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Happy New Year!!! Let's Get to Work!

Faithful Navigator's Message!



F. N. David & Lady Sophie

Worthy Sir Knights,

Welcome to the Year 2025!

Lady Sophie and I would like to wish you a Happy and Healthy New Year. What an Honor it has been to serve as your Faithful Navigator this past year.

The First Half our Fraternal Year is now officially over. It is time to focus on the upcoming Exemplifications. As Sir Knights we need to continue to grow our Fourth Degree Membership and be active members in our Assembly. Becoming a Fourth Degree Knight signifies a strong commitment to Patriotism and Active Catholic Citizenship, making it a prestigious choice for those who want to visibly

show their love for their Country through participation with the Assembly and the Color Corps at our many events throughout the year.

Worthy Sir Knight as you may already know we will be receiving the Star Assembly Award at this coming Masters Meeting in February.

The Star Assembly Award signifies our Assembly has achieved a high level of excellence in member recruitment, community service programs and our many patriotic activities. It is great honor for our Assembly to be recognized for embodying our orders core values of Service and National Pride.

I want to Thank all of you for your Dedication to our Assembly and the Order. Achieving this great honor would not have been possible without you.

Let's keep moving the ball forward and continue all of our good works.

Vivat Jesus!

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Supreme Master's Message



The other day, I promised our Communications Director, Matt Maly, that I would work on my monthly message on my flight from Dallas to Philly and, well, I didn't. From Philly to Hartford, I was diverted due to weather. So, I

ended up with time in Providence, Rhode Island while waiting to see when or if we would get to Hartford. As such, I found this change in plans gave me ample time to sit down and write the message.

I suppose you could say it was providential!

Many things in life are providential whether or not we realize it in the moment. I thought about that the past few days while in Laredo, Texas for the Silver Rose exchange with Mexico. In 2009, as I was rising through the chairs in Council 9317 in Cordova, Tennessee, the State Program Director asked me if I would be willing to serve as the State Church Director. It seemed like one more thing on an already full plate, but after some reflection and prayer, I said "Yes."

I immediately discovered that a program called the Silver Rose was quickly approaching, and it was my job to plan the route through Tennessee, making it available to councils and assemblies along the way. First, I learned about the program expectations. That's when I discovered that after leaving Tennessee, the Silver Rose would continue on its way to Texas, ultimately being handed over to our Mexican brothers who, in turn, would take it to Monterey, Mexico for the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe. At that time, I thought about how incredible it would be to witness that exchange but quickly dispelled that thought as being beyond the realm of possibility, even telling myself "that will never happen."

And yet, on December 11, 2024, I found myself, as a representative of the Supreme Council, standing on the International Bridge exchanging the Silver Rose with Mexico. Imagine if I had said "no" all those years ago, using my work, young family or even my council responsibilities as an excuse!

Let us be mindful that the seasons of Advent and Christmas are Seasons of "Yes." First was Mary's "yes" to God's plan for salvation. Second was St. Juan Diego (though initially reluctant) giving his "yes" to our Lady's pleas. Both yesses led them to Sainthood. Where will yours lead you?

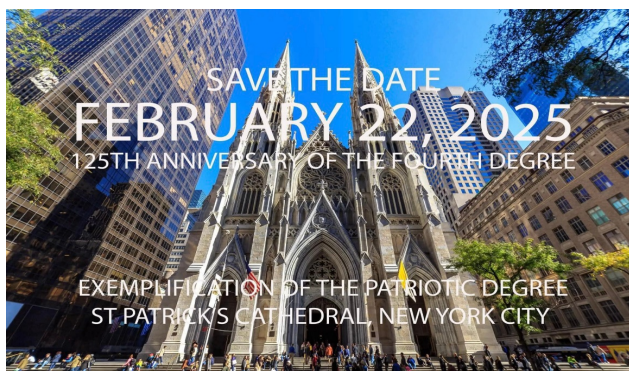
This Christmas or maybe in the coming year, God will ask for your "yes." At that moment, you may not realize it's God who is asking or that you are being called to serve the Order and the Church for the greater glory of God. None of us can know in that moment what is in store for our lives when we make a gift of ourselves to a world in need.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year! Keep doing all the amazing things you do as Sir Knights! Only two more months to our 125th Fourth Degree Anniversary! Don't wait! Tickets are going fast! Just say "Yes!"

Maybe, it'll prove to be providential!

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 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!

DATES TO REMEMBER

Monday, January 6th at 8 pm

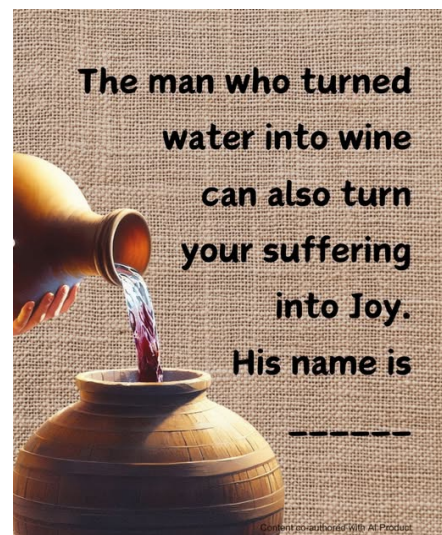
Master's Mtg. at ICC in Secaucus

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



If you have not had a chance to participate in the transfer of the Silver Rose at the International Bridge, you have truly missed one special event. We could go on and on about this event, but we will let the pictures tell the story. This year, our Supreme Master was present for the transfer. Others presenting roses to the Mexican Delegation were Supreme Director Alfredo Vela and Texas State Deputy Ron Alonzo. Also present for the event were VSM Pat Conway and all seven Masters of the Our Lady of Guadalupe Province.



Mary, we have visitors!

CALLING ALL BASKETBALL PLAYERS!



Girls & Boys
SATURDAY
Jan. 18th, 2025
Starting at 6:30pm

graciously hosted at:
Sacred Heart School
620 Valley Brook Ave,
Lyndhurst, NJ 07071



The event is open to boys and girls 9-14 years old as of 1/1/25 from surrounding towns. All contestants will take part in a free throw skill competition shooting 15 free throws. Contestants will be recognized for their participation in this event.

Copy of Birth Certificate must be presented to participate.

Pre-Register Online linktr.ee/Council2396



We are Collecting Items for the Lyndhurst Food Pantry

- Unexpired canned goods
- Non-perishable food items
- Toiletries
- Stop & Shop and Shop Rite gift cards

All Donations Welcome!

"In Service to One, In Service to All"

Have Questions? Feel free to contact us at (561) 587-8402 for more information.



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