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Jesus is coming!

Faithful Navigator's Message!

Worthy Sir Knights,

The Season of Advent is upon us once again and is time for us and our families to begin the preparation for the celebration of our Lord's Birthday. We participate in this liturgical preparation as a way of keeping a lively faith, keeping the focus on Christmas as the birth of our Savior, keeping the more worldly practices in check. Advent is a time of preparation, anticipation in our vigil for the next few weeks. It is also an opportunity for us and our families to deepen our faith by renewing time-honored Advent traditions. By doing so, this will enable us, and our families, to truly celebrate Christmas in a deeper, more spiritual, sense. One of these traditions is the Advent wreath. Light the candle, recite the reflection, and prayer before the evening's grace before meals. We can deepen the sense of waiting and anticipation by fasting, alms giving, and charitable acts towards others, especially those in our family.

I know that we, as Sir Knights and Spiritual Heads of our household, will take the time for some spiritual renewal

during this Advent season. Remember that there are twelve days of Christmas, from Christmas Day, until the Epiphany. By the time the twelfth day arrives, most of the secular world has forgotten Christmas, but we as Catholics are still celebrating.

Lady Sophie and I wish that you have a joyous month celebrating the birth of our Savior. Family is most important during this month. May you also have a prosperous New Year and that everything you wish for comes true.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year,

Vivat Jesus!

Thank you,

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To submit photos or articles for the next issue, please email to SK Charles Schumacher, PFN at: info.kc4d1543@gmail.com before the 30th of the previous month.

Our website is up, mostly!

www.kc4d1543.org

A message from Fr. Vic Kennedy

One of the greatest struggles of spirituality is finding the vastness of God in the simplicity of a created moment. From the moment when God shattered the void of nothingness by a simple declaration of "Let there be...." to the proclamation of heavenly host "find him wrapped in swaddling clothes and laying in a manger". The simplicity of God to feed us by what lies in the manger.

Can I risk what I know and expect and be surprised by God who nourishes me with not what I want but with what I need? Rome declared "Roman Peace" through slavery of the masses; Christ proclaims the Prince of Peace with a communion of love. The question of Christmas: where do we search for him where we have told him to be so we do not have to travel or change, or do we hear the invitation to search for Him beyond our understanding and find God in the simple stable of Bethlehem wrapped in swaddling clothes to feed us to have the strength to be part of the "Let there be".

Merry Christmas to you and your family/May this Christmas Manger feed you and your loved ones to be Eucharist for others.

Fr. Victor Kennedy is the recently retired pastor of Immaculate Conception Church in Secaucus and a member of this assembly.

DATES TO REMEMBER:

NO MEETING IN DECEMBER!

Friday, Dec. 1st, Pray for Peace!

Monday, Dec. 11, 1-10 pm
Relic of St. Jude - details, see pg.3

Thursday, Jan. 11th at 8 pm-
Membership Mtg. 194 River Rd
Queen of Peace KofC Hall

Pray For World Peace!

Mary Immaculate Council 12769 invites the parish community of Immaculate Conception and our neighbors to join us in gathering at Immaculate Conception Church in Secaucus for a prayer service for world peace. Service will be held on Friday, Dec. 1st at 6 :30 PM and will be followed by Holy Mass and 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!

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Robert Tarantula, PGK, PFN, AC
Rest in Peace!

Robert Tarantula was called home to Our Lord this past week. Bob or Bob T as many of us had known him was a dedicated Knight of Columbus. Bob served his Council Queen of Peace #3428 in North Arlington as Grand Knight. Bob also served his Assembly, Msgr. Peter B. O'Connor #1543, as Faithful Navigator and Assembly Commander. He also served in both his council and assembly in other various offices. Bob initiated the Veteran's Breakfast that we conduct each year. His dedication to the Knights of Columbus was impeccable. Even though he moved out of the area, he always made himself available to advise us when needed. Bob will be missed by all.

Bob is survived by his wife, Carol who also supported him with the Knights activities, his two daughters, sons-in-law and grand children.

**Eternal rest grant unto him,
O Lord!**

Veneration of the Arm of St. Jude

On December 11th the relic of St. Jude's arm will be present at St. Stephen's Church in Kearny. The relic will be on display from 1 PM to 10 PM. At 7 PM there will be a Mass and the relic will continue to be displayed till 10 PM. All are welcome to pray for their special intentions to ask St. Jude to intercede on their behalf. St. Stephen's Church is located at 141 Kearny Ave., Kearny, NJ.

If you would like to serve as an usher during the veneration, contact Sal Manente before this weekend at salm50@aol.com.

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

Send your newsletters and event notices to the Faithful Navigator at d_newlin@yahoo.com



2023 Veteran's Breakfast

