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MASTER'S MESSAGE

Worthy Sir Knights and Ladies,

Summer has finally arrived as I pen this newsletter. School is out and vacation season with the family is here. Lady Beverly and I wish you

and your family the most happy, safe, relaxing and refreshing summer.

Our next District Meeting is tentatively scheduled, pending availability and approval, for Saturday, October 4, 2014 at Sacred Heart Parish Center in Mt. Pleasant, Michigan. Registration will be from 9:00 am – 10:00 am with coffee and donuts. The meeting will begin at 10:00 am and end at noon followed by lunch. 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. IT IS VERY CRITICAL AND IMPORTANT THAT ALL ASSEMBLIES ARE REPRESENTED AT THE DISTRICT MEETING. A lot of information is presented for the benefit of the Assemblies and Sir Knights. Lately, the Assembly attendance has only been 50%. Please do your best to have at least your Faithful Navigator and Faithful Comptroller attend the District Meeting.

Please do not forget about our District Project "Operation Patriotism" for the Veterans. This project was agreed to by the body at our District Meeting on October 19, 2013 and once again at our last District Meeting on April 5, 2014. This project concerns the purchase of a Blanket Warmer (\$5,800.00) for the Grand Rapids Veterans Home and eight Assist Wheel Chairs (\$1,100.00) for the Veterans Hospital in Saginaw. The total cost of this District Project is (\$6,900.00) with each of the 23 Assemblies in District 4 contributing \$300.00.

The target date for the completion of this project was June 1, 2014. Thus far only 11 of the 23 Assemblies have made a contribution. Please send your check 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.

Our next District 4 Exemplification is scheduled for October 25, 2014 at the Double Tree Hotel in Bay City, Michigan. The Class Honoree is yet to be determined and will be announced in the near future. **TO MAKE THIS EXEMPLIFICATION A SUCCESS WE NEED CANDIDATES!** Assemblies need to be working with the Councils it serves by encouraging our 1st Degree Brothers to join the 2nd and 3rd Degrees and our 3rd Degree Brothers to continue their journey to the 4th Degree.

As a reminder, election of Assembly officers for the 2014 – 2015 Fraternal Year took place during the month of May. Form 186 "Officers Chosen for the Fraternal Year" is due to me and Supreme. Also, an item of importance is keeping your Assembly's tax free status current. 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-N Post Card Form on line, at epostcard@urban.org. Also, the Assembly Annual Audit is due August 1, 2014. Please send it to me first for approval. I will then send it on to Supreme.

VIVAT JESUS!

Bob Krauseneck
District Master
Michigan District 4



UPCOMING EVENTS

- July 1st New Fraternal Year Begins
Report of Officers Form #186 due
Term of Office begins for 2014 – 2015 Officers
- July 4th Independence Day
- July 19th Installation of Assembly Officers
of the Grand Rapids Diocese in Fremont
- July 20th Installation of Assembly Officers
of Grand Rapids Diocese in Cedar Springs

- August 1st Annual Assembly Audit
Form #1315 is due
- August 12th – 18th Knight of Columbus
National Week of the Family
- August 12th Fr. McGivney’s 161st Birthday
- August 14th 123rd Anniversary of
Fr. McGivney’s Death
- August 15th Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Holy Day of Obligation
- August 24th Installation of Assembly Officers
of the Saginaw Diocese in Essexville, MI
- August 26th Installation of Assembly Officers
of the Saginaw Diocese in Bad Axe, MI

- September 2nd Labor Day
- September 11th Patriot Day
- September 17th Constitution Day
- September 23rd Fall begins



**Please Remember in
Your Prayers**

Prayer Requests

SK Herb Stacer, SK Roman Winkler PGK, SK Raymond & Lady Rosemary Reinhold, SK Sergio Cusion, Marie Shaltry (daughter of SK John & Sue), 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 Former State Chaplain Rev. Francis Murray, SK Carroll Graves FDD, SK William R. Van Derworp, Ardis Janusiewicz (mother of SK David Janusiewicz), SK Robert Moore and SK Charles Curry FDD, PGK, PFN

“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

- **The Form #186 Report of Officers Chosen for the Term** should be filed as of July 1st..
- **Grand Rapids Diocese Installation of Assembly Officers.** July 19th at St. Michaels (6382 S. Maple Island Rd., Fremont) Mass at 5:00 pm. Certification and Installation following Mass. Light meal served in the church hall.
- **Grand Rapids Diocese Installation of Assembly Officers.** July 20, 2014 – St. John Paul II (3110 17 Mile Rd., Cedar Springs) 1:00 pm for Color Corp Certification and Installation. Light meal served following installation
- **Saginaw Diocese Installation of Assembly Officers** August 24, 2014 – Essexville Council #2740 – 1:00 pm Installation with luncheon to follow.
- **Saginaw Diocese Installation of Assembly Officers** August 26, 2014 – Bad Axe Council #1546 – 6:00 pm luncheon with Installation following.
- **Our next District Meeting is tentatively scheduled for Saturday, October 4, 2014** at Sacred Heart Parish Center in Mt. Pleasant, Michigan. Registration will be from 9:00 am – 10:00 am with coffee and donuts. The meeting will begin at 10:00 am and end at noon followed by lunch.
- **The next District 4 Exemplification is scheduled for October 25, 2014 at the Double Tree Hotel in Bay City, Michigan.** The Class Honoree is yet to be determined and will be announced in the near future. It is never too early to sell ads for the Program Book. The advertisements greatly help to offset the expense of the exemplification. 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.
- **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.



FRIAR'S FORUM

The Fortnight for Freedom: Freedom to Serve will take place from June 21 to July 4, 2014, a time when our liturgical calendar celebrates a series of great martyrs who remained faithful in the face of persecution by political power—St. Thomas More and St. John Fisher, St. John the Baptist, SS. Peter and Paul, and the First Martyrs of the Church of Rome. The theme of this year's Fortnight will focus on the freedom to serve the poor and vulnerable in accord with human dignity and the Church's teaching. I am sharing some of the highlights of each martyr's life in this column that we may learn from the shedding of their blood the price and value of religious freedom.



St. Thomas More was born in London in 1478. As a lawyer, he attracted the attention of Henry VIII who appointed him to a succession of high posts and missions, and finally made him Lord Chancellor in 1529. However, he resigned in 1532, at the height of his career and reputation, when Henry persisted in holding his own opinions regarding marriage and the supremacy of the Pope. The rest

of his life was spent in writing mostly in defense of the Church. In 1534, with his close friend, St. John Fisher, he refused to render allegiance to the King as the Head of the Church of England and was confined to the Tower. Fifteen months later, and nine days after St. John Fisher's execution, he was tried and convicted of treason. He told the court that he could not go against his conscience and wished his judges that "we may yet hereafter in heaven merrily all meet together to everlasting salvation." And on the scaffold, he told the crowd of spectators that he was dying as "the King's good servant- but God's first." He was beheaded on July 6, 1535. His feast day is June 22nd.

St. John Fisher was born in Beverly, Yorkshire, in 1459. St. John was dedicated to the welfare of his diocese and his university. From 1527, this humble servant of God actively opposed the King's divorce proceedings against Catherine, his wife in the sight of God, and steadfastly resisted the encroachment of Henry on the Church. Unlike the other Bishops of the realm, St. John refused to take the oath of succession which acknowledged the issue of Henry and Anne as the legitimate heir to the throne, and he was imprisoned in the tower in April 1534. The next year he was made a Cardinal by Paul III and Henry retaliated by having him beheaded within a month. His feast day is June 22nd.



St. John the Baptist lived as a hermit in the desert of Judea until about A.D. 27. When he was thirty, he began to preach on the banks of the Jordan against the evils of the times and called men to penance and baptism "for the Kingdom of Heaven is close at hand." Fearful of his great power with the people, Herod Antipas, Tetrarch of Perea and Galilee, had him arrested and imprisoned at Machaerus Fortress on the Dead Sea when John denounced his adulterous and incestuous marriage with Herodias, wife of his half brother Philip. John was beheaded at the request of Salome, daughter of Herodias, who asked for his head at the instigation of her mother. John inspired many of his followers to follow Christ when he called Him "the Lamb of God," His feast day is June 24th.

Sts. Peter and Paul were both early disciples who were influential in the spread of Christianity. St. Peter was instrumental in bringing the Gospel to the Gentiles. He baptized the Roman pagan Cornelius, and at the Council of Jerusalem he gave his support to preaching to Gentiles, thereby permitting the new Church to become universal. Imprisoned by King Herod Agrippa, he was aided in an escape by an angel. He then resumed his apostolate in Jerusalem and his missionary efforts included travels to such cities of the pagan world as Antioch, Corinth, and eventually Rome. It is certain that Peter died in Rome and that his martyrdom came during the reign of Emperor Nero, probably in 64.

St. Paul, the indefatigable Apostle of the Gentiles, was converted from Judaism on the road to Damascus. He remained some days in Damascus after his Baptism, and then went to Arabia, possibly for a year or two to prepare himself for his future missionary activity. Having returned to Damascus, he stayed there for a time, preaching in the synagogues that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God. For this he incurred the hatred of the Jews and had to flee from the city. He then went to Jerusalem to see Peter and pay his homage to the head of the Church. Following his second imprisonment he was beheaded in the year 67. The feast day of Sts. Peter and Paul is June 29th.



Fr. Ron Hutchinson
District Friar



CIVICS 101
"The Treaty of Paris"

With the Treaty of Paris of Sept. 3, 1783, Great Britain formally acknowledged the independence of the United States, and the warring European powers, Britain against France and Spain, with the Dutch as armed neutrals, effected a large-scale peace settlement. The preliminary Anglo-American articles (which went unchanged) were signed on Nov. 30, 1782, after months of tortuous negotiations, in which the chief American plenipotentiaries, John Adams, Benjamin Franklin, and John Jay, acquitted themselves so well that their achievement has been labeled "the greatest triumph in the history of American diplomacy."

France and Spain signed separate preliminary articles with Great Britain on Jan. 20, 1783, and the Dutch and British signed theirs on Sept. 2, 1783. These preliminary agreements (except the Anglo-Dutch one, which was not ratified by both powers until June, 1784) were signed as definitive treaties on Sept. 3, 1783.

The Anglo-American settlement fixed the boundaries of the United States. In the Northeast the line extended from the source of the St. Croix River due north to the highlands separating the rivers flowing to the Atlantic from those draining into the St. Lawrence River, thence with the highlands to lat. 45°N, and then along the 45th parallel to the St. Lawrence. From there the northern boundary followed a line midway through contiguous rivers and lakes (especially the Great Lakes) to the northwest corner of the Lake of the Woods, thence "due west" to the sources of the Mississippi (which were not then known).

The Mississippi, south to lat. 31°N, was made the western boundary. On the south the line followed the 31st parallel E to the Chattahoochee River and its junction with the Flint River, then took a straight line to the mouth of the St. Marys River, and from there to the Atlantic. The navigation of the Mississippi was to be open to the citizens of both nations.

Another section of the treaty granted Americans fishing rights off Newfoundland and the privilege of curing fish in the uninhabited parts of Labrador, Nova Scotia, and the Magdalen Islands, but not in Newfoundland. A third part provided that creditors of either side would be unimpeded in the collection of lawful debts. In a fourth section the American government promised to recommend to the several states that they repeal their confiscation laws, provide for restitution of confiscated property to British subjects, and take no further proceedings against the Loyalists. In the treaty with France, Britain relinquished the restrictions that had been imposed on the French naval port of Dunkirk, but aside from minor adjustments in the West Indies and Africa, the territorial dispositions made

in the Treaty of Paris of 1763 were generally continued. Spain, however, in its treaty with Britain, reacquired the Floridas in America and the island of Minorca in the Mediterranean, while the British retained Gibraltar.

The 10 Articles of the Treaty

Preface: Declares the treaty to be "in the name of the most holy and undivided Trinity", states the bona fides of the signatories, and declares the intention of both parties to "forget all past misunderstandings and differences" and "secure to both perpetual peace and harmony".

1. Acknowledging the United States (viz. the Colonies) to be free, sovereign and independent states, and that the British Crown and all heirs and successors relinquish claims to the Government, property, and territorial rights of the same, and every part thereof;
2. Establishing the boundaries between the United States and British North America;
3. Granting fishing rights to United States fishermen in the Grand Banks, off the coast of Newfoundland and in the Gulf of Saint Lawrence;
4. Recognizing the lawful contracted debts to be paid to creditors on either side;
5. The Congress of the Confederation will "earnestly recommend" to state legislatures to recognize the rightful owners of all confiscated lands and "provide for the restitution of all estates, rights, and properties, which have been confiscated belonging to real British subjects" (Loyalists);
6. United States will prevent future confiscations of the property of Loyalists;
7. Prisoners of war on both sides are to be released; all property of the British army (including slaves) now in the United States is to remain and be forfeited;
8. Great Britain and the United States are each to be given perpetual access to the Mississippi River;
9. Territories captured by Americans subsequent to the treaty will be returned without compensation;
10. Ratification of the treaty is to occur within six months from its signing.

Signing Statement. "Done at Paris, this third day of September in the year of our Lord, one thousand seven hundred and eighty-three."



Right to Life Issues

Urge Governor Snyder to Support Michigan's Pregnancy and Parenting Support Program

Promote Positive Alternatives to Abortion

Background:

During the 2013-2014 Fiscal Year, Michigan began implementation of the Pregnancy and Parenting Support Program to assist women in crisis pregnancy situations from conception up through the first year of her child's life. By partnering with existing pregnancy resource centers, adoption agencies, maternity homes, and social service organizations to promote alternatives to abortion, the program provides:

- Pregnancy counseling,
- Prenatal health information,
- Parenting support/education, and
- Necessary care items like clothing, diapers, and formula.

Similar programs in Pennsylvania and Texas have proven to be successful supports for women. Since its inception in 1995, Pennsylvania's program has served 228,000 women through over 1,140,000 visits, and during the past seven years in Texas, over 71,000 women have been served. Additionally, clients served by these programs have shown a higher number of doctor visits, regular infant care pediatric appointments, and increased immunization rates.

Pope Francis, in his apostolic exhortation *Evangelii Gaudium*, called for Catholics to "accompany women in very difficult situations," while continuing to protect the unborn (214). This program fulfills this call by supporting qualified pregnancy resource centers, adoption agencies, maternity homes, and social service agencies that ensure women are not alone during their crisis pregnancy. Governor Snyder is now considering the proposed budgets for the state that have been passed by the Michigan Legislature. Funding for the Pregnancy and Parenting Support Program has again been included in the 2014-2015 Department of Community Health Budget for the State of Michigan. This must be supported to ensure that the program can continue to operate and serve women and children throughout the state.

Action is Needed:

Please send an email to Governor Rick Snyder today to encourage his support of the Pregnancy and Parenting Support Program in the Fiscal Year 2014-2015 budget for the State of Michigan.

Unfortunately, pro-abortion rights groups are now pressuring our Michigan Governor to veto funding for the Pregnancy and Parenting Support Program in Michigan. WHY would anyone be AGAINST partnering with existing pregnancy resource centers, adoption agencies, maternity homes, and social service organizations that assist women in crisis pregnancies? Please urge Governor Snyder to support the increased funding for Pregnancy and Parenting Support Program in the Fiscal Year 2014-2015 budget for the State of Michigan.

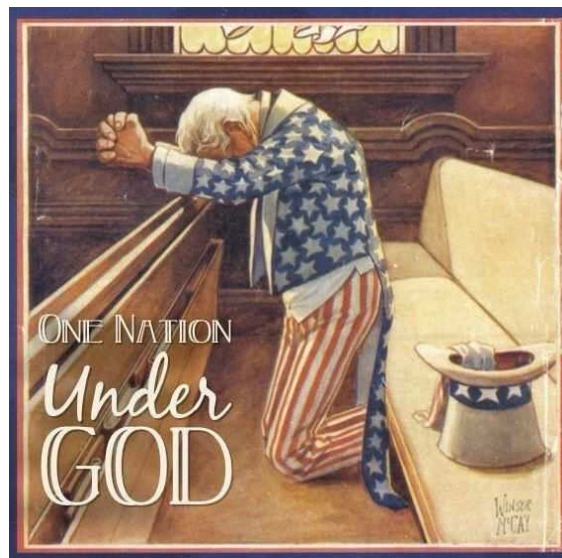
For more information and to sign an electronic petition please go to this web site:

<http://cqrcengamicatholicconference.com>



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

"Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go." ~ Joshua 1:9



COMMANDER'S CORNER

The close of the last Fraternal Year has past and the new Fraternal Year of 2014 - 2015 is upon us. It is time to take stock in our accomplishments and examine the areas where we can use some improvement.

Many improvements have been made over the last year, many of which were evident starting from the certification of the Color Corps, to the excellent turn out of members in regalia for the Bay City Exemplification, and finally while at the spring Exemplification in Montague. Congratulations and thanks need to be offered the assemblies that added dignity, honor, and a professional presence to the various events over the past year.

No good critique can be made, however, without discussing the areas we need to improve upon. The first concern is that despite reminders about the official dress of the 4th Degree being a tuxedo and tuxedo shirt with lay down collar, at both Exemplifications we had new Sir Knights arriving with wing tip collars. Now, no candidate will ever be turned away for this issue but, it cannot be stressed enough that the responsibility for making sure that each candidate arrives properly dressed rests with both the Navigator and Comptroller.

Each candidate arrives at the Exemplification wondering what the day will hold for him. He has great expectations because members have told him about how extraordinary the day will be. If he is not dressed properly someone will tell him whether that is another candidate or a well meaning member. Now the candidate feels embarrassed and possibly humiliated, all because the leadership of his assembly has failed him!

Soon Assemblies will be required to recertify their Color Corp / Honor Guard. This year the Color Corps / Honor Guards of the Grand Rapids Diocese will be recertified during the installation of officers. Although, the Grand Rapids Diocese will be recertified, ALL Color Corp / Honor Guard units should be practicing their commands and learning to perform as one unit. The following is a list of commands that your Color Corp / Honor guard should be familiar with and practice so that your movements are synchronized and precise:

A. STATIONARY MOVEMENT - COMMANDS

1. Fall In
2. Atten (*Pause*) tion or Honor Guard (*Pause*) Attention
3. At Ease
4. Rest

B. FACING MOVEMENTS - COMMANDS

1. Right (*Pause*) Face
2. Left (*Pause*) Face
3. About (*Pause*) Face

C. COMMANDS FOR DRILL WITH SWORDS

1. Draw (*Pause*) Sword
2. Present (*Pause*) Sword
3. Carry (*Pause*) Sword
3. Return (*Pause*) Sword

The beginning of the Fraternal Year is a perfect time to assemble all members and inspect your regalia. Check that baldrics, capes and gloves are not stained, check for the proper placement of your mini jewels, and that ALL your members have a correct lapel pin. It is a good time to make sure your capes are red and white, not pink or yellowed and to make sure they are not wrinkled. A few minutes before or after your meeting can mean the difference of looking professional or looking like a slouch! You can even use this evaluation as a recruiting tool for your assembly's team.

The final point we need to make is not necessarily a critique of our Color Corp / Honor Guard teams as much as it is to point out what the policies and standards are for Color Corp / Honor Guard teams in Michigan District #4. While at the State of Michigan Knights of Columbus Annual Convention at Mackinac Island, there were a couple of obvious differences that were noticed on how the various Districts request the Color Corp to perform during certain parts of the Mass while in regalia.

In Michigan District #4, the District Master has decided that Color Corp members should be seated at the rear of church. When seated, the members should maintain control of their sword by placing it across their lap to prevent it from striking the chair or pews. The chapeaux should then be placed on the lap over your scabbard. **Members will stand with the chapeau placed over their heart when it is customary to kneel.**

Another detail that was noticed is that some Color Corp members would hold hands while saying the "Our Father" while others did not. For the sake of uniformity within each assembly's Color Corp unit and conformity within Michigan District #4, when standing during the Mass, **ALL Members should stand with the chapeau placed over their heart and their left hand grasping their scabbard.**

One final detail that all Color Corp Commanders need to impress upon members is that at the "**Sign of Peace**", **Color Corp members will not leave the pews.** The US Conference of Catholic Bishops has asked **ALL CATHOLICS** to follow this rule of thumb in order to keep the celebration of Mass the solemn and dignified ceremony that it is instead of a social hour. In addition, for uniformity as a District, **when in full regalia, a sign of peace will only be given to the person to left of you and right of you.**

If we all take the time to practice and implement these few protocols, Michigan District #4 will be the envy the other Districts in the Hennepin Province and the standard for other Districts to strive for.



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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED