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MASTER'S MESSAGE



Worthy Sir Knights and Lovely Ladies,

Here it is already July! The lazy hazy days of summer are upon us. I hope everyone enjoyed the Fourth of July. There were a lot of spectacular firework displays. Before we know it, Labor Day will be

here. First of all, I would like to thank all the outgoing officers for their support and cooperation during the last fraternal year. Also, I would like to congratulate the newly elected officers for the new fraternal year and looking forward to meeting and working with you. Now is the time to schedule your annual audit and submit it directly to me by July 25th for approval and ultimate submission to Supreme.

Our next District Meeting is scheduled for Saturday, October 5, 2013 at Sacred Heart Parish Center in Mt. Pleasant, Michigan. Registration will be from 9:00 am – 10:00 am with coffee and donuts. The meeting will start at 10:00 am and end at noon followed by lunch. Don't forget, the ladies are invited to attend a separate meeting with Lady Beverly and are asked to bring a dish to pass for the luncheon. The District will provide the meat, beverages and tableware. A separate meeting notice will be sent to all the Assemblies later in the month with an agenda of items to be discussed.

The Installation of Officers for the 2013-2014 Fraternal Year is finalized. The Saginaw area is scheduled to be held on Sunday, August 25th in Essexville and the Thumb area on Tuesday, August 27th in Bad Axe. The Grand Rapids area will be September 21st in Wyoming and September 22nd in Big Rapids.

Also, the Saginaw area Color Corps will be certified this year.

Congratulations to the Most Reverend David John Walkowiak on your Episcopal Ordination and Installation as Bishop of the Grand Rapids Diocese. The installation was held at the Cathedral of St. Andrew on Tuesday, June 18, 2013 in Grand Rapids and I was honored to be in attendance with the Knights of Columbus Color Corps. Also, congratulations to the Saginaw Diocese on the 75th Anniversary of their diocese. Mass was celebrated by the Most Reverend Bishop Joseph Cistone on June 27th at the Saginaw Valley State University Ryder Center. Again, I was honored to be in attendance with the Knights of Columbus Color Corps.

Last but certainly not least, it is not too early to recruit for the next Exemplification which will be held on Saturday, November 9, 2013 at the Double Tree Hotel and Conference Center in Bay City. The Class Honoree will be Vice Supreme Master George A. Dann. Let's all work together and make this a large class to show our appreciation to George Dann for all that he has done for the Fr. Hennepin Province. Also, we must all do our part to procure Ads for the Program Book to keep our District financially sound. It sure would be nice if each Assembly would purchase and/or sell at least one Ad for the Program Book. We can never have too many Ads.

VIVAT JESUS!

Fraternally,

Bob Krauseneck
Master
Michigan District 4



UPCOMING EVENTS

- July 1st New Fraternal Year Begins**
Report of Officers Form #186 due
Term of Office begins for 2013 – 2014 Officers
- July 4th Independence Day

- August 1st Annual Assembly Audit**
Form #1315 is due
- August 12th – 18th Knight of Columbus**
National Week of the Family
- August 12th Fr. McGivney’s 161st Birthday**
- August 14th 123rd Anniversary of**
Fr. McGivney’s Death
- August 15th Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary
 Holy Day of Obligation
- August 25th Installation of Assembly Officers**
of the Saginaw Diocese in Essexville, MI
- August 27th Installation of Assembly Officers**
of the Saginaw Diocese in Bad Axe, MI

- September 2nd Labor Day
- September 11th Patriot Day
- September 17th Constitution Day
- September 22nd Fall begins
- September 21st Installation of Assembly Officers**
of the Grand Rapids Diocese in Wyoming, MI
- September 22nd Installation of Assembly Officers**
of the Grand Rapids Diocese in Big Rapids, MI



**Please Remember in
 Your Prayers**

SK James Mason FDD, SK Dan Lewis, SK Raymond & Lady Rosemary Reinhold, SK Fred Groendyk Sr., SK Gene Kendra, SK Peter Boomgaard, SK Russ Scholtens, SK Joseph Kobus, SK Sergio & Lady Navora Cusion, Nicholas Herbert, Marvin Smaglinski, Lady Joan Romanowski, Max Monette, Linda Fressel, Luis Lake, Lady Billy Jo Grossenbacher, and Eugene Mayer.

SK Fr. William Jacobs, Fr. Phil Witkowski; all our priests & clergy, and all of our service men and women here and overseas.

Please pray for the family and the souls of SK Jerry Koenigsnecht, SK George Murphy, and Norma Rice.

“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

- **Installation of Assembly officers in the Saginaw Diocese** will be held on **Sunday, August 25th - 1:30 pm - Council #2740 - Essexville - Lunch to follow** and **Tuesday, August 27th - 6:00 pm - Council #1546 - Bad Axe - Lunch to follow.**
- **Installation of Assembly officers in the Grand Rapids Diocese** will be held on **Saturday, September 21st - 7:00 pm - Council #4362 - Wyoming - Lunch to follow** and **Sunday, September 22nd - 11:00 am Mass at St. Paul's Campus Parish - Big Rapids - Optional lunch to follow at Rock's Café (\$8.00 each)**
- **Fr. Hennepin Provincial Meeting** which will take place on **Saturday and Sunday October 12th and 13th** at the Best Western Hotel and Conference Center in Sterling Heights, Michigan. There will be several training classes taught on Saturday. If you are a new Officer, these classes are very informative to updates and changes. More information will be mailed to the Assemblies by the Vice Supreme Master George Dann in July.
- **The next District Meeting will be Saturday, October 19th** - Sacred Heart Parish Center - Mt. Pleasant (9:00 am Registration, 10:00 am Meeting, Noon Luncheon, 1:00 pm Staff and Degree Team Meeting, 2:00 pm Adjourn)
- **Operation Patriotism update**, a total of \$7,250 was donated toward the purchase of five Amigos for the veterans at the Aleda E. Lutz VA Hospital in Saginaw. The cost of one Amigo is \$1,370. Three Assemblies and one Council donated one Amigo each and two Assemblies shared the cost of another Amigo. Also, \$400 was donated by three Assemblies for Knights of Columbus identification plates to be mounted on the Amigos. The Saginaw VA Hospital will take delivery of the Amigos later in August when their renovations are complete. At that time, all Assemblies and Councils will be notified to participate in the presentation of these Amigos. For this Fraternal year, we will be identifying a District project for the VA Hospital in Grand Rapids.



FRIAR'S FORUM

On June 18, 2013, the Diocese of Grand Rapids welcomed her new shepherd, the Most Rev. David J. Walkowiak as he was ordained and installed as the 12th Bishop of the diocese at a beautiful liturgy in the Cathedral of St. Andrew.

In a 90-minute ceremony that climaxed when Bishop Walkowiak seated himself in the bishop's chair (cathedra) to applause from a crowd of about 850 people, a new spiritual leader for the 182,000 West Michigan Catholics became a reality.

"You are being made a bishop to fulfill a prophecy... to continue the apostolic ministry as Jesus willed it to be continued in his choice of the twelve," the Most Rev. Allen H. Vigneron, archbishop of Detroit, told Walkowiak during the ceremony. "You fulfill this ministry so that just as the people of God in the old covenant, and even more clearly in the new, spoke about Jesus as the shepherd who accompanies us and keeps us from want, you are being made a bishop so that the church in Grand Rapids can sing this song: 'The Lord is my shepherd. He shepherds me, he shepherds us.'"

Bishop Walkowiak, who turned 60 years old that day, was a priest in suburban Cleveland in April when he was appointed Grand Rapids' bishop by Pope Francis. He succeeds the Most Rev. Walter A. Hurley, who last year resigned at age 75, per church standard.

The ordination ceremony included a reading of the papal letter that described Walkowiak as a "diligent minister." Prior to taking his seat in the cathedra, or bishop's chair, as the new bishop, Walkowiak promised to preach the gospel, guard the faith, build up the church, show mercy to the poor, shepherd "the lost" and pray without ceasing. "I do," he responded.

The ordination included a handing of the Book of the Gospels to Walkowiak as a sign of his duty to proclaim the gospel. Among the other ordination paraphernalia: a ring to symbolize the bishop's fidelity to the church; a miter, or liturgical hat, to signify a crown of holiness; a crosier, or shepherd's staff, to signify the bishop's role as guide of God's people.

One of the scripture readings during the ceremony - a passage read in Spanish from the Old Testament book of Jeremiah - emphasized how God does the shepherding of his people through his followers:

"To whomever I send you, you shall go; whatever I command you, you shall speak. Have no fear before them, because I am with you to deliver you, says the Lord. Then the Lord extended his hand and touched my mouth, saying, 'See, I place my words in your mouth!'"

After his ordination, Bishop Walkowiak presided over the consecration of the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ and communion to the faithful gathered in the Cathedral of St. Andrew in Grand Rapids.

Bishop David J. Walkowiak was born on June 18, 1953, in East Cleveland, Ohio. He is the son of Dr. John Walkowiak of Rocky River, Ohio and the late Virginia Walkowiak. He has three sisters who live in Ohio: Sue Hannon of Bay Village, Jan Striegl of Avon Lake and Carol Duffy of Westlake.

About 160 priests, bishops, cardinals and other clergy, as well as Walkowiak's friends and family, community leaders, diocesan staff and representatives from all 82 parishes in the diocese attended the ordination. The clergy processed into the cathedral past sword-bearing Fourth Degree Knights of Columbus at the start of the ceremony.

At the close of the Mass, Bishop Walkowiak thanked many of the assembled clergy as well as his family, and embraced his new role as bishop.

"I am eager to serve you, to work with you and to care for you in the days ahead," he said. "May God bless you, the holy people of this church, and my ministry among you."

In later conversations with Bishop Walkowiak, he expressed his thanks and appreciation for the large turnout of Fourth Degree Knights of Columbus. He truly felt their presence added to the beauty and solemnity of the day.

- Fr. Ronald Hutchinson

Biography

Bishop Walkowiak attended Saint Bernadette School in Westlake, Ohio and graduated from Saint Ignatius High School in Cleveland. His college studies took place at the University of Notre Dame, where in 1975 he earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in government and international studies.

He studied at Saint Mary Seminary in Cleveland and received a Master of Divinity degree in 1979. Following ordination to the priesthood June 9, 1979 by the late James Cardinal Hickey at the Cathedral of Saint John the Evangelist in Cleveland, he was assigned as associate pastor to Saint Mary Parish in Lorain, Ohio.

Bishop Walkowiak later studied canon law at The Catholic University of America in Washington, D.C. where he received the Licentiate degree in 1984 and the Doctorate degree in 1987. After completing his studies in 1986, Bishop Anthony Pilla assigned him to the faculty of Saint Mary Seminary in Cleveland and also appointed him vice chancellor of the Diocese of Cleveland.

In 1993 he began work as an adjutant judicial vicar for the appeals court of Cincinnati, Ohio; Steubenville, Ohio; and Washington, D.C. In 2006, Bishop Pilla appointed Bishop Walkowiak pastor of Saint Joan of Arc Parish in Chagrin Falls, where he served until June 2013.

He was appointed bishop of the Diocese of Grand Rapids by Pope Francis on April 18, 2013.

CIVICS 101
Constitution Day

Constitution Day commemorates the formation and signing of the U.S. Constitution by thirty-nine brave men on September 17, 1787. It recognizes all who are born in the U.S., or by naturalization, have become citizens.

On September 17, 1787, forty-two of the 55 delegates to the Constitutional Convention held their final meeting. Only one item of business occupied the agenda that day, to sign the Constitution of the United States of America.

Since May 25, 1787, the 55 delegates had gathered almost daily in the State House (Independence Hall) in Philadelphia to revise the Articles of Confederation. By the middle of June, it became apparent to the delegates



Independence Hall Philadelphia, PA

that to merely amend the Articles of Confederation would not be sufficient. Instead, they would write an entirely new document designed to clearly define and separate the powers of the central government, the powers of the states, the rights of the people and how the representatives of the people should be elected.

After being signed in September of 1787, Congress sent printed copies of the Constitution to the state legislatures for ratification. In the months that followed, James Madison, Alexander Hamilton and John Jay would write the Federalist Papers in support, while Patrick Henry, Elbridge Gerry, and George Mason would organize the opposition to the new Constitution. By June 21, 1788, nine states had approved the Constitution, finally forming "a more perfect Union."

No matter how much we argue about the details of its meaning today, in the opinion of many, the Constitution signed in Philadelphia on September 17, 1787 represents the greatest expression of statesmanship and compromise ever written. In just four hand-written pages, the Constitution gives us no less than the owners' manual to the greatest form of government the world has ever known.

The law establishing the holiday was created in 2004 with the passage of an amendment by Senator Robert Byrd to the Omnibus spending bill of 2004. Before this law was enacted, the holiday was known as "Citizenship Day". Iowa schools first recognized Constitution Day in 1911. In 1917, the Sons of the American Revolution formed a committee to promote Constitution Day. The committee would include

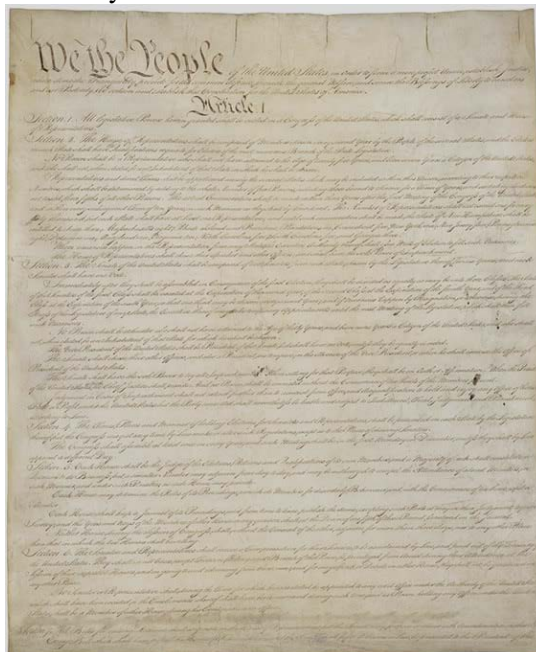
members such as Calvin Coolidge, John D. Rockefeller, and General John Pershing.

In 1939, William Randolph Hearst advocated, through his chain of daily newspapers, the creation of a holiday to celebrate citizenship. In 1940, Congress designated the third Sunday in May as "I am an American" Day. By 1949, governors of all 48 states had issued Constitution Day proclamations. On February 29, 1952, Congress moved that observation to September 17th and renamed it "Citizenship Day".

Louisville, Ohio, calls itself Constitution Town and credits one of its own for getting the holiday national recognition. In 1952, resident Olga T. Weber petitioned municipal officials to establish Constitution Day, in honor of the creation of the US Constitution in 1787. Mayor Gerald A. Romary proclaimed September 17, 1952, as Constitution Day in the city. The following April, Weber requested that the Ohio General Assembly proclaim September 17 as state-wide Constitution Day. Her request was signed into law by Governor Frank J. Lausche. In August 1953, she took her case to the United States Senate, which passed a resolution designating September 17-23 as Constitution Week. The Senate and House approved her request and it was signed into law by President Dwight D. Eisenhower. On April 15, 1957, the City Council of Louisville declared the city Constitution Town. The Ohio State Archaeological and Historical Society later donated four historical markers, located at the four main entrances to the city, explaining Louisville's role as originator of Constitution Day.

The space shuttle Enterprise was originally planned to be named Constitution. However, even after the name was changed, the Shuttle was dedicated on Constitution Day 1976.

Will your assembly be doing something to celebrate Constitution Day?



Right to Life Issues

No Taxes for Abortion Insurance

By working together we can keep our tax dollars and insurance premiums from paying for abortions as part of health care.

The federal health care reform law (Affordable Care Act) enacted in March 2010 requires that insurance exchanges be available in all 50 states by 2014. The ACA contains a special provision allowing the states to exclude abortion as a covered benefit. The petition drive needs to happen in 2013 so that Michigan can be ready for the federally required health exchanges which begin in 2014.

Michigan's Constitution allows **the people** to initiate legislation through a petition. This petition seeks to pass the **Abortion Insurance Opt-Out legislation**. The advantage of this approach is that the bill's language cannot be changed by the Michigan Legislature, nor can it be vetoed by the governor.

In order to propose this bill to the legislature, 258,000 valid signatures of registered voters must be gathered within 180 days. Once petitions are approved by the Board of Canvassers and submitted to the legislature, the legislature has 40 calendar days to act.

If a simple majority in both the House and Senate approves the bill, it becomes law without the governor's signature. The law would become effective ninety days after the end of the legislative session.

The goal is to collect signatures through the first week in September 2013. We will keep you posted as we get closer.

Make your voice heard by signing the petition, abortion is not health care.

ONLY MICHIGAN REGISTERED VOTERS MAY SIGN THE PETITION.

Petitions may **not** be signed online, downloaded, printed or copied. All petitions must come directly from **NO Taxes for Abortion Insurance**. Once you receive your petition, follow the directions below. Circulators must be sure to sign and date the CIRCULATOR section on the bottom right corner of the petition after gathering signatures and before mailing it back to **NO Taxes for Abortion Insurance**.

Can a church participate in collecting signatures? YES. Both the Internal Revenue Code (which regulates the tax-exempt status of churches) and Michigan Campaign Finance Act (which regulates petition drives) permit church participation in this type of signature drive.

What kind of church activity is permitted? Any petition drive activities that are incidental to the religious

objectives of a church are permitted, including:

- Signatures may be gathered in the church.
- Sermons or comments by a pastor or ministers during regular church services.
- Statements on the petition drive in church bulletins or newsletters.
- Mailings to church members regarding the petition drive.
- Use of church facilities for meetings.
- Distribution of Michigan's Voice solicitation envelopes during services.
- Collection of contributions for Michigan's Voice using Michigan's Voice solicitation envelopes during services.
- Direct contributions from the church general fund provided the church has not asked members to give to the church general fund specifically for the petition drive.

Please note: If your church directly solicits or receives into its general fund over \$500 for the purpose of funding the petition drive, the church must register to form a ballot question committee.

Therefore, individuals should make their donations directly to Michigan's Voice and not through a church's general fund. Gifts are not tax-deductible. While the Michigan Campaign Finance Act places no limits on church activity, the Internal Revenue Code requires that church involvement in the petition drive (and other issue lobby activity) not exceed an "insubstantial amount" of a church's total expenditure for religious purposes during the calendar year. Incidental church activity of 1% or less of a church's total budget should not affect the tax-exempt status of a church.

Looking for more information about successfully circulating NO Taxes for Abortion Insurance petitions? You can get more information and downloadable petitions by visiting:

<http://www.michigansvoice.com/>



You CAN'T be BOTH a Practicing Catholic AND Pro-Abortion!

COMMANDER'S CORNER

Soon Assemblies will be required to recertify their Color Corp / Honor Guard, how prepared is YOUR assembly? Have you inspected the regalia of your members to make sure it is in a good state of repair? Have you check to make sure baldric, capes and gloves are not stained? Are your mini jewels displayed correctly and do ALL your members have a lapel pin?

Now that you have made sure your Color Corp members are dressed appropriately and their appearance is worthy of representing the 4th Degree of our Order, it is time to focus on performing as a cohesive and impressive unit in order to add dignity and honor to the event in which the Color Corp has been invited.

The following is a list of commands that your Color Corp / Honor guard should be familiar with and practice so that your movements are synchronized and precise:

A. STATIONARY MOVEMENT - COMMANDS

1. Fall In
2. Atten (*Pause*) tion or Honor Guard (*Pause*) Attention
3. At Ease
4. Rest

B. FACING MOVEMENTS - COMMANDS

1. Right (*Pause*) Face
2. Left (*Pause*) Face
3. About (*Pause*) Face

C. COMMANDS FOR DRILL WITH SWORDS

1. Draw (*Pause*) Sword
2. Present (*Pause*) Sword
3. Carry (*Pause*) Sword
3. Return (*Pause*) Sword

POSITION OF ATTENTION

1. Assume the position of *Attention* on the command "FALL IN" or the command "Honor Guard / ATTENTION."
2. To assume this position, bring your heels together, with the toes pointing, forming an angle of 45°. Keep your legs straight without locking your knees. Hold your body erect and your shoulders square.
3. Let your arms hang straight, without stiffness, along your sides, curl your fingers so that the tips of the thumbs are alongside and touching the first joint of your forefingers. Keep your thumbs straight and along the seams of your trousers with your fingertips touching the trouser legs.
4. Keep your head erect and hold it squarely to the front with your chin drawn in so that the axis of your head and neck is vertical. Look straight to the front.
5. Rest the weight of your body equally on the heels and balls of your feet. Remain silent except when replying to a question or when directed otherwise.

DRAW SWORD

1. The command to draw the sword from the scabbard is "Draw, SWORD." At the preparatory command, "Draw," grasp the upper band of the scabbard with the left hand and tilt the scabbard mouth forward until the scabbard is at an angle of 45°, while pressing the left hand lightly against the left hip.
2. With the right hand, reach across the body and grasp the grip of the sword and withdraw the sword completely from the scabbard. Keep the head erect and the eyes forward throughout the draw movement.
3. As the point clears the mouth of the scabbard, release the scabbard with the left hand and with the thumb, forefinger and second finger grasp the point of the sword.
4. At the command of execution, "SWORD," lower the right hand down across the body, firmly holding the grip of the sword. With the left hand still holding the point of the sword, raise the sword upward and across the body, guiding the sword to the center of the shoulder, **guard flange to the right side.**
5. When the maneuver is complete the right arm should be as nearly extended as possible, elbow back, the grip of the sword clasped easily between the thumb and forefinger. The third and fourth fingers will be back of the grip. The flange will rest on the top of the thumb and forefinger.
6. At the same time allow the scabbard to return its normal vertical position and resume the light grip with the left fingers as in the position of *Attention*. This is the position of "Carry Sword" and is reached automatically without further command.

CARRY SWORD

1. With the sword drawn, the position of attention is identical to that described in the previous paragraph with the exception of the right hand.
2. The right hand is used to hold and control the sword as described herein for the position of Carry Sword.

PRESENT SWORD

1. The preparatory command for this order is "Present."
2. At the command of execution, "SWORD," raise and move the sword to the front, bringing the hilt of the sword to the center of the chin with the guard flange to the front.
3. As the sword is placed at the center of the chin, allow the flat side of the blade to nearly touch the tip of the chapeau making the swords for all of the unit consistent and in line, the thumb on the grip directly behind the guard and the remaining fingers grasping the grip firmly and the right elbow resting against the body.



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