



BISHOP RAYMOND HILLINGER ASSEMBLY N^o 1595 NEWSLETTER



Issue N^o 4 — April, 2023

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- 2 Palm Sunday
- 4 Consolidated General Election Day
- 7 Good Friday
- 9 Easter Sunday
- 17 Assembly Meeting

GOOD OF THE ORDER

We request prayers for our Brother Knights, relatives, and friends: **Pope Francis, Robert Bukowski, Tom Burke, Marvin Schloss, Kristin McCarthy, Bob Fuggiti**

2022-2023 ASSEMBLY LEADERSHIP

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A WORD FROM THE FAITHFUL FRIAR

Reflections on St. Joseph

Dear Brother Knights,

There isn't very much known about St. Joseph except that he was the husband of Mary and helped raise Jesus. In the Gospels, the last appearance of Joseph was when Jesus was twelve years old and Mary and Joseph found him teaching in the Temple (Luke 2:41-51). Even then, Joseph says nothing; the dialogue is between Mary and Jesus only. In these few details, the scriptures describe Joseph as a righteous man. The scriptures also reveal that Joseph clearly sought and did the will of God. One could say that he was a dreamer who acted on his dreams! As for what Joseph did for a living, there is an indication in scriptures that Joseph was considered a τέκτων "tekton" (Matthew 13:55), which is a skilled laborer in wood or metal. The earliest traditions tell us that Joseph was skilled as a worker of wood, a carpenter.

In reflecting on the life of St. Joseph, we can see that in his righteousness he was a chaste man. This should lead to reflection on the commitment to one's wife, and the meaning and purpose of being chaste. We can also see that he was an obedient man. He struggled to accept the difficult situation of Mary, but in obedience, he accepted the responsibility of raising and loving Jesus as his own. This should lead us to reflect on the situations we find difficult to accept. Often in difficult times and situations we find the challenge to accept God's will. Lastly, carpenters in Jesus' time were not rich; they were poor! Despite that, Joseph makes every effort to protect and ensure the security of Mary and Jesus. Joseph, the poor man, risked and abandoned everything to flee to Egypt with his young family. Joseph's poverty should help us reflect on what is truly important in life. Everything we have and do should be focused on our primary vocation to marriage, namely wife and family. St Joseph shows us that the building up of family life, through thick and thin, is the building up of the Church, the body of Christ in the world. St. Joseph, protector of Church and families, pray for us!

Happy Easter to you and your families! ~

Fr. Dennis C. Callan, SVD



F A I T H F U L N A V I G A T O R ' S M E S S A G E

Happy Easter Hillinger Assembly 2023! We are in the stretch drive for the fraternal year as spring break ends and we celebrate the coming of the Risen Lord on Easter Sunday! Blessings to you and your families as you gather on this Holy Day! April and May are filled with hopes of an early spring and flower gardens, with Mother's Day, Memorial Day, and Flag Day ceremonies ending the fraternal year. I have hopes of lots of you members attending our last two business meetings on the third Monday of each month. We have also scheduled the annual Memorial Mass on Monday May 8th, 7:00pm at St. Catherine Laboure Parish, with refreshments to follow afterwards. I encourage you all to please attend this very moving evening honoring our deceased members. At the May meeting we will elect the new officers for 2023-24. The installation Mass will be on Monday June 19th at 7:00pm at Our Lady of Ransom Parish, with refreshments to follow. Our Lady of Ransom Parish will be our new home for the next fraternal year with a BIG thank you to the OLR staff for welcoming us back! I appreciate everyone for their efforts over the last several months that amounted to a lot of the "all hands-on deck" for the various preparations of food needed between November and March! Rob Mass and Ray Kimoto have spear headed a lot of these efforts! Kudos to those gentlemen and their helpers for a job well done!

Vivat Jesus!

Sincerely,

Kevin LeFevre, FN

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SAVE THE DATES!!!

APRIL 4, 2023

- ILLINOIS CONSOLIDATED GENERAL ELECTION

MAY 8, 2023

- MEMORIAL MASS, 7:00P.M., ST. CATHERINE LABOURE CHURCH, GLENVIEW

JUNE 14, 2023

- FLAG DAY RETIREMENT CEREMONY

AUGUST 21, 2023

- BISHOP HILLINGER 3RD ANNUAL GOLF OUTING, CHEVY CHASE COUNTRY CLUB, WHEELING

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COLOR CORPS NEWS

SAVE THE DATES!!!

APRIL 15, 2023

- CHICAGO ADAPTIVE SPORTS COLOR GUARD –
CAMELOT PARK BUILDING 1005 E. SUFFIELD DR. ARLINGTON HEIGHTS
ARRIVE 5:30P.M. 6:30P.M START TIME

APRIL 16, 2023

- SPREAD CONFIRMATION MASS HONOR GUARD –
ST ALPHONSUS LIGUORI 411WHEELING RD PROSPECT HEIGHTS
ARRIVE 10: 30A.M. 11:00A.M. START TIME

APRIL 16, 2023

- AMERICAN HERITAGE GIRLS MEDAL & AWARDS CEREMONY
HONOR GUARD –
ST ALPHONSUS LIGUORI 411 WHEELING RD PROSPECT HEIGHTS
ARRIVE 2:30P.M. 3:00P.M. START TIME

MAY 1, 2023

- PARK RIDGE POLICE MEMORIAL HONOR GUARD –
PARK RIDGE CITY 505 BUTLER PL, PARK RIDGE
ARRIVE 6:00P.M. 6:30P.M. START TIME

KNOW YOUR FAITH

Palm Sunday (April 2)

Palm Sunday commemorates the day when Jesus entered the city of David; riding on a donkey and greeted by the faithful bearing palms shouting “Hosanna in the highest!” Today’s faithful commemorate the reenactment of Jesus entering Jerusalem by carrying palms into Churches and the Gospel readings include the story of Jesus’ final days. Palm Sunday is the beginning of Holy Week



Easter Sunday (April 9)

Easter commemorates the Resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, described in the New Testament as having occurred on the third day after His burial following His crucifixion by the Romans at Calvary in 30 AD. It is the culmination of the Passion of Jesus, preceded by Lent. It is the basis of our Catholic faith, and all teachings and beliefs we learn from the Catholic Church, are based on this most important and significant event.

Divine

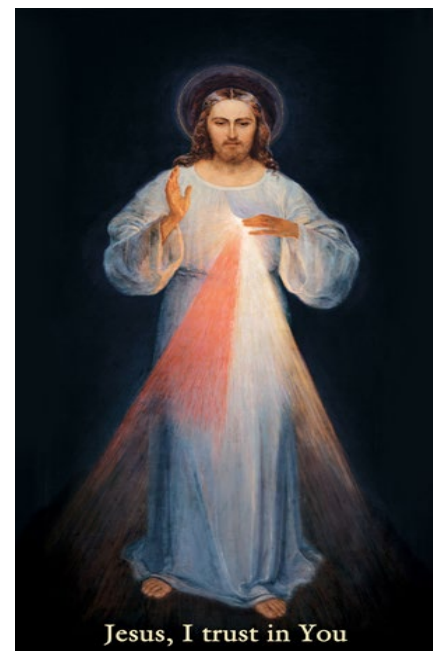


Divine Mercy Sunday (April 16)

In the 1930’s a Polish nun, Faustina Kowalska, reported visions and visitations from Jesus Christ and conversations with Him. He asked her to paint the vision of His merciful divinity being poured from His sacred heart and specifically asked for a feast of Divine Mercy to be established on the first Sunday after Easter so mankind would take refuge in Him.

The Feast of Divine Mercy, according to the diary of St. Faustina, receives from Jesus the biggest promises of Grace related to the Devotion of Divine Mercy, in particular that a person who goes to sacramental confession and receives holy communion on that day, shall obtain the total forgiveness of all sins and punishment. That means, each person would go immediately after death to Heaven without suffering in purgatory or hell.

In 2000, Pope John Paul II officially designated the Sunday after Easter thereafter as the Sunday of the Divine Mercy in the General Roman Calendar.



SEMINARIAN OF THE MONTH



ZACH SMITH

Fresh from taking his First Vows, heading to a new home at the Theologate and studies in the classrooms of CTU, Zach Smith was a little concerned he wouldn't have enough time for prayer.

"I was afraid I would lose the relationship I found with God during my year at the Novitiate because I would be so busy studying," he said. "But, I really haven't had any problems."

Studious and insightful, Zach's faith journey took many turns before arriving at this point where prayer has become such an important part of his life. Growing up in the Detroit area, he attended Catholic schools. Going on several retreats, he developed a fondness for the peace he found in personal reflection.

With a deep desire to help others, he entered the University of Pittsburg to study medical research. He found work in medical labs and was even trained as an EMT. During one emergency call, an elderly woman, who claimed she was having a heart attack, appeared to be fine on the way to the hospital. All she wanted to do was talk to him. And all he did was listen.

"She told me, "Thank you for listening, no one ever listens to me,"" Zach recalled. "I thought maybe I could do something more like that. Help people by listening to them."

A short time later, he went on a personal retreat and decided to give religious life a chance. He was contacted by several communities, but Vocation Director Fr. Adam MacDonald, SVD, was the first to ask if he could meet with him. Enrolling at DWC in January 2012, he graduated in the spring of 2015. After being accepted into the SVD Novitiate at Techny, he spent a year in deep reflection and prayer about his path to religious life.

“The Novitiate was challenging. Sometimes the hardest person to be with is yourself,” he said. “There’s a lot of alone time and time for personal growth.”

Professing his First Vows in August, 2016, he left the Novitiate for his new residence at the Theologate. Now settled in and taking classes, his prayer time is rich and varied. In fact, he has found yet another avenue for prayer.



“The benefit of being at CTU is, a lot of the work itself can be prayerful, if you let it,” he said. “A lot of it is reflective. How do you integrate it into your life? How does it affect your ministry?”

From internal reflection to external application, Zach Smith has found plenty of time for prayer.

For more information about the life of Zach please go to:

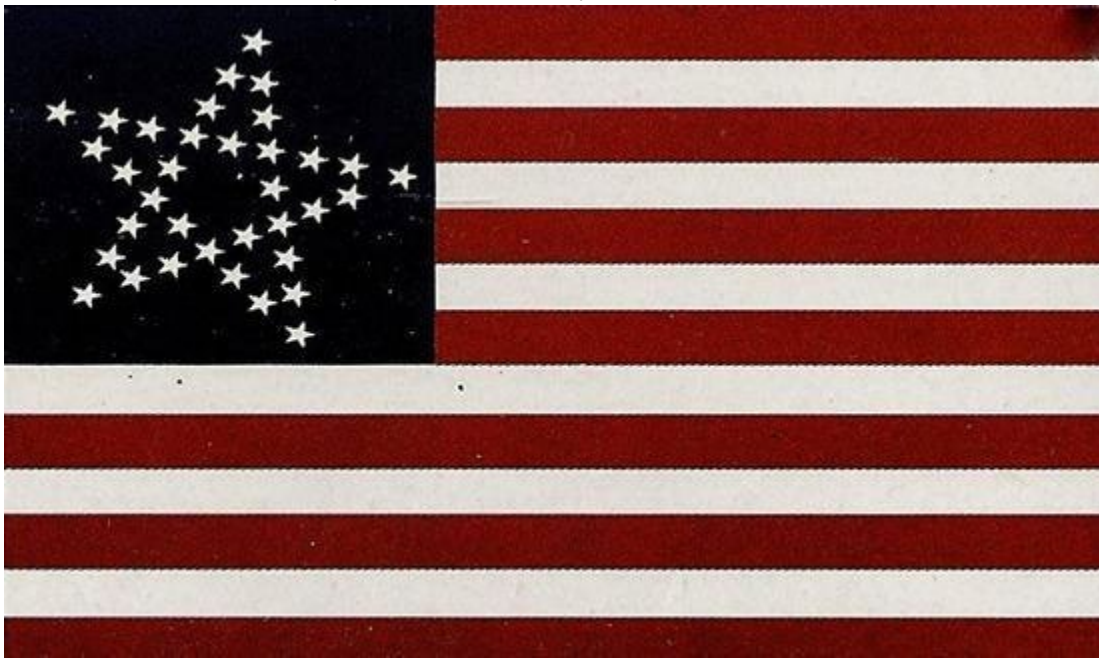
<https://www.svdvocations.org/meet-our-missionaries/archives/zachary-smith-svd>

ASSEMBLY NEWS

35 Stars Great Star Flag

DURING THE CIVIL WAR, THE UNION FORCES USED FOUR OFFICIAL FLAGS WITH 33, 34, 35 AND 36 STARS. THE 35-STAR FLAG WAS THE ONE FLOWN MOST EXTENSIVELY DURING THIS TIME. DURING THE WAR, THE CONFEDERATE STATE STARS WERE NOT REMOVED FROM THE UNION FLAGS, AS THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT WOULD NOT RECOGNIZE THE CONFEDERACY BY REMOVING STARS.

THIS FLAG BECAME THE OFFICIAL UNITED STATES FLAG ON JULY 4TH, 1863. A STAR WAS ADDED FOR THE ADMISSION OF WEST VIRGINIA (JUNE 20TH, 1863) AND WAS TO LAST FOR 2 YEARS. THE TWO PRESIDENTS TO SERVE UNDER THIS FLAG WERE ABRAHAM LINCOLN (1861-1865) AND ANDREW JOHNSON (1865-1869). THE 35-STAR FLAG FLEW OVER UNION FORCES FROM GETTYSBURG, VICKSBURG, AND APPOMATTOX.



**CONGRATULATIONS TO MICHAEL CALLAHAN
COUNCIL# 1077 NEWMAN COLUMBUS
ON WINNING THE 35 STARS GREAT STAR FLAG!**

SEMINARIAN NIGHT

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR SEMINARIANS DANIEL GARCIA, JOSHUA JONES, JOSHUA POLARK, ZACH SMITH, AND SR. MARIE ENNIDE VOLTAIRE! MAY YOU CONTINUE TO HEAR GOD'S SPECIAL CALL TO RELIGIOUS LIFE AND MINISTRY OF HIS CHURCH! OUR PRAYERS FOR YOU AND ALL OUR SEMINARIANS AND NOVIATES!



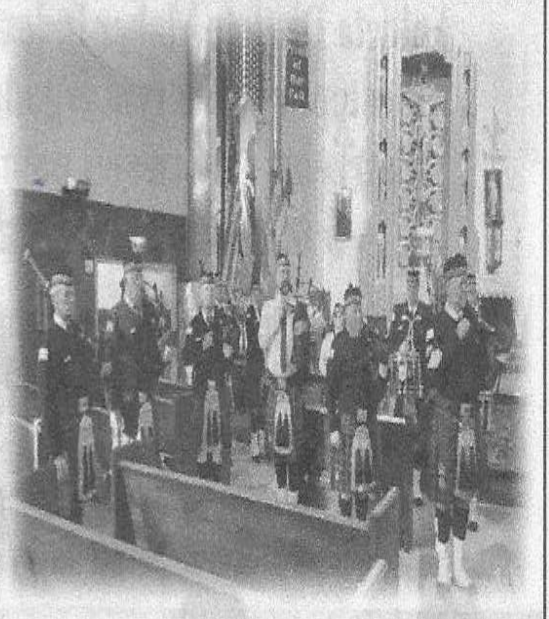
Report of the 3rd Degree



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BRANDT
CHICAGO P.D.
CHAPLAIN
AND
FR. CLAUDIO
DIAZ, JR.
PASTOR**



**THANK YOU
TO THE
KNIGHTS
OF
COLUMBUS
FATHER
FRANCIS A
RYAN
COUNCIL#
5025
and
BISHOP
RAYMOND P
HILLINGER
ASSEMBLY
1595**



Newsletter Editor

My fellow Sir Knights, thank you for your continued contributions to our Assembly Newsletter! Kindly please remember to send me your articles at least a couple of days before the end of each month so that I can include it for the upcoming month. I am especially looking for pictures of our membership in action and news from your respective Councils for a report of the 3rd Degree. Any questions please let me know, thank you! Vivat Jesus!

- SK Juan Huerta, PFN

Marquette Province — Northern Illinois District

From the Office of Master Alexander E. Tennant:

Worthies all, the St. Patrick's Day parade was an uneventful event. I scheduled a bus to take us to and from the parade. I got zero response. Our 4th Degree Exemplification is coming up Saturday May 20th. It's at St. Daniel the Prophet in Chicago. Please, so please get your 3rd degree members the Form 4 and talk to them. Bring the Form 4 to the Assembly so the Faithful Navigator & Faithful Comptroller can sign off on it. We are hoping for a successful Exemplification. Thank you for all that you do!



For information concerning the Northern Illinois District of the Fourth Degree, visit <http://www.4thdegreeillinoisdistrict1.com>

***Sir Knights interested in purchasing the 4th Degree Uniform please go to <https://www.kofcuniform.com/home/> ***

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4th Degree Exemplification
Saturday May 20, 2023
St Daniel the Prophet Parish
5300 S Natoma Ave
Chicago, IL 60638

March 1, 2023

To: All Assemblies-Northern Illinois District

The next 4th Degree Exemplification in District One will be held May 20, 2023. The Host Assembly is John Cardinal Cody #3264, Paul Rutherford, Navigator.

All Assemblies in the Northern Illinois District are invited to participate in this Exemplification.

No hotel information is included as the day ends around 4:00 pm.

Also note the Ladies Lunch has been replaced with Ladies Entertainment.

Candidates' initiation fee \$70.00

Includes: Banquet Ticket, Social Baldrick, and 4th Degree Pin.

Priests ONLY initiation fee \$50.00

Includes Banquet Ticket, Social Baldrick, and 4th Degree Pin.

Sir Knights, Ladies and Guest Banquet Ticket is \$45.00

No refunds on Banquet Ticket if it is not used.

Deadline for Candidates Form 4's is **Saturday, May 6, 2023**, for names to be listed in the Program Book. All Form 4's must be received by **Saturday, May 6, 2023**.

Dinner 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.

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:
Alexander Tennant, Master.

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.

I ask that ALL completed applications, Form 4's with payment be sent to me at:

Alexander E Tennant, Master
6400 N Cicero Ave, Apt 505
Lincolnwood, IL 60712

Additional Information

Master District Secretary	Host Assembly Contact
Gregg Biliskov	Paul Rutherford – FN #3264
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skgreggb@gmail.com	paul.rtf@gmail.com
847-417-1988 (cell)	773-744-1163 (cell)

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

Fraternally Yours,

Alexander E Tennant

Master 4th Degree
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Northern Illinois District
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Saturday May 20, 2023
St Daniel the Prophet Parish
5300 S Natoma Ave
Chicago, IL 60638

SATURDAY May 20, 2023

7:00 A.M. **Doors Open**

8:15 A.M. **MASTER'S MEETING**

Attendees: Faithful Navigators, Faithful Comptrollers, Committee Chairs

9:00 A.M. **DISTRICT MARSHAL'S MEETING**

Attendees: Honor Guard Members

9:00 A.M. **CANDIDATE REGISTRATION**
CANDIDATE HOLDING ROOM

9:30 A.M. **BANQUET TICKET - PICK-UP**

9:30 A.M. **HONOR GUARD VESTING ROOM**

10:15 A.M. **Honor Guard Inspection by Vice Supreme Master and Master**

10:30 A.M. **EXEMPLIFICATION CEREMONY**

Ceremony 10:30 am – 12:30 pm

10:30 A.M. **LADIES ENTERTAINMENT**

1:00 P.M. **BANQUET**

Banquet 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm

3:30 P.M. **MASTER'S WRAP-UP MEETING**

Attendees: Faithful Navigators, Faithful Comptrollers, Committee Chairs

5:00 P.M. **MASS (Optional)**

St Daniel the Prophet



Knights of Columbus
Fourth Degree-Northern Illinois District of Marquette Province



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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 card – do not enlarge)

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

Worthy Master - Please make reservations as follows:

___ Candidate (Initiation fee)	\$70.00 (w/banquet ticket)	\$10.00 (late fee) *	\$ _____
___ Priest Only (Initiation fee)	\$50.00 (w/banquet ticket)		\$ _____
___ Sir Knights, Ladies, Guests	\$50.00 (banquet ticket)	\$10.00 (late fee) **	\$ _____
___ Ladies Entertainment	Requires Registration	Free	\$ _____ 0.00

**Late fee (paid by assembly)*

***Late fee (paid by individual)*

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

(Please List ALL Ladies & Additional Guests Names below)

No Menu choices – Buffet Dinner Total number attending Banquet _____

ALL RESERVATIONS MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY A CHECK, PAYABLE TO:
Alexander E Tennant - Master

To avoid the late fee, the reservation must be postmarked by **Saturday, May 6, 2023.**

CANDIDATES: SUBMIT THIS FORM, PAYMENT AND A COMPLETED FORM 4 TO THE ASSEMBLY YOU WILL JOIN. After they approve and sign the form, the Assembly will forward the complete packet as below.

Sir Knights and Assemblies: Mail forms with check to:
Alexander E Tennant – Master, 6400 N Cicero Ave, Apt 505, Lincolnwood, IL 60712

Special Dietary requests: _____

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

*A \$10.00 late fee will be assessed for each guest meal postmarked after Saturday, May 6th.
 Assemblies will be assessed a \$10.00 late fee for each candidate after Saturday, May 6th.*



REV. JOHN CARDINAL CODY ASSEMBLY #3264
Fourth Degree



March 5, 2023

Re: Exemplification Souvenir Program

Dear Faithful Navigator,

The 2023 4th degree exemplification is scheduled for May 20, 2023 at St. Daniel the Prophet Parish at 5300 South Natoma Avenue. Chicago, Illinois. Cody Assembly is the host. The ad costs have not changed from previous exemplifications.

Guidelines for the 2023 Souvenir Program

Supreme Council Rules

We cannot accept advertisements from:

Other insurance - Investment type companies - Political Ads

Ad Size: ¼ page - \$25.00, - ½ page – \$ 50.00, – ¾ page - \$75.00, - Full page - \$100.00

All ads must be submitted with a copy of your Assembly Souvenir Program Agreement sheet filled out with name, phone number of the contact person. Enclosed is a sample copy of a souvenir program agreement. Assemblies **SHOULD** produce their own assembly souvenir program agreement sheet.

The ad will run in the program just as submitted if pictures or line art are used or a typed message to be reproduced to fit the size of the ad (for sizes of the ads see the Assembly Souvenir Program Agreement sample).

Payment (checks payable to “Cody Assembly 3264”), the program agreement form, and the camera ready ad or message must be received by Jim Beranek no later than MAY 10, 2023. NO ADS WILL BE ACCEPTED AFTER MAY 10TH

Vivat Jesus,

James Beranek FP, PFN
8200 Paddington Road
Woodridge, IL 60517
630-207-5502
jim.beranek@att.net

Souvenir Program Agreement
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120TH Annual Fourth Degree Exemplification
May 20, 2023

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½ PAGE (5 ½ x 4 1/4) \$. 50.00
¼ PAGE. (5 ½ x 2 1/8).\$ 25.00

FORWARD CHECKS & ADS TO:
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c/o Jim Beranek
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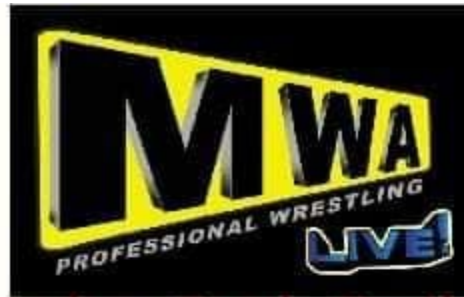
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Advertisers mailing and email address (please print)



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February 10, 2023

Dear Brothers,

The Illinois State Officers invite you to join them at the 125th Illinois State Convention, April 21-23, 2023, at the Wyndham Springfield City Centre Hotel, 700 E. Adams Street, Springfield, IL.

The room rate is **\$130.00 per night**, plus occupancy taxes. This is a special rate for the weekend and includes parking. To ensure that you will have a room, **we encourage you to pre-register**, which you may do ONLINE. The Wyndham has provided a direct link; <https://bit.ly/KofC2023> This link also appears on the State Website.

If you would prefer you may reserve a room by calling the Wyndham at **1-217-789-1530**, enter **#1 at the prompt**, and tell them you are with the Knights of Columbus, Illinois State Council, or **1-877- 999-3223**, the **block code is 04207027KN**.

All State Deputy Banquet and Ladies Luncheon tickets **MUST** be purchased on the State Website at www.illinoisknights.org

THE RESERVATION "CUT-OFF DATE" IS APRIL 10, 2023. Reservation requests received after the cut-off date will be accepted on a space and rate availability basis. If the Knights of Columbus group rate is not available after the cut-off date, the prevailing rates will apply for any reservation confirmed.

The Official State Convention begins on Saturday with the general sessions in the morning and afternoon. There will be a Welcoming Reception on Friday evening. Mass will be celebrated Saturday evening followed by the State Deputy's Banquet. Sunday will be the Main Business Session of the 125th Illinois State Council Convention, including the Election of State Officers for the 2023-2024 Fraternal Year. Our ladies will enjoy many activities as well. A time to meet new friends and renew relationships with old friends. Entertainment will be provided for your pleasure, and don't forget the always exciting Ladies Fundraiser

We are all looking forward to a great convention and having you there with us. Fraternally,

Stephen G. Mann

Together We Are One

Prayer for the Protection of Religious Liberty

**O God our Creator, from your provident hand we have received
Our right to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness.**

**You have called us as your people and given us
The right and duty to worship you, the only true God,
and your Son, Jesus Christ.**

**Through the power and working of your Holy Spirit,
You call us to live our faith in the midst of the world, bringing the
light and the saving truth of the Gospel
To every corner of society.**

**We ask you to bless us
In our vigilance for the gift of religious liberty.
Give us the strength of mind and heart
to readily defend our freedoms when they are threatened;
give us courage in making our voices heard
on behalf of the rights of your Church
and the freedom of conscience of all people of faith.**

**Grant, we pray, O heavenly Father,
a clear and united voice to all your sons and daughters
gathered in your Church in this decisive hour
in the history of our nation,
so that, with every trial withstood
and every danger overcome-
for the sake of our children, our grandchildren,
and all who come after us-
this great land will always be “one nation, under God,
indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.”**

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Amen