



August, 2007 Newsletter

*Knights of Columbus  
John Paul the Great Council #486  
Middletown, New York*

# The Shipwright

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## **Grand Knight's Message**

Brothers,

While recently working in a nearby community, I spotted a kind gentleman trimming hedges and cleaning a marble statue of the Blessed Virgin Mary. When I approached him, he introduced himself to me as a Knight of Columbus. He was delighted to hear that I was also a Brother Knight. Of course, a lengthy conversation ensued, with the both of us sharing experiences as Knights from different Councils. During our discussion, I realized that many of our experiences are similar. We both joined the order, as do most gentlemen, expecting to make a difference in our communities by doing charitable works for many causes. This gentleman's Catholic faith and dedication to service was evident and plain for me to see.

We are called as Knights to be living witnesses of our faith to all those we encounter, whether family, friend, or stranger in need. This is one of the core principles on which our great fraternal Order was founded. We need to reach out to others, and sometimes this is done at great cost or discomfort to us. But, as the late Pope John Paul II often remarked, "Do not be afraid."

As always, I ask that you remember to keep our Holy Father and all of our clergy in your prayers.

Vivat Jesus! Rich Trapani

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## **Pray for our Sick**

Tom Shormis PGK	Joseph Olinski	Vincent Panetta
Anthony Leo	Daniel Bellotto	Joseph Szela
Anthony Parenti	Thomas Colligan	June Hartmann
Gregory Sillen	Dennis Linehan	

If you are aware of a Brother Knight or family member who is ill or in need of pastoral care, please contact our sick committee chairman **Deacon Richard Trapani** at 342-7188, or notify any Council Officer.

## **In Memoriam**

Please pray for the soul of Brother Knight Ralph Turi, Jr., who passed away on Saturday, June 30, 2007. We also ask you to remember his family in your prayers, and wish them God's gift of healing during their time of loss.

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## **Council Family Picnic**

We will celebrate Knights of Columbus Family Week in August. Our annual family picnic will be held on Saturday, August 11 from 1:00 to 5:00PM at Saint Joseph's Parish Center, rain or shine. While we expect to have the same fun as always, this year's format will be slightly different. Hot dogs and burgers will be provided, but we will be doing our side dishes, salads, and deserts in a potluck style. If you or your family is making plans to attend, please contact Mrs. Helene Sillen at 343-7343 to let us know what you can bring to the event. We hope to see you there!

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## **C&B Ticket Sales**

Our C&B Ticket sales are now in full swing. Our Chairman Larry Bedosky is hard at work coordinating and scheduling dates at our local parishes, as well as at other venues. Many volunteers are needed to assist in our sales. This is one of our fundraising activities for our Council, as well as for New York State Council causes, such as its support for Special Olympics. Please consider helping us, and contact Larry at 343-0180 for dates or more information.

In addition, you will be receiving your C&B Books in the mail shortly. Thank you for your patronage.

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## **Blood Drive Results**

Many thanks to Past Grand Knight Nick Cortese for his hard work in scheduling the recent emergency blood drive on July 12<sup>th</sup> at the Parish Center at Our Lady of Mount Carmel. Roughly 22 pints of blood were collected to replenish dwindling supplies during the crucial summer period. Our next blood drive will take place in October at Saint Joseph's Parish to coincide with our C&B ticket sales there.



## Council Officers

### Chaplain

Rev. Dennis Nikolic  
343-6013

### Grand Knight

Richard Trapani, Jr.  
956-6383

### Deputy Grand Knight

Gregory Sillen  
343-7343

### Chancellor

Michael Biondi  
343-1285

### Warden

Douglas Linguanti  
344-5922

### Recorder

Paul Dickinson  
692-0938

### Financial Secretary

Jim Higgins  
692-6486

### Treasurer

Larry Bedosky  
343-0180

### Advocate

John O'Connor PGK  
343-7164

### Inside Guard

Christopher Pratti  
342-5188

### Outside Guard

Edwin Diaz  
342-1630

### Trustee 1<sup>st</sup> Year

Joseph Hartmann PGK  
744-3795

### Trustee 2<sup>nd</sup> Year

Matthew Enering PGK  
692-2720

### Trustee 3<sup>rd</sup> Year

Carl Williams PGK  
342-8740

### Lecturer

Deacon Richard Trapani, Sr.  
344-1087

### Insurance Agent

William Schimpf FIC  
427-2957



## Advertise Here!

If you know of a business that would like to advertise in our newsletter at very reasonable rates, please contact Rich Trapani at 956-6383 or Greg Sillen at 343-7343.

### Blue Mass

On Sunday, September 16<sup>th</sup>, our Council will be hosting a Blue Mass for the emergency services personnel in our area. This Mass will take place at Saint Joseph's Church in Middletown at 4:00PM. Come join us as we salute those who have sacrificed much for the safety and health of our communities. The 4<sup>th</sup> Degree Honor Guard has been invited to participate as well. Please contact Deacon Richard Trapani, Sr. for more information at 344-1087.

### Insurance Agent's Corner

Does your insurance Company:

1. Pay more in dividends each year than in death benefits? The Knights of Columbus does.
2. Give you and your spouse free accidental death insurance? The Knights of Columbus does.
3. Give to the charities that Catholics believe in? The Knights of Columbus does.
4. Have a Daily Mass of Remembrance at Saint Mary's for all of our deceased members, have a stillborn child benefit, guaranteed insurance for any child regardless of health, have scholarships for children of members, widow benefits, a monthly magazine, pay for the education of the children of any firefighter or police officer who are killed or permanently disabled due to an act of criminal violence? Have orphan benefits? Rosary program? Youth programs or support Special Olympics? The Knights of Columbus does.
5. Have one of the best insurance portfolios on the market today? Whole Life, term, annuities, and Long Term Care? Have an AAA rating from S&P, A++ from AM Best, and the MAS rating? The Knights of Columbus does.

If you need to be convinced further, please give me a call at 427-2957.  
Fraternally, William Schimpf FIC

### Calendar of Events

#### August

Thursday, August 2	Council Officers' Meeting	7:30PM
Thursday, August 9	Council Business Meeting	8:00PM
Saturday, August 11	Council Family Picnic	1:00PM
Thursday, August 16	4 <sup>th</sup> Degree Assembly Meeting	8:00PM
Thursday, August 23	Council Social Meeting	8:00PM
Thursday, August 30	Open Date	

#### September

Thursday, September 6	Council Officers' Meeting	7:30PM
Thursday, September 13	Council Business Meeting	8:00PM
Sunday, September 16	Blue Mass for Emergency Personnel	4:00PM
Thursday, September 20	4 <sup>th</sup> Degree Assembly Meeting	8:00PM
Thursday, September 27	Council Social Meeting	8:00PM