



The Shipwright

Knights of Columbus
Middletown Council #486

March, 1999

Grand Knights Report

Brothers,

March is now upon us and Spring is at our doorstep. It's time to get up and get re-involved with our Council. We need your prayers and active support to continue with our endeavors.

Many thanks to PGK Nick Cortese and his brother Russ for the outstanding job they did on our Dinner Dance. Our pledge to St. Joseph's Parish Center/Gym was presented to Msgr. George Valastro and was greeted by the applause of the many people at the dance who had no idea what the Knights did. Through this presentation we received some well deserved publicity. Brother Dom Elia was present and received the Knight of the Month Award for February. As Grand Knight I am responsible to honor those brothers who are true active knights. It was my pleasure to present to PGK Nick Cortese the Knight of the Year Award at the dance. Nick along with many brothers works diligently for the betterment of our Council.

Thanks are also due to PGK Mike Amodio for the chairing of our free throw event. Many details went into the staging of this event and Mike showed his true colors in the completion of this event.

One of our newest members, Henry Pagan, took his second degree in Greenwood Lake this past month and plans to take his third degree on March 7 at Highland Falls. Any brothers who wish to take their third or would like to go to support Henry, please contact me for details.

Our 100th year anniversary is upon us and a committee is forming to make plans for this celebration. This is a milestone in our council and we would like all brothers to participate in the planning of this event. PGK Bill Myers, PGK Nick Cortese and I have discussed some preliminary ideas but more members must get involved.

Brother Doug Linguanti has volunteered his services to chair our Altar Servers Pizza Party. It is scheduled for Sunday April 11, at 1:00 P.M. at the St. Joseph's Parish Hall. I ask all brothers who have chaired events to give Doug their advise and support.

Brother George Sears is once again moving in many directions for this council. George recently became out Right To Life Chairman and is working on membership ideas. Watch for George, he's a rising star in our council.

Many brothers are not in the best of health in our council. Remember these men and their families in your prayers. Through the grace of God we go forth to do his will.

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VIVAT JESUS~Matt

Chaplains Report

OUR FAITH IN THE TRINITY

"I think I understand about the Father and the Son, but I can't figure out the meaning of the honorable bird."

A Japanese gentleman speaking to a priest about our Catholic faith, is quoted as having thus expressed his need for some explanation.

He was referring, of course, to the symbol of the dove which is one of the ways that the Holy Spirit is portrayed in order to show the loving peace of God.

We can explain symbols but the doctrine of the Holy Trinity is a central mystery of the Christian faith. We firmly believe in the Father, Son and Holy Spirit as One God, not three Gods. God reveals Himself to us through his divine attributes but our finite minds are unable to penetrate the mystery of the Trinity.

We are not asked to try to comprehend the mystery. We accept it on faith and surely we feel the presence of God throughout our lives. We know that Jesus Christ is the second person of the Blessed Trinity, that was sent by the Father to earth in order to redeem us; we know that the power of the Holy Spirit enables the apostles to spread the truths of Christianity. Each time we make the sign of the cross and are blessed with it, we are expressing our belief in the mystery of the Trinity...

The gift of faith which we possess is a gift that should never be taken for granted. God created the world, allowed us to be born, made it possible for us to have eternal life, showed us the way to live in harmony with His commandments, is always ready to help us when we turn to Him in prayer—there are countless reasons for us to be grateful for the presence of the Holy Trinity in our lives.

In January, our Council pass a resolution to donate \$10,000 to St. Joseph Church/School for a new gym building, as well as \$10,000 to Mt. Carmel Church for a future building project. Thanks to Brian Powers (acting Warden), George Sears (Right to Life Chairman) for stepping in and taking over these positions. Welcome to our newest transfer member, Ralph Turi.

Please remember all our sick and deceased Brothers and their families in your prayers, including: Dom Elia, Jerry O'Donnell, Doris Sontag (deceased), Bill Maleike (Steve's father), Angelo Sisco's grandson, John Lusardi, Joe Gallo, Vince Simone's father (deceased), and Henry Pagan's mother.

Council Calendar

Thursday	March 4	Officers Meeting	St. Joseph 7:30 p.m.
Sunday	March 7	3rd Degree	Highland Falls
Thursday	March 11	Regular Meeting	St. Joseph 8:00 p.m.
Thursday	March 25	Regular Meeting	St. Joseph 8:00 p.m.

Coming Soon --Altar Servers Pizza Party 4-11-99

--Communion Breakfast 5-2-99

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WE NEED THEM.**

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