



# Our Lady of Lourdes Assembly 2143



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## FAITHFUL NAVIGATOR'S MESSAGE

Brothers,

For those of you who missed the Dinner Cruise, you missed a picture perfect evening of good food, perfect views of a full moon, and just an overall good time. I would have liked to use this as a vehicle for a major fund raiser, but as we had lower than expected participation, we still need to work on other means of increasing our fund balance.

Summer of 2008 is over and fall is upon us. Officers should remember that we now move to tuxedos for our meetings. We need to work on attracting new members to our Assembly, so we ALL need to approach our 3<sup>rd</sup> degree brethren and invite them to join us. We still have time to schedule them for the November EXEMPLIFICATION WEEKEND on the 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup>. Faithful Comptroller John Gazis, PFN, has made arrangements for our Assembly to share a hospitality room with the members of Bishop McFaul Assembly, in an effort to help both Assembly's save money. We are currently making arrangements for a Saturday evening Assembly dinner, as we have done in the past. Anyone wishing to observe the Degree MUST be in tuxedo and MUST have their Social baldric with them.

I would like to congratulate our Color Corps Commander John A. Gazis, PFN, on his appointment as Color Guard Commander for the Second New Jersey District. John will be coordinating the team posting the Colors at the Exemplification and also during parades and other District and State Callouts, along with his many other duties for the Second New Jersey District and the State Council.

October is the month of the Most Holy Rosary so make a special effort to attend your Counsel's monthly Rosary Mass if they have it.

We are planning a dinner honoring our most recent Past Faithful Navigator Bernard Enst. We hope to arrange a date for sometime in the early part of the new year.

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Meetings 8 P.M.

**October 6, 2008**

**November 3, 2008**

**December 1, 2008**

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

I always enjoy children's view of our world; here are a few answers to questions about the Old and New Testaments given to Catholic elementary school children: (no retouch or corrections made)

\*In the first book of the bible, Guinnessis, God got tired of creating the world, so he took the Sabbath off.

\* Adam and Eve were created from an apple tree. Noah's wife was called Joan of Ark. Noah built an ark, which the animals come on to in pears.

\* Lot's wife was a pillar of salt by day, but a ball of fire by night.

\* The Jews were a proud people and throughout history they had trouble with unsympathetic Genitals.

\* Samson was a strongman who let himself be led astray by a Jezebel like Delilah.

\* Moses led the hebrews to the Red Sea, where they made unleavened bread which is bread without any ingredients.

\* The Egyptians were all drowned in the dessert. Afterwards, Moses went up on Mount Cyanide to get the ten ammendments.

\* The seventh commandment is thou shalt not admit adultery.

\* Moses died before he ever reached Canada. Then Joshua led the hebrews in the battle of Geritol.

Live well, laugh often, and praise God, always.

Vivat Jesus  
Gary Rhodes  
Faithful Navigator

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### **Faithful Comptrollers Message**

Brother Sir Knights,

October is upon us and soon I will be sending out the Dues notices for the 2009 Calendar year. Please remit your dues as soon as possible, the Assembly is in dire need of these funds to help us with our charitable endeavors. Our recent attempt to raise funds did not turn out as well as we had hoped. The Dinner cruise we ran was a mild success in that we did not lose money. Those that attended had a great time; the weather was perfect, the food great and the friendship shown each other was quite an experience. Pictures are available on the Assembly website, [www.kofc-a21243.org](http://www.kofc-a21243.org) Hopefully next year more members will attend this fun evening.

Our next fundraiser will be a bus trip to Atlantic City on Sunday, November 16. The bus will load at Holy Family Church parking lot at 1:00 p.m. and depart at 1:15 p.m., heading to the Church of St. Martha, where we will load more passengers at 1:30 p.m. and depart at 1:45 p.m. The trip will be to the Taj Mahal, tickets will be \$22 per person.

I have been informed recently that Joseph Lorenc, PFN, has been battling cancer. I saw Joe recently at an event run for his benefit, and he has lost a lot of weight in this fight. Please keep Joe, and his family, in your prayers.

Please visit the Assembly website and see a full list of sick and distressed Knights and their families. There is also a complete archive of our newsletters and a list of Brothers Birthdays and Anniversaries.

John A. Gazis, PFN  
Faithful Comptroller

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### **COLOR CORPS COMMANDERS REPORT**

Brothers,

On Sunday, October 12, we will be leading the Knights of Columbus in the Columbus Day parade in Seaside Heights. The parade will step off at 1 p.m. and move up the Boulevard. This parade honors the patron of our honored Order, and I would like to see a great turnout of Knights at the parade. Please come and march with us, with your Council, bring your family.

The Exemplification of the Fourth Degree will be held on Sunday November 9, at the Eatontown Sheraton. Please come out and support our Candidates and their wives during this wonderful weekend. All members of the Color Corps are requested to attend the Exemplification and bring their Colors with them.

Anyone wishing to become a part of our Color Corps may call me at home (732) 477-6304 or by email [John.Gazis@kofc-a143.org](mailto:John.Gazis@kofc-a143.org)

John A. Gazis, PFN  
Color Corps Commander

## **Deacon Vince's Message** ***Finding Another Vantage Point***

The ocean can look very different, depending on whether you are standing at the shore, soaring above in a plane, or swimming beneath its waves. If you are at Point Pleasant Beach it looks different than Seaside Beach. Same County, Same Ocean only a few miles away, yet different. Likewise, a mountain can look very different relative to where you are standing. Living in Sparta we were able to look out and see New York as well as Pennsylvania without moving just turning around. Each living thing sees the world from its unique vantage point. While from your window you may be looking at what looks like a huge shrub, a bird in its nest is getting an intimate view of that tree's leafy interior. Meanwhile, a beetle sees only a massive and never-ending tree trunk. Yet all three are looking at the same tree.

Just as a shadow that is concealed from one point of view is easily seen from another, it is possible to miss a fantastic view. That is, unless you are willing to see what is in front of you through different eyes. Seeing the world from another perspective, whether it be visually or mentally, can introduce you to all sorts of hidden treasures. The root of the discovery process often lies in finding another way of looking at the world. The common human reaction to insects is one example. Spinning its web in a dark corner, a spider may seem drab, frightening, and mysterious. But seen up close weaving silver snowflakes between the branches of a tree, they can look like colored jewels. As you peer at this web do you see God's wonder? Or do you see God's Beauty? Some may see a trap and something of repulsiveness. We all see the web, but we see it differently.

Sometimes, there are experiences in life that from your vantage point may seem confusing, alarming, or worrisome. Or there may be events that look insignificant from where you are standing right now. Try looking them from another point of view. Bury your face in the grass and look at the world from a bug's vantage point. Explore your home as if you were a small child. Take a ride in a small aircraft and experience the world from a bird's eye view. Just as kneeling down sometimes helps you see more closely when you are looking for lost treasure, so can standing back help you appreciate the broader picture of what you are looking at. In doing so, you'll experience very different worlds.

This is our life as we tend to see everything in different ways and many of us do not want to venture into seeing anything other than that we see. God saw something beautiful and called it the earth. But it was barren so he made the animals. The Birds of the air, the Fish of the sea and all different animals to walk the earth. It was so beautiful that he made man in His own image and then a woman. Yes God saw everything differently. God saw Peace! Tranquility! and man and woman getting along. It wasn't too long after that when man and woman saw things differently, they were nude so they made coverings. They had children then fights broke out brother against another due to Jealousy!

And life went downhill after that! We all see what we want and we all believe what we want, even if the truth is given to us we sometimes tend not to believe.

This election is very important to ever Catholic and to every American! Don't let your Political Party dictate to you. Take a close look at who you have to vote for and who you REALLY believe will serve ALL the American People not just a few select groups. Listen, but listen with an open Ear and Mind, hear what is being said and what is not. Listen to the truth even if you don't like hearing what is being said. We have our children and grandchildren to think about and our choice is going to set the path of life for them. Yes, my Brothers and Sisters your vote will set the groundwork for the coming generation. Scary! Don't vote and see what happens, you'll be even more scared in a year or two from now.

This is not the time to play the name game, who did it. Politicians from every town, city, county and state right up to the Federal Government had a hand in it. So who and where do you put the blame? On those who did not vote, but want to complain about how things are. It's nice to lay blame, but the blame lies in the mirror.

You have heard in the past, "Vote as your life depends on it" guess what, it does this year! For You, your Children and Grandchildren. Find your Vantage Point and see what you see, is it different?

May God Bless you and guide you. May God watch over your entire family and May God be ever present in this election.

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

## October 2008

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			Oct 1	2	3	4
5	6 Assembly 2143 Meeting	7	8	9 A.C. Bus Trip ~ Trump Marina  Council 7926 Meeting	10	11  ItalianFest 6 p.m.
12 7am-11am Family Breakfast ~ 7926	13 Columbus Day 8pm Ocean County Chapter Meeting Council 6962	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23 A.C. Bus Trip ~ Taj Mahal  Council 7926 Social Meeting	24	25  7926 Children's Halloween Party
26	27	28	29	30	31 Halloween	

## November 2008

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						<b>Nov 1</b>
<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> <b>Assembly</b> <b>2143</b> <b>Meeting</b>	<b>4</b> <b>7:30pm-</b> <b>Council</b> <b>8415</b> <b>Business</b> <b>Meeting</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> <b>A.C. Bus</b> <b>Trip ~</b> <b>Harrah's</b> <b>Council</b> <b>11527</b> <b>Meeting</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> <b>4<sup>th</sup> Degree</b> <b>Mass at the</b> <b>Eatontown</b> <b>Sheraton 4</b> <b>p.m.</b>  <b>Assembly</b> <b>Dinner</b>
<b>9</b> <b>7am-11am</b> <b>Family</b> <b>Breakfast ~</b> <b>7926</b>  <b>4<sup>th</sup> Degree</b> <b>Exemplification</b> <b>1 p.m.</b>	<b>10</b> <b>Veterans</b> <b>Day</b> <b>Observed</b> <b>8pm Ocean</b> <b>County</b> <b>Chapter</b> <b>Meeting</b> <b>Council</b> <b>11529</b>	<b>11</b> <b>Veterans</b> <b>Day</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> <b>Council</b> <b>7926</b> <b>Meeting</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>
<b>16</b> <b>A.C. Bus Trip</b> <b>~</b> <b>Taj Mahal</b> <b>1 p.m.</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b> <b>6:30pm</b> <b>Council</b> <b>8415</b> <b>Social</b> <b>Meeting</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> <b>A.C. Bus</b> <b>Trip ~</b> <b>Taj Mahal</b> <b>8pm</b> <b>Council</b> <b>11527</b> <b>Social</b> <b>Meeting</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>
<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> <b>Thanksgiving</b> <b>Day</b> <b>1pm</b> <b>Thanksgiving</b> <b>Dinner</b> <b>7926</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>
<b>30</b>						

