



# The District Sentinel



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

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## \*MASTER'S MESSAGE\*



Dear Worthy Officers and Ladies of the 4<sup>th</sup> Degree of Michigan Dist. 4:

Blessed Easter to you and your families. I pray that this newsletter finds everyone healthy and virus free. This pandemic has really caught us off-guard, but with God's help, we will get thru this. I hope

you are finding time at home rewarding and a reason to be refreshed and renewed.

We made some bold decisions to cancel the March 14 District meeting (the meeting notes were emailed to the Faithful Navigators and Faithful Comptrollers) and then on to cancel the 4<sup>th</sup> Degree Exemplification scheduled for April 25. I am glad we made the decision early on. We will reschedule the Spring exempt for this Fall, possibly in September on a Friday evening. So, plan on one exempt in September (date to be determined) in Bay City, and one in Grand Rapids on Friday October 30, 2020. It will make for a busy Fall, but we will have plenty of time to recruit new 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree knights, especially those who are now going thru the new 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> degree ceremonies. Let's work on getting them all in as quickly as we can this Fall.

We want to pray for those who need our prayers, please send me their names for publication. If you have deceased that need to be remembered, please let me know. They deserve to have our prayers.

## IMPORTANT

I understand that you will not be having meeting in April. But, It's time for nominations for Master for the next coming 2 years. I need 3 names to turn over to the VSM who will then turn them over to Supreme for consideration. Deadline to turn over names is ~~April 10, 2020~~, **April 28, 2020 to me!** Names must have phone numbers and email addresses from each candidate for Master. They will need to submit a resume' and answer these two questions: "**Why I am the best candidate for the position**", and "**What is my plan to promote and grow the 4<sup>th</sup> Degree**". I will need a yay or nay from each Assembly so that I know you have discussed this topic with your assembly members. This is extremely important and not to be ignored by you or your assembly.

I cannot stress this point strongly enough: **Reports must be turned in by the Due Dates.** Supreme is very focused on reports turned in on time. The next 2 reports due are your Assembly Officers Chosen #186 which is due on July 1, and the Assembly Audit #1315 due no later than August 1, 2020. If you do the reports online, Supreme will get it. If you do the work by hand, then you need to send a copy to Supreme, a copy to the VSM, and a copy to me. Report forms can be found here:

<http://www.kofc.org/un/en/members/resources/forms/assembly.html>

If you have any issues or concerns, please know I am only a phone call away at 1-616-446-3330. We have a lot of work to do over the next few months, elections, Master

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nominations, reports due on time, and recruiting for the Fall Exempts. Can we do this? Yes, we can, and we will.

Please be safe from this virus and know that God will get us thru this time, and we will come out stronger and steeped deeper in our Faith.

God bless each one of you and your families.  
 Blessed Easter to all!

VIVAT JESUS!

SK Keith Woodrum  
 District Master  
 Michigan District #4

**\*UPCOMING EVENTS\***

- April 12<sup>th</sup> ..... Easter Sunday
- April 19<sup>th</sup> ..... Divine Mercy Sunday
- May ..... Assembly Election of Officers for 2020-2021
- May 2<sup>nd</sup> ..... National Day of Prayer
- May 5<sup>th</sup> ..... Cinco de Mayo
- May 10<sup>th</sup> ..... Mother's Day
- May 25<sup>th</sup> ..... Memorial Day
- May 21<sup>st</sup> ..... Feast of the Ascension  
 Holy Day of Obligation
- May 31<sup>st</sup> ..... Pentecost Sunday
  
- June 14<sup>th</sup> ..... Flag Day
- June 16<sup>th</sup> ..... Father's Day
- June 30 ..... Fraternal forms due  
**Form #2321 Civic Award Application**  
**Form #2863A RSVP and Plaque Application**

**Please Remember in  
 Your Prayers**



Prayer Requests

For our Bishops, David Walkowiak, and Robert Gruss, all the priests & clergy, all of our service men and women here and overseas. For Fr. Mark Przbysz, who is recovering from COVID19. Please pray for our health care workers, first responders and police during this Pandemic  
 Please pray for Fr. Bill Rutkowski's father, S.K. Clarence Rutkowski who passed away on March 2, 2020.

*"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 #1728 Fraternal Survey needs to be sent to the BOTH the District Master and the Vice Supreme Master.**
- **The next District Meeting will be in the Fall (date to be determined) at the Sacred Heart Parish Center located at 319 E Illinois St, Mount Pleasant, MI 48804. Registration begins at 9:30 AM and the meeting will start at 10:30 AM. The ladies are invited to attend a separate meeting with Lady Marie**
- **It is vital that each Assembly is represented, Navigators and Comptrollers must attend but all members are welcome.**
- **If you would like to have your assembly prayer requests printed in the District newsletter, please contact the Master at [mikofcdist4@gmail.com](mailto:mikofcdist4@gmail.com) .**



***Does your Assembly support  
 District #4 with program ads?***

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.

The ad costs are as follows:

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

It is never too early to start selling ads for the Fall Exemplifications! Your ads and checks can be sent to:

Robert Godi, FMFD  
 District #4 Comptroller  
 1718 Ashwood Dr.  
 Reese, MI 48757-9438



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**\* LADY MARIE'S NOTES\***



Dear Ladies of the 4<sup>th</sup> Degree

I am sure each one of you is keeping your family virus free and healthy. For those who have school aged children at home, I hope you are enjoying having the kiddos at home. Thank God it's warming up and

Spring is in its perfect beauty.

So many of our Knights of Columbus gatherings are canceled. I will miss seeing you and catching up with your family happenings. This is certainly something none of us has experienced. I am enjoying the slower pace of life, staying home and enjoying the birds singing and the smells of the clean outdoors.

We will be having a busy Fall as we are planning 2 exempts. I hope that you can participate as much as is possible. Let's make these exempts a time of renewal of our friendships.

I look forward to seeing all of you when we are able once again to gather.

God Bless!

Lady Marie Woodrum  
[mwood1762@hotmail.com](mailto:mwood1762@hotmail.com)

**Conference meeting via the Web**

*How do you have meetings when you are isolated and cannot have person to person contact? Try some of the programs where you can connect electronically, such as Zoom, Google Hangouts, or Skype.*

*Please use privacy settings and passwords in order to prevent unwanted people from breaking into your meeting.*

**\*Culture of Life Issues\***

**“Let every nation know, whether it wishes us well or ill, that we shall pay any price, bear any burden, meet any hardship, support any friend, oppose any foe to assure the survival and the success of liberty.”**

**John F. Kennedy**

**How can I become a better Knight?**

1. Attend a Mass on a weekday as well as Sunday.
2. Set time aside to pray as a family.
3. Tell my family “I love you” more often.
4. Promote the Vocations more in my home, among my friends and in my parish.
5. Increase my tithing to my parish.
6. Volunteer more / be more active at my parish.
7. Resist speaking poorly or spreading gossip about my fellow man / woman.
8. Have more patience in all I do and with whom I interact.
9. Be more active in my Knights of Columbus assembly and council
10. Sponsor someone as a new 4th Degree member of the Knights of Columbus.

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Please pray this Act of Spiritual Communion when you are unable to attend Mass and receive the Eucharist

**Act of Spiritual Communion**

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.

I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul.

Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You.

Amen.



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