

# SHIPWRIGHT

## GRAND KNIGHT'S REPORT

Brothers,

The month of October was an exciting and productive period of time for our organization. Three major themes were acted upon and others are coming into their own. At the beginning of the month we had the dedication of the Monument for the Unborn as well as the plaque at the Grotto in St. Joseph's Cemetery. Many groups and Catholic Organizations were present. It was a moving ceremony celebrated by Msgr. Valastro. PGK Nick Cortese orchestrated this event and deserves many thanks from us all. The Fourth Degree Color Corps was present which added that touch of class which always accompanies them where ever they appear.

The second event that occurred was the Past Grand Knight's Dinner. PGK Tony Ingrassia made this event a total success. It was held at Diana's and was well attended. His efforts were appreciated by all present. Each PGK ceremoniously filled a chair at the ensuing regular meeting. Great job Tony!

A blood drive was sponsored by our council on Saturday, the 29th of October, at St. Joseph's Hall. Many hours were spent in preparation of this event. It seemed almost impossible to accomplish in such a short period. However, thanks to our new Inside Guard Charlie Semmeles it went off perfectly. This was Charlie's first attempt at chairing an event, and he did a superb job. This only proves to me that with a little effort from us all as a group, we can do whatever we set out to do.

On a sadder note, two of our members passed away in October. Dr. Hughs and PGK Tom Moore will be dearly missed by every brother in this council. A \$100.00 donation was presented to Birthright of St. Joseph's in Tom's name.

My apologies to you all for this letter getting out late. Our editor PGK Michels sprained his back, and losing his valuable input slowed us down. Alan, we will keep you in our prayers.

As you can see this council is gathering momentum. Much has been accomplished but we still can do more for our community and ourselves. Again, I am asking for you to come back and help with any of our functions. This is YOUR organization, get out of your personal comfort zone and help us move forward in God's light.

Fraternally in Christ,



Matthew Eninger, GK



HAPPY  
THANKSGIVING



VALUING ONE ANOTHER

As Christians, we should be aware that all people deserve our respect because of their innate value as creations of GOD.

It is easy to fall into the habit of valuing individuals according to how intelligent they are, how much money they make, what positions in society they hold, how attractive an appearance they make, or what they can do for us.

Under that sort of value system, we forget that all human life is precious in the sight of GOD, and that Christ has taught us to love one another. Through HIS goodness, we are His Children, and therefore worthy of respect.

We often have misconceptions about why people do what they do, say what they say, or act in specific ways. It is difficult when that person's behavior is annoying to us, but it is Christ-like to realize that a grouchy person may be ill, an aloof person may never have known the comfort of a loving family, a frightened person may be trying to cover-up insecurity. When we see behavior that we don't understand, try to give the person the benefit of the doubt, don't be hasty to judge, and say a little prayer that GOD'S grace may go out to them.

We should be willing to look at other points of view and to be tolerant of shortcomings in our family members, friends, acquaintances, and coworkers. Getting along with others is truly an art which sometimes requires compromise. Of course, we should never compromise our Christian values, but many times we have to bend our will and desires in order to be accommodating and kind to someone we love. That kind of bending looks to the good of others, rather than to oneself. It can be likened to the ability of trees to sway in the wind and bend with the power of a storm. If they were unable to bend, they would be less able to survive in the midst of gales.

95TH ANNUAL DANCE  
MIDDLETOWN COUNCIL #486

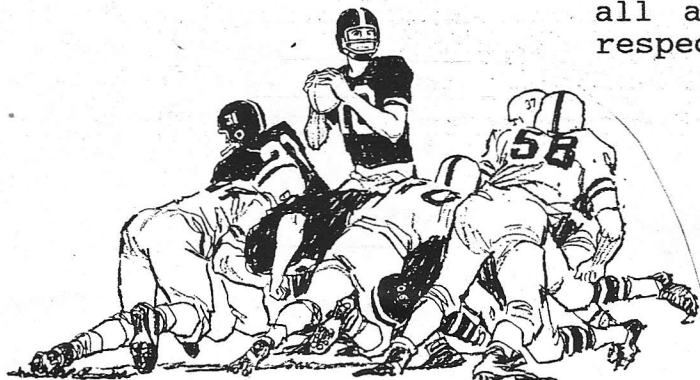
The Knights of Columbus Council in Middletown will be celebrating its 95th Anniversary as a K of C Council with its annual dinner dance, Saturday, February 25th, 1995 at Brookside Manor. A choice of veal marsala or chicken marsala will be served at a 6:30 pm dinner. Music by the Miracles from 7:30 to 11:30 will make the evening replete. For reservations call:

- Nick Cortese  
343-5355 or
- Russ Cortese  
343-4501

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K of C Memorial  
Mass Held For Deceased  
Brother Knights

On November 20th, there will be a special Memorial Mass to honor all of our deceased brother Knights. It will be held at 3:00 pm in St. Albert's Chapel in Middletown. Council Chaplain Father Hansen will lead the Mass as the Fourth Degree Color Corp. supports the families and friends of our dear departed brothers. We ask that all attend to pay our respects.



ALTAR SERVERS  
TO BE SERVED!

On November 27th the Knights of Columbus will express their appreciation to the young people who help as altar servers in all five parishes in our council. At a pizza party thrown in their honor, the altar servers will be given a big K of C Thank-you for the work that they do supporting our church. The party will begin at 3:00 pm at St. Joseph's Church. We would welcome any brother who can come and join us in serving this group who serves us at mass all year long.



Happy Birthday to the following brother knights this November!

Ralph Cinque  
Gene Cirnigliaro  
Peter Damiano Jr.  
Rev Paul Feeley  
Bela Gesztesi  
Robert Hammerquist  
William Imholtz  
George Jordan  
Rev John LoConte  
PGK Alan Michels  
James Monaghan  
John Nania  
John O'Dea  
Joseph Owen  
Antonoi Reda  
Frank Sorice  
Robert Zawasky

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS . . . Council #486 of the Knights of Columbus sponsors a bowling team in the Ralph Spence Memorial League, and

WHEREAS . . . the Council last purchased shirts for the team several years ago, and

WHEREAS . . . the team now consists of new bowlers who do not have bowling shirts.

THEREFORE . . . Be it resolved that Council #486 of the Knights of Columbus shall thus appropriate funds necessary, but not to exceed \$192.00, to cover the cost of shirts and lettering for the team.

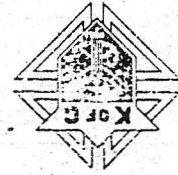
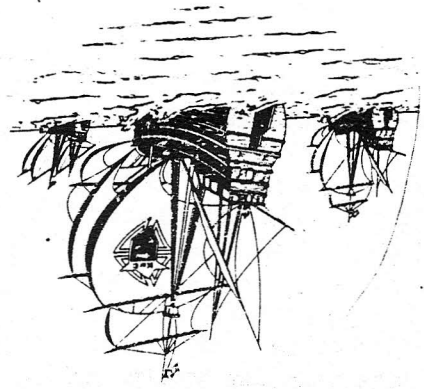
Respectfully submitted [jointly] for consideration by the Council Membership by:

Louis S. Scarano FDD, PGK, Rec. Sec.  
Anthony Ingrassia PGK  
Thomas Shormis PGK  
Mike Amodio DGK  
Nick Damiano Trustee  
Cyrus White Warden  
Charles Semmeles Guard

FIRST K of C BLOOD DRIVE  
FLOWS RED . . . WHITE & BLUE!

A K of C sponsored blood drive was held on Saturday, October 29th at St. Joseph's Parish. The Hudson Valley Blood Bank was present to draw the blood, and many people helped in the giving event. Brothers stood outside churches asking people to sign up to give, and others insured notices were in church bulletins. GK Matt Eninger, PGK Ed Carey, PGK Nick Cortese, PGK Lou Scarano and Cyrus White were instrumental in the drive's success. A goal of 40 pints was set and 39 pints were actually drawn. However, only 5 of these pints were given by brother knights. This drive was spoken about at several meetings and I was disappointed more members did not show. I hope to see more brothers at our next drive; even if you cannot give blood you can still give time. It does take more than six members to run this event properly. A special note of thanks to Kathryn Walker from the blood bank for her help in this endeavor.

Fraternally,  
Charles Semmeles



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## DATES TO REMEMBER !

NOVEMBER	EVENT	TIME	PLACE
1	ALL SAINT'S DAY		
3	EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING	7:30 PM	ST. JOSEPH'S
5	DISTRICT MEETING	8:00 PM	WASHINGTONVILLE
8	ELECTION DAY		
10	REGULAR MEETING	8:00 PM	ST. JOSEPH'S
10	FIRST DEGREE	8:00 PM	WAPPINGERS
17	SECOND DEGREE	8:00 PM	BEACON
17	FOURTH DEGREE MEETING	8:00 PM	ST. JOSEPH'S
19	H.V. ANNUAL MEMORIAL MASS		HYDE PARK
20	COUNCIL #486 MEMORIAL MASS	3:00 PM	ST. ALBERT'S
24	THANKSGIVING DAY		
24	NO REGULAR MTG.: CANCELLED		
27	ALTAR SERVER RECOGNITION	3:00 PM	ST. JOSEPH'S