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Grand Knight Report...

Hello Brother Knights,

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Well, I am on my way and, looking at the months to come, I would like to ask all of our members for at least some time in helping this Council move forward. Many hands make the work and time go by really quick. PLUS you get the satisfaction of contributing to this Council and world that we all live in. THAT is why you joined this Knights of Columbus Group to help others and spread the works of our Father!

The Kelly Miller Circus was one of the events that has passed and what a great bit of American folk show that is passing by!! All of our Brother Knights that helped sell tick-

ets, banners, and help park cars. Plus all of the businesses that sold tickets - I would like to THANK YOU for all that you contributed to the success for another year.

We are looking to next year for a change maybe??? Any ideas?? Forward your ideas to us and we will look at them. Car shows, dunk Kevin in a tank, family day of games, open run 2-5k, reusable materials& toys sale, or any other fun things that would fit the August time of the year.

The Council Picnic was a GREAT event for all. We made use of the Hall's air conditioning. No indoor games like horseshoes - sorry, John - but the food was served with lightening speed and the DESSERTS were

out of this world. 130 people came and that was over what we should have taken (110 is what Kevin said), but, as always, we worked it out. Most helped cleanup inside and take home food that was leftover, as in desserts. Thank you for all the cooks and helpers—inside & outside. The Isabella ladies really came through with all the EXTRAS that we all love.

Upcoming events are the Tim Bruder Memorial Golf Outing. Call Mike Farmer 440-937-5339, Jeff Ladegard 440-934-2749 or Ron Conwell 440-327-3939 for details of this great fundraiser. Dinner-only is also an option if you don't golf like me. Come and enjoy the afternoon with your brother Knights!!

Our Social meeting will be different: A veteran of the FBI for some time, Brother Paul Graupmann will be our speaker at 7:30pm on September 21st. He will talk about several things and the Cleveland cases which he has been working on. Sure to open your eyes to other worlds!

We will also have a quarterly communion at St. Joseph Church on Sunday September 24th at the 11am Mass. This is a new way to get new members to join. I will be making a flier to be inserted into the bulletin a week before we will be there. All members are invited to ask around

and invite new people to come and have donuts and coffee after Mass on Sunday. I challenge all members to ask men of our faith to join us. If we don't ask them, they will not join. Let us sell them on the events that we do to help people and build a better Church.

Holy Trinity is having a Night at the Races. We have an ad in the guide for the event and am sure that we have members that will be going to this fun event. Money is used for the school this year, this is the big fundraiser for the year. Get tickets online.

The Isabellas are having the Octoberfest which is a dinner and a polka band for dancing. It makes for a fun-filled night for all. This money is used to help students with a scholarship in high school and college. Raffle boards and more make for a great change of pace for all. Come and help out with these events!!

Respect comes from being in an organization of individuals working together to advance Christ and strengthen our Church. With God, all is possible.

Vivat Jesus
GK Jim Brady



Isabella News

Save the Date! Our 2nd annual Octoberfest will be held Saturday October 14, 2017. The "Frank Moravcik Band" will be playing live polka music. They dress in traditional German clothing and should be a great addition to our party this year. Tickets will be \$20 which include dinner and 1 draft beer.



Knights Unveil New Regalia

Earlier
this



month, the Knights of Columbus board of directors unanimously voted to adopt a new uniform for the Fourth Degree. The decision was made with the good of the entire Order in mind. While we understand that some members may prefer the old regalia, the

supreme master and vice supreme masters urge all Fourth Degree members to put the good of the Order before any personal preference.

The board decided to make this move based on the following factors:

- the aging of our Fourth Degree membership
- the slow growth of the Fourth Degree (fewer than 20 percent of Knights are Fourth Degree members, and only a fraction of that number even serve as honor guards)
- consistent reports that the old regalia presented a barrier to Fourth Degree membership, especially among younger men

The following FAQ should answer many of the questions that have arisen concerning this change.

Q: Will the new uniform allow the use of ceremonial swords?

A: Yes. Ceremonial swords will continue to be part of the Fourth Degree. When swords are used, gloves should also be used. (see picture above).

Q: How will rank be distinguished?

A: Colored patches will be worn on the beret behind the Fourth Degree emblem as follows:

- Dark Blue Supreme Master
- Light Blue Vice Supreme Masters
- Gold District Masters
- White Faithful Navigators
- Green District Marshals
- Purple Color Corp Commanders

Those not holding office (who formerly wore red capes) will wear berets with no patch.

Q: Will there be discounts offered on the new uniform?

A: Yes. The Order will subsidize the new uniform with a 25 percent discount offered to all members who order the new uniform prior to Sept. 30, 2017.

Q: What if a member just purchased the old regalia?

A: Any member who purchased the old regalia after May 1, 2017, can submit their receipt along with their member number to regaliacredit@kofc.org. Information will then be sent to that member on how to receive a \$200 credit toward the new uniform.

Q: Is the Order making money on the new uniform?

A: No, the uniform is being sold at (or sometimes below) our cost.

Q: Was the new uniform field tested prior to its release?

A: Yes. The new uniform was field tested by Fourth Degree members attending the Warriors to Lourdes pilgrimage.

Q: Can the old regalia still be worn?

A: Yes, for a time. While the preference is for the new uniform wherever possible, the old regalia can still be worn until the end of the current fraternal year (June 30, 2018). After that date, only the new uniform should be worn.

Q: Who made this decision?

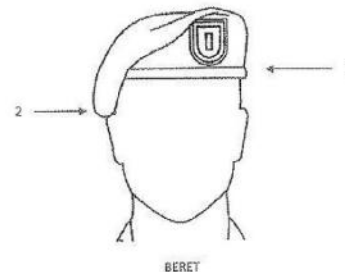
A: The board of directors made this decision earlier this year after a three year period of testing and discussion. In addition, changing the uniform/regalia was previously discussed with the vice supreme masters at the Supreme Assembly.

Q: Did members have input on this?

A: For years, supreme officers and directors have received comments from members and prospective members that the old regalia was a barrier to membership overall, or to membership in the Fourth Degree.

Q: In what context should this change best be understood?

A: During the convention, the Good of the Order Committee stated: "We commend all of the faithful Sir Knights who have proudly worn the Fourth Degree regalia, bringing much respect to the Order. With the new Fourth Degree uniform, recently approved by the Board of Directors, this honor and respect associated with Sir Knights will remain, and it will open the door more widely for a new generation to join their ranks. In a spirit of unity, let us assist with a smooth transition to this new uniform and encourage it to be worn with great dignity and pride."



How To Wear a Beret

The beret should fit so the headband is straight across the forehead and 1 inch above the eyebrow. The excess material shall drape over to the right ear, extending to at least the top of the ear, and no lower than the middle of the ear.

Two Ways to Find your Beret Size

- 1) Measurement. Wrap measuring tape snugly around the largest part of the head, across the forehead and over temples, parallel to the ground. May substitute measuring tape for string and ruler.
- 2) Selection of try-on size. Use the individual's actual measurement for size prediction of initial try on beret. This is best done using the size of an issued beret or trying berets out at a Clothing & Sales.

You get the blazer, trousers, tie, and beret when you purchase the official dress uniform!

Any questions or concerns, please contact the Supreme Masters office by telephone: 203-752-4437 or email: suprememaster@kofc.org

PLEASE get professionally measured by a tailor prior to ordering.

\$510.00

4th Degree Official Beret

Select Beret Size *

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4th Degree Official Blazer

Select Blazer Size *

SELECT ▼

4th Degree Official Dress Trousers

Select Trouser Waist Size *

SELECT ▼

4th Degree Official Tie

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New 4th Degree Official Dress Uniform

The official dress uniform (Official Navy Blue Blazer, Official Fourth Degree Gray trousers, Official Fourth Degree Necktie, and Official Fourth Degree Black Beret with Fourth Degree metal badge) is purchased as a set. *Individual items are not for sale at this time.*

The garments of the official dress are tailored in Italy. The fabric used for both blazers and pants is woven in Italy specifically for the Knights of Columbus from a high quality super 130 wool. The blazer buttons are made in Italy. The KofC blazer patches are completely hand embroidered. The tie is Italian silk, but made in the USA.

Once you receive the uniform, please take it to your tailor for professional finishing. Trousers come with an unfinished hem.

The official dress for the Fourth Degree shall be:

Navy Blue Blazer festooned with Fourth Degree Emblem Blazer Crest Knights of Columbus Emblem of the Order buttons

Official Fourth Degree Gray trousers

Official Fourth Degree Necktie

Official Fourth Degree Black Beret with Fourth Degree metal badge worn over the left eye.

NOT INCLUDED: Plain White Dress Shirt – Button cuff (no French cuffs – no button down collar shirts)

NOT INCLUDED: Black Socks and Plain Black Shoes, Official Fourth Degree Lapel Pin (#PG-113), Incumbent Medal of Office, Past and Former Miniature Medals above left pocket.

The new uniform is to be worn as you would a business suit.

The beret is worn with the fourth degree pin placed directly over the left eye. The right side of the beret folds down toward and over the right ear.

Inventory expected to arrive at the beginning of September.

ORDERS WILL BE SHIPPED AS INVENTORY BECOMES AVAILABLE.

THANK GOD IT'S FIRST FRIDAY – WEST

Through the Gifts from God, we provide food for the body, food for the mind, and food for the soul.

An inter-parish men's group will meet on First Friday for socializing, luncheon, talk by a priest, and concluding with the Celebration of the Eucharist. All men are invited.

Upcoming luncheons:

DATE: October 6, 2017

SPEAKER:

CURRENT LOCATION AND RESPONSIBILITIES:

TOPIC: "tbd"

LOCATION: St. Clarence Church, 30106 Lorain Road, North Olmsted

COST: \$10.00

TIME: Registration/socializing begins at 11:15 AM; the Luncheon at 12:05 PM; talk at 12:35 PM; and will conclude with Mass.

TO MAKE RESERVATIONS: Call George at (440) 937-6606

CALENDAR



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| Thur, Sept 7 | Business Meeting (7:30PM, Knights Hall) |
| Thur, Sept 21 | Social Meeting (7:30PM, Knights Hall) |
| Sun, Sept 24 | Quarterly Communion (11AM Mass, St. Joseph) |



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