

Please pray for our family members who have passed away

Angelo Sisco

Please Pray for our members and family members who are sick.

George Sears, Sr.
Ralph Turi
John Lusardi
Ralph Russo
Thomas Colligan
John Cieslewitz

Notify any officer or sick committee chairman
Charlie Paduch
342-2273



Dates to Remember

Officer's meeting May 6, 2004
Regular Meeting May 13, 2004
Squire Investiture May 14, 2004
4th Degree Meeting May 20, 2004
Communion Breakfast May 23, 2004
Social Meeting May 27, 2004

Officer's meeting June 3, 2004
Regular Meeting (Election of Officers) June 10, 2004
Chapter Meeting June 11, 2004
4th Degree Meeting June 17, 2004
Regular Meeting June 24, 2004

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NEWSLETTER OF THE MIDDLETOWN KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Grand Knight & Editor Carl R. Williams, Sr.

Grand Knights Message

My brothers, we have been spoiled for so long. While many councils have difficulty getting one chaplain, we were blessed with 2 good and holy men to give spiritual guidance. Now we are forced to say good-bye to Fr. James Sidotti. He has been reassigned to Tarrytown.

The council in Tarrytown does not yet know how blessed they will be. Fr. Sidotti always insisted first of all, that we let him know who was ill and required prayers. He loved to teach about God. The conversations we had with him along with Fr. Dennis, have helped give many us insights into God's love for us.

A very special moment for many of us was the day of prayer that Fr. Sidotti gave of at the Shrine. After spending the morning helping us to achieve a deeper understanding of the liturgy and the gospel for the day, he did something very special. He invited us to join him around the altar for the Eucharistic prayer. Many of the members had not been that close to the consecration of the Eucharist since they had been altar boys. And for some that was quite a long time ago.

We will miss Fr. Sidotti as he goes forth to his new mission. We cannot be greedy. We still are blessed with Fr. Dennis. A tireless worker in the vineyard of the Lord, who has reminded me on several occasions he is not a knight because he is a priest. He is a knight, because the knights do great things for God. He is a knight because he was looking for brothers in Christ.

Brothers keep these good holy men in your prayers.



Chaplains

Rev. Dennis Nikolic
Rev. James Sidoti

Grand Knight

Carl Williams 342-8740

Deputy G K

Mike Cummings 733-5345

Chancellor

Mike Biondi 343-1285

Warden

Randy Krause 695-1645

Advocate

Matt Enering PGK 692-2720

Recorder

Lou Scarano PGK 342-3471

Treasurer

Paul Silipino PGK 343-3724

Financial Sec.

Jim Higgins 692-6486

Inside Guard

Brian Ogden 342-6949

Outside Guard

Daniel Hughes

Trustees

Angelo Sisco. RIP

Steven Maleike PGK 733-5751

Michael Amodio PGK 342-6913

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:

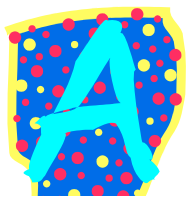
Chief Squire	Anthony Coscette
Deputy Chief Squire	Evan Hulick
Bursar	Carl Williams, Jr.
Notary	Ryan Smithem
Marshal	Christopher Zinn
Sentry	Francesco Crisculo

A fourth degree color corp was present at the mass as well.

Chief Squire counselor and school principal Richard Jackson informs us that the squires first fund raiser was a success.

A squire investiture and Charter presentation is scheduled for May 14.

Our Squires are also planning on attending the State Squire Convention.



Council 486 News

TRUSTEE ANGELO SISCO PASSES

It is with great sadness we announce the passing of trustee Ang Sisco. Ang was a trustee for approximately 30 years. He prepared the council budget and ran the 200 club each year. Our prayers go out to his family.

OFFICER SLATE

The nominations committee has announced the slate of Officers for Columbian year 2004-2005. Grand Knight Michael Cummings, Michael Biondi Deputy GK, Richard Trapani Chancellor, Gene Avidano Warden, Brian Ogden Inside Guard, Joe Torre Outside Guard, John O'Connor Advocate, Steve Malieke Trustee. Lou Scarano Recorder, Larry Bedosky.

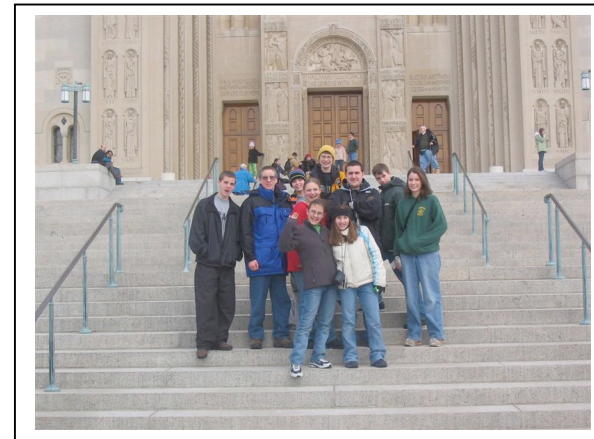
Ordination of Member Michael Sullivan

Michael Sullivan will be ordained to the priesthood on Saturday May 15, 2004 at St. Patrick's Cathedral by Cardinal Egan. He will offer a mass at St. Joseph's on Sunday May 23 at 11:30 PM.

Communion Breakfast

The annual communion breakfast is scheduled for Kuhl's Highland House, on Sunday May 23. Mass will be celebrated by our Chaplain Fr. Dennis at St. Joseph's at the 8:30 Mass. Our Seminarian George Sears, Jr. will be the speaker. For tickets contact Lou Scarano. \$8.00 Adults, \$6.00 Children 12 and under

March for Life



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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Address _____ Tel _____

SUPREME SCOOP



Carl Anderson
Supreme Knight



Chapter Chat

Chapter News

1st Degrees

Wednesday May 26
Monroe

2nd Degrees

Wednesday May 19
Fishkill

Tuesday June 1
Wappingers

Wednesday June 2
Monroe

3rd Degree

Sunday June 6 Beacon



Ed Castellazzi,
Chapter Chairman



Eucharistic Adoration The council has chosen Wednesdays from 8:00-9:00PM. To join the team contact Jim Higgins.

May 5, 2004,
Carl Williams,
Burt Struble
May 12, 2004,
Jim Higgins,
Henry Maloney
May 19, 2004,
Nick Cortese,
Al Politi
May 26, 2004,
Matt Enering,
John O'Connor
June 2, 2004,
Joseph Hartmann,
Randy Krause
June 9, 2004,
Paul Silipino,
Gene Avidano
June 16, 2004,
Carl Williams,
Burt Struble



Navigator's Note

Burt Struble
Navigator,
Assembly 0761
District Deputy
District 51



Brother Sir Knights,

This month we honor the special ladies in our lives. We honor our MOTHERS this month. We honor MARY the mother of our LORD Jesus Christ. Lets all give thanks to our Mother and tell her how much we love her for all that she has done for us. This month of May the Color Corp. will be very busy. May 2nd there will be a Confirmation at Mt. Carmel, May 8th we will be at the Infant Saviour, Pine Bush, May 14th Squires Investiture 6:00pm at Saint Joesph's, May 23rd Communion Breakfast at St. Joe's 8:30am Mass. As you can see we are very busy, if you can come out and support us please do. Our slate of officers for the coming year 2004-2005 are as follows:

FN CARL WILLIAMS
CAPTAIN MIKE CUMMINGS
ADM. BURT STRUBLE
PILOT MIKE BIONDI
I.S. BRIAN OGDEN
O.S. RANDY KRAUSE
SCRIBE ALAN HONEYWELL
TRUSTEE JOHN O'CONNOR
COMP. NICK CORTESE
PURSER. MATT ENERING

We will be voting for this slate at this months meeting.

I would like to thank everyone who showed up for Father Sidoti Mass on April 25th you did a great job. Please keep all of our Brother's and their families in you prayers.

GOD BLESS YOU ALL
Burt Struble
Faithful Navigator

Knights Defend 'under God' in Pledge

NEW HAVEN, CT — Stating that the fundamental self-understanding of the United States — from the Declaration of Independence through everyday practices by Congress and the president — is in jeopardy, the Knights of Columbus, which led the effort to persuade President Dwight D. Eisenhower and the U.S. Congress in the 1950s to add the words "under God" to the Pledge of Allegiance, has filed a friend of the court brief before the U.S. Supreme Court in the case of United States of America v. Newdow. In that case, a divided panel of the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals declared mandatory recitation of the pledge unconstitutional because of the words "under God." The opinion of the 9th Circuit Court, the Knights argue, "threatens not only one patriotic rite and one particular federal statute." The opinion "challenges the American principle that fundamental rights are inalienable by the State because they exist prior to the State," the Knights said in their brief. If reciting the Pledge of Allegiance is unconstitutional because it refers to a nation "under God," the brief continues, "then reciting the Declaration of Independence, which refers to the Creator as the source of rights, is surely cast in doubt." The nation's "self-understanding," the brief concludes, would then be called into question. The Knights' brief notes that in prior judgments the court has affirmed the role of religion in American life without establishing or endorsing a state religion. Presidents, too, the brief states, have enjoined God in inaugural addresses and other public speeches. Calling the 9th Circuit Court's decision "at war" with tradition, the brief argues that the Supreme Court should overturn the appeals court's ruling. The brief was signed by Supreme Knight Carl A. Anderson, who holds a law degree and is admitted to practice before the U.S. Supreme Court, and Supreme Advocate Paul R. Devin, along with Catholic University of America Columbus School of Law Professor Robert Destro. The Becket Fund for Religious Liberty filed the brief on behalf of the Knights

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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



Chaplains' Corner

Fr. Dennis Nikolic



Fr. James Sidotti

Fr. Sidotti's Farewell Message

I have been blessed in that my term as Director of the National Shrine of Our Lady of Mt Carmel has been filled with many wonderful experiences. Many graces have been bestowed upon me during this time span. The challenge has been worthwhile. The struggle continues to make the shrine solvent and profitable, while at the same time, we pledge to give others the experience of our Carmelite charism.

The spiritually poor benefit from the efforts of so many. An abundance of people continues to be exposed to the healing power of the Holy Spirit through the experience of the Shrine and the Carmelites. Our ability to bring comfort through the inspiration of the Blessed Virgin Mary of Mount Carmel, Elijah and the great Saints of Carmel is our priceless gift to the Church and the world.

I believe there is a future of promise at the Shrine. The witness that Carmelites visibly give through prayer and hospitality to pilgrims who venture in search of peace and reconciliation is unquestionably building up God's Kingdom. The Knights facilitate our growth through their active support. I cannot thank you enough for all you continue to do for the shrine.

Many thanks for your trust and support. God Bless You.

In Carmel,

Fr. James



NYS Council Briefing

Thomas E. Dwyer
State Deputy



2004 C&B PROGRAM

New York Knights of Columbus State Deputy Thomas Dwyer and his wife Peggy kicked off the 2004 New York State Council Knights of Columbus Charitable and Benevolent (C&B) Program on Sunday, March 14th by purchasing tickets from Upstate C&B Coordinator Bill Ose and Northern Conference Coordinator Bill Boulio. Each year the New York Knights sell over one million of the C&B tickets. New York's eight Bishops each receive \$10,000 for diocesan programs for the handicapped. Local councils use their share of the proceeds to assist charitable programs on the local level. Over the programs 40-year history more than 25 million dollars has been raised for charity on the state, diocesan and council levels.

C&B PROGRAM CHANGES

The prize structure for the 2004 C&B Program has changed. Prizes will be distributed as follows: 1st Prize - \$25,000. 2nd Prize - \$10,000., 3rd Prize - \$5,000. There will also be 10 consolation prizes drawn for \$1,000. each. New York State will still distribute \$50,000. in prizes, however the structure has been modified. A "Thank You" to everyone for making the 2003 program such a great success

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