

FROM THE REGION #2 MARSHAL: MARCH 2024

“Unity amplifies Charity!”

Worthy Sir Knights,

I pray this finds all of you and those you love safe and in continued good health.

Protocol of the Fourth Degree Color Corps: Future Training:

A training session has now been scheduled for Tuesday, March 19th, 2024 from 7pm to 9pm. St. Francis Caracciolo Assembly 3697, Goose Creek will again host Honor Guard / Color Corps Training. The location is Immaculate Conception Church All Ministry Building (it is behind the Church in the back parking lot), 510 St. James Ave., Goose Creek, SC 29445.

This is Session 2 and will focus on U.S. Flag protocol and folding practice and training, walk/talk through the presentation of the flag to a spouse/family at a funeral and Posting & Retrieval of the Colors. They will count on those who have had previous experience to help train. Depending on the number of SK's attending, they plan to have groups of 4 SK's per flag. The dress will be informal, so no 4th Degree Uniform is required. RVSP's are required since they are planning on some fellowship, mini sandwiches, chips or pizza with soft drinks. The hosts will need to order and would like to have enough for all. Please email your RSVP's confirming your attendance. Point of Contact is SK Keith Eicher C.C.C. Assembly 3697. If any questions, please email keith.shelly2012@att.net or cell phone 843-697-3044.

Reminder, it will focus on the Knights of Columbus United States Flag Manual (#4686) and refresher work with the Color Corps Drill Manual and Protocol Manual. Every Sir Knight in the Color Corps should have a copy of each of these manuals, so there is time to read through them. If you need a copy, ask your Comptroller or Faithful Navigator to order several copies. We all need to keep ourselves up to Fourth Degree patriotic standards.

Future Opportunities:

SC District 2024 Biennial Meeting: On even numbered years, the South Carolina District Assembly is required to meet during the months of March or April. Worthy District Master Michael Allen requests the Faithful Navigator and Delegate attend and participate at this meeting. An email including the agenda, details with registration forms was sent to all Faithful Navigators on January 16th and confirmation is now due. This meeting is being assembled to comply with Articles V & VI (partial) of the Laws and Rules Governing the Fourth Degree of the Knights of Columbus (2013.)

The purpose of this biennial meeting is to 1) Nominate three Sir Knights for the position of District Master; 2) Elect a committee to audit the financial reports of the District Master; and 3) Consider and act upon matters of interest to the membership. This meeting is scheduled for Saturday, April 13, 2024, from 10:00 AM until 2:00 PM, at Transfiguration Catholic Church, 306 North Pines Blvd., Blythewood, SC. Faithful Navigators and delegates from all Assemblies are strongly encouraged to attend. Point of Contact: District Secretary SK Christopher R. Hilditch, FDD, PGK, PFN SC District of 4th Degree, DeSoto Province - 803-316-6283 or email hilditchpi@gmail.com

Call to Convention/Fourth Degree Exemplification: I hope every Assembly is planning their member and delegate registration to attend and participate in the 103rd SC State Convention from April 5th to 7th hosted by Districts 6, 8 and 14 in Spartanburg. The agenda of this convention includes the 93rd Fourth Degree Exemplification at noon on Saturday, April 6, 2024 at Spartanburg Marriott, 299 North Church Street, Spartanburg, SC 29306. The Convention program which has been published includes Appendix A: Schedule of Events, Appendix B: Fees, Appendix C: Appropriate Dress Form, and

Appendix D: List of Candidates and Guests. The arrangements for the Fourth Degree Exemplification are firm. Make your plans to attend. Recruit candidates now!

Membership: Now would be an ideal time to talk with our Third-Degree Knights and encourage them to join the ranks of the Patriotic Degree. Since we are already asked to carry a copy of the Form 100 with us at all times, we may want to consider carrying a Form 4 as well (right next to our Rosary.)

Every Assembly should be making constant progress toward their goal of achieving “**STAR Assembly.**” The summary and details of STAR Assembly and all of the SC State and Supreme Assembly Awards are found in <https://www.kofcsc.org/> . Under the PATRIOTIC FOURTH DEGREE section, open the DISTRICT PROGRAM MANUAL.

Sir Knights! It is vitally important that you notify the Faithful Navigator or Commander directly and in advance if you are available to assist at any of the scheduled service requests. If you are seriously interested in the Color Corps, indicate your intentions to your Faithful Navigator or Commander and help us grow!



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I pray we all are offering prayers, fasting and almsgiving this Lent in preparation for the Resurrection of our Lord at Easter.

“Let my heart be humble, Oh Lord, and my spirit be meek. Amen.”

Laus tibi Deo! ...Thy will be done...

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SC Regions 2 and 3 Marshal**