



Our Lady of Lourdes

Assembly 2143



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FAITHFUL NAVIGATOR'S MESSAGE

Sir Knights,

I am concerned that the attendance of our meetings is very light, and sometimes, like our August meeting, there wasn't a quorum, so business could not be conducted. I don't know what the problem is, I travel to and from Mt. Laurel, NJ for work and can usually make the meeting on time. I know that it is the first Monday of every month and my family and I schedule around it.

What is it that we are not doing? What drives Brother Knights away from us? What can I do, as your Faithful Navigator, to make the meetings more desirable to attend?

We had to cancel the bus trip to A.C. due to lack of response, both from the public and from our own membership. We are still moving forward with the Dinner Cruise, and I ask that we all spread the word and fill the boat.

We have a few projects in mind for the Assembly this year, but it will take the effort of our entire membership to make them a success. Please reach out to those who have been missing from our meetings and see what we can do to get them back. Let me know what you learn so that we can make the change happen to recapture their spirit.

Just a reminder to all, school is about to begin again so there will be children gathering at the bus stops, and school buses on the roadways. Be prepared to slow down when driving by children as they have been known to run into the street and then look for traffic.

Vivat Jesus

Gary Rhodes, Faithful Navigator

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Assembly Schedule

Meetings 8 P.M.

October 6, 2008

November 3, 2008

December 1, 2008

Faithful Captains Message

Dear Sir Knights,

For the last couple of months we have not been able to hold actual business meetings because we lack a quorum. On the other hand, this Assembly has a roster of over 50 Sir Knights. I urge you to come to the meetings where we will raffle off a bottle of wine to names pulled from the roster. You must be present to win.

Our treasury has almost no funds and that limits us quite severely to what we can do as an Assembly. I strongly urge you to support the fundraising activities that we have planned in the near future, beginning with a dinner cruise – the details are elsewhere in this newsletter.

One of the primary principals of our Order is patriotism, and please remember the 4 Pillars belong to all degrees. Patriotism is not just for the 4th Degree. Therefore, I have joined both the Council and the Assembly to an organization called “Adopt A Platoon.” A Platoon is 20-40 men and women serving overseas in the US Military. Below we have outlined the items needed for a planned November, 2008 shipment that could be anywhere in the world. Please look over the list and bring your items to our meetings in September and October.

FOOD: **All items must be prepackaged and sealed. No glass.** Canned fruit, chicken packs—pop top, peanut butter/jelly, sardines, tuna in pouches. **Condiments:** spices, catsup, honey packs, mustard, salsa and taco chips, salad dressings, Sweet and Low. Ground coffee/tea bags, instant coffee, coffee creamers, hot chocolate mixes, powdered drink mixes – single serving packs: Crystal Lite, Gatorade, Kool-Aid, Propel, juice boxes, etc. **Snacking Foods** and snack cakes, hard candy, gum, dried fruit, Granola bars, nuts (all kinds), crackers, cookies, energy bars, cereal bars, fruit pies.

TOILETRIES: Tylenol, Advil, cough drops, sinus meds, antacids, Neosporin, Imodium, Pepto Bismol, anti-bacterial wipes, baby oil and powder, Chapstick, dental floss, Baby wipes, deodorants, clothes line and clothes pins, disposable hand and feet warmers, eyeglass kit, foot/boot powder, DARK COLOR Bath/Hand towels, wash cloths.

Any body-wash or soap: TRIPLE WRAP AND DO NOT PACK NEAR ANY FOOD ITEMS as it changes the taste of the food. Laundry soap/abric softener, insect repellent wipes and non-aerosol spray w/DEET (need in spring and summer), cotton balls, hand and body lotion, mirror, mouthwash, shampoo, sunscreen, Q-tips, toilet paper, tooth brush and paste, vitamins, nail clippers, sunglasses, tooth picks, DARK color twin fitted sheets, pillow and cases, mattress toppers. Razors, shaving cream in tube, non-fragrance after shave, hair brush and comb, feminine hygiene products, panty liners, shampoo, conditioner, clips/bands, non-aerosol hair spray, hair gel.

CLOTHING ITEMS: Hats, bandannas, socks: WHITE for PT, BLACK for everyday wear with uniform. MEN’S BROWN OR GREEN (if possible) tee-shirts and underwear (all sizes), proper issued military t-shirts available at Army Surplus stores. WOMEN’S sport bras and panties – all sizes. Socks – same colors as for men.

FUN-TIME ITEMS: Soccer balls – baseballs – volley ball sets – footballs – nerf balls; board games, dart board w/darts, playing cards, disposable cameras, stationary and mailing envelopes (no stamps), Frisbees, mag flashlight bulbs, small flashlight for reading at night. Magazines – all kinds, paperback books, Puzzle and Word Find books mini hand-held fans or water mist fans. Packaged poker sets, plastic bowls, forks, spoons, knives; pens/pencils, sewing kits. Zip-Lock bags and plastic lock containers for sealing leftovers and personal items. Yo-Yo’s, electronic/battery hand-held games and batteries – AA, C, D, 9-volt, Beanie Babies or stuffed animals – NEW. CD player w/batteries. DVD’s.

ITEMS WHICH MAY NOT BE INCLUDED: GUNS, AMMUNITON, FIREWORKS, CHOCOLATE, PORK, AEROSOL CANS, BULKY RELIGIOUS ITEMS, ALCOHOL, LIQUID HAND CLEANER, PORNOGAPHIC MATERIALS.

Thank you for supporting the Assembly in all that you do.

SK William Wright, Captain



Knights of Columbus Assembly #2143



PRESENTS

“A KNIGHT ON THE RIVER”

Join us for a most relaxing dinner cruise on the Toms River aboard the historic “River Boat Lady”

Wednesday
September 15, 2008
6 – 9 pm (5:30 boarding)

Please RSVP by September 8

Deacon Vince Ricciardi: 732/657-6783
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*** FOOD *** FRIENDSHIP ***

*** MUSIC ***

JUST \$45.00 PER PERSON



Knights of Columbus #2143

Serving:

St. Martha, Point Pleasant;
St. Mary of the Lake, Lakewood;
St. Catherine, Seaside Park;
St. Pio of Pietrelcina, Lavalette,
Normandy Beach;
Our Lady of Perpetual, Seaside Heights
and ... all of Ocean County

Faithful Comptrollers Message

Brother Sir Knights,

With the approach of Fall, the time is here to see who in our Councils would be interested in joining Our Lady of Lourdes Assembly. As of this writing, we have 56 members in our Assembly. I would like to see us bring in at least 6 members this Fall. I also would like to see more of our members attending meetings and activities. We recently held our Installation of Officers and only a handful of non-Officers were in attendance. We all joined this Assembly to make a difference and to have an Assembly we could be proud of. Unfortunately, it became too easy to miss meetings. Once you miss the first meeting, it becomes easier to miss more. Well the opposite is also true. Once you come back to the first meeting, you will want to continue to come to meetings. We need you there to help plan our events.

Dues notices will be going out shortly for the 2008 – 2009 Columbian year in the coming months. Please remit your Dues as soon as you possibly can. Some of our members have not sent in their Dues for 2007 – 2008 yet, and their Dues bill will reflect that. Please remember that it is through your Dues that our work can be done. The Dues collected help us to do some of the important work we do.

John A. Gazis, PFN
Faithful Comptroller

COLOR CORPS COMMANDERS REPORT

Sir Knights,

On the weekend of November 8 – 9, 2008, the Second New Jersey District will hold the annual Exemplification Weekend at the Eatontown Sheraton. The new Master of the Second New Jersey District, Andrew Lipenta, will be in Office as of September 1. The Honoree for this Exemplification will be the current Master, Steven Richardson.

Our Color Corps members are asked to please come out and attend the Mass on Saturday evening, as well as the Exemplification on Sunday afternoon. The Faithful Navigator and I would like to see our Color Corps represented well at this Exemplification.

Anyone wishing to join the Color Corps should call me at (732) 477 – 6304, or email me at: John.Gazis@KofC-a2143.org

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

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MESSAGE FROM DEACON VINCE **Trusting Spiritual Assistance, Saying Thank You**

We may have become accustomed to asking for help from the unseen world – whether from angels, guides or ancestral spirits – but sometimes we may forget to close our connection afterwards with a **“THANK YOU”**. When we connect to these powers for assistance, it is much like a phone conversation. Forgetting to close the conversation with a proper **“GOODBYE”** is like not hanging up. While the line is still connected others can have trouble getting through, while in the meantime, batteries are being drained. Saying **“THANK YOU”** is a way of releasing our concerns into trusted hands and getting out of the way so that the universe’s order can work on our behalf.

As Spiritual beings, we may talk about “staying connected”, but our connection needs to be without source. We can plug in and recharge, but we run on batteries in between, and every connection we make utilizes some of our personal power. Even being surrounded by people that energize us has it’s limits, and at some point we feel ready to go off on our own to do what is ours to do. Instead of trying to be constantly connected, we can turn to these beings for help in a way that is more like placing an order. We contact them. Ask for what we need, and then say “Thank you and Good-bye.”

Beings of light don’t require our gratitude; it is an energetic acknowledgment of trust and release that benefits us. When we bring ourselves to a sense of being grateful, we affirm that what we have asked is already done. Then we can move forward with confidence to do the things we are meant to do, while knowing that all will be well.

Today, many of us take everything for granted, never saying “Thank You, Good-Bye”, or even “Have a Nice Day”. We can look at the younger ones and see how they have gone astray, not attending Church, even saying they do not need to go to Church. Some even will tell you they do not believe in God. When asking some of the children waiting to be confirmed, “Why are you seeking to be confirmed?” they reply ‘My parents forced me.’ And you wonder why crime is high amongst teens.

Not long ago, I had a wake service for a teen who overdosed and the parents asked “Where were the police? How come they did not arrest the pusher?” Good question, yet the answer lies with them. Why are the children today allowed to do as they please? Many parents will tell you they don’t want their child calling the police and claiming “child abuse”.

Remember when you were growing up and one of your parents smacked you on the backside? You didn’t dare ever think of saying it was child abuse. Much of this problem stems from our politicians who couldn’t care less about you and your family. All their concerns are on how much money they are making from your tax dollars, and how they can spend your tax dollars to look good in the eyes of someone that only wants a handout without working for it.

So, how did we get from “Thank You” to the politician? Easy! It was the political parties that took God out of our schools and replaced Him with knives, guns, drugs, rape, and teachers being beaten. Is there a solution? Yes! We have to get back to the basics, **the Bible**, and parents who are not afraid to say **“NO!”** **Many times a child dies because a parent would not say “NO!”**

My sons may have come to dislike me because I said **“NO!”** so often. Two are Police Officers, (one is a Lieutenant, another is waiting to be promoted to Sergeant), and my other son is a former Fire Chief in Sparta. I couldn’t care less, while they lived under my roof, they followed my rules. Old fashioned? You bet! Church every Sunday, homework every night, and total respect for everyone, even people they did not care for.

God must rein in your hearts to be passed down to your children and grandchildren. They learn by example in what you say and what you do. It’s not too late, we can turn back the hands of time! But, you must stand up and be counted. The silent majority will die in their silence. So, **Speak Up! Stand Up! And Be Counted! Jesus did!**

May God continue to Bless you and your family. May God keep you safe throughout your life.
Deacon Vincent P. Ricciardi, Sr., E.A.D.M., P.F.N.

Hope means to keep living amid desperation and to keep humming

WARRENS WORLD

Darwin Awards

You've been waiting for them with bated breath, so without further ado here are the 2008 Darwin Awards.

Eighth Place: In Detroit, a 41-year-old man got stuck and drowned in two feet of water after squeezing head first through an 18-inch-wide sewer grate to retrieve his car keys.

Seventh Place : A 49-year-old San Francisco stockbroker, who “totally zoned when he ran”, and accidentally jogged off a 100-foot high cliff on his daily run.

Sixth Place : While at the beach, Daniel Jones, 21, dug an 8 foot hole for protection from the wind and had been sitting in a beach chair at the bottom! When it collapsed, burying him beneath 5 feet of sand. People on the beach used their hands and shovels trying to get him out but could not reach him. It took rescue workers using heavy equipment almost an hour to free him. Jones was pronounced dead at a hospital.

Fifth Place : Santiago Alvarado, 24, was killed as he fell through the ceiling of a bicycle shop he was burglarizing. Death was caused when the long flashlight he had placed in his mouth to keep his hands free rammed into the base of his skull as he hit the floor.

Fourth Place : Sylvester Briddell, Jr., 26, was killed as he won a bet with friends who said he would not put a revolver loaded with four bullets into his mouth and pull the trigger.

Third Place : After stepping around a marked police patrol car parked at the front door, a man walked into H&J Leather & Firearms intent on robbing the store. The shop was full of customers and a uniformed officer was standing at the counter. Upon seeing the officer, the would-be robber announced a hold-up and fired a few wild shots from a target pistol. The Officer and a clerk promptly returned fire, and several customers also drew their guns and fired. The robber was pronounced dead at the scene by Paramedics. Crime scene investigators located 47 expended cartridge cases in the shop. The subsequent autopsy revealed 23 gunshot wounds. Ballistics identified rounds from 7 different weapons. No one else was hurt.

HONOURABLE MENTION: Paul Stiller, 47, and his wife Bonnie were bored just driving around at 2 AM, so they lit a quarter stick of dynamite to toss out the window to see what would happen. Apparently they failed to notice the window was closed.

RUNNER UP: Kerry Bingham had been drinking with several friends when one of them said they knew a person who had bungee-jumped from a local bridge in the middle of traffic. The conversation grew more heated and at least 10 men trooped along the walkway of the bridge at 4:30 AM . Upon arrival at the midpoint of the bridge they discovered that no one had brought a bungee rope. Bingham, who had continued drinking, volunteered and pointed out that a coil of lineman's cable, lay nearby. They secured one end around Bingham's leg and then tied the other to the bridge. His fall lasted 40 feet before the cable tightened and tore his foot off at the ankle. He miraculously survived his fall into the icy water and was rescued by two nearby fishermen. Bingham's foot was never located.

AND THE WINNER IS...

Zookeeper Friedrich Riesfeldt (Paderborn , Germany) fed his constipated elephant 22 doses of animal laxative and more than a bushel of berries, figs and prunes before the plugged-up pachyderm finally got relief.

Investigators say ill-fated Friedrich, 46, was attempting to give the ailing elephant an olive oil enema when the relieved beast unloaded. The sheer force of the elephant's unexpected defecation knocked Mr.

Riesfeldt to the ground where he struck his head on a rock as the elephant continued to evacuate 200 pounds of dung on top of him. It seems to be just one of those freak accidents that proves... 'S**t happens'

IT ALWAYS SEEMS IMPORTANT TO THANK THESE PEOPLE FOR REMOVING THEMSELVES FROM THE GENE POOL. AT LEAST FROM THE SHALLOW END.

September 2008

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	Sep 1 Labor Day	2 7:30 pm - Council 8415 Business Meeting	3	4 8pm - Council 11527 Business Meeting	5	6 5pm Installation of Officers ~ 7926
7	8 8pm Ocean County Chapter Installation	9	10 8pm - Council 8160 Business Meeting	11 A.C. Bus Trip ~ Harrah's Council 7926 Meeting	12	13
14 7am- 11am Family Breakfast ~ 7926	15 6pm- Dinner on the River Lady	16 Council 8415 Social Meeting	17	18 Council 11527 Social Meeting	19	20
21	22	23	24 8pm - Council 8160 Social Meeting	25 A.C. Bus Trip ~ Taj Mahal Council 7926 Social Meeting	26	27
28	29	30				

October 2008

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