

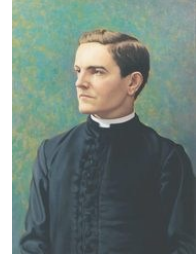


St. Mary, Mother of Christ
Queen of the Knights

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ASSEMBLYLINE

**FATHER ANDREW WHITE ASSEMBLY #377
KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FOURTH DEGREE**



The Venerable Fr. Michael McGivney
Founder of our Beloved Order

November 2012

Faithful Navigator's Message

My Brother Knights,

In November, we're given a special opportunity to exercise the fourth principle of the Order, Patriotism! We show our respect and gratitude to the generations who established and preserved our nation when we responsibly cast our vote! This patriotic duty is guided by our Faith. The notion that we should separate our Catholic self from the secular society as we enter the voting booth is misguided.

The Catholic Church reminds us that some issues are not negotiable. Rather than voting by political party, we are called to stand firm on the core issues of Life, Marriage, and Religious Freedom. We are honored to live in a nation guided by our votes - don't miss this opportunity!

November is also a time to remember and give thanks. Participate in your Council's Memorial Mass. Remember those who have gone before us. Be thankful for their contributions, and the favor of a loving God.

The Fourth Degree Exemplification is April 19-21, 2013. Make plans now to attend, whether as a current Sir Knight or as a Candidate. If you completed your 1st Degree before October 20th (a couple of weeks ago), you're eligible to advance to the Patriotic Degree. Please contact me for more information at (301) 481-7208 .

Vivat Jesus!
Chris



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Faithful Admiral's Message

Sir Knights,

The Faithful Navigator and I have been visiting the councils within the "jurisdiction" of Father Andrew White Assembly – St. Mary's County – to invite our brothers to take the next step and join the Fourth Degree. With each visit, as many as four Knights have taken home a form 4 and all of the information they need to prepare for the 2013 exemplifications.

Now, we need your help in getting that paperwork back. The sooner we have form 4, registration form and check in hand, the better for the Master's planning purposes. Please continue to speak favorably of the benefits and rewards of Fourth Degree membership and help us collect the forms and funds.

The exemplification for Priests (and any candidates who cannot make the April date) will be on Saturday, 16 March 2013, at the Blessed John Paul II Shrine, 3900 Harewood Road NE, just up the street from the Basilica in Washington DC.

The main exemplification will be on Saturday, 20 April 2013, at Colony South, at the intersection of rte 5 and Surratt's Road, in Clinton.

If you plan to attend – and we hope you do – please turn in your registration form and check as soon as it is convenient for you. Thanks!

Patriotically,

Jerry Hicks

Faithful Admiral



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From Supreme Master SK Dennis Stoddard

GET OUT THE VOTE!

Dear Brother Knight:

It is just over TWO WEEKS until Election Day! We are into the home stretch and it is time to make the final push to GET OUT THE VOTE through the Knights of Columbus Nonpartisan National Get Out the Vote Program. Help fellow Catholics get to the polls and exercise their right to vote!

Here are the Action Steps for the final two weeks of the program:

1) MAKE APPROVED PULPIT ANNOUNCEMENTS AND ISSUE APPROVED BULLETIN INSERTS!

- Read pulpit announcements at all Masses for two weeks prior to Election Day, advising parishioners who are in need of assistance or transportation to Election Day polls to sign up with a representative from the Knights of Columbus or to take a bulletin for additional information.
- Bulletin inserts in available parish bulletins at all Masses for two weeks prior to Election Day, advising parishioners in need of assistance or transportation to Election Day polls to sign up with a representative from the Knights.

2) HELP A BROTHER KNIGHT TO VOTE!

- Ask a brother Knight to come with you when you go to cast your ballot.
- Offer to pick up your voting companion and take him to the polls on the day of the election.
- Set a specific time to go and encourage your brother Knight to bring along other eligible voters.
- Encourage first-time voters, elderly members, and Knights with busy schedules who might not otherwise vote to come with you when you cast your ballot.

3) ASK MARRIED COUPLES TO VOLUNTEER TO WATCH THE KIDS WHILE PARENTS VOTE!

- Arrange a babysitting service on the day of the election to allow members with young children to leave their children in a safe location, for a short time, with two or three married couples while they go and vote.
- Ask for two or three married couples to volunteer to babysit a small number of young children for a short time to allow the parents to vote.
- The service could be provided throughout the day or in the evening only, depending on the needs and availability of volunteer married couples.
- Keep toys and games handy for the event.



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- Consider taking the children to a nearby playground area, but be sure to advise parents that you will be doing this and ensure that there are enough volunteer married couples to properly watch the children.
- Provide snacks for the kids (be sure to first check with parents about any food allergies); bringing milk/juice and a snacks could be a parent's "fee" for the babysitting service.
- Certified or otherwise qualified older children and/or child care professionals may also want to volunteer.

4) USE MEDIA TO GET OUT THE VOTE

- Put a NONPARTISAN "Vote!" reminder on your K of C council or assembly's website.
- Post on Facebook to remind all of your "friends" to vote.
- Send a NONPARTISAN "tweet," or have the Grand Knight or a local celebrity send one, to your following on Twitter.
- Make a NONPARTISAN video ***Get Out the Vote*** public service announcement, post it on You-Tube, and send an e-mail to everyone in your "contacts" list with a link to the video.
- Knock on doors or man a Knights of Columbus phone bank to reach registered voters who have not yet voted.
- In the United States in the 1800's, voting was a social event, with voting parties held on Election Day at or near the polls. Hold your own Election Day party to make sure everyone votes!

In States With Early Voting

Today, many states and the District of Columbia allow "early voting" or "no excuse" absentee ballots or both. This year, voters in 30 states started casting their ballots before September even ended. Thus, about 35% of voters are expected to vote before November 6, 2012. This is still called Election Day, but for many it is simply the last day of an "Election Week" or "Election Month" or an even longer election period.

While about 65% of U.S. voters will still vote at a polling place on November 6, millions of others will vote before then, either at a polling place that's opened early or by mail. In Oregon, all voting will be by mail, as is most voting in the state of Washington. (In Washington, the only polling places on Election Day are at county election offices.)

If your state has early voting, to assure that voters are aware of all of their early voting options, you can do the following:

- Publicize when and where early in-person voting will be held.



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- Publicize and provide ***Rides to the Polls*** throughout the early voting period for Knights in your council, their family members, parishioners and other voters who do not have transportation or who need assistance in getting to the polls.

Contact Knights, parishioners and other registered voters by phone or email to remind them that:

the period for early voting in-person has begun and that rides to the polls are available

the period for early voting by mail has begun and to complete their ballot and mail it in

- Create and distribute ***“Did You Vote Yet?”*** stickers or buttons to wear on the days and in the weeks when polling is open, similar to ***“I Voted”*** stickers given out at the polls on Election Day.
- If early predictions forecast bad weather for Tuesday, November 6, use phone calls or e-mail to encourage Election Day voters to use the early voting option to vote sooner.

Election Day

GET OUT THE VOTE!

Get yourself , your family and your neighbors to the polls to vote on Election Day, November 6, 2012!

Vivat Jesus!



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Intentions of the Holy Father, Pope Benedict XVI

General Intention: Ministers of the Gospel. That bishops, priests, and all ministers of the Gospel may bear the courageous witness of fidelity to the crucified and risen Lord.

Missionary Intention: Pilgrim Church. That the pilgrim Church on earth may shine as a light to the nations.

The Knight's Prayer

Our Lady, Queen of the Knights, bless all the activities of our order. Keep us true to our pledge, to extend the Kingship of thy Divine Son on Earth. Through thine intercession, win for us the grace ever to exemplify in our public and private lives, the virtues which should characterize those specially dedicated to the service of the heavenly court. Make us always aware, that as your Knights, we are constantly observed, our faith judged, and our order appreciated. Accept O Mary, this renewed pledge of fealty and devotion of thy servants, the Knights of Columbus. Amen.

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A Prayer for all Veterans:

We ask for blessings on all those who have served their country in the armed forces. We ask for healing for the veterans who have been wounded, in body and soul, in conflicts around the globe. We pray especially for the young men and women, in the thousands, who are coming home from Iraq with injured bodies and traumatized spirits. Bring solace to them, O Lord; may we pray for them when they cannot pray. We ask for, echoing John Paul II, an end to wars and the dawning of a new era of peace, As a way to honor all the veterans of past wars.

Have mercy on all our veterans from World War II, Korea, Vietnam, Iraq, Bring peace to their hearts and peace to the regions they fought in. Bless all the soldiers who served in non-combatative posts; May their calling to service continue in their lives in many positive ways.

Give us all the creative vision to see a world which, grown weary with fighting, Moves to affirming the life of every human being and so moves beyond war. Hear our prayer, O Prince of Peace, hear our prayer. Amen.

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