



Our Lady of Lourdes

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FAITHFUL NAVIGATOR'S MESSAGE

Wow! Another month has "zipped" by, and, like last month, and the month before, we did not have enough members present to have an official meeting.

Brothers, there is work to be done, events to be planned, yet nothing can be accomplished without the approval votes of the membership. While a few of our Brother Knights had work obligations, many just didn't bother to come, or did not bother to email or call me to advise of your absence.

Please, please, make a note on your calendar to attend the meeting in March. I would like to reduce the number of members that would make a quorum, to something more attainable. To do that we must have a quorum, 13 members, to approve it.

If there is a problem within the Assembly, please let me know so I may attempt to correct it. If you need a ride to and from the meetings, let me know so we can arrange it.

God Bless you and your family
Gary Rhodes, Faithful Navigator

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Assembly Schedule

Meetings 8 P.M. |

March 2, 2009

April 6, 2009

May 4, 2009

Faithful Captains Message

Good News! We continue to acquire books for our Book Sale. If you have any new or used books that you are finished with, please give me a call at (732) 920-2420 and I will come and pick them up! I plan to sell books at several places where I will do my Organ Donor Program this coming spring, summer and fall.

I talked to Father Mike about having fish meals during Lent. I will run this project on all Fridays during Lent except Good Friday, which is a personal fasting day. However, I will not do it alone! Based on the lack of attendance at the last three Assembly meetings, I am not confident that sufficient personnel will show up. However, I will act positively and assume that some of you would like to help? Therefore, I will pass around a sign-up sheet at the February and March meetings to see if we can get this project going!

God Bless all of you and God help me to help Gary keep this Assembly together!

SK Bill Wright, Captain

COLOR CORPS COMMANDERS REPORT

Brothers,

The Color Corps hasn't been very active during this past year, and we would like to see it become more active. Along with the St. Patrick's Day Parade in Seaside Hts., I would ask for your help at other functions throughout the Second NJ District.

We have been asked to provide Color Corps at the Confirmations at Holy Family Church on March 16th. Bishop Smith will be Celebrating, and we have been asked to attend BOTH Confirmations. This is for Color Corps and non Color Corps members as well. I would love to see as many Sir Knights, and 3rd Degree Knights there as possible.

There will be a small Exemplification of the Fourth Degree on April 18 in Somers Point. I will need some of you there also. I am putting together the District Color Guard and would like 1 member to come from my home Assembly. This would require attendance at the Exemplifications in April and November, as well as both parades in Seaside Hts., and any other District callout.

Please contact me if you are interested in joining our Color Corps.

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

Faithful Comptrollers Message

Brother Sir Knights,

I would like to thank the Brother Sir Knights that have sent their dues in already, they have helped us with some overdue bills already. Second notices have gone out already and Final notices will be set out at the end of this month. There are 2 Brother Sir Knights that are 2 or more years behind in their dues and I am sure I will have to suspend them as I do not have a current address for either of them. I really do not wish to do this, but I have no choice. If they do not pay and the rest of you do, it is not fair to you. I realize the first Principle of our Order is Charity, but I do not want to see this Assembly get into the position some Councils are with members that do not pay dues or even answer when they are contacted.

As of January 1, we have 57 members in the Assembly, and hopefully more joining us at the Exemplification in November. Look around at the members of your Council and see if there isn't someone that would be a candidate for the Fourth Degree. If you know of someone that is not a Knight yet, invite him to join your Council by the end of April, and he can be at the 4th Degree in November, providing he does the 1st, 2nd and 3rd Degrees first.

Unfortunately, the attendance at the last few meetings has been lacking. We have not had enough in attendance to hold a meeting. This is not good for the Assembly. How can we keep the members that do come to meetings if we do not have enough of you there to hold one? The new Sir Knights will get discouraged and not want to show up either. When you were interviewed prior to joining the Assembly, you were asked if you would attend meetings, and would you support the programs of the Assembly, to which you all answered yes. I realize some of you might not drive after dark, but we might be able to arrange a ride for you if you call one of the Officers and ask. I look forward to you joining us for the upcoming meetings.

John A. Gazis, PFN
Faithful Comptroller

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From the Desk of Deacon Vince

Now in the morning, when He was returning to the city, He became hungry. Seeing a lone fig tree by the road, He came to it and found nothing on it except leaves only; and He said to it, "No longer shall there ever be any fruit from you." And at once the fig tree withered.

Seeing this, the disciples were amazed and asked, "How did the fig tree wither all at once?"

And Jesus answered and said to them, "Truly I say to you, if you have faith and do not doubt, you will not only do what was done to the fig tree, but even if you say to this mountain, 'Be taken up and cast into the sea,' it will happen.

"And all things you ask in prayer, believing, you will receive." Matthew 21

The above verse shows us that if We Believe we can change anything, move anything and most of all accomplish anything. I am a strong believer in this verse of Matthew and we, given a task become the fig tree that bears the fruit and completes the task at hand. From the time I entered the U. S. Army, Newark Police, Essex County Sheriff's Department and the Department of Public Safety I gave it my all. Not for personal gain, since there was none, but because of my belief that I had a job to do and I had to do it the very best that I could. Why? Loyalty to my superiors and I had been paid to do a good job, not half way but all the way. Some would said "That is the way you were reared! And others it was for personal gain" yet I know it is because that is what God has called me to do.

Whether in ministry or in my life outside the church I will always do my best! It could be the Boy Scout in me that taught me that there is only one way of doing anything and that is doing your best!! Here we are faced with a New Year, one of uncertainty. New President, New Congress and New Senate and hopefully for New Jersey a New Government from the town councils right up to the Governor's Office. Change is coming and no one knows if it will be good or bad for the average citizen.

The same happens in our Parishes, sometimes there is a New Pastor or Associate(s) and or Deacon's. Change is there at your door step. Will it be good or bad? You will have three groups of people those who will say Change is good, others will say Change is bad and the third will say "It makes no difference. Yet do any of them have the faith and belief that through their prayer can make the change that is needed through "JESUS". Remember the other side of this parable is "If you have the Faith of a Mustard Seed" you can move mountains! Can you say you have the faith that is needed to follow Jesus? Do you give a full day's work for your pay and are you doing the best you can?

Many questions and we all know what the answer; we lack the faith of the mustard seed. When you pray at home, in church or with a small group you have powers untold!!! You can heal the wounded, keep the sick from dying and change your life or someone else's so drastically that you can only remark, "It must have been a miracle" yet without knowing or even thinking it came from your prayer.

Prayer and Faith go hand and hand, if either is missing nothing happens. Yet put the two elements together with God and a few prayer partners (Where two or more are gathered in my Name) and watch the world change because of you. Prayer, Faith and Belief become the strongest weapon that we as Christians have. It is stronger than any man or women, rifle or hand gun, bomb or grenade! With God all things are possible and the way to God is through our Faith, Prayers and Belief. God made this world, God made you and I so who or what could be stronger than God? No One, Nothing! God created all things and He did not make Junk!!! So as we begin this New Year of Uncertainty let us all come together in prayer to End the War, End the Underprivileged, those who Lack Food and Shelter.

I ask that you make a special intention this year and every time you say your prayers, "Pray for the Church, Pray for the Priest and all the Clergy" God will hear your prayers and He will answer them! It is up to you.

Today as always you will all be in my prayers, in my mind and in my heart. I ask God each time to bless all my friends. I also ask God to bless those who are my enemies they need all the blessings they can receive knowing that some day they too will turn to God and ask forgiveness. I am always tempted though to ask God to give them a limb so I know who they are, but I don't, I just pray for them.

May the Almighty Father, Son and Holy Spirit continue to bless you, watch over you and guide you on the right path of life.

Love and Peace+,

Deacon Vince

WARRENS WORLD

Girl at the Beach

A couple lives near the ocean and they walk the beach a lot. Last summer they noticed a girl who was at the beach almost every day. She wasn't unusual, nor was the travel bag she carried, except for one thing; she would approach people who were sitting on the beach, glance around and then speak to them.

Generally, the people would respond negatively and she would wander off. But occasionally someone would nod and there would be a quick exchange of money and something that she carried in her bag.

The couple assumed that she was selling drugs and debated calling the cops, but since they didn't know for sure, they decided to just continue watching her.

After a couple of weeks the wife said, "Honey, have you ever noticed that she only goes up to people with boom boxes and other electronic devices?" He hadn't and said so.

Then she said, "Tomorrow I want you to get a towel and our big radio and go lie out on the beach. Then we can find out what she's really doing."

Well, the plan went off without a hitch and the wife was almost hopping up and down with anticipation when she saw the girl talk to her husband and then leave.. The man then walked up the beach and met his wife at the road.

"Well, is she selling drugs?" she asked excitedly.

"No, she's not," he said, enjoying this probably more than he should have.

"Well, what is it then? What does she do?" his wife fairly shrieked.

The man grinned and said, "She's a battery salesperson."

"Batteries?" cried the wife..

"Yes!" he replied.

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OOOOOH! You're gonna dislike me for this - but it will make your day!

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"She Sells ‘C’ Cells by the Seashore!"

Birthday Boys

The following Brothers will be celebrating birthdays in the coming months:

FEBRUARY

Thomas Bishop	February 07, 1933
Reynold Castellano	February 13, 1937

MARCH

Michael Permuko	March 11, 1959
Vincent Ricciardi	March 17, 1949
Juan Garcia	March 26, 1966

APRIL

Ralph Perone	April 13, 1932
Peter Malara	April 16, 1968
Joseph O'Brien	April 26, 1955

Wedding Anniversaries

The following Ladies and Sir Knights will be celebrating Wedding Anniversaries in the coming months:

FEBRUARY

S.K. Vince and Lady Daisy Ricciardi	Feb 1
S.K. Harry and Lady Laverne Kuzma	Feb 14
S.K. Bryan and Lady Lisa Dickerson	Feb 18

MARCH

S.K. Bernard and Lady Margaret Ernst	March 22
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APRIL

S.K. Arthur and Lady Alice Stanley	April 3
S.K. Mario and Lady Julia Pontecorvo	April 4
S.K. Lionel and Lady Audrey Coty	April 16
S.K. Michael and Lady Micki Tuohy	April 20

MAY

S.K. Anthony and Lady Kathy DeCresci	May 4
S.K. George and Lady Nancy Dormanski	May 15

February 2009

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Feb 1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Super Bowl	Groundhog Day Assembly 2143 Meeting	7:30pm-9pm Council 8415 Business Meeting	Council 11527 Meeting			District 31 Free Throw Tournament
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
7am-11am Family Breakfast ~ 7926	8pm-9pm Ocean County Chapter Meeting		Council 8160 Meeting	A.C. Bus Trip ~ Harrah's Council 7926 Meeting		Valentine's Day
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
	President's Day	6:30pm-8pm Council 8415 Social Meeting	8pm-9pm Council 11527 Social Meeting			
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
			Council 8160 Social Meeting	A.C. Bus Trip ~ Taj Mahal Council 7926 Social Meeting		

March 2009

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Mar 1 BelMar St. Patricks Day Parade	2 Assembly 2143 Meeting	3 7:30pm- Council 8415 Business Meeting	4 Council 11527 Meeting	5	6	7 7926 St Patricks Day party
8 7am-Family Breakfast ~ 7926 2 p.m. Ciborski Testimonial Dinner	9 8pm Ocean County Chapter Meeting	10	11 Council 8160 Meeting	12 A.C. Bus Trip ~ Marina Council 7926 Meeting	13	14 12pm St Patrick's Day Parade 11527 St Patricks Day party
15	16	17 St. Patrick's Day 6:30pm- Council 8415 Social Meeting	18 8pm Council 11527 Social Meeting	19	20	21 1 p.m. Trenton Diocese Free Throw Tournament
22	23	24	25 Council 8160 Social Meeting	26 A.C. Bus Trip ~ Taj Mahal	27	28 12:30pm State Free Throw Tournament
29	30 Convention Committee Meeting	31 Trenton Federation Meeting				