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FAITHFUL NAVIGATOR'S MESSAGE

Worthy Sir Knights and Family,

I have been nicknamed "Lazarus" for the number of times I have bounced back, but this latest recovery has been the most dramatic, and I have all of you to thank for it!!!

After years of testing and doctor visits, they finally hit upon the diagnosis of Hydrocephalus, which is a buildup of spinal fluid on the brain. Mine had gotten to such a point that my brain had been squished into a very small space at the base of the skull. The diagnosis alone was brought about through prayers as I had by that point developed and exhibited 20 out of 22 classic symptoms of this condition.

One more test remained to confirm what we all knew at that point and of course it came back positive for Hydrocephalus. The Neurosurgeon that had been recommended is up in Shrewsbury and performs his work at Riverview Hospital in Red Bank. From the moment of the confirmation test and the pre-admission testing, I knew I was in good hands and would enjoy my confinement.

The surgery involved putting a shunt in my head by drilling (what feels like a huge hole) a hole in my skull and inserting a "tunable" shunt and then snaking the drainage tube under my skin to my abdomen where the fluid is drained and absorbed by the body. The doctor is able to adjust the rate of drainage by tuning the shunt device. Baring any complications the shunt does its "thing" for the rest of my life without need for further surgery

The recovery from the 20 symptoms began instantly, as soon as I woke up in the recovery room. I could see and talk better; I no longer had the buzzing in my right ear or the headache or dizziness. I continue to have a bit of discomfort at the point of the insertion in my skull. Other symptoms resolved themselves as I went through eight days of physical therapy there at Riverview. I had a great room with a panoramic view of the Navasink River, highlighted by a great fireworks show on Memorial Day.

Many of you have added me to your prayer lists, at home and at your Councils. I want to say that those prayers were heard and acted upon, for this Margaret and I thank you profusely!

On a final note, since I did not have my wits together for the May newsletter...I want to thank Bill Wright for all the hard work he did for the Past Faithful Navigator's Dinner he chaired for Deacon Vincent Ricciardi. Your work and perseverance paid off, and it showed.

Thank you all once again!

Sir Knight Bernie Ernst
Faithful Navigator

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June 2, 2008

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Faithful Captain's Message

Brother Knights:

I hope your Memorial Day Holiday was filled with good friends and good food. I also hope you took time out of the day to remember those who served our Nation and gave the ultimate sacrifice for the freedoms we take for granted today.

As summer is now officially upon us, it is important for us as Knights to look out for our veterans and senior members of our community. Summer heat can be debilitating or even deadly to the elderly or ill. Make it a point to check in on your neighbors, or the elderly living alone. Make sure they have either air conditioning or at least a fan to keep them cool. Think about bringing them into your home for a visit during the hottest part of the day if they do not have a/c.

Thinking ahead, please take a minute and think about activities we can do in the near future as a group to foster fellowship and help bolster the Assembly's funds. Perhaps a bus trip or short cruise? Please send me an email with your ideas, or write them down and give them to me at our meetings.

Many of you have been in the Knights much longer than I and have belonged to very active Councils and Assemblies, so call upon your experiences to help us out.

Gary

COLOR CORPS COMMANDERS REPORT

Brothers,

Summer is here and this usually means less callouts for our Assembly. This would be a good time to hold some refresher courses for the current members of the Color Corps, and time to renew our efforts to gain some new members of the Corps. This is the visible arm of the Knights of Columbus, the ones seen at parades and other functions. Being a part of the Color Corps is a great way to show your pride in being a member of the K of C. Wear your colors proudly!

On July 27, the Color Corps will be joining the members of the other 2 Assembly's in the area at the annual "Knight with the BlueClaws" day at First Energy park.

Councils in the area, hopefully, have purchased tickets, the BlueClaws usually reserve an entire section of the ballpark for us. The ballclub provides the Color Corps with a changing room, so they can watch the game in comfort after posting the Colors on the field during the singing of the National Anthem.

Anyone wishing to join the Color Corps can contact me at 732 477-6304.

**John A. Gazis, PFN
Color Corps Commander**

Faithful Admirals Message

Want To Make GOD Laugh, Tell Him Your Plans!

We have all had the experience of encountering someone whose life seems so completely different from ours that we can almost imagine we have nothing in common. However, if we go deeper into observing, we will see that we all have the same things going on in our lives. It is as if our different lives are in essence the same gift, wrapped in an infinite variety of containers, wrapping paper, ribbons, and bows. **Everybody experiences loss, grief, happiness, excitement, anger, and fear.** Everyone can have money issues of one kind or another, **and everyone struggles with difficult choices.**

Our lives show up differently for each one of us because we each learn in different ways. One person may need to learn the value of money by having too little of it, while another may need to learn by having more than enough. We each learn about work and love, with experiences that are tailored to our particular perspective. Even as it appears that some people have it easy while others are in a continual state of struggle, the truth is that we are all learning, and it is very difficult to tell, when looking only at the exterior of a person, what's going on inside.

This is one of the many things that can be so valuable about cultivating relationships with people from all walks of life. As we get to know those who seem so different from us, we get to really see how much of life's challenges and joys are widespread. We begin to look beyond the packaging of skin color, clothing preferences, and socioeconomic differences, hairstyles, and the cars we drive to the heart of the human experience. It is important to honor and value the differences in our packaging, but it is just as important to honor the gift of life inside each one of us, and the fact that, no matter how different the packaging, the gift inside is the same.

We find that God has given to us all the free will we can handle and it is up to us to use that free will as we see fit. On the other hand those who are sighted see things as they want not as they are. Remember the story where a man enters church with rags on, smells awful has holes in his shoes. No one wanted to sit next to him, yet when he found a seat the person next to him welcomed him. After mass was over the man was again pushed to the side except for the one person next to him. The man asked why are you so kind to me? And the other person said, you came to pray with us, to be with God! And you are one of his children. Maybe down on your luck, but I am not the one to judge! Just lend a helping hand. Yes you are right it was God. So many times this very scenario plays out in our lives, but we judge by what the person is wearing, driving or where they live.

We all have the same gifts, just different wrapping. Some may be wrapped in plain brown paper and yet others in brilliant gold. What is the difference? If we are all children of God and made in His image, why are we so quick to judge and classify one and other? We must make time to look deep into the people around us to find the true person. We must also remove the mask that we all wear. Yes each one of us wears some kind of mask. We want to look like someone else, or be something we are not, and judged as near perfect. It is the human way always trying to be something other than who we really are. Stop and think if you are able to remove all the imperfections in your life and be who you really are, would you like that person? If you can you would more than likely be childlike and who would not love you? Is that the statement Jesus made, "You must be child like to enter into heaven, to come to the Father" Jesus also stated, "Send the children to me, where he will bless them and lay hands on them".

True beauty my friends to come naked without anything to hide the true self, no mask, no airs and no judgments. Just love of one and other as God has asked of us. The two greatest commandments; Love God above all else and Love your neighbor as you love yourself.

As we ready for Father's Day let us give thanks to the Father for all we have. Call your father if he is still alive and give him the greatest gift of all a very simple "Dad I love You".

God's Blessing to all,

Deacon Vincent P. Ricciardi, Sr., E.A.D.M., PFN

WARRENS WORLD

An Italian grandmother is giving directions to her grown grandson who is coming to visit with his wife.

"You comma to de front door of the apartment. I am inna apartment 301. There issa bigga panel at the front door. With you elbow, pusha button 301. I will buzza you in. Come inside, the elevator is on the right. Get in, and with you elbow, pusha 3.

When you get out, I'mma on the left. With you elbow, hit my doorbell." Unnastand?

"Grandma, that sounds easy, but, why am I pushing all these buttons with my elbows?"

"Whatayou coming empty handed?"

A little girl asked her mother, "How did the human race appear?"

The mother answered, "God made Adam and Eve and they had children and so all mankind was made."

Two days later the girl asked her father the same question.

The father answered, "Many years ago there were monkeys from which the human race evolved."

The confused girl returned to her mother and said, "Mom, how is it possible that you told me the human race was created by God, and Dad said they developed from monkeys?"

The mother answered, "Well, dear, it is very simple. I told you about my side of the family and your father told you about his."

After trying a new shampoo for the first time, Dewey mailed off an enthusiastic letter of approval to the manufacturer.

Several weeks later he came home from work to a large carton in the middle of the floor. Inside were free samples of the many products the same company produced: soaps, detergents, tooth paste, and paper items... with a "thank you" note from the manufacturer.

"Well, What do you think?" asked his smiling wife, Olga.

"I think that next time," Dewey replied. "I'm writing to Toyota".

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Birthday Boys

The following Brother Knights are celebrating birthdays in the upcoming months.

JUNE

Frank M. Cicalese, PGK	June 08, 1930
Robert F. Brogan	June 11, 1968
Thomas Applegate	June 12, 1956
John A. Fiore	June 17, 1982
Warren C. Frey, FDD	June 13, 1923
Kenneth L. Sarro	June 25, 1956
Joseph J. Rastelli, PGK	June 26, 1965

JULY

James Spataro	July 06, 1941
Philip A. Valesse	July 07, 1965
Robert Morris, PGK	July 09, 1969
Bernard J. Ernst, FN	July 19, 1954

AUGUST

Rev. Gerald A. Marchand	August 03, 1928
Robert W. Kehoe	August 07, 1959
Peter C. Beaugard	August 07, 1967
Joseph Gabionwicz	August 17, 1923
Fred Kerber	August 18, 1964
Mark G. Brown	August 28, 1958
Tony DeCresci	August 29, 1941

Wedding Anniversaries

The following Ladies & Sir Knights are celebrating Wedding Anniversaries in the upcoming months.

Lady Alice and S.K. Joseph O'Brien	June 21
Lady Mary and S.K. Robert Murray, PFN	June 29
Lady Elizabeth and S.K. John Romando	August 22
Lady June and S.K. Red Eipert	Sept 8
Lady Velda and S.K. Anthony Castellano	Sept 10
Lady Dorothy and S.K. Thomas Bishop	Sept 14
Lady Theresa and S.K. Ralph Perone	Sept 23

Congratulations to those celebrating Anniversaries and Birthdays in the coming months

June 2008

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Jun 1	2 Assembly 2143 Meeting	3 Council 8415 Business Meeting	4	5 Council 11527 Meeting	6	7
8 7am-11am Family Breakfast ~ 7926	9 Ocean County Chapter Meeting - Council 4969 - Toms River	10 8pm First Degree @ Council 8415	11	12 A.C. Bus Trip ~ Trump Marina Council 7926 Meeting	13	14
15 Father's Day	16	17 Council 8415 Social Meeting	18 Council 11527 Social Meeting	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26 A.C. Bus Trip ~ Taj Mahal Council 7926 Social Meeting	27	28
29	30					

July 2008

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		Jul 1 7:30pm Council 8415 Business Meeting	2	3 Council 11527 Meeting	4 Fourth of July	5
6	7 8pm Assembly 2143 Meeting	8 8pm First Degree @ Council 8415	9	10 A.C. Bus Trip ~ Harrah's Council 7926 Meeting	11	12
13 7am-11am Family Breakfast ~ 7926	14 Ocean County Chapter Meeting	15 6:30pm- Council 8415 Social Meeting	16	17 Council 11527 Social Meeting	18	19
20	21	22	23	24 A.C. Bus Trip ~ Taj Mahal Council 7926 Social Meeting	25	26
27	28	29	30	31		

August 2008

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					Aug 1	2
3	4 8 pm Assembly 2143 Meeting	5 Supreme Convention 7:30pm Council 8415 Business Meeting	6 Supreme Convention 8pm Council 11527 Meeting	7 Supreme Convention	8	9
10 7am-11am Family Breakfast ~ 7926	11 Ocean County Chapter – Installation @7926 8 pm	12 8pm First Degree @ Council 8415	13 Council 8160 Meeting	14 A.C. Bus Trip ~ Trump Marina Council 7926 Meeting	15	16
17	18	19 6:30pm- Council 8415 Social Meeting	20 Council 11527 Social Meeting	21	22	23
24	25	26	27 Council 8160 Social Meeting	28 A.C. Bus Trip ~ Taj Mahal Council 7926 Social Meeting	29	30
31	Sep 1 Labor Day	2	3	4	5	6