Returning To Our Mass and Sacraments



My Brothers in CHRIST, for the coming fraternal year there has been only one change from last years list of Assembly officers. SK Steve Clark is our new Comptroller, as Jim Rabine recently moved from the area to Monroe County. I wish to extend our sincere thanks for his herculean efforts that have kept our Assembly on track and on time. Once again I will be our Assembly's Faithful Navigator and for that support I am eternally grateful.

Spring of 2020 brought us a few challenges that continue to impact our roles as 4th Degree Knights. Throughout the area, our local churches have reopened although with some designated guidelines issued by the Dioceses. Streaming Masses are still taking place over the Internet, which has seemed to have awakened the spiritual lives of many in our Catholic & Christian Communities. I've been able to watch local Masses as well as some around the country and throughout the world.

Yet as we enter this new fraternal year, we most certainly are facing untested waters as it pertains to our personal, spiritual, and fraternal lives. Many of the programs, events, and gatherings we have been accustomed to hosting and participating in have been cancelled, postponed, or undetermined. With that being the case, we as Sir Knights of the 4th Degree need to be mindful of our endeavors in supporting our veterans and other patriotic opportunities.

As we are well aware, this has been a very disappointing year as far as our Spring Exemplification goes. From our Worthy Master - We were able to videotape our "World Famous District II Degree Team" presenting the Fourth Degree Exemplification a week ago Saturday and were able to present a pillow, on behalf of the Sir Knights of Michigan District II, made of chapeau feathers to Bishop Boyea - who had been chosen to be our class honoree.

Once the Worthy Master receives the video of the District II Degree Team presenting the Fourth Degree Exemplification (*which may be a couple weeks as they have to edit the slides*), he will schedule an Exemplification for our candidates at a facility in our area where we can present the Exemplification via video and he can Knight the new Sir Knights. Per our District Master, this is a great opportunity to bring our 3rd Degree Brothers into the 4th Degree. We will contact our prospective 4th Degree members soon in order to solidify the Exemplification arrangements.

Until then, may we as Sir Knights continue to aid our parishes as they reopen utilizing social distancing for the time being. With prayer and hope our pandemic situation is resolved, for it is these things that give power to our words and produce miracles and breakthroughs needed in our lives.
Praying for the intercession of the Blessed Father Michael J. McGivney,
Your Brother in CHRIST.

SK Charles Loader – Faithful Navigator