



The District Sentinel

March 2017

The Voice of the 4th Degree Michigan District #4



MASTER'S MESSAGE

Worthy Sir Knights and Lovely Ladies of District 4,
May this newsletter find you and your assemblies in good health. I begin with an apology for taking so long to get this newsletter out. No excuses. There are many important things to share with

you.

First, a hearty thank you to Former Master Robert and Lady Beverly Krauseneck for serving our district well. I told Bob he may be “retiring” but he will always be a Former Master. Thanks also to Master Bob’s entire district staff who worked many hours, sometimes unseen, to make District 4 a great jurisdiction of the 4th Degree. Special thanks to Former Master Robert Godi and Lady Barbara. Bob served for three Masters as District Comptroller including a transitional period for me through our first exemplification.

Secondly, I extend my appreciation for the current District 4 Staff who have agreed to walk with us through the next couple years. You’ll see some familiar faces and some new, and I’m happy that we have a team of knights and ladies from across the district, that enthusiastically supports our efforts. The October 2016 exemplification was a success due to their efforts.

On October 22nd we exemplified 20 new Sir Knights into the 4th Degree in Bay City as we recognized Sir Knight Mark Smith as our Class Honoree. Lady Mandy entertained the ladies during their lunch program with some German history and accordion music by Trent who performs at the Bavarian Inn Restaurant. If you haven’t been to an exemp recently, or since you joined the 4th Degree, I highly encourage you to attend one soon. Member participation is good for you, and the candidates. Color Corps are always welcome to participate.

April 22nd is the next exemplification which will be held at St. Jude Parish in Grand Rapids. Fr. Michael McGivney Assembly 2226 will host and our Class Honoree is Sir Knight Lieutenant Colonel

Donald Robinson from Assembly 2210 in Wyoming. Please make a strong effort to recruit candidates for the Patriotic Degree. We had a great turnout last Spring at the Cathedral and the potential for candidates is still very strong. Saginaw assemblies are encouraged to participate too. Don’t make your candidates wait! Grand Rapids is not that far away and we need to work together as one district. Every assembly should provide financial support by purchasing and/or selling ads for the souvenir book or providing an item for the gift raffle. Your contributions allow us to keep the costs down for participants, treat our special guests, and provide some hospitality in the evenings. Updated forms for candidates and members have been e-mailed to FNs, FCs and may be found on the district website.

A District Meeting was held on February 18th in St. Louis, MI. This location is within a few miles of the geographic center of our 24 assemblies and seems to work well. Thanks to Council 2966 and Grand Knight Raul Garza for hosting. It is important for each assembly to be represented and thanks to all who came. We had a report on the final distributions of previous district projects and voted to adopt support of food pantries for military and veteran families for Operation Patriotism. In Saginaw, donations should be directed to the *I Support the 1% Food Pantry*. In Grand Rapids, we are still trying to confirm the best resource that will ensure our efforts go to support those in need. Please notify me of any contributions made by your assembly. Grand Rapids Home for Veterans and Aleda Lutz VA Medical Center in Saginaw are still worthy organizations to support with our volunteer efforts and charitable donations. Assemblies can still choose which programs they support individually.

The next Provincial Meeting will be at Sawmill Creek Resort in Sandusky, Ohio on September 8-10th, 2017. Last Fall our entire District only had a few participants. Every assembly should consider 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.

I have encouraged the collaboration of Color Corps units and am glad to see/hear of Sir Knights helping out at neighboring assembly events. Requests for Diocesan or District-wide events should be directed to me or one of our Marshalls. When in doubt, ask for permission. The host Commander takes the lead unless a District Marshall is present. The more active our Color Corps members are, the more visible we are to our parishes and communities. Don't wait for invitations... look for diocesan, parish and community events we can participate in and offer our services. If you are interested in joining the Color Corps, ask any Sir Knight in regalia. We need more (and younger) men to serve.

Finally, a note about paperwork. When you fill out forms please print in ALL CAPS. It prevents errors. Make sure you take the opportunity to submit your assembly for awards you may qualify for. Getting awards for your assembly is an opportunity to get recognition for your membership and their efforts. In addition to showing our appreciation to our members who contribute, awards give us a chance to share the good works we do with the parish and community at large. Submit your application for the Fourth Degree Civic Award, the "To Be A Patriot" Award and the Star Assembly Award. Also, please send me a copy of your newsletters so I can keep up with what's going on in your jurisdiction.

May you all have a joyous Easter, good health and successful assembly programs.

Barry Borsenik
Master
Michigan District #4





CATHOLIC EASTER PRAYER

Lord, the resurrection of Your Son has given us new life and renewed hope.

Help us to live as new people in pursuit of the Christian ideal. Grant us wisdom to know what we must do, the will to want to do it, the courage to undertake it, the perseverance to continue to do it, and the strength to complete it.

Source: New Saint Joseph People's Prayer Book

UPCOMING EVENTS

- April 1..... April Fool's Day
- April 9..... Palm Sunday
- April 14 Good Friday
- April 16..... EASTER
- April 23..... Divine Mercy Sunday
- April 22.....4th Degree Exemplification
St. Jude Church 1120 Four Mile NE, Grand Rapids
- April 30.....Form # TBP-1 To Be a Patriot Award
Must be turned in to District Master
- May.....Assembly Election of Officers for 2017-2018
- May 14..... Mother's Day
- May 15..... Pentecost Sunday
- May 25..... Feast of the Ascension
- May 25 – 27.....Michigan Knight of Columbus
State Convention at Mackinac Island
- May 29..... Memorial Day
- June 14 Flag Day
- June 19..... Father's Day
- June 30 Fraternal forms due
Form #2321 Civic Award Application
Form #2863A RSVP and Plaque Application

IMPORTANT WEBSITES

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

DISTRICT 4 STAFF

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| 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 | Chris (Lori) Buzzelli |
| Hospitality | Mike (Colleen) Terwilliger |
| 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 |



Baseball is the only field of endeavor where a man can succeed three times out of ten and be considered a good performer.

Ted Williams

Please Remember in Your Prayers



Deceased:

Sergio Cuison	Assembly 474
Louis Corsilia	Assembly 474
Dan Vogel	Assembly 487
Mike Bulla	Assembly 487
Ed Rabish	Assembly 491
Henry Linkowski	Assembly 491
Edward Lewandowski	Assembly 491
Sherry Dewyse	Assembly 491
Patrick McCartney	Assembly 494
Fr. Noel T Rudy	Assembly 2120
Ron Ripley	Assembly 2226
Wayne Graham	Assembly 2365
Leo Eigner	Assembly 2365
John Thomas Pitt	Assembly 3136

“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.”

Need our prayers:

Sergio Cuison	Assembly 474
Louis Corsilia	Assembly 474
Ricky Bredow	Assembly 487
Larry Ritter	Assembly 487
Ray Depcinski	Assembly 487
Barb Godi	Assembly 2013
Colleen Terwilliger	Assembly 2226
Ed Jankowski	Assembly 2365
William Lake	Assembly 2974
Karl & Jan Knittel	Assembly 3102
Thomas Mahoney	Assembly 3136
Gloria Sutter	Assembly 3136
George Garske	

2017 PROVINCIAL MEETING



The annual meeting of the Fr. Louis Hennepin Province, Fourth Degree Knights of Columbus will be held from September 8, 9, 10, 2017 at Sawmill Creek Resort, 400 Sawmill Creek Dr., Huron, OH 44839

ASSEMBLY ELECTIONS

At the May meetings, assemblies will elect officers for the upcoming fraternal year. All elected officers serve for a one year period. Following is a brief description of the duties and responsibilities of each office.

DUTIES OF ASSEMBLY OFFICERS

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 herein 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 of 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 Officer 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

MEMORIAL DAY

Memorial Day, originally called Decoration Day, is a day of remembrance for those who have died in service of the United States of America. Over two dozen cities and towns claim to be the birthplace of Memorial Day. While Waterloo N.Y. was officially declared the birthplace of Memorial Day by President Lyndon Johnson in May 1966, it's difficult to prove conclusively the origins of the day.

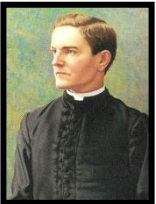
Regardless of the exact date or location of its origins, one thing is clear – Memorial Day was borne out of the Civil War and a desire to honor our dead. It was officially proclaimed on May 5, 1868 by General John Logan, national commander of the Grand Army of the Republic, in his General Order No. 11. “The 30th of May, 1868, is designated for the purpose of strewing with flowers, or otherwise decorating the graves of comrades who died in defense of their country during the late rebellion, and whose bodies now lie in almost every city, village and hamlet churchyard in the land,” he proclaimed. The date of Decoration Day, as he called it, was chosen because it wasn't the anniversary of any particular battle.

On the first Decoration Day, General James Garfield made a speech at Arlington National Cemetery, and 5,000 participants decorated the graves of the 20,000 Union and Confederate soldiers buried there.

The first state to officially recognize the holiday was New York in 1873. By 1890 it was recognized by all of the northern states. The South refused to acknowledge the day, honoring their dead on separate days until after World War I (when the holiday changed from honoring just those who died fighting in the Civil War to honoring Americans who died fighting in any war).

It is now observed in almost every state on the last Monday in May with Congressional passage of the National Holiday Act of 1971 (P.L. 90 – 363). This helped ensure a three day weekend for Federal holidays, though several southern states have an additional separate day for honoring the Confederate war dead: January 19th in Texas; April 26th in Alabama, Florida, Georgia, and Mississippi; May 10th in South Carolina; and June 3rd (Jefferson Davis' birthday) in Louisiana and Tennessee.

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.

COLOR CORPS OF THE PATRIOTIC DEGREE



Purpose of the Color Corps

When knighthood was in flower, knights carried the sword to defend their God, their Church, their country and their fellow man according to the code of chivalry. Today, Sir Knights wear regalia and carry the sword to honor Christ and His apostles, especially on religious and civic occasions specified in this manual. Hence, the primary purpose of the Fourth Degree is to encourage active Catholic citizenship and foster the spirit of patriotism in members and the community at large. The Color Corps members exemplify all the principles of our Order:

Charity - by the gift of their time and energies necessary to practice, perfect and perform the ceremonials and sword drill;

Unity – by the united efforts of Sir Knights to practice and perfect a coordinated drill for the good of the Church and the Order;

Fraternity – by expressing an “Esprit de Corps,” sharing a common desire for drill excellence and camaraderie;

Patriotism – by performing precision drills as a salute to God and to country and visually exhibiting a love for both.

The appearance of Fourth Degree Knights as a Color Corps at religious and civic functions is an important activity of each assembly. Their colorful capes and chapeaux add dignity and the pride of Church and country to any event.



YOU KNOW YOU ARE GETTING OLD:

“When the gleam in your eye is from the sun hitting your bifocals”

“When your little black book only has names ending in M.D.”

“When you have lots of room in your house, but none in your medicine cabinet”

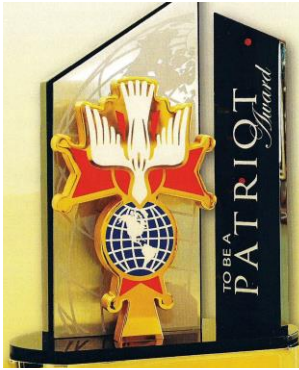
When your children look middle aged”

“When your knees buckle instead of your belt”

ASSEMBLY AWARDS

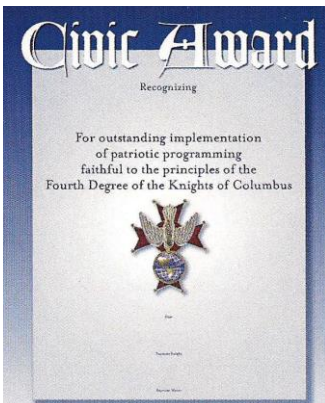
Every fraternal year assemblies are eligible for special awards in recognition of their dedication and hard work to promote the principles of the Fourth Degree. Take time to look at the requirements for each of these awards. If your assembly meets the requirements for any of these awards, complete the appropriate form(s). Remember, your assembly and members deserve the recognition for their dedication and hard work.

To Be a Patriot Award



Established in 1985, the "To Be A Patriot" Award annually recognizes the three best patriotic programs conducted by Fourth Degree Assemblies each fraternal year. The assembly must submit a report of their best patriotic activity on form TBP-2 and sent to the Master by April 30, 2017

Civic Award



The Civic Award is a tribute to the spirit of patriotism and national pride exemplified by the assembly's program of activities. In order to qualify, the assembly must conduct and report at least four (4) varied patriotic programs held within the fraternal year. The application for the Civic Award (#2321) must be received by the Supreme

Office no later than June 30, 2017.

Star Assembly Award



Requirements:

- Earn the "Fourth Degree Civic Award"
- Enter the "To Be a Patriot" competition
- Meet the assembly new member goal of 7%
- Submit the "Report of Officers" form #186 (due July 1, 2017)
- Submit the "Annual Survey of Fraternal Activity" form #1728 (due January 1, 2017)
- Submit the "Annual Assembly Audit Report" form #1315 (due June 30, 2017)
- Publish a monthly newsletter or bulletin for assembly members

Fr. Louis Hennepin



Fr. Louis Hennepin (HEHN uh pihn) (1626?-1705?), was a Belgian missionary and explorer who became famous for his journey to the Mississippi River Valley in North America. He accompanied the French explorer Sieur de La Salle across the Great Lakes and then explored the upper part of the Mississippi River.

Fr. Hennepin was born in Ath, in what is now Belgium. He joined the Franciscans, a Roman Catholic order. In 1675, King Louis XIV of France sent him to what is now Canada, where France had established a colony. In 1676, Fr. Hennepin went to Fort Frontenac, on the site of the present city of Kingston, Ontario. There, he founded a mission among Iroquois Indians.

In 1679, Fr. Hennepin set out with La Salle's expedition near Niagara Falls. The explorers crossed Lakes Erie, Huron, and Michigan in the Griffon, the first ship to sail these waters. The expedition in time reached the Illinois River and constructed Fort Crevecoeur (Fort Heartbreak) near present-day Peoria, Illinois. The fort was the first European settlement in what is now Illinois.

Early in 1680, Fr. Hennepin and two associates explored the upper Mississippi River Valley. Sioux Indians captured them and held them for months. During this time, Fr. Hennepin saw and named the Falls of St. Anthony, later the site of Minneapolis, Minn. He returned to Canada in the spring of 1681 and then sailed to France.

