



Our Lady of Lourdes Assembly 2143



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FAITHFUL NAVIGATOR'S MESSAGE

Sir Knights,

January has been a somber month for many of us due to the cold short days; the season of Christmas is over; and many undergo a real psychological mood change related to the winter season and lack of sun. For me, January always brings first and foremost the recognition and remembrance of the unborn human lives killed each year through abortion resulting from the Roe v. Wade Supreme Court decision on January 22, 1973.

Since that landmark ruling, 49 MILLION babies have been aborted, this is more than the population of Spain! We as Catholics, no...we as human beings, must stand against this horrible act and this depressing statistic. Worldwide over 45 MILLION abortions take place each year!!!

An interesting perspective: Dr. Brian Clowes, HLI researcher, has examined the data from the 2007 *Statistical Abstract of the United States* (most recent census data) and extrapolated the numbers of the various professions and categories of Americans who have been eliminated in the wake of nearly 49 million legalized abortions, one third of all Americans conceived since 1973.

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Assembly Schedule

Meetings 8 P.M.

February 4, 2008

March 5, 2008

April 7, 2008

FAITHFUL NAVIGATORS REPORT (cont)

The following numbers are based on the actual government estimates of the professions represented in America. So then, who have we lost to abortion?

2 US Presidents
7 Supreme Court Justices
102 US Senators and 589 Congressmen
8,123 Federal, district and local court judges
31 Nobel Prize laureates
328 Olympic medalists including 123 Gold medalists
6,092 professional athletes
134,841 physicians and surgeons
392,500 registered nurses
70,669 priests, ministers, rabbis and imams including
6,852 priests and 11,010 nuns (vocations “shortage”?)
1,102,443 teachers (K-12)
553,821 truck drivers
224,518 maids and housekeepers
336,939 janitors
134,028 farmers and ranchers
109,984 police officers and sheriff’s deputies
39,477 firefighters
17,221 barbers, and
24,450,000...women (the gender of roughly half of all children aborted).

These numbers of course are only the tip of the iceberg. Keep in mind that we get our statistics about abortion from the abortion industry itself which has a vested interest in under-reporting the numbers. Likewise, these categories are only a few of the professions that Americans actually work in and are by no means a full portrayal of the total American workforce. What they represent, however, is the immense *human toll* that abortion takes on a society. Abortion-promoters present abortion as an exclusively private choice, but thirty-five years of abortion exposes the perniciousness of that lie. There is a social toll that comes from abortion which cannot easily be corrected.

Sir Knights, we must never stop praying; we must never give up the fight; we must never give in. Protect **all** life, from conception to natural death.

Vivat Jesus

Fraternally yours,
Bernard Ernst
Faithful Navigator

Faithful Pilot's Message

Fellow Sir Knights,

I hope that you all had a great month so far and that by the time you receive this, we will know that the Giants have won the Super Bowl! The first message I would like to leave with you is to remind you of the invitation to you and your Lady to help us celebrate with S.K. Deacon Ricciardi at our PFN Banquet for him. Deacon Vince provides an outstanding amount of support for both the Catholic Church and our Order. We are looking forward to providing Deacon Vince and Lady Daisy with a well-attended banquet to show our appreciation for all that this couple does for all of us. Remember, that's the Lobster Shanty in Pt. Pleasant, NJ, Sunday, April 13, 2008, at 6:00 PM. Please see the flyer that is included in this newsletter for additional details.

As a second message, I would like to inform you that our mission to support the K/C organ donor program is off to a flying start. For example, on December 19th I joined two other speakers supporting this program at Toms River North HS for a number of presentations to students. Our aim is an audience of juniors and seniors in the drivers ed and health programs. We talked to 300 students in these combined classes in a day long presentation of several lectures. Additionally, SK Brian Dickerson was good enough to let me have a few minutes at the Ocean County Chapter meeting. We passed around a contact number list and received 9 responses from those present. SK Dickerson has also agreed to take me to the Chapter meeting in February where we will gather more contacts. The purpose of the contacts is to set up potential presentations on the program or to set up a table at any functions these councils may have. For example, we had a preliminary discussion with the GK Chris Lehman at the Rev Czetkoski Council, #6201, Jackson, about being part of their annual five day carnival this coming summer. GK Lehmann added that he wanted to talk to his Council about sponsoring us for this event. I will keep you informed because this will take some manpower to accomplish. Meanwhile, I will ask the State of NJ Organ Transplant Procurement Activities if they can provide me statistics on how many organs from this program go to veterans. This will serve two programs of the Assemblies, organ donation and our 4th degree commitment to support patriotism (veterans).

Yours in Christ,
SK William Wright

COLOR CORPS COMMANDERS REPORT

Brothers,

I would like to thank the members of the Assembly that came out for the wake of Brother John Kearns, P.F.N. of the Msgr. Baldwin Assembly. John was a special man to those that knew him.

The St. Patrick's Day Parade will be our next major callout, I would hope as many of our Brothers that can march in the parade will be there. There will also be a callout for the next Exemplification, in April. This Exemplification is open only to those candidates that applied for the one in November but had to cancel.

I will be certifying the members of our Color Corps at our next business meeting, Monday, February 4, at the Church of St. Martha. Please bring your Chapeau, Service Baldrick and sword to the meeting.

John A. Gazis, P.F.N.

PFN Dinner Honoring
S.K. Deacon Vincent Ricciardi, PFN

Please come with your Ladies and help us celebrate with S.K. Deacon Vincent Ricciardi at our Past Faithful Navigator banquet. Deacon Vincent provides a great deal of support for the Catholic Church and our order. The Assembly is looking forward to providing him with a well-attended banquet to show our appreciation for all he does for all of us.

Lobster Shanty in Point Pleasant Beach, NJ
Sunday, April 13, 2008
6:00 PM

Menu

Bread Basket
Soup du Jour
Mesculin Greens with Raspberry Vinaigrette
Herb & Garlic Potato
Vegetables

Choice of:
Herb Crusted Salmon
Stuffed Chicken Breast
Roast Prime Rib

Ice Cream

Coffee, Tea, Soda, Milk
Cash Bar in Banquet Room

\$40.00 per person/incl.
Please contact S.K. Bill Wright for reservations
(732) 920-2420 or
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should be mailed to:
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Faithful Admirals Message

Growing Pain

It can be very challenging to maintain a positive attitude and a **measure of faith** when you are in the midst of difficult times. This is partly because we tend to think that if the world loves us we will experience that love in the form of positive circumstances. However, we are like children, and the earth is our wise mother who knows what our souls need to thrive better than we do. Just as a young child does not benefit from getting everything she wants, we also benefit from times of constraint and difficulty to help us grow and learn. If we keep this in mind, and continue to trust that we are loved even when things are hard, it helps us bear the difficult time with grace.

This period of time in history is full of difficulty for a lot of brothers and sisters, and you may feel less alone knowing you are not being singled out. There are extreme energy changes pulsing through the world at every level and, of course, we are all part of the growing process and the growing pains. It helps if we remember that life is one phase after another and that this difficult time will inevitably give way to something new and different. When we feel overwhelmed we can comfort ourselves with the wise saying: **This too shall pass.**

At the same time, if you truly feel that nothing is going right for you, it's never a bad idea to examine your life and see if there are **some changes you can make to alleviate some of the difficulty.** Gently and compassionately exploring the areas giving you the most trouble may reveal things you are holding onto and need to release: **unprocessed emotions, unresolved transitions, or negative ways of looking at yourself or reality.** As you take responsibility for the things you can change, you can more easily surrender to the things you can't, remembering all the while that this phase will, without doubt, give way to another.

The Prayer of Surrender;

"Father, In the name of Jesus, I am now willing to place my body, my soul, my spirit and my entire life into Your hands. I now ask that You place me into Your perfect will for my life. Father, from this moment on, I will choose to stay fully surrendered to You all the days of my life and will allow You to lead and direct my life in the direction that You will want it to go in. Thank you Father. Thank you Jesus." Jesus I Trust In You

The Serenity Prayer;

God grant me the serenity to accept the things I cannot change; courage to change the things I can; and wisdom to know the difference.

Living one day at a time; Enjoying one moment at a time; Accepting hardships as the pathway to peace; Taking, as He did, this sinful world as it is, not as I would have it; Trusting that He will make all things right if I surrender to His Will; That I may be reasonably happy in this life and supremely happy with Him Forever in the next. Amen.

Two prayers one of Surrender and the other of Serenity each meaning something different yet to those of us in difficult times bringing us the peace and understanding that God is always with us. We hear trust in the Lord and yet we allow a **mere human being** to cause us to become upset and unsettled. Yes we forget that we have the most powerful one with us at all times, the good and the bad and that is God. We can even recall the words of Footsteps "Why were there only one set of footprints? **That is when I carried you.**"

Some are going through financial problem and others health even pending death. We have all the comfort that we need in Jesus. We celebrated His birth (Christmas) only a little over a month ago and we are now preparing for his death (Easter). Will we come to be enlightened on how much God loves us? Or will we celebrate the day and forget that God is always with us?

Take time to know that in the most difficult times God is more present in our lives if we allow Him to shine in us. God will provide! Trust in the Lord.

May this Lenten season bring the light of God to you and your family. May all your troubles disappear and may your most difficult times be a decision on what to wear. God Bless you and your families.

Deacon Vince

Faithful Comptrollers Message

Brothers,

Many of you have sent in your dues when you received the dues notice sent out last month, thank you. I will be sending out Second Notices shortly to those that haven't sent their dues in yet. Please send them in as soon as possible.

Our Assembly has 56 members on the Roster right now. We are a young, but growing, Assembly. We need to start looking for applicants for the November Exemplification very soon. I am sure we all have at least one Third Degree member that we know and could ask to join our Assembly.

Please try to attend the Assembly meetings, as well as your Council meetings, as often as possible. Remember, the Assembly and your Council need your input to improve and grow.

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

WARRENS WORLD

AGENDA FOR THE 2008 DEMOCRATIC NATIONAL CONVENTION

(Just Released)

- 7:00 pm Opening flag burning .
- 7:15 pm Pledge of Allegiance to the U.N. in Spanish .
- 7:20 pm Ted Kennedy proposes a toast .
- 7:25 pm Nonreligious prayer and worship with Jessie Jackson and Al Sharpton .
- 7:45 pm Ceremonial tree hugging .
- 7:55 pm Ted Kennedy proposes a toast .
- 8:00 pm How I Invented the Internet - Al Gore .
- 8:15 pm Gay Wedding - Barney Frank presiding .
- 8:35 pm Ted Kennedy proposes a toast .
- 8:40 pm Our Troops are War Criminals - John Kerry .
- 9:00 pm Saddam Memorial Rally - Cindy Sheehan and Susan Sarandon .
- 11:00 pm Ted Kennedy proposes a toast .
- 11:05 pm Collection for the Osama Bin Laden kidney transplant fund - Barbara Streisand .
- 11:15 pm Free the Freedom Fighters from Guantanamo Bay - Sean Penn .
- 11:30 pm Oval Office Affairs - William Jefferson Clinton .
- 11:45 pm Ted Kennedy proposes a toast .
- 12:15 am 'Truth in Broadcasting Award' - Presented to Dan Rather by Michael Moore .
- 12:25 am Ted Kennedy proposes a toast .
- 12:30 am Satellite address by Mahmoud Ahmadinejad .
- 12:45 am Nomination of Hillary Rodham Clinton by Nancy Pelosi .
- 12:50 am Speech and toast by Hugo Chavez to the departure of 'the great satan', 'W' Bush .
- 12:55 am Hillary proposes a toast to our 89 million new Democratic Mexican voters .
- 1:00 am Ted Kennedy proposes a toast to the extinction of the Republican party.
- 1:05 am Coronation of Hillary Rodham Clinton .
- 1:30 am Ted Kennedy proposes a toast .
- 1:35 am Bill Clinton asks Ted Kennedy to drive Hillary home.
- 2:45 am Ted Kennedy proposes a toast, but his suit is wet.

February 2008

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2 Groundhog Day ----- 12:30pm District 31 Free Throw Tournament
3 Super Bowl Sunday	4 8pm Assembly 2143 Meeting	5 7:30pm Council 8415 Business Meeting	6 Ash Wednesday 8pm Council 11527 Meeting	7	8	9
10 7:30 am Family Breakfast 7926	11 8pm Ocean County Chapter Meeting @ 6962	12 8pm First Degree @ Council 8415	13 8pm Council 8160 Meeting	14 Valentine's Day	15	16
17	18 President's Day	19 6:30pm Council 8415 Social Meeting	20 7:30pm Marian Hour of Prayer ~ 8160 ===== 8pm Council 11527 Social Meeting	21 7:30pm Marian Hour of Prayer ~ 7926	22	23
24	25	26	27 8pm Council 8160 Social Meeting	28 8pm Council 7926 Business Meeting	29	

March 2008

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						Mar 1
2 1:30pm Trenton Diocese Free Throw Tournament	3 8pm Assembly 2143 Meeting	4 7:30pm- 9pm Council 8415 Business Meeting	5 8pm Council 11527 Meeting	6	7	8 1pm State Free Throw Tournament
9 7:30am Family Breakfast ~ 7926	10 8pm Ocean County Chapter Meeting	11 8pm First Degree @ Council 8415	12 8pm Council 8160 Meeting	13 8pm Council 7926 Meeting	14	15 St. Patrick's Day Parade Seaside Heights
16 Palm Sunday	17 St. Patrick's Day	18 6:30pm Council 8415 Social Meeting	19 8pm Council 11527 Social Meeting	20	21	22
23 Easter	24	25	26 8pm Council 8160 Social Meeting	27 8pm Council 7926 Social Meeting	28	29
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