

The Newsletter of the Marquette Assembly #188



1st Quarter 2017

From the Desk of the
Faithful Navigator:
Worthy Sir Knights:

Each 'degree' of the Knights of Columbus is associated with a particular principle; the Fourth Degree was established on February 22, 1900 on the principle of patriotism - love for and devotion to one's country. Consequently, the 4th Degree is often known as 'The Patriotic Degree'. Fourth Degree Knights or Sir Knights, as they are called, are the highest and most visible degree within the Knights of Columbus.

The mission of the Fourth Degree is to foster the spirit of patriotism by promoting active Catholic citizenship and a love of and loyalty to the Church, their Community, our Country and our Order. Therefore, it is not unusual to find Fourth Degree Knights, in full regalia, participating in church events, such as Confirmations and Eucharistic processions, and in the community, standing up for the unborn at Pro-Life events and commemorating the sacrifices of previous generations on Patriotic holidays.

Pictured below is the triad emblem of the Fourth Degree, it features the Dove, the Cross and the Globe. The Dove, symbol of the Holy Spirit and Peace, is shown hovering over the globe of the earth. Both are mounted on a variation of the Crusader's Cross – that which was found on the

tunics and capes of crusading Knights who battled to regain the Holy Land from the pagans.

Bearers of this emblem are committed to conduct themselves honorably as Christian men in their private and public lives, as well as acting patriotically for the good of their nations. Likewise, the Fourth Degree sword represents the bearer's reverence for the Eucharist and the Pope, bishops and hierarchy of the Church and displays publicly his willingness to protect his Church and priests. Considered under religious aspect, we have the honor and privilege of wearing on our swords and our lapels the sacred symbol of the Most Blessed Trinity.

It is this privilege that should always remind us to live a good Christian life and that we should never bring dishonor on the emblem we have been privileged to wear. By this, others may see our good works, through which we will glorify our Holy Religion, our Beloved Country and our Honored Order.

For God, Family, Community and Country.

Vivat Jesus,

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Faithful Navigator

Marquette Assembly 188



Christmas Party: Big Success

On December 20, 2016, Assembly 188 held its Annual Christmas Party at Riverview Banquets. It was a huge success. 71 people, including Sir Knights, wives and guests feasted on an excellent dinner prepared by the Riverview staff. Kudos to Bill Laudando for creating a wonderful menu. Mike Zidek acted as Masters of Ceremonies. Thanks also to Michelle Dugan for the decorations that provided holiday spirit to the evening. Tim Higgs put together a video presentation of events Assembly members participated in over the past few years. The evening ended with a spirited "White Elephant" exchange. The most stolen items included a pair of felt antler horns and a two liter glass boot mug. Mark your calendar for next year's party as we expect to see each of you there.

Sir Knights' Training

Over the past two months, FN Ty Simmons, Commander Troy Gower, Dep. Commander Mike Zidek and SK Bill Dugan have given a series of training sessions to about 70 Sir Knights throughout the Northern Illinois area. On January 7, 2017, we trained about 43 Sir Knights from our very own Marquette Assembly. On January 21, 2017, we ventured to St. Alexander parish in Villa Park, IL to train 13 Sir Knights. Shortly thereafter, on February 12, the training crew traveled to Dixon, IL for training of 15 Sir Knights. Sir Knights attending the Dixon training session came from as far as Morrison and Fulton, IL for the Sunday afternoon training.

The training consists of four parts. First there is a 30 minute video presentation in which FN Ty Simmons describes who we are, what we do and how we prepare ourselves to be better Sir Knights. Following a short break, those attending are broken into three groups in which each group receives individualized training in 1) basic drill maneuvers; 2) church processional and recessional procedures; and 3) funeral and wake procedures.

The next training session is Saturday, March 18, 2017 at 9:00 am at St. Mary Margaret in Algonquin, IL. Contact Ty, Troy or Mike if you are interested in helping with the training of other Sir Knights.

Regalia Donations

If you are no longer using your regalia, please consider donating it to the Assembly so another Sir Knight can use it. Please contact Commander Troy Gower at troygower47@yahoo.com or (630) 777-0954. Thanks to Henry Wimmer for donating his regalia to a new Sir Knight at our Lady of Good Counsel.



Lenten Season and Holy Thursday

Now is the time to consider helping out your or another parish during Holy Week. Many parishes have the Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament on Holy Thursday after Mass of the Lord's Supper. Exposition may last from the end of mass to 11:00 pm or even midnight. Honor Guard members do not have to stay from the beginning of mass to midnight. If you can attend for only a few hours after work, that would be a tremendous help to the Sir Knights who may spend the entire time there. This is a great time to spend with Our Lord in silent prayer and reflection while you protect both the Blessed Sacrament and your parish. If your parish does not require our attendance, please consider assisting another parish in our Assembly. A list of the parishes with the Exposition will be posted on our website. Please also check your e-mails and sign up.

Tip of the Quarter:

The Bishop is about to end the mass, can and how do you respond to his closing prayer/blessing? Since most of the congregation only hears this once a year, all Sir Knights should know these lines and respond accordingly.

Bishop: "The Lord be with you."

Response: "And with your Spirit."

Bishop: "Blessed be the name of the Lord."

Response: "Now and forever."

Bishop: "Our help is in the name of the Lord."

Response: "Who made Heaven and Earth."

Further Down the Line.....

Special Olympics will be held at a new location this year. This year it will be held at College of DuPage in Glen Ellyn, IL. Please watch your e-mails for future announcements. We would like to have each of you in your regalia as part of the Color Corps.

Church dedications are few and far between. But we have such an event in the near future. Please reserve June 11, 2017 for the dedication of the new St. Gall Parish Church in Elburn. Check the website and your e-mails for information to come.

Upcoming Events

March 11, 2017	St. Patrick's Day Parade (1:00 pm) St. Charles, IL
March 18, 2017	District Color Corps Training (9:00 am) St. Mary Margaret, Algonquin, IL
March 21, 2017	Color Corps Training (6:30); Assembly Meeting (7:30 pm) Riverview Banquets, Batavia, IL
April 2, 2017	Honor Guard: Confirmation (1:30 & 4:00 pm) St. Patrick Church, St. Charles, IL
April 12, 2017	Color Corps Training (6:30 pm) Marmion Academy
April 18, 2017	Color Corps Training (6:30); Assembly Meeting (7:30 pm) Riverview Banquets, Batavia, IL
April 21-23, 2017	119 th State Convention Wyndham Hotel, Springfield, IL
April 28, 2017	Honor Guard: 8th Grade Mass (10:00 am) Aurora Central Catholic H.S. Aurora, IL
May 10, 2017	Color Corps Training (6:30 pm) Marmion Academy
May 16, 2017	Color Corps Training (6:30 pm); Assembly Meeting (7:30 pm) Riverview Banquets, Batavia, IL
May 20, 2017	Exemplification of the Fourth Degree (10:30 am) Hilton Hotel, Oak Brook, IL
May 25, 2017	Honor Guard: High School Graduation (6:00 pm) Aurora Central Catholic H.S. Aurora, IL
May 29, 2017	Color Corps: Memorial Day Parade St. Charles, IL

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Assembly Christmas Party, December 20, 2016



Our Faithful Friar, Fr. Lutz, Leading the Assembly in Grace



Some Happy Winners at the White Elephant Gift Exchange



Marmion Academy's Choir



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Master's Award Recipients, Bud Howatt and Troy Gower



Sir Knights at the February 25, 2017 Confirmation at Our Lady of Good Counsel

Assembly Training, January 7, 2017

