting on our {By-Laws} on September 8, 2005 at our Regular meeting. Anyone interested in Chairing our annual Christmas Party please contact myself or D.G.K Rich Trapani with your ideas. It is Just around the corner!

Fraternally:

Grand Knight
Michael Cummings



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Rev. Dennis Nikolic
Grand Knight
Mike Cummings 733-5345
Deputy G K
Richard Trapani 956-6383
Chancellor
Greg Sillen 703-1018
Warden
Eugene Avidano 733-4601
Advocate
John O'Connor PGK 343-7164
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Larry Bedosky 343-0180
Financial Sec.
Jim Higgins 692-6486
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Joseph Torre 343-1416
Outside Guard
Doug McGuin 344-3593
Trustees
Carl Williams PGK 342-8740
Paul Silipino, PGK 343-3724
Matt Enering PGK 692-2720

Mike Cummings

Squire Scene



Annual Installation of
Officers for the New York
State Circle of Columbian
Squires on Sunday
September 18th, 2005
Installation Ceremony at
3:00 P.M.

Lindenhurst Knights of
Columbus #794
300 S. Broadway
Lindenhurst, New York
11757
Reception and Dinner to
follow in the Council
Hosted by Our Lady of
Perpetual Help Council
#794
And Knute Rockne Circle
#82

If interested in attending contact
Carl Williams 342-8740

Middletown K of C News

SOCIAL MEETING TIME CHANGE

The social meetings held on the fourth Thursday of each month will start at 8:05 pm. The extra 5 minutes are to allow brothers to attend the 7:30 mass at St. Joseph's. Brothers are encouraged to take advantage of this opportunity to attend mass as a council before the social meetings.

UPCOMING 3rd DEGREE

09/30 3rd Degree - Wappingers Council Please JOIN in encouraging brothers who have not made their third degree to attend. Only third degree members may serve as council officers.

4TH DEGREE DISTRICT MEETING

Sunday Sept. 18, 2005 a District meeting will be held at Wappingers Council, home of Wappingers Assembly no. 770, beginning at 1:00 P. M. Please, be timely in your arrival. The meeting is for all Navigators, Comptrollers, CC Commanders and District Staff (other Assembly members are welcome). If interested contact Faithful Navigator Mike Biondi

FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE

DGK Trapani is chairing the fund raising committee. Many hands are needed to do this important work. If interested please contact Rich.

IMPORTANT WEB PAGES

Supreme: www.kofc.org

Fr. McGivenny Guild: www.fathermcgivnev.org

NYS Council: www.newyorkknights.com

Hudson Valley Chapter:

www.freewebs.com/hvkoc

Middletown Council 486:

www.kofc486.catholicweb.com

Middletown Assembly 762:

www.assembly762kofc.catholicweb.com

EDITORIAL

Carl R. Williams, Sr., Editor

Death is a normal part of life. Over the last few months we as a council have been touched by several. First was the tragic death of Randy Krause's son Michael. Many cried "Why, LORD, Why?"

This was followed by the passing of Lou Scarano's wife Bertha. Although she lived a full life still some cry, Why, LORD, Why?"

Then one of our long time brothers John Lusardi passed. A wonderful man who meant so much to so many, and again we cried, Why, LORD, Why?"

We struggled to make sense of these deaths.

Finally came the devastation of Hurricane Katrina. Now more loudly than ever the cry goes up, "Why, LORD, Why?"

I wish I could answer that question, I cannot. I know that death is a fact of life. A necessary passage we must go through, to be able to attain eternal peace in the Kingdom. Even that is not guaranteed, unless we have surrendered to the will of the Father in this life.

Death is painful, yet I was reminded this summer, that how we who continue to live deal with death, can be an opportunity to surrender to the Father's will.

Few things are as painful as the loss of a child. Several years ago my sister suffered the loss of her 3 day old daughter. That tragedy was magnified by the horror of learning that this death was caused by negligence. The baby's heart had accidentally been pierced at the hospital. A tragedy like this could have destroyed her and her husband.

What happened next as far as I'm concerned helped me, for the first time see, that out of something as painful as this, comes a chance to surrender to the Father. There was of course a large financial settlement. My sister and her husband decided that the money given to them because of this loss should be used in a special way. This summer I attended a party, to welcome 3 people to the family. My sister and her husband adopted 3 children a 10 year old boy, his 7 and 4 year old sisters. A complete family! She took the tragedy of losing a child, as an opportunity to take in 3 of God's children and is now raising them as her own. She and her husband surrendered to the will of the Father. I can't explain death, I humbly accept the pain. I pray that as I deal with death, I will find ways to surrender to the Father.

SUPREME SCOOP



Carl Anderson
Supreme Knight

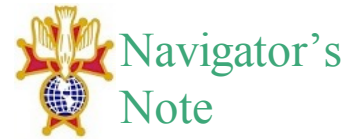


Chapter Chat

Chapter News

Hudson Valley congratulates its favorite son Ed Castellazzi on his election to the High Office of State Secretary for the New York State Council of the Knights of Columbus

Ed Castellazzi,
State Secretary



Brother Sir Knights,

In view of the fact of the horrific hurricane, Katrina, which has caused devastation in New Orleans, specifically the Gulf States, our prayers, intentions, and any help we can give, I am certain will be most appreciated with Gods help. I would like to especially thank those who assisted in the funeral held for Brother John Lusardi. The family appreciated our attendance to say good-bye to a faithful Brother Knight. Now that summer is winding down we will be busy with many functions that our Honor Guard will be participating in. In closing please remember in your prayers those victims of the hurricane, and our fighting solders in Iraq.

Vivat Jesu
Faithful Navigator,

Michael Biondi

Mike Biondi
Navigator,
Assembly
0762



Faithful Friar
Rev. Dennis
Nikolic
**Faithful
Navigator**
Mike Biondi
Faithful Captain
Mike Cummings
Faithful Pilot
Rich Trapani
Faithful Admiral
Carl Williams
Faithful Bursar
Matt Enering
**Faithful
Comptroller**
George Sears
**Faithful Inner
Sentinel**
Brian Ogden
**Faithful Outer
Sentinel**
Randy Krause
Trustees
John O'Connor
Steve Malieke
Joe Hartmann
**Color Corp.
Commander**
Joe Hartmann

Order Responds to Katrina
With Largest Disaster Effort Ever
9/2/2005

The Knights of Columbus Supreme Council has announced the largest disaster relief effort in its history. The Order has pledged a minimum of \$2.5 million in financial assistance and will match any funds beyond that donated to the Knights of Columbus Katrina Relief Fund over the next 60 days.

Of that money, \$250,000 will be immediately distributed to Catholic Charities in affected areas, and \$1.25 million will be used in the immediate future to assist those displaced and made indefinitely homeless. An additional \$1 million will be set aside and used to rebuild the estimated 130 Catholic schools destroyed or seriously damaged by the storm and its aftermath.

"We are asking all of our councils and assemblies in the United States and Canada to become active in this relief effort within 60 days either through cash donations or volunteer efforts," said Supreme Knight Carl A. Anderson. "We are also asking our members to support the collection appeal of the United States Council of Catholic Bishops, and are looking into the possibility of establishing a job bank for those displaced."

Many Knights of Columbus in local councils near the affected areas are volunteering their homes, council halls, and personal time and supplies to those affected. These efforts, local and national, will expand in the days ahead. Members of the Order in the United States and Canada, and the general public are asked to donate to this effort.



Fr. Dennis Nikolic

Chaplains' Corner

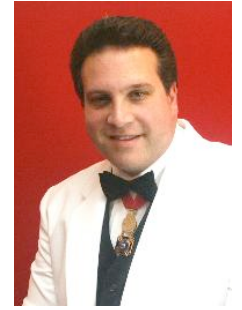
As we look at the catastrophe which has taken place in New Orleans, many have said it is a disaster of biblical proportions. Some draw similarities to the flood which spared only Noah. Some see this as a clear sign of the times. First a great tsunami which wiped out so many, now the City of New Orleans partially destroyed. If it is not a sign of the end coming, then it is a chastisement from God some think. After all New Orleans is a city known for its decadent parties.

It is risky to try to read God's will into such an event. It is also unnecessary. First as God's children we must pray for our sisters and brothers who have lost their lives in this horror. Next, we must pray for all those who were fortunate enough to survive, but have lost everything. After we have done this then we can stop to reflect.

Are these the end times, so that we must run out and warn the world that this is it, repent or be lost. Think about it, whether this is the end times, each person currently alive will die. Therefore our mission, as followers of Christ is to reach out so that all have heard the Good News before they die. Is this a chastisement for the sinful ways of man? As Christians we know the Father's love and the sacrifice of the Son. This should bring us to our knees and fill our eyes with tears of repentance. This should bring us to the confessional often and the Eucharist at least weekly. While fear of God is prudent, God wants our love. If fear leads us to God at least we are heading in the right direction. However my brothers, as we pray for those who have lost so much in the entire hurricane region, let's also pray that as we head towards the Father, at some point we learn to go to Him out of love.



NYS
Council
Briefing



ANTHONY L. PREZIOSI
State Deputy

Breakfast with the State Deputy

Saturday September 17, 2005

Doors open at 9 AM

Wappingers Council No. 1646

East Main St

Wappingers Falls

Council Phone 845-297-9049

The Task Force has met with other area conferences this past year to give and take information on the state of Columbianism in New York. And now it is our opportunity. This most important meeting requires your input.

Every Knight should attend! Especially those who are in leadership positions. The membership of the New York State Council has fallen dramatically over the past 20 years. The leadership of the New York State Council, along with the local Councils, feels this can be addressed. For this reason the newly elected State Deputy, along with the Task force leadership, wants your ideas and feedback on ways and means by which both the State officers and local Councils can map a blueprint for positive change.