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 Father Vincent Capodanno Memorial Post  
*To heal, love, listen, serve*

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Father Vincent Robert Capodanno, M.M.

**MEETING NOTICE**  
**NEXT MEETING IS**  
**WEDNESDAY September 7th**  
**AT 7:00 PM**  
**At Our Lady of Mercy Country**  
**Home**  
**2115 Maturana Dr.**  
**Liberty MO**

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From the Commander

The national convention is over. There were several issues presented to the members present. Unfortunately, these issues were not given to the members at large prior to the convention, so many posts were not informed and therefore could not give an educated opinion as to which way to vote.

The main issue, or proposal, that was presented was finding a new home. The only proposal presented to the delegates was for a "virtual

office." It was voted down by a large majority. According to PNC Jose Garcia, the proposal was taken off the table and it was decided to stay in our present building for now. The committee responsible for finding a new home will have until next April to present to the board new proposals for finding a new place for our headquarters.

Mr. Garcia asked if the space at our Catholic Center was still available. So, I immediately contacted Mr. Malanowski at the office and it is available. I sent Mr. Garcia the information.

Not to sound too negative, I personally think that we had the only offer west of the Mississippi and the committee did not want to consider moving off the east coast. But, the board is beginning to hear from other posts out this way trying to explain to the members just how many potential members live out here. Our post will continue to offer any assistance necessary to get the headquarters moved somewhere toward the center of the country.

The other main issue was a proposed change to the bylaws to the national constitution to change the requirements for life membership. The proposal was to require a person to be a member for at least five years before he or she could apply for life membership. That proposal was also voted down.

The other proposal to change the constitution dealt mainly with working, i.e., changing he and him to he/she and him/her. From what Mr. Garcia told me in his email, besides the fact that I was not elected, was that we are being heard. We are making a difference and will continue to voice our opinion and present to board members our suggestions and ideas.

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**MEMORIAL MASS AND CEREMONY**

We have selected October 15, 2016 for the first annual Father Vincent Capodanno, MM Memorial Mass and Ceremony. We have sent invitations to every bishop in Missouri and the Archbishop of Kansas City, Kansas. We are in the process of sending invitations to every parish in the diocese and every Knights of Columbus council in Missouri and western Kansas.

As soon as I get an updated list of national board members, I will send every member of the board an invitation also. Along with the board members, we will send invitations to every department commander to share his or her members, along with invitations to every post commander whose post does not have a department.

We have invite to every bishop in Missouri and to the Archbishop of Kansas City Kansas. Our bishop, Bishop Johnston will be travelling on that day. We are honor to have Father Charles Rowe, the Vicar General for the diocese, representing our bishop

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**CONVENTION**

As you know, next year, 2017, the CWV National Convention will be held in St. Louis, MO. Being the only post in Missouri, at lot of responsibility will fall on our shoulders. Exactly what will be expected of us, I do not yet know.

Just prior to the convention we contacted both the AAA and the Visitors' Bureau for information. We received a lot of information in the form of magazines, maps, and brochures and we forwarded the info to Maine and it was given to the people there. So, those who attended this year's convention already know what St. Louis has to offer.

I have already written to the chairman of the convention corporation asking him what was required. Hopefully I will hear something before next August. We are already starting to plan a few things. One very important this is that we will need funding. One idea is to have a raffle. But, what we raffle off

must be something anyone can use and of value. Probably the one thing everyone can use is money.

So, if you have any ideas that could work, we are all ears. Real soon I will be writing to every council of the K of C in Missouri that I can and ask for donations. If we can raise over a thousand dollars, making the raffle for \$500, \$300, and \$200 in prizes, that would be great. We have a year. But we would like to start the raffle as close to the New Year as possible and the winner will be announced at the convention.

Ms. Roberts contacted AAA and obtained over 100 brochures, about the sites in and around St. Louis, tours and other thing that we will be sending to this year's convention so the people back east will realize that we really don't have cattle roaming in our streets and our houses do have indoor plumbing.

But, this must be a concerted effort on everyone's part.

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**PRAYER to Obtain a Favor Through the Intercession of the Servant of God Father Vincent R .Capodanno, MM**

May God who has offered healing and strength through the hands of His Son, Our Lord, and through Christ's many servants grant me the favor of His healing hand through the intercession of His servant, Fr. Vincent Capodanno, priest, missionary, and chaplain, who always sought to heal and comfort the wounded and dying on the field of battle. May I be granted this request on my own field of battle, I pray in the name of Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen

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**POST DUES**

Our membership year runs from October 1st through September 30th. If you pay your dues any time from now on it will be credited to your 2017 membership year. Also, any new member we may recruit from now on will also be credited for the 2017 year.

So, for all who are not life members, when you have thirty dollars handy, please send it in and I will send you your 2017 membership card. Just make your check out to CWV Post 1974 and send it to either me or to the post address:

CWV Post 1974  
2115 Maturana Dr. #208C  
Liberty MO 64068

For life members, you will not receive a new card. If you would like a printed card, other than the plastic card that you already have let me know. I would be happy to print you a yearly card. Thank you John

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## ***pilgrimage to Black Madonna on the Solemnity of the Assumption and Poland's Armed Forces Day Częstochowa, Poland***

*Auxiliary Bishop F. Richard Spencer, Episcopal Vicar for Europe and Asia of the Archbishop for the Military Services, USA (AMS), joined soldiers and military officers from the United States and five other nations in a "Walk for Peace." The walk was part of Poland's traditional August pilgrimage to the revered Black Madonna, a sacred icon preserved at the historic shrine to Our Lady of Częstochowa, the Queen of Peace.*

*Over the past week or so, tens of thousands of pilgrims of all ages-many of them carrying rosaries, crosses and hiking sticks-made the trek from hundreds of villages, towns and cities all over Poland, walking for as long as ten days across the country's largely flat terrain through thunderstorms, rain showers and intense summer heat, with villagers and church-keepers providing shelter, food and water along the way. Others came in cars and on trains and buses. The six-nation military delegation comprised 843 troops and clergy from the U.S., Poland, Germany, the Ukraine, Lithuania and Latvia.*

*The pilgrims converged --literally in the footsteps of hundreds of thousands of youth at the end of July-- on the sacred shrine, Poland's holiest site, located on the grounds of the Pauline Jasna Góra monastery about 125 miles southwest of Warsaw, Monday, Aug. 15-a day of significance for both Catholics the world over and the Polish people in particular. Not only is it the Solemnity of the Assumption, when Catholics celebrate the entrance of Virgin Mary into heaven at the end of her earthly pilgrimage, but it is also Poland's Armed Forces Day, a national holiday created to commemorate Poland's victory over the Soviets at the 1920 Battle of Warsaw.*

*Upon their arrival at Częstochowa on Aug. 14, Bishop Spencer concelebrated a field Mass with Bishop Józef Guzdek, the Military Ordinary of Poland, and more than 60 priests. About 2,500 pilgrims attended the Mass. That evening, Bishops Spencer and Guzdek drove by car, along with visiting U.S. Army and Air Force Generals, back to Warsaw for Mass the following morning at the Field Cathedral of the Polish Army. The Assumption Feast Day Mass was attended by Polish President Andrzej Duda and his wife, along with cabinet ministers, members of parliament and other VIPs. At noon, the dignitaries took part in a wreath-laying at Poland's Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. The ceremony, complete with marching bands and a 21-gun salute, was attended by 22,000 spectators.*

*Bishop Spencer said: "The universality of the Catholic Church is well represented in the partnership of these two military dioceses by participating*

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***Military delegation participates in annual***

***together in this pilgrimage for peace. I stand in admiration of the Polish soldiers who practice very openly and with great pride their Catholic faith and heritage. We all can also be proud of our U.S. soldiers who completed the ten-day walking pilgrimage."***

***According to tradition, St. Luke painted the Black Madonna on a table made by Jesus Himself. Pope Saint John Paul II prayed before the icon during his historic 1979 visit to his homeland, several months after his election to the Chair of Peter. Pope Francis also prayed before the icon during a visit to Częstochowa on July 28 while in Poland for World Youth Day 2016. His Excellency, the Most Reverend Timothy P. Broglio, J.C.D., Archbishop for the Military Services, celebrated Mass under the icon on July 25 while leading a pilgrimage of U.S. Military Catholics to the World Youth Day spiritual celebration in Kraków.***

***In a country whose population of 39 million is 96% Catholic, this year marked the 305th anniversary of the annual pilgrimage, which dates back to 1711 when the bubonic plague decimated Warsaw's population. After the epidemic abruptly ended, a brotherhood of knights trekked from the capital to offer thanks to the Virgin Mary, and the tradition has continued ever since.***