

The Shipwright

Middletown Knights of Columbus #486

**Grand Knights Report
September 1997**

Chaplain

Fr. Norbert Hansen

Grand Knight

Nicholas Cortese PGK

Deputy Grand Knight

Michael Amedio PGK

Chancellor

James Applegate

Warden

Paul Silipino

Advocate

Edward Carey PGK

Recorder

Louis Sciarano PGK

Treasurer

Russell Cortese

Financial Secretary

William Myers PGK

Inside Guard

Nicholas Damiano Jr.

Trustees

Louis Fingotti

Ralph Russo PGK

Angelo Sisco

Sick Committee Chairman

Michael Vinyard

Newsletter

Matthew Bering PGK

Brother Knights,

The annual family mass and picnic will be held on Saturday, September 27th at St. Alberts picnic grove starting at 2:00 P.M. The mass will be in the chapel at 5:00 P.M. Chairman Russ Cortese promises a good time. We invite all members and their families. There will be games for the children. We suggest you bring a lawn chair if the picnic bench is uncomfortable. The council will supply the hotdogs, hamburgers, and liquid refreshment. We invite you to bring a covered dish or a desert to be shared. Call Russ Cortese at 343-4501 or PGK Bill Myers at 343-2653. Reservations must be made by Wednesday, September 24.

Council 486 annual Blood Drive will be Sunday, October 5. It will take place at St. Joseph's Parish Center, from 9:30 A.M. to 3:00 P.M. Paul Silipino is chairman. We are asking the members, their families and friends to participate. Call Paul at 343-3728, or Nick Cortese at 343-5355. Make your reservations to donate. Give the "Gift of Life."

Chaplains Report

"Try A Little Gentleness"

One of the qualities that seem to be in short supply in today's busy world is gentleness. That term expresses the ideal the ideal attitude that human beings should have toward one another. Certainly, it should be a distinguishing characteristic of true followers of Christ. Gentle people are not weak. They are strong but their strength is not over-bearing. They are tolerant but convinced of their own moral values. They are merciful but mindful of justice. They are firm in standing for their convictions, but they are kind. So often we encounter people who seem to have forgotten how to be gentle-- forgotten or perhaps never learned how to express the kindness and consideration that can soften the roughness of life's trials. When we let the gentle side of our nature mold our attitudes toward one another, we are allowing ourselves to imitate God who tempers justice with mercy and who loves us despite our flaws.

(continued)

Chaplain's Report (continued)

The Prayer before A Crucifix states: "Look down upon me, good and gentle Jesus,; We know that even in his dying agony, Jesus was gentle, forgiving those who had injured Him, gently answering the good thief's plea for mercy, and turning His Blessed Mother over to the care of St. John. The scriptures relate many instances of Jesus being gentle and compassionate as He talked with people during His days on earth. He was never harsh. As we walk through life, we meet many people. As part of the human race, we all have problems and sadness as well as joys that make up our days. It is good to look for some ways that we can help one another and sometimes we can do that by just being gentle in our manner and response to someone who is hurting.

Dates To Remember

Thursday 4 September-----Officers Meeting
Thursday 11 September-----Regular Meeting
Thursday 18 September-----Fourth Degree Meeting
Wednesday 24 September-----Picnic Reservations must be in
Thursday 25 September-----Regular Meeting
Saturday 27 September-----Mass and Picnic
Sunday 5 October-----Blood Drive

September Birthdays

William Carboy, Lawrence Duco, Matthew Endering PGK, Antonio Fofino, Anthony Ingrassia PGK, Richard Keller, Rev. Philip Marani, Anthony Marasco, Ralph Perello, Henry Seiffert, Steven Sisco

Semi-Annual Audit

The semi-annual audit (January-June 1997) for our council was completed by our Treasurer Russ Cortese, Deputy Grand Knight Michael Amodio, and our trustees Lou Fingotti, Ralph Russo PGK and Ang Sisco. A great thank you is due to these brothers for the time and effort expended to complete this required task, especially Russ Cortese who has kept meticulous records. The audit is available for viewing by all brothers at our regular meetings.

C&B Program

Our Deputy Grand Knight Michael Amodio has accepted chairmanship for this years C&B drive. All brothers are expected to get behind him to raise money for this great charity drive as well as our own council. More details of this program will be forthcoming in future newsletters.

Council Protocol

When arriving in council chambers after a meeting has started all brothers are reminded to show their paid up traveling card to the Inside Guard Nick Damiano and wait to be announced to the Grand Knight. Upon permission to enter the brother must approach the Grand Knight and render the proper salute and then to the Deputy Grand Knight a similar salute is to be rendered.