



The Shipwright

Grand Knight's Report

Gregory Sillen

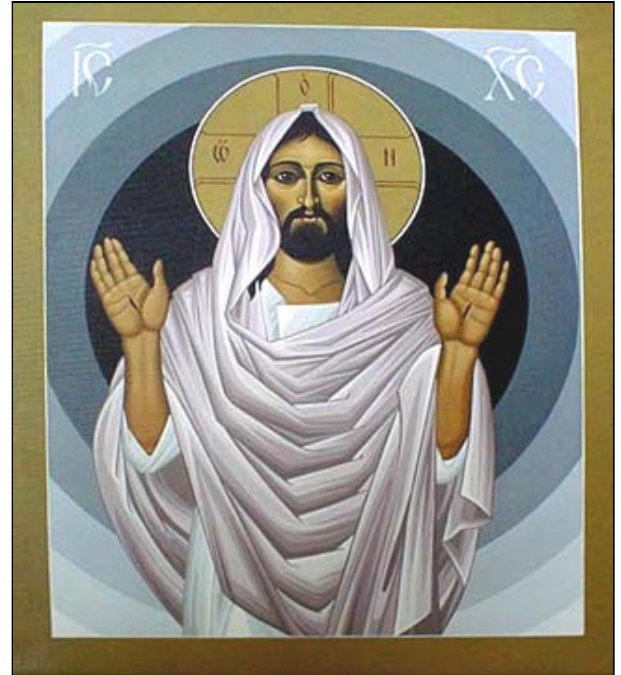


Brothers,

Happy Easter, He is risen! What glorious words. We live in anticipation of these words every day of our lives. What better message can you expect? We have life events that are very important to us, joyous ones such as weddings, births of children and grandchildren and sad ones such as family members moving away, and yes even death. The fact that we believe in the risen Lord helps us to appreciate these times more. Knowing that we are able to enjoy the good times and can give thanks for them is equaled with the knowledge that we have the support and comforting care of Jesus during the bad times. It is truly a great gift each year to face anew the challenges of an awaking earth with Jesus Christ risen from the dead and always on our side.

And so, on the behalf of our Council, I would like to wish you and our families a very Holy and Blessed Easter Season. Alleluia and Vivat Jesus.

God Bless!!
Greg



You seek Jesus of Nazareth, the crucified. He has been raised. He is not here. Behold the place where they laid him *Mark 16:6*

Calendar

Upcoming Events

April

Thursday, April 2	Council Officers Meeting	7:30PM
Thursday, April 9	Council Business Meeting	8:00PM
Thursday, April 16	4 th Degree Assembly Meeting	8:00PM
Saturday, April 18	Annual 4 th Degree Exemplification	TBA
Thursday, April 23	Family Pot Luck Dinner	6:30PM
Friday, April 24	Conference Meeting – Beacon	8:00PM
Thursday, April 30	NYS Convention – Ellenville, NY	TBA

May

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

April Birthdays

James Lounsbery	April 1
Adam M Sciascia	April 1
Thomas Darcy	April 6
Thomas Colligan	April 7
Victor Lomascolo	April 7
Kenneth Rizzo	April 9
Paul Silipino PGK	April 10
Rocco Dimieri	April 11
Rev. Raymond Bagdonis	April 13
Gregory Sillen	April 17
Timothy McKeivitt	April 19
Warren Roggeman	April 23
Deacon Richard Trapani Sr.	April 26
Richard Jackson	April 28

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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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Thomas Colligan
Jim Higgins
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Contact Sick Committee Chairman

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Connecticut Catholic Church Rallies Against 1098

The Connecticut legislation that proposed to strip administrative authority from Catholic priests and bishops has clearly woken a "sleeping giant" – the nation's Catholic population.

On what would have been the day of Bill 1098's public hearing in the General Assembly's Judiciary Committee, bishops from the state's three dioceses, along with other speakers, including Supreme Knight **Carl Anderson**, addressed a crowd of more than 5,000 Catholics and others concerned for religious freedom.

The theme of the rally: that Bill 1098 should never have been raised, that it smacked of anti-Catholicism and that the Catholic Church strongly supported the bishops and priests threatened by the legislation.

Yesterday, the two lawmakers who introduced the bill suddenly tabled it, removing it for the time-being from further discussion. It seems likely to be discussed again, after the legislative session ends. This followed a week of outcry that the bill violated the First Amendment.

Despite a persistent drizzle and the cancellation of the hearing, thousands of Catholics from throughout the state came to the capitol determined to make sure their voices were still heard. They arrived early and remained upbeat, often interrupting the speakers with cheers of support.

Carl Anderson was one of the speakers on the steps of the state capitol. With its intent of wresting authority from Church officials and removing their vote in parish or diocesan affairs, Anderson called Bill 1098 "an insult to every priest in the state of Connecticut."

On behalf of the largest lay Catholic organization in America, Anderson said, "We are concerned that our bishops and our priests be treated with respect."

Bishop Michael Cote of the Diocese of Norwich opened the rally with an invocation in thanks of freedom of religion and the Constitution. He then launched into a criticism of those who would champion Bill 1098, who he said had to be either ignorant of its full implications "or openly antagonistic to the Church."

Saying he hoped it was ignorance, rather than ill will, that directed the bill's supporters, Bishop Cote added, "As women and men of faith ... we much prefer the protection of our Constitution to your unwarranted meddling."

Bishop William Lori of Bridgeport, our Supreme Chaplain, recalled other incidents in American history that singled out Catholics with discriminatory legislation.

"Remember the Know-Nothings?" Bishop Lori asked. "I hope they're not back. Even a first-year law student would know that Bill 1098 is unconstitutional," he said.

"Our state has serious problems," Bishop Lori concluded. "Our Church has a part in solving those problems. Let freedom ring!"

"People have embarrassed themselves" and the State of Connecticut in attempting to tamper with Connecticut's current statute on religious corporations, **Archbishop Mansell** said.



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New Field Agent

Our Council bids a warm welcome to our new insurance field agent, **Richard Kitrick**. He has replaced **William Schimpf** who has retired. Richard is a member of Council #2079 in Monroe. Please feel free to contact him at **494-8142** with all of your Knights of Columbus insurance needs.



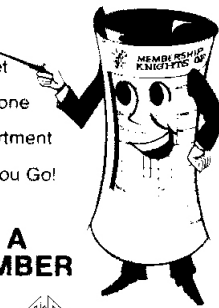
In Memoriam

Marguerite E. Silipino, the beloved wife of Faithful Navigator and Past Grand Knight **Paul Silipino**, entered into eternal rest on Sunday, March 15 at the age of 74. She and Paul were married for more than 55 years and were the parents of four children. She was a beautiful and gentle lady, always making others feel at home around her with her warm smile and kind words. She will be missed by all of us who knew and loved her. We are deeply saddened by the family's loss and will fondly remember her in our prayers.



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The Year of the Volunteer

Our local councils, connected as they are to their parishes and communities, are known for grassroots projects designed specifically to meet individual needs. Therefore, in answering the call to volunteer, we Knights need only do more of what we already do as individuals and councils: recruit more men and their families to our ranks to help with the growing needs around us.

We must also be more active in seeking out those who need our assistance, which means that local councils should work even more closely with their parishes. Imagine if each Sunday, in the thousands of Catholic churches where the Order is present, parishioners were informed of Knights of Columbus service projects in their area. The opportunities to give of time and talent would be multiplied, those who are struggling would be lifted in spirit, and strong ties of faith and fellowship would be built.

Excerpts taken from Supreme Knight Carl Anderson statement March 3, 2009

Upcoming Degree Dates

2 nd Degree	Wednesday, April 15 Council 4065 Fishkill
3 rd Degree	Sunday, June 7 Council 445 Beacon
4 th Degree	Saturday, April 18 Holiday Inn Fishkill

For more information, please contact Chancellor **Douglas Linguanti** at **544-4451** or at dougl@hvc.rr.com. Sponsors should attend degrees with their candidates. A current membership card is required for admission.



New Squires

Congratulations to 15 young men who were invested as Columbian Squires on March 13. These young men are from several circles in our area, as well as several from our circle. On hand were several dignitaries, including **Rev. Dennis Nikolic**, **Deacon Richard Trapani**, New York State Bursar Squire **Anthony Critelli**, District Deputy **Larry Deignan**, and Hudson Valley Chapter Vice Chairman **Burton Struble**. We Thank Father Dennis and the investiture team for their dedication and hard work.

"If you are what you should be, you will set the whole world ablaze!"

Pope John Paul the Great

Quoting Saint Catherine of Siena



Editor's Note

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

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

Shipwright Advertising

With the new Columbian year quickly approaching, now is the time to think about advertising in the Shipwright. We will be introducing a new pricing structure, offering 2 different tiers. The first tier is the basic business card style advertisement at a lower cost of only **\$50.00** per year, a 50% decrease from last year. In addition, we will also offer a special section for booster members at the low cost of **\$25.00** per year. This will include a line item for your personal name, or your business. This will enable many more to assist us in keeping our costs down. Please consider helping us. For more information, please contact Grand Knight **Greg Sillen** at **343-7343** or **Rich Trapani** at **956-6383**.

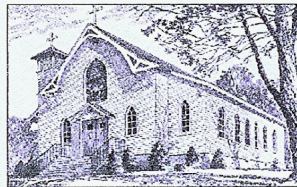
Wanted

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. We only wish to scan your photos into digital format, and then return everything to you unharmed. Thank you.

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