



The Encyclical



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January 2009

Faithful Navigator's Message

To my Brother Sir Knights:

I hope you had a Blessed and Merry Christmas and my wife Diane and I wish you every happiness in this New Year.



With the New Year, activities are picking up. Sunday, January 18th is the Annual Pro-Life Mass at St. Patrick's Cathedral. If you haven't already done so, contact PFN Ed McKee, and he can help you get a seat on a bus.

January 22nd is the Annual March for Life in Washington, D.C., This event gets bigger every year, and now more than ever the unborn need our support. Again, contact PFN Ed McKee, and he can get you onto a bus.

Our next Assembly meeting will be Wednesday, January 28th, at Rev. Michael J. Hartigan Council.

Moving ahead to March, our Patriotic Ball/Faithful Navigator's Testimonial will be Sunday, March 8th, at Hartigan Council. Make your reservations with Faithful Captain Tom Liddy, and raffle tickets are available from PGK FDD Rich Elias.

Another Assembly function that needs your support is our 50-50 drawing. Dues for the Assembly year are also due.

And, speaking not only as your Faithful Navigator, but as an Honor Guardsman, we sorely need more Guardsmen. This is one of the best ways you can support your Assembly. If you have the time we have the gear. Please contact PGK PFN Jim Cunningham or Faithful Pilot PGK Winston Delpesh.

PGK PFN Cunningham is also taking orders for Assembly jackets. Contact him for more details.

You can find more details on these events throughout this edition of the Encyclical.

God Bless you all and Pope John XXIII Assembly!

Yours in Charity, Unity, Fraternity, and Patriotism,
SK Kevin Finnegan PGK
Faithful Navigator

Assembly Almanac

January 28, Assembly meeting, Hartigan Council, Bethpage
February 25, Assembly meeting, St. Thomas the Apostle Council, West Hempstead
March 8, Patriotic Ball/PFN Testimonial, Hartigan Council
March 25, Assembly meeting, Delaney Council, Farmingdale
April 22, Assembly meeting, Our Lady of the Island Council, Massapequa Park
May 27, Assembly meeting, New Hyde Park Council
June 24, Assembly meeting, Barry Council, Hicksville (hosted by Sign of the Cross Council)

Executive meetings are held the Second Wednesday of the month at Barry Council in Hicksville. Officers, Committee Chairmen, and Fourth Degree chairmen are required to attend.

The Honor Guard drills on the Fourth Monday of every month at Hempstead Council, across from Our Lady of Loretto Church. All guardsmen are required to attend.

Captain's Compass

Our next Assembly meeting will be on Wednesday January 28th, hosted by Rev. Michael J. Hartigan Council, at Catholic War Veterans Hall, Bethpage.

From the Southern State Parkway, take it to Exit 28 (Wantagh Avenue) Take Wantagh Avenue North to the end about 5 miles, where it joins Route 107/Broadway. Take Broadway North, and at that first light, go right. That's Central Park Avenue. The council is on the right about 1/4 mile down the road.

From the LIE (exit 41S) or Northern State (exit 35) go South on Route 107, past the Broadway Mall, Old Country Road, and Grumman's. After you pass Grumman's you'll see a bank on your left. Make that left onto Central Park Avenue. The council is on the right about 1/4 mile down the road.

Their phone number's (516) 938-5033

See you at the meeting!

Thomas J. Liddy
Faithful Captain

Have you seen us online lately? <http://www.kofca730.org>

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Assembly Officers, 2008-2009

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Faithful 1-year Trustee Joseph Zink PGK PFN FDD

Making Catholic Education more affordable-you can help!

SK Tim Mulhearn from Hempstead Council wrote to inform us about an upcoming reception for United New Yorkers for Choice in Education (UNYCE). The reception will be February 8th, 2:30—4:30 pm at Bishop Kellenberg High School. The Guest Speaker will be Sr. Joanne Callahan, O.S.U. she's the Superintendent of Schools for the Diocese of Rockville Centre. UNYCE has been supported by the late Bishops John McGann and John McHugh, and current Bishop William Murphy. Auxiliary Bishops Emil Wcela (Retired) and John Dunne are also members of UNYCE, and the goal is to help parents afford Catholic education for their children. Reception is \$20, the raffle is \$100. Contact Tim for more information, (516) 292-1224.

Patriotic Ball/PFN Testimonial

**Save the date: Sunday March 8th
(2009) from 5:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.
at the Catholic War Veterans Hall
(the home of Hartigan Council) in
Bethpage, when we thank PFN Ed
McKee for a great job as
Faithful Navigator.**

**For just \$40 per person, you'll get
music by Tony V and "Piece of the
Rock," a fruit/cheese table, hot buf-
fet dinner, beer, wine, and soda,
dessert and coffee.**

**There will also be a raffle. More de-
tails when they become available.**

**PGK FDD Richard Elias is your con-
tact for raffles, (516) 799-3879, and
Faithful Captain Tom Liddy is your
contact for reservations,
(516) 354-0793.**

Your assembly dues are . . . due!

Membership cards are now available to our members for the 2009 calendar year. Just \$20.00 will pay your annual dues, and get you "next year's" card. Make your check payable to Pope John XXIII Assembly and mail to:

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Due Date for Dues Payment is January 1, 2009. There will be a 30 Day grace period before being subject to suspension. Membership cards for disabled members and for Honorary Life members have been sent to each council's Financial Secretary.

50-50 drawing

July: SK John D'Allesandro council 11836
August: SK Julius Fiorini, Council 5044
September SK Mike Dragonetti, Council 3488
October PFN Charles DiPrima, Council 5033
November Christine Carroll
December & January: you??

Could be, if you're in the 50/50 drawing. Send a \$24 check good for one year's membership, and send it to

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For more information, contact Chairman SK Joe Lannon

The next Encyclical deadline is the January meeting at Rev. Hartigan Council

Respect Life

(Respectfully Submitted, *SK Ed McKee, pph, pfn*, Pro-Life Chairman)

STOP THE "THE FREEDOM OF CHOICE ACT" (FOCA) THE FEDERAL NO-LIMITS-ON-ABORTION BILL

**To All U.S. Senators and U.S. House Members: We urge you to reject the so-called
"Freedom of Choice Act"**

This is a proposed federal law that would:

make the brutal partial-birth abortion method legal again.

require tax funding of abortion on demand, even when used as a method of birth control.

nullify virtually all state limits on abortion, including laws requiring parental notification before an abortion is performed on a minor.

President-elect Obama has endorsed enactment of the FOCA.

ACTION: Write, or call your US Senators & Congressperson and urge them to reject, "FREEDOM OF CHOICE ACT" bill:

Senator Charles Schumer – Local Phone # 212-486-4430 D.C. Phone & Fax # 202-224-6542 / 228-3027

Senator Hillary Clinton ---- Local Phone # 212-688-6262 D.C. Phone & Fax # 202-224-4451 / 228-0282

Address for the two above senators: US Senate – Washington, D.C. 20510

You're local Congressperson, Capital switchboard phone # 202- 224-3121

Address: U.S. House of Representatives - Washington, D.C. 20515

Members of the team of president-elect Barack Obama has confirmed that the incoming president will immediately overturn executive orders President Bush put in place as soon as possible after taking office. The Bush orders have protective taxpayers on key pro-life issues. Some of these are forcing taxpayers to fund groups that perform or promote abortions, in other countries. Known as the Mexico City Policy President Bush expanded the policy to make sure no State Department funds go to pro- abortion groups.

Obama would also overturn President Bush's policy against funding any new embryonic stem cell research.

Put in place August 2001, the policy prevents taxpayers from paying new embryonic research that involves the destruction of human life. Bush Direct most of the public funding for the science to adult stem cells, which are more ethical and have proven more effective than their embryonic counterparts.

If President-elect Obama reverses this policy, it would show a complete and blatant disregard for the faith values of millions of American Christians as well as expanding the violence and tragedy of abortion worldwide. America should be exporting justice and human rights, not brutality and violence.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS, NEW YORK STATE COUNCIL ANNUAL PRO-LIFE MASS AT St. PATRICK'S CATHEDRAL NEW YORK CITY SUNDAY, JANUARY 18, 2009 10:15 A.M. MASS CELEBRANT HIS EMINENCE, EDWARD CARDINAL EGAN, Plan Now To Attend: Reservation & information for local bus transportation Call: Ed Mc Kee 1-516-454-0993 have a MERRY CHRISTMAS & a Happy & Healthy New Year!

36th Annual March for Life Thursday, January 22nd 2009 Washington, D.C. The Gift of Life, God's Special Gift the Un-born Children. Plan Now to Attend, Protect God's Creation the Unborn Children. Reservation & information for local bus transportation call: Ed Mc Kee 1-516-454-0993 MERRY CHRISTMAS & A HAPPY HEALTHY NEW YEAR!

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Faithfully Speaking

Apologies for not getting this out sooner, and if I left out an item or two. Anything you'd like to share with the Assembly, please send me a copy so I can get it into print, and make sure you "cc" Brian Ennis so he can get it onto the Assembly's website, www.kofca730.org. My next deadline will be at the January Assembly meeting at Hartigan Council.

Speaking of websites, a tip of the chapeau to Webmaster SK Joe Mattina PGK, SK Joe Bonarrigo GK, and all the guys at Our Lady of the Island Council for being awarded website of the year from Knightsite.com! Both Brian and I can tell you that's a major accomplishment indeed. Check 'em out: www.kofc6911.org

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SK Dominick Siatti, St. Mary's/Maris Stella Council
SK Fred Scott, New Hyde Park Council
SK Neil Carroll, St. Therese the Little Flower Council
SK Michael Fantasia PGK, Our Lady of the Island Council

SK John "Jack" O'Grady, PGK PNCC PSD, Powell Council
Jack was also State Bowling Chairman and hosted the NYS Council Bowling tournament at Plander Lanes in Uniondale.

Jack's accomplishments were many in Uniondale, and he'll be missed.
**May their souls, and the souls of all of our Departed Sir Knights,
through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.**