



July, 2007 Newsletter

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

The Shipwright

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Grand Knight's Message

Brothers,

As we embark on a brand new Columbian year, I would like to take the opportunity to wish all of you and your families a very healthy, happy summer and safe vacation season.

We can be proud of our many accomplishments last year as we look forward to new challenges ahead. There are so many evil and misguided people in our world who desire to destroy what we have worked so hard to accomplish. With the fight over embryonic stem cell research ensuing in the U.S. Congress, with our governor's recent attempt to force Catholic hospitals in New York to provide abortions to all who ask, and with the debate over same-sex marriages beginning in the New York State legislature, it is clear that we have to continue our fight to preserve a culture that is pro-life and pro-family. There has never been a more crucial time to unite as Catholic Brothers and stand up for what we believe, by offering our prayers for a change to our society, which places so little value on human life and is especially hostile to our faith and our Lord. The battle can be won, but it will involve changing the hearts of many, and that can only be possible through the intercession of God our Father.

In closing, please, continue to pray for our Holy Father and all of our esteemed clergy.

Vivat Jesus! Rich Trapani

Pray for our Sick

Tom Shormis PGK	Joseph Olinski	Vincent Panetta
Anthony Leo	Daniel Bellotto	Joseph Szela
Anthony Parenti	Joseph Gallo	Thomas Colligan
Ralph Turi	June Hartmann	Gregory Sillen

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

Advertise Here!

In an effort to provide this monthly newsletter to our members at the lowest possible cost, we are offering advertising space to local business people who are seeking to promote their company or product by advertising to a totally new demographic. The cost is very reasonable, with donations starting at \$100.00 per year. The advertising will be placed in a special section in each monthly newsletter. The layout will be similar to the Sunday bulletins from many of our area Parishes. If you know of a business that would like to advertise, forms are now available. Please contact Rich Trapani at 956-6383, or Greg Sillen at 343-7343.

Insurance Agent's Corner

Why should you buy Knights of Columbus life insurance anyway? Because, if your wife DOES become a widow, funds will be created automatically, immediately, and at the least possible cost. Only life insurance will provide her a steady income, a guaranteed amount month after month. With a steady check coming in monthly, she will be able to budget accordingly.

Life insurance will give her a precious freedom of choice: She can work if she wants to; but as a hobby, not as a necessity. She can live with her grown children if she pleases, but as a welcome visitor. She can call on charitable agencies if she wants to offer help, not to ask them for their help. Life insurance is nothing less than a total expression of your respect, your concern and your love of your wife and family.

Please call me today for an appointment at 427-2957.

Fraternally, William Schimpf FIC

New State Sentry Squire

Congratulations to Anthony Critelli, a member of Saint Joseph's School Columbian Squires Circle #4825, who was recently elected New York State Sentry Squire for the 2007-2008 Columbian Year. We offer him our prayers and support as he assumes his office on July 1st.



Council Officers

Chaplain

Rev. Dennis Nikolic
343-6013

Grand Knight

Richard Trapani, Jr.
956-6383

Deputy Grand Knight

Gregory Sillen
343-7343

Chancellor

Michael Biondi
343-1285

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344-5922

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Paul Dickinson
692-0938

Financial Secretary

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692-6486

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Larry Bedosky
343-0180

Advocate

John O'Connor PGK
343-7164

Inside Guard

Christopher Pratti
342-5188

Outside Guard

Edwin Diaz
342-1630

Trustee 1st Year

Joseph Hartmann PGK
744-3795

Trustee 2nd Year

Matthew Enering PGK
692-2720

Trustee 3rd Year

Carl Williams PGK
342-8740

Lecturer

Deacon Richard Trapani, Sr.
344-1087

Insurance Agent

William Schimpf
427-2957



Hudson Valley Knight of the Year

Congratulations to District Deputy Burt Struble, who was honored at the Lourdes Charity Ball as the Hudson Valley Knight of the Year. Burt, who was also recently appointed as Chairman of the Board of District Deputies, is a Past Grand Knight of our Council, and a Past Faithful Navigator of our 4th Degree Assembly. We wish him well.

2007-2008 Budget Resolution

Whereas: It is fiscally prudent for our Council to have a working budget for each Columbian 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 \$500.00:

Liability Insurance	\$1000.00	Refreshments	\$900.00
General Council Supplies	\$1000.00	Squire Support	\$750.00
State Convention Expenses	\$1200.00	Council PGK Dinner	\$1100.00
Meeting Hall Rental	\$1200.00		

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 business meeting, scheduled for Thursday, July 12, 2007.

This resolution is to be read at the Social Meeting on Thursday June 28, 2007 and at our Business Meeting on Thursday, July 12, 2007.

Congratulations to our New Council and Assembly Officers!

Calendar of Events

July

Thursday, July 5	Council Officers' Meeting	7:30PM
Thursday, July 12	Council Business Meeting	8:00PM
Thursday, July 19	4 th Degree Assembly Meeting	8:00PM
Thursday, July 26	Installation of Council Officers	8:00PM

August

Thursday, August 2	Council Officers' Meeting	7:30PM
Thursday, August 9	Council Business Meeting	8:00PM
Saturday, August 11	Council Family Picnic	1:00PM
Thursday, August 16	4 th Degree Assembly Meeting	8:00PM
Thursday, August 23	Council Social Meeting	8:00PM