

Please pray for our family members who have passed away

Rev Leo Regis
Broniszewski, O.
Carm

Please Pray for our members and family members who are sick.
George Sears, Sr.
Ralph Turi
John Lusardi
Ang Sisco
Thomas Colligan
John Cieslewitz
Carl Williams, Jr.

Notify any officer or sick committee chairman
Charlie Paduch
342-2273



Dates to Remember

Officer's meeting	Feb. 5, 2004
Regular Meeting	Feb. 12, 2004
District Free throw	Feb. 14, 2004
4th Degree Meeting	Feb. 19, 2004
Dinner dance	Feb. 22, 2004
ASH WEDNESDAY	Feb. 25, 2004
Social Meeting	Feb. 26, 2004
Officer's meeting	Mar. 4, 2004
Regular Meeting	Mar. 11, 2004
4th Degree Meeting	Mar. 18, 2004
3 rd Degree (Monroe)	Mar. 20, 2004
Social Meeting	Mar. 25, 2004

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NEWSLETTER OF THE MIDDLETOWN KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
Grand Knight & Editor Carl R. Williams, Sr.

Grand Knights Message

As most of you know my son Carl, Jr. had surgery on his left leg. The surgery went well, but we spent over 5 hours in the recovery room. Due to the morphine whenever he got into a deep sleep his blood oxygen level would drop. He would wake up and Phyllis and I would call out instructions to breathe deeply, or for him to open his mouth and breathe. He would follow the instructions, his blood oxygen level would return to normal and he would resume his rest.

Reflecting on this experience I have a new deeper insight into what it is to be a parent. As your child struggles to breathe, you can't breathe for them, you can only call out instructions. Looking deeper into this role as parent I began to reflect on THE PARENT, our Loving Father in Heaven. I have a new deeper appreciation of the way He has chosen to interact in our lives. How often we are choking on our sinfulness and God cries out to us "Breathe in my grace."

But we struggle, not listening, and then finally avail ourselves of God's grace in this world. The sacraments. Some of us while struggling to live good lives will go for years without the grace of Reconciliation, choking. Only to discover that when we finally breathe in that grace, we are at peace, we are able to rest in His love. There is no greater place to be than resting in His love. As lent dawns let's breathe in the grace of Reconciliation, and rest in His arms.

My son will have another surgery on Ash Wednesday. I trust and pray it also goes well. I hope I will be granted new insights into God's love.



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Rev. James Sidoti

Grand Knight

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Squire Scene



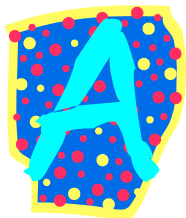
The St. Joseph's circle had their installation of officers at a mass attended by all the students from St. Joseph's in attendance.

The officers who were installed are:

Chief Squire	Anthony Coscette
Deputy Chief Squire	Evan Hulick
Bursar	Carl Williams, Jr.
Notary	Ryan Smithem
Marshal	Christopher Zinn
Sentry	Francesco Crisculo

A fourth degree color corp was present at the mass as well.

Chief Squire counselor and school principal Richard Jackson has stated that the St. Joseph's Squires will work in raising money to purchase a cross for the school.



Council News

Middletown Council 486 on the Internet.

One of our newer members Richard Trapani has been hard at work developing a web page for our council. He has done a tremendous job. The address of the page is

<http://home.catholicweb.com/kofc486/>

If you have internet access please check out the page and send your feedback to Rich.

200 Club

Ang Sisco is hard at work again on the 200 club. Every officer is selling tickets. Get your tickets early, as they tend to sell out. There will be a total of \$1000 in prizes. The top prize is \$500. The drawing will be held at the annual dinner dance.

ANNUAL DINNER DANCE

The annual dinner dance will be held on Sunday Feb. 22 (Grand knight's birthday) at Kuhl's Highland House. PGK Nick Cortese is putting the final touches on this affair. The cost is still \$35.00 a person and as always will be well worth it. Please contact Nick 343-5355 for tickets.

486 Hosts District Free Throw

District Deputy, our own, Burt Struble has rescheduled the district free throw contest to Saturday Feb. 14 at 3:00pm in the St. Joseph's gym. Any member of 486 who can assist with this is asked to lend a hand.

Newsletter Help Wanted

We have a very good newsletter, but it can be better. To make it better I will need help. People to gather info for different topics and send it to me. Or to send me pictures taken at our events. If you have pictures or info you can email them to middletowngk@yahoo.com.



4th degree 50/50 drawn at each 4th degree meeting. Need not be 4th degree to enter or win. Just mail \$5.00 and form to John O'Connor, 26 Robertson Drive, Middletown, NY 10940.

4th Degree \$5.00 50/50 

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SUPREME SCOOP



Carl Anderson
Supreme Knight

Statement on the 31st Anniversary of Roe v. Wade January 22, 2004

Carl A. Anderson
Supreme Knight, Knights of Columbus

“Each year on January 22nd we vividly remember the millions of unborn children whose lives were lost, and the millions of women whose lives have been damaged, because of Roe v. Wade.

“That Supreme Court decision 31 years ago has rightly been called one of the worst in our nation’s history. It is a decision that ignores the truth: the truth about unborn children, about women, and most of all, about human life and human nature itself. Even Norma McCorvey – the “Roe” of Roe v. Wade – now rejects the decision and the culture of abortion on demand that it established.

“This past year saw the enactment of the Partial-Birth Abortion Ban. Although it is being challenged in the courts, enactment of the ban marked the first time an abortion procedure has been banned since Roe v. Wade. Pro-life commitment continues to grow among the American people, particularly with those who have grown up with Roe v. Wade but now reject its extreme violence and cynical view of women. According to a 2001 Gallup poll, those under 30 support greater protection for life in larger numbers than almost any other age group. Major restrictions on abortion were supported by 55 percent of adults under 30 years old — a higher figure than for any age group except those age 65 and over.

“Abortion is a sign of a failure to respect the lives and the dignity of women and children. The pro-life movement will always insist that a nation that proclaims as self-evident the inalienable right to life can and must do better than abortion.”

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Chapter Chat

Chapter News

The annual Charity Drive Kickoff is now under way. Last year we did a great job selling Lourdes tickets and I’m sure we will do a fabulous job again for this important cause.

The next Chapter meeting is Friday February 20, 2004.

Please note date change. The meeting will be held at Cardinal Spellman Council No. 5800 at 8 PM. This is a regular meeting open to all 3rd degree members.



Ed Castellazzi, Chapter Chairman



Eucharistic Adoration

The council has decided to choose an hour in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel for adoration. We are looking for suggestions and volunteers. Our goal would be to have 2 men take turns each week on our hour. If 20 men volunteer you will only be obligated once every 10 weeks. Please contact Jim Higgins 692-6486 to give feedback about the choice of hour and to volunteer.



Navigator’s Note

Burt Struble
Navigator &
District Deputy



My Brother Sir Knights,

This month we honor 2 great President's of our great country. President Abe Lincoln and President George Washington, our founding father. We owe a lot to them for bringing our country through some good and bad times.

We also honor another great person in our lives, our MOMS or our wives for being their for us when we had a bad day.

HAPPY VALENTINES DAY to all of the wonderful lady's in our lives.

February 29th the Color Corp. has been ask to help with the 12:00 pm Mass at THE NATIONAL SHRINE, if you can help please let our Color Corp. Commander Joe Hartmann know.

I would like to thank the Color Corp for being there for the Mass on Monday January 26 for the installation of the officer's of the Columbian Squires.

February 25th we start our holy season with Ash Wednesday.

Our 4th Degree Exemplification will be held on April 17th for any 3rd Degree member who would like to be a 4th Degree member. If you would like a application see any officer who will help you. Please keep all of our Brother's and their families in your prayer's.

God Bless all of you,

Burt Struble
Faithful Navigator

- Faithful Friars**
- Rev. James Sidoti
- Rev. Dennis Nikolic
- Faithful Navigator**
- Burt Struble
- Faithful Captain**
- Carl Williams
- Faithful Pilot**
- Mike Biondi
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Chaplains' Corner

Fr. Dennis Nikolic

My Dear Brothers,

As the cold weather and snow continue the Church celebrates Ordinary Time with Lent soon approaching. The words: "Turn Away from sin and be Faithful to the Gospel !" mark us on Ash Wednesday as we begin the season of prayer, fasting and alms giving. This season of penance helps us to grow closer to Christ.

Lent is a wonderful opportunity for us to examine ourselves and convert to the teachings of Christ. Just as Noah spent forty days in the ark waiting for the purification of the world, Jesus spent forty days in the desert fighting temptation to sin. Man continued to sin even after Noah stepped out of the ark with an un-moistened foot. The lure of the evil one was too strong for fallen man to resist. Again and again God made covenants with His people but due to Original Sin man strays from God because he is weak.

It is not hopeless for humanity because God in His love, offers to us a new covenant through Jesus. Jesus, who is able to resist the temptations in the desert, is our strength against evil. Jesus opens for us the gates of paradise and He gives us the grace and strength to overcome our sinful ways. Jesus, who loves us, heals us as he healed so many who sought him. Jesus forgives our sins and embraces us as the shepherd does when his lost sheep is found. Jesus instructs us and leads us to salvation.

During this season of lent, let us therefore unite ourselves with the sufferings of Christ, who died for us on the cross. May this season of prayer, fasting and alms giving purge us from our sins. May we come out of the darkness of sin and into the light of Christ. May we live the words, "turn away from sin and be faithful to the Gospel!", for we are dust and to dust we shall return. Our only hope is in Christ Jesus our Lord.



Fr. James Sidotti



NYS Council Briefing



Thomas E. Dwyer
State Deputy



Knights of Columbus
Charitable & Benevolent Program 2003
Drawing Saturday, January 17, 2004

Baron DeKalb Council #1073

Grand Prize Winner - \$25,000 Eugene F. Hattenback of Holtsville, NY
Sold By E.F. Hattenback Council #11416

(25) \$1000.00 Winners

Name	City	Seller
1. Mark Kovach	Lyons Falls, NY	John Hastwell III #7794
2. Mike Dozois	Troy, NY	Ray Dozois #11071
3. Carolyn M. Petrow	Howard Beach, NY	Same #1073
4. R. Kruse	Ridgewood, NY	Same #5103
5. Christine Dodge	Yonkers, NY	
6. John W. Seles	Williston Park, NY	Same #2502
7. Tom Durkin	Rochester, NY	Donald Smith #4812
8. David Kelly	North Syracuse, NY	Same, #9602
9. John Castaglioza	Ozone Park, NY	
10. Rudolf Martinovich	Jackson Heights, NY	Same, #4299
11. Arthur Dedoufour	Goshen, NY	Same #1106
12. Jim Akey	Au Sable Forks, NY	Same #2301
13. Matthew Falcone	Manhasset, NY	Anthony Garofalo #1227
14. Frank Lauria	Alford, Mass.	Same, #2345
15. Sunray Systems Inc.	Hauppauge, NY	Same
16. Pam Alimonti	Binghamton, NY	Anthony Garofalo #1227
17. Phil Harris	Watertown, NY	Samuel Tufo Jr. #259
18. Tom Bartyzel	Cicero, NY	Same, #10904
19. Elsie Sulli	Schuylerville, NY	#1735
20. Francis House	Syracuse, NY	Stephen Heffron #5398
21. Frank Cambria	Brentwood, NY	Same #4757
22. Vincent Renzi	Carthage, NY	Marco Franchini #291
23. Frank Boccabella	South Ozone Park, NY	Same, #2236
24. Anthony Welbert		Same
25. John V. Quigley	West Islip, NY	Patrick Pellicane #11968

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