

**John Paul the Great Council #486
 Middletown Assembly #762
 Middletown, New York**

September 2009



THE SHIPWRIGHT

Upcoming Meeting and Special Event Schedule

- Thursday, September 3 – 7:30PM**
Council Officers' Meeting
- Sunday, September 6 – 6:00PM**
Columbian Squires Meeting
- Thursday, September 10 = 8:00PM**
Council Business Meeting
- Thursday, September 17 – 8:00PM**
4th Degree Assembly Meeting
- Sunday, September 20 – 11:30AM**
Annual Blue Mass
- Thursday, September 24 – 8:00PM**
Council Social Meeting
- Friday, September 25 – 7:30PM**
NY State Deputy Night
Wappingers Council
- Sunday, September 27**
Ministry Sunday – Saint Joseph's
All Masses

- Thursday, October 1 – 7:30PM**
Council Officers' Meeting
- Sunday, October 4 - TBA**
Orange County Life Chain
- Thursday, October 8 – 8:00PM**
Council Business Meeting
- Friday, October 9 - TBA**
Columbian Squires Investiture
- Sunday, October 11 – 6:00PM**
Columbian Squires Meeting
- Thursday, October 15 – 8:00PM**
4th Degree Assembly Meeting
- Saturday, October 17 – 6:30PM**
Oktoberfest Event
- Thursday, October 22 – 8:00PM**
Council Social Meeting
- Friday, October 23 – 8:00PM**
Chapter Meeting – Warwick Valley
- Sunday, October 25 – 6:00PM**
Columbian Squires Meeting
- Thursday, October 29 - TBA**
Family Pot Luck Dinner

Grand Knight's Message

Gregory Sillen, Jr.

Brothers,

This will be my shortest Grand Knights report of my tenure. We are coming up on two very important months that are full of activities see the calendar in the newsletter or one of the flyers attached. My message is get involved...stop thinking about it and as Nike states "Just Do It". Come to one of the events and show your support, pitch in for a few minutes.

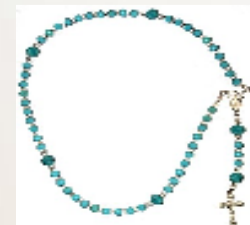


We welcome our newest member of the council, Andrew Zulich, who recently made his first degree. Remember to pray for our clergy and our troops who are protecting our freedoms.

God Bless,
Greg

Please pray for those who are ill

Pope Benedict XVI
 Msgr. George Valastro
 Henry Seiffert
 Tom Shormis, PGK
 Elfio Politi
 Joseph Szela
 Thomas Colligan
 Jim Higgins
 George Ellis PGK



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

September Birthdays

Lawrence Duco September 1
 Antonio Fotino September 1
 Richard Trapani PGK September 2
 Richard Van Dermark September 4
 Burt Radici September 8
 Edwin Diaz September 9
 Rev. Philip Marani September 10
 Michael Biondi PFN September 14

Anthony Ingrassia PGK September 14
 Joseph Gallo September 21
 Louis Scarano PGK September 23
 Owlfeather Dawson September 24
 William Carboy September 25
 Henry Seiffert September 29
 Matthew Enering PGK September 30
 Rev. Dennis Nikolic September 30
 James Suchy September 30



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

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

**4th Degree Assembly Meetings held at
Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish
Center**

Assembly Meeting - 3rd Thursday 8:00PM

2009-10 Council Officers

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Council Programs

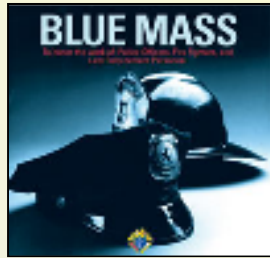
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Youth Director	
Sean Williams	342-8740
Council Director	
Gregory Sillen	343-7343
Pro-life Director	
Douglas McGlynn	344-3593

New Officers for Columbian Squires Elected for local Circles

Congratulations to our new Columbian Squires Officers, elected to a new term on August 16. Representing Squires Circle #4825 are: Chief Squire Adam Nighthawk, Deputy Chief Squire Tomislav Jagnjic, Notary Squire Brandon Kania, and Bursar Squire Vincent Mele. Representing Squires Circle #4833 are: Chief Squire Frank Tanico, Deputy Chief Squire Alex Bedosky, Notary Squire Juliano Jovinsky, and Bursar Squire Stanley Casimir. We also wish to thank Father Dennis and our Columbian Squires Counselors CJ and Sean Williams for a job well done.



Annual Blue Mass Scheduled at Saint Joseph's Church



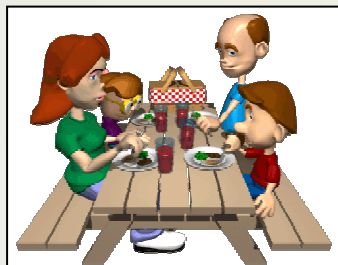
Please join us at our annual Blue Mass honoring those men and women who have served in our community as police, fire fighters, EMT's, and emergency personnel. Scheduled for Sunday, September 20 at 11:30AM, it will feature an awards presentation. Scheduled to speak are several dignitaries from Orange County, the city of Middletown, and from several area departments. Come pray for those who have served us so selflessly.

Vatican Cardinal Says Catholics Must Risk Discipleship

In societies that are becoming more secular and technological, Knights of Columbus and all Catholics must bear witness to the fact that only God's word can give "life-giving refreshment" to satisfy the human heart, said Cardinal William Levada in a homily on Wednesday, August 5th. A special guest at the Knights of Columbus Supreme Convention, Cardinal Levada is prefect of the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith. The principal celebrant at the Mass, offered on the Memorial of the Dedication of the Basilica of St. Mary Major, was Cardinal Theodore McCarrick. In his homily, Cardinal Levada said that the City of God, the "New Jerusalem" that is promised in Scripture to descend from heaven at the end of time, is not built by human hands. "The New Jerusalem does not rise up to heaven from the earth; that city is Babel, not Jerusalem," he pointed out. "Rather, it comes down from heaven to us ... we do not build heaven on earth; we simply prepare the site to welcome the New Jerusalem which comes from God." Despite the many blessings and material wealth of the United States, he noted at times that abundance can blind people to our utter dependence on God, and the need to seek to do his will first and always. "Bearing witness to spiritual realities and unpopular truths can make Catholics a target within the culture. "That is the cost of discipleship," Cardinal Levada said. "As Catholics, especially in America, we can and should work with all people of good will, regardless of their religious beliefs, to improve the lot of others."



Council Family Picnic Postponed



Due to the heavy rain on Saturday, August 22, our annual Council picnic has been postponed. It will be rescheduled for a later date as soon as possible. Stay tuned for details. We're sorry for the inconvenience and wish to thank you for your patience.

Faithful Navigator's Log

Richard Trapani, Jr.



Brother Sir Knights,

I'm pleased to say that our Columbian Year is going well. Attendance at our meetings and Color Corps engagements has been very encouraging. We now have several programs in place, and we will be reporting on their progress in the months ahead. Of course, there is always room for growth. With our next 4th Degree Exemplification scheduled for early next spring, now is the time to think about

membership recruitment. Our success depends on the dedication of our Officers and members, and I am grateful for those who have consistently been there.

On another note, I ask each of you to pray for our representatives in government, and for our President, that they may realize the significance of each precious human life in their efforts to reform the nation's health care system. We ask that they consider that life and liberty are rights bestowed on us by God Himself, not to be taken away.

And of course, as always, please remember to pray for our priests and deacons who have served our Church so well.

God Bless,
Rich Trapani
Faithful Navigator



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"Charity is the queen of virtues. As the pearls are held together by the thread, thus the virtues are held together by charity; as the pearls fall when the thread breaks, thus virtues are lost if charity diminishes."



Saint Pio of Pietrelcina

Insurance Agent's Corner

First the markets are up...then they're down. Everyone is pouring money into investments...then taking it back out. Plans to retire at age 60 suddenly become a need to work until age 70. Let's take time out for a friendly reminder: put first things first. No one will argue against putting some of your money to work in the investment arena. But putting first things first means taking care of your needs...that should involve life insurance and its guarantees it's there if you die too soon OR live too long. (Did you know that the values of a life insurance plan can provide a monthly income during retirement?) Simplicity can be a beautiful thing, and whole life insurance from the Knights of Columbus is just that. Once you receive your policy - and pay your premiums - you can sleep easy knowing that your family will be provided for when they need it the most. That will be the case in a bull market...or a bear market. You never have to read the financial pages of the newspaper to check your K of C permanent life insurance: it grows and grows in value.

So get yourself some peace of mind - and sleep well - knowing that we'll deliver your policy's proceeds as promised.

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Father Michael McGivney

There was in Father McGivney some spark, some magnetism that drew the young to him. He always found himself at ease with little children. But his true mission was geared to the men and women of the time. Father McGivney was bonded to the young men and women of his flock in a mutual admiration and respect that endured even after his death in 1890. He was very young himself, only 25, when he began his priestly assignment at St. Mary's Church in New Haven, Conn., and so he understood their aspirations as well as their struggles and temptations.

Father McGivney was sent by God to the young people of his time to lead them along a secure path to Christian adulthood. In an age experiencing the growing despair and violence of teenagers and young adults, it is imperative that we look to Father McGivney to learn the art of drawing the youth of our society to a life of moral excellence and the nobility of Christian service of God and neighbor. Father McGivney was an apostle to those who, today, struggle to find meaning and purpose in life, and are not afraid of adversity. He is a heavenly patron for young men and women of the modern era.

For more information about Venerable Father McGivney, please visit www.fathermcgivney.com.

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