



The District Sentinel

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The Voice of the 4th Degree Michigan District #4



MASTER'S MESSAGE

Worthy Sir Knights and lovely ladies of District 4, your dedication to the Patriotic Degree and the principles of the Knights of Columbus have been very inspirational to me over the last two years. It has truly been my pleasure to serve as Master and I regret

that I may not have done the best job to support you and your efforts. It was my intention to do so. I find it hard to understand why any brother knight would not want to participate, and belong to the ranks of the Patriotic Degree. There is so much good that you do.

First, I want to thank my wife Lady Mandy and my daughter Olivia for their support in general of my involvement in the Knights of Columbus and particularly as Master. I'm blessed to have a family that embraces the travel and time that comes with the role. Mandy has been a true partner in the planning and execution of our exemplifications. Her experience in hospitality at the Bavarian Inn and just her organizational skills has been most helpful. I am really proud of her for the quality of the ladies programs she presented at our exemps.

Secondly, my thanks go out to the entire district staff (men and wives) who have contributed in so many ways to help District 4. Senior Marshal Mark Hebert has been superb at keeping our Color Corps (and me) in proper order when we fall out for duty. He and Lady Mary have logged many miles to attend events with us around the district. District Comptroller Jerry Leinberger has kept our books straight and with Lady Gina provided a source of constant encouragement and support. Many thanks to Marshal Dale and Lady Dee Korson who unfailingly took care of events in Grand Rapids and just simply showed up for everything! Degree Staff Captain Frank Cieszlak took away all (ok, most) of my worries about the ceremonials and helped us create some great presentations for our candidates. And, Degree Marshal Bob Luxford stepped up when asked, to take on an important role. All of the degree staff members have my deepest respect for their dedication

and with their wives have my appreciation for the time and travel and the hospitality you have shared with us and all of our exemplification guests. Special thanks to Sir Knight Mike and Lady Colleen Terwilliger who became the hospitality champions and very dear friends.

By no means do I intend to leave out anyone! The entire staff and ladies in our district along with Faithful Navigators and other members and their wives have made our last two years a most enjoyable experience. My wish is for more brother knights to participate and appreciate the good works that we do as members of the Patriotic Degree. May we be ambassadors of the catholic faith to encourage others to be patriots of our Church and our Country.

The transition to the new uniform as decided by the Supreme Council has admittedly been difficult for some assemblies. I respect the concerns of the financial impact to those who already have the old regalia and who may not be fans of the new look. However, there are an increasing number of members getting their new uniform and it really looks good when you see an honor guard or color guard all in the new dress. As one who has been wearing the new uniform longer than most (Masters were required to order immediately when it changed) I must say it wears very nice, is much more convenient than the old regalia and I have received many compliments from people when they see it in-person. You can carry everything you need in your sword case!

To the Faithful Navigators of our assemblies... new and returning... please embrace the responsibility with which you have been entrusted. As stated in the officer installation ceremony, your assembly's success depends on you. Do your best to submit forms and manage your membership and financial records diligently. Recruitment of new 4th degree knights is ultimately your responsibility. Encourage your members to welcome all catholic men and especially Council members to join the Patriotic Degree. The fundraisers and special events we do to support or recognize veterans and active military are worthy indeed. We also need to get more involved in community events to show our appreciation for first responders, civic leaders, and clergy & lay leaders in our church.

Our religious leaders and indeed our catholic faith are under attack! Yes, there are valid questions about the actions of certain individuals and local dioceses, but we need to stand against the broad brush painting a shadow on our entire faith. We need to stand as knights did of old... defenders of the church, supporters of our dedicated clergy, and advocates of discernment to vocations, be it clergy, religious, marriage or generous single life. Let us be Knights In Action!

Congratulations to our new Master of Michigan District 4, Keith Woodrum and Lady Marie! Supreme Master Dennis Stoddard has named Keith our new master effective September 1, 2018. Please extend to him your full support and cooperation. Our next exemplification is tentatively scheduled for Friday, October 26th in the Grand Rapids area. Watch for the invitations and details to be coming soon. Encourage members and candidates to participate! All assemblies should support every exemplification throughout our district. Don't wait for an exemplification to come to you... get your members and your candidates to the NEXT exemplification. It's really not too much to ask to travel an hour or two for an event that may affect the rest of your life. We often travel for sporting events, casino trips, weekend adventures, family visits, etc. without even thinking about it. Making a road trip to help welcome our brother knights into the Patriotic Degree should not be dependent on it being "close to home." We ALL belong to District 4 and should support every exemplification.

The next Provincial Meeting will be at Wyndham Hotel in Sterling Heights on October 12-14th, 2018. Find details at www.hennepinprovincial.org and register now! Every assembly should be sending delegates to this important meeting. Training is provided, awards are presented and ideas are shared. Consider covering some of the travel expenses for your delegates and also support the event with the purchase of an ad in the program book. All of the forms are on the provincial web site.

Finally, I wish to thank the many Sir Knights who have participated in fundraisers to support Grand Rapids Veterans Home, the I Support the 1% Food Pantry, the assist wheelchairs for veterans, care boxes for active military, those who walked in parades or corporate communion processions, who donated to the Military Vocations Fund or Holy Cross Services Education Fund. I especially commend my brothers who stand guard at the casket of a deceased brother

knight or participate at a chalice presentation, bible presentation or other memorial service. Please share that experience and what it means to you; to other catholic men who would like to join our ranks if you just invite them.

May you continue or expand your participation in the activities of our order under the patronage of Venerable Fr. Michael J. McGivney.

Barry Borsenik
Master
Michigan District #4



UPCOMING EVENTS

- Sep 08... State Leadership Installation in Lansing
- Sep 22... District Meeting in St. Louis
- Oct 12-14... Provincial Meeting in Sterling Heights
- Oct 26... District 4 - 4th Degree Exemplification

IMPORTANT WEBSITES

Knights of Columbus Supreme	www.kofc.org
Michigan District #4	www.mikofcdist4.org
Hennepin Province	www.hennepinprovincial.org

Thanks to the 2016-2018 DISTRICT 4 STAFF

Friar, Grand Rapids	Fr. Ronald Hutchinson
Friar, Saginaw	Fr. William Rutkowski
Master	Barry (Mandy) Borsenik
Comptroller	Jerry (Gina) Leinberger
Secretary	John (Lynn) Turek
Sr. Marshall	Mark (Mary) Hebert
Marshall	Dale (Dee) Korson
Degree Marshall	Bob (Linda) Luxford
Degree Staff Captain	Frank (Pat) Cieszlak
Hospitality	Mike (Colleen) Terwilliger
Hospitality	Chris (Lori) Buzzelli
Fundraising	Bob (Cathy) Muehlfeld
New Member & Assembly Dev.	Bob (Karen) Grove
Church & Events Coordinator	Thomas (Gerri) Farley
Webmaster	Zane (Rose) Rice
Newsletter Editor	Dick (Judy) Hurst

DUTIES OF ASSEMBLY OFFICERS

If your officers did not attend the recent officer installation ceremony, make sure they know the responsibilities of their office. Your assembly deserves effective leadership.

Faithful Navigator

The Faith Navigator is the presiding officer, with all powers and duties incident to such office. In his absence, or inability to perform such duties, the Faithful Captain shall perform such duties. He ensures all necessary reports are submitted to the state and Supreme Council. He should also be aware of the council's financial status and ensure that his signature appears on all checks drawn. The Faithful Navigator is chairman of the Board of Trustees.

Faithful Captain

The Faithful Captain shall, in the absence of the Faithful Navigator, perform the duties and exercise the powers of that office. He shall also be in charge of social and other activities under the good of the Order.

Faithful Admiral

The Faithful Admiral shall preside in case of the absence of the both preceding officers, and may have such other powers and perform other such duties prescribed.. He is chairman of the assembly's retention committee.

Faithful Pilot

The Faithful Pilot shall be in charge of all properties of the assembly except moneys, account records, and record books of the officers. He shall be responsible for arrangement of the assembly chamber and shall direct and be responsible for the activities of the Sentinels.

Faithful Comptroller

The Faithful Comptroller is responsible is maintaining all financial and membership records. He collects and receives all moneys including annual dues from assembly members and transfers same to the Faithful Purser and obtains a receipt from same. He handles supply orders for the assembly, filling the Report of Officers and submitting all membership transactions to the Supreme Council. He shall perform all duties of the office as required by the laws and rules of the Fourth Degree and the Board of Directors.

Faithful Scribe

The Faithful Scribe shall keep a record of the minutes of all regular and special meetings.

Faithful Purser

The Faithful Purser shall act as the treasurer of the assembly and is responsible for the safekeeping and maintaining records of all assembly funds and accounts. He is responsible for depositing money into the assembly's accounts. He is also responsible for payment of all expenses.

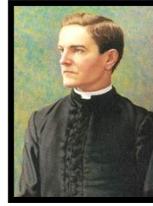
Faithful Inner & Outer Sentinels

The Faithful Inner & Outer Sentinels are responsible to see all in attendance at meetings are in possession of a current 3rd & 4th Degree membership cards and other duties as directed by the Faithful Pilot.

Board of Trustees

The board of trustees consists of 3 members elected by the assembly to oversee the work of the Faithful Comptroller and the Faithful Purser and take part in the annual audit. The Faithful Navigator shall be the chairman of the Board of Trustees

Prayer for the Canonization of Father Michael J. McGivney



God, our Father, protector of the poor and defender of the widow and orphan, you called your priest, Father Michael J. McGivney, to be an apostle of Christian family life and to lead the young to the generous service of their neighbor. Through the example of his life and virtue may we follow your Son, Jesus Christ, more closely,

fulfilling his commandment of charity and building up his Body which is the Church. Let the inspiration of your servant prompt us to greater confidence in your love so that we may continue his work of caring for the needy and the outcast. We humbly ask that you glorify your venerable servant Father Michael J. McGivney on earth according to the design of your holy will. Through his intercession, grant the favor I now present (here make your request). Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

*Religiously Devoted.
Patriotically Proud.*

COLOR CORPS DRILL MANUAL



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Patriotic Degree of the Order.

The Color Corps Drill Manual has been revised to reflect the changes in the uniform. Copies of the new manual should have been mailed to each assembly but is also available online at the following address:

www.kofc.org/en/resources/service/council/808_Color_Corps_Drill_Manual.pdf