



**Knights of Columbus
Northern Illinois District – Marquette Province**



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**Exemplification of Patriotism
Saturday, June 28, 2025
Holy Archangels Parish

St. Hubert Church
729 Grand Canyon St
Hoffman Estates, IL 60169**

March 29, 2025

To: All Assemblies-Northern Illinois District

The next Exemplification of Patriotism will be held on Saturday, June 28, 2025. The Host Assembly is Bishop Sheil Assembly #2330, FN Dean Dalaly.

Now is the time to ask our fellow brother knights to join us in the Exemplification of Patriotism.

The following hotels are in the local area:

- Country Inn & Suites – 2280 Barrington Rd., Hoffman Estates
(888) 251-4431– Free Wi-Fi, Breakfast, Approximate room rate: \$118.
- Hyatt Place Chicago/Hoffman Estates – 2750 Greenspoint Pkwy, Hoffman Estates,
(847) 231-0311 – Free Breakfast, Wi-Fi. Approximate room rate: \$170

Candidates

Ceremony Fee w/banquet ticket – \$90.00 (\$10.00 late fee)

Priests ONLY

Ceremony Fee w/banquet ticket – \$50.00

Sir Knights, Ladies, Guests

Ceremony w/banquet ticket – \$50.00 (\$10.00 late fee)

Sir Knights, Ladies, Guests

Ceremony ONLY – Free

Each assembly will be charged a late fee for their candidates. Sir Knights, ladies, and guests will be responsible for their own late fees. All fees must be included with the reservation.

No refunds on Banquet Ticket if it is not used.

The deadline for Candidates Form 4's is **Saturday, June 14, 2025**, for names to be listed in the Program Book.

Banquet reservation forms are included with this correspondence. Please make copies for distribution to both Candidates and Sir Knights wishing to attend the Exemplification and Banquet.

All Sir Knights must submit their own registration form. Sir Knights should not be guests of others.

Special Meal requests (if necessary, for Medical Reasons or Vegetarians) for Candidates, Sir Knights, Ladies and Guests must be shown on the Banquet Reservation Form.

Special Reminder:

A Candidate must have participated in the Charity-Unity-Fraternity (CUF) Exemplification and be a member in good standing to be eligible for the Exemplification of Patriotism, they must also **show a current travel card, for 2025** at the Exemplification.

The Exemplification of Patriotism will be open to families and guests and the Ladies program will still be available.

Please be sure to send only **COMPLETE** packets (Form 4, Banquet Reservation Form, and Check made payable to **Ty Simmons – Master**).

Candidates are expected to submit completed Form 4's and a copy of their travelling card with their council's Financial Secretary's signature, Banquet Reservation Form, along with payment **to the Assembly they will be joining**. In turn, the Navigator will submit the paperwork with his signature along with the Comptrollers signature, and payment to the District Secretary.

Guests and Observers may send their reservation forms with check payable to the Master directly to the District Secretary using the following address:

**Gregg Biliskov
1115 Bourne Lane
Schaumburg, IL 60193**

INCOMPLETE PACKETS OR PACKETS NOT HAVING ALL REQUIRED INFORMATION MAY BE RETURNED TO THE FAITHFUL NAVIGATOR.

DO NOT SEND FORM 4's TO THE MASTER.

Faithful Navigators and Faithful Comptrollers must ensure all required information is completed including:

Membership Number, Member's Signature, Council Number, Name and FS signature.

Name, Number and location of the Assembly which the Candidate is joining.

Faithful Navigator Signature, Faithful Comptroller Signature.

Please print clearly on all documents.

Member email addresses can be printed in the space above the membership number. When filling out the Form 4, press hard so that the information transfers to the duplicate copies.

APPROPRIATE DRESS CODE FOR CANDIDATES AND/OR OBSERVERS

Family members and guests will be allowed in the chamber to view the Exemplification.

Exemplification Ceremony Notes

- This ceremony will take approximately 1 ½ hours. Doors will remain closed for the entire ceremony. Those that leave will be readmitted at an appropriate time.
- Cell phones must be on Silent or Off.
- No photography is permitted during the ceremony.
- Everyone must always remain in their seats. This includes adults and children.
- No food or beverages are allowed. Medical exceptions apply.

Faithful Navigators are also asked to ensure that all Assembly Members and Candidates are made aware that **PROPER ATTIRE MUST BE WORN** to the Exemplification.

Candidates are expected to wear:

- **Business Suit** – either black, dark grey or dark blue in color
- **Plain white shirt** - with lay down collars – no wing tip collars
- **Black Tie** – plain black tie
- **Black Socks** – dress socks
- **Black Dress Shoes** – **Only** black dress shoes are permitted

Clergy (candidates/observers) are permitted to wear:

- **Blacks or cassock**

Sir Knights

- **Official Knights of Columbus uniform or dark suit, tie, black socks, and black dress shoes.**

Ladies, Guests

- **Business professional attire (pant suits, dresses, skirts, suit, jacket, slacks).**

Active Military, Police, Firefighters (candidates/observers) are permitted to wear:

- **Class A or Dress Uniform - instead of dark suit.**

**If proper attire as described above is not followed,
you will not be permitted into the exemplification chamber.**

Assemblies: When you issue a check for a candidate, a separate check is required for each Candidate and / or reservation with the name of the person shown on the check.

If anyone writes a check for someone else, PLEASE make sure to note on the memo line who the payment is for. ALL checks must be payable to: **Ty Simmons, Master**.

ALL completed applications, Form 4's with payment are sent to the District Secretary at:

**Gregg Biliskov
1115 Bourne Lane
Schaumburg, IL 60193**

The district staff are ready to assist each Assembly as necessary to make this a SPECIAL DAY for our new Sir Knights. Should you need additional information or clarification on any matters, please contact me or the district secretary.

Fraternally Yours,

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SATURDAY June 28, 2025

- 11:30 A.M. **MASTER’S MEETING**
Attendees: Faithful Navigators, Faithful, Comptrollers, Committee Chairs
- 12:00 P.M. **DISTRICT MARSHAL’S MEETING**
Attendees: Honor Guard Members
- 12:00 P.M. **CANDIDATE REGISTRATION OPEN**
BANQUET TICKET – PICK-UP
- 12:45 P.M. **HONOR GUARD VESTING ROOM**
- 1:00 P.M. **HONOR GUARD INSPECTION**
Uniformed Sir Knights by Vice Supreme Master and Master
- 1:30 P.M. **LADIES ENTERTAINMENT**
- 1:30 P.M. **EXEMPLIFICATION CEREMONY**
Ceremony 1:30 pm – 3:00 pm
- 3:00 P.M. **MASTER’S WRAP-UP MEETING FOLLOWS CEREMONY**
Attendees: Faithful Navigators, Faithful Comptrollers, Committee Chairs
- 4:30 P.M. **MASS**
- 6:00 P.M. **BANQUET**
Banquet 6:00 pm – 7:30 pm



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Name: _____ **E-mail address:** _____
(Please Print Clearly) (Please Print Clearly)

Address: _____ **Phone Number:** _____

City: _____ **State:** _____ **Zip Code:** _____

MEMBERSHIP NO. _____ **(Provide a copy of your traveling card – do not enlarge)**

ASSEMBLY NO. _____ **COUNCIL NO.** _____

Attending Ceremony and Banquet (indicate the number of attendees)

_____ **Candidate (\$90)** _____ **Priest (\$50)** _____ **SK, Ladies, Guests (\$50)** \$ _____

Attending Ceremony Only (indicate the number of attendees)

_____ **Priest (free)** _____ **SK (free)** _____ **Ladies, Guests (free)**

CHECK NUMBER: _____ **Total Amount** \$ _____

Total number attending Banquet _____

Special Dietary requests: _____

All Reservations must be accompanied by a Check payable to **Ty Simmons – Master**.
To avoid the late fee, the reservation must be postmarked by Saturday, June 14, 2025.

Mail forms with check to:
District Secretary, Gregg Biliskov, 1115 Bourne Lane, Schaumburg, IL 60193

Ladies and guests Names _____
are list here _____
(use the back if needed) _____

A \$10.00 late fee is assessed per person for entries received after June 14, 2025