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FAITHFUL NAVIGATOR'S MESSAGE

Brother Knights,

As we move into the month of April, I am reminded that this month contains the most Holy Days of Obligation of the entire year:

Palm Sunday – April 5th, Holy Thursday – April 9th, Good Friday – April 10th,
Holy Saturday – April 11th, Easter – April 12th, Divine Mercy Sunday – April 19th.

I hope all of you will meet the Obligations and reach out to others to assist them in doing so as well. Complacency is our downfall, of our beloved country and our Church. We, as Catholic Gentlemen, must stand united at the front, standing firm in our beliefs, and working for the good of country and God! I, for one, shall not remain silent when I see our rights, both civil and religious, being eroded away by those who believe in nothing but their own comfort and well being. I hope that all of you will make yourself heard to those that cast negativity in all directions. Unless we are heard, nothing will change and our faith will continue to be weakened by people who don't care.

On a much brighter note, our Friday dinners were a big hit with the between 70 and 80 folks attending each time. Many requests were made that we continue this as it was good food at a good price. Unfortunately, we didn't have much participation from our Assembly in helping to make this happen. Going forward, we need the support of our members if we are to do these types of fund raisers.

Special thanks go out to the following folks, who took the time to help out:
Sir Knight William and Lady Kathy Wright, Sir Knight Robert Kehoe, Sir Knight John Gazis,
Lady Donna Rhodes and Daughter Danielle, 3rd Degree Knight Ronald Bond

I wish all of you a very Happy and Peaceful Easter!

SK Gary Rhodes, FN

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Assembly Schedule

Meetings 8 P.M. |

April 6, 2009

May 4, 2009

June 1, 2009

Faithful Captains Message

Brothers,

Our Lenten meals experiment started off a little slow, but ended up to be a success. We were able to turn over \$573.00 (net of expenses) to our treasury after the third dinner. My special thanks to Gary and Donna Rhodes and their daughter, Ron Bond, Tony De Cresci, Bob Kehoe, John Gazis, my wife Kathleen, and our many 3rd and 4th degree Knights and their wives who came to support our effort by having dinner with us. I was told that a gentleman who attended the first dinner liked it so much that he was going to donate \$100.00 to the Assembly. We think that the dinners were such a success that we would like to offer some fried chicken dinners through the summer as fund raisers. We will need more support from our members in the preparation and serving of the meals.

S.K. William Wright
Faithful Captain

COLOR CORPS COMMANDERS REPORT

Brothers,

We have had some Callouts recently and could have really used some help from the members of our Color Corps.

At the wake for PFN Joe Lorenc, there were 3 members of our Color Corps in attendance, with 7 from Msgr Baldwin Assembly. I would like to thank the members of Msgr. Baldwin Assembly for their assistance.

We had Confirmations with Bishop Smith on March 16, not to mention the St. Patrick's Day Parade. We had 1 member at the Parade/Mass honoring St. Patrick, and 2 at the Confirmations. Without the members of Msgr. Baldwin Assembly and McMahon Assembly, we wouldn't have had enough to carry the flags. We need to have a better turnout from our Color Corps. Please try and attend the functions we get called out for. The children and their families were impressed by the presence of the Knights. Imagine how impressed they would have been had there been more of us there.

John A, Gazis, PFN, Color Corps Commander

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Faithful Comptrollers Message

Brother Sir Knights,

This week, as we prepare for Easter to arrive, our Assembly lost not only a Brother Knight and Past Faithful Navigator, but a friend. Joseph Y. Lorenc, PFN, passed away on Monday, March 30. Joe has been battling cancer for quite a while. While it is obvious now that he was in an extreme amount of pain, he fought on, trying not to show how bad he really felt. He tried to hide his pain from his family as best he could.

Joe touched a lot of people, both in the Knights and out of the Knights. He was a Past Grand Knight, and a Former Financial Secretary of St. Mary's of the Lake Council 11527 in Lakewood, Past Faithful Navigator of Our Lady of Lourdes Assembly, as well as a Former Insurance Agent in the Order.

Joe also worked as a Marshall at the Ocean County St. Patrick's Day Parade, as well as the Columbus Day Parade. He also was active in the Political arena in Lakewood, working on various committees and programs for them.

The Lorenc family, and the Knights of Columbus, will miss Joe. We mourn his passing. I would like to thank the members of Msgr Baldwin Assembly for assisting us with the callout, 7 of their members came & joined us and stood Honor Guard for Joe.

On another note, the Assembly recently hosted Lenten Fish Dinners at the Church of St. Martha on 3 consecutive Friday's in March, as a fundraiser for the Assembly. The dinners were a success, though not as good as they could have been had more members come out and supported them. Many thanks go out to the Sir Knights and their families that prepared, cooked, and served the meals. Faithful Navigator Gary Rhodes and Lady Donna Rhodes, with their daughter Danielle; Faithful Captain William Wright and Lady Kathleen, Sir Knight Robert Kehoe, Ronald Bond, a member of St. Martha Council 7926 and future member of our Assembly, as well as Sir Knights Anthony DeCresci and Frank Cicalese for making certain the hall was set up and ready for the dinners.

We are planning some dinners in the future to help raise some much needed funds for our Assembly.

The next Exemplification of the Fourth Degree will be held on Sunday, November 8, at the Eatontown Sheraton on Rt 35. As of now, we have 1 potential candidate and would like to have many more. I am sure you know of at least one Brother Knight who would enjoy making his 4th Degree.

Last year, Bishop McFaul Assembly allowed us to join them in their Hospitality room and I would hope that we could repay them by inviting them to join us this November.

John A. Gazis, PFN
Faithful Comptroller

Faithful Admirals Message

It is good to remember that one of our goals in life is to not be perfect. We often lose track of this aspiration. When we make mistakes, we think that we are failing or not measuring up. But if life is about experimenting, experiencing, and learning, then to be imperfect is a prerequisite. Life becomes much more interesting once we let go of our quest for perfection and aspire for imperfection instead.

This doesn't mean that we don't strive to be our best. We simply accept that there is no such thing as perfection—especially in life. All living things are in a ceaseless state of movement. Even as you read this, your hair is growing, your cells are dying and being reborn, and your blood is moving through your veins. Your life changes more than it stays the same. Perfection may happen in a moment, but it will not last because it is an impermanent state. Trying to hold on to perfection or forcing it to happen causes frustration and unhappiness.

In spite of this, many of us are in the habit of trying to be perfect. One way to nudge ourselves out of this tendency is to look at our lives and notice that no one is judging us to see whether or not we are perfect. Sometimes, perfectionism is a holdover from our childhood—an ideal we inherited from a demanding parent. We are adults now, and we can choose to let go of the need to perform for someone else's approval. Similarly, we can choose to experience the universe as a loving place where we are free to be imperfect. Once we realize this, we can begin to take ourselves less seriously and have more fun. Imperfection is inherent to being human. By embracing your imperfections, you embrace yourself.

Set Yourself Free; who are you trying to please by being perfect in what you are capable of doing? There is only one who is was and always will be perfect and that is Jesus. We need to be ourselves striving to do good for all not in a perfect way just in a good way. We will then remove the stress we build up by trying to be perfect. Think! Of something you did where you were the lead? How many people complained that you did not know what you were doing? Or that you should have done it this way? See you are not perfect! So why try? Set yourself free and LIVE as God wanted us to enjoying this good life that has been set before you. We become our worst enemies by trying to be better and out doing what you have done in the pass. Relax and take life as it comes, God is always there to provide for you and only you have to have is FAITH. Real faith not that which we say to God "Please help me, and I will go to church or I will do this" God does not make deals with us. God only ask that we be FAITHFUL, LOVING and KIND to each other. When was the last time you did something for someone you know is in trouble? In secret? If you did it and told everyone what is it worth? NOTHING! When you perform a charitable act it should be done with no one knowing. God knows and then your reward will be Ten Fold or more.

Here we are, it's almost Easter, it has come fast. Try to do something for someone who needs help and try doing it without them knowing, See how your Easter will change and how you will be Set Free! On April 19th, Divine Mercy Sunday, I have been asked to be the Deacon of the Eucharist at the National Shrine of Divine Mercy in Stockbridge, Massachusetts. It will be televised over EWTN beginning at 1:00PM, why not join us and pray the Chaplet. Please keep in mind that we are collecting twin size comforters for the National Shrine. If you like to buy a new one and donate it you can call me to arrange pick up contact me @ 732-803-2539. I must have them by April 13, 2009.

May the God of Mercy and Love protect you and your family. May the Spirit of Easter fill your hearts with the love of the Risen Lord.

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

April 2009

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

May 2009

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
26	27	28	29	30	May 1	2
3	4 Assembly 2143 Meeting	5 Council 8415 Business Meeting	6 Council 11527 Meeting	7 Council 7926 Meeting	8	9
10 Mother's Day Family Breakfast ~ 7926	11 Ocean County Chapter Meeting	12 8pm First Degree @ Council 8415	13 Council 8160 Meeting	14 A.C. Bus Trip ~ Harrah's	15 State Convention	16 State Convention
17	18	19 Council 8415 Social Meeting Supreme Convention Meeting	20 Council 11527 Social Meeting	21	22	23
24	25 Memorial Day	26	27 Council 8160 Social Meeting	28 A.C. Bus Trip ~ Taj Mahal Council 7926 Social Meeting	29	30
31	Jun 1 Assembly 2143 Meeting	2 Council 8415 Business Meeting	3 Council 11527 Meeting	4	5	6