



# Our Lady of Lourdes

## Assembly 2143



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### FAITHFUL NAVIGATOR'S MESSAGE

Brother Knights,

I read today that President Obama has set August 2010 as the date that all U.S. combat forces will be withdrawn from Iraq. As a Viet Nam veteran, I know that being able to see the end of war is a bitter sweet sensation. Sweet in that there is an end in sight; and bitter because it is so far away.

While in Nam, I discovered this prayer and want to share it with all of you, for the men and women in harm's way:

#### A Soldier's Prayer

Almighty Father, whose Command is over all and whose Love never faileth,  
Let me be aware of Thy presence and obedient to Thy will.

Keep me true to my best self, guarding me against dishonesty in purpose and in deed,  
and helping me so to soldier and to live so as to stand unashamed and unafraid before my  
fellow soldiers, my loved ones, and Thee.

Protect those in whose love I live.

Give me the will to do the work of a man and to accept my share of responsibilities with a  
strong heart and a cheerful mind.

Make me considerate of those entrusted to my leadership and faithful to the duties my  
country has entrusted to me.

Let my uniform remind me daily of the traditions of the Service of which I am a part.

If I am inclined to doubt, steady my faith; if I am tempted, make me strong to resist; if I  
should miss the mark, bestow upon me courage to try again.

Guide me with the light of Thy truth ~ and keep before me the life of Him in whose example  
and deliverance I trust.

In the name of my Lord, Amen.

Gary Rhodes, Faithful Navigator

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### Assembly Schedule

#### Meetings 8 P.M. |

April 6, 2009

May 4, 2009

June 1, 2009

## **Faithful Captains Message**

**Our first big fundraiser is coming up in March. We will be offering three Lenten Season Italian Fish Dinners at St. Martha Church. Dates and Main Dishes for these dinners are outlines below:**

**March 13 Shrimp and Bay Scallops with Pasta Shells, Italian Spices and Cheese (Rachel Ray Recipe)**

**March 20 Shrimp Fetticini Primavera**

**March 27 Seafood AuGratin**

**Side Dishes at all dinners include Spaghetti with Gravy, Confetti Spaghetti, Pasta and Italian Cheese, Chef's Signature Stir-Fried Italian Vegetables. Also, all dinners include Salad, Dessert, Soda, Coffee, and Tea. BYO Wine. Buffet line will run from 5-7:00 PM. Prices are quite reasonable at \$7.00 for Adults, and \$5.00 for Children. Tickets are for sale at the door. If you wish to help with one, two, or three of these dinners, please call Bill Wright at (732)920-2420.**

**We have not scheduled a dinner at St. Martha Church on April 3, 2009 because I will be away that weekend. However, if some other group of Knights at St. Martha or at another Council in our Assembly would like to manage a dinner at St. Martha or at the home church for the other Councils, I will offer to help with the planning.**

**"Bridge Out"**

**William Wright  
Faithful Captain**

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## **COLOR CORPS COMMANDERS REPORT**

Brothers,

The St. Patrick's Day Parade in Seaside is set for March 14, stepping off at noon. It would be nice if our Color Corps would be represented at the events outside of a Church. All member of the Assembly are invited to join the parade, dress comfortably.

We have been asked to provide Color Corps at the Confirmations at Holy Family Church on March 16<sup>th</sup>. 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 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree Knights there as possible. If you plan to attend, please dress appropriately.

I will be ordering new Color Corps Manuals for the members of our Color Corps, with extras for those that would like to join us. 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,

As of January 1, we have 57 members in the Assembly, and will be expanding our Assembly at the Exemplification in November. I am counting on you to bring new members into the fold.

As I stated in last months newsletter, the attendance at the last few meetings has been lacking. We have not had enough members 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 Webmaster – John A. Gazis, PFN**

If you would like to receive this newsletter via e-mail, contact me via e-mail and I will put your name on the e-mail list, thus saving the Assembly some valuable funds.

The Assembly's website, [www.kofc-a2143.org](http://www.kofc-a2143.org), is now password protected. Members who have contacted me and received their password will have full access to the site. The general public, and members who have not requested access, will be permitted to see some of the site, but wont be able to see certain areas restricted to the membership. I had this done because some members and Officers, did not want their phone numbers and K of C e-mail address visible to the general public. Members with passwords will be able to see the phone numbers, but persons without a password will not.

## **FROM THE DESK OF DEACON VINCE**

A recent TV mystery thriller presented a most absorbing story of a talented artist who made a contract with the devil and wound up by losing his soul. It was good in making the devil very real, but poor in making the artist too powerless. For there are two mistakes commonly made regarding the devil-to underrate his abilities, or to overestimate his powers.

Of one thing we can be sure-the devil exists! He is brilliant, though completely misguided, genius. He has angelic knowledge and a profound insight into your weaknesses. He is a shrewd, and talented director using every possible trick to achieve his end-to drag you into the pits of hell forever. He is your enemy and he hates you-just as he hates God!

In any total warfare the first aim of prudent strategy must be to know your enemy, his strength and weaknesses, and the strategy he'll pursue. This is true, above all, in the warfare of life. To be blind to the existence, the deceits, and the cunning of the devil is like an ostrich burying its head in the sand-you're going to get your wings clipped!

The greatest success of the devil in this age has been to convince a lot of people that he doesn't exist-that he belongs in the same category as goblins and fairies. He laughs at this stupidity as he goes underground where he can do his dirty work unobserved and undetected. Here this fifth columnist works untiringly to undermine the work of God in your soul.

If some make themselves an easy prey to the devil by denying his reality, others may go to the other extreme and blame everything on him...even the things they do on their own.

Let us not forget that the world and the flesh are also an abundant source of temptation. And while the devil does use these for his own ends, some people are pushovers even before the devil appears on the scene.

But let us consider the strategy that the devil uses on good people who are sincerely striving to love and serve God. In general, he tries to blow them up with pride and then cast them down by discouragement. He does everything in his power to stimulate their desire to dominate, to rule, to be esteemed, all of which are contrary to the humility and simplicity preached by our Lord.

He encourages what appear as virtues, but what are really mockeries of true virtue. The devil may inspire mortification, for example, but only of the "showy" variety-especially where it can be observed by others. Never does he encourage self-denial of our will, our judgment, or our opinions. Yet, our Lord told us to deny ourselves.

The devil tempts us to a show of piety and pious practices where it can be seen and esteemed. He very cleverly teaches a hundred and one ways of drawing attention to one's self-tempting one to be an exhibitionist either in dress or actions. He gets otherwise good women to wear styles that not only sin against modesty, but also against charity by the temptations they cause others.

He tries to attract a spiritual person to the sensational and the extraordinary, hoping there-by to distract him from the essential though hidden means of sanctification. He encourages a false humility that is proud of appearing humble and depreciating itself publicly.

The devil stirs up a false hope in our souls by making us depend more on our good works than on the saving mercy of God. He tempts us to sin and then tells us to give up. He wants us to be impatient with ourselves and our failings just to make us vexed, confused, and overanxious in general. He shows his face in a bitter and critical zeal that is opposed to true charity.

Of another thing be sure-you can beat him down and you can do it every time. But you can't do it alone! That would be like trying to take on an armored division with your bare hands! You need humility to make you depend on the grace of God. You need prayer to make the strength of God your own.

You need spiritual help of the sacraments to keep up your defenses. You need the help of that Victress of all God's battles-Mary, the Mother of God. Above all, you need Christ, her divine Son who destroyed the power of Satan forever on a hill called Calvary. You need, finally, contempt for the devil. For while he is very real and very powerful, he is still powerless when you use well these weapons of God. So, use them well-and often!

I know firsthand how the devil wants us to be impatient with ourselves and our failings just to make us vexed, confused, and overanxious. When you begin to feel this way, bring out your most powerful weapon...THE ROSARY!

Yours in Christ  
Deacon Vince

## WARRENS WORLD

### Random Thoughts:

1. Every time I walk into a singles bar I can hear Mom's wise words: "don't pick that up, you don't know where it's been!"
2. The closest I ever got to a 4.0 in college was my blood alcohol content.
3. I live in my own little world but it's OK, everyone knows me here.
4. I saw a rather large woman wearing a sweatshirt with 'Guess' on it. I said, "Thyroid problem?"
5. I don't do drugs 'cause I find I get the same effect just by standing up really fast.
6. A sign in a Chinese Pet Store: "Buy one dog, get one flea."
7. Money can't buy happiness but it sure makes misery easier to live with.
8. I got a sweater for Christmas. I really wanted a screamer or a moaner.
9. If flying is so safe, why do they call the airport the "terminal"?
10. I don't approve of political jokes. I've seen too many of them get elected.
11. The most precious thing we have is life, yet it has absolutely no trade-in value.
12. If life deals you lemons, make lemonade; if it deals you tomatoes, make Bloody Mary's.
13. I love being married. It's so great to find that one special person you want to annoy for the rest of your life.
14. Shopping tip: You can get shoes for a buck at bowling alleys.
15. I am a nobody, nobody is perfect, and therefore I am perfect.
16. Everyday I beat my own previous record for number of consecutive days I've stayed alive.
17. That Claudia Schiffer must be a genius because I told a friend my plan to attain world peace, and he told me I have "Schiffer Brains."
18. No one ever says "It's only a game!" when their team is winning.
19. Ever notice that people who spend money on beer, cigarettes and lottery tickets, are always complaining about being broke and not feeling well?
20. How long a minute is depends on what side of the bathroom door you're on.
21. Snowmen fall from Heaven unassembled.
22. Marriage changes passion...suddenly you're in bed with a relative.
23. Why is it that most nudists are people you don't want to see naked?

## Birthday Boys

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

### 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

### MAY

Bryan J Dickerson	May 13, 1973
Thomas Tamburo	May 15, 1921
Adalbert "Red" Eipert	May 18, 1948
Joseph Murphy	May 23, 1958
Gary L Rhodes	May 24, 1949
Harry Kuzma	May 25, 1938

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## Wedding Anniversaries

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

### 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

### JUNE

S.K. Joseph and Lady Alice O'Brien	June 21
S.K. Robert and Lady Mary Murray	June 29

# March 2009

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>Mar 1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>
<b>BelMar St Patricks Day</b>	<b>Assembly 2143 Meeting</b>	<b>7:30p Council 8415 Business Meeting</b>	<b>Council 11527 Meeting</b>			<b>6pm St Patricks Dinner Dance</b>
<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>
<b>2p.m. – Ciborski Testimonial Dinner</b>	<b>8pm Ocean County Chapter Meeting @ 4969</b>		<b>Council 8160 Meeting</b>	<b>A.C. Bus Trip ~ Harrah's  Council 7926 Meeting</b>		<b>12pm St Patrick's Day Parade Seaside Hts</b>
<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>
<b>7am-11am Family Breakfast ~ 7926</b>		<b>St. Patrick's Day 6:30pm Council 8415 Social Meeting</b>	<b>8pm Council 11527 Social Meeting</b>			<b>1:00 p.m. Trenton Regional Free Throw Tournament @ Hamilton Square</b>
<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>
			<b>Council 8160 Social Meeting</b>	<b>A.C. Bus Trip ~ Taj Mahal  Council 7926 Social Meeting</b>		<b>2:00pm State Free Throw Tournament</b>
<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>Apr 1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>
	<b>Convention Committee Meeting</b>	<b>Trenton Federation Meeting - 7926</b>				

# April 2009

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
29	30	31	Apr 1 Council 11527 Meeting	2	3	4
5	6 Assembly 2143 Meeting	7 7:30pm Council 8415 Business Meeting	8 Council 8160 Meeting	9 A.C. Bus Trip ~ Harrah's  Council 7926 Meeting	10	11
12 Easter	13 8pm Ocean County Chapter Meeting @ 836	14 Convention Committee Meeting	15 Tax Day  8pm Council 11527 Social Meeting	16	17	18
19 7am-11am Family Breakfast ~ 7926	20	21 6:30pm Council 8415 Social Meeting	22 Council 8160 Social Meeting	23 A.C. Bus Trip ~ Taj Mahal  Pride in Our Priests Dinner	24	25
26	27	28	29	30 Convention Committee Meeting	May 1	2

