



Fourth Degree Knights of Columbus
Bienville Province, Tennessee District

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Worthy Sir Knights and Brothers All;

Having just finished the Easter season with Ascension Sunday, I hope we, as Catholic's and Knights of Columbus have strengthened ourselves with our Lord and savior Jesus Christ. This part of our liturgical year is over and we must continually strive to make ourselves and families stronger in our faith. Help our parishes and Priests in any way we can, defend our faith and stand up for our principals of charity, unity, fraternity, and patriotism.

We are coming to the end of our fraternal year, new officers will be elected soon, and some will remain in office. We must keep each assembly viable and strong, doing what we can to promote our principal of patriotism in the fourth degree, as well as our commitment to our church. When you hold your elections for the fraternal year, 2008-09, please send your report of the newly elected officers to Supreme as well as me. If you need a form to fill out, I can send you one. This is an important item to complete; it lets the supply department know who the officers are, and who to mail the packets to. I would ask you to please put your e-mail address on the line for the FN's and FC's where you put your phone contact. This way I can get information to you quickly.

So far this fraternal year we have held 7 exemplifications around the state, bringing in 199 new sir knights. We have one more scheduled on June 14, 2008 in Millington, TN at St. William's Parish. Host Assembly Msgr. Leppert 1923, Don Donnelly, FN. You can contact FC George Hirtz at 901-388-6933 or Dave Hessling at TNknightdave@bigriver.net for information. I will be attaching the letter to this e-mail also.

The State Convention was held April 25/27 in Franklin, TN at the Cool Springs Marriott. The Fourth Degree meeting was held on Friday the 25, we had representation there from 18 of 24 assemblies. We discussed the doings of our fraternal year, 2007-08, and had three names submitted to become District Master for the next two years. The DM for the next two years will be determined at the Supreme Council Board of Director's meeting in Quebec in August. The names submitted were Ron Schillinger, Assembly 3048 in Collierville/Germantown, Wes Bell, Assembly 1084 in Chattanooga, and I placed my name also for another two-year term.

Each year at the State Convention during the District meeting we vote on the continuation of the Master's Fund Donation from each Assembly. This is a voluntary donation, started in 2002 by then District Master Paul Nelson, to help offset the expenses incurred by the Master. Each assembly is ask to donate \$1.00 per member as of your July 1, 2008 roster sent to you from supreme. This motion passed to renew the donation, so those of you that want to donate after the start of the new fraternal year, please mail the check to the address above.

The Dome Fund was next on the agenda; Supreme Knight Carl Anderson has asked each assembly in the United States to donate to the fund. It is for the National Shrine's Knights of Columbus Incarnation Dome in Washington, D. C. The amount each assembly is to donate is \$3.00 per member from your January 1, 2008 roster. The Supreme Council has committed 1 million dollars to do this, and they have asked the assemblies to contribute \$500,00.00 of that amount. Again, as the volunteer state, I would like to see Tennessee be 100% compliant to this request. If your assembly can't donate the full amount of \$3.00 per member, then do what you feel is right for you, but let's get it done. So far, I have had 8 assemblies donate, so we have 16 more to go. I have the form you need to fill out with your donation if you need one, let me know and I will mail it to you.

The exemplification schedule needs to be put together for the 2008-09 fraternal year. I would like to see us have as many as 8 exemplifications again this year. Please consider hosting one in your area, and we need to get the word out early. Right now Cleveland has one on the calendar for October 11, 2008, and Knoxville has requested Palm Sunday weekend, so that's two. Let's try to have 4 prior to the end of the year, and 4 from January to June.

Now for the new tax information. The IRS has a new filing requirement for all councils and assemblies, Form 990-N (e-Postcard) It needs to be filed before May 15, 2008, I have previously sent you information on this, with attachment's of the instructions, and I will attach them again. Everything is done electronically, so there is no paper trail. You do need your EIN number, (Employer Identification Number). The IRS Pension Protection Act of 2006 has changed the filing status. It used to be filed only if you had over 25,000.00 go thru you council or assembly, now, it has to be filed by all fraternal's irregardless of how much goes thru. This isn't like doing your audit that is due August 1, 2008. I've talked with several people at supreme and I think we can get some help. This isn't something we can ignore, because we could lose our tax-exempt status if you don't file. May 15 is only 9 days away, so do the best you can. The IRS will not assess any penalty for late filing, but it is important to get it done, and soon.

On Saturday at the convention I handed out the awards for the 2007-08 fraternal year, listed are the winners;

Assembly of the Year

Father Charles C. Reid Assembly 1086, Jackson, TN Marvin Warmath, FN

F. E. Kuhn Award's

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Msgr. Leppert Assembly 1923, Memphis, TN, Don Donnelly, FN

Deacon Lee R. Hurst Assembly 2183, Cordova, TN John Stratman, FN

Father William Morgan Assembly 2328, Clarksville, TN Chris Myers, FN

Pope John Paul II Assembly 2920, Loudon, TN Tom Viotti, FN

Holy Cross Assembly 3048, Germantown/Collierville, TN Ron Schillinger, FN

Adoration Activity of the Year

John Paul II Assembly 2920, Loudon, TN Tom Viotti, FN

Patriotic Activity of the Year

F. Randolph Howell Assembly 2163, Columbia, TN George Kirk, FN

Exemplification of the Year

Holy Cross Assembly 3048, Germantown/Collierville, TN Ron Schillinger, FN

Newsletter of the Year

Holy Cross Assembly 3048, Germantown/Collierville, TN Ron Schillinger, FN

God Bless,

Bill Gunter

District Master



Knights of Columbus
Msgr. Joseph E. Leppert
Assembly No. 1923

To: All Brother Knights March 28, 2007

From: Don Donnelly
Faithful Navigator
Msgr. Joseph E. Leppert
Assembly #1923

Dave Hessling
Faithful Captain
Msgr. Joseph E. Leppert
Assembly #1923

Subject: Fourth Degree Exemplification

Monsignor Joseph E. Leppert Assembly #1923 is hosting a Fourth Degree Exemplification on June 14, 2008 under the direction of District Master William Gunter, PSD. Please extend an invitation to all Third Degree Knights who are ready to advance to the Order's highest degree. All eligible members are invited to join our brother Sir Knights on this day and participate in the Exemplification. The deadline for Form 4's, fees and getting the candidate's name in the program book will be **May 15, 2008.**

When: Noon, Saturday, June 14, 2008.

Where: St. William Catholic Church
4932 Easley Street
Millington, TN 38053

Candidates: A Third Degree member in good standing in his council and who was initiated into the first degree at least twelve months prior to the scheduled exemplification date is considered eligible. If the candidate has not been in the order for twelve months the District Master will have to be notified in order to get a waiver from the Supreme Master.

Candidate Dress Code: Black tuxedo, black bow tie, black cummerbund, black socks and shoes; white tuxedo straight collar shirt (no wing tip collars), and white gloves. Social baldrics will be provided by the Assembly. Military Class "A" Uniform is appropriate for Active, Guard and Reserve Servicemen.

All other Sir Knights should wear Tuxedo and Social Baldric for Exemplification program and full Regalia for Mass. Ladies dress is semi-formal or formal (their choice) for the Mass and banquet.

The schedule of events:

- Candidates to assemble at the St. William Cafeteria at between **11:00 and 11:30 a.m.**
- Exemplification to begin promptly at **Noon.**
- Mass at **4:30 p.m.** Honor Guard should assemble by **4:15 p.m.**
- The Knighting Ceremony will take place in the chamber during the Exemplification. A second Knighting Ceremony will take place immediately following Mass in the church for family pictures.
- Happy hour and Banquet in the Saint Williams Family Life Center following the Knighting Ceremony in church.

Cost per Candidate: The cost per Candidates is **\$70.00**, payable to **Msgr. Leppert Assembly #1923**. This cost includes the Exemplification Fee we pay to Supreme, a Social Baldric, a Fourth Degree lapel pin, a Sir Knight certificate, and one banquet ticket for the candidate. **Banquet tickets for Sir Knight observers and guests are \$25.00 each, also payable to the assembly. All Form 4's and fees are due NO LATER THAN MAY 15, 2008.** Do not send a Form 4 without the \$70 fee. All Form 4, fees and extra ticket orders should be mailed to:

George Hirtz Questions: George Hirtz
Faithful Comptroller 901-388-6933
4811 Misty River Rd. 901-484-9293
Bartlett, TN 38135 e-mail: www.gahirtz@aol.com

To help us defray some of the costs of the Exemplification we are offering an opportunity to Assemblies and Councils to take an ad in our program. If you would like to place an ad or know of any one who would, please send a copy in **Word Format** electronically to the web address below. The costs are: **Full Page \$60.00, ½ page \$40.00 and \$25.00 for a business card ad, there are no ¼ page ads. Deadline for your ad to be inserted into the program will be MAY 15, 2008.** Again, please send ad copy **ELECTRONICALLY** to: **Don Berger** at: **www.Mrdberger@aol.com**

Checks for ads made payable to the Assembly should be mailed to George Hirtz at the above address. **Make sure it is noted on the check that it is for advertisement.**

For any questions, feel free to contact either of the following:

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Vivat Jesus!
Dave Hessling