

# THE NAVIGATOR'S LOG

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## From Faithful Navigator Phil Stanchin

Fellow Knights and their Ladies:

I hope that all of you enjoyed a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Family and food make for a fun holiday season. I hope everyone has good fortune this coming year. I would like to thank everyone for their help at our Christmas party, especially Mrs. Darr.

As we come into the next year, we must be aware and grateful for the blessings God has bestowed upon us.

As we start talking about our 4<sup>th</sup> Degree meetings at the start of the year we will be holding them at revolving Council sites. January's meeting is on January 13 at St. Joan of Arc at 7 p.m. February's meeting will be February 10 at St. Patrick's on Heatherdowns at 7 p.m., and March's meeting will be on March 10 at St. Clement's at 7 p.m. This is a trial period Hope we can get higher attendance at the revolving meeting sites.

At the January meeting we will be eating at a restaurant afterwards, which our Captain will get at a very reasonable price.

Our officer's meeting is at 6 p.m. on January 10 at Rockets Café on Reynolds Road.

We need Honor Guard for January and February, on the following dates: Friday, January 13 at Cardinal Stritch at 9 a.m. Mass, February 18 and 25, a Confirmation Mass at the Cathedral for 10 a.m. Mass.

Also, I would like to thank all our Honor Guard that came to Gesu for its 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Mass, and December the 24 and 25 at the Cathedral for the Christmas Masses.

Remember the holidays: January 1, the Feast of the Blessed Mother, January 6, Feast of the Epiphany, and January 7, Orthodox Christmas.

Prayers are needed for all our sick members of 807, especially for Bernie Zbikowski and his wife Sarah. Love to all.

Vivat Jesus

## **From Lady Donna Darr**

Bye Bye 2022 and WELCOME to 2023!! Happy New Year to everyone and may you be Blessed with overwhelming HAPPINESS, JOY and LOVE and great health!!

As we begin 2023, a little change in our monthly Assembly meetings. We will be meeting at various parishes within our Assembly with hopes to make travel and safety at night a wise decision. January 13<sup>th</sup> will be held at St. Joan of Arc: February 10<sup>th</sup> at St. Patrick of Heatherdowns: March 10<sup>th</sup> at St. Clements and April 14<sup>th</sup> at West Toledo. We will continue to alternate the social gathering after the meeting at a restaurant or provide snacks and beverages. There may be an evening where we will have a "Theme Night" and we will discuss at our meeting to maintain a low cost to the members to provide a dish/snack. Make a note of these dates on your calendar. Ladies are welcome at each meeting to discuss whatever the Assembly is participating in and other charitable projects we can offer the community.

On December 21<sup>st</sup>, I delivered the wrapped socks and slippers (approximately 300+) to The Commons Garden Lake that provides housing for Veterans. The items were greatly appreciated. THANK YOU to all the Ladies of the Assembly for bringing in the items at our meetings and the Christmas Dinner.

Even though it's Winter, Spring is around the corner which means the information will be available for the 4<sup>th</sup> Degree Exemplification. The event will be held once again at the Perrysburg Holiday Inn Express. Ask your Sir Knight to sponsor a 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree Knight and his wife to join our Assembly. More details will be available if the Assemblies will be preparing a Theme Basket for the weekend. We can discuss this event at our January meeting so keep your fantastic thoughts ready to share.

Please keep in your thoughts and prayers Bernie and Sarah Zbikowski John and Barb Spears, Marge Dell and Kim Sallows.

Lots of Cake and Ice Cream for those celebrating January Birthdays and Anniversaries! May you enjoy your days of Love and Joy and Happiness with Family and Friends.

“ IF YOU HAVE SOMETHING TO DO, SOMEONE TO LOVE, AND SOMETHING TO HOPE FOR, EVERY DAY BECOMES A CELEBRATION”

## **From Commander Irelan**

I would Like to thank All of the Knights Who showed up for the Christmas Masses.

The Knights who turned out were as follows:

For the 4 P.M. Mass-

Assistant Commander Doug Cunningham-(He did a Fine Job of Leading us.)

Jim Szymanski, Ray Darr, Bill Garber, Johnny O., Dave Irelan

Midnight Mass (with 11:30 Caroling)

Ray Darr, Bill Garber, Dave Irelan

Christmas Morning Mass

Doug Homer, Bill Garber, Phil Stanchin, Dave Irelan

The Weather Outside was Frightful with Sub-Zero Wind Chills and Icy Roads...It took a great effort to be there.

Thank You All For Being There To Add to the Pageantry and Honor Given To Our Savior At His Birthday Celebration.

## From Faithful Friar Father Ed Littellmann

Knights and Your Ladies,

The beginning of another new year into which we bring a precious gift and aspect of our lives -- the presence and dwelling of the Son of the Creator of the Universe, our God Who has chosen to send Light into the darkness of our short days every year without end! It's a tremendous Gift to receive ourselves and also have the joy of sharing with one another and each other so that we're helping each other keep receiving it deeper and deeper. And this refers not only to Knights and our Ladies but also to our extended family members even living in other states (and maybe countries?), close friends and even acquaintances, and through and with them even strangers!! That's our Lord and the Holy Spirit at work: helping us realize how important EACH of us is and how we can keep growing in many ways, becoming better and better ourselves!

So let's do what each of our personalities gifts us to be and do to make a struggling world get better and even amazing!! Now this precious includes especially our Ladies to make it more inspiring and effective (and FUN!)

Happy, blessed, healthy New Year,  
Friar Skip

January Birthdays			
Name	Date	Name	Date
Amadje Djogo	1	Dianne Burgan	16
Marge Dell	2	Sylvester Kosinski	16
Rev. Dave Tscherne	3	Joseph Blochinger	17
Walter Beckford	6	Anne Drouillard	17
John Burgan	6	Julius Scallish	18
Thomas Burger	6	Ron Smith	20
Sharon Beckford	7	Joanne Stanchin	20
Mike Bragg	9	James Aurand	22
Michael Kralovic	9	Brent Bryan	22
Aquiles Palma Gil	9	Ron Poturalski	25
Chris Bates	10	Judith Blochinger	26
Dawn Collins	10	James M. Szymanski	28
Gabriel Jakubisin	10	Sarah McMahan	30
Donald Gratop	11	Duane Spain	30
Diane Poturalski	15	Paul Youngpeter	30

January Anniversaries	
Name	Date
Kent & Donna Riesen	2
Dave & Michele Snyder	3
Rich & Connie Cronin	7
Jim & Phyllis Szymanski	15
Paul & Elaine Tecpanecatl	18
Jim & Toni Rybarczyk	21

*The Natural Choice is Life*

## Musings from the Editor

It seems that every year we talk about New Year's resolutions. As we make them maybe we should look back on the ones we made last year.

How well did you follow through with them? All too often we start something with all good intentions and then, when the going gets tough, we quit. Perhaps this is just a part of being human or maybe it is that we set our goals too high. Either way as we begin the New Year, let us all re-evaluate our lives. How can we make it better for both ourselves and those around us?

They say that we should learn from the past. If it was bad, let's make it good! If it was good, let's make it better! The past is behind us, we can't change it. Let's learn from it. Let's use it as a stepping stone to the future. Let's make this year one in which we carry out those resolutions we made on January 1st.

I dug this up from the archives:

He came to my desk with a quivering lip;  
The lesson was done.  
"Dear Teacher, I want a new leaf," he said,  
"I have spoiled this one."  
I took the old leaf, torn and blotted,  
And gave him a new one, all unspotted,  
And into his sad eyes smiled:  
"Do better, now, my child."

I came to my God with a trembling heart;  
The year's work was done.  
"Dear Father, I want a new year," I said.  
"I have spoiled this one."  
He took the old year, torn and blotted,  
And gave me a new one, all unspotted,  
And into my sad heart smiled:  
"Do better, now, my child."

Helen Field Fischer

I really like that saying. It's encouraging, it doesn't blame, it's forgiving, it's healing, it's hopeful. It's what a new year ought to bring...a new start...forgiveness of the old. Someone told me there is a saying or custom that goes like this: "I ask forgiveness of any of you whom I have in any way offended this past year. Please accept this and join me for a new year."

## I AM THE NEW YEAR

An unknown author wrote these sentiments about the New Year. "**I AM THE NEW YEAR.** I am unused, unspotted, without blemish. I stretch before you 365 days long. I will present each day in its turn, a new leaf in the book of life for you to place upon it your imprint. **I AM THE NEW YEAR.** Each hour of every day I give you sixty minutes that have never known the use of man. White and pure I present them; it remains for you to fill them with sixty jeweled seconds of love, hope endeavor, patience, and trust in God. **I AM THE NEW YEAR.** I am coming-----but once past, I can never be recalled. Make me your best!"

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**Have You  
 Obtained A  
 NEW MEMBER?**

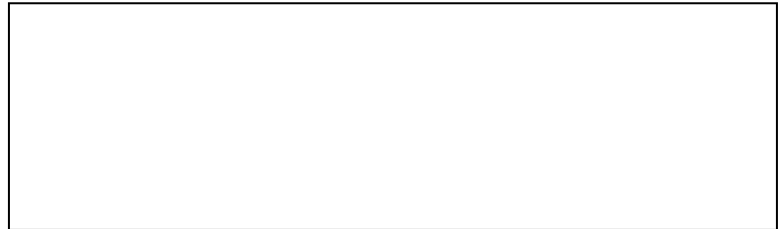
**They can't join the 4<sup>th</sup> Degree, if you don't get them into the 1<sup>st</sup> Degree!**

**Meetings 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday of the Month – 7:15 PM (Rosary 7:00)  
 Our Lady, Queen of the Most Holy Rosary Cathedral**



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