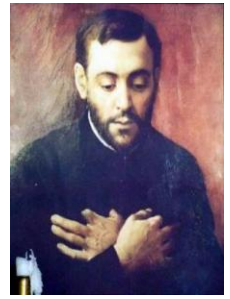




Knights of Columbus

FOURTH
DEGREE

Patriotic Degree of the Order



ST. ISAAC JOGUES PROVINCE



NEWSLETTER

April 2021

Worthy District Masters,

We begin April 2021 and the realization sets in that that we are fast approaching the end of this Columbian Year. **Just 3months remain in this Columbian Year!**

Our membership as a province ranks in 10th place by percentage gain (33.08%) in the Order. By intake gain, new members, (578) our province ranks 5th in the Order.

Degrees are scheduled by many of you tis month, and that will push us closer to our district goals for membership. Also keep taking advantage of virtual degrees offered by other provinces across the country.

Let's press forward with our planned spring degrees .Also let's get any additional degrees that you can manage to be scheduled.

Please keep in your prayers all of those afflicted with the Coronavirus as New York and New Jersey are especially hard hit.

I hope that next month's newsletter will be filled with lots of plans for all of us returning to our churches and a normal life after this horrible virus is defeated. Have a blessed Easter Season and stay safe!

.Vivat Jesus,

Andy Lipenta

Andrew Lipenta, PSD, Vice Supreme Master
St. Isaac Jogues Province
Fourth Degree Knights of Columbus



NEW ASSEMBLY DEVELOPMENT

Reminder our Supreme Master has asked us for one (1) new Assembly per district each fraternal year.

Review all your assemblies with membership of +250 members. These larger assemblies offer you the opportunity to pick a location to start of new assembly. Ethnic language portions of an assembly is another possibility for new assembly development. **Where in your district can we place that new Assembly?** Have you researched for a possible new assembly location?



MEMBERSHIP GROWTH:

Our Supreme Master has encouraged all of us to attend the new combined Degree at our earliest convenience. This new degree which takes less than an hour, should give us a larger base number of knights to serve as council officers and to take the Patriotic Degree.

“Bring a supply of the ‘An Invitation to Join’ folder #10377 3/16. Distribute these to each new member.” *(CUF) Charity, Unity & Fraternity combined degree.

Keep up the good work!





REMINDERS

ASSEMBLY REPORTS COMING DUE / OR PAST DUE

FORM 186 REPORT OF OFFCERS CHOSEN FOR THE TERM..... PAST DUE BY JULY 1

FORM 1315 ANNUAL ASSEMBLY AUDIT REPORT PAST DUE AUGUST 1

FORM 1728 ANNUAL SURVEY OF FRATERNAL ACTIVITY.....PAST DUE JANUARY 31

TBP-1 TO BE A PATRIOT ENTRY FORM -ENTRIES TO THE MASTER DUE BY APRIL 30

- **MASTER SELECT TOP ENTRY IN DISTRICT AND SUBMIT TO VSM BY MAY 15**

FORM 2321 CIVIC AWARD APPLICATION.....DUE JUNE 30

FORM 226 FOURTH DEGREE - MASTER'S SEMI-ANNUAL REPORT CONDUCT EACH MARCH & SEPTEMBER, SUBMIT BY APRIL 15 AND OCTOBER 15, RESPECTIVELY, EACH YEAR. Are you current with your Audits?

Upcoming / Recent Exemplifications (2021)

- March 27, 2021 ~ NY District #2 virtual ~ result 109 new SKs!
- April 17, 2021 ~ NY District #4 virtual ~ result 33 new SKs!
- April 18, 2021 ~ NJ District 1 ~ result 74 new SKs!
- April 25, 2021 ~ NJ District 2 (Virtual) at 2pm ~ anticipate 160+ candidates!

PLEASE ADVISE NEW / UPDATES / CHANGES TO DATES / LOCATIONS SET

Membership Growth: Listed below

Membership update report posted at Supreme Council is as of 4-1-2021

<u>DISTRICT LOCATION</u>	<u>7-01-2020</u>		<u>MTD</u>	<u>YTD</u>	<u>% YTD</u>
	<u>MEMBERSHIP</u>	<u>QUOTA</u>	<u>GAIN</u>	<u>GAIN</u>	<u>GAIN/QUOTA</u>
NEW YORK NUMBER 1	5,586	391	1	242	62
NEW YORK NUMBER 2	3,046	213	0	84	39
NEW YORK NUMBER 3	2,039	143	3	16	11
NEW YORK NUMBER 4	3,585	251	0	47	18
NORTHERN NEW JERSEY	4,598	322	0	67	20
SOUTHERN NEW JERSEY	6,093	427	3	122	28
PROVINCE TOTALS : (as of 3-31-21)	25,453	1,747	7	578	33.08

MEMBERSHIP GROWTH ~ by PROVINCE (as of 3-31-2021)

<u>PROVINCE NAME</u>	<u>Intake</u>	<u>% OF GOAL</u>
San Felipe de Jesus	153	104.08%
Fr. Edward Sorin C.S.C.	519	94.54%
Fr. Michael J. McGivney	174	80.56%
St. Junipero Serra	725	53.47%
Marquette	761	49.67%
John H. Reddin	400	46.19%
Calvert	807	40.82%
Bienville	405	39.02%
Ferdinand Magellan	2,013	34.91%
St. Isaac Jogues	578	33.09%
Hennepin	437	33.01%
Our Lady of Guadalupe	450	29.96%
Desoto	571	28.97%
Arch. Francis Norbert Blanchet	119	24.34%
Father Padilla	295	19.16%
Father DeSmet	60	18.29%
Cardinal McGuigan	140	17.52%
Bishop James A. Healy	193	16.51%
Champlain	57	9.18%
Most Rev. Francis C. Kelly	<u>5</u>	<u>1.48%</u>
	7,240	28.08%

Knights (7/1/20)~1,988,683; Sir Knights (7/1/20) ~ 368,366; Non Sir Knights ~ 1,620,317 (81%); 7% of Goal is 25,786; Intake (order wide) as of 2/28/21 ~ 7,240 ~ 28.08%

VAVS Veteran Homes (Hospitals)

Worthy District Masters: Please see that coverage is maintained with a Representative and Deputy Representative, as well, if at all possible. If you need a blank rep/ dep rep assignment form please let me know!

IMPORTANT MAILING OF COMMUNICATIONS TO SUPREME MASTER'S OFFICE

Unless items are actually addressed to either Supreme Master Dennis Stoddard or Justyna Padilla, all mail received at headquarters is forwarded to our mail clearing house, where it is opened, separated and then distributed to the required section which adds delay. Please remember to send all important communication to the proper individuals to expedite reception and processing. I would also ask for this information to be passed on to the District Masters when they are sending in exemplifications, checks, new assemblies. Forms such as 1315,186 etc. can be e-mailed to addresses provided on bottom of the forms. If there are any questions please don't hesitate to ask.

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MILITARY CHAPLAIN SCHOLARSHIP FUND SUPPORT

Since our last report we have now surpassed the \$2,000,000 mark to the program.

Thanks to the hard work of our Fourth Degree members we have officially received donations totaling \$2,000,618.51.

As you know, we have a severe shortage of active duty Catholic Priest's serving our brave military men, women and their families worldwide.

Through the continued generosity of our members, we are able to assist the Archdiocese of Military Services, USA, recruit young men desiring to become Military Chaplains.

Even though we have reached our goal early, we will continue to support our military seminarians with our donations.

Please continue to work with your District Masters and Faithful Navigators in support of this program.

MILITARY CHAPLAIN SCHOLARSHIP FUND SUPPORT CHECKS SHOULD BE MADE PAYABLE TO KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS CHARITIES ON MEMO LINE WRITE "MILITARY CHAPLAINS"

MAIL CHECK TO:

ATT: MARYANN LUDINGTON, CHARITIES

ONE COLUMBUS PLAZA

NEW HAVEN, CT 06510

STAR ASSEMBLY AWARD 2020-2021

Make sure your Assemblies plan to earn the Star Assembly Award for this fraternal year. As a reminder, here are the requirements for this Award.

- Publish and distribute to the Assembly membership a minimum of six Assembly Newsletters during the 2020-2021 fraternal year. A copy of each newsletter must also be sent (either in print or electronically) to the Vice Supreme Master at andrew.lipenta@gmail.com.**
- Meet the Assembly's membership goal with a net gain of 7% additions over deletions.**
- Complete and submit the Annual Survey of Fraternal Activity (#1728), which is due January 31, 2021.**
- Complete and submit to your District Master by April 30, 2021 the "To Be a Patriot Award" application. See below...**
- Earn the Civic Award by conducting a minimum of four patriotic programs during the 2020-2021 fraternal year and reporting those programs to the Supreme Master by June 30, 2021 on the "Civic Award" application.**
- Complete and submit the "Report of Officers Chosen for the Term" (#186).**

To Be a Patriot Award applications from local assemblies are due to you by April 30, 2021.

You as district master will then judge the entries and select the top TBP activity in your district. The district winners will then be submitted to the vice supreme master by May 15, 2021. After selecting a top winner in his province, each vice supreme master should submit the entry form to the supreme master. Every entry will then be reviewed by a committee appointed by the supreme knight and supreme master. Winners will be announced by the Supreme Masters office.

NEW UNIFORM ORDERS ~ New Price \$449.00

Fraternally, with all the changes in the Order this year, it's vital that you maintain close communication with each of your Assemblies so they can give correct information to each member in your District, specifically the uniform, it's new cost, and how to order.

Uniforms can be ordered at: kofcuniform.com or 833/562-4327. The Supply Room customer service department will be able to assist with questions regarding uniforms ordered from the previous fulfillment company.

New Uniform Top Coat Orders

Please inform your assemblies the final product selection has been approved (in time for our cold weather months) and is now available for purchase at the supply room.

The new top coat will be available to ship in 2 weeks from the Supply room at a cost of \$225.

The size needed will be the same size as your KC uniform jacket. So, if you take a 46 long sport coat, you will order a 46-long topcoat. Member topcoats will have three sleeve buttons, and Supreme Officers will have 4 buttons on each sleeve. They are building inventory, so orders can be placed now only by calling the Supply Room Sales Department at 833/562-4327. As soon as inventory is ready, they will ship. This item will be added to the website soon. Pins: only the PG-113 pin shall be worn on the topcoat lapel at the buttonhole. Absolutely no service medals will be worn on the topcoat. Medals are reserved for wear only on the uniform jacket. This is a wonderful addition to the uniform, and just in time for a great Christmas present for our 4th Degree brothers. Please make sure you send this out to your Assembly members as soon as possible and continue

Please Note: It certainly is not required that everyone purchase a top coat and we don't want to deny men to participate in a call out simply because they have no top coat. We have to rely on you or CCC to make the decision on top coats, as well as if swords are to be used.

Let's use our common sense and have those in top coats march / stand together, and those without top coats the same. Let's not complicate things.