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October is the Month of the Holy Rosary!

Faithful Navigator's Message!

Worthy Sir Knights,

The month of October each year is dedicated to the Most Holy Rosary. This is primarily due to the fact that the liturgical feast of Our Lady of the Rosary is celebrated annually on October 7. It was instituted to honor the Blessed Virgin Mary in gratitude for the protection that she gives the Church in answer to the praying of the Rosary by the faithful.



The Rosary is appealing and simple. The purpose of the Rosary is to help us meditate on the great mysteries of our salvation. Every time we as Sir Knights pray the Our Father we are reminded that Jesus' Father is the initiator of salvation. Praying the Hail Mary reminds us that we are joining with Mary in contemplating these mysteries. In addition, they help to make us aware that Mary was and is still intimately joined with her son, Jesus, in all the mysteries of earthly and heavenly existence. The constant repetition of prayer creates an atmosphere of contemplation.

The traditional fifteen Mysteries of the Rosary were finalized by the sixteenth century. The mysteries are grouped into sets: the Joyful Mysteries, the Sorrowful Mysteries, the Glorious Mysteries, and, in 2002, Pope John Paul II announced the new Luminous Mysteries.

In the Month of October, as Sir Knights lets us consider this beautiful prayer of the Rosary as a means that we too can use in order to draw closer to Jesus and Mary by meditating on the great mysteries of our salvation.

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Vivat Jesus!

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A Message from the Supreme Master!



Worthy Sir Knights,

Finding the time this month to report to you, my brother Sir Knights, is equivalent to swimming up to the surface to catch a breath. Simply put, it has been an exceptionally busy month! To begin, the 142nd Supreme

Convention was an exceptional success. Not only did we have the highest participation of Sir Knights in recent memory, we also launched our program for providing Canadian manufactured uniforms for our brothers in the north. Initial reports indicate great excitement and enthusiasm for the new business relationship with Moores Clothing of Canada, which ended a long struggle to provide affordable uniforms without incurring high duties and shipping costs! I am very proud of all who worked many long hours to make this a reality.

Following the convention, I was honored to travel with our Worthy Supreme Knight Patrick E. Kelly to the Philippines for his inaugural visit to the Pearl of the Pacific. Everywhere we went, we received a warm welcome from our brother knights. It was amazing to visit one of the strongest

Catholic nations in the world, where we are proud to have more than 500,000 Knights! Every year, the Philippines leads the way in growth and new assembly development for the Fourth Degree. To them, I say Salamat! On our return, Theresa and I also enjoyed a brief but wonderful visit to South Korea where we discovered tremendous opportunities for Fourth Degree growth.

Now, our focus turns to the 125th Anniversary of the 4th Degree Knights of Columbus. We are finishing up the details and plan to publish the registration site in the next two weeks. All members are welcomed to join us on Saturday, February 22, 2025 in New York City for this historic event at America's home parish, St. Patrick's Cathedral.

In closing, please keep Former Supreme Master Dennis Stoddard in your thoughts and prayers. He is battling serious health issues and is in need of a kidney transplant.

Vivat Jesus!

Supreme Master

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To submit photos or articles for the next issue, please email to:

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before the 30th of this month.

DATES TO REMEMBER:

Thursday, October 10th at 8 pm
Membership Mtg.- 194 River Rd
at Queen of Peace KofC Hall

**Send your newsletters and
event notices to the F.N. at
d_newlin@yahoo.com**

Did you send your dues to Worthy
Comptroller Neal McGarrity yet?
His address is 814 Ninth Street,
Secaucus, NJ 07094. Make checks
payable to "Knights of Columbus".

You can also pay at the meeting!

DON'T FORGET!

Annual Veterans Breakfast
November 10, 2024 at
Immaculate Conception Church
1219 Paterson Plank Road
Secaucus, NJ 07094
Tickets: FM Paul Pinkman
bp1412@aol.com

Worthy Sir Knights,

In conjunction with the 125th Anniversary of the 4th Degree there will be an Exemplification at St Patrick's Cathedral In NYC. This will be a Historic Event and certainly a great recruiting plan to have candidates Knighted at the same place where the first Exemplification was performed.

This will also be the rollout of the New 4th Degree, where families can attend. More information will be made available soon.

Vivat Jesus!

SK David L. Newlin III, FN



The 1st New Jersey District Color Line was Honored to be part of the Metuchin Diocese Pride in Our Priest Dinner.

The name of the Dinner says it all "Pride in Our Priest". We are very thankful and proud of everthing they do for us and the community as our Spiritual Leaders.



The Prayers of the Rosary

Sign of the Cross
In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Apostles' Creed
I believe in God, the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried; he descended into hell; on the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty; from there he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. Amen.

Our Father
Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come; thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses; as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. Amen.

Hail Mary
Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee; blessed art thou among women; and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus. Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death. Amen.

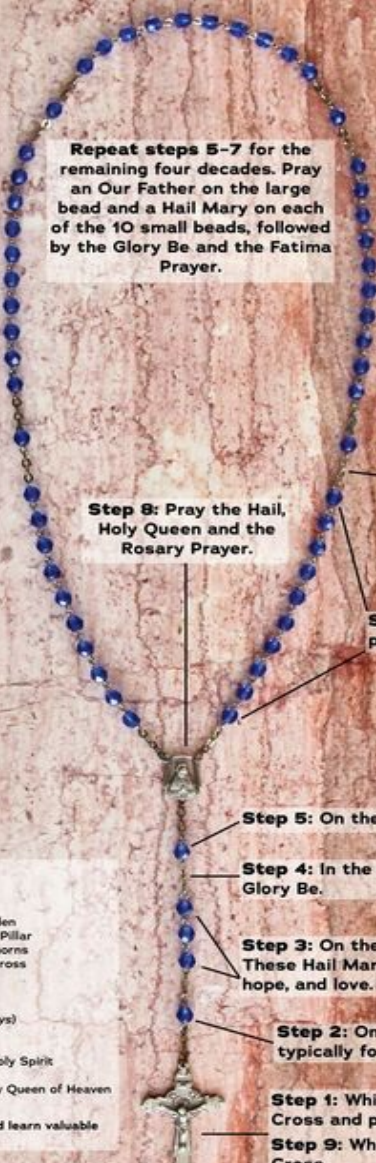
Glory Be
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Fatima Prayer
O my Jesus, forgive us our sins, save us from the fires of hell; lead all souls to heaven, especially those in most need of thy mercy.

Hail, Holy Queen
Hail, holy Queen, mother of mercy, our life, our sweetness, and our hope. To thee do we cry, poor banished children of Eve; to thee do we send up our sighs, mourning and weeping in this valley of tears. Turn then, most gracious advocate, thine eyes of mercy toward us; and, after this, our exile, show unto us the blessed fruit of thy womb, Jesus. O clement, O loving, O sweet Virgin Mary.

Pray for us O holy mother of God, that we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

Rosary Prayer
O God, whose only-begotten Son by his life, death and Resurrection, has purchased for us the rewards of eternal life; grant, we beseech thee, that by meditating upon these mysteries of the most holy rosary of the Blessed Virgin Mary, we may imitate what they contain and obtain what they promise, through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.



Praying the Rosary

The Mysteries of the Rosary

<p>Joyful Mysteries (prayed on Mondays and Saturdays)</p> <p>1st Decade: The Annunciation 2nd Decade: The Visitation 3rd Decade: The Birth of Jesus 4th Decade: The Presentation 5th Decade: The Finding of the Child Jesus in the Temple</p> <p>Luminous Mysteries (prayed on Thursdays)</p> <p>1st Decade: The Baptism of Jesus in the River Jordan 2nd Decade: The Wedding Feast at Cana 3rd Decade: The Proclamation of the Kingdom of God 4th Decade: The Transfiguration of Jesus 5th Decade: The Institution of the Eucharist</p>	<p>Sorrowful Mysteries (prayed on Tuesdays and Fridays)</p> <p>1st Decade: The Agony in the Garden 2nd Decade: The Scourging at the Pillar 3rd Decade: The Crowning with Thorns 4th Decade: The Carrying of the Cross 5th Decade: The Crucifixion</p> <p>Glorious Mysteries (prayed on Wednesdays and Sundays)</p> <p>1st Decade: The Resurrection 2nd Decade: The Ascension 3rd Decade: The Descent of the Holy Spirit 4th Decade: The Assumption 5th Decade: The Crowning of Mary Queen of Heaven</p>
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As you pray the decades, you can also meditate on the mysteries of the rosary and learn valuable lessons from the lives of Jesus and Mary.

Repeat steps 5-7 for the remaining four decades. Pray an Our Father on the large bead and a Hail Mary on each of the 10 small beads, followed by the Glory Be and the Fatima Prayer.

Step 7: In the space after the 10th bead, pray the Glory Be and the Fatima Prayer.

Step 6: On each small bead in the decade, pray the Hail Mary.

Step 5: On the next large bead, pray the Our Father.

Step 4: In the space after the third Hail Mary, pray the Glory Be.

Step 3: On the next three small beads, pray the Hail Mary. These Hail Marys are often prayed for an increase in faith, hope, and love.

Step 2: On the first large bead, pray the Our Father, typically for the intentions of the pope.

Step 1: While holding the crucifix, make the Sign of the Cross and pray the Apostles' Creed.

Step 9: While holding the crucifix, make the Sign of the Cross.

1. Carry a rosary in your pocket.
2. Say it while you wait (for example at a bus stop).
3. Recite the rosary while doing chores or while you work out.
4. Use images and music. The rosary is a contemplative prayer.
5. If you are upset, pray for the situation that worries you.

6. Pray while you walk and think of the people in your life.
7. Use each mystery to ask for a specific intention.
8. If you can't pray the whole Rosary at once, break it into parts.
9. Say it in moments of sadness or spiritual drought.
10. Fall asleep praying the Rosary.



Supreme Convention Photos



Members of the 1st and 2nd New Jersey District Color Corps with the Supreme Master Michael McCusker along with Retired U.S Army 1st Sergeant Sompaul Vorapanich, Military Liason.

1st New Jersey District Master
James DeLuccia



**More Supreme Convention
Photos**



Supreme Master Michael McCuster leads Supreme 4th Degree Officers at the opening mass at the Supreme Convention.

Vice Supreme Master Joe Peluso at the opening mass at the Convention.