



# The S.S. Richardson

*"Building Bridges With All People"*

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Father Edward L. Richardson SMA Assembly No. 3174

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## *Navigator's Log*

By the time you read this we will be in our second week of Lent. It is my hope that, in addition to reflecting on all the traditional Lenten topics the Church provides us for meditating, we are also taking this time to reflect on what it means to each of us to be a Knight.

Although we are not always aware of it, we set the example for others. Are we setting a good example? Think back to the various degrees and see if you can remember all of the lessons each degree taught you. Are you adhering to those lessons and practicing the principles of our Order, Charity, Unity, Fraternity and Patriotism? It isn't only by our actions that we set examples for others but in our words as well. Please be charitable in speaking of others, and by your speech try to show that we are united with our priests in supporting our Church.

Soon spring will be upon us (hopefully) and that means a number of things. First, have you asked a Third Degree Knight to join our ranks? This would

be a good time to do that because May is the month for our next exemplification and it would be nice to see our Assembly grow a bit larger.

It will soon be time to start thinking about a new slate of officers for next year. Do you want to be an officer? I will be selecting a nominating committee soon and will let you know who the members are so that you can inform them of your interest in taking on a position in the Assembly.

Finally, please remember to get involved in the various events that our Assembly participates in or sponsors. Please see the Captain's article in this newsletter. He has some words concerning events other than the Color Corps. I hope that you will participate both as a worker and as a guest.

Vivat Jesu!

Faternally,

Robert A. Rouleau  
Faithful Navigator

## ***From the Captain's Cabin***

Raising funds for our Assembly, how can you help?

Merely plan for the event and participate in a way that is best suited for you. Bring family, friends, and brother Knights is another great way to build fraternity and to spread the word of our good works. Brother Steve has planned a Lenten meal on Friday night, March 5 and I ask that you plan on attending and if you can lend a hand that would be appreciated, too. There will be meals every Friday night in March with guest chefs providing menus appropriate for Lent. If you are interested in helping or attending, email me, [bryanr\\_excalibur@comcast.com](mailto:bryanr_excalibur@comcast.com) so that we can get a decent head count for purchasing supplies.

Since our last newsletter, Haiti was devastated and northern Virginia saw historic snow falls. Based on those events, our blessings are crystal clear and I pray that my Brother Knights use this time to spend it with their loved ones. Enjoy Lent, reflect on your relationship with God, and pray the rosary often; you'll see the difference in your life.

Vivat Jesus!

Bryan Roberts, Faithful Captain

## **From The Commander**

Members of Fr. Edward L. Richardson SMA Assembly Color Corps were honored to join Fr. Charles J. Watters and Bishop J. Louis Flaherty Assemblies in Warrenton to honor Deacon Bernie Ragan of St. John's Parish who died early Christmas Morning. We stood guard during the viewing on Friday January 1, from 4 to 8 PM at St. John's Church in Warrenton. A Chalice ceremony was performed to close the viewing and Commander George Darnell played the part of the Lector.

We also served in the Honor Guard at the funeral Mass on Saturday January 2, with Bishop Loverde as the principal celebrant. Deacon Ragan was a faithful member of the third and fourth degrees.

The weather conspired against Fr. Richardson Assembly and we had to cancel our participation in the Religious Freedom Day Ceremony in Fredericksburg on January 10 because of the cold. The President's Day Parade in Alexandria scheduled for February 15 was canceled because of snow.

The annual Manassas St. Patrick's Parade will be held on Saturday, March 13, 2010, starting at 11:00 AM. Knights in regalia should meet at Russell Hall, the home of Bishop Flaherty Assembly KofC, behind All Saints Church at 9:00 AM to car pool to the parade staging area. For information see this site <http://www.stpatparade.net/>. We can car pool from Sacred Heart parking lot at 8:30 AM. Bring the family out to this religious and patriotic event.

George D. Darnell, PGK, PFN  
Commander



## Assembly Fund Raiser Plans SK Steve Macejka



At our January Assembly meeting, the following fund raising ideas were presented and approved by the membership in attendance:

We have reserved cabins for a 7-day Bahamas cruise on the Carnival Pride leaving from Baltimore on Sunday October 24<sup>th</sup> and returning on Sunday October 31<sup>st</sup>. The cruise will have stops in Port Canaveral (Orlando ) Fl, Nassau in the Bahamas and Freeport. In between will be three “Fun Days” at sea. The cruise lines will donate \$ 140.00 for each cabin we book, and an additional \$ 500.00 for every eight (8) cabins we book. So for every 8 cabins, we will profit over \$ 1,600.00. Only work we have to do is sign up for the cruise, get friends or family members to go on the cruise, distribute the cruise information to the two parishes and get the information to the members of both councils who are not in the 4<sup>th</sup> degree. This type of a fundraiser has been used at least a half a dozen times by the John Paul I Council and has proven to be extremely successful, enjoyable, easy and best of all -- provides a big dollar income.

The two Councils will be included in this fundraiser. The Assembly will receive ½ of the total funds raised while the Councils will divide up the remaining ½ based on how many cabins they booked. For example, if we book a total of 32 cabins, we will raise \$6,400.00 with the Assembly getting \$ 3,200.00. If out of those 32 cabins, 20 came from Ascension contacts and the remaining 12 from John Paul I, then of the remaining \$ 3,200.00, Ascension Council will get \$2,000.00 and John Paul I will get \$ 1,200.00.

Carnival is offering very attractive pricing for the cabins. Balcony cabins start as low as \$ 806.00 per person and Interior cabins at \$ 666.00 per person. That is the total price, includes all taxes and port charges. However, depending on the cost of a barrel of oil, there may be a small additional supplemental charge. If there is enough interest in getting a bus, we will have a bus that will take us to Baltimore and back for a price that will be less than what it would cost a couple to drive and park at the Baltimore port.

Now let me try to answer most of your questions.

### 1. Why Carnival Lines?

Carnival Lines offers a program that provides the largest donation to a qualified fund raising organization. In addition, Carnival has increased their donation on this cruise by \$ 20.00 per cabin. However, we do not rule out another line for future cruises.

2. Why leave from Baltimore?

Baltimore eliminates the need to fly somewhere thus reducing the overall cruise cost and the time to travel to our departure site. We felt that it was best to hold down the cost of the 1<sup>st</sup> cruise as much as possible and to eliminate the need to fly.

3. Why this Itinerary?

We wanted to wait until after the summer and before the Holidays which put us into October. This was the best itinerary within those guidelines and the Carnival Pride is an outstanding ship.

4. What is involved in the planning?

We have to get the word out about the cruise, to family members, neighbors and friends. That is where everyone can help even if you don't plan on going on this cruise. Remember, this is a fundraiser; more people that go, more money the Assembly raises. Information will be provided for the council newsletters and their web sites. We also need to put the information into the bulletins of each Parish and to include a flyer. Additional help will be needed following Mass at each church to staff a display booth, which will provide additional information as people leave Mass.

5. How can I learn more about what is offered on the ship and what the cabins look like?

More information on this cruise and the ship can be found on the Carnival website. You can also call our cruise agent Lynda Dodd at 703-670-2329.

6. How do I book and is there a payment plan?

Call Lynda Dodd at 703-670-2329.

7. What's next for a Cruise?

Depending on the success of this cruise, a survey will be done to determine interest in a future cruise to include: departure site, length of cruise, month of cruise, cruise lines and cruise itinerary.

8. Did I Miss anything?

If I still didn't answer your question, please call Steve Macejka at 703-590-4977 or e-mail at [smacejka@hotmail.com](mailto:smacejka@hotmail.com). I will send an e-mail using the Assembly address book on all questions and comments that I received and my answers.

**A. *Friday Meatless Lenten Meals***

Each Friday during the month of March, the Assembly will put on a meatless dinner at the John Paul I Council home from 6:30PM to 7:30PM. There will be a different menu each Friday and as this article is being prepared all those menus have not been finalized. We do know that on Friday March 5<sup>th</sup> we will have a Tilapia Fish dinner with two sides and on March 19<sup>th</sup> it will be Basil Tomato Soup and Grilled Cheese Sandwiches. The only cost to the Assembly is the cost to purchase the food. The JPI House Committee will provide all the serving material and will also do the setup and breakdown. Our goal is to clear \$1.50 on each meal served so if we average 50 meals a Friday, we can clear \$ 300.00 for the month. SK Stephen Macejka will host the March 5<sup>th</sup> dinner, SK Bryan Roberts the March 12<sup>th</sup> and Tom Katrinak March 19<sup>th</sup>. We still need someone to host the March 26<sup>th</sup> dinner. An advance head count is required to eliminate waste and keep our profits as high as possible. We are asking that if you plan to attend that you make a

reservation by calling SK Steve Macejka at 703-590-4977 or e-mail at [smacejka@hotmail.com](mailto:smacejka@hotmail.com) by the Wednesday before each Friday dinner. Cost will vary depending on the cost to prepare but will be provided a week in advance by the Assembly e-mail list and to each of the Councils along with the menu.

**B. Pig Roast**

We plan on doing a Pig Roast at the John Paul I Picnic Pavilion at a date to be determined. Additional information to come.

If you have any ideas on a future fundraiser, please contact SK Steve Macejka. However, to make our fundraisers as successful as possible, please try to participate in as many as possible. We are trying to make them enjoyable, sociable and economical.

**FRATERNAL SUPPLIES**

Any assembly member interested in purchasing a shirt, jacket, nametag or other type of Knights of Columbus item, please contact Bob Weiss via email at [b1weiss@comcast.net](mailto:b1weiss@comcast.net). All charter members can order these items with “Charter Member” included. All Items can be ordered and paid upon receipt.

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