



Knights of Columbus

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THE LUMINA – SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER 2011

My Brother Sir Knights;

Hope you all and your families had a safe and enjoyable summer. There are some things I would like to work on and/or continue as your Faithful Navigator of our Assembly.

Our Color Corp is in need of members. I am asking you and the Assembly representatives to go back to your Council and ask your 4th Degree members to find time to join the Color Corp. Right now we are looking for at least 2 members from each council to become a member. Our Color Corp is requested throughout the year to attend wakes for our Brother Sir Knights and events (masses, meetings, etc...). If anyone is interested and has the time, please contact our Color Corp Commander Al Hopper at: PureCountry1156@aol.com

During the past year our 50th Anniversary Committee, headed by Trustee/PFN Nick Pennachio has been working hard to coordinate events for our 50th in 2013. Right now details are being discussed and details being worked out. Any Sir Knight of our Assembly is being asked for ideas and bring them to the committee.

Our Annual Installation is scheduled for Monday September 19th 2011 at Joseph Barry Council in Hicksville. There will be a repast after the ceremony. Family members are welcomed to attend. Lets welcome our new Assembly Officers for the 2011/2012 year.

Our 4th Degree Exemplification will be taking place on October 9, 2011 at the Melville Marriott at 1:00PM with a Banquet afterwards at 6:00PM. The committee has been working hard. As in the past, we will be having a Hospitality Room for our Assembly. We are asking all councils of the Assembly for a donation of \$100.00 to offset the cost of the room. Candidates taking the 4th Degree will be sent a letter with the details about the Exemplification from our Faithful Comptroller.

During the past year or so, our Historian – SK Frank White has been working to gather information about our Assembly's history. The history can be found in past and upcoming issues of the "Lumina" for our membership to enjoy.

Finally, Our Annual Memorial Mass will be on November 5, 2011 at 3:00 PM. Holy Family Council will be hosting the Mass this year and a repast will be held afterwards at Joseph Barry Council in Hicksville. I am asking members to come out and remember our past Sir Knights who past away during the last year.

Until we meet again,

Fraternally and Patriotically Yours in Christ, *FN William J. McGough*

Brother Sir Knights – If you do not have a BLUE 2011 4th Degree traveling card in your wallet, then you have not paid your 2011 Dues of \$25.00. Please return the below form with a check made out to Walter P. Kellenberg Assembly, to Charles Pranci as soon as possible.

----- Cut Here ----- Please return completed form below with your dues ----- Cut Here -----

2011 Dues:

4th Degree Dues, in the amount of \$25 are due and payable as of January 1st, 2011. Please make all checks payable to Kellenberg Assembly and forward them as soon as possible to Charles Pranci, Faithful Comptroller at 1130 Sheldon Drive, Westbury NY 11590-5416. Or bring this completed form & payment to FC Charlie at our next meeting. Kindly return your dues along with the following form completed, so we can remain in touch with you:

Name: SK _____

Council#: _____

Email address (Please indicate "None" if you have none): _____

Street Address(es): _____

Phone(s): _____

FOR YOUR GUIDANCE

Wake Notification Procedure - In case of the death of a Sir Knight, immediately contact the Grand Knight or Financial Secretary of his Council. They will contact our Faithful Comptroller. Upon verification of the member's good standing in the Fourth Degree, the FC will contact the Faithful Navigator, who will then contact the Commander. This procedure must be followed to insure that the Color Corp as well as our members are properly notified when a wake service is requested.

Color Corp Requests: All requests for the Color Corp (with the exception of wake calls) should be made in writing to the Faithful Navigator as early as possible. The Assembly will make every effort to honor all requests for our Color Corp.

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4th DEGREE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

THE KELLENBERG CHRONICLE
A History of Bishop Walter P. Kellenberg Assembly

A synopsis of the History Chronicle to this point:

The origin of our Kellenberg Assembly's historical narrative is the latter part of the 19th Century (1870), when Father Michael McGivney, a parish priest of the New Haven Diocese saw the need to fiscally do something, if and when a pivotal disaster, particularly a father's death befell one of his parish families. Through organizing the men of his parish in an association (Councils), their combined charitable resources would assist in keeping families together. Those early endeavors of financial relief extended to other nearby parishes and the individual groups soon bonded taking the name "Knights of Columbus", a name acknowledging the significance of the discoverer of America, Christopher Columbus. Around the turn of the Century the original purpose of this new Order, the Knights of Columbus, collided with cultural changes now apparent in our country's and our Order's leadership to counterbalance a class controversy in the Council's introduced a new Patriotic (Fourth) Degree that both counteracted class differences and upgraded accepted customs. The new Fourth Degree followed all our Order's rituals, with the exception of a candidate's rank, now known as a Sir Knight and his attire that was now formal and ceremonial. Countless members of the Order took favorably to this Fourth Degree and at the same time while maintaining allegiance in their original Council were structured in a group (Assembly) comprised from a merging of a number of Council's.

In 1910 during a reorganization of the Knights of Columbus leadership of a separate Board of Directors for the Fourth Degree was created with the head position of Supreme Master, Fourth Degree for twenty Provinces that were established in the US and Canada. New York State was a part of St. Isaac Jogues, S.J. Province and New York City and Long Island were organized as part of New York State's First District. The Fourth Degree Exemplification's for New York City and the State were now held periodically with Sir Knight candidates from Long Island's Council's (Nassau and Suffolk) assigned as members of the "Long Island Assembly".

In 1929, New Haven authorized an additional Assembly to serve the Sir Knights in Nassau and Suffolk County's, Cardinal Mercier Assembly. All Fourth Degree members formally affiliated with the Long Island Assembly were now associated with this new Assembly. The Long Island suburban proliferation that followed World War II and a subsequent expansion in Long Island's Brooklyn Diocese, a Diocese that surpassed in numbers the New York Archdiocese, the Episcopal head of New York State Diocese. In 1957, Pope Pius XII aware of this disparity authorized a new Diocese for Nassau and Suffolk County's, the Rockville Centre Diocese. Followed was a further reorganization of St. Isaac Jogues, S.J. Province with New Haven establishing New York State District No. 9, a District that embraced these two Counties with James P. McHugh appointed Master. This reorganization, most satisfactory, resulted in a considerable increase in Fourth Degree membership and the new District petitioned for the right to conduct their annual Exemplification in a local venue. Supreme Headquarters in New Haven was agreeable and on Sunday, June 2, 1963 at the Garden City Hotel, the first Nassau/Suffolk Exemplification was held in the hotel's Georgian Ballroom. 325 candidates took the Exemplification: dress was formal attire, black tuxedo with white tie. Immediately following the Degree, the newly installed Sir Knights, lead by the Honor Guard of both Assemblies and accompanied by the colorful Charminade Band marched to St. Joseph's Church for Benediction.

A further reorganization of the New York District by the Supreme Master took place in October 1963, necessary due to confusion, or a lack of understanding of the Fourth Degree that existed in both Nassau and Suffolk resulting in the reassignment of the two Counties to the First New York District. The outcome was 3 new General Assemblies for Nassau and Suffolk Counties of which one was Bishop Walter P. Kellenberg. Bishop Walter P. Kellenberg, D.D. Fourth Degree Assembly was inaugurated October 20, 1963, and comprised the nine councils located in Northern Nassau County. At their first General Meeting in November 1963, the delegates from these Councils elected as their Faithful Navigator SK Frank Lamb of Westbury Council. As the Knights of Columbus Laws and Rules Governing the Fourth Degree specifically apply to each Assembly, it was not necessary to draw up a Constitution, but it was most important at that first meeting and in subsequent meetings that the members ratify this document. However, By-Laws for the Kellenberg Assembly were a necessity and the Kellenberg Sir Knights, quite familiar with the procedures necessary for an Assembly to function,

appointed SK Thomas McNamee, Joseph Lamb Council and SK Donald Campbell, John Mackay Council as Co-Chairman of a By-Laws Committee to draft a list of necessary Articles.

The Kellenberg Chronicle now continues. As usual, your thoughts and questions on the articles to date are welcomed.

Phase V:

- Concurrent with the October 1963 Inauguration of the Bishop Kellenberg Assembly, the charter members of the Assembly under the leadership of their first elected Navigator, SK Frank Lamb and his brother Officers quickly put together an active working organization.
- Expediently, their first order of business, the elected Officers instituted a Color Corp, designated Chairmen for each Assembly's Standing Committees and appointed an Editor for their monthly bulletin, named the "Lumina".
- Appointed as Captain of the newly established Color Corp was SK Larry Kreyer, James Norton Council, a former member of the Cardinal Mercier Color Corp, with 20 years of service as an Officer in their Corp.
- Quickly reacting on his appointment, SK Kreyer advised the Assembly leadership that as a first answer to building a Corp, a Corp with only a few holdovers from the Mercier Assembly, each Council should recruit at least 2 Sir Knights to serve as Guardsmen.
- At first there was aging enthusiasm from the Councils for the Color Corp with many Sir Knights hesitant in joining the Corp, per articles mentioned in the "Lumina", Sir Knight Kreyer through his perseverance, even to go as far as to solicit outside contributions to assist with the cost of equipment, soon had his active Corp.
- On the other hand, Sir Knight Frank Lamb, with a prior body of active Sir Knights, was readily able to choose Chairmen for the Assembly's necessary Standing Committees: the Americanism, Catholic Affairs, Membership and Fraternal Committees as well as a Historian, a Chalice Chairman and a Flag Chairman.
- Each of these Chairmen in addition to reporting at the Assembly meetings, if their Committee was currently active posted his report in the "Lumina".
- The name "Lumina" was chosen for Assembly's monthly publication, derived from the motto Bishop Kellenberg had chosen for his "Coat of Arms", ("Regina Verte Lumina" translated "Queen, guide me by your light").
- This motto of Bishop Kellenberg referred to Our Blessed Mother and the Marian Tear 1953-54, then being observed at the time of his Consecration as a Bishop, October 5, 1953.
- The first issue of the monthly bulletin "Lumina" was in January 1964 and the Editor of this fledging publication was SK Patrick Gullo, Joseph Gorman Council, who served until June 1966.
- Soon issues of the "Lumina", in addition to the column "Navigator Notes", carried columns of the Assembly's Officers, e.g. The Captain's Corner and the Pilot House, to name a few. Committee Chairman had similar catchy titles for their "Lumina" columns.
- Later added to the "Lumina" was a synopsis of the reports of the Committee Chairmen, reports previously made at the meetings of the Assembly.
- This asset in the "Lumina" was deemed important for noted in these synopsis was a falling off of attendance at the meetings. Note: January 1990 was the earliest record of the Assembly's minutes located.
- As soon as possible, the Assembly made plans to hold 2 principal ceremonies of their order, the Installation of Officers and the Fourth Degree Exemplification of the new Sir Knights.
- There is no record of the Installation of the first elected Officers, but it is assumed that they were installed at an early General Meeting of the Assembly.
- The following year, June 1964, elections were held and the current Officers appointed in October 1963 were reelected. Their Installation took place that October, in a most impressive ceremony, which began at the Council Chambers of Corpus Christi, Mineola.
- The ceremony that Sunday afternoon, October 25th began at 4 PM with a parade of all the Assembly's Sir Knights from the Council Chambers to St. Aiden's Church in Williston Park for Benediction. Parade dress was formal, tuxedo, service baldric and white gloves.
- Benediction was celebrated in St. Aiden's at 4:30 PM and then followed a return march to the Corpus Christi's Chambers for the Installation under the auspices of James McHugh, Master Ninth New York District and his staff.
- A reception for the Assembly's Sir Knights, their wives and or guests followed the Installation. The cost was \$5.00 per couple.
- An account of the 1964 and 1965 Exemplifications was not found but presumably with the realignment of the Fourth Degree Assemblies in the Ninth New York District in October 1963 the Degree was held in New York City at the Commodore Hotel. The earliest record located in the Kellenberg files was for the June 1966 ceremony held at the Commodore Hotel, where sixty-three candidates received the degree. The site reverted again to the Garden City Hotel in 1968.
- The By-Laws set up for the newly established Bishop Walter P. Kellenberg Assembly provided that there be instituted an annual Corporate Communion Memorial Mass in remembrance of the Assembly's departed brother Sir Knights.
- A record of the earliest Memorial Mass found was for May 1966 to be held in the evening at St. Ignatius Loyola Church, Hicksville. The Celebrant was the Faithful Friar SK James Smith, St Brigid's, Westbury. A reception followed at the Joseph Barry Council Chambers with the families of the deceased Sir Knights and the wives and families of the Assembly's Sir Knights invited.
- A solid foundation by the initial administration during the first 2 years of the Bishop Walter P. Kellenberg Assembly now had been established and in June 1966 new Officers had been elected.
- Father William A. Daly SJ Council #2122, whose Council Headquarters was in Great Neck, originally elected to remain in Queens County, but in December 1966 the majority of their members decided to join the Kellenberg Assembly and petition was made to Supreme Headquarters and the change was approved.

(To Be Continued in the November-December 2011 Issue of the "Lumina")

Sir Knight Frank White, Historian, Kellenberg Assembly

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Lets Remember and keep in our prayers the following Brother Sir Knights who recently passed away:

SK Anthony DiCandia – Joseph Lamb Council
SK Philip Lobue – Connolly Council
SK/PFN Alan Kotowski – James Norton Council

KELLENBERG ASSEMBLY MEETINGS AND OTHER DATES

Sep 19th – Installation - Joseph Barry Council
Oct 17th – Meeting - Holy Family Council – Hicksville
Nov 21st – Meeting – Corpus Christi – Mineola
December NO MEETING
Jan 16th – Meeting – Gorman Council – Syosset

Feb 20th – Meeting - Oyster Bay Council
March 19th – Meeting - Port Washington Council
Apr 16th - Meeting – Lamb/Our Lady Mercy – Hicksville
May 21st – Meeting – Joseph Barry Council – Hicksville
June 18th – Meeting – Norton Council – Glen Cove

****All Meetings Begins at 8:00 PM**

October 9th – Fourth Degree Exemplification – Melville Marriott, 12:00PM
November 5th – Memorial Mass – Holy Family – 3:00PM – Repast @ Joseph Barry Council
December 11th – Christmas Party – Joseph Barry Council – 2:00 - 6:00PM
Annual Communion Breakfast – Oyster Bay Council #1206 – St. Dominic's Church – March 25, 2012 – 9:30 AM Mass – Breakfast in lower basement of Church.