

The District Sentinel



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MASTER'S MESSAGE



Worthy Sir Knights and Ladies of Michigan District 4:

Lady Dee and I have thoroughly enjoyed getting to know more of you during the past months. Your hospitality and your

cooperation continues to be an inspiration. Together, we are doing some Incredible things in Michigan District 4. God bless,

Dale

DATES TO REMEMBER

Ash Wednesday February 22
District Meeting March 25
Palm Sunday April 2
Good Friday April 7
Easter Sunday April 9
Spring Exemplification April 29

The Spring District Meeting is scheduled for Saturday, March 25, 2023 at Sacred Heart Academy in Mount

Pleasant. Registration begins at 9:30 am. The meeting is at 10:00 am. There will be a Ladies Meeting with Dee at the same time. All Assembly Officers, members, and Ladies are welcome!! We will have a great meal together after the meeting. Ladies, please bring a dish to pass.

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"Let every nation know, whether it wishes us well or ill, that we shall pay any price, bear any burden, meet any hardship, support any friend, oppose any foe to assure the survival and the success of liberty."

John F. Kennedy

If your Council or Assembly is requesting Honor Guard for an event, or if you know that your priest would like Honor Guard, please contact:

Saginaw Diocese: Worthy Sr Marshal Frank Sniecinski f1405s@sbcglobal.net 989-225-2558

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THE NEXT THREE EXEMPLIFICATIONS ARE SET

Saturday, April 29, 2023 in Bay City at the Parish
Center at OLC St. Stanislaus Kostka
Saturday, October 28, 2023 in Grand Haven at
St. Patrick's

Saturday, April 13, 2024 at the Doubletree in Bay City

One of the Assemblies featured in this newsletter is Fr. T.J. O'Connor Assembly, #495, from Mount Pleasant. In addition to the great charitable works that the members of this Assembly do, this is the group of Sir Knights that make sure that the doors of Sacred Heart Academy are open and that the coffee is on for the start of our District Meetings. These Sir Knights are to be thanked for all of their "behind the scenes" efforts to make sure that our meetings go on without a hitch. In particular, "Thank You" to PFN Steve Stressman, HG Commander, Jose' Reyes, and Jim Wilmot.

Honor Guard from Fr. T.J. O'Connor Assembly #495, Mount Pleasant at the Corporate Communion at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in August 2022 in Mount Pleasant.

Pictured is: Honor Guard Commander Jose' Reyes, Jack Burtovoy, Tom Turner, and Past Faithful Navigator Steve Stressman. Thank you to Helen Reyes for sharing this picture.



District 4 was well represented by its Honor Guard members at the 2022 Special Olympics Summer Games Opening Ceremony on June 2, 2022 at Central Michigan University.

Pictured at the right are the Commanders of the Assemblies featured in this newsle tter:

Commander Jose' Reyes from Fr. T.J. O'Connor, #495, Mount Pleasant Commander George Groll from Fr. Solanus Casey, #2773, Big Rapids



Fr. Solanus Casey Assembly #2773 Big Rapids

Assembly #2773 has organized volunteers for the Grand Rapids Home for Veterans for many years. To name just one, in June of 2022, Dick Hurst, a member of #2773, worked with the chaplain of the Grand Rapids Home for Veterans to create a volunteer assistance program to provide help for residents to attend mass at the Home on Sundays.

The picture to the right is of the Patriotic Rosary celebrated by Assembly #2773 on July 3, 2022 at the Grotto on the grounds of St. Michael's Parish in Remus. Pictured (at the back, from the left) District Marshal Dale Korson, and Master of District 4 Keith Woodrum. In the front row, from left to right, HG Commander Paul Crystler from #3360, Greenville, PFN Mike Pigorsh, #2773 and HG Commander George Groll.





Assembly #2773's Annual Memorial Mass for deceased members was on November 13, 2022 at St. Paul's Catholic Church, Big Rapids.

Pictured: PFN Norm Jonas, Randy Maxwell, HG Commander George Groll, Fr. Jaeger, Master Dale Korson, Allen Hunt, and Faithful Navigator Lonn Rauch



LADY DEE'S CORNER

Hello to all Ladies of the Fourth Degree:

No complaints from me about this mild winter that we have had. It made it much easier for Dale and to travel to several assemblies and get to know many more of you!

We are building on what we learned from the first part of Dale's term. Thank you so much for your patience, help, and support. It means the world to me! I hope to see you at the District Meeting in Mount Pleasant on March 25 and at our second Exemplification In Bay City on Saturday, April 29, 2023.

Blessings, Dee

A clean heart create for me, O God, and a steadfast spirit renew within me.

Cast me not out from your presence, and your holy spirit take not from me.

Give me back the joy of your salvation, and A ;o willing spirit sustain in me.

Psalms 51: 12-14

NEW SUPREME MASTER APPOINTED

Following the retirement of Dennis Stoddard on March 1 of this year, the Knights of Columbus Board of Directors appointed Supreme Director, Michael McCusker, a past State Deputy of Tennessee, to lead the Fourth Degree as the Supreme Master. He will continue in both roles.

The new Supreme Master's picture and additional information is in the March 2023 Columbia magazine on page 7.

STAR ASSEMBLY AWARD

Do you think that your Assembly might be "in the running" for the Star Assembly Award? If so, make sure that::

- ⇒ Your Assembly has met it's membership quota
- ⇒ The following forms have been submitted:
 - Form #186, Report of Officers Chosen
 - -Form #1315, Annual Assembly Audit Report
 - -Form #1728, Annual Survey of Fraternal Activity
- ⇒ Your Assembly communicates monthly with members by way of a newsletter or a bulletin
- ⇒ The Civic Award is earned by your Assembly by submitting the application to Supreme no later than June 30
- ⇒ Your Assembly enters the "To Be A Patriot" competition

It's important to note that while one of The Civic Award events is to be used as your Assembly's To Be A Patriot entry, this chosen event will need to be held by April 30. This is because your Assembly's To Be A Patriot entry must be submitted to the Master by April 30. He will then submit the top District entry to the Vice-Supreme Master by May 15. The Vice-Supreme Master will select the top entry at the Province level and will send it on to Supreme by May 31.

I think that several of the Assemblies in our District are close to Star Assembly status. Please check this out and pursue this. Let me know how I can help.

Speak in such a way that others love to listen to

you...

Listen in such a way that others love to speak to you!



Borrowed from Assembly #2210's January Newsletter

FN Antonio Rodriquez