



# Renewal of Obligations Navigator Report

Brothers,

The James Cardinal Gibbons Assembly of the fourth degree continues to be very active in our councils. The color corps attended all of the Memorial masses where they lead the clergy in and out of church and stood watch and honored our brothers that have gone on before us by saluting for each man and woman on the list. Thank you to the members of this Assembly who are a part of the color corps and for the members of the assembly who con-

tinue to show support for our order and our great nation.

If you know of a member of your council who is not a member of the fourth degree yet, ask him to finish his journey toward full knighthood. There is a two page flyer in this communiqué with all of the information about the fourth degree exemplification which will be held on **March 3rd in Frederick Md.**

The Assembly will also be holding a USO type dance in March in West-

minster. More info will be emailed to everyone next month and will be in future newsletters.

Remember our next meeting will be on January 23rd and will be our renewal of obligations. Dress for the evening is a business suit or tux, no wing tip shirts. Our meeting will start at 7:30 and the Master and his Marshal will be in attendance.

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## Friar Report

Worthy Brother Knights,

I wish you all a blessed and Happy New Year.

On January 2, 2008, In his Wednesday audience, Pope Benedict XVI encouraged the faithful to entrust the coming year to the Virgin Mary, "that she may guide our steps in this new period of time the Lord has given us to live."

Even today there could be no better message from our Holy Father, especially for us as Knights who have dedicated ourselves to the service of her heavenly court. As Knights we have promised to carry her rosary and to pray it as often as possible.

As we move forward into the new year may we take all of our difficulties,

important decisions and our imperfections to the Blessed Mother in prayer that she may intercede on our behalf before her beloved Son and our Savior, Jesus Christ.

God Bless  
Deacon Mark, Assoc Friar

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## Color Corps Report

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Worthy Sir Knights:

My thanks to all Sir Knights who helped out with the celebrations for Our Lady of Guadalupe in December! On December 11th your Assembly was asked to carry the statue of Our Lady to Sacred Heart Church for the Mass that afternoon. Our guys looked very sharp in their tuxedos and I know their efforts were appreciated.

On December 12th, with the help of Martin & Don from Poplar Springs, we again led the Procession at St John's

Church. Dressed in full Regalia, we escorted Father Bianco into Church amid all the color and pageantry of that evening. During Mass, Pat Hogan, Grand Knight of Westminster Council, was formally recognized as the Birthday Boy of the evening. Not only is he Irish, but he was born on the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe - you can't get any luckier!! After the celebration, the Assembly was treated to a delicious meal in the cafeteria, featuring an assortment of Mexican delights.

Again, thanks to all the Sir Knights!! I

will have pictures at the next meeting of the 9/11 celebrations in Taneytown (Thanks to Brother Larry Webster). Don't forget - if you want to get involved, you will need the Tuxedo and a "can-do" attitude!

Vivat Jesus,

Rich Nestor  
Co-Color Corps Commander  
(410) 218-5578

## Navigator's Report (from p. 1)

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There will be a color corps practice before the meeting and it will start at 6:30. Please be on time so that we can get in as much practice as possible before the meeting.

I do want to thank Admiral John Bryan for taking on the job of raising money to buy a laptop for the seminarian that our Assembly has sponsored. Our seminarian told us his laptop died and John took it upon himself to see it through. While support from the Assembly was very slow we did get an amazing donation from Joe Maher to finish off the amount needed to purchase the laptop. Thank you to

both Joe and John for their unselfish giving to make this happen so that our seminarian could finish his schooling to be a parish priest.

Only two defining forces have ever offered to die for you, Jesus Christ and an American G.I. one died for your soul, the other for your freedom.

God Bless you and God bless America,

Tom Greul

Faithful Navigator

## Publication News - The Patriot Goes Digital

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My Brothers,

Like most nonprofit organizations, we are currently transitioning to a fully digital publication. We do understand that some of our members do not enjoy internet access. We will continue to reach out by phone and by this publication to reach out to every member of our assembly to obtain your feedback. We could use your assistance.

Members who currently receive a printed copy and wish to continue to do so, please call Lou Stachowiak at (410) 635-2583 email: lwstack@comcast.net, or call Tom Greul at 410-795-5931, email Tomgreul@comcast.net and **let us know that you wish to continue receiving the publication in its printed version.**

A few members have already responded, and their email addresses have been added to a "publication only" folder. We need to hear from at least 98 Sir Knights who do not have or who have yet to share their email addresses with the assembly. We would like to reduce our printed correspondence by at least 50%, and ask for your cooperation.

Your input is important, and we hope to hear from you!

God bless,

Lou Stachowiak, Publisher

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14535, 15000

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11631

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11715, 11975, 14011

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11615, 11787, 12001

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11341, 11618, 13294

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11372

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**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**

**CALVERT PROVINCE**

**MARYLAND DISTRICT**

**EXEMPLIFICATION OF THE  
FOURTH DEGREE**



**HONORING**

***Sir Knight Ronald B. White,  
Supreme Director and PSD***

**Exemplification**

**Saturday, March 3, 2012**

Holiday Inn and Conference Center  
5400 Holiday Drive  
Frederick, Maryland 21703

Take Exit I-270 off Interstate-70 to Route  
85, travel to Francis Scott Key Mall.  
The Hotel is on the right.

## REACH YOUR HIGHEST POTENTIAL

The Fourth Degree is a group of outstanding Knights, dedicated to promoting patriotism enlightened by their Catholic faith. These Knights, distinguished by exemplary deeds for God, for country, and for the Order, are united by the Fourth Degree to support religious, civic and charitable causes.

Fourth Degree members belong to local units called assemblies. Each assembly is involved in a wide range of public patriotic activities.

Each assembly maintains a Fourth Degree Color Corps and Honor Guard. Uniformed members wearing colorful capes, chapeaux and swords participate in special civic and religious ceremonies. For this reason, the Fourth Degree is often called the visible arm of the Knights of Columbus.

## ELIGIBILITY

**To qualify for the Fourth Degree, one must:**

1. Be over 18 years of age;
2. Be a citizen of the United States;
3. Have been a First Degree member prior to September 3, 2011.
4. Be a Third Degree member in good standing with your council;
5. Be a practical Catholic in communion with the Holy Sec.
6. Have served the Order, the Church, and the community with distinction.

## EXEMPLIFICATION SCHEDULE

Registration of Candidates .....	10:30 AM
Ladies Entertainment .....	11:30 AM
Exemplification .....	12:15 PM
Reception (Cash Bar) .....	5:00 PM
Banquet .....	5:30 PM

## SCHEDULE OF FEES

Initiation Fee (includes 1 banquet ticket, lapel, social baldric, and processing fees)	
Lay Candidates, Deacons and Seminarians .....	\$70.00
Priests and members of religious orders .....	\$40.00
Additional Banquet Tickets .....	\$40.00

Each candidate receives one banquet ticket, which is included in his fee. No credit is allowed if the candidate does not attend the banquet. **Tickets are not transferable.**

**All banquet reservations must be made through the assembly. Make all checks payable to the Fourth Degree assembly you will be joining.**

## LADIES ENTERTAINMENT

There will be entertainment for the ladies beginning at 11:30 AM. Dress will be casual. There is no charge for the entertainment.

## DRESS

The official dress for the Fourth Degree exemplification is black tuxedo, black bow tie, plain white tuxedo shirt (*No Ruffles or Wing Tip Collar*), black socks, shoes and cummerbund. Religious may wear their clerical garb and members of the armed forces or full time police and firefighting officers may wear their respective dress uniforms. Members shall wear the official dress plus social baldric, lapel pin and current jewel of office.

## CANDIDATES WITH SPECIAL NEEDS

Candidates with medical or physical disabilities are to report to the District Marshal. Their assembly will escort those with special needs to and from the exemplification room.

## DEADLINES

All applications for membership in the Fourth Degree must be received by **February 10, 2012** and banquet reservations must be made no later than **February 17, 2012**. Payment in full must accompany all banquet reservations. Room reservations must be made by **January 27, 2012**.

**Refunds will be considered on a case-by-case basis.**

## FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

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# January 2012

## Schedule of Events

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				

- Jan 11 - 1st degree at council 7612
- Jan 16 - 3rd Quarter District Meeting
- Jan 17 - 2nd degree at council 1393
- Jan 21 - 50th Anniversary Council 5208
- Jan 21 - Chili Cook - off at 1393
- Jan 22 - Football Sunday at 1393
- Jan 23 - March for Life
- Jan 23 - Assembly mtg—*Renewal of Obligations*
- Feb 3 - 102nd Anniv. Celebration of the Baltimore Chapter of Grand Knights at 7612 home
- Feb 5 - District Free Throw
- Feb 5- Super Bowl Party at council 9127
- Feb 7—1st degree at council 1393
- Feb 20 - Candidate for State Warden Forum @7612
- Mar 3 - Exemplification of the 4th Degree

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## Pro Life Message

### Maryland Catholic Conference on Health Care

#### MCC Overview

The Department pursues public policy that helps Marylanders - especially those living in or near poverty - access comprehensive health care. The Department also pursues public policy that protects religious freedom with regard to the health care decisions of Catholic patients, Catholic health care professionals, and the Catholic hospitals in Maryland.

#### Right of Conscience

Protect the right of conscience by supporting policies that safeguard the right of individuals and institutions to pursue health care in a fashion compatible with their moral and religious convictions.

#### Health & Human Services

As part of the U.S. Department of Health & Human Resources' (HHS) efforts to enact the 2010 *Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act*, HHS announced this summer that it would mandate all private health insurance plans to cover surgical sterilization procedures and birth control, including the IUD, 'morning-after' pills and abortion-inducing drugs. It also would require that females of reproductive age be 'educated and counseled' on these issues. What are missing are any real opt-outs for the Catholic Church and other religious institutions to not offer health insurance with these mandates. And what about the individual who does not want to contribute to these procedures?

"Without sufficient legal protection for rights of conscience, such a mandate would force all men, women and children to carry health coverage that violates the deeply-held moral and religious convictions of many," said Cardinal Daniel DiNardo of Galveston-Houston, chairman of the Committee on Pro-Life Activities of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops.

Maryland's Bishops have written Health and Human Services Secretary Kathleen Sebelius urging the removal of this provision.

HHS is accepting [public comments](#) on its proposed mandate until September 30. Send in your comments now and spread the word.

[Urge members of Congress](#) to sponsor HR 1179, which would ensure that parties participating in the health care system retain the right to provide, purchase, or enroll in health coverage that is consistent with their religious beliefs and moral convictions.

This mandate even forces individuals and groups with religious or moral objections to purchase and provide such coverage if they are to receive or provide health coverage at all. This poses an [unprecedented threat](#) to individual and institutional religious freedom.

#### Federal Health Care Reform

During the year-long debate last Congress on federal health care reform, the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops were leaders in advocating for genuine reform that would increase access for all, especially the poor and immigrants, while also respecting the dignity of human life. Over the 2010 summer, MCC attended meetings and submitted comments and letters to the Health Care Reform Coordinating Council and state departments to ensure abortion coverage is not added to the insurance program and also on how best to provide coverage for vulnerable populations.

#### Health Care Expansion

Help Marylanders access comprehensive health care by supporting programs and policies that: expand Medicaid eligibility to more low-income Marylanders, help businesses provide health coverage to their employees, and assist individuals in acquiring coverage for themselves and their families.



# *James Cardinal Gibbons Assembly*

Knights of Columbus

Assembly 379

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Assembly Meets on the 4<sup>th</sup> Monday of each month at 7:30pm at the Carroll County Association for Retarded Citizens (CCARC) on Krider's Church Road in Westminster, MD.

Directions: From Rt. 140 turn north onto Rt. 97 (toward airport). As soon as you are on Rt. 97 get in left lane and turn onto Krider's Church Rd (**only about 100 feet**). Take 1<sup>st</sup> right into CCARC

