



# 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 am Keith Woodrum, and I am humbled to be appointed the Master of Michigan District 4, for the Grand Rapids and Saginaw Dioceses.

Let me tell you a little bit about myself. I have been a Brother Knight for 26 years achieving Lifetime membership. I have been a Sir Knight for 25 years and have achieved Lifetime membership in the 4th degree also. I have been in the Color Corps, now known as the Honor Guard for about as many years as I have been a Sir Knight. I am a staunch supporter of the Knights of Columbus and all they embody. I am a firm believer in Charity, Unity, Fraternity, and Patriotism. I am grateful for this appointment and I look forward to serving you and Michigan District 4. I hope I get an opportunity to meet each one of you during my term of service.

So what's your story? How did you get into the Knights of Columbus? Did you have a brother, father, church friend drag you to a first degree? How did you get to be a Sir Knight? Willingly or did you need coaxing? Hopefully you are thankful to that person who first encouraged you to join. Have you influenced anyone to join? Do you know someone who wonders about the events, the fundraising, the fish fries, the Honor Guard and maybe has questions? Those gentlemen, the ones you ask and join, are your legacy.

We need to bring in younger men, now, and teach them what each one of us does with the Knights. Look beyond the person, find their strengths and ask if they would be willing to lend a hand with your council, and then your assembly. Give them enough responsibility to peak their interest to want to take ownership but not overwhelm

them. So ask someone if they have ever thought about the Knights today. If you don't ask, you will never know who will answer Yes!

We are having an Exemplification for 3rd degree Knights to become 4<sup>th</sup> Degree Sir Knights on Friday, Oct. 26, 2019 at the KC Banquet Center, in Wyoming Michigan. If you are on the west side of Michigan, now is the time to get your prospects inducted into the 4th Degree. Information has been sent out by e-mail but you can also check the District #4 website for more information: <http://www.mikofcdist4.org/>

Our Spring exemplification will be May 3, 2019 in Bay City. We are in the process of finalizing plans. Please check the website and future e-mails for more information

Thank you to those gentlemen who attended the District Meeting in St. Louis Michigan. I appreciate your efforts to be there, I know there was a Retreat that day and that made it difficult for those who had committed to that event to be at our meeting. Our next District Meeting will be on March 23, 2019 at Sacred Heart Parish Center in Mt. Pleasant. Please check the website for updated information as time gets closer to that date.

You still have time to recruit a Brother Knight to join the 4<sup>th</sup> Degree. Give him a Form #4 and a Candidate registration form that you can print from the website. I look forward to serving you and the District. If you need to contact me, you can send me an email at [woodrumkeith@gmail.com](mailto:woodrumkeith@gmail.com), or call me at 1-616-446-3330. I will be happy to talk with you, listen to your concerns or suggestions.

May God bestow His blessings on you and your family during this beautiful fall, and blessed Thanksgiving and a Merry Christmas.

VIVAT JESUS!

SK Keith Woodrum  
District Master  
Michigan District #4



**\*UPCOMING EVENTS\***

October 5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup> ..... MI Drive

October 8<sup>th</sup> ..... Columbus Day

October 12<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup> ..... Fr. Hennepin Provincial Meeting  
Wyndham Gardens Sterling Heights  
34911 VanDyke Ave.

Sterling Heights, Michigan

October 26<sup>th</sup> ..... 4<sup>th</sup> Degree Exemplification  
K C Banquet Center

5830 Clyde Park Ave. S.W., Wyoming, Michigan

Registration 5:00 PM Exemplification at 6:00 PM.

October 31<sup>st</sup> ..... Halloween

November 1<sup>st</sup> ..... All Saint's Day  
Holy Day of Obligation

November 2<sup>nd</sup> ..... All Soul's Day

November 4<sup>th</sup> ..... Daylight Savings ends

Turn clocks back one hour at 2:00 AM

November 6<sup>th</sup> ..... Election Day

November 11<sup>th</sup> ..... Veteran's Day

November 15<sup>th</sup> ..... Opening Day Firearms Deer Season

November 22<sup>nd</sup> ..... Thanksgiving Day

December 1<sup>st</sup> ..... Form # 1728C Fraternal Survey sent  
out to members

December 1<sup>st</sup> ..... Dues notices sent out to members

December 2<sup>nd</sup> ..... 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent

December 8<sup>th</sup> ..... Feast of the Immaculate Conception  
Holy Day of Obligation

December 9<sup>th</sup> ..... 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent

December 16<sup>th</sup> ..... 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent

December 21<sup>st</sup> ..... 1st day of winter

December 23<sup>rd</sup> ..... 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent

December 24<sup>th</sup> ..... Christmas Eve

December 25<sup>th</sup> ..... Christmas Day  
Holy Day of Obligation

December 31<sup>st</sup> ..... New Year's Eve



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

- The Fr. Hennepin Provincial Meeting is October 12<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup> at Wyndham Gardens Sterling Heights, 34911 VanDyke Ave Sterling Heights, Michigan. For information please visit the Fr. Hennepin Provincial web site.
- The Fall Exemplification will be held on Friday, October 26<sup>th</sup> at the KC Banquet Center located at 5830 Clyde Park Ave. S.W., Wyoming, Michigan. Registration is at 5:00 PM and the Exemplification at 6:00 PM.
- The Form #1728C Fraternal Survey needs to be sent out to members in December. It is recommended that you send it out with the dues notices to your members in December so you have time have your members provide you with their information, compile the numbers and file the form. **Please send the copy to the District Master instead of the Vice Supreme Master.** The District Master will review it and forward the form to the Vice Supreme Master.
- Dues notices should be sent out to members no later than December 15th.
- 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.



*"Give thanks to the Lord who is good, whose love endures forever!" ~ Psalm 107:1*



## \* LADY MARIE'S NOTES\*

Hello Ladies

I am Lady Marie Woodrum, wife of S.K. Keith Woodrum, Master of Michigan District 4 for the 4th Degree.

Do you know what the 4th Degree is all about? It's the final arm in the journey for a Knight of Columbus, it's the Patriotic Arm. The highest level of Knighthood that a man can reach. The 4th Degree is also the Social arm that welcomes Ladies (that's you) to be involved in activities. Corporate Communion, Social dinners, fun parties, it's where you can get involved and become friends with other Ladies.

When your husband joined the Knights, did you support him? Do you encourage him to be active, help with the M. I. Drive distributing Tootsie Rolls? Do you support him as he helps raise funds for Veterans causes, like "Wreaths Across America", or other Veterans fund raisers? These are just a few of the ways you can participate in the Knights and show him how you support his efforts.

As a Lady of a Sir Knight, I have made many lifetime friends, and I know there are more friendships to be made. I hope I get to meet each one of you Ladies. There will be many opportunities where the Master and I will attend events, so please seek me out and introduce yourself to me.

May you and your family have a beautiful fall, and blessed Thanksgiving and a Merry Christmas.

God Bless!

Lady Marie Woodrum



## \*Culture of Life Issues\*

**Lord God of all creation,**

**Father of the human family and source of all life, we give you thanks for the gift of life in this world and the promise of life eternal. Inspire and guide all people of good will to defend and promote the dignity of human life from the first moment of conception until last breath.**

**We pray that all people might recognize the responsibilities that come with the resources of contemporary technology. As we use these gifts, may we always act in accord with your plan of love for the human family.**

**We ask this through Christ, your Son who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God forever and ever.  
Amen**

## Please Remember in Your Prayers



Prayer Requests

SK Roman Winker (0474), SK Thomas Helferich (0474), SK Raymond & Lady Rosemary Reinhold (0474), SK Ron Goody (0474), SK Fred Groendyk (0474), SK SK Dr. Dave Tomczak (0474), SK Richard Bredow FN (0487), SK William O'Neil (0491), SK Tom Turner (495), SK Fr. Dennis O'Donnell (2011), SK Walter Knapp (2070), SK Lawrence Furchopp (2120), SK Charles Davenport (2773), SK Lazaro Olbera (2974), SK Charles Stevens (3360), Lady Gale Dunn (3492) Fr. Fred Brucker Fr. Phil Witkowski, Bishop Sistone of Saginaw, all the priests & clergy, and all of our service men and women here and overseas.

Please pray for the families and the souls of SK Theodore R. Simons, Sr. (0473), SK Gerald E. Schmidt (0473) SK Carter S. Berry (0473) SK Gerald V. Slivinski (2049), SK Chester Geno (2049), PFN SK Bart Bartnizak (2070), SK Jack Bell (2070), SK Mark Smith (2070), SK Ronald Pakizer (2120), SK George Genow (2365), SK Thomas Totten (2365), SK William Lake PFN(2944), SK Ralph Fix PFN(3161)

*"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."*



## \*CIVICS 101\*

As Catholics, members of the Knights of Columbus should vote and should encourage other members of their families, parishes, and communities to vote. Yet many people, especially some senior citizens and people with disabilities, have trouble getting to the polls on voting day. To help fellow Catholics get to the polls to exercise their right to vote, the Knights of Columbus has developed the **parish-based Knights of Columbus Nonpartisan National Get Out The Vote Program.**

Each assembly should consider this program. Follow the link to the Supreme website page for information on how to set up this program.

<http://www.kofc.org/un/en/members/programs/4th-degree-programs/get-out-the-vote.html#/>



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