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## \*MASTER'S MESSAGE\*

Worthy Sir Knights and Ladies,

The fall season will be here in just a few days. Thank goodness we had a rather decent summer even though it was somewhat wet. I hope that

everyone had a nice Fourth of July and Labor Day holiday week end with family and friends. Now we have Halloween, Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays to look forward to.

At our District Meeting last April in Mt. Pleasant, a motion was passed that our District project "Operation Patriotism" for the new Fraternal Year beginning July 1, 2015, was to donate \$3,500 to the Grand Rapids Veterans Home and \$3,500 to the Veterans Hospital in Saginaw for whatever their needs are. The suggested donation per Assembly was \$300.00 and we would need to complete this project by June 30, 2016. Checks can be made out to 'K of C Michigan District 4' and sent to the District Comptroller, Robert Godi. Be sure to put "Operation Patriotism" in the memo line.

Also, keep in mind the "Military Chaplains Scholarship Program". This was a five year project initiated by Supreme asking each Assembly to contribute \$50.00 for each of the five years. The national goal of \$2 million has been met and now Supreme is asking all of the Councils and Assemblies to contribute another 10% (or \$200,000). Please do what you can to make this a success.

The "Installation of Officers" in District 4 has been completed in both dioceses. Thank you for your cooperation and outstanding hospitality.

The next District 4 Exemplification will be held on Saturday, November 7, 2015 at the Double Tree Hotel in Bay City. Bishop Murphy Assembly #491 will be the

Host Assembly. WE NEED CANDIDATES TO MAKE THIS EXEMPLIFICATION A SUCCESS!!! The Class Honoree is Saginaw Diocesan Chaplain Fr. James Wm. Bessert. Ads for the Program Book are needed to keep our District financially sound. We need each Assembly to purchase and/or sell at least one Ad for the Program Book to do this. We can never have too many Ads.

Looking ahead, the District 4 spring Exemplification will be in Grand Rapids on April 16, 2016. The Class Honoree will be the Most Reverend David J. Walkowiak - Bishop of the Grand Rapids Diocese. The Host Assembly and location of the Exemplification will be announced at a later date.

The annual Provincial Meeting will be at the Kalahari Resort and Conference Center in Sandusky, Ohio. If anyone is interested in attending but has not registered yet, please do so as soon as possible. It will be October 2 through October 4, 2015. An informational package was mailed to all the Navigators and Comptrollers.

The Second Annual Bike Benefit Run in Grand Rapids took place July 18, 2015. Despite the weather, it was a great success netting \$10,500. The Grand Rapids Veterans Home was in need of two large and three small blanket warmers. Sir Knight David Reese was able to locate a company that can refurbish used blanket warmers and through negotiations was able to acquire all five refurbished blanket warmers including shipping charges for a total of \$10,460.00. What a major accomplishment. The delivery and presentation will take place in the near future.

Another Motor Bike Benefit Run in the Grand Rapids Diocese is being planned for next year. This is a major undertaking and many more volunteers are needed. If interested in helping, please contact SK David Reese or Faithful Navigator Dale Korson.

VIVAT JESUS!

SK Bob Krauseneck  
District Master  
Michigan District #4



**\*UPCOMING EVENTS\***

- October 2<sup>nd</sup> – 4<sup>th</sup> ..... Fr. Hennepin Provincial Meeting  
Kalahari Resort and Conference Center  
Sandusky, Ohio
- 9<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, & 11<sup>th</sup> ..... Fall MI/ Tootsie Roll Drive
- October 12<sup>th</sup> ..... Columbus Day
- October 31st ..... Halloween
  
- November 1<sup>st</sup> ..... All Saint's Day  
Holy Day of Obligation
- November 1<sup>st</sup> ..... Daylight Savings ends  
Turn clocks back one hour at 2:00 AM
- November 2<sup>nd</sup> ..... All Soul's Day
- November 3<sup>rd</sup> ..... Election Day
- November 7<sup>th</sup> ..... District #4 Exemplification  
Double Tree Hotel and Conference Center  
One Wenonah Park Plaza  
Bay City, Michigan 48708
- November 11<sup>th</sup> ..... Veteran's Day
- November 15<sup>th</sup> ..... Opening Day Firearms Deer Season
- November 26<sup>th</sup> ..... Thanksgiving Day
- November 29<sup>th</sup> ..... 1st Sunday of Advent
  
- December 1<sup>st</sup> ..... Form # 1728C Fraternal Survey sent  
out to members
- December 1<sup>st</sup> ..... Dues notices sent out to members
- December 6<sup>th</sup> ..... 2nd Sunday of Advent
- December 8<sup>th</sup> ..... Feast of the Immaculate Conception  
Holy Day of Obligation
- December 13<sup>th</sup> ..... 3rd Sunday of Advent
- December 21<sup>st</sup> ..... 1st day of winter
- December 20<sup>th</sup> ..... 4th Sunday of Advent
- December 24<sup>th</sup> ..... Christmas Eve
- December 25<sup>th</sup> ..... Christmas Day  
Holy Day of Obligation
- December 31st ..... New Year's Eve



*All Saints' Day*

*"In my trouble I cried to the Lord,  
And He answered me." ~ Psalms 120:1*

**\*DISTRICT EVENTS OF NOTE\***

- **The Fr. Hennepin Provincial Meeting is October 2nd - 4th** at the Kalahari Resort and Conference Center, 7000 Kalahari Drive, Sandusky, Ohio 44870. For information please visit the Fr. Hennepin Provincial web site.
- **The next District 4 Exemplification is scheduled for Saturday, November 7, 2015 at the Double Tree Hotel in Bay City.** Bishop Murphy Assembly 0491 will be the Host Assembly.
- **The Form #1728C Fraternal Survey needs to be completed and filed by January 31, 2016.** It is recommended that you send it out with the dues notices to your members in December so you have time have your members provide you with their information, compile the numbers and file the form. **Please send the copy to the District Master instead of the Vice Supreme Master.** The District Master will review it and forward the form to the Vice Supreme Master.
- **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.



*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**

Your ads and checks can be sent to:

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



## \*FRIAR'S FORUM\*

My Brother Knights,

The visit of Pope Francis to the United States has generated a lot of excitement. Rightfully so. This was the first Apostolic Journey by Pope Francis to the United States. From the time that he was elected Pope there has been a renewed papal appeal in the hearts of Catholics and non-Catholics alike. I myself have heard many times from various people that the style, enthusiasm, and teachings of Pope Francis are striking a positive chord with them. I have not seen this level of interest in the Pope since the time Pope John Paul II was elected and in prime health at the beginning of his papacy. I am happy to see the renewed openness to the Pope, to seeing him and to hearing what he has to say.

There are three stages to a Papal Visit. The first is the excitement of the Pope being in the country. *"The Pope is coming! The Pope is coming!"* Immediately, various Dioceses and Parishes began making plans to journey to see the Pope. For months, the Diocese of Saginaw and various parishes in the Diocese had been steadily organizing trips to get interested parishioners to Philadelphia for this leg of the Pope's visit. The visit to Philadelphia takes on a special connection to the Saginaw Diocese since this is where Bishop Cistone grew up and served as a priest and bishop until he came to Saginaw in 2009. The various cities and sites of the Papal visit had to work hard so as to be ready for this special guest.

The second is the experience of the having the Pope in the country. *"The Pope is here! The Pope is here!"* The news media goes wild, following every step of the Pope and striving to capture every word the Pope says. They are poised to analyze, comment, and critique everything. Catholic pride manifests itself in the staunch as well as periphery Catholics. Protesters also come forth hoping to push their agendas too. Underlying all of this activity is a sense that someone special is with us. It is more than just the presence of the head of the Catholic Church, it is the hope of hearing a message that somehow touches and affects our lives as individuals and as a nation.

The third is the reflection on what effect the Papal visit will have on our Church and country. Will the Pope's homilies at the Papal Masses bring encouragement to Catholics and Christians alike? Will the President and Congress be open to hear what the Pope has to say? What effect will the Papal visit have upon the Bishops who will meet with him? Will the Pope's presence have a rippling effect on Vocations to the Priesthood and Religious Life? Will the Papal visit be the impetus for some non-practicing Catholics to return to active participation in the Church? Time will tell what effects this Papal visit will have upon the Church in America.

Two events during this Papal visit that hopefully will not get overlooked are the Canonization of Junipero Serra

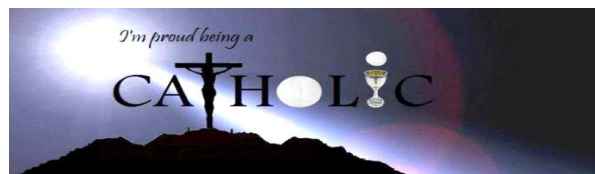
and the World Meeting of Families.

- Pope Francis will canonize Junipero Serra at a Mass on September 23 at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington DC. "Junipero Serra was born in 1713 in Majorca, Spain. After working as a missionary in Sierra Gorda and Mexico City, Serra was sent to California. Serra established his first mission, San Diego de Alcalá, in 1769. He built eight more missions over the next thirteen years. He is credited with helping the Spanish establish a presence in California. He died in 1784 at Mission San Carlos Borromeo de Carmelo, in Carmel, California." Under his patronage, Serran Clubs sprang up in 1935 and have spread into 37 countries with 20,000 members worldwide. Their mission is to foster and promote vocations through prayer, awareness, affirmation and support." (from websites: Junipero Serra and Saginaw Serra Club)
- "From September 22-27, 2015, families from around the world will gather in Philadelphia to pray, learn, and celebrate the gift of the family. *"Love Is Our Mission: The Family Fully Alive"*, is the theme of the World Meeting of Families, emphasizing the impact of the love and life of families on our society. The World Meeting of Families is the world's largest Catholic gathering of families." (from USCCB website on World Meeting of Families) Pope Francis will celebrate Mass on September 27, marking the conclusion of the World Meeting of Families in Benjamin Franklin Parkway, Philadelphia.

The focus of each of these events is not foreign to the Knights of Columbus: promoting religious vocations and the promotion of family life. These issues are near and dear to the hearts of our fellow Knights. It is my hope that there will be a renewed sense of the significance of religious vocations and family life impressed upon each of us as fellow Knights by these Papal visit events. Each is important to the life of the Church. Each finds itself attacked by the modern world. So each of us must do our part, as individuals and as Councils and Assemblies, to promote these sacred callings and gifts from God.

Take time to reflect upon this recent Papal visit by Pope Francis to our Country. Go out of your way to look up and read the messages that he spoke while he was here. Take his challenges to heart and put his calls into action. We are privileged to have this special man be the "Vicar of Christ" to lead and guide us in our Catholic Faith.

Fr. Bill Rutkowski,  
District Friar



## Please Remember in Your Prayers



Prayer Requests

SK Vern Miron FMFD, SK Thomas Helferich, SK Raymond & Lady Rosemary Reinhold, Lady Rose Butch (wife of SK Bill Butch), SK Ron Goody, R. Martin Poleni PSD, all the priests & clergy, and all of our service men and women here and overseas.

Please pray for the families and the soul of SK Dean Krol DD

*"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."*



## \*Right to Life Issues\*

### What Can We Do Help End Abortions

What you can do to help defund Planned Parenthood? A series of recent undercover videos expose Planned Parenthood for who they really are, the nation's largest provider and promoter of abortion. Even some people who call themselves "pro-choice" may wonder what they can do to prevent their money from supporting fetal organ sales at Planned Parenthood. Here are a few ways that you can get involved and help defund Planned Parenthood.

- Share the videos on social media (Twitter, Facebook, etc.) so that people know the truth about Planned Parenthood; don't let them continue to survive behind a public relations shield.

[http://www.rtl.org/prolife\\_issues/pp-videos/index.html](http://www.rtl.org/prolife_issues/pp-videos/index.html)

- Contact your legislators and tell them you support defunding Planned Parenthood and a thorough investigation into their organ harvesting. Planned Parenthood should not be receiving more than \$500 million in taxpayer dollars every year to kill unborn children and sell their body parts.
- Get connected with your local Right to Life of Michigan affiliate. The fight against Planned Parenthood will take a long-term, sustained effort.

- Circulate the Petition to End Dismemberment Abortions.

[http://media.rtl.org/pdf/Dismemberment\\_Abortion\\_Petition.pdf](http://media.rtl.org/pdf/Dismemberment_Abortion_Petition.pdf)

State-wide educational campaign imparts the value of every life. The Right to Life of Michigan Educational Fund state-wide campaign, the compassion project, includes TV spots and short films featuring women who share why they are pro-life. These women bring a quiet voice to a noisy debate. Their life experiences convey a fresh perspective to an ongoing discussion: Is abortion justified in certain circumstances?

Right to Life of Michigan President Barbara Listing said, "Those in favor of abortion have pointed to survivors of rape to justify legalized abortion. There is a preconception that women who become pregnant from rape want to abort their children. This is a false stereotype not supported by fact. To counter this misconception, Right to Life of Michigan launched the compassion project. The women featured in the compassion project share why they believe rape should not be used as a reason to justify abortion."

Share these ads with people and encourage them to visit the Right to Life of Michigan website to see the short films. You can use the Right to Life of Michigan YouTube channel to share the ads through email and social networking. The short films can be found here.

<http://www.rtl.org/compassion/index.html>



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



## \*CIVICS 101\*

### Principles of American Democracy

#### 1. What is the supreme law of the land?

- *The Constitution*

The Founding Fathers of the United States wrote the Constitution in 1787. The Constitution is the “supreme law of the land.” The U.S. Constitution has lasted longer than any other country’s constitution. It establishes the basic principles of the United States government. The Constitution establishes a system of government called “representative democracy.” In a representative democracy, citizens choose representatives to make the laws. U.S. citizens also choose a president to lead the executive branch of government. The Constitution lists fundamental rights for all citizens and other people living in the United States. Laws made in the United States must follow the Constitution.

#### 2. What does the Constitution do?

- *sets up the government*
- *defines the government*
- *protects basic rights of Americans*

The Constitution of the United States divides government power between the national government and state governments. The name for this division of power is “federalism.” Federalism is an important idea in the Constitution. We call the Founding Fathers who wrote the Constitution the “Framers” of the Constitution. The Framers wanted to limit the powers of the government, so they separated the powers into three branches: executive, legislative, and judicial. The Constitution explains the power of each branch. The Constitution also includes changes and additions, called “amendments.” The first 10 amendments are called the “Bill of Rights.” The Bill of Rights established the individual rights and liberties of all Americans.

#### 3. The idea of self-government is in the first three words of the Constitution. What are these words?

- *We the People*

The Constitution says:

*“We the People of the United States, in Order to form a more perfect Union, establish Justice, insure domestic Tranquility, provide for the common defence, promote the general Welfare, and secure the Blessings of Liberty to ourselves and our Posterity, do ordain and establish this Constitution for the United States of America.”*

With the words “We the People,” the Constitution states that the people set up the government. The government

works for the people and protects the rights of people. In the United States, the power to govern comes from the people, who are the highest power. This is called “popular sovereignty.” The people elect representatives to make laws.

#### 4. What is an amendment?

- *a change (to the Constitution)*
- *an addition (to the Constitution)*

An amendment is a change or addition to the Constitution. The Framers of the Constitution knew that laws can change as a country grows. They did not want to make it too easy to modify the Constitution, the supreme law of the land. The Framers also did not want the Constitution to lose its meaning. For this reason, the Framers decided that Congress could pass amendments in only two ways: by a two-thirds vote in the U.S. Senate and the House of Representatives or by a special convention. A special convention has to be requested by two-thirds of the states. After an amendment has passed in Congress or by a special convention, the amendment must then be ratified (accepted) by the legislatures of three-fourths of the states. The amendment can also be ratified by a special convention in three-fourths of the states. Not all proposed amendments are ratified. Six times in U.S. history amendments have passed in Congress but were not approved by enough states to be ratified.

#### 5. What do we call the first ten amendments to the Constitution?

- *The Bill of Rights*

The Bill of Rights is the first 10 amendments to the Constitution. When the Framers wrote the Constitution, they did not focus on individual rights. They focused on creating the system and structure of government. Many Americans believed that the Constitution should guarantee the rights of the people, and they wanted a list of all the things a government could not do. They were afraid that a strong government would take away the rights people won in the Revolutionary War. James Madison, one of the Framers of the Constitution, wrote a list of individual rights and limits on the government. These rights appear in the first 10 amendments, called the Bill of Rights. Some of these rights include freedom of expression, the right to bear arms, freedom from search without warrant, freedom not to be tried twice for the same crime, the right to not testify against yourself, the right to a trial by a jury of your peers, the right to an attorney, and protection against excessive fines and unusual punishments. The Bill of Rights was ratified in 1791.



## \*COMMANDER'S CORNER\*

### Communication with Celebrants

Perhaps you have a Corporate Communion scheduled, complete with Color Corp, in just a few short weeks. As the Color Corp Commander, you'll want to make sure that you have taken care of the following:

- Communicate with the celebrant of the mass to see if swords may be drawn in church.
- Secure permission to escort the gift bearers.
- Ask if there is a second collection or any special event (such as the blessing of a couple celebrating their wedding anniversary), and if so, when during mass will this occur.

Some Commanders choose to email these questions to the priest a couple of weeks in advance. This is an effective planning tool, especially because many of our priests are traveling from one parish to another, and their time is often at a premium.

### Reserving pews for Color Corp

Estimate the number of CC that will be participating and reserve space for them in the back pews, on both sides of the center aisle, if possible. Be sure that you have secured permission from the head usher.

### Lining up the Color Corp

When the Marshal is not present and the Commander is in charge, the host Commander takes point and lines up the Color Corp in two columns as follows:

Host Commander  
Masters  
Former Masters  
Commanders  
Faithful Navigators  
Past Faithful Navigators  
Red Capes (shortest to tallest)

### Processing into church

Once the Color Corp is lined up and are ready to process into the church by way of the center aisle, the Marshal or CCC gives the signal to draw sword, carry sword, and then march. (Make sure all of your CC members know that we always start with our left foot.)

The M or CCC, followed by the CC, marches to the front of the church. When the M or CCC reaches the front pew, he stops and waits for a few seconds until all of the CC have reached their places next to their respective pews. Now the M or CCC (only) goes to present sword, venerating the altar. Next, the M or CCC goes to carry sword and does an about face. This is the Color Corp's cue to go to center face.

As the altar servers begin to process down the aisle, the M or CCC gives the signal to go to present sword. All swords should be held straight up and down, at such a height that CC members are looking just over the guard. Swords should slightly touch the front of the chapeau. Anyone looking down the aisle at the CC should see straight vertical lines of swords. As the celebrant passes by the two CC at the end of the line, these two simultaneously go to carry sword, take a step toward each other, and then they turn toward the altar. This same process is repeated by each pair of CC as the celebrant passes them. When the celebrant has passed by the M or CCC, all CC should be two abreast, facing the altar. As the celebrant bows and kisses the altar, all CC bow at the same time. Both columns will go to their pews in the back of the church, by way of their respective side aisles.

### Practices

Commanders should schedule practices throughout the year. One thought is to hold practice either before or after monthly assembly meetings.

Commanders are responsible for providing a sign up sheet for any and all Color Corp events.

### Appearance

It is important that each Color Corp member looks sharp, therefore:

- Capes that are discolored or stained should be replaced.
- Capes that have been damaged should be repaired or replaced
- Capes should be free of wrinkles
- Chapeau plumes that are discolored or worn need to be replaced
- Baldrics and gloves that are stained or discolored should be replaced

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