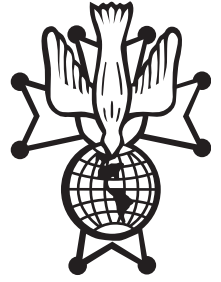


# The Navigator

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## Faithful Navigator's Message

2<sup>nd</sup> QUARTER, 2009

A blessed and holy Easter season to all brother Sir Knights! I hope that you found the season of Lent a profitable experience in spiritual growth. It was good to see many of you at the February 13<sup>th</sup> dinner/dance and at the CRC parish Fish Fry on March 6<sup>th</sup>.



I want to express my appreciation to our Color Corps which has been so well led by Sir Knight John Allen. The numerous events that they have participated in are evidence of their faithfulness to the principles of our Order. But, as previously stated, there is always a need for more members to lighten the load carried by these gentlemen. We should view this opportunity to be the visible arm of the Order as a privilege and an obligation.

The call to **Holiness** has taken on greater significance this year as we are challenged by those who have no regard for the value of preborn human life. The many anti-life (pro-death) policies that have been implemented by the current federal administration only serve to emphasize that we have failed to make known the importance of choosing moral behavior as a priority over financial condition. What we are witnessing are the terrible consequences of being silent and forgetting to educate our neighbors and ourselves about the wages of sin so prevalent in our society. We have a responsibility to speak out and confront those who openly disregard and disdain the moral principles which the Church teaches. And we ourselves sin when we shirk that responsibility.

So our first step is to repent of our laziness and fear. If we haven't been faithful in our prayer life, then we must start again by daily renewing our commitment to God, participating in frequent mass, Eucharistic adoration, praying the Rosary and the Divine Mercy chaplet, or whatever other forms of prayer that we know. Let us return to our roots, those prayers that we learned at our mother's (father's) knee. Then we will be strengthened to do the work that God calls us to do. I pray that we will all seek and find the path that God has made for us to reach him. And that we will bring others with us.

We can still change our culture, but it will be increasingly difficult as we procrastinate in living up to our responsibilities. Let us continue to pray for our President (and family) and his staff that they will be guided by God in their daily activities to lead this nation into righteousness. And let us pray to God that we will never be afraid to speak out for the protection of all human beings.

A final note to all Sir Knights: please join us at our monthly meetings and other activities. Fly your flag as much as possible, but especially on holidays. May God bless you and your family as you grow in his grace and endeavor to become the Saint he is calling you to be.

Leonard Micek  
Faithful Navigator

## OFFICIAL REGALIA OF THE FOURTH DEGREE

*(From the official Color Corps Drill Manual)*

The Fourth Degree member official regalia dress is as follows:

- Black Tuxedo
- Plain white tuxedo shirt-pleated and with collar (no wing-tip collars)
- Black bow tie
- Tuxedo studs and cuff links
- Black cummerbund (no vests)
- Black footwear
- Social baldric (worn under the coat, from right shoulder to left hip)
- Lapel pin (the only pin worn on the lapel is the official pin of the Fourth Degree)
- Name badge

Former District Deputies; Past Grand Knights and Past Faithful Navigators may wear the miniature jewel of those offices, centered on the left front panel of the tuxedo jacket, between the lapel and the left armhole seam with the bottom edge of the jewel (s) ¼ inch above the top of the pocket. No other medals of any other group or organization may be worn in regalia, whether social or Color Corps. The order of precedence, from left to right: Former District Deputy, Past Grand Knight, Past Faithful Navigator.

## OFFICIAL COLORS OF THE FOURTH DEGREE

**Supreme Master & Former Supreme Master:**

Dark blue cape and chapeau/dark blue plume

**Vice Supreme Master & Former Vice Supreme Master:**

Light blue cape and chapeau/light blue plume

**District Master and Former District Master:**

Gold cape and chapeau/gold plume

**Marshall:**

Green cape and chapeau/green plume

**Faithful Navigator and Past Faithful Navigator:**

white cape and chapeau/white plume

**Assembly Commander:**

Purple cape and purple chapeau/ purple plume

**Color Corps**

Red cape and chapeau/white plume

## PURPOSE OF THE COLOR CORP OF THE FOURTH DEGREE

When knighthood was in flower, knights carried the sword to defend their God, their Church, their country and their fellow man according to the code of chivalry. Today, Sir Knights wear regalia and carry the sword to honor Christ and His apostles,

especially on religious and civic occasions specified in their manual. Hence, the primary purpose of the Fourth Degree is to encourage active Catholic citizenship and foster the spirit of patriotism in members and the community at large.

The Color Corp members exemplify all the principles of our Order:

**CHARITY** – by the gift of their time and energies necessary to practice perfect and perform the ceremonials and word drill;

**UNITY** – by the united efforts of Sit Knights to practice and perfect a coordinated drill for the good of the Church and the Order;

**FRATERNITY** – by expressing an “Esprit de Corps”, sharing a common desire for drill excellence and camaraderie; and

**PATRIOTISM** – by performing precision drill as a salute to God and to country and visually exhibiting a love for both.

The public appearance of Fourth Degree Knights as a Color Corp at religious and civic functions is an important activity of each assembly. Their colorful capes and chapeaux add dignity and the pride of Church and country to any event. By these public demonstrations, their loyalties bring credit to themselves and to the Knights of Columbus.

## COLOR CORPS DESCRIPTION

The Color Corps (C.C.) has two sub-groups, the Color Guard (C.G.) and the Honor Guard (H.G.). The Color Guard consists of the flag bearers and at least two members of the Honor Guard who escort the colors. The Honor Guard consists of members of the Color Corps who have mastered the Manual of the Sword. In many assemblies, all the members of the Color Corps belong to the Honor Guard.

## MEMBERS OF THE HONOR GUARD



John Allen	Tim McKenna
Wally Armistead	Derek Moser
Joe Borgerding	Ed Murphy
Joe Caruso	Ray O'Shea
Fred Fleming	Russ Pitrone
Ted Gacek	David Randolph
Dennis Gilmore	Bob Schidt
David Gross	Bob Sherman
Art Hut	Bruce Tawson
Joe McAleer	Mark Worrick

## HUNGRY HEROES GREETED BY COUNCIL 12228

The Fort Carson-based 3<sup>rd</sup> Brigade Combat Team, 4<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division, has returned from fifteen months (two Christmases) of combat in Iraq. As they return, Knights from Mount St. Francis Assisi Council 12228 have greeted these soldiers as they deplane after a long trip home. They are usually hungry. We provide these “Hungry Heroes” with MacDonald’s cheeseburgers and soft drinks as we greet them. Sir Knight, Al Batey is the leader of the “Hungry Heroes” greeters, and has enlisted members of the Home Front Cares, MOAA, Knights of Columbus as well as several other civic and church groups to join the greeters. Despite the fact that planes come in at all hours of the day and night, someone is there to greet every arriving plane.

At one of these February arrivals, 1<sup>st</sup> Degree Knight, Jorge Perez, Sergeant First Class, US Army, was among the returning soldiers and was greeted by members of his Council!



*Grand Knight Van Simms, Brother Tony Waloch, PGK Vic Fernandez and Council 12228 Warden John Vehlewald welcome home Brother Knight, SFC Jorge Perez (1-68 armor), a “Hungry Hero” upon his return from 15 months of combat in Iraq. Thank you, Lord, for his safe return...*

### **YOU ARE INVITED TO JOIN THE KNIGHT’S CHOIR**

We know for a fact that there are many fine voices and musicians that are members of our Assembly. Most of the current members of the choir are Sir Knights, many in the Honor Guard. Handling both duties can be a problem sometimes, so it is important to add a few new members to the choir.

**Just what is the commitment?** The choir practices twice a month, on the second and fourth Tuesday evenings @ 6:30pm for 1 hour. The choir has the privilege of singing at the 8:30 am Mass at St. Thomas More every third Sunday of each month.

We encourage those Sir Knights willing to give something back to Christ and join the Knight’s choir to contact Tom Shinnars, Director, at 303-967-9244; [tmshinnars@itipcomm.com](mailto:tmshinnars@itipcomm.com); or any choir member.

## OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE SILVER ROSE RUN

### **Knights plan run to Mexico for Pro Life**

**One Life, One Rose-** The Colorado Knights of Columbus will participate in a North American effort paying special tribute to Our Lady of Guadalupe, Patroness of the Americas, through the Silver Rose Program. This program involves the running of a Silver Rose from Ontario, Canada, through the United States to Monterey, Mexico (Much like the carrying of the Olympic Torch). The program will come through the Colorado jurisdiction on October 18, 2009 and be given to the New Mexico jurisdiction on November 8, 2009. The Program will conclude in Monterey, Mexico on December 12, 2009. The route will include scheduled overnight stops, where special prayer services will be conducted honoring our Lady of Guadalupe. The Silver Rose will be carried by members of the Knights of Columbus, including the Columbian Squires, the Knights’ Youth Group.

The overall purpose of the program is to “show support for our Priests and Bishops during these troubled times and to symbolize our commitment to restoring respect for human life from conception to natural death. As we think of ‘One Life, One Rose,’ it is appropriate we turn to Our Lady of Guadalupe who made known her will through Juan Diego and the miracle of the roses,” according to Carl Anderson, Supreme Knight.

### **RED ENVELOPE CAMPAIGN**

A unique campaign, known as the “red envelope” campaign is underway to help emphasize the stand against abortion. Catholic citizens are urged to purchase red envelopes and mail them empty to Washington, D.C. in care of the President. The empty envelope represents one of the 50 million abortions performed in the U.S. since 1973. On the back of the envelope, write: “This envelope represents one child who died in abortion. It is empty because that life was unable to offer anything to the world. Responsibility begins with conception.” Contact Sir Knight, Art Hut, for more information.

Address:

President Barack Obama  
The White House  
1600 Pennsylvania Ave. NW  
Washington, D.C. 20500

**ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARADE** *Photos by David Randolph (PFN)*



*Marshall Dave Davis & Master Joseph Tafoya at the St Patrick's Day Parade-Denver*



*Master Joseph Tafoya and Sir Knights prepare to march at the St. Patrick's Day Parade-Denver*



*SD Claude Trujillo, Jr and his dream car at the Denver St. Patrick's Day Parade*



*SD Claude Trujillo, Jr joins the "Knights on bikes" at the St. Patrick's Day parade*

**EXEMPLIFICATION** *Photo by SK Tim Paul*



*Master Joe Tafoya addresses the Exemplification Class in Ft. Collins on Jan. 25, 2009.*



*SK's l-r, John Hilton, Jerry Kiefer, Gary Eckhardt, Tim Paul, Mark Major, Hank Chott at the January Exemplification in Ft. Collins.*



*New Sir Knights, Mark Major, Bill Donovan, Gary Eckhart*



*Gary & Judy Eckhart; Sharon & John Hilton relax at the Exemplification in Ft. Collins*

**NEED TO KNOW**

**Where to get KOFC Supplies**

The English Company, 1-800-444-5632

[www.kofcsupplies.com](http://www.kofcsupplies.com)

Lynch & Kelly, Inc., 1-888-548-3890

[www.lynych&kelly.com](http://www.lynych&kelly.com)

**Badges**

Tim Mckenna (PGK)  
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**KofC websites**

**State Council**

[www.kofccolorado.org](http://www.kofccolorado.org)

**Supreme Council**

[www.kofc.org](http://www.kofc.org)

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**SECOND QUARTER CALENDAR  
ASSEMBLY 2294**

**April 2009**

- 12 Easter Sunday-Celebrate the Lord's Resurrection!
- 16 Meeting – Rosary 7:00pm, Meeting 7:30 (Officers Nomination)
- 18 Right to Life Rosary, 7:30am, P. Parenthood 38th and Pontiac 24th – 26th State Convention, Stapleton Doubletree Hotel

**May 2009**

- 8 Awards to STM Students for Essay Contest (Confirm Date)
- 14 Meeting – Rosary 7:00pm, Meeting 7:30 (Officers Election)
- 16 Right to Life Rosary, 7:30am at P. Parenthood 38th and Pontiac
- 16 Armed Forces Day – Fly the Flag!
- 27 Dine-Around (Time & Location to be determined)

**June 2009**

- 11 Meeting – Rosary 7:00pm, Meeting 7:30
- 14 Flag Day – Fly the Flag!
- 20 Right to Life Rosary, 7:30am at P. Parenthood 38th and Pontiac

**July 2009**

- 4 Independence Day – Fly the Flag!
- 9 Meeting – Rosary 7:00pm, Meeting 7:30
- 12 Officer's Installation – 2:00pm in STM Church Gym
- 18 Right to Life Rosary, 7:30am at P. Parenthood 38th and Pontiac

**VETERAN'S PLAQUE**

**The Assembly maintains a plaque honoring it's member-veterans. If you are a veteran and have not given us the information yet, please contact Tim McKenna with your name, branch of service and service dates.**

**FATHER RAPHAEL MCARTHY**

**ASSEMBLY 2294**

**2007-2008 OFFICERS**

Faithful Navigator	Leonard Micek	303-694-1008
Faithful Friar	Fr. Ken Leone	303-758-8826
Faithful Comptroller	Tim McKenna	303-850-9174
Faithful Captain	Bob Sherman	303-791-7294
Faithful Admiral	Dave Randolph	303-796-9551
Faithful Purser	Wally Armistead	303-768-9351
Faithful Pilot	Sal Villano	303-470-9345
Faithful Scribe	David Gross	303-862-9501
Inner Sentinel	Dennis Gilmore	303-660-8616
Outer Sentinel	Fred Fleming	303-694-6520
One Year Trustee	Bruce Tawson	303-683-2686
Two Year Trustee	Ted Gacek	303-798-8298



*Every dues-paying member of Assembly 2294 is automatically a participant in the Assembly's Chalice program. Upon death, the Sir Knight's family receives a beautiful Chalice engraved with his name. It is suggested that the family give the Chalice to a priest of their choice so that the deceased Sir Knight is remembered each time that priest says Mass. A Resolution of Condolence from the Assembly is also included with the Chalice.*

**We still need officers for Comtroller and Scribe for the Calender Year 2009-2010. Anyone interested, please contact Joe McAleer @ 303-740-6261**



*SK Gary Eckhart and his wife, Judith, at the Assembly's Sweetheart's Dinner Dance*



*SK Dennis and his wife, Patricia at the Sweetheart's Dinner Dance*



*SK Jerry Milbachler and his wife, Barbara at the Sweetheart's Dance*



*PFN Tim Mckenna and Marie Mckenna at the Sweetheart's Dance*

Brother Knights and Sir Knights,

A very special Thank You to all of the Sir Knights that continue to participate in Honor Guard activities throughout the State. Your participation and response to these requests is outstanding.

Congratulations to the forty-four new Fourth Degree Sir Knights that attended the Exemplification January 25th, 2009, at Rev G. Joseph Lajeunesse Assembly 279. I encourage you to participate with your Brother Sir Knights in regalia.

Each Assembly in our District carries on its own local programs. We are proud to be United States citizens and we encourage our members and friends to support our soldiers, our government, and the things that make this country the best place in the world to live. Last but not least, we encourage everyone to display the flag of our country.

One of the most important functions of the Fourth Degree is providing Guards of Honor at Mass, wakes, funerals, dedications and many other civic and patriotic functions. This is while in full Regalia, with colorful capes and plumed chapeaux. The Knights of Columbus are always recognized in any public appearance. These Sir Knights add dignity and a pride of Church and Country to any event.

Participation in parades is an ideal way to bring Knights of Columbus to the people. Everybody loves a parade. I encourage all Knights to participate in these very special functions.

I wish to remind all Third Degree Knights that we have two Fourth Degree Exemplifications that are now approved:

May 17, 2009

Holy Family Assembly 96, Security, CO  
Rick Romero, Faithful Navigator, 719-233-0604

June 13, 2009

Padre Pio Assembly 2813, Littleton, CO  
Ed Domanick, Faithful Navigator, 303-471-2046

Three new Assemblies are in the last formative stages, and should be completed within the sixty to ninety days.

We are always interested in assisting in forming new Assemblies and scheduling Exemplifications.

We pray that God will guide our nations and our leaders to make wise decisions in the days to come. May Almighty God bless all of you!

Joseph Tafoya, District Master