



Ohio District 3
Hennepin Province 4th Degree
Knights of Columbus
District 3 Dispatch
December 2008



District Calendar:

December 8	Holy Day of Obligation- Feast of the Immaculate Conception
December 25	Birth of our Lord
January 1	Feast of Mary - Happy New Year
January 31	First Half District Program Reports Due
January 31	Fraternal Survey Due
March	District 3 Meeting @
May 1-2-3	District 3 Exemplification Weekend -CVL-Newark

From The Master:

My dear Brothers in Christ your prayers and expressions of sympathy have proven to be a source of great strength for me, Teresa and our family. We wish to thank all of you, and pray that you have a most blessed Christmas, and countless blessings for all that you have done and do as Brother Knights.

Words of Wisdom from our Friar:

Dear Brother Sir Knights

As we come again to our preparations for Christmas, we think about "what it's all about," and how many people around us will celebrate "something" during these blessed days without a clue.

One of our favorite endeavors as Knights has been for a number of years the "Keep Christ in Christmas" campaign. Hopefully this is a concern, if not a project, for all of us. For Jesus came to embrace all of humanity into His loving divinity, but He can't do that if He is not recognized for Who He is, and folks don't understand what it means to be caught up into the Love of "an Invisible God made visible."

What we must be about in "keeping Christ in Christmas" can't be limited to just helping people understand that "Christ" is part of the name of the festival we celebrate. Indeed it is! But what we must do is help people understand is that keeping Christ in Christmas is truly a counter-cultural activity. Christ's presence here, now and all through the year, means that He comes as a Gift from the Father: the very essence of His presence is "givingness." Those who keep the meaning of "givingness" and "service" in ones understanding and observance of Christmas have caught it, have got it!

But we live in a self-indulgent, self-serving, and prideful culture; we are suffering economically in the present time from these self-centered attitudes that are so pervasive among us. Such must be confronted by a counter-cultural attitude: that of the Servant Jesus Christ who comes as a "Given," a Gift.

Let us Keep Christ in Christmas by giving witness to our own Giving of self in service: the attitude of Christ Who is come. Let our own attitude and service be that counter-cultural witness to "Santa Claus"-ism among us: an "ism" which prompts each child (and adult?) to announce what

one "wants" rather than "what one will give." Don't make up a Christmas "wish list," but a Christmas "giving list;" that's what He is about; that's what keeping Christ in Christmas is about.

May you be blessed in this Season by being a Blessing for others! Happy holidays!

Fr. John Bakle, S.M.

From the Hennepin Provincial Meeting:

The annual Hennepin Provincial Meeting was held September 27-28, 2008 in Sterling MI.

The Program Started with a Memorial Mass followed by Officer Training, and in the afternoon was the Provincial Business Meeting. This was followed by a banquet and entertainment provided by the Sir Knight Mark Hedge Family. Following Mass and a Group Picture the meeting was dismissed Sunday morning.

For the Officer Training the Sir Knights were broken into three functional Groups, the Commanders and Marshalls, the Comptrollers, Pursers, and Trustees, and the third group being Navigators and all other Officers. In each of the training sessions the responsibilities and duties of the Office were explained by Former Masters. During the Comptrollers meeting the new Supreme Software Package "Member Management" was introduced.



During the afternoon session SK George Mallison the Vice Supreme Master gave a "State of the Province" review listing the following key points:

1. The job is not done until the paperwork is received
2. Follow the Chain of Command – Supreme does and whatever you take up directly will return through the chain
3. Support our Veterans and Active Duty Personnel
4. Every Assembly is to have at least one active Veterans Program
5. NO – NO conflicts with the Clergy – They are always right even when they are incorrect or misinformed
6. Send all reports to the Supreme Master in New Haven not to his home
7. We are a Part of not apart from the Third Degree of our Order
8. Assemblies are expected to participate in 3rd Degree Activities, events and functions
9. As a Province we shall become uniform in our Sword Drill, and Ceremonials (See Masters Web Site for Ceremonial Wake Service) (Remember the Clergy has final word)
10. New Drill Manual at Printers expect in 30 to 40 Days
11. New 4th Degree Bylaws and Constitution due out this Calendar Year
12. The 6 month waiver to become part of the Bylaws
13. Membership – the Province had positive growth but still lags behind in Percentage to Order, need to become more aggressive, Masters to look at Councils with high numbers but few 4th Degree Brothers.
14. Every Assembly shall assign a 4th Degree liaison to every Council assigned to Assembly
15. Involve our Ladies in the good works of the Assembly...husband and wife teams... we are a Family Fraternal Society
16. Every Assembly needs to work hard to exceed their 10% net growth in Membership
17. Resolutions should follow a path similar to the 3rd Degree, originate as a motion in the Assembly, forward to Master for discussion at District Level, then to Province and finally to Supreme.

18. Applications for Sir Knight and Newsletter of the year must be submitted to the District Master by June 1 to be considered.
19. New Assemblies, Masters to look at larger councils with poor participation in the 4th Degree
20. Flags, we should all only buy flags, American Flags especially, that are made in America
21. Every Assembly should appoint a Flag Protocol Officer typically the Pilot
22. Scholarships – any 4th Degree Brother, his Lady, Son, Daughter or Grandchild eligible
23. Every Assembly should have a Founders Day Program/Event in March
24. The Civic Award should be earned by every Assembly – no excuses for not conducting 4 Civic Projects during the Fraternal Year
25. Assemblies should plan a worthy project then upon completion submit to earn the "To be a Patriot Award"
26. Has your Assembly submitted your contribution for the Dome? (Suggestion is \$3.00 per Brother Sir Knight)
27. Every Assembly MUST have a Tax ID Number and file Form 99; most will be able to file 99EZ.
28. Every Assembly should have a VAVS Representative and program
29. Regalia – Gentlemen this is our Dress Uniform wear it with Pride and Honor...Keep it Clean Pressed and in accordance with current regulation and style.
30. Protocol – Our Protocol at meetings is poor at best, FN's need to address Brother Sir Knights as that when they recognize them, (Brother Sir Knight Jim); and once Recognized Brothers shall Stand and Salute the FN and speak from a standing position. The Navigator remains standing through out the Business Meeting
31. The proper Dress for a Business Meeting is Business Casual, not Beach wear or shorts and "T" Shirts
32. When saying the Pledge of Allegiance – it is "One Nation Under God," not One Nation, Under God,"
33. United States Flag Code Section 9, All Active Duty and Veterans may perform a Hand Salute held for the reciting of the Pledge in lieu of placing their Right hand over their heart
34. It is our Patriotic Duty to get the Vote out, this year especially!

The attendees were also exposed to a real Hero, a soldier who has survived an IED attack in Iraq and now has brain damage due to the shock. He and a couple of others described this type of injury and its effect on the victim's life. They also explained what the VA and our Government is doing to help these brave men and women.

From the Ohio District 3 Meeting:

The Fall Meeting of Ohio District 3 was called to order by Sir Knight Francesco Iannaggi, Master, at 2:00pm on Sunday October 19, 2008 at the Church of the Resurrection in New Albany. The meeting came to Order at 2:00pm as Lady Teresa led the Assembly in Prayer. The Master then, with Ladies present, reviewed some of the major initiatives of the Order, to include:



Novena for Faithful Citizenship



Headline Bistro

Because Catholics Need to Know



FATHERS FOR GOOD
An initiative for men by the Knights of Columbus.



To learn more about these programs please check out the Supreme Website at www.kofc.org.

Next the Master introduced the winners of the District Newsletter of the year and Sir Knight of the Year. And the winners are:



Newsletter of the Year:
Monsignor J. Colby Grimes
Assembly 3037
Serving the Councils of North Eastern Columbus.



And
Sir Knight of the
Year:

From Assembly 2900
Sir Knight Jerry Lowery, PFN

At this point the Ladies retired to a meeting with Lady Teresa and a discussion of the upcoming Fall Exemplification.

Master Iannaggi opened the Business portion of the Meeting with his "State of the District" Report that included a review of the Hennepin Provence Meeting bringing each of the VSM's points to relevance for our District.

Master Frank then reviewed how we did in meeting our Supreme Quota's, stating that as a district

We met 74% of our Quota with 113 new Brother Sir Knights, and for the first time had net membership growth in District 3.

Assemblies 830, 2900, 2970 and 3037 met their recruiting quotas and Assembly 809 while fall one new Sir Knight short of their quota brought in the most new Sir Knights at 21. Congratulations to these Assemblies. Assembly quotas are 10% of their membership as of July 1st. Check the Masters web site for a full listing of quotas.

The Master next reviewed the new procedure for receiving Holy Communion in Regalia, we will leave our Chapeaus and gloves in the pews and thus we may receive both the Host and Precious Blood. Remember to bow before both the Host and Cup, even if you choose to receive only one species.

At this time the Ladies were invited to rejoin the meeting as the Master introduced the New District 3 Program. The program is a road map that allows the Assembly to earn points along the way and at the end of the year qualify for the Civic Award, and potentially additional awards at the District and Supreme Level. A copy of the program is included.

Next the Master discussed the Fall Exemplification, which was held on November 1st in Mingo Junction and announced Former Vice Supreme Master Baci Carpico as the Class Honoree.

This was followed by a review of the Master's Website by State Web Master and Assistant Marshall Jerry Lowery. Lots of great information as well as all the forms required for the Fall Exemplification, (Spring 2009 to be up in early January). To get to the website: www.kofcoho.org click on the State Logo, then on the upper right click on "Links" then on "KofC link page" and the on "Ohio Masters" then one more click on Ohio District No. 3 and you are in. Brother Jerry also introduced the new Supreme Web Based Initiative "Member Management".

The Ohio District 3 Fall Exemplification was held at the Mingo Junction Council Hall on November 1, 2008. Master Iannaggi presided as 24 New Brother Sir Knights were welcomed into the Fourth Degree. The Exemplification was given in the Honor of Former Vice Supreme Master Baci Carpico. The Exemplification was followed by Mass celebrated at St. Agnes, and then everyone returned to the Council Hall for a Banquet given by the Master in Honor of the Class.

Assembly 803 was the host Assembly and provided an excellent venue and a superb Exemplification. The Class:



Reverend Sir Knight Bernard Geiger, Reverend Mister Sir Knight Jerry Butts, Sir Knights Jose Banaag, Michael Brennen, Roland Couture, Anthony Deluca, Fred Deluca, William DiMarzio, James Doty, Marvin Edwards, Richard Fornal, George Gabel, Chris Gillett, Erol Hosdil, Robert Isaac, Thomas Kitsmiller, Don Metnes, Jeffrey Ricketts, Richard, Riley, Bernard Rivasio, Paul Sebastian, Edward Sander, Michael Veltri, and Donald Young.

Congratulations and Welcome Brother Sir Knights.

The Next Ohio District 3 Exemplification will take place at the Cherry Valley Lodge in Newark on May 2, 2009. NOW is the time to begin your recruiting efforts!

This year we have changed the format with the first Annual Father McGivney Dinner Dance on Friday evening, Saturday will be a full day and evening as we will register in the morning, Exemplify the Fourth Degree in the afternoon, Celebrate Holy Mass, and then celebrate the new Sir Knights at the Master's Banquet. Watch for the Weekend Details as it promises to be a great weekend full of everything that makes the Fourth Degree so special. Rooms at the Lodge again this year will be in high demand so make your reservations early. Also Hospitality rooms will also again be restricted and will require renting for BOTH Friday and Saturday evening. First Come First Served! The number for the Cherry Valley Lodge is 740-788-1200, Reservation Code is KofC.

Please get your Assembly out and sell Ads for the Exemplification Ad Book as the Ad Book allows us to hold costs down. January is the best month to sell ads since most companies have new Advertising budgets. As an added incentive the Assembly selling the most Dollars over \$1,000.00 in Ads will receive two individual tickets to the Friday Evening Dinner Dance.



This year the Master's Staff and our Ladies are hosting the first Annual Father McGivney Dinner Dance Friday Evening before the Spring Exemplification at the Cherry Valley Lodge. We

are inviting all Brothers (1st, 2nd, 3rd & 4th Degree) to bring their wives or significant others, as well as potential new Brothers and come to enjoy an evening of great food fun and Fraternalism.

Any non Knight signing his Form 100 at the Sign in Table, will receive one free individual ticket to the Dinner Dance.

The Master has also announced that every Fourth Degree Candidate whose Form 4 is received and is complete (all required blanks filled in, with all required signatures, with his membership number on the form) that is paid in full by April 17th will also receive one free individual ticket to the Dinner Dance.

Dinner Dance Ticket Order forms will be mailed out in late January 2009. Once they are mailed they will also be available on the Master's Website.

Watch also for your Spring Exemplification First Call Packets that should be mailed right after the first of the New Year.

Good of the Order:

Please pray for our Brother and Sisters in need of our Great God's help especially:
Master Frank and Lady Teresa Iannaggi and Family, Father Bakle, All the Deacons, Priests, Bishops and Religious, All members of our Military, All our Disabled Veterans



Mary, Queen of the Knights
by Father Robert Hopkins

Our Lady, Queen of the Knights, bless all the activities of our order.

Keep us true to the pledge to extend the Kingship of thy Divine Son on earth. Through thine intercession, win for us the grace ever to exemplify in our public and private lives, the virtues which should characterize those specially dedicated to the service of the heavenly court. Make us always aware that

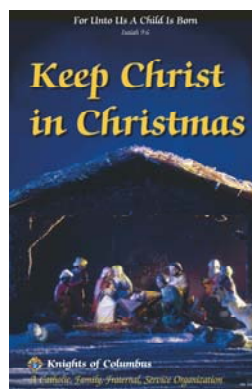
as your knights we are constantly observed, our faith judged and our order appreciated. Accept, O Mary, this renewed pledge of fealty and devotion of thy servants, the Knights of Columbus. Amen.

From the Families of your District 3 Staff to each of our Brother Knights, their Ladies and Families:

**A Very Blessed Merry Christmas
and**

May 2009 be your best year ever

BY OUR WORDS AND DEEDS REMEMBER TO:



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Pray for our Troops, because Freedom isn't Free