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**Newsletter III, November 7, 2008**

**Worthy Faithful Navigator's, and Brothers All;**

**Some things to go over since the last newsletter, first, the exemplification in Cleveland, TN on October 11, 2008 went well. We now have 13 new sir knights in Tennessee. The Bienville Province Meeting was next on October 18 in New Iberia, LA, a lot of things were discussed on the new exemplification, and once it's completely finalized, we will be getting the new books. I think everyone will like the changes. At the awards banquet that night, Alabama did the honors this year, receiving the Master of the Year Award for Skip Gentle, and the Bishop Stanley Ott Award.**

**By now all of you should have received your packets from Supreme, if any of you haven't received yours, please let me know and I will follow up. Thanks for your patience, hopefully next year they will be more efficient.**

**The end of the year is fast approaching and the next item on the assembly level is getting ready for the Fraternal Survey. It is due at Supreme by January 31, 2009, you can get it completed and sent in much sooner than that, so start working to that end. I will probably send you an e-mail reminding you it needs to be in on time after the first of the year.**

**I have information that I will mail to you on The National Shrine and the Knights of Columbus Incarnation Dome Fund. Those assemblies that have donated, thank you, those of you that haven't, please consider doing something to assist what the Supreme Knight and Master have ask the Fourth Degree to do. They ask us to donate \$3.00 for each member of the assembly, and they want you to do a fundraiser instead of using current assembly funds to raise the money. I know some of you can't, but I would like to see Tennessee 100% compliant with the request, even if you can only donate \$25.00 to the fund, it's the thought that counts.**

**I would like to remind each of you on Protocol, we have a chain of command in the Fourth Degree, just as any organization does. If you, as the Faithful Navigator of your assembly has an issue you need help with, contact your District Marshal first, if he can't resolve the question, contact me, the District Master, If I have a problem I will contact the Vice Supreme Master and he in turn will contact Supreme to get the situation**

**corrected or answered. We have had several incidents that have gone straight to Supreme without our knowledge, and it's a little embarrassing.**

**The next two exemplifications are on February the 14<sup>th</sup> in Crossville and the 28<sup>th</sup> in Cordova. Please assist in getting candidates to these events; we need to have good-sized classes of 25-50 if possible. Faithful Navigators, get your letters out now. If you need help or direction, please let me know. I will also send the complete exemplification schedule with the dome information so you know when and where.**

**Next bit of information is the Masters Fund donations that were approved at the State Convention in April. This is strictly a voluntary donation ask of each assembly to assist the District Master and Marshal's in their travel around the state. The amount requested was \$1.00 per member on your roster of 7-01-08. If your assembly can donate to the fund it is very much appreciated, it keeps getting tougher, and when you don't have any assistance, what little there is left from exemplifications disappears quickly.**

**Now that the election is over and we have a new President of the United States, we need to show what the Fourth Degree is, the Patriotic Arm of the Order, support our President-Elect, our Catholic faith, our communities in a prayerful manner. We have moved into a new and un-chartered era, be mindful of what, and how we, as Catholic's and members of the Knights of Columbus present ourselves. Remember our Armed Forces on November 11, Veteran's Day, stop a few minutes in meaningful prayer for those who have given their lives that we may have the freedom we have as well as those in harm's way.**

**I would like to wish all of you a Happy and Blessed Thanksgiving keep in mind those less fortunate and in need, donate when and what you can to the agencies that help those less fortunate.**

**December 2, 2008 is Light up for Christ at 8:00pm; this is the earliest first Tuesday for this event, which was started by our Supreme Office, plan now to participate. Also, December 8, 2008 is the Feast of the Immaculate Conception; keep Mary the Mother of Jesus in your prayers.**

**Remember to keep Christ in Christmas this holiday season, wish everyone a Merry Christmas, not happy holidays, remember the Christ Child was born on this day to become the savior of the world. Joan and I wish each and every one of you the best in this holiday season, those traveling, be safe, Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.**

**God Bless,**

**Bill Gunter  
District Master**