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It's Christmas!!! Vivat Jesus!

Faithful Navigator's Message!



F. N. David & Lady Sophie

Worthy Sir Knights,

We are in Advent, preparing to Celebrate the Birth of Our Savior, an event that leads to our Salvation. As we prepare for Christmas let us not forget all the Blessings we have received this past year. These blessings include Our: Salvation, Family, Friends, Membership in this Order and Countless Others.

As Sir Knights, I know during this Advent Season we will continue to Count our Blessings, Love and

Respect our Fellow Man and have a Christ Centered Christmas.

Lady Sophie and I wish you a Merry Christmas and Prosperous New Year in 2025!
Vivat Jesus!

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DATES TO REMEMBER

Monday, January 6th at 8 pm
Master's Mtg. at ICC in Secaucus
Parking: 30 Centre Ave

Thursday, January 9th at 8 pm
Membership Mtg.- 194 River Rd
at Queen of Peace KofC Hall

February 22nd at St. Pat's, NYC
125th Anniversary & Exemplification

Our website:

www.kc4d1543.org

Supreme Master's Message



We have come to the end of the year, bringing with it the joy of Christmas that will soon be followed by the opportunities of a new year – 2025. This will be a remarkable time in the history of the Order, as we mark the 125th anniversary of the Fourth Degree. Rest

assured that the home office staff is busily preparing for the anniversary that will be celebrated on Saturday, February 22, 2025, at St. Patrick's Cathedral in New York City.

Your enthusiasm is evident! In the first few weeks of registration, Sir Knights have already purchased approximately 25% of the banquet tickets. If you wish to attend the degree on Saturday afternoon and stay for the banquet, please know that time is not on your side, as ticket sales are going quite well.

We have also secured a group rate at several hotels and information and reservation links can be found here. Just click on the hotel name to access each reservation page. Please note that once these blocks are filled, we will not be able to secure any additional contracts, so it's important to act quickly. If these options do not work for you or if they sell out, we recommend checking Expedia and searching for hotels near St. Patrick's Cathedral in New York City.

On December 3rd, my staff and I will be meeting with staff from both St. Patrick's and the New York Hilton, Midtown Manhattan. Soon after, I will be able to share more details with you regarding the anniversary celebration. However, the most important thing to share now is that this will be the premiere of the Revised Patriotic Degree. What is unique about the revision is that family members and friends are now able to attend! With this open degree, the great message of our Catholic history in the development of the United States will now be shared with many.

Having concluded the U.S. revision, it is now being prepared in English and Spanish for release following the 125th Anniversary. More exciting is that the West Coast premiere will be in Southern California on March 1st and the Midwest premiere is March 22nd in Indianapolis. So, all we need now is a Southern premiere. Stay tuned!

It is now time to turn our attention to a Canadian Revised Patriotic Degree. For this, I am happy to share that our Worthy Deputy Supreme Knight Arthur Peters is heading up this effort. With the U.S. effort having been a matter of first impression for me, I am certain that the Canadian revision will move at a considerably faster pace.

Happy Thanksgiving and Merry Christmas to one and all! May God bless each of you and your families as we through Advent!

Vivat Jesus!

Supreme Master Michael McCusker

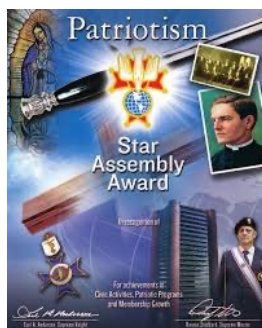


To submit photos or articles for the next issue, please send email to:

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 before the 30th of this month.

**Send your newsletters and
 event notices to the F.N. at
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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!



As Faithful Navigator, it is my honor and privilege to announce that we will be receiving the Star Assembly Award at the upcoming Masters Meeting on January 6th. This award is validation of all the good works the Assembly has done in the past fraternal year especially in patriotic and civic programs.

The Star Assembly Award is a tribute to the spirit of patriotism with national pride as demonstrated in the: patriotic activities, excelling in membership recruitment, reporting to the Supreme Council office and keeping members informed of Assembly activities.

Our Assembly's goal is to Defend our Catholic Faith, Promote Patriotism and Support Our: Veterans, First Responders and Clergy.

Worthy Sir Knights I am extremely proud of Your hard work, dedication and support of Monsignor Peter B. O'Connor Assembly 1543 and the Fourth Degree. Congratulations!

Without each of you, this honor would not be possible, God bless each of You and your families.

Vivat Jesus!

SK David L. Newlin III,
 Faithful Navigator



**David, the Navigator and
Paul, the Former Master
at the
Fall Exemplification**



**Worthy Navigator David holds
his Nomination Certificate for
Corpsman of the Year from
Msgr. P. B. O'Connor Assembly**

Our District Color Line!

