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NAVIGATOR'S NOTES

Sir Knights Ladies and families,

We are well into the winter months and it is bringing us closer to our next exemplification on March 17th in Saginaw. I started to think of my exemplification in Muskegon when I came into the order. I thought of how much fun I had and all the information I received. Then I remembered how much more I got out of going to the next one as a member, not a candidate. I learned so much more the second time around. I would like you to ask yourself the question, "When was the last time I went to an exemplification?" If you haven't been to one in a while it would be a good idea to attend this next one. There have been a few changes and it's a great chance to take your Lady away for the weekend. For our single members it is a great chance to enjoy fraternity with our fellow Sir Knights. It is just one way to show our support for the Order and to encourage our new Sir Knights. I hope that you will take the opportunity to go to Saginaw and bring a candidate into our ranks.

While I am on the subject of the exemplification, we are looking for advertisements for the souvenir book. I would really appreciate any help that you can give in this area. This time the ads will be run in both the spring and fall exemplification booklets. Last spring, at the Jenison exemplification we sold the most ads and it would be nice to do it again in Saginaw. Remember the worst that will happen is the business, person, council or church can say is no. If you have any questions feel free to contact me or the editor of the news letter.

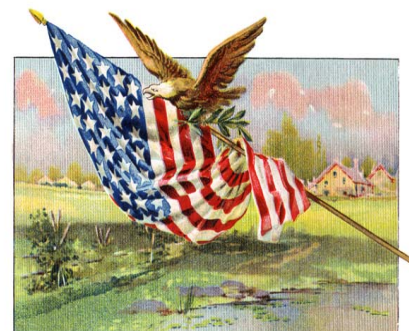
This brings me to an opportunity for service for our members. We need to start thinking about our slate of officers for the 2012 – 2013 Fraternal Year. Please consider taking an active role in leading this Assembly. I am relatively new as a member of the 4th Degree and as a member of the Knights of Columbus as well, yet I have seen both councils and assemblies who scramble each year to find "warm bodies" to fill officer positions. I would NEVER want to see that in our assembly, I think it would be great to have at least two candidates for each office in our next election. There is too much talent in our Assembly to ever not have less than two men running for an office.

Speaking of having too much talent not to have positions filled, we still need someone to take over the Bishop Crier as Editor. SK Tom Ketchum is doing a great job filling in temporarily, but we need someone to step up to the challenge of this important position in the assembly. Please contact me about taking this position full time.

In Closing I would like to thank all of you for your continued support and for all the wonderful friendships that I have made. I am sure that all of the requests that I have made will be taken care of in the finest tradition of this assembly.

Yours in Christ,

Garret A. Kelenske PGK
Faithful Navigator



*For mothers, wives and children, for home and country pride
Our flag will guard the freedom Of land and ocean wide.*

***FEBRUARY**

BIRTHDAYS*

SK Patrick McCarthy	8th
SK Samuel Cerniglia.....	17th
SK Richard J. Hancock	23rd
SK James Walkenhorst	26th
SK William Berns	27th
SK Michael Schulist	28th
SK Michael Lewis	28th

***FEBRUARY**

ANNIVERSARIES*

SK Tony Schaub & Lady Kathy	16th
SK William Van Derworp & Lady Patricia	16th

UPCOMING EVENTS

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

February 1 st	National Freedom Day
February 2nd	The Presentation of the Lord
February 2 nd	Ground Hog Day
February 12 th	Lincoln's Birthday
February 14 th	Valentines Day
February 19 th	Washington's Birthday
February 20 th	President's Day
February 22nd	Ash Wednesday
February 28th	4th Degree Meeting
	Dan M. Kennedy Council # 706 to host 7:30 PM

March 10th	District #4 District Meeting
	Sacred Heart Parish Hall, Mt. Pleasant 9:00 AM
March 11 th	Daylight Savings begins
March 17 th	St. Patrick's Day
March 18th	Business Meeting 7:00 PM
March 20 th	First Day of Spring
March 25th	Annunciation of the Lord
March 25th ...	Knights of Columbus Day of the Unborn
March 27th	4th Degree Business Meeting
	George J. McCarthy Council # 2975 to Host 7:30 PM
March 29th	Founders Day

Please Remember in Your Prayers

Fred Groendyk Sr.; Dr. Dave Tomczak, Bill Stein; Dan & Evelyn Lewis; Dan Pulos; Gene Kendra; Fr. Don Tufts; all our priests & clergy, and all of our service men and women here and over seas.



ASSEMBLY EVENTS OF NOTE

The next Exemplification will be held Saturday **March 17, 2012 in Saginaw**. It will be held at the **Center for Ministry**, 5800 Weiss St. in Saginaw. The **host hotel will be the Ramada Inn & Suites**, located at 3325 Davenport Ave. The contact number for the hotel is 1-989-793-7900 or 1-800-654-3309. A standard room will be \$69.00 + Tax and suites are available for \$79.00 + Tax.

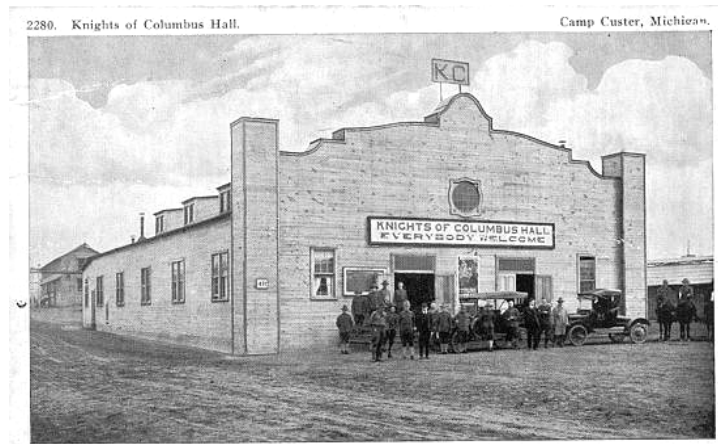
If there is someone you think would make an excellent Sir Knight, please take the time to ask him if he ever considered taking that next step.

DUES NOTICES

Dues notices have been sent; I trust you all will remember the importance of keeping your dues current.

Dues may be sent to: Roger Roult
Faithful Comptroller
1044 Drexel Rd.
Muskegon, MI 49441

During the April Exemplification at St. Thomas Aquinas School in East Lansing, one of our members lent a Social Baldric and 4th Degree Pin to SK Paul Miller of Bishop Albers Assembly #496. SK Miller did not get our member's name; but he has returned these items. We would like to get them to the correct Sir Knight. Please contact FN Garret Kelenske if this is your social baldric and pin.



Knights of Columbus Hall, Camp Custer 1918, located in Kalamazoo County, outside of Augusta, Michigan, 4 miles west of downtown Battle Creek.

All articles for the newsletter need to be received by the Editor no later than the 15th of each month. If you have a change of address, e-mail, phone number, or other pertinent information, please notify the Faithful Comptroller so that our files can be updated accordingly.

Faithful Friar's Forum

How do you think of God the Father? In addition to the fact that we refer to Him as the Creator? Do we recognize the Father as a Loving Father? Sadly, many do not. Far too many think of the Father as a somewhat removed, distant Father at best, or worse as the condemning judge of the Last Judgment. Many think of Jesus as our protector who will stand between us and the Father to protect us from Him. "Easy Abba," Jesus will say. "This one is Ok. I have died for this one and he/she has accepted me as Lord and Savior. You can let this one in." How did we ever come up with such a distorted view of God our Father? Nothing could be farther from the truth!

Remember the exchange between Philip and Jesus at the Last Supper. Philip said to Jesus, "Master, show us the Father." Jesus replied, "Philip, have I been with you for so long and you still do not know Me? Whoever has seen Me has seen the Father!" (comes from John 14)

We profess our belief in the Trinity. Three persons one God. Jesus repeatedly told his disciples (and us!) that He and the Father are one. And every Christian knows that the Father so loved the world that He sent His only begotten Son, not to condemn the world, but to save it.

It is impossible for Him to love you more. He loves you every bit as much as Jesus does. He wants you with Him in heaven every bit as much as Jesus does. And, like Jesus, who has promised to remain with us until the end of the world, the Father is also here with you. God our Father loves you perfectly and totally. How blessed we are! Seek to know the Father better. Pray to Him. Go to Him. Love Him. He is waiting, longing for you.

God is a loving father. He is our Father as Jesus himself taught. He loves us every bit as much as Jesus does. In Isaiah 49:15, God is trying to reach us, to teach us about His great love. God turns to what we know and asks, "Can a mother forget her infant, be without tenderness for the child of her womb?" The most powerful, enduring love we see in the natural world is the love of a mother for her child. "Even should she forget," our Father assures us, "I will never forget you!"

Unfortunately, we know that sometimes a mother "forgets" the child of her womb. The painful reality of abortion and some of the homeless street children bears testimony to this truth. Yet God never forgets, never abandons us even when we forget Him, even when we deliberately abandon Him. God understands our weaknesses. He has given us the means to get up when we fall, to be forgiven when we sin, to grow stronger when we suffer weakness. God's grace flows out to us through His seven sacraments. And the greatest gift, the means of

securing our salvation, despite our failures, is the Cross, the Blood of Jesus poured out for us and upon us in both the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass and in the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

Saint Teresa declared, "We should remember with what love He has bestowed all these favors upon us, and how enormous is the love God has revealed to us...for love begets love." Let us remember that frequently contemplating the extent of God's love for us does great good to our souls. When we contemplate the love of God, love is roused in us and awakens us to greater love.

God bless you. ~ Fr. Tom



Right to Life Issues

Lord God of all creation,

Father of the human family and source of all life, we give you thanks for the gift of life in this world and the promise of life eternal. Inspire and guide all people of good will to defend and promote the dignity of human life from the first moment of conception until last breath.

We pray that all people might recognize the responsibilities that come with the resources of contemporary technology. As we use these gifts, may we always act in accord with your plan of love for the human family.

We ask this through Christ, your Son who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God forever and ever.

Amen

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



CIVICS 101

The Bill of Rights

When adopting the United States constitution on September 17, 1787, the convention of various states demands certain changes to avoid misuse of political powers. However, many citizens were of the opinion that the amendments were not necessary. There were two groups, the Federalists, who were against the bill of rights and the Anti-Federalists, who wanted the bill of rights. Following these issues and after being motivated by many leading Americans, the First United States Congress proposed twelve amendments on September 25, 1789, of which the last ten were ratified simultaneously by three-fourths of the state legislatures.

The first article (unratified) dealt with the number of seats that were to be allotted for each of the representatives; whereas, the second article (ratified in 1992 as the 27th Amendment) dealt with increasing the salaries and compensations of congressmen. The ratified rights constitute the first ten amendments of the United States Constitution. And since they are concerned with the freedom and rights of citizens, they are collectively referred to as the Bill of Rights. By 2006, a total of 27 amendments were added to the US constitution. The following info focuses on the Bill of Rights of the United States.

First Amendment:

- Freedom to exercise any religion (Congress should not enact any law in favor of establishing a religion)
- Freedom of speech
- Freedom of press
- Right to assemble peacefully
- Right to petition for redress of grievances

Second Amendment:

- Right to keep and bear arms

Third Amendment:

- Prohibition of quartering of troops (without the consent of the owner)

Fourth Amendment:

- Prohibition of search (papers, persons, houses) and seizure without reason

Fifth Amendment:

- Prohibition of arrest for answering any capital or infamous crime
- Protection from double jeopardy
- Prohibition of taking private property for public use

Sixth Amendment:

- Protection of rights of the accused
- Permission for trial by jury
- Right to counsel

Seventh Amendment:

- Compulsory civil trial by jury (according to common law)

Eight Amendment:

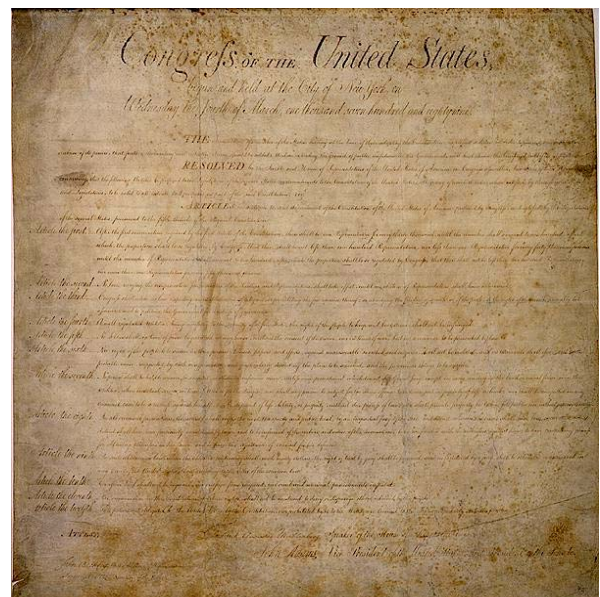
- Protection from excessive bail
- Prohibition of imposing excessive fines
- Prohibition of cruel and unusual punishments

Ninth Amendment:

- Preservation of certain rights that are not enumerated in the Bill of Rights, but are retained by the people

Tenth Amendment:

- Reservation of certain powers to the states and/or people who are not delegated to the national government by the US constitution



Thus, the amendments outlined on how the new US government should be created and/or operated. Among the ten amendments of the Bill of rights, the First Amendment is considered to be the most important one, as it guarantees basic rights to the US citizens. To be precise, the Bill of Rights were enacted in order to grant liberties to individual citizens, and also, to protect people from the state and national governments. Overall, the importance of the Bill of Rights is to safeguard the US citizens.

Actually, the Bill of Rights were based on the Massachusetts Bay Colony's Body of Liberties, that were enacted in 1641. Though the Bill of Rights came into effect only on 15 December, 1791, James Madison, the fourth President of United States, introduced them on June 8, 1789 to the First United States Congress. For his priceless contribution, James Madison, also one of the Founding Fathers of the United States, is honored as the "Father of the Constitution". The other leading proponents of the Bill of Rights are Thomas Jefferson and Alexander Hamilton.

Exemplification Info

The Spring 4th Degree Exemplification for Michigan District #4 will be Saturday March 17, 2012 in Saginaw, MI. at the "Center for Ministry" located at 5800 Weiss St. in Saginaw.

Exemp Itinerary

Saturday the schedule for men at the Center of Ministry is as follows:

10:00 AM – 11:00 AM - Candidate Registration

11:00 AM – 12:00 AM – Men's Lunch

12:00 AM – 12:30 PM – Exemplification begins in the Anti-Chamber

12:30 PM – 2:30 PM – Exemplification in Chamber

2:30 PM – 3:30 PM – Class Picture outside weather permitting

3:45 PM – 4:00 PM – New Sir Knights be seated and Dignitaries Line up for Mass at St. Thomas Aquinas Parish on State Street

4:00 PM – 5:00 PM – Mass at St Thomas Aquinas Parish

5:30 PM – 6:00 PM – Social gathering and seating for Masters Banquet at the Center for Ministry

6:00 PM – 6:30 PM – Introduction of Guests and Dignitaries and Invocation

6:30 PM – 7:30 PM – Master's Banquet

7:30 PM – 8:30 PM – Toastmaster's Program

9:00 PM – 12:00 AM – Hospitality Room at the Ramada Inn and Suites

Saturday the schedule for the Ladies program to be held in the Davenport Grill at the Ramada Inn and Suites is as follows:

10:30 AM – 11:30 AM - Registration

11:30 AM – 1:30 PM – Ladies Lunch and Program

3:45 PM – 4:00 PM – New Sir Knights and their Ladies be seated at St. Thomas Aquinas Parish and Dignitaries Line up for Mass

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Exemp Check List

Taking care of a few things ahead of time should make your Exemplification experience a memorable one. Please take a minute to go through these various steps to make sure you have accounted for everything.

- You must have your **CURRENT** 3rd Degree Membership Card or you will not be allowed to participate. Your council should have as a part of standard operation procedure, have issued you a card in addition to your plastic Honorary Life membership card.
- **Your attire for the Exemplification will be black tuxedo jacket, white tuxedo shirt with lay down collar, black slacks, black dress socks and black polished shoes.** If you show up at the Exemplification with a butterfly collar tux shirt or soiled / yellowed Social Baldric, you will be asked to purchase new items on site.
- **Google, Mapquest or use Yahoo Maps to get directions** and drive times to the hotel and church. All events except the Mass will be held at the hotel. If you would like, we can try to make arrangements for you to share a ride with another member.
- **Register early.** You will receive tickets for your lunch, dinner for you and your spouse / guest, and you will receive your spouse / guest to attend the Ladies Program. **YOU MUST MAKE ARRANGEMENTS TO GET YOUR SPOUSE HER TICKETS**

Exemp Costs

Candidate Initiation Fee : \$60 / \$70 including class photo
Dinner:

Candidate Spouse - \$30

Member - \$30

Member Spouse - \$30

Ladies Program - \$16 (includes lunch)

Member Lunch - \$10

Candidate Lunch - included with fee



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