

Patriot Report



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From the District Master

To Be A Patriot

First, let me introduce myself; my name is Richard Lowery. I am a Past State Deputy of Nebraska and as of September 1, 2018 I am humbled and proud to have been appointed District Master of the 4th Degree. Many of you know Gail and I and our family. For those of you that don't know us we look forward to meeting you as we travel to events throughout the State. For those that do know us we look forward to renewing old friendships. I am overjoyed to once again be able to serve you, my fellow Sir Knights and Brother Knights during these next two years. Before I go any farther I must stop and not only acknowledge but thank FDM and PSD Jim and Linda Haiar for their dedicated and outstanding service to Knights and their families throughout this great state over the last four years. This is the second time I have been fortu-

nate enough to follow in Jim's footsteps and I hope with God's help to continue his great work.

Today patriotism, both nationally and in our faith, is difficult. In the press we constantly see one side pitted against the other with seemingly little care for who is in the middle. In our Church we are saddened by the exposure of actions by a few priests that tear both at our minds and our hearts. Many are confused. Some want to turn away. Others are looking for any glimmer of light. Worthy Sirs, we can be that light. As the visible "strong right arm" of the Church, how we live our lives, what we say and what we do can be guiding lights to those who are searching. If we follow in the path of Christ and let him shine in us, his radiance will show forth and guide others to him. To be a patriot has never been easy. Simply saying "I believe" is not enough. We must take a stand.

We must be supportive of the good and the right. We, as Knights of Columbus, will never condone harm, physical or mental, to any other person. But we will, and we must, stand firm for what is good and right and true in the Church that Christ founded on the Rock. He said "the gates of hell shall not prevail against it." We must trust and believe that! Our stance will not be easy or at times popular but we must be willing to sacrifice and offer our sufferings for the greater good. I ask you today to look for Catholic families who need our support and who can help us build that strong foundation and ask them to join our Order or to become a 4th Degree member. Through Charity, Unity, Fraternity and Patriotism we can and will be the "strong right arm of the Church." Vivat Jesus

Combining Traditional and New Uniform for Honor Guards

As we continue to transition to the new uniform there will be many occasions where both the traditional and new uniforms are present

This combination of Chapeaux and Cape with Beret can present some challenges. Following are some suggestions to make the transition a little easier and to help the Honor

Guard function more like a single unit.

When both new and traditional uniform are present, those in new uniform should lead the Honor Guard in rank order from highest to lowest followed by those in traditional regalia in rank order from highest to lowest.

The order is as fol-

lows; District Marshal, Color Corp Commander, District Master, Assembly Faithful Navigator, other current and past faithful navigators and then general members.

The Honor Guard should lead the liturgical process.

If the Ordinary or celebrant (continued on page 3)

Degree Cost Increase



In today's world, costs continue to increase and exemplifications are no exception. The cost of the social baldric and 4th degree pin have continued to inch up over the past few years without a corresponding increase in the fees that are charged.

In order to continue providing a quality exemplification to each candidate it is necessary to institute a price increase effective September 1, 2018.

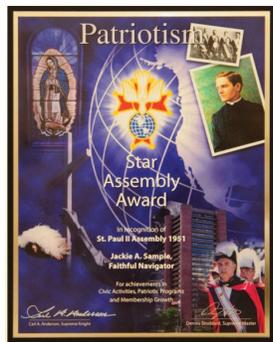
The maximum amount that will be paid for a

candidate's dinner by the District Master is \$15.

The exemplification cost for a new candidate is \$70 which includes the cost of the meal.

The cost of the social baldric with suspenders is \$10 for a total of \$80. If the candidate would prefer to have a social baldric with pin attachment the cost is \$5 for a total of \$75.

The invitation letter should state these individual costs so the candidates are informed of the cost upfront.



Star Assembly, Civic and Patriotic Awards

You have heard about Star Councils but did you know there is a Star Assembly award? First given for the 2015-2016 fraternal year this award recognizes excellence in Assembly programs. To be eligible Assemblies must earn the Civic Award and enter the "To Be A Patriot" competition. Assemblies must also meet their membership quota of 7%, submit the Report of Officers form #186, Annual Survey of

Fraternal Activities form #1728 and Annual Audit Report #1315. Assemblies must also publish a monthly news letter.

The Civic Award, form 2321, reports at least four varied patriotic programs during the fraternal year.

The "To Be A Patriot" award recognizes the three best patriotic programs conducted by Fourth Degree Assemblies each fraternal year. Assemblies must submit their

single best project using form #TBP-2.



Membership

Growing membership in our Order is the foundation of all that we do. If we do not continue to increase our membership we will not have the strength to support our Church, our Priests and our Charitable and Patriotic works.

The only way that the 4th degree can grow is for Councils to grow and for new members to complete their journey to Knighthood so that they can be invited to take the final step into the Patriotic

degree of our Order.

To do this Assemblies must work with Councils to help them grow their membership and in turn encourage Council members to take their 4th degree.

To help build this partnership I will be asking the Faithful Navigator or a representative to attend Knighthood degrees in their area. Each Faithful Navigator should have received a short script that can be read at the end of the

Knighthood degree to welcome new members and to encourage them to take their 4th degree.

After each Knighthood degree I will send welcome letters to the new Knighthood degree members and will also send a list of those members to area Assemblies so that you can follow up with them.

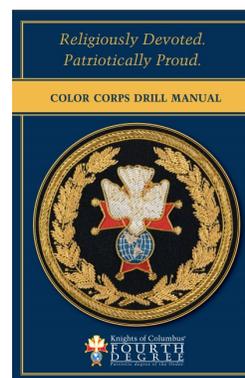
Combining Traditional and New Uniform for Honor Guards (cont)

determines that the Honor Guard Should not lead the procession then their wishes should be followed.

Once the Honor Guard is positioned at their seats, either at the end of each pew or in the back row, swords should be sheathed and then Berets and Chapeaux should be removed and remain off until the end of Mass. Berets should be tucked under the belt on the right side under the jacket or placed on the seat. Chapeaux should be placed on the seat. Hands should be placed in a prayer position.

The use of swords at the consecration will be determined by the wishes of the Ordinary of each diocese. Information about their decision will be forwarded to each assembly as soon as it is received. The Pastor/Celebrant or Master of Ceremonies should always be consulted to verify the use of swords. If swords are used at the consecration when the Celebrant elevates the Eucharist and the Precious Blood swords are simply tilted forward with the bottom of the sword coming toward the chin at about a 45 degree angle.

Gloves may be worn or removed for reception of Holy Communion. This MUST be a uniform decision for all members of the Honor Guard. If gloves are left on EVERYONE must receive on the tongue. If gloves are removed Sir Knights may choose how to receive the Eucharist. Gloves are removed at the Angus Dei (Lamb of God) and put back on after returning to the seat. Berets and Chapeaux are put on at the beginning of the closing prayer.



[Color Corps Drill Manual](#)

Social Baldric—Yes or No

There is a great deal of confusion in regard to the use of the social baldric with the new regalia.

The new uniform for Honor and Color guards consists of a Navy Blue Blazer with the Fourth Degree emblem, Gray trousers, Fourth degree necktie, Black Beret with Fourth degree metal badge, plain white dress shirt, plain black belt, black socks and black shoes, official lapel pin and miniature jewels.

Social baldrics are not to be worn at any time with the new regalia.

The official dress is required for Honor and Color Guards. However, the official dress is not required for social functions. A formal function could include a dark suit and tie or a tuxedo, as well as the new regalia. If a member wears a suit or tuxedo they can and should wear the social baldric under their jacket. When worn with a suit and tie, the baldric should go

over the tie so that the emblem of the order is visible.



Safe Environment Training

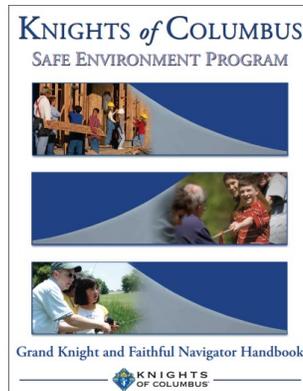
The unfortunate reality is that today, more than ever, it is vitally important that we as the Knights of Columbus, are at the forefront in protecting our youth.

This means being aware of our situations and surroundings and making sure that there is never an opportunity for harm, mental or physical or even the appearance of an opportunity that could lead to embarrassment and misunderstanding.

To that end I am encouraging each Faithful Navigator to take the Save Environment Training offered by our Supreme Council. This training, along with a background check, is required for any Faithful Navigator whose Assembly sponsors a Squires Circle. It is also required for the Chief Counselor and any other Counselors associated with the Circle. I would also encourage any other Sir Knight that is interested to take the course.

I have provided a link to the Grand Knight/Faithful Navigator Handbook for your reference.

If you do not have a Squires Circle take the course under the heading For All Other Members and use the registration code kofcsafe to start the process.



[Safe Environment Handbook](#)

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Standing Firm in Support of the Order

Knights of the Patriotic Degree are dedicated to the personal development and continued honor of brother Knights. We are always there to offer leadership, guidance, and encouragement.

Proudly Serving the Country

Knights of the Patriotic Degree glorify God by serving our communities and nations as though Christ were the one being served.

Unwavering Support of the Faith

Knights of the Patriotic Degree hold unwaveringly to what is right and honorable, working to keep God in the civic arena, serving the life of the Church, and defending laws that recognize the sanctity of life and true religious liberty.

Honoring the Legacy of Knighthood

The Color Corps is an elective division of the Patriotic Degree that presents a visible reminder of our service to the community.

Pope Pius XII Assembly #608
Fourth Degree Exemplification & Annual Banquet
St. Michael's Catholic Church

2:00 P.M. Registration 2:30 P.M. Patriotic Degree Begins/Women's Program Begins

5:00 P.M. Mass in St. Michael's Church

6:00 P.M. Social—Theisen Parish Hall 7:00 P.m. Banquet—Program—Entertainment

Candidate Fee \$80.00 (Includes cost of Social Baldric and Banquet for Candidate)

RSVP: Friday October 19, 2018 to: Faithful Navigator Jack Nienaber

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Mail form 4 by October 19 to:

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Forms and Due Dates

Form Number	Assembly Forms	Due Date
#186	Report of Officers Chosen for the Term	7/1
#1291	Fourth Degree Exemplification Report	No Due Date
#1315	Annual Assembly Audit	8/1
#1728A	Survey of Fraternal Activity Individual Members Worksheet	No Due Date
#1728C	Annual Survey of Fraternal Activity	1/31
#2321	Civic Award Application	6/30
#2863A	RSVP Refund and Plaque Application for Assemblies	6/30
#TBP-1	To Be A Patriot Award Entry Form	5/31