



# The Shipwright

## Grand Knight's Report

Gregory Sillen



Brother Knights,  
This month is the end of the Columbian year. We had a great year with lots of work to do in the year ahead. I would just like to thank everyone and their families for all the work they do for the knights of Columbus.

We celebrated our Communion breakfast last month and I would like to thank PGK Lou Scarano for putting on another great event. We honored our Knight of the Year Doug Linguanti and Family of the Year the Williams family. Congratulations to all and thank you for all you do.

In the coming weeks you will be receiving information at home for the Colombiettes. If you know of an exemplary woman for this auxiliary of the KOC, please share the information with her. I and the officers believe in reactivating the Colombiettes will be great thing for our council.

Please remember to pray for vocations and our mother church. Remember to keep our troops and their families in your prayers.

God Bless!!  
Greg

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## New State Officers Elected

Congratulations to Arthur Harris from Rochester, who was elected New York State Deputy at the state convention on May 2<sup>nd</sup>. He has served in many positions in the state council prior to his election. He will succeed State Deputy Edward Castellazzi on July 1<sup>st</sup>.



## Calendar

### Upcoming Events

#### June

Thursday, June 4	Council Officers' Meeting	7:30PM
Friday, June 5	Chapter Meeting – Wappingers Chapter Officer Elections	8:00PM
Thursday, June 11	Council Business Meeting Council Officer Elections	8:00PM
Friday, June 12	Lourdes Charity Ball	7:00PM
Sunday, June 14	Altar Servers Appreciation Party	5:00PM
Thursday, June 18	4 <sup>th</sup> Degree Assembly Meeting Assembly Officer Elections	8:00PM
Thursday, June 25	Family Pot Luck Dinner	6:30PM
Tuesday, June 30	End of Columbian Year	

#### July

Thursday, July 2	Council officers Meeting	7:30PM
Thursday, July 9	Council Business Meeting	8:00PM
Thursday, July 16	4 <sup>th</sup> Degree Assembly Meeting	8:00PM
Thursday, July 23	Council Social Meeting	8:00PM

## June Birthdays

Father Pius Gagnon	June 1
Charles Czochanski	June 3
Louis Lofrese	June 5
Anthony Girolamo	June 12
Ralph Tamborra	June 14
Walter Roche	June 15
Carl Williams, Jr.	June 16
Sean Williams	June 16
Michael Amodio, PGK	June 17
William Baxter	June 17
Vincenzo Simoni	June 26
William Frame	June 28
Michael Bell	June 29

## The Shipwright Newsletter

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### New York 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  
Family Pot Luck - 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday 6:30PM

**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



### 2008-09 Council Officers

<b>Chaplain</b>	
Rev. Dennis Nikolic	343-6013
<b>Grand Knight</b>	
Gregory Sillen	343-7343
<b>Deputy Grand Knight</b>	
Michael Biondi	343-1285
<b>Chancellor</b>	
Douglas Linguanti	544-4451
<b>Warden</b>	
Christopher Pratt	342-5188
<b>Recorder</b>	
Paul Dickinson	692-0938
<b>Financial Secretary</b>	
Jim Higgins	360-2454
<b>Treasurer</b>	
Larry Bedosky	343-0180
<b>Advocate</b>	
John O'Connor, PGK	343-7164
<b>Inside Guard</b>	
Edwin Diaz	313-5297
<b>Outside Guard</b>	
Carl Williams, Jr.	342-8740
<b>Trustee 3 Years</b>	
Richard Trapani, PGK	956-6383
<b>Trustee 2 Years</b>	
Carl Williams, PGK	342-8740
<b>Trustee 1 Year</b>	
Matthew Ening, PGK	692-2720
<b>Lecturer</b>	
Deacon Richard Trapani, Sr.	344-1087
<b>K of C Insurance</b>	
Richard Kitrick	494-8142

### Council Programs

<b>Program Director</b>	
Michael Biondi	343-1285
<b>Membership Director</b>	
Douglas Linguanti	344-5922
<b>Church Director</b>	
Deacon Richard Trapani Sr.	344-1087
<b>Community Director</b>	
Richard Trapani, PGK	956-6383
<b>Family Director</b>	
John O'Connor, PGK	343-7164
<b>Youth Director</b>	
Sean Williams	342-8740
<b>Council Director</b>	
Gregory Sillen	343-7343
<b>Pro-life Director</b>	
Douglas McGlynn	344-3593



## Remember in your prayers those who are ill

Msgr. George Valastro  
Louis Scarano, PGK  
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

## Recommended Officers' slate for 2009-10 Columbian Year

Grand Knight	Gregory Sillen
Deputy Grand Knight	Michael Biondi
Chancellor	Douglas Linguanti
Warden	Edwin Diaz
Recorder	Paul Dickinson
Treasurer	Larry Bedosky
Advocate	John O'Connor PGK
Inside Guard	Carl Williams, Jr.
Outside Guard	Sean Williams

The 3 Council trustee positions are not up for election this year, but are listed here for informational purposes:

Trustee 3 Years	Richard Trapani, PGK
Trustee 2 Years	Carl Williams, PGK
Trustee 1 Year	Matthew Ening, PGK

Officer Elections will be held at the business meeting on Thursday, June 11. Although the above list has been recommended by the nominating committee, the floor will be open to other nominations.

The members of the nominating committee are Matthew Ening PGK, Carl Williams PGK, and Richard Trapani PGK. Please direct any questions or comments to them.

### Knight of the Year

Douglas Linguanti



### Family of the Year

The Williams Family



Our Council's annual Communion Breakfast was held on May 17. Mass was concelebrated by Father Dennis Nikolic and Deacon Richard Trapani, assisted by altar servers from the Middletown Columbian Squires. The 4<sup>th</sup> Degree Color Corps from Middletown and Goshen Assemblies were also present. Our Mass was followed by a formal buffet breakfast at Kuhl's Highland House. The event was chaired by Lou Scarano PGK. Father Dennis was a guest speaker at this event. Awards for Knight of the Year and Family of the Year were presented by Grand Knight Gregory Sillen. Congratulations to Douglas Linguanti and the Williams family. Thank you to all those who have made our Columbian Year a success!



**Middletown Assembly 762**

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

**2008-09 Assembly Officers**

- Faithful Friar**  
Rev. Dennis Nikolic 343-6013
- Faithful Navigator**  
Paul Silipino 343-3724
- Faithful Admiral**  
Michael Biondi, PFN 343-1285
- Faithful Captain**  
Richard Trapani 956-6383
- Faithful Pilot**  
Edwin Diaz 313-5297
- Faithful Scribe**  
Steven Maleike, PFN 733-5751
- Faithful Comptroller**  
Gregory Sillen 343-7343
- Faithful Bursar**  
Matthew Enering, PFN 692-2720
- Faithful Inner Sentinel**  
Nicholas Cortese PFN 343-5355
- Faithful Outer Sentinel**  
Joseph Hartmann PFN 744-3795
- Faithful Trustee 3 Years**  
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

Have no fear of moving into the unknown. Simply step out fearlessly knowing that I am with you, therefore no harm can befall you; all is very, very well. Do this in complete faith and confidence.



**Pope John Paul the Great**

**Altar Servers  
Appreciation Party**

Sunday, June 14  
5pm – 7pm  
St Joseph's Parish Center  
Possibly 60 Altar servers to be honored  
Your help will be needed  
Committee Chairman  
Doug Linguanti 544-4451



**Assembly Officers' Slate for 2009-10  
Columbian Year**

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|--------------------------|-----------------------|
| Faithful Navigator       | Richard Trapani       |
| Faithful Admiral         | Paul Silipino, PFN    |
| Faithful Captain         | Edwin Diaz            |
| Faithful Pilot           | Randy Krause          |
| Faithful Scribe          | Steven Maleike, PFN   |
| Faithful Comptroller     | Gregory Sillen        |
| Faithful Bursar          | Matthew Enering, PFN  |
| Faithful Inner Sentinel  | Nicholas Cortese, PFN |
| Faithful Outer Sentinel  | Charles Paduch        |
| Faithful Trustee 3 Years | Joseph Hartmann, PFN  |
| Faithful Trustee 2 Years | Michael Biondi, PFN   |
| Faithful Trustee 1 Year  | Carl Williams, PFN    |

The nominating committee members are Carl Williams PFN and Matthew Enering PFN. The elections will take place on Thursday, June 18.

**New Poll Finds Majority of Americans Are Now Pro-Life**

A Gallup Poll found that 51 percent of Americans call themselves pro-life rather than pro-choice on abortion, the first time a majority gave that answer in 15 years. The findings marked a significant shift from a year ago. A year ago, 50 percent said they were pro-choice and 44 percent pro-life — in the new poll, 42 percent said they were pro-choice.

The new survey showed that Americans remained deeply divided on the legality of abortion — with 23 percent saying it should be illegal in all circumstances, 22 percent saying it should be legal under any circumstances, and 53 percent saying it should be legal only under certain circumstances. The findings echoed a recent national survey by the Pew Research Center, which reported a sharp decline since last August in those saying abortion should be legal in all or most cases — from 54 percent to 46 percent. Gallup said its new poll showed an increase in the pro-life position across Christian affiliations, including an 8 point gain among Protestants and a 7 point gain among Catholics.

In the new poll, men identify as pro-life, 54 percent to 39 percent, while women also tilt pro-life 49 percent to 44 percent. A year ago, Gallup found more women calling themselves pro-choice than pro-life, by 50 percent to 43 percent, while men were more closely divided: 49 percent pro-choice, 46 percent pro-life.

"It is possible that, through his abortion policies, Obama has pushed the public's understanding of what it means to be 'pro-choice' slightly to the left, politically," according to the Gallup analysis. "While Democrats may support that, as they generally support everything Obama is doing as president, it may be driving others in the opposite direction."

**Congratulations**

Congratulations to our own Burt Struble PGK PFN, who was recently nominated for the position of Hudson Valley Chapter Chairman for next year. Burt is from our Council and is a former District Deputy. The election will be held on June 5.



**Octoberfest Dinner**

Scheduled for October 17<sup>th</sup>, our first Octoberfest is sure to be a crowd pleaser. Sign up now to help plan this special event. Contact Douglas Linguanti at 544-4451.



## Ticketing

Yesterday I was at the local Wal-Mart. Now I was only in there for about 5 minutes and when I came out, there he was - a Motorcycle cop writing a parking ticket ...So, I went to him and said: "Come on Buddy, how about giving a guy a break?"

He simply ignored me and continued writing the ticket. So, I called him a pencil necked geek. He then glared at me and started writing another ticket for having bald tires!

So, I called him a sorry excuse for a human being. He then finished the second ticket and put it on the car. Then he started to write a third ticket!

This went on for about 25 minutes... the more I abused and hurled insults at him, the more tickets he wrote...

But hey, I didn't care. My car was parked around the corner.

## Donation

IRS: "Hello, is this Father O'Malley?"

Father O'Malley: "It is!"

"This is the IRS. Can you help us?"

Father O'Malley: "I can!"

IRS: "Do you know a Ted Houlihan?"

Father O'Malley: "I do!"

IRS: "Is he a member of your congregation?"

Father O'Malley: "He is!"

IRS: "Did he donate \$10,000 to the church?"

Father O'Malley: "He will."

## Editor's Note

Contributions to our newsletter are welcomed. For July's issue, please submit any news items, photographs, and articles no later than June 15<sup>th</sup> by e-mail at [rtrapani@warwick.net](mailto: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.

## Wanted

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](mailto:rtrapani@warwick.net). Thank you.

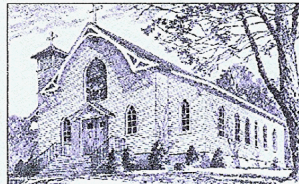
## Shipwright Advertising

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

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