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MASTER'S MESSAGE

Worthy Sir Knights and Ladies,

Fall weather has certainly arrived, what happened to our hot summer weather that we have been used to in past years? School is back in session and most vacations with the family are over.

I am honored to have been reappointed as your Master for the next two years. Lady Beverly and I want to thank you for your love, support, and help over the last two years. We would also like to wish you and your family a very rewarding and productive autumn season.

On August 19, 2014, an Exemplification took place at St. Joseph Church in Conklin, Michigan where 23 Brother Knights including four priests and one transitional deacon were exemplified into the Fourth Degree. Congratulations new Sir Knights!

Our next District Meeting is scheduled Saturday, October 18, 2014 at Sacred Heart Parish Center in Mt. Pleasant, Michigan. **IT IS CRITICAL THAT ALL ASSEMBLIES ARE REPRESENTED.** A lot of information, especially information from the Provincial Business Meeting, is presented for the benefit of the Assemblies and Sir Knights. At a minimum the assembly Navigator and Comptroller should be attending the District Meeting.

Our next District 4 Exemplification is scheduled for October 25, 2014. The Class Honoree is our Immediate Past State Deputy, Michael J. Malinowski. **TO MAKE THIS EXEMPLIFICATION A SUCCESS WE NEED CANDIDATES!**

What would also help to make the Exemplification a success are ads for the program book; they help greatly to offset the expenses. Exemplification registration forms are available from your assembly navigator or assembly comptroller.

Please do not forget about our District Project "Operation Patriotism". This project concerns the

purchase of a blanket warmer for the Grand Rapids Veterans Home and eight Assist Wheel Chairs for the Veterans Hospital in Saginaw. The total cost of this District Project is \$6,900.00 with each assembly contributing \$300.00. Thus far 14 of the 23 Assemblies have made a contribution totaling \$5,800.00. The new target date is for this project is December 1, 2014. **If your assembly has not contributed yet, please send your check as soon as possible** to District 4 Comptroller FMFD Robert Godi, 1718 Ashwood Drive, Reese, MI 48757-9438. Be sure to indicate "Operation Patriotism" on the memo line of the check.

Also, please 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.

The Form #186 "Officers Chosen for the Fraternal Year" was due to me and Supreme by July 1, 2014. Some Assemblies have not submitted their form yet; the Assembly Annual Audit was due August 1, 2014. **Please get it completed immediately and send it to me for approval,** I will then send it on to Supreme. **Your Assembly must file with the IRS each year. If your Assembly has not yet done so, please give this your immediate attention.** Most assemblies can do this by filing the simple 990-EZ Form on line.

And finally, Installation of Assembly Officers and Color Corp Certification took place as scheduled in District 4. I wish to extend a big "Thank You" to Marshal Dale and Sr. Marshal Mark for scheduling and coordinating the installations, as well as, Assemblies 487, 503 and 2226 for accommodating the Installations.

VIVAT JESUS!

Bob Krauseneck
District Master
Michigan District 4



UPCOMING EVENTS

October 10th, 11th, & 12th Fall MI/ Tootsie Roll Drive
 October 13th Columbus Day
October 18th ... 4th Degree District #4, District Meeting
Sacred Heart Parish Center - Mt. Pleasant
9:00 AM Registration ~ 10:00 AM Meeting
October 25th District #4 Exemplification
Double Tree Hotel and Conference Center
One Wenonah Park Plaza
Bay City, Michigan 48708
 October 31st Halloween
November 1st All Saint's Day
Holy Day of Obligation
 November 2nd All Soul's Day
 November 2nd Daylight Savings ends
 Turn clocks back one hour at 2:00 AM
 November 4th Election Day
 November 11th Veteran's Day
 November 15th Opening Day Firearms Deer Season
 November 27th Thanksgiving Day
 November 30th 1st Sunday of Advent
December 1st Form # 1728A Fraternal Survey
 sent out to members
December 1st Dues notices sent out to members
 December 6th Feast of St. Nicholas
 December 7th 2nd Sunday of Advent
 December 9th **Feast of the Immaculate Conception**
Holy Day of Obligation
 December 14th 3rd Sunday of Advent
 December 21st 1st day of winter
 December 21st 4th Sunday of Advent
December 24th Christmas Eve
December 25th Christmas Day
Holy Day of Obligation
December 31st New Year's Eve

DISTRICT EVENTS OF NOTE

- **Our next District Meeting is Saturday, October 18, 2014** at Sacred Heart Parish Center in Mt. Pleasant, Michigan. Registration will begin at 9:00 AM with coffee and donuts available. The meeting will begin at 10:00 AM. Lunch will follow at noon. Please 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. A separate meeting notice will be sent to all Assemblies with an agenda of items to be discussed.
- **The next District 4 Exemplification is scheduled for October 25, 2014 at the Double Tree Hotel in Bay City, Michigan.** If you are proposing a candidate and/or need information regarding the Exemplification or registration forms, please contact your assembly navigator or assembly comptroller as this information and registration forms will be sent to them.
- **Has your assembly purchased an ad for the program book? Just as important; has your assembly sold any ads?**
 The ad, ad form, and check need to be submitted to the District Comptroller, Robert Godi FMFD, **no later than Monday, October 13th.**
 Bob's address is 1718 Ashwood Dr., Reese, MI 48757. His e-mail address is rbgodi@sbcglobal.net.
- **If you would like to have your assembly prayer requests printed in the District newsletter, please contact the Newsletter Editor, SK Thomas Ketchum.** Because of space issues, please limit your requests to members of your assembly, their spouses, and immediate family.



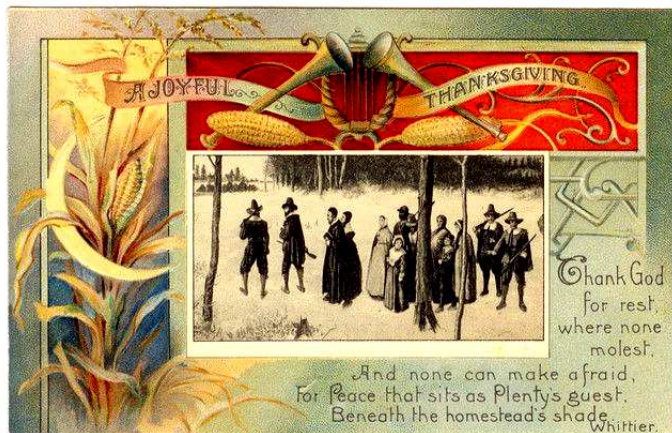
Please Remember in
Your Prayers

Prayer Requests

SK Roman Winkler PGK, SK Raymond & Lady Rosemary Reinhold, SK Sergio Cusion, Sophia Cerniglia (daughter of SK Ted Cerniglia), SK Ron Ripley, SK Ted Hamilton, Fr. Phil Witkowski, all our priests & clergy, and all of our service men and women here and overseas.

Please pray for the families and the souls of Cardinal Edmund Casimir Szoka, Past State Deputy John R. "Bob" Moody, John P. Walsh (son of Past State Deputy William Walsh), SK A. J. Thelen, and SK Richard L. Grillo

"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."



FRIAR'S FORUM

Perhaps you've noticed how the liturgy often refers to the life of heaven. We pray that we will not only be prepared to go to heaven, but that we will also start living the kingdom of heaven here on earth.

You might wonder how the life of heaven is possible amid our daily routines and problems. But before we start singing Peggy Lee's old tune "Is That All There Is?" let's try to understand what our Christian tradition is saying. Then let's go one step further and ask how we as Knights of Columbus might understand this truth of our faith.

PERFECT LOVE

The Church teaches us that heaven is eternal life with God. It is participating in the life and love of the Holy Trinity with all the saints in a state of supreme happiness. Heaven is sharing with our whole being in God's love — the only love that satisfies the longing of our heart.

Obviously, we aren't there yet. Many people are alienated from God and even deny that he exists. The world is torn by wars and all kinds of human suffering. We ourselves may at times give in to estrangement, division and self-centeredness. To the extent that we do so, we are not living the life of heaven.

We might wonder, then, why an all-loving and all-powerful God doesn't just give us a pass. After all, life can be pretty irksome. Instead, Jesus taught us, "Be perfect, just as your heavenly Father is perfect" (Mt 5:48). In other words, "Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful" (Lk 6:36).

Heaven is a place of perfect love. When we love others, especially the poor and needy, then we begin to experience something of the wonder and awe of heaven. When we keep the Ten Commandments in the spirit of the Beatitudes, we start living the life of heaven on earth. As we say in the Lord's Prayer, "Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven."

So what does this mean for the Knights of Columbus? Let me suggest that the four principles of our beloved Order are four keys to living the life of heaven. I am convinced that our venerable founder, Father Michael J. McGivney, gave us these principles because as a follower of Christ and as a devoted priest, he was already living the life of heaven amid his strenuous pastoral labors. Following his lead, let's see how these principles help us to experience heaven right here and now.

HEAVENLY PRINCIPLES

We begin, as always, with charity. St. John the Evangelist sums up the very heart of Scripture when he says, "God is love" (1 Jn 4:8, 16). The three Persons of the Holy Trinity love each other with a love that is pure, passionate and beautiful.

What's more, we are created for love. St. John Paul II often said that our lives don't make sense without love.

When we open our hearts to God's grace, which is revealed in Christ's gift of self on the Cross and so readily available to us in the sacraments, and allow ourselves to be drawn into God's life and love, we experience great joy. It isn't just the fleeting happiness we feel when things are going well; it is the joy of the Holy Spirit that endures.

God's love poured into our hearts is the source of charity. "We love because he first loved us" (1 Jn 4:19). The more we welcome God's love, the more we will be moved to reach out to those around us in love and service. Love is more than a short-lived emotion; love seeks to share with others the gift of divine love that God has shared with us.

No wonder Father McGivney made charity the first principle of Order. When brother Knights provide coats for inner-city children, support Special Olympics or simply help fellow parishioners in need, they are in small ways manifesting heaven on earth.

Charity, of course, gives rise to unity: a oneness in professing and living our faith, and in our dedication to the Order's principles. It means that when we, the family of the Knights of Columbus, engage in works of charity, we find ourselves united in friendship and in mission. Indeed, when we build unity in our Order and in our Church, we start sharing in the joy of heaven. In fact, heaven is where the saints are completely united in God's life and love. There are no divisions or disputes.

Unity, in turn, leads to fraternity. In heaven, all are united as brothers and sisters because, through Christ and in the Holy Spirit, they rejoice together in the presence of God the Father. There, the Lord's words are perfectly fulfilled: "For you have only one Father who is God and you are all brothers and sisters" (cf. Mt 23:8-9). In our care and concern for our fellow Knights and their families — our readiness to reach out to them in times of trouble, illness, loneliness or financial hardship, and our desire to support one another in living and bearing witness to the faith — we are bearing witness to heaven here on earth.

Finally, I'd like to offer a word about patriotism. Many of our brother Knights and their family members have sacrificed for love of their homeland. Yet, even as we love our native land on earth, our true native land in heaven calls to us. Every desire, every feeling of discontent, is a tug at the heart from heaven, which is not an idyllic country but rather the life of God himself. So when we hear the liturgy talk about living the life of heaven even now, let's never dismiss such talk as "pie in the sky." No, let's get down to the business of living the heavenly life today.

Archbishop William E. Lori
Supreme Chaplin
September 2014 Columbian Magazine

CIVICS 101
"The White House"

The city of Washington was created to replace Philadelphia as the nation's capital because of its geographical position in the center of the existing new republic. The states of Maryland and Virginia ceded land around the Potomac River to form the District of Columbia, and work began on Washington in 1791. French architect Charles L'Enfant designed the area's radical layout, full of dozens of circles, crisscross avenues, and plentiful parks.

Thomas Jefferson was among the many people who submitted a plan for the White House. His design, however, was not chosen. Instead, James Hoban, an Irish immigrant architect living in Charleston, South Carolina, won the competition and a \$500 prize, with a design modeled after Leinster House (in Dublin, Ireland) and by a building sketch in James Gibbs' Book of Architecture. In 1792, work began on the neoclassical White House building at 1600 Pennsylvania.

Although George Washington helped to choose the site for the residence while he was president, he never lived at the famous house. The cornerstone of the White House was laid on October 13, 1792. Eight years later, John Adams, the second president, and his wife Abigail, moved into the mansion. A competition had been held to design the presidential residence. On November 1, President John Adams was welcomed into the executive mansion. His wife, Abigail, wrote about their new home:

"I pray heaven to bestow the best of blessings on this house, and on all that shall hereafter inhabit it. May none but wise men ever rule under this roof!"

In 1814, during the War of 1812, the White House was set on fire along with the U.S. Capitol by British soldiers in retaliation for the burning of government buildings in Canada by U.S. troops. The burned-out building was rebuilt and enlarged under the direction of James Hoban, who added east and west terraces to the main building, along with a semicircular south portico and a colonnaded north portico. The smoke-stained stone walls were painted white. Work was completed on the in the 1820s.

President Theodore Roosevelt officially adopted the term "White House" in 1901. While President and Mrs. Roosevelt and their six children lived at the White House, the second-floor rooms were converted into living quarters. The West Wing was also built during this period to house the presidential staff.

Major restoration occurred during the administration of President Harry Truman, and Truman lived across the street for several years in Blair House. Since 1995, Pennsylvania Avenue between the White House and Lafayette Square has been closed to vehicular traffic for security reason. Today, more than a million tourists visit in the nation's capital.

Here are 5 facts you can use to impress your family and friends about the White House.

1. Another city built its own version of the White House. Philadelphia wasn't happy that the city of Washington was getting the president's executive mansion. During the 1790s, the city built its own presidential palace as a way to tempt George Washington and others from leaving Philadelphia. Washington refused to use the "palace" and stayed elsewhere in Philadelphia. That location is two blocks south of the National Constitution Center.
2. Very little of the original White House remains. When the British burned the original White House in 1814, only some exterior stone walls survived the fire. The famous Gilbert Stuart painting of George Washington was saved by a fleeing Dolly Madison.
3. A second fire on Christmas Eve in 1929 gutted parts of the West Wing and Oval Office during the Herbert Hoover administration. Hoover left a Christmas party to personally direct the firefighting efforts, helped by Ulysses S. Grant III, a city official. The blaze was started by a blocked fireplace flue.
4. It was Teddy Roosevelt who created the West Wing. The West Wing was expanded under William H. Taft and Franklin D Roosevelt, but it was Teddy who got the facility built. Thomas Jefferson had started the ball rolling with the idea 100 years earlier, Teddy had some conservatories leveled and the "temporary" office building established, to be connected to the main White House using a colonnaded gallery. President Taft added the Oval Office to the West Wing.
5. The White House was nearly condemned in 1948. President Harry S. Truman was forced out of the White House as his living quarters to the Blair House after officials decided the aging White House was close to collapsing. The repair budget under the FDR administration was ignored, even as more White House staffers were added to payrolls. When Truman tried to upgrade the White House, engineers discovered it was structurally unsound and close to falling down. The project was completed in 1952.



Right to Life Issues

Putting Pro-Life values first when voting

“Why do you have to get involved in politics?” That’s a question I get from people who disagree with our endorsement of candidates. It’s a fair question. Many citizens are unhappy with their elected officials, feeling they are unresponsive or once elected change their positions. We need to be actively engaged in vetting and supporting candidates because that is one way to impact the abortion culture. Pro-life bills need to be passed; pro-abortion bills need to be defeated. That only happens when men and women with pro-life values are sent to Lansing and Washington D.C.

This year the theme of our annual conference is “Keeping our Promise to Protect the Most Defenseless Members of our Human Family.” A vital way of keeping that promise is through our political action activities. Certainly our counterparts, the pro-abortion alliance of Planned Parenthood, NOW, Emily’s List and others, are actively recruiting and financially supporting pro-abortion candidates. What would happen if we refused to engage and left our pro-life candidates without any support?

Our nation’s policy of abortion on demand touches us all whether directly or indirectly. We all know women and families who have been heartbroken over abortion. The loss of so many children has affected our state and national institutions and policies, from school closings to social security concerns.

Think about this scripture passage from Psalms:

“You have rocked the country and split it open; repair the cracks in it, for it is tottering.”

We are called to repair the wrongs created through the U.S. Supreme Court abortion decisions which have caused so much harm and suffering. We do that through education and outreach. We do that through political action by endorsing and supporting pro-life candidates. We do that by then lobbying those pro-life legislators to enact protective laws. Every life has meaning; so does every vote. Let us put our pro-life values first when voting. Make your vote count in repairing the cracks!

Barbara Listing
President of Michigan Right To Life

You can Create Your Personalized **Pro-life** Ballot by going to the following website link

<https://secure.rtl.org/apps/voters/ballot>

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



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 advertisement and then sell at least one additional full page ad.

Many assemblies have councils that they draw members from share in the cost of a full page ad. Others assemblies also solicit ads from businesses that have supported other 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 SUBMITTED BY MONDAY OCTOBER 13, 2014

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

“Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest. ~ Matthew 11:28



COMMANDER'S CORNER

Communication with Celebrants

Perhaps you have a Corporate Communion scheduled, complete with Color Corp, in just a few short weeks. As the Color Corp Commander, you'll want to make sure that you have taken care of the following:

- Communicate with the celebrant of the mass to see if swords may be drawn in church.
- Secure permission to escort the gift bearers.
- Ask if there is a second collection or any special event (such as the blessing of a couple celebrating their wedding anniversary), and if so, when during mass will this occur.

Some Commanders choose to email these questions to the priest a couple of weeks in advance. This is an effective planning tool, especially because many of our priests are traveling from one parish to another, and their time is often at a premium.

Reserving pews for Color Corp Estimate the number of CC that will be participating and reserve space for them in the back pews, on both sides of the center aisle, if possible. Be sure that you have secured permission from the head usher.

Lining up the Color Corp When the Marshal is not present and the Commander is in charge, the host Commander takes point and lines up the Color Corp in two columns as follows:

Host Commander
Masters
Former Masters
Commanders
Faithful Navigators
Past Faithful Navigators
Red Capes (shortest to tallest)

Processing into church

Once the Color Corp is lined up and are ready to process into the church by way of the center aisle, the Marshal or CCC gives the signal to draw sword, carry sword, and then march. (Make sure all of your CC members know that we always start with our left foot.) The M or CCC, followed by the CC, marches to the front of the church. When the M or CCC reaches the front pew, he stops and waits for a few seconds until all of the CC have reached their places next to their respective pews. Now the M or CCC (only) goes to present sword, venerating the altar. Next, the M or CCC goes to carry sword and does an about face. This is the Color Corp's cue to go to center face.

As the altar servers begin to process down the aisle, the M or CCC gives the signal to go to present sword. All swords should be held straight up and down, at such a height that CC members are looking just over the guard. Swords should slightly touch the front of the chapeau. Anyone looking down the aisle at the CC should see straight vertical lines of swords.

As the celebrant passes by the two CC at the end of the line, these two simultaneously go to carry sword, take a step toward each other, and then they turn toward the altar. This same process is repeated by each pair of CC as the celebrant passes them. When the celebrant has passed by the M or CCC, all CC should be two abreast, facing the altar. As the celebrant bows and kisses the altar, all CC bow at the same time. Both columns will go to their pews in the back of the church, by way of their respective side aisles.

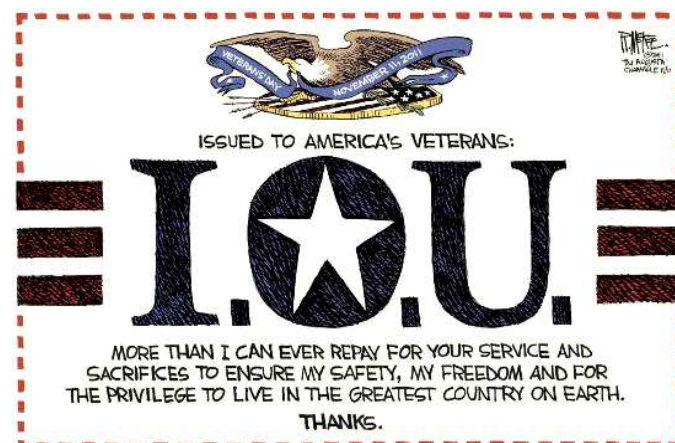
Practices

Commanders should schedule practices throughout the year. One thought is to hold practice either before or after monthly assembly meetings.

Appearance

It is important that each Color Corp member looks sharp, therefore:

- Capes that are discolored or stained should be replaced
- Capes that have been damaged should be repaired or replaced
- Capes should be free of wrinkles
- Chapeau plumes that are discolored or worn need to be replaced
- Baldrics and gloves that are stained or discolored should be replaced
- Commanders are responsible for providing a sign up sheet for any and all Color Corp events.





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