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## In Memoriam



On May 20, 2020, the earth lost an Angel of God, when Reverend Richard Patrick Davis, 83 of Bigelow, Arkansas, was peacefully called back to Heaven. “Father Richard” was born on Feb. 21, 1937, in Pocahontas, Arkansas, to William Stuart Davis and Katherine Davis (Schmidt) of Jonesboro, Arkansas.

Father Richard graduated from Jonesboro High School in 1955 and St. Johns Seminary in 1963. Although he was not ordained a Catholic Priest until May 18, 1963, he gave his entire life to God. During his 57 years as a Catholic Priest, Father Richard performed over 700 baptisms, over 500 funerals and over 500 weddings.

Father Davis, better known as “The Pope of Perry County” was a beloved brother knight and a dedicated Sir Knight. He humbly served as State Chaplain, District Friar and beloved shepherd to every Child of God he encountered.

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## New District Captain

Sir Knight Jim Palmer, Faithful Navigator at Pope Benedict XVI Assembly #3715 has agreed to fill the patent leather shoes of Sir Knight Jimmy McKinnon, PSD as District Captain. Jimmy has served Arkansas an MANY capacities and was designated as Sir Knight of the Year in Arkansas in 2020. As District Captain Jim Palmer will assist the Master of the Fourth Degree in organizing Degree Teams for our formal Exemplifications. Please reach out to Jim and Jimmy in gratitude for their service and humility.

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## Exemplifications Planned

Our Exemplifications in Hot Springs in June has not yet been affected by the COVID19 Virus but please stay tuned. Sadly, I expect it to be cancelled as we do not yet have permission to meet.

Please discuss within your Assembly and District Leaders when you would like to host or have an Exemplification at your Hall or Church. I will forward my request for Exemplifications for 2020-2021 to our Vice Supreme Master before the end of June.

I have approval to perform Virtual Exemplifications as often as necessary. To me this means NO WAITING! When you identify interested candidates I’ll schedule a Virtual Exemplification. When enough candidates are interested we will assemble our Virtual Exemplification Team.

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## Exemplifications Held

History was made in Arkansas May 3 when we held the First Ever OnLine Fourth Degree Exemplification. I'm very proud of having worked with your Exemplification Team organizing this great Event. Sir Knights Jimmy McKinnon, District Captain, Mario Eschevaria, Faithful Navigator, and Lloyd Cambre, State Treasure led the brainstorming and organization of this event.

Not to be outdone, our Arkansas Degree Team held an online Exemplification of 125 Sir Knights from across our Province – from Arkansas, Tennessee, Louisiana, Alabama, and Mississippi. Observers from Provinces around the order ensured that our great work will live on and help keep our Assemblies growing.



## Color Corps/Honor Guard:

All members of the Color Corps (Honor guard & Color Guard) wear the uniform regalia (blazer, trousers, uniform tie, beret, gloves, service baldric, PG-113 pin, sword).

Any official call out's for the Color Corps will consist only of the above. This is for all Exemplifications, honor guards for installations, clergy anniversary, dedications, retirement ceremonies, funerals, State or District meetings, conventions, flag presentations, flag retirements, and any other official Fourth Degree program or request of a Fourth Degree honor guard.

At a wake or funeral, if no one present has proper regalia, in lieu of an official honor guard, Fourth degree members may wear either a tux or business suit with a social baldric, PG-113 pin only. No swords, service baldrics, flag pins or gloves. This exception does not include any other honor guard or official Knights of Columbus events or request for an honor guard, or color guard.

## Fourth Degree bi-Annual Meeting

We completed our bi-Annual Meeting in April as expected. Sir Knight Jimmy McKinnon's minutes of that meeting are attached to this newsletter.

## Elections and Installation 2020-2021

Please ensure I get a copy of your Form 186 Report of Officers Chosen and that the CORRECT contact information is forwarded to our new State Secretary for the 2020-2021 State Directory. I have a blank update form attached to this newsletter.

When you arrange your officer installation please make me aware so that I can arrange for myself or a Marshall of the Arkansas District to attend this great event.

## Patriotic Events

If your Assembly is leading or participating in patriotic events this spring please ensure I receive reports and photos and we will publicize your great work.

In general I'm always happy to included announcements of Grand Activities to my newsletter.

## Uniforms

Our uniforms are available is \$449 and add dignity and professionalism to any event you attend ESPECIALLY State Meetings or meetings where you are a presiding officer such as District Deputy, Grand Knight or Faithful Navigator.

The Supply Room will supply replacement parts as well as “Corfam” shiny black shoes and overcoats. More information will be available from their representatives of The Supply Room at the State Convention.

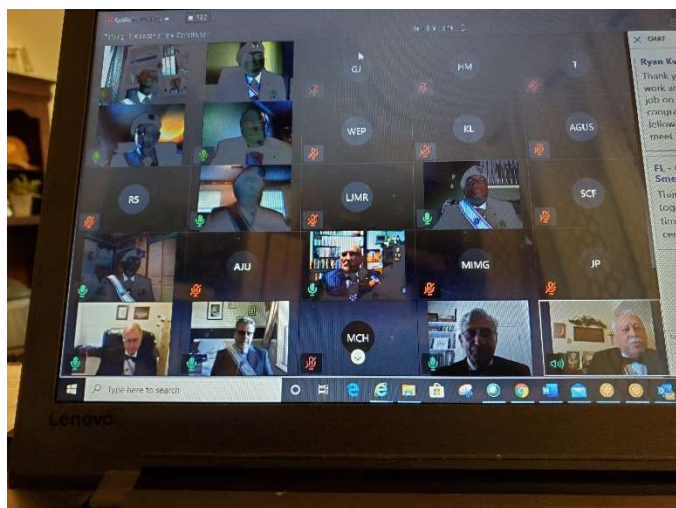
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This is the link to all other uniform accoutrements:

[http://www.kofcsupplies.com/.](http://www.kofcsupplies.com/)

## Degree Teams

We are always on the lookout for new members of our Fourth Degree Exemplification Teams. There are 5 speaking parts and 2 Audio Visual Assistants. Please let me or District Captain Jim Palmer from Searcy know of your interest.



## Honorary and Honorary Life Members

Section 36. Honorary and Honorary Life Membership.

(a) Members who have attained the actual age of 65 years and who have been members of the Fourth Degree for 25 consecutive years, shall be designated as Honorary members and on due request in writing they shall be exempt from general fund charges, except payment of \$10.00 per annum which shall include all assembly dues charges and levies.

(b) Members who have attained the actual age of 70 years and who have been members of the Fourth Degree for 25 consecutive years, and those who have been members the Fourth Degree 50 years regardless of age, shall be designated as Honorary Life members and on due request from the Faithful Comptroller, they shall be exempt from further payment of dues.

## Color Corps Training

As the visible arm of the 4<sup>th</sup> Degree in Arkansas Color Guard and Honor Guard training is paramount – for many roles that we fill.

We will continue to have brief Training Sessions on our Go To Meeting Video Conference Line. Please ensure your Color Corps Commander is registered with me for this Training.