

## FROM THE REGION #2 MARSHAL: FEBRUARY 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:**

Due to an exceedingly busy start to 2024 and several of our Sir Knights suffering from various illnesses, the scheduling of future training remains to be determined. 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.

### **Membership:**

The 92<sup>nd</sup> Fourth Degree Exemplification is now firm. Make your plans to attend Saturday, February 10, 2024, Corpus Christi Catholic Church, 2350 Augusta Highway, Lexington, SC 29072. Assembly Faithful Navigators and Faithful Comptrollers have been provided the agenda and registration information. I hope to see everyone there. The deadline is now! 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.

### **Future Opportunities:**

There is always a need for Sir Knights, particularly those in uniform, to participate in the Fourth Degree Exemplifications. I encourage all to make a reservation to attend the 92<sup>nd</sup> Exemplification on Saturday, February 10<sup>th</sup>. Word has not been published about a rehearsal prior to the Degree which is usually held either the evening before or early the morning of the Degree. This is a very important event in the life of a Knight and as many as possible should be there to witness and support.

Ash Wednesday comes early this year on February 14<sup>th</sup> (which also coincides with Valentines Day). I pray we all have an opportunity to participate in Lenten missions, retreats, and other Penance services to prepare our souls and hearts for the sacrifice of our Lord, and his joyful Resurrection at Easter!

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!

**Respect Life - Are you aware!** A new factsheet reported in *LifeNews.com* that tallies the number of babies killed in abortions since 1973 presents heartbreaking news for pro-life Americans. The new figures from the National Right to Life Committee show that almost 65.5 million babies have been killed in abortion since the Supreme Court legalized abortion in *Roe v. Wade* in 1973. Although abortion totals per year have gone down since their highs in the years after *Roe*, almost 900,000 babies are killed in abortions every year and those totals have increased slightly in the last two years because of the COVID

pandemic and massive uncertainty in the world, according to NRLC's projections. Most of this data is assembled from Guttmacher Institute reports. They are directly affiliated with the abortion industry and Planned Parenthood. The figures are considered not entirely accurate since California and a couple of other states do not report. Continue to pray the Rosary for an end to this cultural disaster!



### **Your ACE Wings!**

**Pro Life: without Apology, without Compromise and without Exception!**

All Catholics are eligible to earn the distinctive Pro Life ACE Wings! To qualify, simply participate in five separate Pro-Life events such as Sidewalk Counseling & Rosaries (Women's Center), Pro-Life Masses & Rosaries, Volunteer work at Women's Pregnancy Centers, Special Olympics, working or volunteering at hospice, nursing homes or Veterans centers and many more. Contact SK John Flinn (Council 11991/Assembly 3697) for more details on how to earn and apply for your ACE Wings lapel pin.

I pray that all remain safe, happy and healthy in 2024.

***“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*