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Worthy Faithful Navigator's and Comptrollers;

We are within 45 days of our first exemplification for the fraternal year 2009-10, now is the time to visit your councils and advise them of the upcoming events. I will attach the letters from Cardinal Stritch Assembly 1082 in Memphis and Father William Morgan Assembly 2328 in Clarksville so you will have the proper information. When addressing the council's on the attire for the exemplifications, make sure you remind them that "flat collared shirts" is the only acceptable shirt. If they show up with a "wing tip" shirt they will have to change it or be turned away.

Those assemblies that are hosting an exemplification this year, I would suggest you have a coupe of "flat collared" shirts available, for the candidates as well as members, the salesmen always tell the men it doesn't matter, but to us as Fourth Degree Knights, it does. One other thing, white gloves are no longer a requirement for the candidates; you only need them when in full regalia.

At the State Convention each year there is a Fourth Degree meeting on Friday afternoon prior to the start of the convention. This is for Fourth Degree members only, and we discuss the previous year and vote on whatever is brought before the membership. In 2002, when Paul Nelson was the District Master, he requested a motion from the floor to have each assembly donate \$1.00 for each member on their July 1 roster to the District Master's fund to offset some of his expenses. This is brought before the membership each year for a vote and approval, and it passed again in May. I would like each of you to consider bringing this before your assembly to make this donation.

Supreme does not give the District Master any funds to operate other than what is left over after expenses from exemplifications, and out of the \$70.00 fee charged to candidates, if I have \$20.00 left I'm lucky. So please, make your presentation and try to make the donation soon.

Let's grow the Fourth Degree in Tennessee this year by over 300 new Sir Knights; at present we have 2,581 Sir Knights out of a possible 11,000 members in the Third Degree.

God Bless,

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