



Our Lady of Lourdes

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FAITHFUL NAVIGATOR'S MESSAGE

Deacon Vincent Ricciardi

It could be argued that life is more about the time spent waiting for something to happen than it is about something happening. What this means is that the big events in our lives are preceded by many days and nights of dreaming, planning, organizing, and waiting. The times of waiting in between the big events actually constitute the majority of our lives. These in-between times are anything but uneventful. In fact, they are rich with possibility and filled with opportunities for reflection and preparation. Like a pregnant woman awaiting the birth of her child, we have a limited period of time in which to prepare internally and externally for the upcoming event that will define a new chapter in our lives.

When we find ourselves in an in-between time, we often can't help but feel impatient for the impending event. We just want to get to the future and have the new baby, the new job, or the new house. And yet, there is a reason a pregnancy takes nine months to fulfill itself. Nature provides the expectant parents with this time so that they can prepare the nest. This preparation plays out on many levels. Materially, a space must be created in the home and resources must be set aside for the baby's future; psychologically, a shift must occur in which the psyches of both parents agree to be responsible for a new life in the world; and emotionally, the heart must open wider to embrace and fulfill a new love.

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Meetings 7:30 p.m.

Monday, April 2, 2007

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FAITHFUL NAVIGATORS MESSAGE (cont)

Whenever you find yourself in such a time of waiting, you might want spend time exploring your material, psychological, spiritual and emotional readiness. For example, if you are preparing to move to a new city, you could make a list of things you'd like to do in the city you will be leaving behind, and go to your favorite places and spend time with old friends. This way, you will remain fully engaged in the present as you await your future, savoring the in-between time as a vital experience in itself.

Easter is just a few days away think how Jesus spent his time waiting, preparing for what was to come. Jesus had 33 years to prepare and set the way of a new and everlasting life. Take a moment and try to imagine what His mind set must have been like. His coming to die for our sins knowing the torture He would have to endure.

Many of us become nervous, upset, sick to our stomach and many even lose control of their bowels over something small and insignificant, yet Jesus knowing this came to die for us. IF we could only have 1/10th of the faith Jesus has in us, we would be a better race of people. Understanding, kind, loving and non-judgmental. Wouldn't that be beautiful? A chance to stop and meditate on the moment; smell the roses, see the beauty of the land and God in everyone? Jesus did!

May this Easter bring you all the love that God has for you and your families. Let us never forget the Men and Women serving in our Armed Forces giving their very lives so that we may live ours in freedom, to do and say what we want. Without any fear of retaliation.

Remember our Assembly is sponsoring two Marines (Husband and Wife) in Iraq. If you would like to donate to this cause just make your checks payable to the assembly and on the memo write support of Jeff and Shannon.

Daisy and I would like to wish you all Peace and Love this Easter, to be shared with all of your families and friends.

Remember God loves us, the proof is that his only begotten Son died for each and everyone one of us, none excluded, but all loved. Now resurrected!!!

Please continue to Prayer for our Military and their families.

May the Peace of Our Beloved Father be with all of you now and forever more.

**Deacon Vincent P. Ricciardi, Sr.
Faithful Navigator**

Faithful Captains Message

Bernard J. Ernst

An interesting prayer given in Kansas at the opening session of their Senate. It seems prayer still upsets some people. Please read.

When Minister Joe Wright was asked to open the new session of the Kansas Senate, everyone was expecting the usual generalities, but this is what they heard:

"Heavenly Father, we come before you today to ask your forgiveness and to seek your direction and guidance. We know Your Word says, 'Woe to those who call evil good,' but that is exactly what we have done.

We have lost our spiritual equilibrium and reversed our values.

We have exploited the poor and called it the lottery.

We have rewarded laziness and called it welfare.

We have killed our unborn and called it choice.

We have shot abortionists and called it justifiable.

We have neglected to discipline our children and called it building self esteem.

We have abused power and called it politics.

We have coveted our neighbor's possessions and called it ambition.

We have polluted the air with profanity and pornography and called it freedom of speech and expression.

We have ridiculed the time honored values of our forefathers and called it enlightenment.

Search us, Oh, God, and know our hearts today; cleanse us from every sin and set us free. Amen!"

The response was immediate. A number of legislators walked out during the prayer in protest.

In 6 short weeks, Central Christian Church where Rev. Wright is pastor, logged more than 5,000 phone calls with only 47 of those calls responding negatively. The church is now receiving international requests for copies of this prayer from India, Africa and Korea .

Commentator Paul Harvey aired this prayer on his radio program, "The Rest of the Story," and received as large a response to this program as he has to any other one he has ever aired.

With the Lord's help, may this prayer sweep over our nation and wholeheartedly become our desire so that we again can be called "one nation under God." If possible, please pass this prayer on to your friends. "If you don't stand for something, you will fall for anything."

COUNCIL ACTIVITIES

Council 3826 - April 10 – Business Meeting - 8 p.m.

Council 7926 - April 15 – Communion Breakfast
April 26 – Business Meeting - 8 p.m.

Council 8415 - April 3 - Business Meeting - 7:30 p.m.
April 10 - First Degree - 8 p.m.
April 17 - Social Meeting - 6:30 p.m.

Council 11527 - April 4 – Business Meeting – 8 p.m.

Ocean County Chapter - April 9 – Business Meeting – Council 8603 – 8 p.m.
Council 6522 - April 21 – Trip to Supreme and St. Mary's Church, New Haven

Trenton Diocese-

April 19 – Pride in our Priests Dinner – Doolan's in Spring Lake 5 p.m.

Faithful Comptrollers Message

Brothers,

Our Assembly will be holding a “Going Away Party” for Lady Alice and S.K. Warren Frey, who will be moving to Florida this month. Please let me know by April 9, if you plan to attend. Warren and Alice have worked tirelessly for our Assembly, and deserve a big sendoff. We will miss them. I will miss them.

I would like to thank everyone for sending in their dues, and helping the Assembly by filling out the forms I included with the dues bills. This information will be helpful in acknowledging birthdays and anniversaries of our members. If you didn't fill it out, you will not be listed for birthdays or your Anniversary.

We recently held our annual Past Faithful Navigators dinner, honoring P.F.N. Robert Murray. This event was held at the Lobster Shanty, in Pt. Pleasant Beach, on Sunday March 25. Faithful Master Steven Richardson and his wife, Lady Susan, joined us for this special occasion. Master Richardson presented Bob with the Star Assembly award for the Columbian year 2005 – 2006. Those in attendance had a great time.

We are well on our way to increasing the membership of the Assembly, thanks to the efforts of Faithful Navigator Vincent Ricciardi. He has signed up 6 new members for November Exemplification. Please ask a 3rd Degree Brother Knight to join our Assembly.

I hope to see you all at the meetings and our events.

**John A. Gazis, P.F.N.
Faithful Comptroller**

COLOR CORPS COMMANDERS REPORT

Brother Sir Knights,

We recently marched in the annual St. Patrick's Day Parade, in Seaside Heights. The weather was perfect for a stroll up the Boulevard. The crowd was lively and many rounds of applause were given to the Knights as they marched along the Parade Route. The Color Guard led us, carrying the Flags high and straight. The Color Corps of our Assembly joined the Color Corps of Msgr. Baldwin and McMahan Assemblies.

Our next scheduled Callout will be the State Convention in Wildwood. Even if you are not a member of the Color Corps, join us in Wildwood that weekend.

Anyone wishing to join the Color Corps can call me at (609) 597-1197.

**Edward F. Kelly, K.H.S., P.F.N.
Color Corps Commander**

Our Lady of Lourdes Assembly #2143

Going Away Party

Honoring

Lady Alice

&

S.K. Warren Frey

At Tuscany Restaurant

1490 Route 88 West

Brick, N.J.

Monday, April 16, 2007 6:30p.m.

\$30 per person

Dinner includes: Salad or Penne Pasta ala Vodka

Entrée:

Choice of:

Stuffed Chicken Marsala

Stuffed Flounder;

Apple Jack Brandy Roast Loin of Pork;

Dessert;

Coffee, Tea, Soda;

Cash Bar

RSVP – John A. Gazis, P.F.N. by April 8, 2007

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UPCOMING MILESTONES

Birthdays

The following Sir Knights and Ladies will be celebrating birthdays during the month of April:

- Apr. 1 - S.K. Neal DeBenedetto**
- Apr. 6 - Lady Annette Lotartaro**
- Apr. 16 - Lady Lisa Dickerson**
- Apr. 16 - S.K. Peter J. Malara**
- Apr. 23 - Lady Velda Castellano**
- Apr. 26 - S.K. Joseph C. O'Brien, Jr**

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The following Sir Knights and Ladies will be celebrating birthdays during the month of May:

- May 3 - S.K. Edward F. Kelly, K.H.S.; P.F.N.**
- May 4 - Lady Elizabeth Rastelli**
- May 11 - Lady Roberta Niesz**
- May 13 - S.K. Bryan J. Dickerson**
- May 15 - S.K. Thomas Tamburo**
- May 17 - Lady Margaret Ernst**
- May 18 - S.K. Adalbert Eipert**
- May 21 - S.K. Thomas W. Niesz**
- May 23 - S.K. Joseph Murphy**
- May 24 - S.K. Gary L. Rhodes**
- May 30 - Lady Teri Beaugard**

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The following Sir Knights and Ladies will be celebrating birthdays during the month of June:

- June 1 - Lady Daisy Ricciardi**
 - June 8 - S.K. Frank M. Cicalese**
 - June 11 - S.K. Robert F. Brogan**
 - June 12 - S.K. Thomas H. Applegate**
 - June 13 - S.K. Warren C. Frey**
 - June 17 - S.K. John A. Fiore**
 - June 25 - S.K. Kenneth L. Sarro**
 - June 26 - S.K. Joseph J. Rastelli**
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Wedding Anniversaries

The Following Ladies and Sir Knights will be celebrating a Wedding Anniversary During the month of April:

- Apr. 4 - Lady Julia and Sir Knight Mario Pontecorvo
- Apr. 12 - Lady Roberta and Sir Knight Thomas Niesz
- Apr. 16 - Lady Audrey and Sir Knight Lionel Coty
- Apr. 20 - Lady Micki and Sir Knight Michael Tuohy

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The following Sir Knights and Ladies will be celebrating a Wedding Anniversary during the month of May:

- May 4 - Lady Kathy and Sir Knight Anthony DeCresci
- May 15 - Lady Nancy and Sir Knight George Dormanski

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The following Sir Knights and Ladies will be celebrating a Wedding Anniversary during the month of June:

- June 10 - Lady Elizabeth and Sir Knight Joseph Rastelli
- June 21 - Lady Alice and Sir Knight Joseph O'Brien
- June 29 - Lady Mary and Sir Knight Robert Murray, P.F.N.

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The following Sir Knights and Ladies will be celebrating a Wedding Anniversary during the month of July:

- July 24 - Lady Collette and Sir Knight Kenneth Sarro

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The following Sir Knights and Ladies will be celebrating a Wedding Anniversary during the month of August:

- Aug. 6 - Lady Annette and Sir Knight Sal Lotartaro

WARRENS WORLD

THE COST OF TOMATOES & MAIDS & GARDENERS

From an American school teacher - - -

"As you listen to the news about the student protests over illegal immigration there are some things that you should be aware of:

I am in charge of the English-as-a-second-language department at a large southern California high school which is designated a Title 1 school, meaning that its students average lower socio-economic and income levels.

Most of the schools you are hearing about-South Gate High, Bell Gardens, Huntington Park, etc.- where these students are protesting, are also Title 1 schools.

One hundred percent of the students in this school and other Title 1 schools are on the free breakfast and free lunch program. When I say free breakfast I'm not talking a glass of milk and roll --but a full breakfast and cereal bar with fruits and juices that would make a Marriott proud.

The waste of this food is monumental, with trays and trays of it being dumped in the trash uneaten. (OUR TAX DOLLARS AT WORK)

I estimate that well over 50% of these students are obese or at least moderately overweight. About 75% or more DO have cell phones.

The school also provides day care centers for the unwed teenage pregnant girls (some as young as 13) so they can attend class without the inconvenience of having to arrange for babysitters or having family watch their kids. (OUR TAX DOLLARS AT WORK)

I was ordered to spend \$700,000 on my department or risk losing funding for the upcoming year even though there was little need for anything; my budget was already --substantial.

I ended up buying new computers for the computer learning center; half of which, one month later, have been carved with graffiti by the appreciative students who obviously feel humbled and grateful to have a free education in America .

(OUR TAX DOLLARS AT WORK)

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