

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 April 2, 2004
Holy Thursday
No Meeting April 8, 2004
4th Degree Meeting April 15, 2004
Regular Meeting April 22, 2004

Officer's meeting May 6, 2004
Regular Meeting May 13, 2004
4th Degree Meeting May 20, 2004
Communion Breakfast May 23, 2004
Social Meeting May 27, 2004

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

Grand Knights Message

I wish to thank all of you for your prayers for my son. He had his second surgery and is doing very well. Please continue to pray that he heals well.

I saw the movie that has received a great deal of attention, "The Passion of the Christ." There has been a great deal of controversy surrounding this movie, I suggest you see it. The controversy has been whether or not his movie would inspire anti-Semitism. I sat in a theater, where every seat was filled and not a sound was made for the over 2 hours as we experienced this moving picture. As one knight said to me there were times when you felt like kneeling in the theater. As I sat and watched this presentation of the suffering and death of Jesus, I could not blame anyone for this. My only thoughts were Jesus did this for me. I must repent of my sins, I must go and try desperately to sin no more. Sadly, humanly, I continue to sin, but maybe a little less.

Later as I reflected on the movie, I could only thank God for the people who have given us our Savior, the Jewish people. When I reflect on the way the Jewish people have suffered over the centuries, in many cases because of the fact that they were group chosen by God to participate in a special way the salvation of the world. I had to ponder why. My thoughts turned to St. Teresa. Sometimes, however, she couldn't avoid complaining to her closest Friend about the hostility and gossip that surrounded her. When Jesus told her, "Teresa, that's how I treat my friends" Teresa responded, "No wonder you have so few friends." God loves us all, but the people who have suffered so much on His behalf are blessed. God help anyone who persecutes them.



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Squire Scene



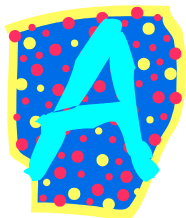
The St. Joseph's circle had their installation of officers at a mass attended by all the students from St. Joseph's in attendance.

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 486 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 was 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 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



Chapter Chat

Chapter News

1st Degree

Wednesday March 17

Hyde Park Council

No.6111

1278 Rt. 9-G, Hyde Park

7:30 PM

2nd Degree

Wednesday March 24

Wappingers Council

No. 1646

2 East Main St.,

Wappingers 7:30 PM

3rd Degree

Sunday March 28

Monroe Council No.

2079



Ed Castellazzi,
Chapter Chairman



Eucharistic Adoration

The council has chosen 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 to give feedback about the choice of hour and to volunteer.



Navigator's Note

My Brother Sir Knights, HAPPY SAINT PATRICKS DAY

On Sunday March 14th ,their will be a St. Patricks Day parade in Goshen,NY, line up time will be 1:00 pm. I would like as many Knights as possible for the parade. If you have your regalia you may wear it or walk with the Knights for support. Last year the Knights took a 1st place trophy in the marching division. Please come out and support the Knights.

April 17th will be the 4th Degree exemplification, it will be held in Fishkill at the Holiday Inn. If you would like to attend the Degree or the Dinner please let Nick Cortesse or my self know.The cost for the dinner will be \$45.00 per person.

In the coming months we will be holding election's for new Assembly Officer's, if you would like to be a officer in the Assembly please let PFN Matt Enering or PFN John O'Connor know.

Please remember all our Brothers and their Families in your Prayer's this Lenten Season that they will all be healthy and happy.

May God Bless you All
Burt Struble
Faithful Navigator

Burt Struble
Navigator,
Assembly 0761
District Deputy
District 51



Faithful Friars
Rev. James Sidoti
Rev. Dennis
Nikolic
**Faithful
Navigator**
Burt Struble
Faithful Captain
Carl Williams
Faithful Pilot
Mike Biondi
Faithful Admiral
Matt Enering
Faithful Bursar
Mike Cummings
**Faithful Inner
Sentinal**
Brian Ogden
**Faithful Outer
Sentinal**
Randy Krause
Trustees
John O'Connor
Steve Malieke
Joe Hartmann
**Color Corp.
Commander**
Joe Hartmann

DAY OF THE UNBORN CHILD

The Knights of Columbus will observe the third annual International Knights of Columbus Day of the Unborn Child on March 25, the feast of the Annunciation.

The Supreme Council has arranged for the celebration of Mass at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, D.C. This year the Church is celebrating the 150th anniversary of the proclamation of the dogma of the Immaculate Conception. A pilgrimage to the National Shrine and attendance at Mass are among the conditions that will gain participants an indulgence during this Marian Year.

“March 25 is a privileged opportunity for every Knight of Columbus and his family to witness to the fact that we are called to be, as Pope John Paul II has said, ‘a people of life and for life,’” said Supreme Knight Carl A. Anderson.

Knights and family members in Washington, D.C., northern Virginia and Baltimore are encouraged to attend the Mass.

The Mass from the Crypt Church of the National Shrine is scheduled to be televised live on the Eternal Word Television Network (EWTN) beginning at 7:30 p.m. (ET). Supreme Chaplain Bishop Thomas V. Daily will celebrate the Mass and preach the homily.

Knights unable to attend the program at the National Shrine should mark the Day of the Unborn locally by sponsoring Masses, hosting the public recitation of the rosary for the cause of life and other similar programs..

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Chaplains' Corner

Fr. Dennis Nikolic



Fr. James Sidotti

My Dear Brothers,

This is a strange time. It seems to 2 biggest stories in the news have been a movie about Jesus, and the attempts at marriage by homosexuals. Whether we discuss the beautiful movie the "The Passion of the Christ," or homosexual marriage attempts, we must start from the point of view of love. The Chosen people who gave us Jesus, the Blessed Mother, Sts Peter, Paul...We could go on forever. If the Mel Gibson's vision of the violent suffering and death of Jesus isn't too much for you, the see the movie, repent of your sins and pray for God's chosen people.

When we contemplate homosexual attempts at marriage we must again start from the position of love. Love demands that we not engage in nastiness, and name calling. However, love also has to be honest. The scriptures Old and New Testaments are clear; to engage in sex with someone of the same sex is sinful. Since we are a community of sinners, we condemn no one. But we reject the sin. Some will call us hateful, because we refuse to compromise on the truth. Again our response should only be to love. As followers of Jesus, we seek to bring people to Him. However, we cannot help people come to Jesus if we tell them to ignore His message.

What can we do to restore sanity to our society? We must start on our knees. We must pray. Pray that people will begin to embrace the truth of the Scriptures. Pray that people learn to love Jesus.

We must also act. My brother knights it is time to make our voices heard. We must be heard in the media, we must be heard at the ballot box. Too often we see things that are wrong and we talk about how wrong they are, but we do nothing. As Edmund Burke said, "The only thing necessary for the triumph of evil is for good men to do nothing." We are not suggesting that homosexuals are evil people; they are God's children. However, for those who know the truth of the Gospel to remain silent when confronted with sin, that would be evil on our part.



NYS
Council
Briefing

Thomas E. Dwyer
State Deputy



On March 30th 2004, from 11:30 AM to 2:30 PM, the New York State Council, Knights of Columbus will sponsor its second Annual Prayer Rally in Albany, New York. The theme of our rally will once again be,

God, Country and Family

The key issues will be Life, School Vouchers and Catholic Health Care.

We come to Albany, as Catholic American Citizens, loyal to our Church, and its faith-based teachings. We come as Catholic American Citizens, loyal to our great country, our state and the democratic system, which is supposed to guarantee the rights and freedom of all citizens equally and without prejudice or malice.

It is our intention that through, our prayer, our presence and our united petition, that we might impress upon our Governor and legislators the growing sense of futility, abandonment and disenfranchisement which we feel, when it comes to fair, just, politically impartial and unbiased discussion of those issues and the final enactment of laws which are critical to the welfare of our families and our freedom to practice our faith without government interference and laws which force us to violate our faith based teachings and beliefs.

We come to Albany to pray and speak for thousands of other loyal catholic citizens who are unable to come and whose collective voices are being shut-out or ignored in the passage of laws which cater to the demands of rich, forceful, anti-catholic lobbying groups and power-brokers.

We invite, **ALL** Catholics, who feel that the politically correct, anti-family, anti-catholic bias, which permeates and dominates the mindset and actions of the executive, legislative, and judicial branches of our government is wrong and must change. We invite you to join the NYS Knights of Columbus and our families, in prayer at the Capitol and stand-up and speak-up for God, Country and Family values and for laws which recognize, strengthen and protect each equally.

Rain, snow or shine, we will be there to fight for our rights as proud Catholic American citizens. Please join us, it is a sacrifice, but,

If we do not speak-up for our rights today, we will one day find, that we have no

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