



# The District Sentinel



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**The Voice of the 4th Degree Michigan District #4**

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## \*MASTER'S MESSAGE\*

Worthy Sir Knights and Ladies,

I hope you had a very Blessed and Merry Christmas. I also hope you were able to spend quality time with family and friends. Lady

Beverly and I want to wish you a very Happy, Healthy and Prosperous New Year.

It doesn't seem possible that another calendar year has already passed. Winter is here in all of its abundance with the snow and cold temperatures, so please be cautious in pursuing outdoor activities. Soon Lent and the Easter season will be upon us with the promise of spring weather and sunshine.

As a reminder, the "Annual Survey of Fraternal Activity" (Form 1728) is due to Supreme by January 31, 2014. It is very imperative that this survey is submitted timely in order for the Knights of Columbus to retain its "Non- Profit Status".

Our next District Meeting will be Saturday, April 5, 2014 at Sacred Heart Parish Center in Mt. Pleasant. Registration is from 9:00 AM – 10:00 AM with coffee and donuts. The meeting is from 10:00 AM - Noon, followed by lunch. Don't forget, the ladies are invited and encouraged to attend a separate meeting with Lady Beverly and are asked to bring a dish to pass for the luncheon. The District will provide the meat, tossed salad, beverages and tableware. An agenda will be sent out before the meeting. If there is something you would like added please let me know ahead of the meeting.

Please don't forget about our District Project "Operation Patriotism" for the Veterans regarding a Blanket Warmer (\$5,800) for the Grand Rapids Veterans Home and eight Assist Wheel Chairs (\$1,100) for the Veterans Hospital in Saginaw. The total cost of the District Project is \$6,900.00 with each of the 23 Assemblies contributing \$300.00. The target date for the

completion is June 1, 2014. Please send your check to District #4 Comptroller Robert Godi FMFD, 1718 Ashwood Dr., Reese, MI 48757-9438. Be sure to indicate on the Memo Line of your check "Operation Patriotism".

A heartfelt District 4 "THANK YOU" to all who participated in the drive for "Coats for the Homeless Veterans". Approximately 300 Homeless Veterans are keeping warm because of your participation and generosity.

Also, keep in mind the "Military Chaplains Scholarship Program". This is a five year project initiated by Supreme asking each Assembly to contribute \$50.00 for each of the five years. Please contact me with any questions or concerns.

ANOTHER MAJOR EVENT IS ON THE HORIZON AND APPROACHING FAST!!! It is the District 4 Exemplification which will be held on Saturday, May 3, 2014 at St. James Church and Parish Center in Montague, Michigan. Assemblies need to be working with the Councils they serve by encouraging 1<sup>st</sup> Degree Brothers to join the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Degrees and 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree Brothers to continue their journey to the 4<sup>th</sup> Degree.

WE NEED CANDIDATES TO MAKE THIS EXEMPLIFICATION A SUCCESS!!! The Class Honoree will be determined and announced with the mailing of the Exemplification information. Also, we must all do our part to procure Ads for the Program Book to keep our District financially sound. It would be great if each Assembly would purchase and/or sell at least one Ad for the Program Book. We can never have too many Ads. Looking ahead, our Fall Exemplification in District 4 will be back at the Double Tree Hotel in Bay City on Saturday, October 25, 2014.

VIVAT JESUS!

Bob Krauseneck  
Master  
Michigan District #4



**\*UPCOMING EVENTS\***

- January 1<sup>st</sup> ..... Mary, Mother of God  
Holy Day of Obligation
- January 1<sup>st</sup> ..... New Years Day
- January 1<sup>st</sup> ..... Annual Dues and Fraternal Survey  
are due and should be sent to Faithful Comptroller**
- January 6<sup>th</sup> ..... Feast of the Epiphany
- January 21<sup>st</sup> ..... Martin Luther King Day
- January 31<sup>st</sup> ..... Annual Fraternal Survey Form #1728  
is due to Supreme and the District Master**
  
- February 2<sup>nd</sup> ..... Ground Hog Day
- February 12<sup>th</sup> ..... Lincoln's Birthday
- February 14<sup>th</sup> ..... Valentine's Day
- February 15<sup>th</sup> ..... President's Day
- February 22<sup>nd</sup> ..... Washington's Birthday
  
- March 5<sup>th</sup> ..... Ash Wednesday**
- March 9<sup>th</sup> ..... Daylight Savings ends  
Turn clocks forward 1 hour at 2:00 AM
- March 17<sup>th</sup> ..... St. Patrick's Day
- March 20<sup>th</sup> ..... First Day of Spring
- March 25<sup>th</sup> ..... Annunciation of the Lord**
- March 25<sup>th</sup> ... Knights of Columbus Day of the Unborn**
- March 29<sup>th</sup> ..... Founders Day**



**Please Remember in  
Your Prayers**

SK Roman Winkler PGK, SK Ron Goodey, SK Jim Walkenhorst, SK Raymond & Lady Rosemary Reinhold, SK Gene Kendra, SK Sergio Cushion, SK Neal & Lady Billy Jo Grossenbacher, and Lady Joan Romanowski.

Fr. Phil Witkowski; Fr. Don Tufts, all our priests & clergy, and all of our service men and women here and overseas.

Please pray for the family and the souls of PSD, FVSM James Fedewa, SK Dan Lewis, Mr. Carl Gaerig (father of First Lady Maureen Malinowski), and Norbert P. Rieman (Brother-in-law of Eleanor Unterbrink).

*“Eternal rest, grant unto them O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen. May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.”*

**\*DISTRICT EVENTS OF NOTE\***

- **Annual Survey of Fraternal Activity Form 1728 is due to Supreme by January 31, 2014.** Send copy by January 25, 2014 to the District Master, Robert Krauseneck, and he will provide a copy to Vice Supreme Master Don Hall.
- **The next District Meeting will be Saturday, April 5, 2014 at Sacred Heart Parish Center in Mt. Pleasant.** Registration is from 9:00 AM – 10:00 AM with coffee and donuts. The meeting is from 10:00 AM - Noon, followed by lunch.
- **On Saturday, May 3, 2014, Michigan District #4 will be hosting the spring 4th Degree Exemplification.** Bishop Frederic Baraga Assembly #474 will again host an Exemplification. This will be the sixth Exemplification in nine years that the assembly has hosted. It will be held at the St. James Parish Center in Montague. More details will be provided at the District Meeting.
- **A big "Thank You!" to all of the assemblies that purchased an ad in the souvenir program booklet!** Whether your candidates attend the spring or fall Exemplification, our district needs your support to fund the best Exemplifications in the State of Michigan! **Thanks again to assemblies # 474, # 487, # 491, # 495, # 503, # 2013, # 2049, # 2210, # 2226, # 2365, # 2372, # 2773, #2787, # 2974, #3102, #3106, and # 3136, for a purchasing or selling an ad!**

**Souvenir Program Ads**

***Has your Assembly sold an ad yet???***

It costs a lot of money to host an Exemplification, to put together an impressive day for candidates, and to make the occasion a memorable event for all those who attend. **The only way the District can make the event affordable for those who attend is to ask each assembly to purchase a full page ad and then also sell at least one additional full page ad.**

Many assemblies ask the councils that they draw members from to share in the cost of a full page ad that would support the assembly and the members from their councils. Others assemblies also solicit ads from businesses that have long supported K of C functions. The ad costs are as follows:

- Full page ..... \$100**
- 1/2 page ..... \$60**
- 1/4 page ..... \$40**
- 1/8 page ..... \$20**

**All ADS MUST BE TURNED IN BY SUNDAY  
APRIL 21, 2014**

See the Michigan District #4 web site for an ad form and directions for sending in your forms.

## \*FRIAR'S FORUM\*

### As the head of the Holy Family, St. Joseph teaches us how to live out the vocation of husband and father.

No words spoken by St. Joseph are recorded in the Gospels. But in the words of Blessed John Paul II, “the silence of Joseph has its own special eloquence, for thanks to that silence we can understand the truth of the Gospel’s judgment that he was ‘a just man’” (Redemptoris Custos, 17; cf. Mt 1:19).

In light of the feast of the Holy Family, which was celebrated on the final Sunday of December, and following last month’s column on the spiritual leadership of St. Joseph, I would now like to delve deeper into Joseph’s role as the father of Jesus and the head of the Holy Family.

As so many Knights of Columbus can attest, the day-to-day role of father and head of household is complex, requiring a diverse skill set. After all, a father is called on to do many things — from making repairs around the house to protecting his family from harm and helping to form the faith and moral foundation of his children. Fathers play a critical role in the stability of families, and Jesus’ earthly father, Joseph, was no exception.

#### JOSEPH’S FATHERHOOD

The importance of St. Joseph’s example as a husband and father is perhaps best summarized by John Paul II in his apostolic exhortation on St. Joseph. “St. Joseph was called by God to serve the person and mission of Jesus directly through the exercise of his fatherhood,” the pope wrote. “In recalling that ‘the beginnings of our redemption’ were entrusted ‘to the faithful care of Joseph,’ the Liturgy specifies that ‘God placed him at the head of his family, as a faithful and prudent servant, so that with fatherly care he might watch over his only begotten Son’” (Redemptoris Custos, 8).

Although the Gospels do not provide many details about Joseph, we know that he supported Jesus and Mary by his work as a carpenter and that he was a man of prudence, protective of his family and ever attentive to God’s voice. Like many fathers, Joseph taught his son a trade, and the Son of Man learned from his earthly father how to make a living through hard work and the sweat of his brow. It was this historic fact that the Second Vatican Council had in mind when it said of Jesus: “He worked with human hands, he thought with a human mind ... and loved with a human heart” (Gaudium et Spes, 22).

Joseph, as Jesus’ foster father, took seriously his responsibility to care for all the needs of his child. Parents are the first teachers of their children in the ways of culture and faith. Jesus acquired much of his human knowledge from both Joseph and Mary, who together

provided his first earthly experience of love and influenced the development of his personality. Mary and Joseph also handed on to Jesus the faith of Israel, teaching him how to pray and to live the Law; their home was the “seminary” for the great High Priest.

While Scripture speaks often of Mary’s love for her Son, it also depicts the quiet strength and love of Joseph toward his foster child. Both were powerfully displayed when Joseph and Mary, after searching for three days, found the 12-year-old Jesus in the temple. Mary, exasperated, asked: “Son, why have you treated us so? Behold, your father and I have been looking for you anxiously” Jesus replied, “How is it that you sought me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father’s house?” (Lk 2:48-49). Of this famous biblical scene, John Paul II wrote, “The reply of Jesus in the Temple brought once again to the mind of his ‘presumed father’ what he had heard on that night twelve years earlier: ‘Joseph ... do not fear to take Mary, your wife, for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Spirit’ (Mt 1:20). From that time onward he knew that he was a guardian of the mystery of God” (Redemptoris Custos, 15).

#### ORDINARY HOLINESS

Not only is Joseph a model of a devoted husband and father, but the Holy Family is rightly called “the prototype and example of all Christian families” (Familiaris Consortio, 86). This family lived in cultural circumstances vastly different from ours today, but Jesus, Mary and Joseph teach us certain perennial truths about family life — truths upheld by Knights of Columbus and their families throughout the world. One such truth is the importance of the ordinary. By becoming one of us and choosing to live in an ordinary family, Jesus Christ demonstrated the value that God places on mothers, fathers and children attending to their daily responsibilities. The Lord taught us that our salvation is worked out in our everyday life. God’s will for us is often all too obvious.

The example of the Holy Family also teaches us that parents are called to take a direct and personal role in the education of their children, helping them to acquire important life skills and to know the reality of God’s love.

As Knights of Columbus, you help parents fulfill their vocation through your example and your prayers. Let us look upon the Holy Family with gratitude as we ask the intercession of Joseph and Mary for families everywhere — for those that are healthy and for those that struggle. Through these prayers, may family life experience an authentic renewal as we meet the challenges of the new evangelization.

Archbishop William E. Lori  
January 2014, Columbia Magazine

**\*CIVICS 101\***

## George Washington's Birthday

George Washington's Birthday is celebrated as a federal holiday on the third Monday in February. Washington was the first President of the United States (1789–1797), the commander-in-chief of the Continental Army during the American Revolutionary War, and one of the Founding Fathers of the United States. He presided over the convention that drafted the United States Constitution, which replaced the Articles of Confederation and which remains the supreme law of the land.

Washington's Birthday is one of eleven permanent holidays established by Congress. Federal holidays apply only to the federal government and the District of Columbia; Congress has never declared a national holiday binding in all states and each state decides its own legal holidays.



George Washington was born in Virginia on February 11, 1731, according to the then-used Julian calendar. In 1752, however, Britain and all its colonies adopted the Gregorian calendar which moved Washington's Birthday a year and 11 days to February 22, 1732.

Americans celebrated Washington's Birthday long before Congress declared it a federal holiday. The centennial of his birth prompted festivities nationally and Congress established a Joint Committee to arrange for the

occasion.

At the recommendation of the Committee, chaired by Henry Clay of the Senate and Philemon Thomas of the House, Congress adjourned on February 22, 1832 out of respect for Washington's memory and in commemoration of his birth.

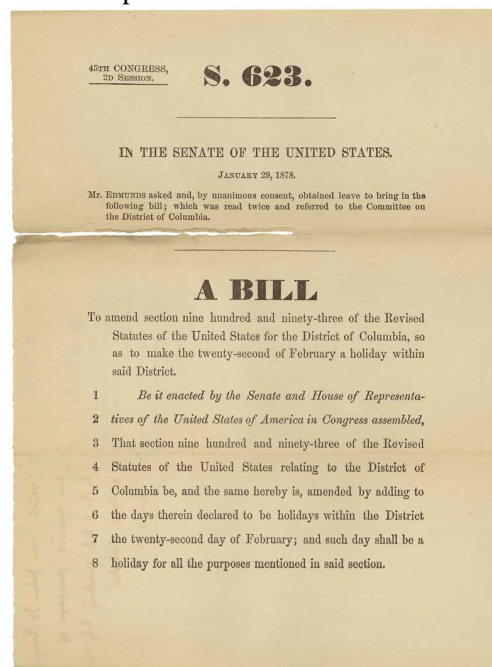
Prompted by a memorial from the mayor and other citizens of Philadelphia, the House and Senate commemorated the 130th Anniversary of Washington's birth by reading aloud his Farewell Address.

In a special joint session held in the House Chamber, the House and Senate, along with several cabinet officials, Justices of the Supreme Court and high-ranking officers of the Army and Navy, gathered to listen to the Secretary of State read the address aloud. Eventually, the reading of George Washington's Farewell Address became an annual event for the Senate, a tradition that is still observed to this day.

Washington's Birthday, however, did not become a legal holiday until January 31, 1879 when Congress added February 22nd to the list of holidays to be observed by federal employees in the District of Columbia. The act did not stipulate that employees were to be paid for the holiday - in fact, some government employees in the District of Columbia were paid while others were not.

In 1885, Congress resolved this discrepancy with legislation that required federal employees to be paid for all federal holidays and made federal holidays applicable to all federal government employees, including those employed outside the Washington DC area.

Washington's Birthday was celebrated on February 22nd until well into the 20th Century. However, in 1968 Congress passed the Monday Holiday Law to "provide uniform annual observances of certain legal public holidays on Mondays." By creating more 3-day weekends, Congress hoped to "bring substantial benefits to both the spiritual and economic life of the Nation."



One of the provisions of this act changed the observance of Washington's Birthday from February 22nd to the third Monday in February. Ironically, this guaranteed that the holiday would never be celebrated on Washington's actual birthday, as the third Monday in February cannot fall any later than February 21.

Contrary to popular belief, neither Congress nor the President has ever stipulated that the name of the holiday observed as Washington's Birthday be changed to "President's Day."

*"I can do all things through Him who strengthens me" ~ Philippians 4:13*

## \*Right to Life Issues\*

There have been a total of (26) ultrasound machines placed in the State of Michigan, this is second only to the (27) ultrasound machines in Texas. If it were not for the hard work of the councils and assemblies in Michigan, this could not have been possible.

Remember the lesson of unity in our degree work, all of us working together for a common goal makes the sum of the whole greater than the individual parts. Much like an individual God has given each of us certain talents and gifts, so too our assemblies have many varied gifts and talents. Not all assemblies are able to make large donations but do not let that stop you from doing what you can. Even the smallest of gifts will all add up to help protect life and give those without a voice a chance at life.

Ultrasound machines are not the only need in our communities, however. We have worked hard at closing abortion clinics in Michigan through the 40 Days for Life program and the many prayers and rosaries said outside these clinics. In doing so, the Knights of Columbus in the Grand Rapids Diocese have made a difference in the culture of death that permeates our society.

Now that we have been able to close some of these facilities and bring more attention to the gift of life, we have an even greater responsibility to help the women who have made the decision to embrace life. Please consider sponsoring a diaper drive, a baby formula drive, or a baby clothing drive for a local baby pantry. You can "adopt" a pregnancy resource center and volunteer to help with remodeling / construction project, provide volunteers to help with services, and hold fund raisers for that center. There are so many different things that we can do to help out, you cannot name them all. With all of the talents and creativity within your assemblies, you are only limited by your willingness to come up with new and exciting ways to continue making the difference in our communities.



**You CAN'T be BOTH a Practicing Catholic AND Pro-Abortion!**

## Prayer to End Abortion

My Heavenly Father, thank you for Your Gift of Life, for my life and for the lives of all my brothers and sisters. I know there is nothing that destroys more life than abortion, yet I rejoice that you have conquered death by the Resurrection of Your Son.

I am ready to do my part in ending abortion. Today I commit myself never to be silent, never to be passive, and never to be forgetful of the unborn.

I commit myself to be active in the pro-life movement and never to stop defending life until all my brothers and sisters are protected, and our nation once again becomes a nation with liberty and justice not just for some, but for all.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen



## New Years Resolutions Suggestions:

1. Tell my family "I love you" more often.
2. Be the best example I can for my family.
3. Pray more as a family.
4. Have more patience in all I do and with whom I interact.
5. Promote the Vocations more in my home, amongst my friends and in my parish.
6. Increase my tithing to my parish.
7. Resist speaking poorly or spreading gossip about my fellow man / woman.
8. Volunteer more / be more active at my parish.
9. Be more active in my Knights of Columbus council and assembly.
10. Sponsor someone as a new member of the Knights of Columbus or 4th degree member.



**HAPPY PRESIDENTS DAY!**

## \*COMMANDER'S CORNER\*

Just a reminder to all Faithful Navigators, each request for the Color Corp / Honor Guard must be voted upon by the assembly in order to have the Color Corp / honor Guard present. Events such as a casket guard, funeral, or internment need not be voted upon because of time constraints.

Events such as Corporate Communion and Membership Drives are a good example of events you should be reaching a consensus on. Not only does it inform the membership of the various events your Color Corp / Honor Guard may fall out for, but it also ensures that these events are recorded in the meeting minutes for future reference and for posterity.

Events that put the Honor Guard / Color Corp in the view of the general public such as a parade, a flag raising ceremony or event that crosses regional boundaries must be approved by the District Master and coordinated by a District Marshall.

In as much as we the visible wing of the Order are obligated to make sure that those who participate in a Color Corp event are dressed appropriately, dressed in regalia suitable for public display, and who are properly trained. It is the responsibility of the Navigator and his Commander to ensure members are trained and properly dressed each and every time the Color Corp falls out for an event.

Assemblies should be holding regular practices of the Color Corp / Honor Guard. It is recommended that you try to coordinate the practice with your assembly's regular monthly meeting, whether it is before the meeting or after the meeting. Attention to practicing basic commands, silent commands, and marching should be considered. Along with the practicing of commands and marching, a general inspection of regalia should be made at least once a quarter.

Each member of the Color Corp / Honor Guard should be issued a copy of the Color Corp Drill Manual which can be ordered from Supreme or downloaded in a PDF form from the Supreme web site. Commands, marching movements, and protocols can be found in this manual along with examples of the proper appearance of regalia. Further, examples of typical situations your Color Corp / Honor Guard may be called upon to fall out for and the manual provides you a great

resource of information on how to conduct yourself as representatives of the Fourth Degree and the Order as a whole.

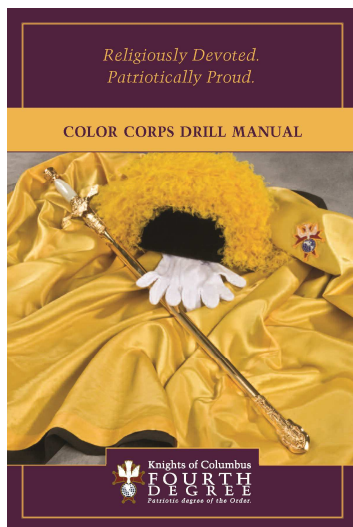
The District as a whole should be conforming to the same practices so whether you are in Bay City, Grand Rapids, Saginaw, or Big Rapids; each Color Corp / Honor Guard should be performing the same way, using the same commands, and carrying the sword the same way.

As a District, an emphasis should be placed on the following items:

### During Mass:

- The Color Corp is to process in with swords at carry (if permitted), **in front of the cross not as a part of the procession.** We are not a part of the liturgy.
- **The Color Corp Commander should be the only member to bow when the priest bows and kisses the altar.** The Color Corp will then exit via the side aisles and enter their assigned seating.
- **The command of "Return Swords" should be a silent command** and done in the side aisles before entering the pew.
- Color Corp members should be seated at the rear of church. **Members should stand with the chapeau placed over their heart when it is customary to kneel.**
- Color Corp members must **silently remove your gloves after the "Great Amen"** and place them inside your chapeau on the pew.
- **At the "Sign of Peace", Color Corp members will not leave the pews.** A sign of peace will only be given to the person to left of you and to the right of you.
- **When going to receive Holy Communion, your right hand will be placed over your heart and your left will securing your scabbard to your side.**
- When processing out, the Color Corp should exit the pews into the side aisles. **The command of "Draw Swords" should again be a silent command** and the members should move to a ready position via the side aisle and wait for the recessional music.

If we all practice these simple protocols and utilize them whenever your Color Corp is asked to be present at a Mass, we will ensure that we will bring nothing but credit and honor to the Order while adding to the dignity and solemnity of the Mass.





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**RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED**