



# Our Lady of Lourdes Assembly 2143



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## FAITHFUL NAVIGATOR'S MESSAGE

Sir Knights,

Our Officers were installed in their offices on Sunday, August 26<sup>th</sup>, following the 4:00pm Mass at the Church of St. Martha. I would like to thank the Faithful Master of the Second District for conducting the Installation ceremony, and Father Mike Sullivan, Pastor of St. Martha's for presiding.

I would also like to thank the Officers who have accepted the duties of their individual office, as outlined by our Master and I once again would like to express my enthusiasm and look forward to a productive year. I would also like to thank Mike Tuohy, Rich Mastronardi, John Gazis and all who helped prepare the delicious dinner.

Hopefully everyone flew their flag on September 11<sup>th</sup> in memory and support of those murdered in the attacks on our Pentagon, the field in Pennsylvania, and the World Trade Center. Too many people have forgotten in the ensuing 6 years, which is unforgivable considering it was an attack on each of us, not just those killed and injured.

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## Assembly Schedule

Meetings 8 P.M. |

**November 5, 2007**

**December 3, 2007**

**January 7, 2008**

*People helping People*

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*One Nation Under God*

## **FAITHFUL NAVIGATORS REPORT (cont.)**

Veteran's Day is quickly approaching (November 11<sup>th</sup>); if anyone has any idea as to a program or event in which we may be able to participate to recognize our Veteran's please let me know so that we can plan it. Even though the 4<sup>th</sup> Degree Exemplification takes place on Veteran's Day, we can still take part in events on days leading up to and even past the actual date. Remember, we must support our veteran's year round.

The Exemplification will be held on November 10-11<sup>th</sup> at the Sheraton in Eatontown. On September 26<sup>th</sup> we interviewed seven of the candidates who plan to participate in the Exemplification. The remaining candidates will be scheduled for their interview in the next few weeks. The Candidate "Tea" will be Sunday, October 28.

I hope all members, especially our Officers, will make an effort to attend the Tea (Tuxedo dress code applies) as well as the Exemplification.

At our September 17<sup>th</sup> meeting, a motion was made, seconded and voted upon to change our meeting start time back to 8:00pm. The purpose of the motion was to get better attendance from our working Sir Knights and adhere to a prompt start time for our meetings. Our meetings will start promptly at 8:00pm, be run efficiently, and conclude at a reasonable hour.

I hope this change will make a marked improvement in attendance and participation. Our meetings continue to be lightly attended so we have been unable to plan future events and appoint committees. Please mark your calendar for upcoming meetings and make an effort to attend.

Thank you, and God Bless America  
SK Bernie Ernst, Faithful Navigator

## **SPECIAL MESSAGE FROM THE FAITHFUL NAVIGATOR**

### **Notice to Members**

On October 8, 2007 I appointed Robert Kehoe as Faithful Purser of the Assembly; I also appointed Michael Tuohy to the position of Faithful Scribe, finally I appointed Frank Cicalese to the position of Faithful 2-year Trustee. Per our Faithful Master, a special election to affirm these appointments, or consider a nomination from the floor, will take place at the regular business meeting at least thirty (30) days following this announcement, at the December 3, 2007.

Finally, I have appointed S.K. John A. Gazis, P.F.N., as the new Color Corps Commander for our Assembly.

These changes have been made due to the resignations of Al DeTufo as Purser and Ed Kelly, K.H.S., as Color Corps Commander

## **Message from the Supreme Master**

### **(excerpted from a letter dated September 2007)**

"Recently, the Knights of Columbus Board of Directors committed \$1 million toward the creation and installation of a mosaic for the dome above the south nave in the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, D.C. "The Knights of Columbus Incarnation Dome", as it will be called, will depict scenes from the life of Christ.

The Supreme Knight has challenged the Fourth Degree to raise \$500,000, half of the total amount pledged by the Order. As members of the Fourth Degree, we are therefore presented with a unique opportunity to show our support for our National Shrine, America's Patronal Church.

Our goal is to raise the equivalent of \$3.00 from every Sir Knight in the United States for this important addition to our National Shrine.

Fundraising will be conducted on the Assembly level. What is important is that these contributions be voluntary and not be treated as another per capita assessment."

Note from Navigator: Individual contributions can be made by check made payable to "Our Lady of Lourdes Assembly"; write "4th Degree Dome Fund" in the memo area. Bring the check to a meeting and turn it in to our Dome Fund Chairman (to be announced in November) or mail to my attention, Bernie Ernst, 139 Westbrook Drive, Toms River, NJ 08757. Once a chairman is appointed we will update the mailing information.

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## **COLOR CORPS COMMANDERS REPORT**

Brothers,

Recently, the Columbus Day Parade was held in Seaside Heights, but only one member from this Assembly marched and I find that disheartening. This parade was in honor of the Patron of the K of C, Christopher Columbus. I hope we can do better next year.

Sunday, October 14, there will be a Divine Mercy Hour of Prayer held at Holy Family Church. I would like as many of our Color Corps to attend as possible. This event is being held at one of our Churches and we need to make our presence felt.

The next major event will be the Exemplification on November 11, at the Sheraton in Eatontown. We need to have a strong showing at this event, welcoming our newest sir Knights to Our Lady of Lourdes Assembly.

Thank you for your co-operation.

John A. Gazis, P.F.N.  
Color Corps Commander

## Faithful Comptrollers Message

Sir Knights,

We recently had some changes to our Staff of Officers, and I know we will be improving the way things have been done. I will be working closely with our new Faithful Purser, S.K. Robert Kehoe.

At the Exemplification on November 11, we will be welcoming at least 7 new Sir Knights to our Assembly. These gentlemen will be a fine addition to our Assembly, and I am sure they will be involved in the workings of our Assembly. These gentlemen have all been interviewed and know what we expect of them. Some of the Candidates are rather new to the Knights of Columbus, but some have been members for many years. I join our Faithful Navigator, Faithful Officers and members in welcoming them to one of the finest Assemblies in our honored Order.

Dues notices will be going out soon, please send them in as soon as possible. We need the funds to support our programs, as well as keeping our financial status in a positive position.

Please try to attend our meetings. The Assembly needs your input and assistance with our projects. This is your Assembly, help us keep it vital.

I hope you and your family had a great summer. I am sure you are already making your Holiday plans. Please remember those less fortunate than yourself, as well as those sick and deceased.

John A. Gazis, P.F.N.  
Faithful Comptroller

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## WARRENS WORLD

When a soldier comes home, he finds it hard....

- to listen to his son whine about being bored;
- to keep a straight face when people complain about potholes;
- to be tolerant of people who complain about the hassle of getting ready for work;
- to be understanding when a co-worker complains about a bad night's sleep;
- to be silent when people pray to God for a new car;
- to control his panic when his wife tells him he needs to drive slower;
- to be compassionate when a businessman expresses a fear of flying;
- to keep from laughing when anxious parents say they're afraid to send their kids off to summer camp;
- to keep from ridiculing someone who complains about hot weather.  
..to control his frustration when a colleague gripes about his coffee being cold;
- to remain calm when his daughter complains about having to walk the dog;
- to be civil to people who complain about their jobs;
- to just walk away when someone says they only get 2 weeks vacation a year;
- to be happy for a friend's new hot tub;
- to be forgiving when someone says how hard it is to have a new baby in the house;
- not to punch a wall when someone says we should pull out immediately.

The only thing harder than being a Soldier... Is loving one.



**Thank you.**

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