



Our Lady of Lourdes



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FAITHFUL NAVIGATOR'S MESSAGE

S.K. Bernard Ernst

I would first like to thank the Assembly for electing me to the position of Faithful Navigator, and further thank them for electing a fine slate of officers to assist me in fulfilling the duties of my office. My goal is to live up to your expectations and further advance this Assembly as the finest in New Jersey.

To that end, I am asking for suggestions and ideas as to how we, as an Assembly, can best live up to the principle of Patriotism. I have a few ideas based on what I hear going on around the state, but would prefer that the ideas come from the membership rank and file. Obviously some of these ideas will require funding, so we need to also come up with the means to underwrite these plans.

I want this term to be one of harmony and civility. If something is on anyone's mind, I answer my phone 24/7. I want to reach out to the 35 or so members who no longer make it to meetings. I want to find out why they are no longer motivated to attend meetings. I want to assure them that it will be worth their while to come back.

Finally, we must continue to grow as an Assembly. I want an effort made by every Sir Knight to recruit not only one new member, but also a transfer. Quite frankly, we have a higher percentage overall of our membership attending meetings than the other Assemblies in Ocean County, why not convince a Sir Knight to come to one of our meetings and test the waters?

The alternative is that we have the same old group of people doing the work...also known as the 20/80 rule. Thank you, and God Bless America!

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Assembly Schedule:

Meetings 7:30 p.m.
Monday, August 6, 2007
Monday, September 7, 2007
Monday, October 1, 2007

PAST FAITHFUL NAVIGATORS MESSAGE

A peaceful mood can steal over you quite suddenly today or any day, leaving you to address your usual outer-world concerns from a new vantage point. You may find that fixing your attention on a single matter becomes far more challenging, perhaps prohibitively so. This can be a wonderful time to take a personal day as your serenity will likely seem more appropriate in the quiet environment of your personal space. Alone with your thoughts and feelings, you can nurture your low-key mood through meditative activities such as prayer, journaling or listening to soothing music. If you cannot put aside your obligations today, be assured that your tranquility will wait for your attention tonight or tomorrow.

We can intensify the level of serenity we already feel by spending time alone because it is only when we are in solitude that we are not affected by the outer-world distractions that might otherwise occupy our attentions. Sustaining inner peace is often a matter of withdrawing into the self to concentrate on matters that are important to us as individuals. Whether we occupy a literal sanctuary or must content ourselves with the sanctuary of the mind, we cultivate the ability to slip easily into a place of tranquility when we attune ourselves to such feelings. Isolation empowers us to explore the very depths of our souls so that we may better understand how we attained such a peaceful state and how we may attain it again in the future. Your low-key mood will become increasingly tranquil today as you immerse yourself in your innermost thoughts.

On June 4, the Assembly elected Sir Knight Bernie Ernst to assume the position of Faithful Navigator. I look back and see some nice changes in the Assembly in my year as Navigator, shorter more meaningful meetings. The men sitting around enjoying the food that they shared as well as the thoughts of the day in their most hurried life. Running from work to a meeting and their involvement in the local Councils. "When you need something done ask someone who has little or no time and it gets done." The Officers this year were great and their support was there from the very beginning.

We took on a challenge of reforming Our Lady of Lourdes, now newer men will be taking over the reins for the next few years bringing this Assembly in a new direction. Membership is what keeps the Knights of Columbus alive. It is the members who bring in new men to our ranks Saint Mary of the Lake Council 11527 has submitted 10 new men who seek to be a Sir Knights they are: Paul Kovach, Juan Garcia, James Spataro, Donald Angelilli, Thomas Corden, Joseph Calandrucchio, John Romando, Ralph Perone, Marc Ricciardi, Arthur Stanley. If one Council can accomplish to build their rank by 10, 12 or 15 then what are the other Councils and membership doing??

It has been a good year, one that I will remember as being easy and somber, smooth flowing, I could not have asked for more. As a Deacon it was most rewarding, observing the men work together and coming together as one! I had peace of mind most of the time and input from the members which just made everything so nice and easy. Frank Cicalese always helped out, even at the last minute with a phone call to pick up items for the meeting. Gary Rhodes would go out of his way to make sure we were ready for the nights meetings and Rennie Castellano never said NO and was always there ready to help. Each Officer did their role in their position to excellence! The Parish of Saint Martha's always extended a warm welcome. I miss two of the hardest workers, Mike Urso and Warren Frey, who worked tirelessly to make the assembly what it is today. Semper Fidelis! Warren

I look forward to next year as the Past Faithful Navigator and the newly elected Admiral of Our Lady of Lourdes Assembly. I extend my knowledge and abilities to our newly elected Officers, for as they rendered assistance to me, they can be assured that I will be there when they need me. In closing I wish all the members and families of our Assembly good health, a prayerful life, and a happy and long one. May God bless each and everyone one of you.

Yours in Christ,

Vivat Jesus!

Deacon Vincent P. Ricciardi, Sr. P.F.N.

Faithful Captains Message

First, let me thank my brother Sir Knights for allowing me to assume the position of Captain. I will do my best to learn this post and to further the cause of the Fourth Degree Knights.

Secondly, let me ask a question that I think about each and every time I attend a meeting, be it in the Council or the Assembly, **“Where are all the Brother Knights?”**

Why are our Brother Sir Knights neglecting to attend our meetings? Why do so few Color Corp Brothers turn out for calls? Why is it that the same people give of their time when work needs to be done? These are not rhetorical questions; they are serious ones that need to be addressed. One always understands that health issues or work commitments can occur from time to time, but usually not over an extended period of time.

Is it just a sign of the times; or do we have a problem within our group that is the root cause of our mediocre attendance record? Remember, we are working for the good of the Order and the Church, and that we are all One in Christ!

I am asking for the membership's help in overcoming this obstacle! Anyone who has any ideas at all that will get our Brothers back to attending our meetings, please contact me by phone, fax, email, smoke signals, whatever means possible.

With all of us focusing on resolving this issue, we can make it happen!

God Bless America!!

**S.K. Gary Rhodes
Faithful Captain**

COUNCIL ACTIVITIES

Council 11527 – July 22, Divine Mercy Celebration

Council 7926- July 26, Council Installation of Officers.

Council 7926 - July 29, Parish Picnic. St. Martha Council hosts the Annual picnic for the Feast of St. Martha, held at Windward Beach, Brick.

Council 3826 – Collected 150 Sets of Rosary Beads to be distributed in Uganda, by the Sisters of Mercy August 1

Council 3826 – August 1, distributing hot dogs to a youth bible group

Council 3826 – August 4 Installation of Officers

Faithful Comptrollers Message

Brothers,

Well, summer is here and we are all in the middle of a very busy time. Taking the children and grandchildren to the beach, or movies, or to an amusement park. Time is a valuable commodity this time of year. As we work outdoors to repair the house, or plant some flowers, take some time to think about your Assembly. We, too, could do with some of your valuable time. Our meetings are the first Monday of the month, unless a Holiday falls on that day. Please try to attend a meeting now and then. This is your Assembly, and we need your input to help it grow. Our meetings begin at 7:30 p.m., and are held at the Church of St. Martha.

I have contracted with the Sheraton Hotel in Eatontown for 10 rooms for the weekend of the Exemplification in November. I hope to be able to book more rooms as they become available. As we have done in the past, the Saturday night dinner will be at the hotel, at 6 pm. More information on the weekend will be forthcoming as the weekend comes closer.

I want to wish you all a great summer, and to once again ask that you try to attend our meetings and give us your input as to the direction of your 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

Worthy Sir Knights,

As the summer heat continues to wear on us, we can take solace in the fact that in a few short weeks, we will be wondering where the summer went. Before you know it, the summer will be gone and it will time to prepare for the annual fall events with the Knights of Columbus.

The first item that will be on the list is the annual Columbus Day Parade in Seaside Heights. That will be on Sunday, October 7. Shortly after that will be the Exemplification weekend in November in Eatontown. Our Color Corps will be busy this fall and I invite all of our Brother Sir Knights to join us. Become a member of our Color Corps; show that you are proud to be a Fourth Degree Knight of Columbus, and a member of Our Lady of Lourdes Assembly.

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

Edward F. Kelly, K.H.S., P.F.N.

Color Corps Commander

UPCOMING BIRTHDAYS

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

- July 7 - S.K. Philip A. Valesse
- July 9 - S.K. Robert Morris
- July 14 - S.K. Ernest A. Rossi
- July 15 - Lady Audrey Coty
- July 19 - S.K. Bernard J. Ernst
- July 30 - Lady Alice O'Brien

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

- Aug. 3 - Rev. Gerald A. Marchand
- Aug. 7 - S.K. Peter C. Beaugard
- Aug. 7 - S.K. Robert W. Kehoe
- Aug. 9 - Lady Antoinette Cicalese
- Aug. 17 - S.K. Joseph H. Gabionwicz
- Aug. 28 - S.K. Mark G. Brown
- Aug. 29 - S.K. Anthony DeCresci

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

- Sept. 4 - S.K. Edward A. Balog
- Sept. 7 - S.K. Albert S. DeTufo
- Sept. 14 - Rev. Michael O'Connor
- Sept. 18 - Lady Beverly Bouford
- Sept. 19 - Lady Mary Murray

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Wedding Anniversaries

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

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

- Sept. 8 - Lady June and Sir Knight Adalbert Eipert
- Sept. 10 - Lady Velda and Sir Knight Anthony Castellano
- Sept. 12 - Lady MaryAnn and Sir Knight John Valdora
- Sept. 14 - Lady Dorothy and Sir Knight Thomas Bishop

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<u>Color Corps Commander</u>	<u>S.K. Edward Kelly, K.H.S.</u>	

WARRENS WORLD

Have you heard about this case? Great answer from the judge! In Florida, an atheist became incensed over the preparation of Easter and Passover holidays. He decided to contact his lawyer about the discrimination inflicted on atheists by the constant celebrations afforded to Christians and Jews with all their holidays while atheists had no holiday to celebrate.

The case was brought before a wise judge. After listening to the long passionate presentation by the lawyer, the Judge banged his gavel and declared "Case dismissed!"

The lawyer immediately stood and objected to the ruling and said, "Your honor, how can you possibly dismiss this case? The Christians have Christmas, Easter and many others. Jews have Passover, Yom Kippur and Hanukkah...yet my client and all other atheists have no such holiday!"

The judge leaned forward in his chair and simply said, "Obviously your client is too confused to even know about, much less celebrate his own atheists' holiday!"

The lawyer pompously said, "Your Honor, we are unaware of any such Holiday for atheists. Just when might that holiday be, your Honor?"

The judge said, "Well it comes every year on exactly the same date—April 1st! Since our calendar sets April 1st as April Fool's Day.. consider that Psalm 14:1, Psalm 53 states, 'The fool says in his heart, there is no God.' Thus, in my opinion, if your client says there is no God, then by scripture he is a fool, thus April 1st is his holiday! "

PRAY THAT SOME DAY OUR COURTS WILL BE FULL OF THESE KIND OF JUDGES..... MAYBE THEN, WE CAN PUT GOD BACK WHERE HE BELONGS — IN EVERYTHING WE DO

Way to go Your Honor