

The Meadowlands Patriot

Msgr. Peter B. O'Connor Assembly #1543,
First New Jersey District

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God Bless our Veterans!

Faithful Navigator's Message!

Worthy Sir Knights,

As we all know Veterans Day is approaching soon. Here is a little history--it was originally observed as Armistice Day, recognizing the end of fighting between the Allied nations and Germany, which occurred on the eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month in 1918. It was a day dedicated to the cause of world peace and a day set aside to honor veterans of World War I. In 1954, Armistice Day was renamed Veterans Day to recognize veterans who had served in all wars.



I know that we, as Sir Knights, will stop and reflect. To pause and remember those who have served in our military. To truly think about the sacrifice that they and their families made so they could serve our country. Some never came back. Others came back changed physically, mentally, or both.

But all answered their own unique call to serve.

Veterans Day is a celebration to honor Veterans for their patriotism, love of country, and willingness to serve and sacrifice for the common good. On Veterans Day let's thank them for their time, bravery and sacrifice for this country.

God Bless Our Veterans!

Thank you,

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DATES TO REMEMBER

Thursday, Nov. 9th at 8 pm-
Membership Mtg. 194 River Rd
Queen of Peace KofC Hall

Sunday, Nov. 12th at 10 am-
Annual Veteran's Breakfast
ICC Auditorium - see Pg. 3 for info.

Sunday, Nov. 19th - Exemplification
of the Patriotic Degree
LaNeve's in Haldon, N. J.

A message from the Supreme Master:

Worthy Faithful Navigators,

At this time of year when we give thanks for the dedicated service of those courageous men and women who served our nation, it is fitting to recall the words of Abraham Lincoln's second inaugural address:

To care for him who shall have borne the battle and for his widow and his orphan.

In these very words, one finds the mission of the Warriors to Lourdes Pilgrimage that is conducted every year to bring peace and healing to countless veterans. Today, I am reaching out to you to ask for your support of this incredible program. It is a program that truly saves lives.

As a veteran of the war in Afghanistan, I know all too well the struggles that many face upon returning home from the battlefield. No service member returns home untouched by the pain of war, and often, we return as strangers to our own lives. I can still remember when I realized that the life I once knew was gone and could never return. I also remember the love and support of my wife, Theresa, who assured me, "Now, we must learn to live the new life that God has given us."

Warriors to Lourdes gives those dedicated men and women who suffer from physical, mental, and emotional injuries an opportunity to begin that healing process by learning to embrace the post-war life that God has given them, and the Fourth

Degree, as the patriotic arm of the Knights of Columbus, has a duty to ensure that these heroes can go to Lourdes. I am asking your assembly, as well as your individual members, to make this possible.

In doing so, you will not simply send someone on a pilgrimage, but you will set them on the road to healing, and for some, will literally save their lives. Please consider supporting Warriors to Lourdes during the month of November, as we celebrate our veterans. Thank you!

Vivat Jesus!

Michael R. McCusker

Major, USAR (Ret.)

Supreme Master

Color Corps Members Needed!

Gentlemen, we are looking for men to join us in the Color Corps. I know that in several cases it is a financial situation, but by trying to put a little aside it does mount up. We are at a shortage of Color Corps members because we have gone from 18 to 7 presently. Please consider assisting the Color Corps in anyway possible,
Sal Manente Sr.,
Assembly Commander

Our website is up, mostly!

www.kc4d1543.org

To submit photos or articles for the next issue, please email to SK Charles Schumacher, PFN at:
info.kc4d1543@gmail.com

4th Degree Uniform Distributor:

"The Supply Room" (TSR) is the distributor of Knights of Columbus Fourth Degree uniforms. TSR is a world-class, leading distributor of military and law enforcement uniforms, located in Oxford, Alabama. In addition to 100+ years of experience and a solid reputation for quality, they will offer customer service representatives dedicated to Knights of Columbus uniform orders. The Assembly Commander can offer financial assistance for uniform purchases! The basic uniform costs \$449.

Orders may be placed at:

www.kofcuniform.com

The customer service number is:

1-833-562-4327.

Pray For World Peace!

Mary Immaculate Council 12769 invites the parish community of Immaculate Conception and the community of Secaucus to join us in gathering at Immaculate Conception Church for a prayer service for world peace. Service will be held on Friday, Nov. 3rd at 6 :30 PM and will be followed by a Holy Hour exposition of the Blessed Sacrament which is conducted each first Friday of the month.

At this time we need all the prayers possible to avoid any more death and destruction in our world.

Please arrange your schedule to join us and bring your Rosary!

Veteran's Breakfast

NOW is the time to show your Patriotism and help out at our only function of the year, The Veteran's Breakfast. We need help with setting up on Nov. 11, 2023 at 9AM, help cooking on Nov. 12, 2023 starting at 6:30AM, help serving at 10AM and then also need help picking and cleaning up.

Immaculate Conception Auditorium

760 Post Pl., Secaucus, NJ 07094

Thank you,

FM Paul Pinkman

**Annual Veteran's Breakfast**

HONORING ALL WHO SERVED

Sunday November 12, at 10 AM



Hosted by Knights Of Columbus
Msgr. Peter B.O'Connor Assembly 1543

Immaculate Conception Church Auditorium
760 Post Place, Secaucus, NJ

Admission: Adults \$10, under 12 \$7; Vets are FREE
with DD Form 214 or Veteran's ID Card

Tickets: SK Paul Pinkman at 201.866.8621
or SK Sal Manente, Sr at 202.766.2988