



# Our Lady of Lourdes



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### FAITHFUL NAVIGATOR'S MESSAGE – Deacon Vincent Ricciardi

#### CHOICES ONE MUST MAKE

My Brother Sir Knights,

Our lives are defined by the decisions we make each day. When we choose one option over another, whether we are selecting a restaurant or considering a cross-country move, we shape our lives. The decision-making process can be empowering, allowing us to enjoy the benefits of self-determination. Yet it can also be a source of anxiety because decisions force us to face the possibility of dissatisfaction and inner conflict. As a result, many of us opt to avoid making decisions by allowing others to make them for us. We consequently turn our power over to spouses, relatives, friends, and colleagues, granting them the stewardship of our lives that is ours by right. Though the decisions we must make are often difficult, we grow more self-sufficient and secure each time we trust ourselves enough to choose.

Ultimately, only you can know how the options before you will impact your daily life and your long-term well-being. Within you lies the power to competently weigh the advantages and disadvantages of each selection.

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### **Assembly Schedule:**

**Exemplification Tea:**  
Sunday Nov. 5, 2 p.m.

**Meetings 7:30 p.m.**  
**Monday, November 6, 2006**  
**Monday, December 4, 2006**  
**Monday, January 15, 2006**

**FAITHFUL NAVIGATORS MESSAGE (cont)**

**Even if you feel incapable of making a decision, your inner wisdom and your intuitive mind will give you sound counsel if you have faith in yourself. Try to come to your own conclusions before seeking the guidance of others, and even then, treat their suggestions as supplementary information rather than votes to be tallied. Before making your choice, release your fear of wrong decisions. Perceived mistakes can lead you down wonderful and unexpected paths that expose you to life-changing insights. If you can let go of the notion that certain choices are utterly right while others are entirely wrong, you will be less tempted to invite others to take the reigns of your destiny.**

**When your choices are your own, you will be more likely to accept and be satisfied with the outcome of those choices. Your decisions will be a pure reflection of your desires, your creativity, your awareness, and your power. Since you understand that you must live with and take responsibility for your decisions, you will likely exercise great care when coming to conclusions. As you learn to make informed and autonomous choices, you will gain the freedom to consciously direct the flow of your life without interference.**

**We all have choices in life many times we just would rather have someone else make those choices for us. We do have free will which was given to us by our Divine Father, to see what we would choose to do. Do we chose the right path or take that detour because of our fear of making the wrong choice? Each morning you make the choice of getting out of bed and starting the day, what to do, where to go, what to eat and what your attitude will be. God wants us to Love, Laugh and Live Life to the fullest. So why not make the choice to live life, do what you really want, travel to places you have dreamed of but have never been, dance like no one is watching; and sing as loud as you can as though no one is listening. Enjoy Life! Let everyone know it, walk with a smile and a skip in your steps of life.**

**Please continue to Prayer for our Military and their families.**

**May God bless you and your families,  
Deacon Vincent P. Ricciardi, Sr.  
Faithful Navigator**

## Faithful Captains Message

### GIVING GRACE

Worthy Sir Knights,

November is a busy month not just for Sir Knights, but for all Knights and their family. The one thing that pops off everyone's calendar though is Thanksgiving Day. It is a time when we should give special thanks for all that God's bounty -- but how many mumble through the word's as we say "Grace" before our meals? The words are very significant and we should say all prayers. especially Grace, as if we mean it...and hopefully we do!

Each morning we awaken, we have accomplished something hundreds of thousands around the world have not done - We are still alive.

With each meal we eat, we are accomplishing something that millions of people around the world are unable to do -- We have food to eat.

With every drink of water we take, we are accomplishing something that millions of people around the world are deprived of -- We have clean water to drink.

The list goes on and on, and when we lay our head down at the end of the day, do we remember to thank God that we had more, did more and survived more than millions of others did?

I heard an interesting perspective on life that everyone should keep in mind: We know that there are some who have developed an illness, or disease, or perhaps an injury. *Some* will bemoan, "God, why me?" But when they were healthy, strong and disease free did they also call out, "God, why me?"

We must count our blessings at all times!

The 4th Degree Exemplification will be occurring this month, beginning with the tea at 2:00pm, on November 5th, at St. Martha's Parish Hall. The Exemplification weekend will occur November 11-12th. More about that in this newsletter.

An Exemplification is important in that, as soldiers of Christ, we must ensure that there will be others that will step into our shoes and carry the cross of Christ.

**Bernard J Ernst  
Faithful Captain**

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### COUNCIL ACTIVITIES

On Saturday, November 4, Council 7926 will be hosting the 5<sup>th</sup> Annual "ItalianFest". The night starts with 5p.m. Mass. After Mass, the dinner is held in the All-Purpose Room at the Church of St. Martha. The menu is: Chicken Parmigiana; Eggplant Parmigiana; Sausage, Peppers, and Onions; Baked Ziti; regular Ziti; Coffee; cake; soda. Tickets are \$10 at the Parish Office, \$15 at the door the night of the event.

Council 7926 will host a Flea Market on Sunday, Nov. 19. Contact S.K. Tony DeCresci (732-458-3673) if you wish to reserve a table.

Council 7926 will be hosting a traditional Thanksgiving Dinner at the Church of St. Martha. This dinner is open to anyone wishing to attend. There is no charge for this dinner. The Council does not want anyone to be alone for the holidays. Come join them, bring the family.

They will also be making Christmas Eve food deliveries.

## **Faithful Comptrollers Message**

**Brothers,**

The Exemplification is 2 weeks away, on Sunday, November 12, at the Eatontown Sheraton. Our Lady of Lourdes Assembly will have 2 Candidates in the Class of 2006. Mario Pontecorvo, and William Wright, of Council 7926, will be joining the ranks of Sir Knights that afternoon. The Assembly has a Hospitality room at the hotel on Saturday night, and all day Sunday. The Assembly, and Candidates, will be attending Mass at 4p.m. on Saturday. After Mass, there will be an Assembly dinner; details will be available at the meeting on November 6. Come out and support our new Brother Sir Knights that weekend.

It is now November, and Dues notices will be going out soon. Traveling Cards for 2007 have been ordered, and upon arrival will be sent out to the membership, after dues are paid. Included in the Dues billing will be a form asking certain questions for our files. Please fill this form out and return with your Dues payment. This information is for Assembly use only. The questions will not be of a personal nature, rather asking things like your wife's and your dates of birth, your anniversary, email address, phone numbers and the like.

On a sad note, S.K. Ernest Rossi and his family have moved to Jonesborough, Tennessee. Council 11527 has lost an important part of their Council and the Assembly has lost a great worker. When we, or his Council, ran an event, Ernie was always there lending a hand and helping out in any way he could. Good luck Brother Ernie, you will be missed.

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

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

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## **COLOR CORPS COMMANDERS REPORT**



**Brothers,**

Sunday, November 12, is the date of the Exemplification of the 4<sup>th</sup> Degree in Eatontown. I would hope that all our Brother Sir Knights would attend the Exemplification. This is an Official Callout for the Color Corps of our Assembly. Certifications will be performed the morning of the Degree, for those that haven't been certified as of that day.

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**

# UPCOMING BIRTHDAYS

## NOVEMBER

George J. Dormanski            Nov. 28  
Ronald "Jack" O'Shea        Nov. 30  
Gerard F. Spanola            Nov. 30

## DECEMBER

Michael J. Tuohy              Dec. 7  
Brian J. Harper                Dec. 8  
Steven R. Kelly                Dec. 20  
Jesus Christ                    Dec. 25  
Joseph LoBianco              Dec. 26

## JANUARY

Anthony J. Castellano        Jan. 19  
John A. Rentschler            Jan. 19  
Lionel J. Coty                 Jan. 24  
Thomas J. Lorenc              Jan. 25  
John M. Valdora               Jan. 30

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## **WARRENS WORLD**

If you remember the Original Hollywood Squares and its comics, this may bring a tear to your eyes.

These great questions and answers are from the days when "Hollywood Squares" game show responses were spontaneous and clever, not scripted and (often) dull, as they are now.

Peter Marshall was the host asking the questions, of course.

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**Q. Do female frogs croak?**

**A. If you hold their little heads under water long enough. (Paul Lynde)**

**Q. If you're going to make a parachute jump, at least how high should you be?**

**A. Three days of steady drinking should do it. (Charley Weaver)**

**Q. You've been having trouble going to sleep. Are you a man or a woman?**

**A. That's what's been keeping me awake. (Don Knotts)**

**Q. According to Ann Landers, is there anything wrong with getting into the habit of kissing a lot of people?**

**A. It got me out of the army. (Charley Weaver)**

**Q. In Hawaiian, does it take more than three words to say "I Love You"?**

**A. No, you can say it with a pineapple and a twenty. (Vincent Price)**

**Q. If you were pregnant for two years, what would you give birth to?**

**A. Whatever it is, it would never be afraid of the dark. (Paul Lynde)**

**Q. Which of your five senses tends to diminish as you get older?**

**A. My sense of decency. (Charley Weaver)**

**Q. As you grow older, do you tend to gesture more or less with your hands while talking?**

**A. You ask me one more growing old question, Peter, and I'll give you a gesture you'll never forget. (Rose Marie)**

**Q. Paul, why do Hell's Angels wear leather?**

**A. Because chiffon wrinkles too easily. (Paul Lynde)**

**Q. Jackie Gleason recently revealed that he firmly believes in them and has actually seen them on at least two occasions. What are they?**

**A. His feet. . Charley Weaver**

**Q. It is considered in bad taste to discuss two subjects at nudist camps. One is politics, what is the other?**

**A. Tape measures. (Paul Lynde)**

**Q. True or False, a pea can last as long as 5,000 years.**

**A. Boy, it sure seems that way sometimes. (George Gobel)**

**Q. According to Ann Landers, what are two things you should never do in bed?**

**A. Point and laugh. (Paul Lynde)**