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MASTER'S MESSAGE

Worthy Sir Knights and Lovely Ladies,

It doesn't seem possible that summer has already passed us by and autumn is now showing its colorful splendor. I hope everyone had a safe, relaxing and enjoyable Labor Day week end. Halloween is almost upon us followed by Thanksgiving and then the Christmas Season. I would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a relaxed and Happy Thanksgiving with family and friends!

The Installation of Officers for the 2013-2014 Fraternal Year has been completed. The Saginaw area Installation was conducted in late August in Essexville and Bad Axe. Also, the Saginaw area Color Corps was certified. The Grand Rapids area Installation was conducted September in Wyoming and Big Rapids.

The Fr. Hennepin Provincial Meeting will be October 12th and 13th at the Best Western Hotel and Conference Center in Sterling Heights. I look forward to seeing many of you there.

Former Vice Supreme Master George A. Dann's term of office expired August 31, 2013 and effective September 1, 2013, Sir Knight Donald L. Hall has been appointed Vice Supreme Master of the Fr. Hennepin Province by Supreme Master Dennis J. Stoddard and Supreme Knight Carl A. Anderson. VSM Don and Lady Elaine reside in Wintersville, Ohio which is in the southern part of the state.

Our next District Meeting is scheduled for Saturday, October 19, 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 with an agenda of items to be discussed. Please let me know if you want an item on the agenda.

The 10th Exemplification of Michigan District #4 will be held on Saturday, November 9, 2013 at the Double Tree Hotel and Conference Center in Bay City. Assemblies need to be working with the Councils and encouraging 1st Degree Brothers to become 3rd Degree and 3rd Degree Brothers to continue their journey to the 4th Degree.

The Class Honoree will be Former Vice Supreme Master George A. Dann and Lady Connie will also be recognized. Let's work together to make this our largest class yet to show our appreciation to FVSM George and Lady Connie for all that they have done for the Fr. Hennepin Province in the past four years. Also, we must all do our part to procure Ads for the Program Book to keep our District financially sound. To ensure this, we need each Assembly to purchase one ad and sell at least one Ad for the Program Book. We can never have too many Ads.

And finally, regarding Operation Patriotism in District #4, five Amigos have been purchased and delivered to the Aleda E. Lutz VA Hospital warehouse in Saginaw. Additional funds that were donated will be given to the VA Hospital to be ear marked for future maintenance of the Amigos. Presentation of the Amigos will coincide with the ribbon cutting ceremony of the entire new front entrance of the VA hospital at a later date when the renovations are completed. At that time, all Assemblies and Councils will be notified to participate in the presentation of these Amigos.

VIVAT JESUS!

Bob Krauseneck
Master
Michigan District #4



UPCOMING EVENTS

October 11th, 12th, & 13th Fall MI/ Tootsie Roll Drive
 October 12th & 13th Fr. Hennepin Provincial Meeting
 Best Western Hotel & Conference Center
 Sterling Heights, Michigan

October 14th Columbus Day

October 19th ... 4th Degree District #4, District Meeting
Sacred Heart Parish Center - Mt. Pleasant
(9:00 AM Registration, 10:00 AM Meeting,
12:00 PM Lunch)

October 31st Halloween

November 1st All Saint's Day
 Holy Day of Obligation

November 2nd All Soul's Day

November 3rd Daylight Savings ends
 Turn clocks back one hour at 2:00 AM

November 5th Election Day

November 9th District #4 Exemplification
Double Tree Hotel and Conference Center
One Wenonah Park Plaza
Bay City, Michigan 48708

November 11th Veteran's Day

November 15th Opening Day Firearms Deer Season

November 28th Thanksgiving Day

December 1st 1st Sunday of Advent

December 1st Form # 1728A Fraternal Survey sent
 out to members

December 1st Dues notices sent out to members

December 8th 2nd Sunday of Advent

December 9th **Feast of the Immaculate Conception**
 Holy Day of Obligation

December 15th 3rd Sunday of Advent

December 21st 1st day of winter

December 22nd 4th Sunday of Advent

December 24th Christmas Eve

December 25th Christmas Day
 Holy Day of Obligation

December 31st New Year's Eve



DISTRICT EVENTS OF NOTE

- **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.

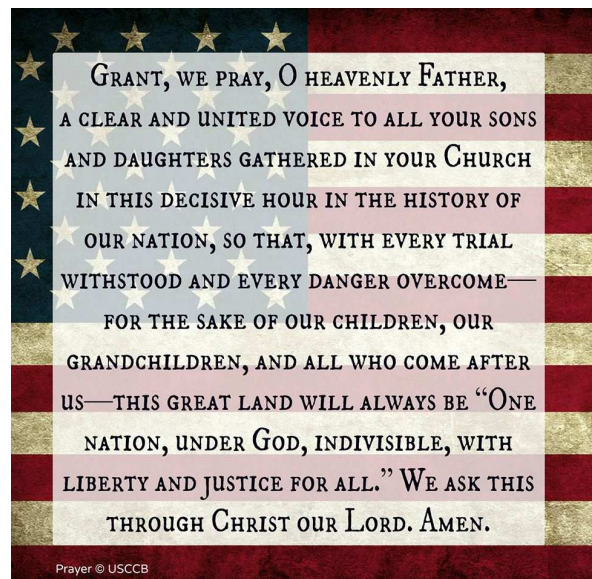
- **There will be a District Meeting on Saturday, October 19th** - Sacred Heart Parish Center - Mt. Pleasant (9:00 am Registration, 10:00 am Meeting, Noon Luncheon, 1:00 pm Staff and Degree Team Meeting, 2:00 pm Adjourn)

- **On Saturday, November 9, 2013, Michigan District #4 will be hosting a 4th Degree Exemplification.**

Bishop Murphy Assembly #491 will be the host Assembly and FVSM George A. Dann will be the Class Honoree. The Exemplification, Ladies Program and Friday and Saturday Evening Banquets will take place at the Double Tree Hotel, One Wenonah Park Plaza, Bay City, Michigan 48708. Mass will be at St Stanislaus Kostka Church, 915 S. Grant St. in Bay City.

The Double Tree Hotel in Bay City is our host hotel. For those coming from out of town and wishing lodging, you may phone the hotel at 1-989-891-6000 or 1-800-222-TREE no later than November 2, 2013 for reservations. The K of C room rate is \$89.00 plus taxes.

- **On Saturday, May 3, 2014, Michigan District #4 will be hosting the spring 4th Degree Exemplification.** Bishop Frederic Baraga Assembly #474 will again host an Exemplification. This will be the sixth Exemplification in nine years that the assembly has hosted. It will be held at the St. James Parish Center in Montague. More details will be provided at the District Meeting.



FRIAR'S FORUM

As a church, we began the "Year of Faith" in October 11, 2012, with Pope Benedict XVI, and will conclude this year on November 24, 2013 under the leadership of Pope Francis I. Although this special year spans two different papacies, there is no break in the sense of importance for this year by both popes. This is clearly reflected in each of their writings concerning this "Year of Faith".

Through his Apostolic Letter, *Porta Fidei*, Pope Benedict reminded how we must rediscover the beauty of faith. "Ever since the start of my ministry as Successor of Peter, I have spoken of the need to rediscover the journey of faith so as to shed ever clearer light on the joy and renewed enthusiasm of the encounter with Christ".

We want this Year to arouse in every believer the aspiration to profess the faith in fullness and with renewed conviction, with confidence and hope. It will also be a good opportunity to intensify the celebration of the faith in the liturgy, especially in the Eucharist, which is 'the summit towards which the activity of the Church is directed; ... and also the source from which all its power flows.' At the same time, we make it our prayer that believers' witness of life may grow in credibility. To rediscover the content of the faith that is professed, celebrated, lived and prayed, and to reflect on the act of faith, is a task that every believer must make his own' especially in the course of this "year".

Through his First Encyclical, *Lumen Fidei*, Pope Francis reaffirms Pope Benedict's call. "There is an urgent need, then, to see once again that faith is a light, for once the flame of faith dies out, all other lights begin to dim. The light of faith is unique, since it is capable of illuminating every aspect of human existence. A light this powerful cannot come from ourselves but from a more primordial source: in a word, it must come from God." "Faith illumines life and society. If it possesses a creative light for each new moment of history, it is because it sets every event in relationship to the origin and destiny of all things in the Father."

I have enjoyed reading each the writings of the Popes on this "Year of Faith". Faith is essential for Christian life. Thus it is essential for the life of a Knights of Columbus member. We can never take our faith for granted, but rather we must nurture it upon the Word of God and upon reflections and writings such as these from the Holy Fathers. We must also steadily pray for a strong, vibrant faith in our lives and in the lives of our leaders, church and civil, fellow Christians, and family members.

During this "Year of Faith", I have made a particular prayer my own and have prayed it regularly at Mass as a conclusion to the Prayers of the Faithful. It comes from Our Sunday Visitor: "Holy God, we thank you for the gracious gift of faith. With the apostles before us, we ask that you open our hearts to the power of your Word and

increase our faith that we may be bold followers and joyful witnesses to the message and mission of your Son, Our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen."

As you read this article, I am sure that you are aware that the time during this "Year of Faith" is growing short. Please consider taking the time to locate and read these papal writings on the "Year of Faith" as a way to nurture your faith. They can be found online, www.annusfidei.va, under the tab, Magisterium. Consider joining with me in making this prayer for an increase of faith your own. Each of these will have an effect upon your life that will last beyond this special year into the rest of your life.

Fr. Bill Rutkowski
District Friar

Please Remember in Your Prayers



SK Michael Talicska, SK James Mason FDD, SK Dan Lewis, SK Raymond & Lady Rosemary Reinhold, SK Gene Kendra, SK Sergio Cusion, Lady Joan Romanowski, Lady Billy Jo Grossenbacher, Laura Crawford (daughter of George Walrath Master District #2) and Maureen Pointek.

Fr. Phil Witkowski; Fr. Don Tufts, 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 Mark Currie, Lady Gwen Rich (widow of Former Master James Rich), Lady Navora Cusion (wife of SK Sergio Cusion), SK Harry Wasmund, Shirley Dipzinski (mother of Lady Connie Dann) and Lionel "Rad" Radofski.

"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."



CIVICS 101 Veteran's Day

World War I – known at the time as “The Great War” - officially ended when the Treaty of Versailles was signed on June 28, 1919, in the Palace of Versailles outside the town of Versailles, France. However, fighting ceased seven months earlier when an armistice, or temporary cessation of hostilities, between the Allied nations and Germany went into effect on the eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month. For that reason, November 11, 1918, is generally regarded as the end of “the war to end all wars.”

In November 1919, President Wilson proclaimed November 11 as the first commemoration of Armistice Day. The original concept for the celebration was for a day observed with parades and public meetings and a brief suspension of business beginning at 11:00 a.m. The United States Congress officially recognized the end of World War I when it passed a concurrent resolution on June 4, 1926, with these words:

Whereas the 11th of November 1918, marked the cessation of the most destructive, sanguinary, and far reaching war in human annals and the resumption by the people of the United States of peaceful relations with other nations, which we hope may never again be severed, and

Whereas it is fitting that the recurring anniversary of this date should be commemorated with thanksgiving and prayer and exercises designed to perpetuate peace through good will and mutual understanding between nations; and

Whereas the legislatures of twenty-seven of our States have already declared November 11 to be a legal holiday: Therefore be it Resolved by the Senate (the House of Representatives concurring), that the President of the United States is requested to issue a proclamation calling upon the officials to display the flag of the United States on all Government buildings on November 11 and inviting the people of the United States to observe the day in schools and churches, or other suitable places, with appropriate ceremonies of friendly relations with all other peoples.

On May 13, 1938, the 11th of November of each year was made a legal holiday- officially known as "Armistice Day." Armistice Day was primarily a day set aside to honor veterans of World War I, but in 1954, the 83rd Congress, at the urging of the veterans service organizations, amended the Act of 1938 by striking out the word "Armistice" and inserting in its place the word "Veterans." With the approval of this legislation (Public Law 380) on June 1, 1954, November 11th became a day to honor American veterans of all wars.

On October 8, 1954, President Dwight D. Eisenhower issued the first "Veterans Day Proclamation which stated:

"In order to insure proper and widespread observance of this anniversary, all veterans, all veterans' organizations, and the entire citizenry will wish to join hands in the

common purpose. Toward this end, I am designating the Administrator of Veterans' Affairs as Chairman of a Veterans Day National Committee, which shall include such other persons as the Chairman may select, and which will coordinate at the national level necessary planning for the observance. I am also requesting the heads of all departments and agencies of the Executive branch of the Government to assist the National Committee in every way possible."

In 1958, the White House advised VA's General Counsel that the 1954 designation of the VA Administrator as Chairman of the Veterans Day National Committee applied to all subsequent VA Administrators. Since March 1989 when VA was elevated to a cabinet level department, the Secretary of Veterans Affairs has served as the committee's chairman.

The Uniform Holiday Bill (Public Law 90-363 (82 Stat. 250)) was signed on June 28, 1968, and was intended to ensure three-day weekends for Federal employees by celebrating four national holidays on Mondays: Washington's Birthday, Memorial Day, Veterans Day, and Columbus Day. Many states did not agree with this decision and continued to celebrate the holidays on their original dates.

The first Veterans Day under the new law was observed with much confusion on October 25, 1971. It was quite apparent that the commemoration of this day was a matter of historic and patriotic significance to a great number of our citizens, and so on September 20th, 1975, President Gerald R. Ford signed Public Law 94-97 (89 Stat. 479), which returned the annual observance of Veterans Day to its original date of November 11, beginning in 1978. This action supported the desires of the overwhelming majority of state legislatures, all major veterans' service organizations and the American people.

Veterans Day continues to be observed on November 11, regardless of what day of the week on which it falls. The restoration of the observance of Veterans Day to November 11 not only preserves the historical significance of the date, but helps focus attention on the important purpose of Veterans Day: A celebration to honor America's veterans for their patriotism, love of country, and willingness to serve and sacrifice for the common good.



Right to Life Issues

Michigan's abortion industry is Unchecked, Out of Control

Problems:

- In Michigan, only 4 of 30 surgical abortion clinics are licensed and inspected.
- Some abortion clinics in Michigan have operated for decades and have never been inspected.
- In numerous cases, abortion clinics have thrown the bodies of aborted babies in common trash dumpsters.
- The abortion industry is not held to the same health and safety standards as other medical providers.

Solution:

House Bill 5711 is an omnibus bill, also known as the ProLife Bus. The purpose of the ProLife Bus is to hold the abortion industry to the same health and safety standards as other medical providers. Patients' safety must be put ahead of abortion profits.

- **Humane Disposal of Aborted Babies**
House Bill 5711 will require clinics to handle the remains of aborted babies in a dignified and sanitary manner.
- **Coerced Abortions**
HB 5711 will end the all too common experience of women being coerced into having an abortion. It is not acceptable to threaten a pregnant woman with physical violence or financial pressure because she chooses life for her baby.
- **Webcam Abortions**
HB 5711 will prevent a new and disturbing trend in the abortion industry of doctors prescribing the abortion chemical RU-486 to their patients over the Internet. Abortion doctors never physically see or examine the women, but "consult" with them using a webcam.
- **Holding Bad Doctors Accountable**
HB 5711 will require abortionists with a history of harming women to carry a minimum amount of malpractice insurance. HB 5711 focuses only on abortionists with the worst track records – including those who have been successfully sued for abortion injuries at least twice before.

Action is Needed!

Hold the abortion industry accountable

The Michigan House has already overwhelmingly approved HB 5711 (70-39 vote).

- **Contact your state senator in Lansing to encourage a YES vote on HB 5711.**

- **Share this information with friends and family members. Find your state senator at www.senate.michigan.gov**

Learn more about life-saving legislation at www.rtl.org

Information provided is from Michigan Right to Life website

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



Souvenir Program Ads

Has your Assembly sold an ad yet???

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.

Many assemblies ask the councils that they draw members from to share in the cost of a full page ad that would support the assembly and the members from their councils. Others assemblies also solicit ads from businesses that have long supported K of C functions. The ad costs are as follows:

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

**All ADS MUST BE TURNED IN BY SUNDAY
OCTOBER 20, 2013**

See the Michigan District #4 web site for an ad form and directions for sending in your forms.

"But it is as scripture says: what no eye has seen and no ear has heard, what the mind of man cannot visualize, all that God has prepared for those who love him."

~ 1 Corinthians 2:9

COMMANDER'S CORNER

Now that the Color Corp / Honor Guards of both dioceses have been certified by the Master of Michigan District #4 and his Marshalls, there have been some issues that have consistently surfaced over the past two years of certifications. The Commander's Corner articles to help eliminate many of these issues, but more importantly to help each assembly's Color Corp to look smart, act professional, and suitably represent your brother Sir Knights to the rest of the world.

Although we actively encourage (and need) as much participation of our members in the Color Corps, **we are obligated to make sure that those who participate in a Color Corp event are dressed appropriately, dressed in regalia suitable for public display, and who are properly trained.** It is the responsibility of the Navigator and his Commander ensure members are trained and properly dressed each and every time the Color Corp falls out for an event.

The following are the main issues with member's regalia. Please keep in mind these issues were consistently a problem for both sets certifications and it cannot be stressed enough that Navigators and Color Corp Commanders **MUST** do a better job at policing these issues.

1. Capes that are discolored or stained that should be replaced.
2. Capes that had snags and should be either repaired or replaced
3. Capes that were wrinkled needed to be steamed or dry cleaned.
4. Chapeau plumes that are discolored or flat and needed to be replaced.

Another issue that was consistently point out was that commands were not completed in synchronization. Commands are two parts: preparatory / execution. This is to allow members to prepare for their movement and then move in unison. The following is a list of commands that your Color Corp / Honor guard should be practicing so that your movements are synchronized and precise:

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

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

RETURN SWORD

1. At the preparatory command "Return," grasp the point of the sword with the left fingers. At the same time grasp the scabbard near the mouth with the left hand, thumb on the mouth of the scabbard and tilt it forward. Slide the point of the sword into the scabbard.
2. At the command of execution, "*SWORD,*" Turn the head slightly to the left, fixing the eyes on the opening of the scabbard, raise the right hand sufficiently to insert the blade of the sword and return it into the scabbard.
3. Once the sword is in the scabbard, turn the head to the front and drop the hands as in the position of "Attention".



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