

John Paul the Great Council #486  
Middletown Assembly #762  
Middletown, New York

August 2009



# THE SHIPWRIGHT

## Upcoming Meeting and Special Event Schedule

Tues, August 4 - Thurs, August 6  
Supreme Convention  
Phoenix, Arizona  
Thursday, August 6  
Council Officers' Meeting  
7:30PM  
Thursday, August 13  
Council Business Meeting  
8:00PM  
Thursday, August 20  
4<sup>th</sup> Degree Assembly Meeting  
8:00PM  
Saturday, August 22  
Annual Council Barbecue  
12:00PM  
Thursday, August 27  
Council Social Meeting  
8:00PM  
Thursday, September 3  
Council Officers' Meeting  
7:30PM  
Thursday, September 10  
Council Business Meeting  
8:00PM  
Thursday, September 17  
4<sup>th</sup> Degree Assembly Meeting  
8:00PM  
Thursday, September 24  
Council Social Meeting  
8:00PM



The Year for Priests

Brothers,

It is August and the summer is already almost over. It is hard to believe how time flies. Your council has been hard at work this summer with much more to do. We are in full swing with our C&B sales and money club raffle. If you did not return your money club ticket please do so as soon as possible, this is a great fundraiser for the council being done by PGK Nick Cortese. Also, please consider advertising in our newsletter, this helps defray the cost of the mailing. Contact PGK Rich Trapani at 956-6383 if you wish to advertise.

We will be holding our annual BBQ on Saturday, August 22nd at St. Albert's Shrine at 12 noon. The food will be prepared by our grill master and worthiest chef Randy Krause. We are doing it pot luck style again, with the council providing the beverages and meats. We ask for the members to bring a side dish. You can RSVP by calling GK Greg Sillen at 343-7343.

Finally, it brings me great joy in sharing with you that our Chaplin, Fr. Dennis Nikolic, has been appointed pastor of St. Josephs Church. On behalf of the council we congratulate him and look forward to working with him in his new position. As always, remember to pray for our clergy and troops.

See You at the Picnic!!

Vivat Jesus!  
Greg Sillen

## Grand Knight's Message

Gregory Sillen, Jr.



## Please pray for those who are ill

Pope Benedict XVI  
Msgr. George Valastro  
Henry Seiffert  
Tom Shormis, PGK  
Elfio Politi  
Joseph Szela  
Thomas Colligan  
Jim Higgins  
George Ellis PGK



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



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## The Shipwright Newsletter

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### New York District #50

**District Deputy** Larry Deignan 651-3630

**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**

Assembly Meeting - 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday 8:00PM

### 2009-10 Council Officers

<b>Chaplain</b>	
Rev. Dennis Nikolic	343-6013
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Gregory Sillen	343-7343
<b>Deputy Grand Knight</b>	
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<b>Chancellor</b>	
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Paul Dickinson	692-0938
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<b>Lecturer</b>	
Deacon Richard Trapani, Sr.	344-1087
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### Council Programs

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<b>Youth Director</b>	
Sean Williams	342-8740
<b>Council Director</b>	
Gregory Sillen	343-7343
<b>Pro-life Director</b>	
Douglas McGlynn	344-3593

## Rev. Dennis Nikolic Named new Pastor of Saint Joseph's Parish

New York Archbishop Timothy Dolan has appointed Father Dennis Nikolic as Pastor of Saint Joseph's Church in Middletown, effective July 1<sup>st</sup> for a six year term. Msgr. George Valastro, who has retired, will remain at Saint Joseph's as Pastor Emeritus. Father Dennis has served as Council Chaplain, as well as the Faithful Friar to our 4<sup>th</sup> Degree Assembly. His work with the Columbian Squires has been extensive and productive to the youth in our community. We thank Father Dennis for his service to our community, and pledge to support him with our works and prayers as he assumes his new position. Congratulations!



## Annual Family Barbecue Scheduled for Saturday, August 22



Be sure to join us on August 22 for our annual family barbecue at the National Shrine. Scheduled to begin at 12 noon, it will be pot-luck style, with the main dishes prepared by Randy Krause. Please contact Grand Knight Greg Sillen at 343-7343 to RSVP with your side dish. We hope to see you there!

## Pot Luck Dinners Rescheduled for 5<sup>th</sup> Thursdays

At the July business meeting, it was decided by the membership that our pot-luck dinners should be rescheduled for the months with fifth Thursdays (four times per year). This will enable our Council to schedule its social meeting on the fourth Thursday of each month at the original time of 8:00PM.



## Eucharistic Adoration at Saint Joseph's



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 participate in an additional hour of their own during the week. Are you interested in developing a personal relationship with Him? If you would like more information, or would like to sign up, please contact Jim Higgins at 360-2454.

## August Birthdays

John Auty PGK	August 1	Douglas Linguanti	August 19
Peter Damiano	August 1	William Fallon	August 20
Daniel Hughes	August 1	Douglas Garnham	August 21
William Adams	August 7	Joseph Torre	August 24
Harold McDonald	August 8	Stephen Cieslewicz	August 25
Louis Neuburger, Jr.	August 13	Vincent Masci	August 26
Edward Sears	August 14	John O'Connor PGK	August 27
James Higgins	August 16	Steven Maleike PGK	August 28
Thomas Sturles	August 16	Albert Prado	August 28
Anthony Emanuele	August 18	Mike Cummings PGK	August 29
Christopher Palamara	August 18	John Adames	August 30



## Faithful Navigator's Log

Richard Trapani, Jr.



Brother Sir Knights,

With August now here, I can say that the Columbian Year is off to a solid start. The Color Corps has already been busy with several engagements, and the plans are in place for several activities to ensure a successful year for our Assembly. At the last meeting, we outlined several key objectives. They are: scheduling a major fundraiser, a membership drive, a patriotic essay contest for our area Catholic

schools, and support for our Parishes and priests. In support of our third degree, I would like to pledge our continued support for Grand Knight Greg Sillen and John Paul the Great Council. Working together, I truly believe we can have a very successful year.

As we all know, our Holy Father has declared this year the Year for Priests. As it is with most Knights, I can say that I admire and love our Catholic clergy, and thank them for all the sacrifices they make. We should remember to pray for them daily, and become active in our local Parishes in whatever capacity we are able. Your help is needed now more than every before.

God Bless,  
Rich Trapani  
Faithful Navigator

The success of love is in the loving -  
it is not in the result of loving. Of  
course it is natural in love to want the  
best for the other person, but  
whether it turns out that way or not  
does not determine the value of what  
we have done.

-- Blessed Mother Theresa



## Middletown Assembly 762

Province of St. Isaac Jogues  
New York District #2  
District Master: Chester Smith

### 2009-10 Assembly Officers

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<b>Faithful Inner Sentinel</b>	
Nicholas Cortese, PFN	343-5355
<b>Faithful Outer Sentinel</b>	
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Joseph Hartmann, PFN	744-3795
<b>Faithful Trustee 2 Years</b>	
Michael Biondi, PFN	343-1285
<b>Faithful Trustee 1 Year</b>	
Carl Williams Sr., PFN	342-8740
<b>Color Corps Commander</b>	
Joseph Hartmann, PFN	744-3795
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<b>Sick Committee Chairman</b>	
Deacon Richard Trapani, Sr.	344-1087
<b>Youth Director</b>	
Carl Williams, PFN	342-8740

## Columbian Squires News

The Columbian Squires is an international youth fraternity run by the Knights of Columbus for Catholic boys between the ages of 10 and 18. Locally, our Council and Assembly each sponsor a Circle. If you are a young man looking to join an organization dedicated to the service of the community, as well as make new friends, please contact youth director Sean Williams at 342-8740.



Knights of Columbus  
**SQUIRES**  
Youth Organization

## Prayer for the Canonization of Father Michael J. McGivney

God, our Father, protector of the poor and defender of the widow and orphan, you called your priest, Father Michael J. McGivney, to be an apostle of Christian family life and to lead the young to the generous service of their neighbor. Through the example of his life and virtue may we follow your Son, Jesus Christ, more closely, fulfilling his commandment of charity and building up his Body which is the Church. Let the inspiration of your servant prompt us to greater confidence in your love so that we may continue his work of caring for the needy and the outcast. We humbly ask that you glorify your servant Father Michael J. McGivney on earth according to the design of your holy will. Through his intercession, grant the favor I now present (here make our request). Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Our Father, Hall Mary, Glory be to the Father

For more information regarding the cause of Venerable Father McGivney, please visit [www.fathermcgivney.org](http://www.fathermcgivney.org).

## Preserving our History for the Future

We are compiling a history of our Council and Assembly for future generations. If you have any old photographs or other interesting stories about our past, please contact Rich Trapani at 956-6383 or at [rtrapani@warwick.net](mailto:rtrapani@warwick.net).



Your photographs and articles will be scanned and digitized for use in our newsletter and website, and then returned to you in their original condition. If you are submitting photographs, it would be beneficial if you could provide information such as dates, locations, and names of people photographed. Thank you.

## Welcome New Advertiser!

We bid a warm welcome to Prosperity Stairs and Rails as our newest advertiser. Thank you to our Chancellor, Douglas Linguanti for his support of our newsletter.

Advertising space is offered in the Shipwright for reasonable rates. Business card sized ads are available for as little as \$50.00 per year. Application forms are available by contacting Rich Trapani at 956-6383, or Greg Sillen at 343-7343. All donations received help to defray the cost of our newsletter, as well as enable us to do what we do best. Thank you.

## Insurance Agent's Corner

The Knights of Columbus offers special benefits of membership. Among these are unique programs that exist exclusively for K of C families faced with needs that often fall outside traditional insurance plans. The Family Fraternal Benefits package, available to all our good-standing members and their families, adds value to membership in our organization. We offer guaranteed life insurance benefits for uninsurable children, as well as death benefits for stillborn and miscarried children. We also offer benefits for orphans and member / spouse accidental death benefits. Most companies do not offer these things. We are an organization that truly cares for our members and their families. Please call me for an appointment.

Richard Kitrick  
494-8142

## Shipwright Articles

Newsletter submissions and articles must be submitted by the 20<sup>th</sup> of each month. Contact Rich Trapani at 956-6383 or at [rtrapani@warwick.net](mailto:rtrapani@warwick.net). Please use the information above to correct errors.

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