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"Pray For The Unborn"

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Grand Knight's Message

Bothers,

EASTER MESSAGE

Most times in the past several months the message here has been about the Knights of Columbus. This time the message will be different because there is something much bigger and more important that we must recognize and devote our attention to and that is LENT. Beginning with Ash Wednesday and for forty days thereafter we should focus our attention on the importance of LENT, what it means to each and every one of us. Our behavior during this most holy time and what we are going to do during lent to recognize our own shortcomings with our religion and what we can do to improve ourselves and become better Catholics and better representatives of our religion. I will not get into more detail here because in each of our parishes there are priests substantially more qualified than me who can and will lead us through this time.

Brothers let us make an extra effort to focus on all we see and hear in church including during our reconciliations. Let us try to understand the message we convey with our words as well as the messages being directed to us. Every day of LENT the Holy Spirit wants to move us toward a deeper faith, a faith that strengthens our love for Jesus and other people.

The best outcome we can have going through the Lenten period is that on the Monday after Easter we reflect on our actions of the previous forty days and feel more knowledgeable about our religion, feel closer to God, be more honest with ourselves and know that we are the best Catholics we can be.

Vivat Jesus,

Bob Krempa, GK

Wishing you and your Families a Happy, Holy, Blessed Easter!!



3rd Degree News

IMMEDIATE ACTION NEEDED

My Brothers,

In our daily mail we sometimes get these envelopes with " Immediate Action Needed " written on the front. We tend to ignore the content in these letters because we know that it's just another advertisement. This plea for **IMMEDIATE ACTION** is real. Please don't ignore it.

Your council is in trouble and it needs you. Very soon it will become necessary to nominate a slate for the upcoming year. We need members to step up and help with some of the officer's positions and members to attend meetings vote and help make some of the decisions. This can't happen unless card carrying members of the Knights of Columbus come to the meetings.

I realize that our membership is older, and many members have held offices and worked very hard for the Knights of Columbus for many years, but our immediate problem cannot be fixed by new members. New members can't hold officer positions. This is a difficult time. Our religion is under attack and the Knights of Columbus is going through major changes. It's easy to focus on the negative and use it as an excuse not to get involved but don't make that choice. Instead choose to help us and save Council 1839. All it takes is for each member to think about the positive aspects of the Knights of Columbus volunteer for one of the open positions and attend a few meetings in the upcoming year. We all have a few hours a year. We really do.

I refuse to believe an organization that was founded for the very purpose of helping people and has grown to a world-wide membership of over 1,800,000 and a local membership of 159 men can't help itself and get 25 or 30 members to every meeting.

Help us continue our good work in the community by re-activating your participation in the Knights of Columbus today.

4th Degree News

Sir Knights,

With the new uniform requirement becoming a fixed rule in July there is much discussion about what to do with the Color Corps. I think we should continue to honor our deceased members at wakes and funerals, to provide an honor guard for the Bishop at Confirmations and First Communions, serve at memorial services, and at other functions internal to the assembly area in our old regalia. However, I am not sure we should give up our other functions in the outside the area, public unctions if you will, like parades, exemplifications and the pilgrimage to Auriesville after July first of this year. I would like to continue to honor our veterans and our country as we have always done. This could be done in or out of uniform. Others are of the opinion that we should not do things like Auriesville and demonstrate to Supreme the consequences of their mandate on the requirement of allowing only the new uniform at ceremonies involving the fourth degree. I don't think they have thought out what a Fourth Degree exemplification would look like in areas where assemblies are twenty plus miles apart with members who have limited or fixed incomes as opposed to urban areas where assemblies are within two or three miles and incomes are in the upper middle class. I don't believe they have considered the ramifications of their mandate on an event like Auriesville at which Corp members from small urban and rural assemblies all participate. If a Fourth Degree Exemplification occurs after July first of this year, I say that we follow the mandate on the new uniform and see "the pageantry of the assembled Corps in the new uniform". I say we do the same at Auriesville to see the "magnificent display of pageantry of the grand assembly of the Corps from the local area in their new uniforms." Sometimes you need to show the powers that be what the consequences of their mandates are.

Vivat Jesus!

Jerry Staeuble, FN

Color Corps Events

- Sunday, March 24 Confirmation at Church of the Holy Family, Endwell
Mass at 2:00PM; Corps should assemble at 1:30 PM
- Wednesday, April 3 Confirmation at Our Lady of Sorrows, Vestal
Mass at 7:00 PM; Corps should assemble at 6:30 PM
- Saturday, June 22 Fourth Degree Exemplification at St. Mary's Church, Hudson, NY
Degree starts at 1:00 PM; Corps participants should assemble at 11:00 AM for instructions

Newsletter Information

The next newsletter is scheduled to be distributed by June 1; input is due by May 25 if at all possible.

If you would like to help reduce our costs for printing and mailing the quarterly newsletter, please consider signing up for receiving the newsletter via email. If you would like to do so. Please contact Alan Kline at kline.alan@gmail.com

Calendar of Events

Date	Event	Time	Location
Mar 11	1st Degree Meeting	7:30 PM	OLGC - Council 1839 Room
Mar 17	Central Chapter Meeting	2:00 PM	Rome, NY
Mar 18	4th Degree Meeting	7:30 PM	OLGC - Council 1839 Room
Mar 24	Confirmation	2:00 PM	Holy Family, Endwell
Mar 25	Video series on the Popes & Papacy	7:30 PM	Council 1839 Social Room
Apr 3	Confirmation	7:00 PM	Our Lady of Sorrows, Vestal
Apr 8	1st Degree Meeting	7:30 PM	OLGC - Council 1839 Room
Apr 15	4th Degree Meeting	7:30 PM	OLGC - Council 1839 Room
Apr 21	HAPPY EASTER !!		
Apr 22	Video series on the Popes & Papacy	7:30 PM	Council 1839 Social Room
May 13	1st Degree Meeting	7:30 PM	OLGC - Council 1839 Room
May 30	4th Degree Meeting	7:30 PM	OLGC - Council 1839 Room
May 27	Video series on the Popes & Papacy	7:30 PM	Council 1839 Social Room
Jun 22	Fourth Degree Exemplification	1:00 PM	St. Mary's Church, Hudson, NY

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