

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS, FOURTH DEGREE

SPRING DISTRICT 4 MEETING AGENDA

Mount Pleasant, MI

Saturday, March 25, 2023

Prior to the meeting:

Remind Sir Knights to bring cell phones in with them

1. Meeting called to order at _____ am by Master Dale Korson
2. Open meeting with a prayer – SK Mike Lewis
3. Pledge of Allegiance – Worthy Sr Marshal Frank Sniecinwski
4. Worthy Marshal: Are all members present in possession of a valid membership card? Don

Roll Call of Staff & Dignitaries – Paul Fricke

Officers & Guests	Names	Present Excused Absent
District Friar - Saginaw	Fr. Bill Rutkowski	
District Friar – Grand Rapids	Fr. Ron Hutchinson	
District Master	Dale Korson	
Vice Supreme Master	Ed Ponder	
Former Mich Dist 4 Master	Keith Woodrum	
Former Mich Dist 4 Master	Robert Krauseneck	
District Comptroller	FM Bob Godi	
District Secretary	Paul Fricke	
Sr District Marshal	Frank Sniecinski	
District Marshal	Don Robinson	
District Degree Marshal	Walt Cummings	
District Degree Captain	Frank Cieszlak	
District Membership Dir	Tom Farley	
District Webmaster	Zane Rice	
District Prayer Director	Mike Lewis	
District Newsletter Editor	Dale and Dee	
Staff	Antonio Rodriquez	
	Tony Arbanas	

Assembly #	Location	Number in attendance	Candidates w/Form 4's	Possible Candidates	Quota	Number of Candidates at 10/28/22 Exemp
0473	Grand Rapids				6	1
0474	Muskegon				10	2
0487	Bad Axe				5	0
0491	Bay City				14	0
0495	Mt. Pleasant				4	0
0503	Essexville				3	0
2011	Ludington				4	0
2013	Caro				6	0
2049	Saginaw				8	0
2120	Harrison				5	0
2210	Wyoming				14	4
2226	Grand Rapids				9	5
2365	Birch Run				4	0
2372	Caseville – inactive					
2773	Big Rapids				4	2
2787	Standish				3	0
2974	Midland				5	0
3102	Jenison				6	8
3136	Chesaning				3	0
3161	Fremont				3	3
3360	Greenville/Stanton				4	0
3492	Conklin				5	3
	Totals					

6. Welcome – Master—Thank you to everyone for showing up. I’m glad to be spending some time with such a great group of guys.
7. Review and approval of minutes from Fall Meeting, September 17, 2022 – Worthy Master
8. District Master
 - A. As I think everybody knows, the new service baldrics are available from Knights Gear. Master (gold), Marshal (green), Commander (purple), Faithful Navigator (white).
9. Review of Fall Exemplification on Friday, October 28, 2022
 - A. 29 New Sir Knights
 - B. We have been able to schedule the next three Exemplifications for Saturdays, with each having the banquet as a mid-day dinner. This will allow us to have more time and not be rushed. This will also give us lots of time for hospitality.
 - B. Comments?
10. Spring Exemplification will be Saturday, April 29, 2023 –All forms for this are on line mikofcdist4.org
 - A. OLC St. Stanislaus Kostka Parish Center, Bay City is the location
 - B. Host Assembly is #491, Bishop Murphy—FN Terry Doyle—Thank you, guys, for stepping up!
 - C. Class Honoree is SK Fr. Andrew LaFramboise, parish priest at St. Elizabeth of Hungary in Reese
 - D. Candidate and Member registration forms are in your packet and on line –If you need extra copies, see me after the meeting
 - E. Ladies Program with Dee—Cost is \$10 donated to the Pregnancy Center in Saginaw
 - F. Ad Sales
 - G. Basket Raffle
 - H. Please recruit
11. Operation Patriotism
 - A. At the Fall District Meeting we determined that we were continuing with Operation Patriotism. To date, nine Assemblies have donated to this cause. We are collecting through the fraternal year. We suggested \$300 but if your Assembly can’t give that amount, please give what you can.
12. District Comptroller, Bob Godi and Webmaster, Zane Rice presentation

13. Assembly Reports and Audits

A. Annual Survey of Fraternal Activity

1) Faithful Comptrollers and Faithful Navigators, you have done a superb job of getting this form submitted! At our last District meeting, I asked that all assemblies do a better job of getting forms in on time. Boy, have you delivered! As of the due date of January 31, we only had 4 assemblies that had not submitted this form. Just two days later, two more submitted. Two weeks after that, one more came in.

B. RSVP Refund and Plaque Application for Assemblies (Form #2863A) due June 30 to Supreme

14. Award Submissions

A. Civic Award due June 30

- 1) List a brief description of four patriotic programs your Assembly has held
- 2) Select one of the programs listed in your Civic Award paperwork as your To Be a Patriot Award entry. Keep in mind that this program must take place by April 30.

B. The To Be a Patriot Award entry is due to me by April 30. The flyer from the Supreme website says this date is May 31 but that is misleading. First, the entries go to the Master (by April 30), then the winning District entry is sent to the Vice Supreme Master. The VSM submits the Provincial winner to Supreme by May 31. On the bottom of the form it says that these entries are only submitted through mailed.

C. Star Assembly Award:

- 1) Meet the Assembly Membership goal
- 2) Submit the Report of Officers Chosen (All of you have that in)
- 3) Submit the Annual Survey of Fraternal Activity (All but one Assembly has this in)
- 4) Submit the Annual Assembly Audit (only one is missing this)
- 5) Submit for the Fourth Degree Civic Award (It's not competitive—you need to hold four patriotic programs and then list them on the Civic Award paperwork)
- 6) Enter the To Be a Patriot competition
- 7) Publish a monthly newsletter or bulletin—This communication has to be available to all assembly members. If you use email, how do you get the information out to members without email? If you use the church bulletin, how do you get the information to members who attend a different parish?

8) **Star Assembly Award**

15. Announcements, questions, and comments (Any events to promote, noteworthy projects to share, successful fundraisers)

A. Encourage Assemblies to have a fund raiser for veterans in their area. Have Mark Smith speak about the food needs of Saginaw veterans.

16. Sir Knights and family members in need of our prayers

17. Names of deceased Sir Knights from our last District Meeting until now.

Moment of silence for our deceased Brother Knights

18. Next District Meeting date—We won't have this date until May when Sacred Heart sets its Fall athletic schedule.

19. I'm looking for an assembly in the Saginaw and Grand Rapids Diocese who would be willing to host our Installation of Assembly Officers this year. If you are interested, please contact me after the meeting.

20. Thank you to Steve Stressman for opening this building for us

21. Closing prayer—Mike Lewis

22. Meeting adjourned at _____ pm.

Lunch