



December, 2007 Newsletter

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

The Shipwright

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Past Grand Knights Special Issue

Grand Knight's Message

Dear families and friends,

December is the month in which we celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ, our Savior. It is also a time to honor the leadership of many who have served the Knights of Columbus in the capacity of Grand Knight, a position entrusted to them by our members throughout the nearly 108 years of our existence. These men gave of themselves and worked hard to contribute to the ultimate success of our Council. These were men who realized that a prayer life, and trust in God's Will, was crucial to their being. They had the foresight to set the goals, and then provided the leadership and motivation to achieve them. Often it was a difficult road, and I'm sure they felt alone in many of the difficult decisions they had made. But they soon realized that our membership was behind them, supporting them and ready to take on the challenges that we all faced. And while they were pleased with their accomplishments, they were humble enough to realize that our Lord was ultimately responsible. And so, from all of us, we wish to say THANK YOU for your service to us.

To all of our families and loved ones, my family and I would like to take this opportunity to wish all of you, a truly blessed and holy Christmas Season.

God Bless,
Rich Trapani

Calendar of Events

December

Tuesday, December 4	Light Up For Christ	7:30PM
Wednesday, December 5	Past Grand Knights Dinner	6:30PM
Thursday, December 6	Council Officers' Meeting Cancelled	
Thursday, December 13	Past Grand Knights Meeting	8:00PM
Thursday, December 20	4 th Degree Assembly Meeting Cancelled	
Tuesday, December 25	Merry Christmas!	
Thursday, December 27	Potluck Dinner and Social Cancelled	

January

Thursday, January 3	Council Officers' Meeting	7:30PM
Thursday, January 10	Council Business Meeting	8:00PM
Thursday, January 17	4 th Degree Assembly Meeting	8:00PM
Thursday, January 24	Potluck Dinner and Social	6:00PM

***To be scheduled – Free Throw, Substance Abuse Awareness Poster Contest**

Council Officers

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Rev. Dennis Nikolic
343-6013

Grand Knight

Richard Trapani, Jr.
956-6383

Deputy Grand Knight

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343-7343

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343-1285

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360-2454

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343-0180

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343-7164

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342-1630

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744-3795

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344-1087

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427-2957

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Burton Struble, PGK
342-0190

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Richard Trapani, Jr.
956-6383

We honor our Past Grand Knights!



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J. Edward Dever*

Charles A. Landy*

Frank W. Lane*

Joseph J. Kennedy*

Edmund C Faulkner*

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Patrick P. Connors*

Frank Monaghan*

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Ralph J. Marasco*

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Paul Silipino

Burton Struble

Carl R. Williams, Sr.

Michael F. Cummings

Joseph M. Hartmann

⁺ Served more than once

Meeting Schedule

Our Council officers' meeting is held on the 1st Thursday of each month at 7:30PM. Our business meeting is held on the 2nd Thursday at 8:00PM. Our family potluck dinner is held on the 4th Thursday at 6:00PM. All meetings for our Council are held at the Saint Joseph's Parish Center conference room on Cottage Street. The monthly meeting of our 4th Degree Assembly is held on the 3rd Thursday of each month at the Mount Carmel Parish Center on Wawayanda Avenue at 8:00PM.

Schedule Changes

Because of our annual Past Grand Knights' Dinner, the Council officers' meeting, originally scheduled for Thursday, December 6 has been cancelled. Due to the Christmas Holiday, our potluck dinner and family social scheduled for Thursday, December 27 has been cancelled. We will resume our regular schedule in January of 2008.

Pray for our Sick Brothers

Msgr. George Valastro
Mike Cummings PGK
Carl Williams PGK
Tom Shormis PGK
Anthony Leo

Joseph Olinski
Anthony Parenti
Thomas Colligan
Joseph Szela

If you are aware of a Brother Knight, family member, or loved one who is ill or in need of pastoral care, please contact our sick committee chairman **Deacon Richard Trapani** at 342-7188 or 344-1087, or notify any Council Officer.

Council Phone Tree

In order to inform our membership of important news and events, we are constantly updating our phone tree. This information we provide may include news of deceased members, changes in scheduling, or cancellations of Council functions. If you would like to be included in this list, we will need you to provide your phone number and e-mail address for our Council records. Please provide us your phone number and email address by calling Grand Knight Rich Trapani at 845-956-6383 or by e-mailing rtrapani@warwick.net. Of course, all of your information will be kept confidential and only used to keep you informed. Thank you.

Light Up For Christ

On Tuesday, December 4th we will celebrate our annual Light Up For Christ with other Councils around the world. We will begin with Mass at 7:30 at Saint Joseph's Chapel, followed by the tree-lighting ceremony and Christmas carols at 8:00PM in the schoolyard. Please come and bring your family and friends for this festive occasion.

Did you know...

...that many of our Brother Knights participate in an hour of Eucharistic adoration every Wednesday evening? Many benefits are gained through the devotion and adoration of Jesus Christ, who is truly present for us in the Blessed Sacrament of the Eucharist. All it takes is a small commitment on your part to establish a personal relationship with the Lord. Please consider spending one hour a week with Him at the Blessed Sacrament Chapel at Saint Joseph's Church. For more information, please contact Jim Higgins at 613-0871.

We Are Here!

We want to make sure that all of our Brothers are cared for, whether it involves attending our meetings and functions, or if they are in need of the Sacraments or a visit. Please contact Rich Trapani at 956-6383, or any other Brother Knight if you are in need of assistance.

Weather-related closings

With the winter weather almost here, we may need to cancel or postpone council events or meetings due to stormy conditions. Please listen to WHUD radio at 100.7 FM for up-to-date weather reports and cancellations. You may also log onto their web site at www.whud.com.

Past Grand Knights Business Meeting

Thursday, December 13th is our annual Past Grand Knights Business Meeting, in which we recognize and thank those who have led our Council during the past 107 years. The meeting will begin at 8:00PM and will be presided over by our Past Grand Knights, with refreshments provided afterward.

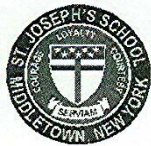
The Fourth Degree

Have you ever considered joining the Fourth Degree of our Order? If you are a Third Degree member and have been a member for at least 1 year, you are eligible. With the annual Fourth Degree Exemplification scheduled for April of 2008, it's imperative that you sign up as early as possible. You'll be proud to be a part of the most visible arm of the Knights of Columbus, which includes the Fourth Degree Color Corps. If you are interested, please contact our Faithful Navigator Mike Cummings at 733-5345 for further information. You can also visit the official web site of our 4th degree assembly at www.assembly762kofc.catholicweb.com.

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the mark of a person operating within a community of
persons."***

- Pope John Paul the Great -