



The Shipwright

Grand Knight's Report

Gregory Sillen



Brothers,

As we begin the Lenten Season, we should take a moment to reflect on the importance of this time of year. The Church gives us this season, symbolic of Christ in the desert, to reflect on our sinfulness and mortality, as well as to prepare ourselves for Holy Week and the events of the Passion, Death, and Resurrection of our Lord. We give up something we enjoy as a form of fast;

we participate in additional service in the Church as a form of prayer; and we give graciously of ourselves as a form of almsgiving. Let us make good use of the added opportunities to find reconciliation thru the Sacrament of Confession, as well as the added opportunities to receive our Lord, Body and Soul, into our being thru more frequent reception of the Blessed Sacrament.

We have busy months ahead of us. In the month of March we have our annual fish fry, we are having our annual dinner dance (note new date and location) and a membership blitz. The only way to make these events a success is with your help. It would be nice to get involvement of more brothers in the upcoming events. If you been absent from the council, why not come back to a meeting? You have been missed!!

Please remember to keep our Clergy and our troops serving throughout the world in your prayers.

God Bless!!
Greg

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John Paul the Great Council #486
www.kofc486.catholicweb.com

Middletown Assembly #762
www.assembly762kofc.catholicweb.com

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www.pgk486.catholicweb.com

In Memoriam

William M. Gagan, a member of Middletown Assembly #762 and a member of our Fourth Degree Color Corps passed away on Sunday, January 31. He was 65 years old, and fought a courageous battle with cancer. He was also a member of Pine Bush Council #5329.

We also remember Father Timothy Donohue who passed away on Friday, February 6. He became a member of the Knights in 1955. A dedicated and hard-working Carmelite, Father Donohue was a professed member of the Carmelite Order for 61 years and a priest for 58 years. He will be greatly missed.

March Birthdays

Victor Loperfido	March 1
John Coscette	March 3
James La Penna	March 5
Leonce Le Bel	March 5
Francis Steuber	March 5
Anthony Capozella	March 6
Greg Cooper	March 7
Michael Gurda	March 7
John Solano	March 7
Brendan Kerrigan	March 10
James Tobin	March 11
Andrew Spanos	March 13
Joseph Hartmann PGK PFN	March 19
Daniel Burke	March 20
Alfred De Costa	March 21
Paul Mc Laughlin	March 22
Marvin Kupperblatt	March 25

Calendar

Upcoming Events

March

Thursday, March 5	Council Officers Meeting	7:30PM
Thursday, March 12	Council Business Meeting	8:00PM
Thursday, March 19	4 th Degree Assembly Meeting	8:00PM
Thursday, March 26	Family Pot Luck Dinner	6:30PM
Friday, March 27	Chapter Meeting / Marlboro	8:00PM
Saturday, March 28	Council Dinner Dance	7:00PM

April

Thursday, April 2	Council Officers Meeting	7:30PM
Thursday, April 9	Council Business Meeting	8:00PM
Thursday, April 16	4 th Degree Assembly Meeting	8:00PM
Saturday, April 18	Annual 4 th Degree Exemplification	TBA
Thursday, April 23	Family Pot Luck Dinner	6:30PM
Thursday, April 30	NYS Convention – Ellenville, NY	TBA

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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
Family Pot Luck - 4th Thursday 6:30PM

4th Degree Assembly Meetings held at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish Center
Assembly Meeting - 3rd Thursday 8:00PM



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Gregory Sillen	343-7343
Pro-life Director	
Douglas McGlynn	344-3593



Remember in your prayers those who are ill

Msgr. George Valastro
Henry Seiffert
Tom Shormis, PGK
Elfio Politi
Joseph Szela
Thomas Colligan
Jim Higgins
George Ellis PGK
John O Connor PGK PFN



Contact Sick Committee Chairman

Deacon Richard Trapani, Sr.
344-1087

Founder's Day

On March 29th, Brother Knights all over the world will celebrate the 127th anniversary of the Knights of Columbus. As we celebrate the legacy of Father McGivney and the contributions of our Brother Knights since 1882, we also prepare for an even greater future as we live out the vision of our founder.

Pro-Life Committee

The first meeting of the pro-life committee is scheduled for Thursday, March 12 at 7:00PM. Please contact Douglas McGlynn for details at 344-3593.

Membership Blitz

A membership drive is being coordinated for Founders day weekend. Please contact Chancellor Doug Linguanti at 544-4451 by phone or e-mail at dougl@hvc.rr.com for more information or to sign up to help.

Upcoming Degree Dates

3 rd Degree	Sunday, March 29 Sacred Heart Parish Monroe
4 th Degree	Saturday, April 18 Holiday Inn Fishkill
3 rd Degree	Sunday, June 7 Council 445 Beacon

For more information, please contact Chancellor Doug Linguanti at 845-544-4451 or at dougl@hvc.rr.com. Sponsors should attend degrees with their candidates. A current membership card is required for admission.

Changes for New Members

Due to changes in insurance regulations, the New Member Whole Life Insurance Plan, previously offered on the new member application, is no longer available. Because of the regulatory change, all members must begin using the revised Form 100 immediately and destroy all previous versions of Form 100.

The major revision to the new Membership Form is the New Member Annuity Plan offered to a new member and his wife. The Order is offering the New Member Annuity Plan to introduce a member and his wife to our insurance program and to assist in planning financial stability for retirement. The New Member Annuity Plan is available to a new member and his wife between the ages of 18 and 83 for as little as \$100 each.

"Many politicians, like much of the American public, seem to be unaware that abortion and euthanasia are serious violations of the inalienable right to life. These are not just 'Church' issues but are governed by the natural law of God, which is binding upon all human beings. The right to life is the most fundamental of all rights, since a person deprived of life has no other rights."

Cardinal Avery Dulles, S.J



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Faithful Navigator's Report

Paul Silipino

Brother Sir Knights,



Lent is the penitential season of the Church's year. It begins on Ash Wednesday and ends with the Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday.

The Easter Triduum (three days of prayer) begins with the evening Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday. It commemorates the Lord's passion and death on Good Friday, reaches its high point at the Easter Vigil, and ends with evening prayer on Easter Sunday. Then the joyful

Easter Season of 50 days begins.

Traditionally the Lenten season is a time of penance throughout the Catholic Church. Lent is a season which prayer, the reception of the sacraments, charity and almsgiving are emphasized with fasting and abstinence.

As we experience this Lenten Season, let us all reflect on this beautiful time for loving self-sacrifice and prepare ourselves for the joyous Easter Season.

Vivat Jesus,
Paul Silipino

"It is the duty of all believers; to whichever religion they belong, to proclaim that we can never be happy pitted one against the other, the future of humanity will never be able to be secured by terrorism and by the logic of war."

Pope John Paul the Great



Wanted

We are compiling a history of our Council and Assembly for future generations. If you have any vintage photographs or other interesting stories about us, please contact Rich Trapani at 956-6383 or at rtrapani@warwick.net. All materials will be returned to you unharmed.

Dues Notices

Dues notices have been mailed out. Please return them to the Council as soon as possible. Please fill out the enclosed cards and return them so that our records can be updated with Supreme Council. Thank you.

Fourth Degree

Our area's annual Fourth Degree exemplification will be held on Saturday, April 18 at the Holiday Inn in Fishkill. To be eligible, you must be a third degree member in good standing with one year of membership.

This is your last opportunity, so don't delay. Please contact any Assembly officer or Faithful Navigator **Paul Silipino** at 343-3724 as soon as possible. Thank you.



Knights of Columbus
FOURTH DEGREE
Patriotic degree of the Order.



Our Holy Father Pope Benedict XVI has declared Knights of Columbus founder Father Michael J. McGivney a "venerable Servant of God" and lauded his "vision and zeal" that led to establishment of the Catholic fraternal benefit organization.

Father McGivney's cause for sainthood has been under consideration at the Vatican since 2000. In March 2008, Pope Benedict XVI approved a decree recognizing the heroic virtue of Father McGivney. The decree significantly boosts his cause

for sainthood. It also gives the Connecticut parish priest the distinction of "Venerable Servant of God." If he is canonized, McGivney would be the first American-born priest named as saint.

During his homily at St. Patrick's Cathedral in New York on April 19, 2008, the pope spoke of "the remarkable accomplishment of that exemplary American priest, the Venerable Michael McGivney, whose vision and zeal led to the establishment of the Knights of Columbus."

For more information, please visit www.fathermcgivney.com

New Supreme Advocate

Members of the Supreme Board of Directors, at their quarterly meeting in Charleston, S. C., appointed John Marrella as supreme advocate. Marrella replaces Paul Devin, who retired after eight years as supreme advocate. Marrella has served as deputy assistant U.S. attorney general and prior to that as assistant U.S. attorney. He is a graduate of Harvard Law School and the Kennedy School of Government at Harvard. He is also a Phi Beta Kappa graduate of Amherst College.



John Marella



Paul Devin

Editor's Note

Contributions to our newsletter are welcomed. For April's issue, please submit any news items, photographs, and articles no later than March 15th by e-mail at rtrapani@warwick.net or by phone at 956-6383.

Please use the above information to report errors or corrections. If you would like to receive your newsletter by e-mail, simply use the above information to provide your e-mail address.

Fourth Degree Emblem

What does our fourth degree emblem mean? The emblem of the Fourth Degree features three symbols, the Dove, Cross, and Globe. The Dove, classic symbol of the Holy Spirit and Peace is shown hovering over the orb of the earth. Both are mounted on a variation of the Crusader's Cross that which was found on the tunics and capes of the Crusading Knights who battled to regain the Holy Land from the pagans

Our honored Order cherishes as its patron Christopher Columbus.

- Christopher – Christ Bearer
- Columbus – Dove of Peace

Symbolizing the Paraclete Spirituality, the sacred symbol of the emblem typify the union of the three divine persons embodied in one Godhead, the most blessed Trinity.

- The Globe - God the Father, creator of the universe.
- The Cross - God the Son, the redeemer of mankind
- The Dove - God the Holy Spirit, the sanctifier of humanity.

The colors are red, white, and blue.

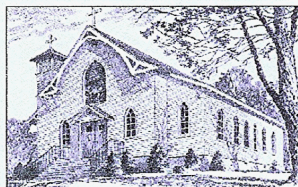
- The cross, red
- The dove, white
- The globe, blue

The red, white, and blue are the colors of the flag of the United States, the nation in which our order was originated, and used to stress the principle of the fourth degree, **Patriotism.**

Our Lady of the Assumption

Established 1913

Carmelite Friars



Weekend Masses: Saturday 5:30PM, Sunday 8:30 & 10:30AM

Daily Mass: Monday, Wednesday & Friday 9:00AM

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DINNER DANCE

Saturday, March 28th
7 P.M.

Come join us for a good time. Our annual dinner dance has moved to a new venue, but, still a great time with friends!! Catered dinner by Country Caters and great music with plenty of dancing led by DJ Peter Walker, playing all your favorites from yesterday and today. There will be plenty of door prizes and raffles.

SPONSORED JOHN PAUL THE GREAT COUNCIL #486

Held at St. Josephs Gym

\$25 Per Person

Contact Greg Sillen for tickets and information (845) 343-7343

