



August, 2008 Newsletter



Knights of Columbus  
Middletown, New York  
John Paul the Great Council #486  
Middletown 4<sup>th</sup> Degree Assembly #762

# The Shipwright

## Grand Knight's Report

Gregory Sillen



Brothers,

Once again August is upon us. The month of August is used to celebrate our families. There is no better way to celebrate than a good ole' fashion barbecue. We will be hosting our barbecue on Saturday, August 16<sup>th</sup> at St. Albert's Shrine, from 12-4pm. We are planning many fun events for all. The side dishes will be done pot luck style with the council providing the meats and beverages. We

are hoping to have a softball game against our Squires, so bring your gloves.

Also, during this month we are hoping to host a first degree at our council (date unavailable at this time), and if you had not been to one in a while I suggest you attend and welcome the new gentlemen into our order. As said in previous communications we need the help of all our brothers to help fundraise to support our charitable works. On the note of fundraising, I want to thank Larry Bedosky for all his hard work on this year's C&B sales and all the Brother Knight's that help sell at the fair grounds.

I hope all my brothers enjoy the rest of there summer and pray that God guides and protect us and our families in all the works we do. Please remember to keep all of our troops in your prayers.

God Bless,

Greg

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## August Birthdays

John Auty PGK	August 1
Peter Damiano	August 1
Daniel Hughes	August 1
William Adams	August 7
Harold McDonald	August 8
Louis Neuburger, Jr.	August 13
Edward Sears	August 14
James Higgins	August 16
Thomas Sturles	August 16
Anthony Emanuele	August 18
Christopher Palamara	August 18
Douglas Linguanti	August 19
William Fallon	August 20
Douglas Garnham	August 21
Joseph Torre	August 24
Stephen Cieslewicz	August 25
Vincent Masci	August 26
John O'Connor PGK	August 27
Steven Maleike PGK	August 28
Albert Prado	August 28
Michael Cummings PGK	August 29
John Adames	August 30

## Calendar

### Upcoming Events

#### August

Thursday, August 7	Council Officers Meeting	7:30PM
Thursday, August 14	Council Business Meeting	8:00PM
Saturday, August 16	Council Family Picnic	12:00PM
Thursday, August 21	4 <sup>th</sup> Degree Assembly Meeting	8:00PM
Thursday, August 28	Council Social Meeting	8:00PM

#### September

Thursday, September 4	Council Officers Meeting	7:30PM
Thursday, September 11	Council Business Meeting	8:00PM
Thursday, September 18	4 <sup>th</sup> Degree Assembly Meeting	8:00PM
Sunday, September 21	Annual Blue Mass	11:30AM
Thursday, September 25	Council Social Meeting	8:00PM

## News Items

Submissions of articles or other worthy news items by members and families are welcomed. For the September issue, items must be received by August 15<sup>th</sup>. Please snail-mail them to PO Box 323, Middletown, NY 10940, or they may be e-mailed to [rtrapani@warwick.net](mailto:rtrapani@warwick.net).

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### Council Meetings held at Saint Joseph's Parish Center Conference Room

Officers' Meeting - 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday 7:30PM  
Business Meeting - 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday 8:00PM  
Social Meeting - 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday 8:00PM

### 4<sup>th</sup> Degree Assembly Meetings held at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish Center

Assembly Meeting - 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday 8:00PM



## 2008-09 Council Officers

### Chaplain

Rev. Dennis Nikolic 343-6013

### Grand Knight

Gregory Sillen 343-7343

### Deputy Grand Knight

Michael Biondi 343-1285

### Chancellor

Douglas Linguanti 344-5922

### Warden

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### Recorder

Paul Dickinson 692-0938

### Financial Secretary

Jim Higgins 360-2454

### Treasurer

Larry Bedosky 343-0180

### Advocate

John O'Connor, PGK 343-7164

### Inside Guard

Edwin Diaz 342-1630

### Outside Guard

James Lounsbury 344-0280

### Trustee 3 Years

Richard Trapani, PGK 956-6383

### Trustee 2 Years

Carl Williams, PGK 342-8740

### Trustee 1 Year

Matthew Ening, PGK 692-2720

### Lecturer

Deacon Richard Trapani, Sr. 344-1087

### K of C Insurance

William Schimpf FIC 427-2957

### District Deputy #50

Larry Deignan 651-3630

## Council Programs

### Program Director

Michael Biondi 343-1285

### Membership Director

Douglas Linguanti 344-5922

### Church Director

Deacon Richard Trapani Sr. 344-1087

### Community Director

Richard Trapani, PGK 956-6383

### Family Director

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### Youth Director

Carl Williams, PGK 342-8740

### Council Director

Gregory Sillen 343-7343

### Pro-life Director

Douglas McGlynn 344-3593



## Remember in your prayers those who are ill

Msgr. George Valastro  
Henry Seiffert  
Tom Shormis, PGK  
Elfio Politi  
Joseph Szela  
Thomas Colligan  
Frank Vignola PGK  
Thomas DiDiego  
Gary Texter



**Contact Sick Committee  
Chairman**  
Deacon Richard Trapani, Sr.  
344-1087

## Annual Council Family Picnic



**Saturday, August 16, 2008  
12:00-4:00 PM**

National Carmelite Shrine  
Contact Greg Sillen at 343-7343,  
Mike Biondi at 343-1285, or John  
O'Connor at 343-7164

## The Cost of Our Newsletter

Due to the increasing cost of postage to mail each newsletter, we are looking for new ways to send the Shipwright tour members and families. As a result, we are interested in knowing if any one would be interested in receiving their newsletter electronically thru e-mail. If we have enough interested people, we could cut down our mailing and printing costs considerably as well as add extra features to our newsletter. Please e-mail Rich Trapani at [rtrapani@warwick.net](mailto:rtrapani@warwick.net) or phone him at 956-6383.

Current and past issues of The Shipwright newsletter are available on our Council's web site at [www.kofc486.catholicweb.com](http://www.kofc486.catholicweb.com).

## Field Agent's Corner

William Schimpf



Brothers,

There are many life insurance companies in the marketplace today. So, why should you entrust your insurance needs to the Knights of Columbus? In its credit rating of our Order, Standard & Poor's stated that its AAA credit rating was based upon the following strengths: extremely strong capital, very strong competitive position, extremely strong liquidity, and historically strong profitability. I would suggest that a principal reason that we were able to achieve these accolades, along with what S&P described as a "distinct competitive advantage, a loyal customer base, and a unique rapport with clients" is because we have been committed to our motto, "Protecting Families for Generations." That commitment is an essential core value of our Order, and our core values permeate all levels of our marketing. Our Marketing Code of Ethics is modeled after the Ten Commandments. Our principles for marketing are summed up by our Golden Rule: "In my professional relationships, I pledge myself to the following rule of conduct: I shall, in light of all conditions surrounding those I serve, render that service which, under the same circumstances, I would apply to myself." Please give me a call. I welcome the opportunity to present to you and your wife, honestly and accurately, all facts necessary for both of you to make a sound life insurance decision.

William Schimpf, FIC  
427-2957



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### 2008-09 Assembly Officers

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<b>Faithful Navigator</b>	
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<b>Faithful Admiral</b>	
Michael Biondi, PFN	343-1285
<b>Faithful Captain</b>	
Richard Trapani	956-6383
<b>Faithful Pilot</b>	
Edwin Diaz	342-1630
<b>Faithful Scribe</b>	
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<b>Faithful Trustee 2 Years</b>	
Carl Williams, PFN	342-8740
<b>Faithful Trustee 1 Year</b>	
John O'Connor, PFN	343-7164
<b>Color Corp Commander</b>	
Joseph Hartmann, PFN	744-3795

### Eucharistic Adoration

Many real benefits are gained through the devotion of our Lord Jesus Christ in the Sacrament of the Eucharist. Many members of our Council participate in an hour of Eucharistic Adoration every Wednesday evening from 8:00-9:00 PM. For more information or to sign up, please contact Jim Higgins at 360-2454.

### Family Pot-luck

Due to the summer vacation months, our family pot-luck dinners have been suspended, but will be scheduled to resume sometime in the fall with a whole new itinerary of speakers.

## Faithful Navigator's Report

Paul Silipino



Brother Sir Knights,

At nearly the beginning of this Columbian year, it is easy to think next June is still a long way off. There are so many events and happenings ahead of us, Labor Day, Columbus Day, Thanksgiving, Advent and Christmas, Lent and Easter, Memorial Day, Confirmations and graduations. And before we know it, June will be back. With everything going on, it's easy to lose focus on the importance of our Assembly. I'd like each Sir Knight to

promise himself he'll get to at least one activity of the Fourth Degree this year. Get involved early! Of course, participating in our monthly meetings is a great way to make, renew or sustain your friendships and relationships with your fellow Sir Knights. I know that some of our members have commitments that prohibit their attendance at meetings, so... Participating with the Color Corps is another good way to be involved and a great way to proclaim the Catholic, patriotic message of the Fourth Degree. But, to field a strong Color Corps requires a strong and active membership. If you are interested in joining our Color Corps, please feel free to contact me anytime.

I look forward to seeing each of you at a meeting or Assembly event in the very near future.

Vivat Jesus,  
Paul Silipino

### Possible Beatification nears for Cardinal Newman

The Vatican has directed that the body of Cardinal John Henry Newman should be exhumed from a simple cemetery and preserved in a marble sarcophagus in the Birmingham Oratory, according to English newspaper reports. Father Paul Chavasse, the provost of the Birmingham Oratory, confirmed that the Vatican had made the request.

In April, the Congregation for the Causes of Saints received a report testifying to the validity of a miracle attributed to the intercession of Cardinal Newman: the cure of a Massachusetts man from a crippling spinal illness. Scientific consultants concluded that there was no medical explanation for the cure, and if their conclusion is ratified by a panel of Vatican-appointed theologians, the path will be cleared for the beatification of Cardinal Newman.

Church officials in England hope that the beatification of the famous theologian – a convert from the Church of England and a towering figure in the English intellectual world of the 19<sup>th</sup> century – could take place before the end of this year.

### The Patriotic Degree

The Fourth Degree of our Order is also known as the Patriotic Degree. Many Brother Knights that you know are members of the visible arm of the Order. This is evident with the presence of the Honor Guard and Color Corps at many of our Church and community functions. Won't you consider joining our Assembly? For more information, please contact any assembly officer or phone Faithful Navigator Paul Silipino at 343-3724.

**Science can purify religion  
from error and superstition.  
Religion can purify science  
from idolatry and false  
absolutes.**

-- Pope John Paul the Great



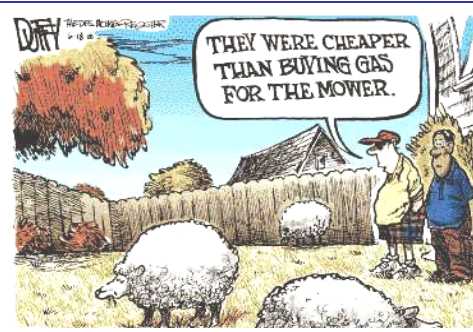


## Television Coverage of 126th Supreme Convention

Several Catholic media outlets will broadcast live coverage of the supreme convention from Quebec City from August 5-7. The Eternal Word Television Network (EWTN), Salt and Light Television and CatholicTV, will present coverage of the Mass, opening session (including the supreme knight's annual report), and States Dinner. EWTN Radio and The Catholic Channel (Sirius Satellite Radio) will also be on site, providing live interviews and programming.

## C&B Ticket Sales

As we continue to sell tickets for our annual C&B ticket drive, volunteers will be needed at our parishes as we raise money for Special Olympics and other charities for the New York State Council. Please contact Larry Bedosky at 343-0180. Your help will be greatly appreciated.



## Supreme Council Family of the Year

The Supreme Council of the Order has designated the Loomis Family of Goshen, NY as its family of the year. Dr. Mario Loomis, a 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree Knight from Goshen Council #1106, has experimented with adult stem cells for the treatment of diseases, and has spoken to at our pot-luck dinner last October regarding the morality of stem cell research. He has traveled to Honduras to give medical care to children. Mario and his wife Donna home-school their 4 children and host a program named "A Drop of Clear Water" for Catholic teens. They will be honored at the Supreme Convention in Quebec City.



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