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John Paul the Great Council #486  
Middletown, New York  
New York District #50

# The Shipwright

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## Grand Knight's Message



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Brothers,

May, one of the most beautiful months of the year, and in the Catholic Church, it is the month of Mary. As members of the Knights of Columbus, this month takes on special meaning to us since we have dedicated ourselves to Mary, the "Queen of the Knights".

Father Michael McGivney had a special devotion to the Blessed Virgin and it was his intention that the Knights have a unique relationship with her. In her role as the Mother of the Living Christ, Mary serves in a loving relationship between us and God, the Father.

We often make mention of Mary, promising in our hearts our ever-loving devotion to her through her rosary and her maternal bond with her Son. During our lives, how often did we go to our earthly Mothers, asking for help, guidance, love and consolation? The same is true with our Heavenly Mother who accepts us with open arms, offering her love and guidance while giving us direct access to her Son in all of our needs and wants.

As we go through the month of May, I encourage each of my brother Knights to remember Mary and our special relationship with her. We should turn to her with confidence, asking for her intercession and help in all of our wants and needs. This is her month, we are her Knights; she is our protector and stands ready to intercede for us and all those we hold close to us. All we have to do is ask her. "O Mary, conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to thee."

God Bless,

Rich

### Calendar of Events

#### May

Thursday, May 1–Saturday, May 3	New York State Convention	
Thursday, May 1	Council Officers' Meeting	7:30PM
Thursday, May 8	Council Business Meeting	8:00PM
Sunday, May 11	Squires Meeting	5:00PM
Thursday, May 15	Assembly Meeting	8:00PM
Friday, May 16	Chapter Meeting ( <b>Middletown</b> )	8:00PM
Sunday, May 18	Council Communion Breakfast	8:30AM
Thursday, May 22	Clergy Appreciation Night (rescheduled)	6:00PM
Sunday, May 25	Squires Meeting	5:00PM

#### June

Friday June 1–Saturday, June 2	New York State Squires Convention	
Thursday, June 5	Council Officers' Meeting	7:30PM
Friday, June 6	Chapter Meeting (Wappingers Falls)	8:00PM
Sunday, June 8	Squires Meeting	5:00PM
Thursday, June 12	Council Business Meeting and Elections	8:00PM
Thursday, June 19	Assembly Meeting and Elections	8:00PM
Sunday, June 22	Squires Meeting	5:00PM
Thursday, June 26	Potluck Dinner and Family Social	6:00PM
Monday, June 30	End Columbian Year	

## Our Meeting Schedule

Our Council Officers' meeting is held on the 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of each month at 7:30PM. Our Business meeting is held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday at 8:00PM. Our pot-luck dinner and family social is held on the 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday at 6:00PM. All of these meetings and events are held at the Saint Joseph's Parish Center located at 113 Cottage Street in Middletown.

The meeting of our 4<sup>th</sup> Degree Assembly #762 is held at 8:00PM on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of each month at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish Center, 100 Euclid Avenue in Middletown.

In order to contact us by mail, our address is:

**Knights of Columbus**  
**John Paul the Great Council 486**  
**P.O. Box 323**  
**Middletown, New York 10940**

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## Please Pray for our Sick

Msgr. George Valastro	Henry Seiffert
Joseph Szela	Thomas Colligan
Elfio Politi	Thomas Shormis PGK
Joseph Hartmann PGK	

We wish to reach out to all of our members and their families. If you, or somebody you know is in need of any assistance, such as the Sacraments, a helping hand, or perhaps a visit from another Brother Knight or clergy, please contact our sick committee chairman **Deacon Richard Trapani** at 344-1087, or any other Brother Knight.

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## 2008-09 Council Officers Slate Announced

This year's nominating committee of **Matthew Enering PGK** and **Carl Williams PGK** has recommended the following officers' slate for election at our June 12<sup>th</sup> business meeting:

Grand Knight	Gregory Sillen
Deputy Grand Knight	Michael Biondi
Chancellor	Douglas Linguanti
Warden	Christopher Pratti
Inside Guard	Edwin Diaz
Outside Guard	James Lounsbery
Recorder	Paul Dickinson
Advocate	John O'Connor PGK
Treasurer	Larry Bedosky
1 <sup>st</sup> Year Trustee	Richard Trapani PGK
2 <sup>nd</sup> Year Trustee	Carl Williams PGK
3 <sup>rd</sup> Year Trustee*	Matthew Enering PGK

\*Trustee candidate advancing to next position, election not necessary

## New Third Degree Members

Congratulations and best wishes to three members who were inducted into the third degree of the Knights of Columbus at Sacred Heart Parish in Monroe on Sunday, March 30<sup>th</sup>.

**Albert Prado**  
**Dr. Victor Villagonzalo**  
**Wayne Bricker**  
**Theodore Fotopoulos**

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## Clergy Appreciation Night

Because of a conflict, our clergy appreciation night has been rescheduled to Thursday, May 22<sup>nd</sup>. We will begin with a family pot-luck dinner at 6:00PM, followed by a presentation at 7:00PM. Scheduled to speak will be our Council's Chaplain, Father Dennis Nikolic. We will need volunteers to assist with the setup and cleanup of the Parish Center. The success of this event depends on you. Bring a dish to share with us as we celebrate and express our appreciation for the selfless service of the many dedicated priests and deacons in our area parishes. For more information, please contact Grand Knight **Richard Trapani** at 956-6383.



## 4<sup>th</sup> Degree Assembly Officers Elections

A nominating committee has been appointed to oversee the officer elections of Middletown 4<sup>th</sup> Degree Assembly #762. The committee consists of **John O'Connor PFN (chairman)**, **Matthew Enering PFN**, and **Carl Williams PFN**. The members of the committee have endorsed the proposed Assembly Officers' slate for the 2008-2009 Columbian Year and therefore make the following recommendations:

Faithful Navigator	Michael Biondi PFN
Faithful Admiral	Michael Cummings PFN
Faithful Captain	Richard Trapani
Faithful Pilot	Edwin Diaz
Faithful Bursar	Matthew Enering PFN
Faithful Scribe	Steven Maleike PFN
Faithful Comptroller	Gregory Sillen
Faithful Inner Sentinel	Dr. Victor Villagonzalo
Faithful Outer Sentinel	Michael Bell
Faithful 1 <sup>st</sup> Year Trustee	Carl Williams PFN
Faithful 2 <sup>nd</sup> Year Trustee	John O'Connor PFN
Faithful 3 <sup>rd</sup> Year Trustee	Joseph Hartmann PFN

The elections for our 4<sup>th</sup> Degree Assembly will take place at the June 19<sup>th</sup> business meeting.

## **Field Agent's Corner**

Brothers,

Isn't it nice to know that, despite the hectic pace of life around you that some things never change? As you are well aware, you can count Knights of Columbus permanent life insurance among them!

In this day and age, almost nothing in the financial markets seems certain. First the stock markets are up...then they're down. First everyone is pouring money into investments...then everyone takes it back out, mainly because of fear. Well-thought plans to retire at age sixty suddenly become a need to work until age seventy and sometimes even beyond. Ok, let's take some time out for a friendly reminder: place first things first.

No one will ever argue against putting some of your money to work in the investment arena. But putting first things first means taking care of your basic needs first...and that should involve permanent life insurance and all of its guarantees.

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I will be happy to perform a free analysis for you to determine your family's needs, and then work with you to develop a plan that meets those needs within your budget. Give me a call. May God bless you and your families.

William J. Schimpf, FIC  
Field Agent  
(845) 427-2957

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### **Council Communion Breakfast**

Our annual Communion Breakfast is scheduled for Sunday, May 18<sup>th</sup>. We will begin with the 8:30AM Eucharist at Saint Joseph's Church, complete with the presence of the Fourth Degree Color Corps., followed by a delicious buffet breakfast at Kuhl's Highland House. Scheduled to speak at this event is Orange County Executive Edward Diana. We will also have our presentations for our Council's Knight and Family of the Year, as well as the drawings for our money club fundraiser. Tickets are \$12.00 for adults and \$8.00 for children under 12. Please contact chairman **Lou Scarano PGK** to purchase tickets. We hope you'll join us, as this is one of the last major events of our Columbian Year.

## **Money Club Tickets**

There is still time to purchase your money club tickets. Please mail your check to: **John Paul the Great Council 486, PO Box 323, Middletown, NY 10940** as soon as possible. Write "money club" in the memo section of your check and we will promptly remit your ticket stub. The cost of a ticket is \$10 or 2 for \$15. Prize amounts will be determined on the number of ticket sales. The drawings will be at our Communion Breakfast on May 18<sup>th</sup> (the winners need not be present). Please contact Deputy Grand Knight **Gregory Sillen** at 343-7343 for more information. Thank you again, for all your support.

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### **Eucharistic Adoration**

Many benefits are gained through the devotion of our Lord Jesus Christ, who is truly present for us in the Blessed Sacrament of the Eucharist. Our Council participates in an hour of Eucharistic Adoration every Wednesday evening from 8:00-9:00 PM. In addition, many of our members and their families partake in an additional hour of their own. Are you interested? If you would like more information, or would like to sign up, please contact **Jim Higgins** at 360-2454.

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### **Hudson Valley Chapter Lourdes Program**

In this month's newsletter, we have included a book of tickets from the Hudson Valley Chapter for its Lourdes program. With the proceeds, the Hudson Valley will be sponsoring children to Lourdes, France. **We all are aware of the vital importance of this program and our Council's participation in it.** Please be as generous as possible, and return your check and ticket stubs to us as soon as possible. Thank you.

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### **Congratulations Fourth Degree Members**

Congratulations and best wishes to our newest Sir Knights, who were among a total of 98 candidates that were inducted in the Fourth Degree of our Order on Saturday, April 12<sup>th</sup>. The exemplification was held at the Holiday Inn in Fishkill. In attendance were New York State Deputy Edward Castellazzi and other dignitaries from the New York State 2<sup>nd</sup> District representing the province of Saint Isaac Jogues.

**Deacon Sir Knight Richard Trapani, Sr.**  
**Sir Knight Victor Villagonzalo**  
**Sir Knight Michael Bell**  
**Sir Knight Edwin Diaz**

Middletown 4<sup>th</sup> Degree Assembly #762 is honored to welcome these gentlemen as new members.

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***"It is a mistake to apply American democratic procedures to the faith and the truth. You cannot take a vote on the truth. The value of democracy stands or falls with the values which it embodies and promotes."***

***- Pope John Paul the Great -***