



Knights of Columbus Fourth Degree
Bishop James A. Healy Province, District of Maine
Raymond Sargent, District Master

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Worthy Faithful Navigator:

Summer is ending and hopefully you and the members of your assembly have had time to rest and enjoy each other's company. This was a busy summer for Claire and me. In June, we spent a few weeks with our granddaughter, ending in Washington, D.C. where we met up with our son and spent a few days with the two of them before returning to Maine as they drove to Cincinnati, Ohio. I attended the Moxie-Fest for the first time in full regalia. We attended the Supreme Convention in San Antonio, Texas and a week later we were in Old Town hosting the Fourth Degree Exemplification for 69 candidates and their guests. The Old Town Assembly and Council did a great job hosting the weekend. The ladies enjoyed themselves as well.

We just got back from Manchester, New Hampshire where the Masters in the Bishop James A. Healy Province met all weekend with Vice-Supreme Master Michael Donnelly. At that meeting we reviewed who had assemblies with reports outstanding, discussed plans for this fraternal year, and strategized how we can get more Knights of Columbus in the Fourth Degree. The Vice-Supreme Master said that the Faithful Navigator should be on the membership committee of his council. At the completion of each Third Degree, you should invite the new members to join the Fourth Degree and give them a Form 4 with a cover letter from you. There was also a discussion on how the Fourth Degree can be notified when the Third Degree Financial Secretary proposes to suspend a member.

Here are things I wish you would support:

- Be sure the Report of Assembly Officers (due July 1) is submitted to Supreme
- Be sure the Semi-Annual Audit (due August 1) is submitted to Supreme
- Notify your Honor Guard that we need members in full regalia to join me at St. Joseph's College in Windham at 10:30AM on Friday, September 20
- Support Catholic Radio pledge drive on September 18, 5-7PM (1-855-955-7729)
- Plan an event to recognize Patriot's Day on September 11
- Notify your Honor Guard that we need members in full regalia to join me at the Augusta Civic Center at 7:30AM on Saturday, October 5, World Mission Day
- Notify your Honor Guard that we need members in full regalia to join me at the Togus Veteran's Hospital at 8:15AM on Sunday, November 3 to attend mass with the veterans
- Plan an event to recognize Veterans' Day on Monday, November 11
- Help recruit candidates for the next Exemplification which will be held in Portland on Saturday, May 24, 2014. The Honor Guard in full regalia is also requested.

I find that when I don't wear my tuxedo for a while, it seems to fit a little tighter the next time I wear it. Just imagine all the other Sir Knights in the same predicament. Some haven't had the occasion to wear it since the day of their exemplification. With so many men finding it just as cheap to purchase a tuxedo instead of renting one, there are many more Knights with tuxedos who are not in the Honor Guard. I propose that each Assembly hold at least one annual event where tuxedos and baldrics are encouraged (of course, do not exclude a Sir Knight who does not own a tuxedo). It could be as simple as hosting a communion breakfast where the men in tuxedos are escorted by the Honor Guard into Church. You could also invite Sir Knights to march with their tuxedos and baldrics with Honor Guard in parades and other public events. The whole idea is to make the Fourth Degree more visible. If we consistently do this, people will soon recognize the Knights of Columbus as the men in tuxedos, rather than just the men in capes and chapeaus. Of course, a formal dance or a Christmas party are other occasions that could warrant wearing a tuxedo.

Remember that the Fourth Degree team are eager to assist you in making this a successful fraternal year for your assembly. We are available to officiate at your installation of officers and Honor Guard Certification. If you need assistance with Assembly matters, please call me, my Executive Secretary or one of the Marshals:

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Sincerely;

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