

July, 2008 Newsletter



# **Knights of Columbus Middletown, New York**

John Paul the Great Council #486 Middletown 4<sup>th</sup> Degree Assembly #762

# The Shipwright

#### **Grand Knight's Report**

Gregory Sillen



In my opening column as Grand Knight, I would like to thank PGK Rich Trapani for all his accomplishments in the last two years. I appreciate all the assistance and guidance he offered during my time as Deputy Grand Knight. I want to thank the officers that moved through the chairs and congratulate them on their new positions. I would also like to add a special thank you to our Chaplain, Fr. Dennis Nikolic for his guidance and support.

As we end another Columbian year, I have the honor to lead you into the next year as your Grand Knight. I thank you for having the confidence to elect me to this position. As we move forward into the next year we need to applaud ourselves on the accomplishments of this past year. We had events honoring our clergy, altar servers and our families. We also held a blue mass to honor all those men and women who answered the call to serve and protect. We held two successful fund raisers, a fish fry and a spaghetti dinner. We had a great Communion breakfast and again we helped send kids to Lourdes and we helped the Special Olympics thru the efforts of our C&B sales. This was all accomplished thru your hard work and dedication. As we go on, there is more we need to do, but, this can only be accomplished with YOUR help. There is a need to bring back our members that have been inactive and to recruit new members. If you have not been to a meeting in a while, come home, if you haven't helped with an event, help, and finally if you have an idea for a new event, then share. We need everyone's help to continue to make this the great council that it is. Finally, as we celebrate our independence this month I ask you to remember in your prayers all of our troops serving around the world for a safe return home.

Your Brother, Greg Sillen Visit our Council on the internet www.kofc486.catholicweb.com



# Bring your family to our **Annual Council**



# Saturday, August 16, 2008! 12:00-4:00 PM

National Carmelite Shrine Middletown

For information, contact Greg Sillen at 343-7343, Mike Biondi at 343-1285, or John O'Connor at 343-7164

#### **July Birthdays**

Frank Damiano	July 1
Kevin Rhatigan	July 3
John Ward	July 13
Matthew Guertin	July 17
Michael Coburn	July 20
Steve Plain	July 21
Cormier Faber	July 25
Norton Madigan, PGK	July 26
Joe Olinski	July 26
William Grant	July 30
Tom DiDiego	July 31

#### Calendar

	July	
Thursday, July 3	Council Officers Meeting	7:30PM
Thursday, July 10	Council Business Meeting	8:00PM
Thursday, July 17	4 <sup>th</sup> Degree Assembly Meeting	8:00PM
Thursday, July 24	Council Social Meeting (budget)	8:00PM
	August	
Thursday, August 7	Council Officers Meeting	7:30PM
Thursday, August 14	Council Business Meeting	8:00PM
Saturday, August 16	Council Family Picnic	12:00PM
Thursday, August 21	4 <sup>th</sup> Degree Assembly Meeting	8:00PM
Thursday, August 28	Council Social Meeting	8:00PM

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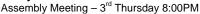
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#### Council Meetings held at Saint Joseph's Parish Center Conference Room

Officers' Meeting - 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday 7:30PM Business Meeting - 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday 8:00PM Social Meeting - 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday 8:00PM

4<sup>th</sup> Degree Assembly Meetings held at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish Center







#### 2008-09 Council Officers

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Chaplain			
Rev. Dennis Nikolic	343-6013		
Grand Knight			
Gregory Sillen	343-7343		
Deputy Grand Knight			
Michael Biondi	343-1285		
Chancellor			
Douglas Linguanti	344-5922		
Warden			
Christopher Pratti	342-5188		
Recorder			
Paul Dickinson	692-0938		
Financial Secretary			
Jim Higgins	360-2454		
Treasurer			
Larry Bedosky	343-0180		
Advocate			
John O'Connor, PGK	343-7164		
Inside Guard			
Edwin Diaz	342-1630		
Outside Guard			
James Lounsbery	344-0280		
Trustee 3 Years			
Richard Trapani, PGK	956-6383		
Trustee 2 Years	0.40.07.40		
Carl Williams, PGK	342-8740		
Trustee 1 Year	000 0700		
Matthew Enering, PGK	692-2720		
Lecturer	244 4007		
Deacon Richard Trapani, Sr.	344-1067		
K of C Insurance William Schimpf FIC	427-2957		
District Deputy #50	421-2931		
Larry Deignan	651-3630		
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Council Programs			
Program Director	242 4005		
Michael Biondi	343-1285		
Membership Director	344-5922		
Douglas Linguanti Church Director	344-3922		
Deacon Richard Trapani Sr.	344-1087		
	344-1007		
Community Director Richard Trapani, PGK	956-6383		
Family Director	930-0303		
John O'Connor, PGK	343-7164		
Youth Director	0-70-7-10-4		
Carl Williams, PGK	342-8740		
Council Director	5-12 01 TO		
Gregory Sillen	343-7343		
Pro-life Director	0 .0 .0		
Douglas McGlynn	344-3593		
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#### Remember in your prayers those who are ill



Contact Sick Committee
Chairman
Deacon Richard Trapani, Sr.
344-1087

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



#### **Pot Luck Dinners**

Due to the summer vacation months, our family pot-luck dinners have been temporarily suspended, but are tentatively scheduled to resume in the fall.

#### **C&B Ticket Sales**

As we kick off our annual C&B ticket drive, volunteers will be needed at various locations as we try to raise money for Special Olympics and other charities for the New York State Council. Please contact Larry Bedosky at 343-0180. Your help will be greatly appreciated.

#### **Annual Budget Meeting**

According to protocol, a resolution has been written to inform the members of any Council expenditure over \$500.00. A copy of the resolution has been included with this newsletter and will be read at the July 10<sup>th</sup> and July 24<sup>th</sup> meetings. The budget vote is scheduled for July 24<sup>th</sup>.

Freedom consists not in doing what we like, but in having the right to do what we ought.

-- Pope John Paul the Great



#### **Field Agent's Corner**

William Schimpf



Brothers.

As the warm weather begins, and vacations start, and school ends, let me wish all of our Brothers and their families and loved ones, a very safe, healthy, and truly wonderful Summer 2008. Yes, life is meant to be enjoyed, by us, and by the ones that mean the most to us. "Live life to the fullest", you hear them say. Not meaning to be on the morbid side, but, the reality is that life, as we know it, is going to end some day. When it does, and we all meet Our Lord, among our list

of sins, may very well be, the things that we never planned for; for ourselves, and for those we leave behind. The late, great educator, Dr. Benjamin Elijah Mays told us that "It is not a disgrace to reach the stars, but it is a disgrace to have no stars to reach for. Not failure, but low aim, is a sin." A well known greeting card manufacturing company has a now famous slogan in buying their products, namely, "When you care enough to send the very best." Do you care enough? Do you plan enough? Is a well thought out financial security plan a part of your life? If you don't, now is the time. Don't put it off one more day. Tomorrow may never come. Call me today, and together we can provide both peace of mind, as well as financial security for you, and your loved ones.

God Bless.

William Schimpf, FIC

427-2957



#### Middletown Assembly 762

Province of St. Isaac Jogues New York District #2

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#### 2008-09 Assembly Officers

Faithful Friar Rev. Dennis Nikolic	343-6013
Faithful Navigator Paul Silipino Faithful Admiral	343-3724
Michael Biondi, PFN	343-1285
Faithful Captain Richard Trapani	956-6383
Faithful Pilot Edwin Diaz	342-1630
Faithful Scribe Steven Maleike, PFN	733-5751
Faithful Comptroller Gregory Sillen	343-7343
Faithful Bursar	0.0.0.0
Matthew Enering, PFN Faithful Inner Sentinel	692-2720
Nicholas Cortese PFN Faithful Outer Sentinel	343-5355
Joseph Hartmann PFN Faithful Trustee 3 Years	744-3795
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 Corp Commander Joseph Hartmann, PFN	744-3795

#### Faithful Navigator's Report

Paul Silipino Sir Knights,



On behalf of the officers, I would like to thank you for the trust you placed in us this year. I feel confident that as a team, we can continue to make this the best assembly in the State of New York.

I'd like to express my vision for our Assembly. Thanks to all the Color Corp members for all of the wonderful work they have done. I am aware that many of our members are stretched thin with other engagements. To that end,

I would ask that if you are not yet a member of the Honor Guard, please consider becoming one.

While our budget depends mostly on our member dues to meet our expenditures, I would like to see us do one or two activities that will enhance the budget and allow us to do more.

I would like to ask each member to try to attend our meetings. I know our officers will work hard to support the needs of our Assembly. In turn, I ask that you respond to their suggestions and programs to make our Assembly vibrant.

Vivat Jesus! Paul Silipino

#### **Blood Drive**

Our Council will be hosting a blood drive on Thursday, July 10 at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish Center on Euclid Avenue. Donors are needed to replenish supplies at a critical time of year. The drive is scheduled from 2:00-6:00 PM, so as to not conflict with the Council's monthly business meeting at Saint Joseph's at 8:00PM. Thank you.



#### Go for the Fourth!

It's not too early to start thinking about entering the Fourth Degree of our Order, scheduled for April of 2009. Contact Faithful Navigator Paul Silipino at 343-3724.



#### Middletown Columbian Squires



Our best wishes to Middletown Chief Squire David Kwiatkowski who was selected as New York State Squire of the year at the state convention in June.

Also, our hats are off to State Sentry Squire Anthony Critelli, who was elected State Bursar Squire for the 2008-2009 Columbian Year.

#### Order Sets Record for Charity, Giving, Service

The Knights of Columbus announced that it set new all-time records for charitable giving and volunteer service hours in 2007. Supreme Knight Carl Anderson released the results of the survey in a speech to state deputies and members of the board of directors in New Haven, Connecticut.

The results of the Order's annual Survey of Fraternal Activity for the year ending December 31, 2007 show that total contributions to charity at all levels reached \$144,911,781 – exceeding the previous year's total by more \$1 million. The figure includes \$31,235,220 donated by the Supreme Council, and \$113,676,561 in charitable donations from state and local councils, Fourth Degree assemblies, and squire circles.

The survey also shows that the reported number of volunteer hours by Knights for charitable causes grew to 68,695,768 hours, up more than 400,000 hours from 2005. There were 393,030 Knights of Columbus blood donors during the year, and Knights made more than 5.5 million visits to the sick and bereaved.

Cumulative figures show that during the past decade, the Knights of Columbus has donated nearly \$1.28 billion to charity, and provided in excess of 612 million hours of volunteer service in support of charitable causes.

#### **Your Contributions Welcome**

Submissions of articles or other worthy news items by members and families are welcomed and encouraged. In order to be included in the August Shipwright, items must be received by July 15<sup>th</sup>. You may either e-mail them to rtrapani@warwick.net or snail-mail them to PO Box 323, Middletown, NY 10940. Thank you for your support.

#### **Advertise Here!**

If you have a community-based business or service, it makes sense to promote it in our newsletter. To advertise in the Shipwright for as little as \$100.00 per year, please contact Shipwright Editor Richard Trapani at 956-6383 for an application.

#### **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 partake in an additional hour of their own. Are you interested? If you would like more information please contact Jim Higgins at 360-2454.





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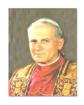
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### John Paul the Great Council 486 Middletown, New York 2008-2009 Budget Resolution

**Whereas:** It is fiscally prudent for our council to have a working budget for each Colombian year, and

**Whereas:** Our council wishes to be responsible and raise the funds to offset the costs associated with the running of our local organization, and

**Whereas:** It is mandated by our council by-laws to inform our membership by mail regarding any budgetary items and expenditures over \$500:

Liability Insurance \$1000.00 General Council Supplies \$1000.00 State Convention Expenses \$1200.00 Meeting Hall Rental \$1200.00 Refreshments \$900 Squire Support \$750.00 Council PGK Dinner \$1100.00

**Be it resolved:** That the worthy trustees and officers of John Paul the Great Council 486 will present our membership with a tentative budget for consideration and vote during our social meeting, scheduled for Thursday, July 24, 2008.

The resolution is to be read at our business meeting on Thursday, July 10, 2008 and at our social meeting Thursday, July 24, 2008.