



The Encyclical



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FAITHFUL NAVIGATOR'S MESSAGE



I wish all the members of Pope John XXIII Assembly and their family a Happy Thanksgiving, a Blessed Holy Happy Christmas and a Healthy Happy New Year. There will be no Encyclical newsletter or Assembly meeting in December.

Sunday October 7th we had the Exemplification at the Marriott Hotel in Melville.

It was a great day we had 18 candidates from our Assembly that took their Fourth Degree.

Congratulations Sir Knights and welcome. From St. Isaac Jogues S. J. Province / First New York District (our Assembly District) we had approximately 240 candidates taking their Fourth Degree at the Marriott Hotel that day. Over 700 attended the banquet. I want to extend my thanks to Faithful Captain Kevin Finnegan chairman of the hospitality room and his committee for a job well done.

Thank you Faithful Admiral Charles DiPrima PFN, Chairman and his committee for organizing the Memorial Mass for our Assembly Deceased Sir Knights, at the October Assembly meeting, and our Faithful Friar Fr. Rudy for celebrating the Mass that evening at St. Anne's Church. The family members I feel was very appreciative of the Assembly remembering their loved ones.

Thanks also go to our Faithful Scribe Winston Delpesh for making up the raffle tickets for the Patriotic Ball.

On Wednesday December 12th at 7:30 PM we will be having a quick officers meeting (5 minutes) at Msgr. William Delaney Council, followed by our Assembly Christmas Social. All Assembly members and their spouses are invited space is limited so contact Faithful Trustee Joe Zink, PFN, chairman for reservation(s). See Christmas Social article in this newsletter for further details.

The 50/50 Club is up and running PFN Keith Wilson is the chairman. He mailed approximately 120 letters to former members, all you need to do to become a member is write out a check for \$24.00 made out to Pope John XXIII Assembly this will cover your dues for one year. PFN Keith Wilson, Thank You. See the article in this newsletter for further details.

The Assembly extends their appreciation and thanks to Floral Park Council for hosting the September Assembly Meeting and Msgr. John Seidenschwang Council for hosting the October meeting.

Once again I wish you and your family a Happy & Blessed Christmas, *S.K. Ed Mc Kee, PGK Faithful Navigator*

Assembly Almanac

- 11/26: Honor Guard Drill: Our Lady of Loretto Parish Center
- 11/28: Assembly Meeting, St. Therese the Little Flower Council
- 12/12: Assembly Christmas Social, Delaney Council
- 1/9/08: Assembly Executive Meeting, Delaney Council
- 1/23: Assembly Meeting, Rev. Michael J. Hartigan Council
- 2/27: Assembly Meeting, St. Thomas the Apostle Council
- 3/9: Patriotic Ball & Past Faithful Navigator Testimonial, Rev. Michael J. Hartigan Council
- 4/23: Assembly Meeting, Our Lady of the Island Council
- 5/24: Flag Laying Long Island National Cemetery, Pinelawn and Flag Retirement Ceremony, Delaney Council.
- 5/28: Assembly Meeting, Barry Council, Hicksville (hosted by Sign of the Cross Council)
- 6/25: Assembly Meeting, Msgr. Delaney Council.

Mark your calendar, and hope to see you there!

Officers, Committee Chairmen, and Fourth Degree Chairmen also meet on the second Wednesday of each month at 7:30 pm at Msgr. Delaney Council.

The following isn't an official Assembly function, but this may be of interest. At the Nassau Chapter February 15th meeting (at Memorare Council) the Chapter will be saluting Nassau County's Fourth Degree Assemblies. More details to come in the months ahead, so mark your calendars!

Assembly Christmas Social

Faithful Navigator Ed McKee and the Assembly Officers made a decision to cancel the December regular meeting of the Assembly, due to its close proximity to Christmas Day. We will, instead, be having a social get together for our Sir Knights and spouses on December 12, 2007. We will have a simple cake, cookies, coffee/tea and soda offering plus whatever else Sir Knights wish to bring to the gathering. We will have appropriate Christmas music to enjoy and maybe a sing-a-long. The dress code will be neat casual (no tuxedos, shorts, tank tops, bikini bathing suits or overalls), so all can relax and enjoy the evening. The social gathering will be held at Monsignor Delaney Council in Farmingdale. Let's see how this affair goes, since our attendance at the December regular meetings have been quite sparse, due to the Christmas Holiday week.

Fraternally, Faithful two year Trustee *Joe Zink-P.F.N.*

P.S. Space is limited, so contact Joe ASAP



RESPECT LIFE

*(Respectfully Submitted
Ed Mc Kee, Faithful Navigator,
PGK Pro-Life Chairman)*

The current threat to the pro-life movement in Albany right now is a new piece of legislation being promoted by Governor Eliot Spitzer Program Bill # 16 (S.5829) known as the Reproductive Health and Privacy Protection Act (RHAPP). RHAPP would make abortion a fundamental right in New York State. As a fundamental right, the state would have to take pro-active steps to ensure that abortion is available and protected. It would guarantee abortion at any time during a pregnancy for any reason. The bill says that the state could not discriminate against this fundamental right in the services, benefits, funding, anything that the state provides.

We need to give the message to our state lawmakers that this is not a pro-choice bill; it's a no-choice bill. What about the choice of an institution or individual who doesn't want to be involved in this business of abortion? This bill could wipe out all the pro-life progress. I strongly urge you on this particular bill to let your state lawmaker know how you feel about this particular issue. It's that important.

Leave your State Senator and Assembly Member know that you oppose this legislation. Check the blue pages of your telephone directory for their phone number and address

'Round the Councils

Our Friends at Msgr. Seidenschwang Council will hold its Third Annual Andy Cooney 'Classic Irish Christmas ' Concert at 8 P.M. on Friday, December 7 in St. Anne's McCloskey Auditorium, Dartmouth St. & New Hyde Park Road, Garden City. Tickets at \$25 each may be ordered by phone (352-2457). Profits from the concert will help support Council's charities including scholarship grants to students attending Catholic high schools.

Our friends at Alfred E. Smith Council are having a fundraiser for "The Sisters Oblates to the Blessed Trinity" on November 17th from 6:00 pm to 10:00 pm at St. Therese the Little Flower Council. \$40 per person. Contact SKs John Seibert PGK (516) 285-6275 or Mike Nass (516) 812-0061.

Our Friends at Pope Pius XII Council #4422 is celebrating their 50th Anniversary, this year. They will be having a gala dinner dance at The Sterling At Bethpage on December 8, 2007. A special anniversary journal will also be printed to mark this occasion. For more information, contact Faithful Trustee Joseph Zink, PFN.

Are you coming to the Christmas social?

Directions:

Take Hempstead Turnpike east until you see a train trestle between Bethpage and Farmingdale. There's an intersection there. That's Merritt Road. Take it South 1 ½ blocks. You'll see the Council on the right, just North of the Farmingdale Library.

From the South, take Southern State Parkway to Exit 30 North, which is Broadway. Broadway will take you right into Boundary Avenue. Broadway will turn into Merritt Road (bends left). After about ½ mile, look for the large Farmingdale Library on the left. The Council Hall is immediately north of the library on the left. It is 1 ½ blocks South of Hempstead Turnpike.

See you there!

Kevin Finnegan PGK DW
Faithful Captain

See you on November 28th at St. Therese?

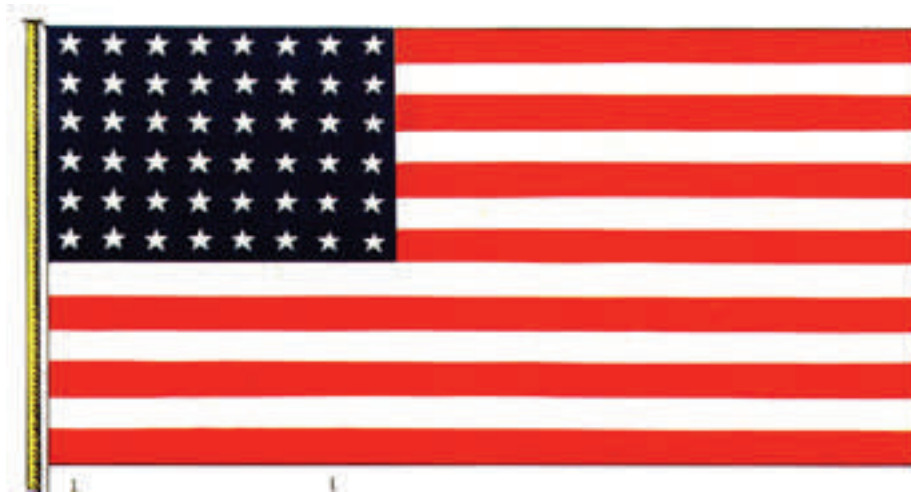
Our next Assembly meeting will be on Wednesday November 28th at 8:00 pm, at St. Therese the Little Flower Council, Valley Stream.

Take Southern State Parkway to exit 13 (Linden Blvd.), At the light, turn left under the overpass. Proceed South on Central Avenue until you reach Merrick Road. Turn right on Merrick Road and drive about a mile. Council should be on your right. Parking is minimal, so try to get there early. Council telephone number's (516) 285-9600. If you reach Hook Creek Road (Ocean Avenue) you have gone a block too far west. See you there!

Let's all welcome our new Sir Knights!

The officers and members of the Pope John XXIII Assembly would like to welcome our eighteen new Sir Knights who joined on October 7, 2007:

JOSEPH A. ARMOCIDA	5001
CARMELLO V. BALDI	5001
EDWARD A. BODOR	6911
DANIEL F. BROPHY	2345
RICHARD J. EDWARDS	2852
DANIEL S. GARCIA	2852
STEPHEN A. GIORGIO	6911
LAWRENCE P. GIULIANO	5033
REV WASYL HRYNKIW	1241
ANGELO A. LA VEGLIA	5001
JOSEPH J. LANNON	5001
ANDREW PANETTA	5033
MATTEO V. PETRERA	5983
ANTHONY PURCHASE	3488
JAMES C. SNYDER	5983
JOHN A. SULLIVAN	6911
ANDRIJ V. R. SZUL	1241
DENNIS M. WINKLER	2852



History of the American Flag

Attention Grand Knights

Are you looking for a program for your Council's social Meeting? If so, how about the History of our Country's flag? That's right, Old Glory!

Our flag, the symbol of our national unity, tells us of the struggle for independence, of a union preserved, of the sacrifices of brave men and women to whom the ideals and honor of this nation have been dearer than life.

If your Council would like to see and hear the rest of the story, call PFN Walter Skinner at 516-796-6965, to make arrangements for "The History of Our Flag Presentation." You can also make arrangements through your council's Fourth Degree Chairman.

Walter J. Skinner, PFN

When you are making out your Christmas card list this year, please include the following:

A recovering American soldier
c/o Walter Reed Army Medical Center
6900 Georgia Avenue, NW
Washington, D.C. 20307-5001

Submitted by PFN Walter Skinner

Your Assembly dues are Due!

Membership cards are now available for the 2007-2008 Columbian year. Just \$20.00 will pay your dues, and get you "next year's" card. So while you're reading this, why not submit your dues to your Fourth Degree chairman.

He'll save you time by submitting them and get you your membership card.

Or if you want to cut out the middleman, mail them yourself to Faithful Comptroller Bert Wengler. This way, you don't have to wait on line at meetings, and you have it done before the Christmas season starts. Make your

check payable to Pope John XXIII Assembly

And mail to:

**POPE JOHN XXIII ASSEMBLY
KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**

C/o Norbert Wengler
30 Ninth Avenue
Farmingdale, NY 11735

The Assembly is proud to announce the 50/50 club is back!

Dear Sir Knights,

The Assembly is reactivating the 50/50 club that was run for many years by our own PFN, the late Dario Rossi

We are proud to inform all the Sir Knights that we will dedicate part of the revenue received for a donation to the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, D.C. for the special project entitled the Knights of Columbus "Incarnation dome" which adorns the top of the Basilica.

We have enclosed this letter for you to sign up and rejoin the club so we can have the maximum participation that we have had in the past.

Drawings will be held monthly as always. The monthly prize will increase depending on the participation level.

Please take a minute to fill out the needed information below with a check for \$24.00 payable to the Assembly and return to:

PFN Keith R. Wilson
1116 North Baldwin Drive
North Massapequa, N.Y. 11758
516-694-6007

Name _____

Address _____

Telephone # _____

Council affiliation _____

For Assembly use only

Number assigned _____

Check # _____

Cash _____

Recorded date _____



Save the date!

**Pope John XXIII Assembly hosts our 6th Annual Patriotic Ball
and Past Faithful Navigator Testimonial honoring
SK Charles L. DiPrima**

Sunday, March 9, 2008

4:00 pm to 8:00 pm

Rev. Michael J. Hartigan Council

517 Central Avenue, Bethpage

**\$40 per person includes cocktail hour,
music, dancing, and dinner**

Reservations may be requested by mail to

SK Thomas J. Liddy

1536 Falmouth Avenue

New Hyde Park, N.Y. 11040

(516) 354-0796



When you reserve a table (10 to a table), Tom needs:

**The name and phone number of the table captain,
and the names of the guests at the table.**

For reservations, send your money to Tom.

**We will not be returning any reservation tickets as they won't be needed
for admission to the ball.**

Raffle donations are \$5 per ticket, or 3 for \$10.

(Raffle tickets were sent in a separate mailing)

Make check payable to Pope John XXIII Assembly

Return raffle tickets and money to

SK Ron Brindle PFN PGK

20 Henry Avenue

Babylon, N.Y. 11702

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Tempus Fugit, Memento Mori

N. Y. State Advocate Joseph Biasi, PGK PFN
FDD

SK Thomas Maloney, Floral Park Council

May their souls, and the souls of all of our
Departed Sir Knights, through the mercy of
God, rest in peace. Amen.

Need a tux for the Fourth Degree?
Contact PFN Keith Wilson,
(516) 633-1435
for a discount!

Faithfully Speaking

Lately there's been a little confusion behind the scenes here, so I'd like your help. If you're getting the Encyclical online, are you also getting it through snail-mail, too? If you'd like it through e-mail only, please let me know. And if you're not getting it through e-mail, but would like to, let me know that too. Let me count the ways, Sir Knights:

*Less money in printing and mailing costs for the Assembly

*Saves trees

*You'll also get your newsletter a week or two sooner-something to keep in mind with the upcoming Christmas season.

*Pictures and graphics come out in color on the online edition.

**Remember, this is the last Encyclical until after the ball drops to begin 2008, so any important assembly news, I can e-mail it to you (and SK Brian Ennis will also have the news on the Assembly website)

Feel free to send council news you'd like to share with the Assembly.

Add us to your council mailing list!

Send it along to:

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Uniondale, NY, 11553-2131
(516) 481-2578

towncrier@mindspring.com

P. S. Keep checking our Assembly's website, www.kofca730.org. It's loaded with Fourth Degree information. Send webmaster, fellow Guardsman Brian Ennis, your Assembly news!