



MEETING NIGHT
4TH MONDAY OF MONTH

CHRISTOPHER COLUMBUS ASSEMBLY #2349



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KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS 4TH DEGREE NEWSLETTER

MAY 2012

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CALENDER:

June 11th – Assembly
Elections

June 25th – Installation
(Tentative)

K of C Eucharistic
Adoration: 2nd Wed.
Women Center
(Cicero/Elston).
8p.m. – 12a.m.
Mater Christi Council



FROM THE WORTHY MASTER

Good morning my Brother Knights and a happy Monday to one and all! I would like to take this opportunity to thank each of you for your participation in the recently completed Exemplification in Lincolnshire this past weekend. To our Host Assembly, Christopher Columbus Assembly, my thanks are extended for all you did to make the day a memorable one for the 144 new Brother Sir Knights who received the honors of the Fourth Degree. Please convey my thanks and appreciation especially to your Ladies Lunch Committee who put together a beautiful program for our ladies. The wonderful comments I received from them is a testament to the beautiful job they did. The Mass Committee is to be commended on a beautiful liturgy celebrating the Exemplification. Needless to say, having the Archbishop from the Vatican as the Principal Celebrant is an honor that we never expected and I know that all were honored and thrilled that he was with us that afternoon. Sincerest kudos to the Dinner Committee who, despite everything I through at them at the very last minute, were able to coordinate everything so wonderfully well and assure that the 400 plus guests at the banquet were seated and all of their needs were taken care of in a professional and capable manner.

Many thanks to my staff who assisted throughout the day either in the Degree Chamber, Candidates Holding Room, Mass, Banquet and anything else I requested of you. Your constant willingness to go above and beyond what we need you to do is truly appreciated. A very special thanks to our District Degree Team who, as always, did an exemplary job in Exemplifying the Patriotic Degree to our Sir Knights. Please convey my thanks to the Brother Sir Knights who were in the Color Guard at the Degree, Mass and Banquet as well as those 60 plus Sir Knights who donned the regalia of our Order and participated in the Honor Guard at both the Degree and the Mass.

From the many wonderful comments I heard from our new Sir Knights and, especially the ladies who attended, I believe that it was a very successful weekend and each of you played such a key role in assuring that it was as successful as it was. Of course, while it was successful, there are lessons learned from this Degree that we will use to make our next Degree in October even more successful and, as we get nearer to that date I will share those thoughts with you. Again, thank you one and all for a great weekend! Take care and have a great day.
Vivat Jesus,

Paul

Master, 4th Degree
Illinois District One
Marquette Province



FAITHFUL NAVIGATOR'S MESSAGE

Worthy Sirs and Lovely Ladies,
Thank You! Thank You!! Thank You!!! to everyone who helped to make the Exemplification of the Fourth Degree held on April, 21, 2012 the fantastic success that it was. There is no way that we can ever thank our Chaplain, Father Jason for bringing his friend the Archbishop with to celebrate Mass, and visit with us at our hospitality suite. We welcomed 144 new Sir Knights and their families to the 4th Degree. We hosted a much enjoyed Ladies Luncheon. Thank you to Robert Neri of Robert's Floral Design for his entertaining and informative presentation. The banquet was highlighted by a moving tribute to our Veterans and Brother Knights who have paid the ultimate sacrifice this past year while serving in the military. Sir Knight Dan Gols, Sir Knight Bill Kinder, and our newly appointed Commander, Sir Knight Terry Citko, were awarded the Master's Medallion. SK Antonio D'Ambrosio was selected as the Candidate of the Day. A special thanks to Committee Chair John Batzel, Tom Kaiser, and John Lough for all of their hard work coordinating the preparation, as well as, the events of the day. And, thanks again to everyone else who stepped up to help and worked so hard to make this Assembly shine. Unfortunately, our Class Honoree, PFN Sam Costa injured his wrist on Saturday morning and was unable to attend, but was duely honored. Get Well Soon!!!!!! Welcome to our new Sir Knights who will be members of our Assembly and we encourage them to attend our meetings, to get involved in our programs, and to join us standing Honor Guard.

Dale



**CONGRATULATIONS TO PFN, PGK SAM COSTA
ON BEING THE CLASS HONOREE FOR THE
EXEMPLIFICATION HOSTED BY OUR ASSEMBLY!!**



IMPORTANT KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS WEBSITES:
www.kofc.org
www.4thdegreeillinoisdistrict1.com
www.illinoisknights.org
www.christophercolumbusassembly2349.com
 1-800-345-KOFC
 (For insurance)

"We should love and feel compassion for those who oppose us, since they harm themselves and do us good, and adorn us with crowns of everlasting glory."
 - St. Anthony Zaccaria

"Humility is to the various virtues what the chain is in a rosary: take away the chain, and the beads are scattered; remove humility, and all virtues vanish."
 - St. John Vianney

"Communism is the final logic of the dehumanization of man."
 -Fulton J. Sheen

"Our Lord sends the crosses; we don't have to invent them."
 -St. Padre Pio

HONOR GUARDS

- 05-27-12 - Cardinal George and Bishop Wypych. Nativity of the B.V.M. (6812 S. Washtenaw Ave. Chicago, IL). 3:30P.M. Parish's 25th Anniversary. Get there 45 minutes early.
- 05-28-12 - Memorial Day. Honor guard at all cemeteries. Most start between 10:00 A.M. -10:30A.M. If you are able, join one of these honor guards to remember the sacrifice of our veterans.
- 06-2-12 - 50th Anniversary of Fr. Albert Judy's ordination. St. Ferdinand (5900 W. Barry). 5:00P.M. Mass. Get there 45 minutes early.
- 06-2-12 - Cardinal George celebrant at the Centennial Celebration of Maternity of the B.V.M. (3647 W. North Avenue Chicago, IL). 5:00P.M. Mass. Get there 45 minutes early.
- 06-09-12 - Corpus Christi. St. Monica's. 4P.M. Mass and procession. Get there 45 minutes early.
- 06-10-12 - Corpus Christi. St. Ferdinand. Mass and procession to four altars. Requested by Fr. Jason. 12:30P.M. Mass. Get there 45 minutes early.
- 06-17-12 - Corpus Christi. St. Eugene's. 11:30A.M. Mass and procession. Get there 45 minutes early.
- 09-30-12 - Cardinal George. Dedication of new shrine of St. Francis Cabrini (434 W. Deming Place, Chicago, IL). Together with 4 bishops, and 12 priests. Rev. Fr. SK. Ted Popliski requested this honor guard through SK Anthony Dima, a member of our Assembly.

JOHN PAUL II COUNCIL #14008 TO SPONSOR "AT THE HOP!" – MAY 19TH

Sounds like it will be one exciting event, with world-renowned Hall of Famer DJ Dick Biondi!!! The event's venue is St. Eugene's (5220 N. Canfield) on Foster/Canfield in the Shaunessy Center, and goes from 7P.M. – 10P.M. Crowd capacity is up to 500 people. Contact GK Greg Repta at (630) 825-5753 or SK Tony Mion (708) 256-3993. Current pricing is \$20.00 a head. Advance ticket sales only; no tickets sold at the door. Refreshments available and door prizes. ROCK, BOP, DOO WOP!!!

CANDIDATES FOR ELECTION SLATED BY FN/PFN CAUCUS ON 5/16/2012 MEETING

- Faithful Friar Fr. Jason Torba
- Faithful Navigator Zenon Grodecki
- Faithful Captain Daniel Gols
- Faithful Admiral John Batzel
- Faithful Comptroller Rich Holmgren
- Faithful Purser Tom Kaiser
- Faithful Pilot John Lough
- Faithful Scribe *** Open***
- Faithful Trustees Sam Costa, Bob Kasper, Steve Lascola
- Faithful Sentinels Terry Citko, Paul Guillemette



JUNE 11TH

+ This is only a slate, nominations can come from the floor. Majority vote.

MISCELLANEOUS NEWS/PLANNING ITEMS

- **Congratulations to new SK Antonio D'Ambrosio**, of Mater Christi Council, on being selected for *Candidate of the Day* at the April 2012 Exemplification in Lincolnshire, IL. Tony received a new sword, sword case, and baldric!
- **Congratulations to our 3 Master Medallion Recipients!** They are: Sir Knight Dan Gols, Sir Knight Bill Kinder, and Sir Knight Terry Citko. These fine gentlemen were presented the Master's Medallion by Master Paul Isherwood at the Exemplification in Lincolnshire, IL. Congratulations, also, to SK Terry Citko upon his elevation to Commander.
- **Tonti is having a Major Degree Ceremony.** May 20, 2012 at 1:00P.M. The degree will be held at Our Lady of Victory School Hall. [Call PGK Bill Sedlacek (773) 405-8983.] Register candidates no later than 12:30P.M. Cost is \$20.00, and includes dinner ticket. Observers dinner ticket is \$12.



"The greatest destroyer of peace in the world is abortion." - Mother Teresa