



October, 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,

With 3 months already behind us, we're well on our way to another successful Columbian year. Our Council Directors are hard at work planning our service programs and activities, both for our membership, and for the community. Our recent Blue Mass was a huge success, and we are working hard to achieve our fundraising goals for the year.

We have implemented some changes this year regarding our social meetings. Our Lecturer and Church Director, Deacon Trapani, has been busy inviting speakers and other guests to educate and inform us regarding our Catholic faith, as well as other topics of interest. Some of our social meetings will be opened to include our families and friends, who can also benefit from what we do. We will keep all of you informed of any changes or updates.

I would like to congratulate our Council for winning both the Columbian Award, and the Founders' Award for the 2006-07 Columbian Year. We were successful in achieving our insurance goals, as well as conducting 20 service program activities in the categories of Church, Community, Council, Family, and Youth. Thank you for a job well done by all of our members.

Please, continue to pray for the intentions of our Holy Father, and for all of our priests and clergy.

God Bless, Rich Trapani

Pray for our Sick

Tom Shormis PGK	Joseph Olinski	Anthony Leo
Joseph Szela	Anthony Parenti	Thomas Colligan
Carl Williams PGK	Daniel Bellotto	

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.

Meeting Schedule

Our Officers' meeting is held on the 1st Thursday of each month at 7:30PM. Our monthly business meeting is held on the 2nd Thursday at 8:00PM. Our social meeting is held on the 4th Thursday at 8:00PM. These meetings are held at the Saint Joseph's Parish Center Conference Room, Cottage Street. All members are cordially invited to attend.

The meeting of our 4th Degree Assembly is held on the 3rd Thursday of each month at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish Center on Wawayanda Avenue. This meeting is at 8:00PM.

In Memoriam

Please pray for the family of Brother Sir Knight Eugene Wenz, who passed away on Tuesday, September 11, 2007. He was a member of our Council, as well as a 4th Degree member of our Middletown Assembly.

Blue Mass

Thank you to all who participated in our Blue Mass on September 16th. The preparations of Deacon Trapani and the committee insured the success of the event. We wish to thank the 4th Degree Color Corp from our Middletown and Goshen Assemblies, as well as the food preparation and help from the Catholic Daughters. Mr. Joseph Viserta and the Saint Joseph's Choir did a wonderful job in organizing the music program during our Mass. Our Columbian Squires assisted with serving the Mass, and with the setup and clean up in the gymnasium. We also offer our thanks to Orange County Executive Edward Diana, who was the keynote speaker at our reception.

Orange County Life Chain

On Sunday, October 7th, many pro-life organizations and churches from our area will participate in the annual Orange County Life Chain on Route 211 East in Middletown. Our Council will meet on the road in front of Aldi's Supermarket to pray the Rosary to end abortion. We will be there from 2:00PM to 3:30PM. Please join us with your families and friends to pray for the end to the barbaric practice of taking of innocent human life. If you are unable to attend the event, please keep us in your prayers on that day.



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Insurance Agent's Corner

Father McGivney understood that the first duty of a Catholic husband and father is to his family--to care for their needs while alive and, to the best of his ability, to provide for their care in the event of his death. He also knew well the tragic needs of Catholic families of the deceased men in his community. Central to Father McGivney's founding vision for the Knights of Columbus was providing for the financial security of Catholic families, particularly the widows and orphans of deceased members.

The first purpose listed in the Order's 1882 charter is "rendering pecuniary aid to its members, their families, and beneficiaries of members and their families." The establishment of a financially sound insurance program for members of the Order was a primary goal. Today, lack of adequate financial resources is still a great threat to family life. Now, more than ever, the Knights of Columbus continues to address the temporal needs of Catholic families, especially through one of the most highly rated insurance programs in the world.

Please, contact me for all of your insurance needs at 427-2957.
Fraternally, William Schimpf FIC

Businesses Wanted!

We thank our patrons, who have advertised in the Shipwright. Please be sure to support them. Local businesses and other organizations are invited to advertise in our monthly newsletter for as little as \$100 per year. This will help our Council financially, as well as help you reach a whole new customer base. Consider helping us as we reach out to the community. Please contact Rich Trapani at 956-6383 or Greg Sillen at 343-7343 for an application.

Council Blood Drive

Sunday, October 14th is the scheduled date of our annual blood drive, to be held at Saint Joseph's Parish Gymnasium. If you are able, please consider donating to help those in need. Also, volunteers are needed to assist at the drive. Your help will make this event a success. Please, contact chairman Nick Cortese at 343-5355 for more information, or to sign up. Of course, walk-ins are always welcome.



Calendar of Events

October

Thursday, October 4	Council Officers' Meeting	7:30PM
Sunday, October 7	Orange County Life Chain	2:00PM
Thursday, October 11	Council Business Meeting	8:00PM
Sunday, October 14	Council Blood Drive	9:00AM
Thursday, October 18	4 th Degree Assembly Meeting	8:00PM
Thursday, October 25	Council Social Meeting	8:00PM

November

Thursday, November 1	All Saints Day Council Officers' Meeting Cancelled	
Thursday, November 8	Council Business Meeting	8:00PM
Thursday, November 15	4 th Degree Assembly Meeting	8:00PM
Thursday, November 22	Thanksgiving Council Social Meeting Cancelled	

Adoration of the Eucharist

Many benefits are gained through the devotion and adoration of Jesus Christ, who is truly present in the Sacrament of the Eucharist. All it takes is a small commitment on your part to establish a personal relationship with the Lord. If you are interested in spending one hour a week with Him, please contact Jim Higgins at 613-0871.

C&B Ticket Sales

C&B ticket books have been mailed to our membership. Please consider either purchasing these books, or selling them to your friends and co-workers. Please return them to us as soon as possible.

We will be selling C&B tickets at our area Churches during the coming month. We will provide dates as they become available. We are in need of volunteers to assist us at each Mass. This will take just an hour of your time, and will help alleviate the burden. If you would like to help, please contact our C&B chairman Larry Bedosky at 343-0180.

We Miss You!

Whenever a Brother Knight cannot attend our meetings, he is greatly missed. If you need assistance to attend our meetings, or if you are in need of anything else, such as the Sacraments or just a visit from another Brother Knight, please drop us a line anytime. Feel free to contact any officer by phone or e-mail, or contact Rich Trapani at 956-6383.

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- Pope John Paul the Great