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TAKING WISDOM FROM THE PAST, BRINGING IT INTO THE PRESENT AND CREATING THE FUTURE

We FDNY firefighters always remember, never forget. On this anniversary of 9/11, how are we taking the wisdom and understanding we have gained from the past 10 years and bringing it into the present so that we can create a future?

THE PAST: From the 1950's to September 11, 2001

For over 50 years we lived with the "cold war". We knew that missiles from the Eurasian Continent were aimed at Boston, New York and Washington. We never dreamt of the dawn of a new era where the missiles would be our own domestic airliners. For the first time in history three planes were hijacked but did not land on the ground with the hijackers demands.

After 9/11 we discovered wars would no longer be waged primarily by armies and navies on land and sea commanded by Generals and Admirals. Now wars are waged among civilian populations by individual suicide bombers. We came to experience what the rest of the world already knew: wars were no longer waged on other continents but in our own neighborhoods.

The USA responded by initiating two wars in Iraq and Afghanistan. Hundreds of thousands of our young men and women have been deployed to fight the war on terror. We will always remember and never forget their human sacrifice and the supreme sacrifice of their loved ones here at home who for us became single families.

THE PRESENT: From September 11, 2001 to September 11, 2011

The troops are continuing to come home. Osama Bin Laden is dead. So where do we go from here?

We each have our own story through these past 10 years. How would you describe what is the wisdom and understanding you have gained? How are you being called in the present to create the future beyond 9/11? What have you discovered is your "passion" and how has it been expressed in the "compassion" you uniquely bring each day to the persons and circumstances of your life? What can we all yet do together in the next 10 years? Maybe you'll find your own inspiration in the following story of how one of us is trying to keep alive the memory of our 343 over the next 10 years.

THE FUTURE: Life beyond the 10th anniversary of 9/11

Let me tell you how one of us has found a new way to always remember, never forget. It's the story of BC Dan Sheridan who has made a commitment with other firefighters to get 343 used rigs being replaced with new equipment to be donated and shipped to the poorest parts of the globe where fellow firefighters have NO EQUIPMENT to respond to a major emergency.

On Sunday, September 4th, at the beginning of the annual "Mychal Judge Memorial Walk", the first rig will be named for Mychal and sent to a firehouse in Lima, Peru. It will be blessed and named after the 9:30am Mass at St. Francis on 31st Street by my Franciscan brother Fr. Chris Dunn who is a Chaplain of the Lima, Peru Fire Department. The rig which has been donated by the Dumont, NJ Fire Department will be delivered to the firehouse in Chris' Lima parish which is a volunteer rescue company that doesn't have equipment to do the rescues!. Dan Sheridan will arrange for the rig to be shipped in a container that will be filled with equipment and tools. He will lead a team of firefighters to Lima who will teach the firefighters how to use their new (Dumont's "old") rig. Some of us have raised the \$20,000 to cover the cost of shipment, delivery and training.

How specifically are you going to always remember, never forget? Would you be willing to offer some time and energy to help make this global dream possible in memory of our other 342 Brothers? Do you know a local community that's getting a new rig? Do you have access to spare gear, equipment and tools? Can you help raise funds? Whatever way you could help, we would be grateful to have the gift of your good self working together in responding to the needs of the fire service in the rest of the world.

Faternally,
Chris Keenan, OFM, Chaplain

The canonical Gospels composed by four Evangelists

A quick preview of the New Testament reveals that there are four Gospels, or written accounts, of the life, passion, death, and Resurrection of our Lord, Jesus Christ. While difficult to determine exactly when these Gospels (Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John) were written, the evangelists most likely began compiling their Gospels as soon as they recognized the need, and the financial resources became available, for a permanent record of Jesus' words and deeds. In my studies of Church Fathers I remember reading "Everyone translated Matthew's Hebrew Gospel into Greek the best they could" (not an exact quote). Jesus called a tax collector named Levi (also known as Matthew) to be an Apostle. As a tax collector, Matthew had to be literate. In fact, he probably would have literacy not only of the language of the land he lived in, which was Aramaic (conversational Hebrew) in 1st century Israel, but also the languages, Latin and Greek, used by the Roman rulers he served.

The Hebrew Gospel referred to above could be a record of Jesus' sermons and sayings as He spoke them, and possibly also included stories of the miracles He performed during His public ministry. This earliest Gospel, recorded before Jesus' death by the Apostle Matthew, might be the Q source suggested by many biblical scholars. When we read the extant Gospel's we notice that while Matthew, Mark and Luke have much in common they are quite different from John's Gospel, except in the Passion and Resurrection narratives where they share more in common. This makes sense because the first details about Jesus proclaimed by the infant Church would have been about the Resurrection and the circumstances of Jesus' death.

As the Church grew in understanding and faith the oral stories recounting Jesus' life would expand and eventually be written down from memory and the notes of the tax collector translated into Greek. We know from tradition that Mark was St. Peter's secretary, and he too was literate since his mother was wealthy enough to own a house big enough to assemble the nascent Church (see Acts 12:12). We also know that Mark had access to parchments (1st century documents), which may have been copies of Matthew's original Gospel (see 2 Timothy 4:11-13). In the introduction to his Gospel, Luke states that he used other Gospel's in the compilation of his own, which was necessary because he was not an eyewitness to Jesus' earthly ministry like the other three evangelists.

John, the beloved disciple, had intimate knowledge of Jesus' teachings and miraculous works as a member of the inner circle. John lived into the last decade of the 1st century, being a young man while Jesus was alive. An analysis of John's Gospel shows that it was added

to in at least two places. The end of chapter 14 flows right into the beginning of chapter 18, therefore the other three chapters, 15, 16, & 17 are probably later redactions. This does not mean that these chapters are not John's work (consider how one composes a term paper, adding to the work already completed as you recall different things your teacher said), but they could have also been inserted by John's disciples as they remembered the oral testimony of their Bishop. This is certainly the case in chapter 21's conclusion (the second conclusion in John's Gospel) when they write "we know that his testimony is true".

Matthew began to compile his Gospel during the lifetime of Jesus and the literary redactions of his community, inspired by the Holy Spirit, gave us the Gospel we read today, which was completed well before the end of the first century.

– Tom Roche

FALL SCHEDULE MEETINGS

(All meetings begin at 8:00 PM)

Monday, October 3 rd

Greentree Restaurant

Bronx

Monday, November 7th

Hillside Swim Club

Staten Island

Dominican Sisters Annual Autumn Festival Saturday, September 24, 2011

The Dominican Sisters of Blauvelt, N.Y. will sponsor their annual Autumn Festival on September 24, 2011 from 10:30 to 4:00. Join us for a day of fun, food, children's activities, games of chance, raffles, flea market, and entertainment. Parking is available on the grounds located at 496 Western Highway, Blauvelt, N.Y. Any questions, contact: pford@opblauvelt.org or jschaaf@opblauvelt.org.

ORANGE COUNTY N.Y. PIPES & DRUMS

The Hudson valley retired firefighters of N.Y.F.D. are in search of active or retired firefighters or there sons/daughters who, either play or want to play the bagpipes or drums. Our activities are centered in orange county,

N.Y. For more information contact Steve Gibbons NYFD Retired Firefighters, P.O. BOX 54, Johnson, N.Y. 10933 or Call Steve at (845) 726-0855 or

E MAIL: gibbons75@gmail.com Thank you.

ANNUAL MEMORIAL MASS
Father Julian Deeken
Sunday November 13, 2011
9:30 am at
St. Francis of Assisi Church
135 West 31st Street, Manhattan

8th Annual 9-11 Father Mychal F. Judge
Walk of Remembrance
Sunday September 4, 2011

Rosary to precede the Mass @ St. Francis of Assisi
9:00 am

For more information please call:
Steven McDonald (347) 386-9400
Bill Schillinger (917) 902-6689
John Bates (516) 238-0952
www.paddybrown.org

9-11 Memorial Mass

Sunday September 11, 2011
11:00 am

St. Francis of Assisi Church
135 W 31st street

(with Battalion 7 & the World Police & Fire Games)

Stand up for LIFE

"What Can One Person Do?"

Coming to Long Island this October ...

Pro-Lifers will have an opportunity to participate with family & friends, with people of all faiths, with people of all ages, in a huge public statement for life.

Sunday, October 2, 2011

2:00 PM—3:30PM

(rain or shine)

Along Route 25 & Route 110 (Huntington, LI)

&

LIE exit 70S & County Road 111 (Manorville, LI)

Signs will be distributed at site and will read:

ABORTION KILLS CHILDREN

LOVE THEM BOTH

Call Ann (631) 754-9141 or Bill (631) 288-3263

High School Scholarship Test

Saturday, December 3, 2011

Commencing 8:30 a.m.

All Hallows High School

111 East 164th Street

Bronx, NY 10452

(between Walton Ave. & Grand Concourse)

High School Scholarship applications will be available only after **September 30th** from our Scholarship Chairman, Bill Treanor (718-885-0648) or at 98 Bay Street, Bronx, NY 10464. Completed applications must be returned by **November 23, 2011**.

2011 SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS!

L to R : Shannon Scott, Matthew Fray, Eric Clawson, Scholarship Chairman Bill Treanor, Megan Donovan, Commissioner Salvatore Cassano, Chief of the Dept. Edward Kilduff



High School Scholarships
Awards Increased!

Our High School Scholarship awards will be increased starting with the **applicants who take the test this December 3rd**. The four awards for \$1000.00 for four years to a catholic high school will be **increased to \$1500.00 per year for four years**. The Fordham Prep award will stay the same. We will **create the Vincent A. McCarthy Scholarship Award for \$2000.00 one time cash award each year**. (You will **NOT** be required to attend a catholic high school, but you will be required to take the High School Scholarship Test.) A substantial bequest from Vincent A. McCarthy has made these increases possible. Please visit our web site, go to scholarship and check the Requirements for our Scholarship program. This way there will be no surprises. If you have any questions, contact us from our web site link or an E-mail: fdnyholynamesociety@verizon.net.

The Mass that the members of the Holy Name Society attended at the Annual Communion Breakfast at St. Patrick's Cathedral was for the celebration of the Beatification of Blessed Pope John Paul II. In the homily, Archbishop Egan told of the shooting of Pope John Paul by Mehmet Ali Agca in 1981. He was shot 4 times. A few days after he was shot, Pope John Paul forgave the man who shot him. He asked people to "pray for my brother ... whom I have sincerely forgiven. In 1983, he & Agca met & spoke privately at the prison where Agca was being held. The Pope was also in touch with Agca's family over the years.

How could he forgive the man who shot him? What about hating the man & wanting him to pay every day of his life? What kind of man would act in such a manner?

Pope John Paul II had no vengeance within him & was filled with forgiveness. Isn't this amazing? He was able to get to this place in his life by spending a lot of time with his God. He spent his life in prayer. Through this closeness to God he was able to see that the only way to be filled with peace was to act as he did. Vengeance & hate would only put him in a place that was far from God.

Would we act in the same manner to someone who hurt us or would we want vengeance? We are constantly called to get closer to God. It is only through conforming our lives to His will that we experience peace, serenity and forgiveness.

We are constantly given opportunities to get closer to God. These times usually involve a personal communication, we pray & we listen for an answer. When given this occasion, we would be wise to take advantage of it.


On October 25, we will have such an opportunity. It will be the Holy Name Society Retreat at the Passionist Retreat House in Jamaica. It will be an opportunity to spend some precious personal time with God in the presence & support of other firefighters who are taking the same journey. It can be a time for prayer, reflection, eating, laughing, resting & finding a serenity that may have escaped us in our regular harried life.

All of us know that we need to spend some quiet time in prayer to get our lives in order. The thought of a retreat might make some anxious, but remember we are the "Bravest" & when we put our minds to something, we can do everything. Join us!

- Steven Dmato

Come for a "24"

Do not forget about the "24" hour format for the Retreat! It was introduced to help those members who have limited time available to make a full retreat at the Bishop Molloy Retreat House. You may come for the day, come for a meal, or come for a conference. What ever you decide you have time for!



Captain Timothy Stackpole Annual Retreat

at the
**Bishop Molloy
Retreat House**
from **Supper** on
Tuesday, Oct. 25, 2011
through breakfast on
Thursday, Oct. 27, 2011

Call now and make your reservations:
Bishop Molloy Retreat House
718-739-1229

The Red Devil

When you are a firefighter it does not take long for you to see the destruction and danger an out of control fire brings into our lives. We call it the "Red Devil" and fight to control it. It is called the "Red Devil" because it can destroy anything in its path. Satan can do the same to any human when the human gets out of control. Yet fire can bring us warmth, light, and happiness. The Holy Spirit is brought into our lives through tongues of fire. That Holy Spirit which brings us our faith, shows us light, concentration, and the will of God into our daily lives. We truly need the Holy Spirit. Let it all begin with a trip to your firefighters retreat in October. Make a reservation today and you will be rewarded. God is always watching.

- Retired

Battalion Chief Jim Scheppel

DUES

Reminder to Members
Please forward your dues to:

Joseph Bryant
4 Maple Drive, New Hyde Park, NY 11040

Retired Members:

Joe Kelly
12 Bass Street, Staten Island, NY 10314



In Loving Memory of
Captain Lawrence P. Monachelli (Poppy)

Born August 2, 1922, Died July 10, 2011

It is with a heavy heart that I am writing this. Our dear friend & Breakfast Chairman Captain Lawrence P. Monachelli passed away suddenly on Sunday July 10, 2011. Larry was appointed to the FDNY in 1953 to Eng Co 44, after serving in the U.S. Navy during WW II. He was promoted to Lt in April 1961 & was assigned to Eng 15. Larry was transferred back to Eng 44 in 1971. In 1977, he was promoted to

Captain and assigned to Eng. 22. He has been awarded two class three awards, 4 class A awards, 5 class B awards & 5 unit citations. He was the loving husband to Eleanor for 65 years, has 3 children & 10 grandchildren. Many of you will remember Larry, especially from Eleanor Rigby's Restaurant in Mineola. He will be greatly missed.

WALT'S RETIREE'S CORNER

Happy to hear our boss is back home. Joe Bryant & his amazing wife, Maryeva, spent some time out in the "Wild West" visiting the sights of our National Parks & enjoying a much needed vacation. Joe has been guiding us in the Holy Name Society for eons & has been doing a splendid job. How does he do it?

Things went very well at the BBQ given by the Anchor Club at Francis Schervier Nursing home. We had close to 30 volunteers from various companies. The brothers worked hard, it was a very HOT day to be on the grill. Among the brothers were Jim McDermitt, Joe Laird & Bill Dunleavy.

Bill Dunleavy worked at ground zero for many months & is a former brother marine. He donated all of his equipment to the U.S. Marine Corp. Museum & was quite surprised when he stopped by on his way to Florida & saw that the museum had a large featured display including all of the tools used by Bill & various items Bill had donated. It is quite an impressive display. His Marine Corp. years were 1955 to 1959.

He was appointed to the FDNY in 1964 and spent his years on the job in Lad 17 & Lad 50. He was a chauffeur for years & like most chauffeurs could not wear his turncoat while driving. He tells me that his coat was full of holes from being stored in a box on the truck, during annual inspection the Chief wasn't all too pleased with its condition. His beautiful wife Margret was a great help to me on the computer. Margaret has the highest praise for her husband Bill, who has been volunteering at Calvary Hospital for about 15 years.

I just received the information about the passing of former firefighter & Marine Richard J. Fogarty who passed August 2, 2011. He volunteered at Calvary Hospital for a time & always showed up at the Holy Name meetings in the Bronx. Rich was full of stories. He could even tell you the names of his commanding officers & from his Drill Instructor to the Commandant! Now if you ask me, those were the names I wanted to forget! I do not much care to remember people who mistreated me, even though it taught me to be a man & a better person. But Rich, he always had a positive and funny spin on everything & everyone that touched his life!

Let us all take a moment to pray for our members in the military. We lost 38 of our best of the best, Navy Seals & Rangers just the other day. Please pray for all of those who have lost their lives while protecting our freedom and liberties! Especially as we approach the 10 year anniversary of 9-11.

By the way I put my e-mail address in the last newsletter & got very few responses. I would really like to receive any news you would like to share. A story? Everybody has one. Maybe we haven't heard yours yet? You know firefighters are always talking about an unusual job. I know I have plenty! We would also like to hear your jokes, we could really use a good laugh, right? Also, if you know of a firefighter who is sick please let us know so we can pray for them and their families. Contact me via E-mail WPWhitmore126@GMAIL.COM or write Walt Whitmore, 126 Windermere Drive, Yonkers, NY 10710 or call (914) 779-1826. Thank you and God bless you!

Congratulations Once Again to Our 2011 Men of the Year!

Picture from Left to Right: Chief of EMS Abdo Hahmad, Chief of Dept. Edward Kilduff, Commissioner Salvatore Cassano, Retired Chief John Bruckner, Firefighter Bill Leahy, & President HNS Retired Chief Joe Bryant



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Presidents Message

I hope that you had an enjoyable summer as we head into the cooler weather. As you can see with the cooler weather the activities start to increase. We ask our members to try to make a couple of events. Have you noticed the phrase "or Current Resident" under your name. This is part of the new regulations for bulk mail. We ask everyone who moved or plans to move to send your new address to Joe Bryant. In this way we can keep you up to date on what is happening. You can write or e-mail the change. The present, board of officers, have been in office for quite some time. We would ask you to consider stepping up and taking over one of the positions to help keep the society viable. There are 5 meetings a year and a couple of other events that are scheduled. Most of the work can be done at home or at the fire house at your own pace. In this way you would take very little time away from your family.

Executive Board Positions and responsibilities:

PRESIDENT: preside at all membership meetings – shall appoint all committees – shall see all books and reports – chief executive of the society.

VICE PRESIDENT AT LARGE: in the absent or unavailability of the president, will become acting president.

RECORDING SECRETARY: keep the minutes and records of the society meetings – submits minutes of the meeting to the president before the next meeting – maintains and ensures continuity of information.

TREASURER: care and custody of all monies belonging to the society.

FINANCIAL SECRETARY: collects and keeps records of the payment of dues and monies – keeps a list of members standing and issues membership cards to members upon payment of dues.

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY: receives and reviews correspondence received by the society – sends out notices of executive board and other meetings – sends thank you letters and other letters directed by the president.

SERGEANT AT ARMS: insures order during meetings – chairman of the rules committee – assists the president during meetings.

VICE PRESIDENT MANHATTAN: liaison between the board and the company delegates – keeps and updates the list of company delegates -assists the financial secretary in keeping the members dues updated.

VICE PRESIDENT BRONX: liaison between the board and the company delegates – keeps and updates the list of company delegates -assists the financial secretary in keeping the members dues updated.

VICE PRESIDENT STATEN ISLAND: liaison between the board and the company delegates – keeps and updates the list of company delegates -assists the financial secretary in keeping the members dues updated.

VICE PRESIDENT RETIRED MEN: liaison between the board and the retired members, Assists the financial secretary in keeping the members dues updated.

We would like to add the position, VICE PRESIDENT EMS to the board of officers who would be the liaison between the board and our EMS members.

As you can see from the above list, most of the societies business can be done at home or at the fire house. So, please, give some thought to being a member of the board and step up for one of the positions. Any questions give me a call at 516-775-5120. Have fun and stay safe out there— Joe

50 YEAR PINS: I have been pleasantly surprised by the number of members that have requested 50 year pins. I have received a little over 20 requests so far. Unfortunately, I have been busy and have not had a chance to put all the information together. So, if anyone has a little time and can help put the information together, please call or e-mail Joe Bryant. Thanks!