



The Shipwright

Grand Knight's Report

Gregory Sillen



Brothers,

September is the month we remember the sacrifices of all the men and women in uniform. As September 11 comes, we are called upon as Knights to pray for peace. "As we pray for peace on Sept. 11, we not only honor the memory of those who were killed that day seven years ago, but also in a special way all the brave men and women of the military who have sacrificed so much, even their very lives, to bring about true peace rooted in justice," said Supreme Knight Carl A. Anderson. "Faced with a situation in the Middle East where peace seems ever more elusive, now more than ever we must 'implore from God the precious gift of peace' as Pope Benedict has encouraged all believers to do." On Thursday September 11th we will be going to the 7:30 Mass before our usual business meeting to pray together as Knights for peace.

September also brings our annual Blue Mass, organized by Deacon Trapani, to again pray together and remember all our men and women in uniform, both living and deceased. The Mass will be on September 21st at 11:30 am at St. Josephs. I ask all my brother Knights and their families to come pray with us on both these days.

Please remember to pray your rosary and ask for the Blessed Mother's intercession to help us in this troubled world and bring us closer to Jesus.

Vivat Jesus,

Greg

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www.kofc486.catholicweb.com

September Birthdays

Lawrence Duco	September 1
Antonio Fotino	September 1
Richard Trapani PGK	September 2
Richard Van Dermark	September 4
Burt Radici	September 8
Edwin Diaz	September 9
Rev. Philip Marani	September 10
Michael Biondi PFN	September 14
Anthony Ingrassia PGK	September 14
Joseph Gallo	September 21
Louis Scarano PGK	September 23
Owlfeather Dawson	September 24
William Carboy	September 25
Henry Seiffert	September 29
Matthew Ening PGK	September 30
Rev. Dennis Nikolic	September 30
James Suchy	September 30



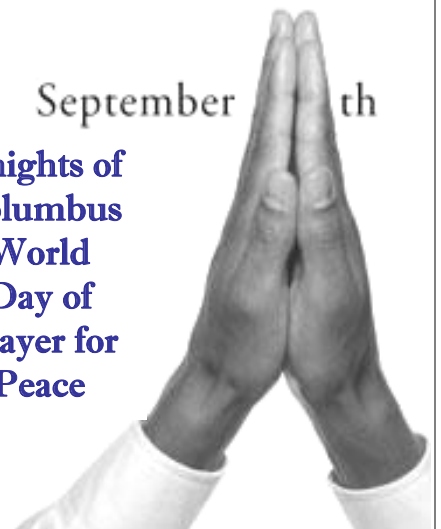
Calendar

Upcoming Events

September		
Thursday, September 4	Council Officers Meeting	7:30PM
Thursday, September 11	Eucharist for Peace	7:30PM
	Council Business Meeting	8:00PM
Thursday, September 18	4 th Degree Assembly Meeting	8:00PM
Sunday, September 21	Annual Blue Mass	11:30AM
Thursday, September 25	Council Officers' Installation	6:00PM
October		
Thursday, October 2	Council Officers Meeting	7:30PM
Thursday, October 9	Council Business Meeting	8:00PM
Thursday, October 16	4 th Degree Assembly Meeting	8:00PM
Thursday, October 23	Council Social Meeting	8:00PM

September 11th

**Knights of
Columbus
World
Day of
Prayer for
Peace**



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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 6:00PM

4th Degree Assembly Meetings held at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish Center

Assembly Meeting - 3rd Thursday 8:00PM



2008-09 Council Officers

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Outside Guard	
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Trustee 2 Years	
Carl Williams, PGK	342-8740
Trustee 1 Year	
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Contact Sick Committee Chairman

Deacon Richard Trapani, Sr.
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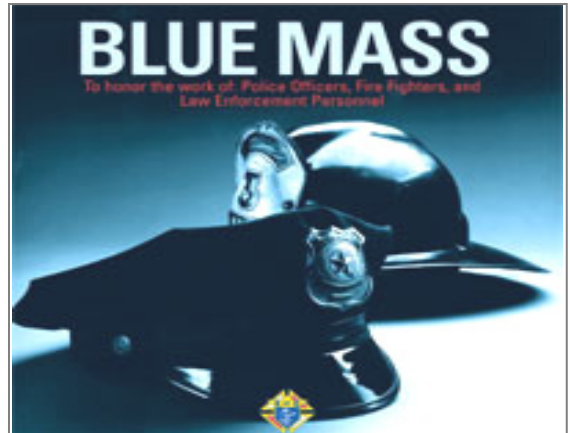
Remember in your prayers those who are ill

Msgr. George Valastro
Henry Seiffert
Tom Shormis, PGK
Elfio Politi
Joseph Szela
Thomas Colligan
Jim Higgins
Thomas DiDiego
Gary Texter



C&B Ticket Sales

Thanks to all those who have helped us at the Orange County Fairgrounds in July. Because of you, we are surpassing last year's numbers. The next phase of our C&B drive will be at our Churches and stores. Many Brother Knights will be needed to help make our program a success for the charities of NY State. Contact **Larry Bedosky** at 343-0180.



Honoring our Emergency Services Personnel

Sunday, September 21
11:30 A.M. Mass at Saint Joseph's Church
Middletown

Field Agent's Corner

William Schimpf



Brothers,

Yesterday is but a memory, tomorrow is an uncertainty, but today is the present; a reality, and a gift from Almighty God. Our Lord tells us "We know not the day, nor the hour" of our death, which comes "like a thief in the night". Therefore, a wise man plans ahead for the inevitable, and does not waste the precious time given us all. As Brothers, and mystical members of the Knights of Columbus, we are all expected to heed the call of Fr. Michael J. McGivney, our founder, namely, the protection of widows and orphans,

which was built right into our original charter, the cornerstone of our Order. We are a charitable organization. We are a social organization. We are a fraternal organization. However, our main obligation is to our Brothers and families. We offer many avenues of approach in reaching those goals, including very reasonable Life Insurance, lifetime Annuity programs, and Long Term Care. A wise Brother looks to the horizon, and observes the reality of a dwindling Social Security, jobs without the hope of pensions, job related life insurance, which either disappears entirely, or reduces beyond comprehension, at retirement, and skyrocketing nursing care, all capable of wiping out our assets in a heartbeat. As your Field Agent, I am charged with the moral responsibility and obligation of protecting your loved ones in their darkest hours. I urge you to not waste another moment. Give me a call today, and let me provide you with a FREE and CONFIDENTIAL Insurance Review. There is no obligation on your part. Commercial companies charge greatly for this service. I look forward to hearing from you, and meeting with you soon. God's Blessings to you and your family, always.

William Schimpf, FIC
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Faithful Trustee 2 Years Carl Williams, PFN	342-8740
Faithful Trustee 1 Year John O'Connor, PFN	343-7164
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Eucharistic Adoration

Many benefits are gained through the devotion of our Lord Jesus Christ in the Sacrament of the Eucharist. Many members of our Council participate in an hour of Eucharistic Adoration every Wednesday evening from 8-9 PM. For more information please contact **Jim Higgins** at 360-2454.

"The cemetery of the victims of human cruelty in our century is extended to include yet another vast cemetery, that of the unborn."

-- Pope John Paul the Great



Faithful Navigator's Report

Paul Silipino



Brother Sir Knights,

It's difficult to believe that 7 years have gone by since the tragic events of September 11, 2001. The memory of that day is still fresh in my mind. It is often that I think about those who needlessly perished in those planes and buildings, and pray for those many individuals who are in other areas of the world fighting the threat of terrorism and protecting our freedoms. The world is anything but a quiet and peaceful place. War and hatred are prevalent in many areas, and violence, aggression, and intolerance toward others has been commonplace as they have been since the beginning of time.

Of course, there is always hope for us, but only through the power of prayer. God our Father can give us that inner and outer peace that we so desire. But we must ask Him and completely submit ourselves to his Holy Will and put aside all other worldly distractions that keep us from Him. September 11th of every year has been designated "World Day of Prayer for Peace" by our Fraternal Order. Won't you please join me and my family in praying for peace in our hearts, for peace in our families, and for peace in the world? God Bless each of you.

Vivat Jesus,
Paul Silipino
Faithful Navigator

Convention Resolutions

Delegates to the annual international convention on August 7th adopted a resolution calling for "legal and constitutional protection . . . for the definition of marriage as the union of one man and one woman to the exclusion of all others."

They also adopted a resolution opposing "any governmental action or policy that promotes abortion, embryonic stem cell research, human cloning, euthanasia, assisted suicide and other offenses against life."

The delegates challenged "our fellow Catholics who are elected officials to be true to the faith they claim to profess by acting bravely and publicly in defense of life, affirming with Pope Benedict XVI that 'there can be no room for private religion.'"

The resolution stated that the organization reaffirms its "commitment to building a culture of life by promoting policies that favor the family," and reaffirmed the organization's "long standing policy of not inviting to any Knights of Columbus event persons, especially public officials or candidates for public office, who do not support the legal protection of unborn children."

The resolution on life issues follows by several days the opening convention address by Supreme Knight Carl A. Anderson, in which he called on Catholic voters to "stop accommodating pro-abortion politicians," and encouraged them to "say 'no' to every candidate of every political party who supports abortion."

The resolution on protecting marriage declares that "marriage is a natural institution based on ancient human values that have evolved over time into a unique and deeply rooted social, legal and religious institution," and that it "reflects the natural biological complementarity between man and woman which predates the state and which is woven into the social and religious fabric of every major culture and society."

Marriage between man and woman "provides the most favorable environment in which to protect the rights and the best interests of children," the resolution stated.

Convention delegates adopted resolutions dealing with other public policy issues as well, including building a culture of life, religious liberty, the Universal Declaration on Human Rights, decency on the Internet and in the media, Catholic education, and the Pledge of Allegiance.

Newsletter Deadline

The deadline for any newsletter submissions for the October issue is September 15. Thank you.

Pro Life Committee

If any brother knight is interested in joining the pro-life committee for our Council, contact committee chairman **Doug McGlynn** by phone at 344-3593 or by email at wheelsofjoy@hvc.rr.com and include the subject line: "Pro life Committee."

In the meantime, please feel free to visit a recommended pro-life web site www.lifesitenews.com.

Columbian Squires

The Columbian Squires is an organization open to young men from age 10-18. Our Council and 4th Degree Assembly each support a Columbian Squires Circle. For more information, contact Youth Director **Carl Williams** at 342-8740, Grand Knight **Greg Sillen** at 343-7343, or Faithful Navigator **Paul Silipino** at 343-3724.

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"The greatest destroyer of love and peace is abortion, which is war against the child. The mother doesn't learn to love, but kills to solve her own problems. Any country that accepts abortion is not teaching its people to love, but to use any violence to get what they want."

"The way to plan the family is natural family planning, not contraception...This (use of contraceptives) turns the attention to self and so it destroys the gift of love in him or her. In loving, the husband and wife must turn the attention to each other as happens in natural family planning, and not to self, as happens in contraception. Once that living love is destroyed by contraception, abortion follows easily . . . And abortion, which often follows from contraception, brings a people to be spiritually poor, and that is the worst poverty and the most difficult to overcome."

- Blessed Mother Theresa of Calcutta



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