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MASTER'S MESSAGE



Happy New Year to all Sir Knights, your lovely Ladies and your families.

It's here, 2020, a new year, a new decade, a new beginning. As Lady Marie and I sit and reflect on our 2019, it makes me want to share a few highlights that we were privileged to be a part and some of the great works done by the 4th

Degree of our Order.

In March of 2019, we were a part of the Honor Guard for the St. John Vianney Relic at St. John Vianney Parish in Detroit. The incorrupt heart of St. John Vianney was on display for everyone to venerate. It was a very moving experience. In early May, District #4 held our spring Exemplification, Bay City where 31 candidates became new Sir Knights in the 4th Degree. SK Robert and Lady Barbara Godi were our class honorees. It was a well-deserved and long overdue honor! In early / mid May, District #4 was represented as members of the Honor Guard for the Living Rosary on the steps of the Capital in Lansing with the State Council and Masters of all the Michigan Districts. The cold wet morning couldn't stop the large crowd from praying the Rosary. The end of May brought the Annual State Convention on Mackinaw Island. The Masters of the four Districts of Michigan were honor guards for all the Bishops of Michigan and the Living Rosary. On May 30th we found ourselves at the Michigan Summer Special Olympics on the campus of Central Michigan University. The Honor Guard from Michigan District #4 was the host for this event. The Special Olympic athletes are always a joy to watch. There were many High 5's and smiles enough to warm your soul.

In early June we were privileged to be a part of the Ordination at St. Mary's Cathedral in Saginaw. Michigan

District #4 was well represented to honor the three young men who became priests. A week later we were present at the Ordination at St. Andrew's Cathedral in Grand Rapids. Two young men were ordained into the priesthood. It was truly a blessing to be a part of this ceremony. At the end of July, we were honored to be a part of the Michigan District #4 Honor Guard presence at the Installation of Bishop Robert Gruss as Bishop of the Saginaw Diocese. Saginaw is truly blessed with this Shepherd who is very much a people's bishop. He already is making a great impact on the Diocese.

Then came fall and in mid October, we attended the Hennepin Provincial Meeting in Sterling Heights. This is the best opportunity for all officers of the assemblies to attend training workshops and discussions to further promote the Fourth Degree. Michigan District #4 was honored with the District of the Year for the Hennepin Province with an increase in membership by 94%. This was the highest award given that evening. You all deserve this award for your hard work and support of District 4. Thank you all for your good works and hard efforts.

October 25, 2019, was the 10th Anniversary and fall Exemplification of Michigan District #4. To celebrate this milestone anniversary, the class honorees were the former Masters of Michigan District 4 and their Ladies: SK W. David Gibson, and Lady Cheryl; SK Robert Krauseneck and Lady Beverly; SA and SK Barry Borsenik and Lady Mandy. Special recognition was given to SK Roman Winkler, a knight for 74 years. It was a grand reunion and we were proud to bring 32 new Sir Knights into the 4th Degree.

December 1st we were privileged to attend the Dedication and Mass of Thanksgiving for the new church of St. John Paul II in Cedar Springs. Honor Guard was limited in numbers, but the District was well represented as well as the Hennepin Province and State Council. We were all honored to be part of this beautiful new church and we wish Fr. Lam Le and his congregation many years of blessings. There are many other events that occurred during 2019, too many to list each one.

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A new year is at hand however and it is time to kick it in gear. The Annual Fraternal Survey, Form 1728 is due January 30th. Please be sure this form is completely filled out and signed before sending me your copy. This form is available as an attachment in this email. Turning this report in on time is required for the "Star Assembly Award".

District meeting will be on Saturday, March 14th, at Sacred Heart Parish Center in Mt. Pleasant. Registration time is at 9:30 am. The meeting will begin at 10:30 and conclude with lunch. All assemblies MUST have representation. This meeting is MANDATORY. We will be taking nominations for the next Master. We will also have training to help you understand how to fill out the various reports. Your comptroller should be part of the team from your assembly at this meeting. There will be many topics for discussions so please don't miss this important meeting.

The Spring Exempt will be held on April 25, 2020, at the Doubletree in Bay City. We would like each member to sponsor a third-degree council member to the 4th Degree, the Spring Exempt is a perfect time and opportunity for him to finish the final step in the Patriotic Degree. Paperwork is in process and will be available soon.

With this information, I look forward to all the events for 2020. Please be sure to let me know if there are any issues you wish to discuss. My email is woodrumkeith@gmail.com or call my cell at 616-446-3330.

VIVAT JESUS!

SK Keith Woodrum
District Master
Michigan District #4



"When Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, in the days of King Herod, behold, magi from the east arrived in Jerusalem and asked, "Where is the one who has been born king of the Jews? We saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him." ~ Matthew 2:1-2

UPCOMING EVENTS

January 1st Solemnity of Mary
Holy Day of Obligation

January 1st Annual Dues and should be sent to the Faithful Comptroller

January 6th Feast of the Epiphany
January 21st Martin Luther King Day

January 24th RTL March Washington D.C.
January 30th Annual Fraternal Survey Form #1728 is due to Supreme

February 2nd Ground Hog Day

February 12th Lincoln's Birthday

February 14th Valentines Day

February 17th President's Day

February 22nd Washington's Birthday

February 26th Ash Wednesday

March 8th Daylight begins ends
Turn clocks forward 1 hour at 2:00 AM

March 14th District Meeting
Registration: 9:30 AM Meeting : 10:30 AM

March 17th St. Patrick's Day

March 20th First Day of Spring

March 25th Annunciation of the Lord

March 25th ... Knights of Columbus Day of the Unborn

March 29th Founders Day

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 March 14th 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 and are asked to bring a dish to pass for the luncheon (some salads, chips, cookies, desserts it will be appreciated). The District will provide the meat, beverages and tableware. It is vital that each Assembly is represented, Navigators and Comptrollers must attend but all members are welcome.
- The next Exemplification will be April 25th Double Tree Hotel, in Bay City. The District is in need of every Assembly to both purchase and sell ads for the program booklet.
- 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.



Please Remember in Your Prayers



Prayer Requests

SK Roman Winker, SK Thomas Helferich, SK Raymond & Lady Rosemary Reinhold, SK Ron Goody, SK Fred Groendyk, Fr. Phil Witkowski, 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 Dr. David Tomczak, SK James Gurd, SK Donald J. Garry and all our deceased brother Sir Knights.

"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."



New Years Resolutions Suggestions:

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, amongst 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
10. Sponsor someone as a new 4th Degree member of the Knights of Columbus.



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* LADY MARIE'S NOTES*



Happy New Year and Greetings!

2019 was a fun year, and 2020 promises to be even more fun and full of wonderful events that bring everyone of us together. **I look forward to our District meeting on March 14th. Please plan on bringing something for lunch potluck.** I will share with you the

topics of discussion from the Masters' Winter meeting with all the Masters' wives from Michigan and Ohio. It's always nice to exchange ideas with the other first ladies.

Our Spring Exempt will be April 25 at the Doubletree in Bay City. I'm still in the planning stages and as soon as all the details are buttoned down, we will share them with you. Exempts are a wonderful time to get to know each other. Please put it on your calendar to attend.

I hope to see you all soon. If you need any help with any Knights stuff, call me at the house, 616-827-1197, or jot me an email at mwood1762@hotmail.com.

I look forward to 2020 with you!

Lady Marie Woodrum

Culture of Life Issues

Right to Life of Michigan

Thank you to everyone who signed the petition and helped circulate it over these last six months. You were a critical part of this Christmas gift for the unborn today! Right to Life of Michigan turned over petitions with 379,418 signatures! Actually, it was one more; someone brought one more signature to our Lansing office as we headed over. Thank you so much to everyone who helped us for months with this Christmas present for the unborn. We'll keep you updated as our petition drive to ban dismemberment abortions begins its next phase!

Thank you so much for all you have done to help with this huge undertaking!!



CIVICS 101

On April 30th, 1789, America had a Constitution and a newly formed government. On that day, the government, the House, and the Senate gathered for the Inauguration of our first president, George Washington. In his Inauguration Address, Washington gave a prophetic warning: “We ought to be no less persuaded that the propitious smiles of heaven can never be expected on a nation that disregards the eternal rules of order and the right which heaven itself has ordained.” Washington’s warning was, if we would begin to depart from God, He would remove His blessings, His prosperity and His protection from our nation.

After Washington’s address, the government, the House, the Senate, and America’s first president traveled on foot to Saint Paul’s Chapel. No one knows exactly what was said inside but we do know the entire government was on their knees praying and consecrating this nation to God. In the chapel there is also a plaque above Washington’s pew with the words “Almighty God, we make our earnest prayer that you will keep the United States in Holy protection.” Saint Paul’s Chapel is located at the corner of Ground Zero and is the spiritual birthplace of America.

America’s first Presidential Inauguration – that of President George Washington – incorporated seven specific religious activities, including[1] the use of the Bible to administer the oath;[2] affirming the religious nature of the oath by the adding the prayer “So help me God!” to the oath;[3] inaugural prayers offered by the president;[4] religious content in the inaugural address;[5] civil leaders calling the people to prayer or acknowledgement of God;[6] inaugural worship services attended en masse by Congress as an official part of congressional activities;[7] and clergy-led inaugural prayers.

“I now make it my earnest prayer that God would have you, and the State over which you preside, in his holy protection; that he would incline the hearts of the citizens to cultivate a spirit of subordination and obedience to government, to entertain a brotherly affection and love for one another, for their fellow-citizens of the United States at large, and particularly for brethren who have served in the field; and finally that he would most graciously be pleased to dispose us all to do justice, to love mercy, and to demean ourselves with that charity, humility, and pacific temper of mind, which were the characteristics of the Divine Author of our blessed religion, and without an humble imitation of whose example in these things, we can never hope to be a happy nation.” ~ George Washington in his letter addressed to the Governors of all the States on the disbanding of the Army, June 14, 1783.

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