

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

July 2009



# THE SHIPWRIGHT

## Upcoming Meeting and Special Event Schedule

- Thursday, July 2  
Council Officers Meeting  
7:30PM
- Thursday, July 9  
Council Business Meeting  
8:00PM
- Thursday, July 16  
4<sup>th</sup> Degree Assembly Meeting  
8:00PM
- Thursday, July 23  
Council Social Meeting  
8:00PM
- Tues, August 4 - Thurs, August 6  
Knights of Columbus Supreme  
Convention  
Phoenix, Arizona
- Thursday, August 6  
Council Officers' Meeting  
7:30PM
- Thursday, August 13  
Council Business Meeting  
8:00PM
- Thursday, August 20  
4<sup>th</sup> Degree Assembly Meeting  
8:00PM
- Thursday, August 27  
Council Social Meeting  
8:00PM

## Grand Knight's Message

Gregory Sillen, Jr.



Brothers,

Happy New Year.....yes it is the beginning of a new Columbian year. Let's take advantage of this and clean the slate, let's achieve goals we have been talking about, but, could not. Let's get involved, come back and help, support our clergy and community. It's a new year and it begins today.

I want to congratulate **Sean Williams** in being selected as the counselor of the year to the Squires. Also we are proud to announce that **Anthony Critelli** had been elected as State Chief Squire. All this could not be possible with out all the hard work **Father Dennis** does with the Squires. Finally, but, not least, congratulations to PGK **Burt Struble**, who was elected Hudson Valley Chapter Chairman.

Hope to see you in the New Year. God Bless!!

Vivat Jesus!  
Greg Sillen  
Grand Knight



2009-2010  
The Year for Priests

## Please pray for those who are ill

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



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## The Shipwright Newsletter

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### New York District #50

District Deputy Larry Deignan 651-3630

**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

## 2009-10 Council Officers

### Chaplain

Rev. Dennis Nikolic 343-6013

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### Deputy Grand Knight

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### Trustee 2 Years

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### Trustee 1 Year

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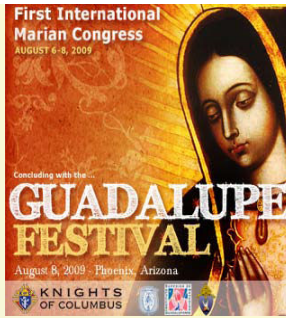
Sean Williams 342-8740

### Council Director

Gregory Sillen 343-7343

### Pro-life Director

Douglas McGlynn 344-3593



## Knights of Columbus Plans Congress, Festival in Honor of Our Lady of Guadalupe

The Knights of Columbus will hold its First International Marian Congress on Our Lady of Guadalupe from August 6-8, 2009, following the organization's 127th annual convention in Phoenix. The Congress will conclude with a Guadalupe Festival at Jobing.com Arena on August 8, 2009. Nearly 20,000 attendees are expected from the United States and Mexico.

Co-sponsored by the Knights of Columbus, the Diocese of Phoenix, the Archdiocese of Mexico City and the Center for Guadalupan Studies, the Congress will be held at the JW Marriott Desert Ridge Resort and will feature talks by experts from throughout the United States and Latin America.

"The centrality of Our Lady of Guadalupe to the Americas as 'the Christian Hemisphere' is clearly evident throughout North and South America," said Supreme Knight Carl Anderson, who will speak both at the Marian Congress and at the Guadalupe Festival. "Her message today is one that has as much importance and meaning today as it did nearly 500 years ago."

Our Lady of Guadalupe is honored as the Empress of the Americas and devotion to her is widespread throughout the hemisphere, and in a particular way throughout Mexico and the Southwestern United States.

The lectures will focus on the meaning of the message, some of the scientifically inexplicable aspects of the image, and the relevance of Our Lady of Guadalupe in today's world. Speakers include Dr. Jose Aste Tonsmann from Peru, who has done extensive studies of the reflections in the image's eyes; Rev. Msgr. Eduardo Chavez, who oversaw the cause for canonization of St. Juan Diego – the Indian to whom Our Lady of Guadalupe appeared in December 1531; and other experts on key elements of Our Lady of Guadalupe and her message.

The Guadalupe Festival will feature an afternoon of music, prayer and inspiration speeches. Appearing will be best-selling author Imaculee Ilibagiza, Cardinal Norberto Rivera Carrera of Mexico City, Bishop Thomas Olmsted of Phoenix. Special invited guest speakers include actor Eduardo Verastegui. Performers at the festival will include Irish singer Dana, a mariachi band and matachin dancers. A schedule of events and more information are available at [www.guadalupefestival.org](http://www.guadalupefestival.org).

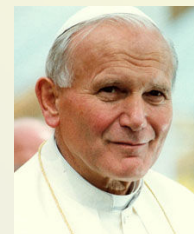
## July Birthdays

Frank Damiano	July 1
Kevin Rhatigan	July 3
John Ward	July 13
Matthew Guertin	July 17
Michael Coburn	July 20
Steve Plain	July 21
Cormier Faber	July 25
Norton Madigan, PGK	July 26
Joe Olinski	July 26
William Grant	July 30
Tom DiDiego	July 31



In the era of technology, our life risks becoming always more anonymous and merely a function of the production process. In this way, man becomes incapable of enjoying the beauties of the Creator and to see in them the reflection of the face of God.

-- Pope John Paul the Great



## Faithful Navigator's Log

Richard Trapani, Jr.



Brother Sir Knights,

I would like to begin by expressing my gratitude to the members of our Assembly for giving me the honor to serve as Faithful Navigator. I also thank Past Faithful Navigator Paul Silipino for his leadership during the past Columbian Year. I will be presenting my agenda at the next Assembly meeting for your approval. Together, I believe that we all can

continue the traditions that have made our organization so successful throughout its existence. I ask for the support of all of our members, officers, and Past Faithful Navigators, we can't do it without you.

July is a great month to begin a Columbian Year. As we all know, **patriotism** is the founding principle of the 4<sup>th</sup> Degree. Over the years, our society has gotten used to the commercialization of its holidays, as I have so often said. Independence Day is no exception. As I think about the sacrifices of our founding fathers and others 233 years ago, I admire their courage and wisdom in helping to shape the greatest democratic republic in history. From a small and fledgling nation, the United States has evolved and grown over the centuries with mixed results, but has remained the most free and prosperous nation on earth. Religious and political freedoms still exist in the land with few exceptions. The American dream is still alive and well, with many realizing the benefits of hard work and sacrifice. Our military men and women are dedicated to protecting our freedom. Other nations around the globe still look to us for our guidance and help. Even our enemies are in awe of us. I am proud to be an American, and will accept both the good and the bad.

Please remember to pray for our priests and religious, as well as our troops.

God Bless,  
Rich Trapani  
Faithful Navigator



## Middletown Assembly 762

Province of St. Isaac Jogues  
New York District #2  
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### 2009-10 Assembly Officers

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<b>Faithful Trustee 2 Years</b> Michael Biondi, PFN	343-1285
<b>Faithful Trustee 1 Year</b> Carl Williams Sr., PFN	342-8740
<b>Color Corps Commander</b> Joseph Hartmann, PFN	744-3795

## Columbian Squires News

Congratulations to our own Columbian Squire, **Anthony Critelli**, recently elected as New York State Chief Squire for the 2009-10 Columbian Year. Stay tuned for details regarding the installation of our State Officers within the next few months.

Also, best wishes and congratulations to our Council's youth director, Brother Knight **Sean Williams**, selected as New York State Counselor of the Year.



Knights of Columbus  
**SQUIRES**  
Youth Organization

## McGivney Guild

The Father Michael McGivney Guild provides information about the life, works and spirituality of Father McGivney. Its purpose is to inspire greater personal holiness and cooperation with God's grace. Knights and others who are devoted to Father McGivney are encouraged to join his cause for sainthood. For more information or to sign up, visit them on the web at [www.fathermcgivney.org](http://www.fathermcgivney.org)

## A History in the Making

We are compiling a history of our Council and Assembly for future generations. If you have any old photographs or other interesting stories about our past, please contact Rich Trapani at 956-6383 or at [trapani@warwick.net](mailto:trapani@warwick.net).



## Shipwright Articles

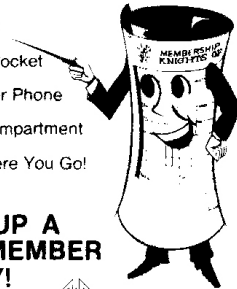
Newsletter submissions and articles must be submitted by the 20<sup>th</sup> of each month. Contact me at 956-6383 or at [rtrapani@warwick.net](mailto:rtrapani@warwick.net).

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## Insurance Agent's Corner

The need for long-term care insurance is clearly increasing, as our nation's population ages and the cost of care increases. But what is long-term care insurance, exactly?

It's certainly not as straightforward as, say, life insurance or auto insurance.

I'd like to share some information with you about what these policies cover, and the multiple options offered in Knights of Columbus Care that allow you to tailor the coverage to your needs.

But first, I'd like you to know these two things right now:

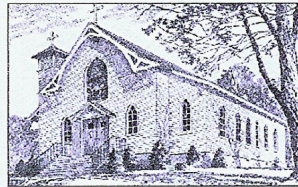
- ① The large expenses covered by long-term care insurance are not generally covered by government programs, except in the case of extreme poverty.
- ② The earlier you buy long-term care insurance, the less you're likely to pay in total premiums over your lifetime.

Long-term care insurance not only helps safeguard your quality of life, it safeguards the net worth you're able to pass along to future generations. If you haven't discussed this matter with your family yet, it's time to do that. Then, let's talk.

Richard Kitrick  
494-8142

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