



MEETING NIGHT
4TH MONDAY OF MONTH

CHRISTOPHER COLUMBUS ASSEMBLY #2349



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KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS 4TH DEGREE NEWSLETTER APRIL 2012

CHRISTOPHER COLUMBUS HOST ASSEMBLY FOR EXEMPLIFICATION:

The **4th Degree Exemplification** of **Illinois District One of Marquette Province** will be hosted by our Assembly on **Saturday, April 21, 2012** !! It will take place at the **Lincolnshire Marriott Resort** (Ten Marriott Drive, Lincolnshire, IL 60069. Ph.# (847) 634-0100). **The Worthy Master Paul Isherwood presiding.** Last date of acceptance of Form 4s is April 9th. No cancellations after April 9th. A candidate must be a 3rd Degree Member in good standing and have a full six months in the Order (based on 1st Degree Date) to be eligible for the 4th Degree Exemplification. Candidates fee is \$70.00 and includes banquet ticket. Priests only are \$50.00 and includes banquet ticket. Guest/SK \$45.00 and includes banquet ticket. Ladies banquet ticket is \$45.00, and Ladies luncheon is \$23.00. Master's meeting is 9:00A.M., and Candidate Registration is at 10:30A.M. The Ceremony is at 1:00P.M., while Mass is at 4:30P.M. Send only complete packets to the Master at least two weeks prior to the Exemplification. For further information access the following websites, including the new 4th Degree site:

www.4thdegreeillinoisdistrict1.com
www.christophercolumbusassembly2349.com
www.illinoisknights.org



FAITHFUL NAVIGATOR'S MESSAGE



Sir Knights and Lovely Ladies,

April 21, 2012 will be our date to shine as an Assembly. We will be the host assembly for the exemplification of the 4th Degree to be held at Marriott Lincolnshire Resort. The Ladies Luncheon will feature a floral design demonstration by Robert Neri of Robert's Floral Design Studio. Each lady in attendance will receive a free raffle ticket for one of the designs, along with other surprises. The Master expects to have 120 candidates take the degree. Mass will be celebrated by our own Chaplain, Fr. Jason Torba. 3 members of our assembly have been nominated to receive the Master's Medallion. There will be a patriotic demonstration and tribute at the banquet. Come and join the Honor Guard. And, don't forget to stop by our hospitality suite for refreshments. Please find a reservation form with this newsletter. The deadline for reservations is April 9, 2012. Do not miss this opportunity to show your pride in our assembly and your membership in the Knights of Columbus. Remember, this is a formal event (Tuxedo/social baldric). Hope to see you there!

Dale



"Once the game is over, the king and the pawn go back in the same box." - Italian proverb

HAPPY
SAILOR'S
RETURN

2011- 2012 Assembly Officers

Rev. Fr. Jason Torba
Faithful Friar

Rev. Fr. Walter Takuski
Honorary Friar

Dale Smith
Faithful Navigator

Zenon Grodecki
Faithful Captain

Robert Kasper
Faithful Admiral

Thomas Kaiser
Faithful Purser

Rich Holmgren
Faithful Comptroller

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Faithful Pilot

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John Batzel
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David Rizzo

Faithful Sentinels
Terry Citko
Paul Guillemette

Faithful Commanders
Thomas Kaiser
Camilo Trujillo
Zenon Grodecki

Remember send in dues!
Only \$15. Call FC Rich:
(312) 860-9282.

K of C Eucharistic
Adoration: 2nd Wed. of
month;
Women Center
(Cicero/Elston).
8p.m. - 12a.m.
Mater Christi Council

**IMPORTANT
KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
WEBSITES:**
www.kofc.org
www.4thdegreeillinoisdistrict1.com
www.illinoisknights.org
www.christophercolumbusassembly2349.com
 1-800-345-KOFC
 (For insurance)

"The ultimate tragedy is not the oppression and cruelty by the bad people, but the silence over that by the good people." - MLK, Jr.

"Fight all error, but do it with good humor, patience, kindness, and love. Harshness will damage your own soul, and spoil the best cause."
 - St. John of Kanty

"Communism is the final logic of the dehumanization of man."
 -Fulton J. Sheen

"Only by not conforming ourselves to this world can we recognize the Will of God and make it the foundation of our lives."
 - Pope Benedict XVI



HONOR GUARDS

- 04-21-12** - Exemplification of the Fourth Degree. Lincolnshire Marriott. Honor guard for 4:30P.M. Mass. District Marshal's meeting for honor guards at Exemplification, 10:00A.M. Exemplification Ceremony 1:00P.M. Let's have a strong showing: bring your regalia!
- 04-20-12** - St. Bart's. 7P.M. Confirmation. Get there by 6:15P.M. (Located Addison, west of Cicero Ave.)
- 04-26-12** - St. Rosalie's Church. Confirmation at 6:00P.M. Arrive by 5:15P.M. Sir Knights support the parish where we hold our meetings!

JOHN PAUL II COUNCIL TO SPONSOR "AT THE HOPI!" – MAY 19, 2012

Sounds like it will be one exciting event, with world-renowned Hall of Famer DJ Dick Biondi!!! The event's venue is St. Eugene's on Foster/Canfield, and starts at 7P.M. Crowd capacity is up to 500 people. Contact GK Greg Repta at (630) 825-5753. Current pricing is \$20.00 a head.

ASSEMBLY VOTES TO GIVE DONATED MONEY TO DEVASTATED CHURCH

At the March meeting, officers and members voted to send \$450.00 to a small church in southern Illinois that was destroyed by a tornado. The funds were donated to the Assembly by PFN John Batzel and his wife Judith. The couple won an Assembly raffle prize, and decided to give back a substantial portion of their winnings to the Assembly. It was the couple's idea to ask the Assembly to vote on the disbursement of funds to aid St. Joseph's Church in Ridgway, Illinois. It was a unanimous vote. Apparently, this past February, tornados blew through parts of the Midwest and the South, killing about a dozen people and injuring more than 100 in Illinois, Missouri, and Tennessee. It was such a destructive force, that the brick, gothic-structured Church of St. Joseph, the tallest structure in town, was severely damaged. Nonetheless, the marble altar was not destroyed. Estimates of the recovery cost are over \$2 million. Let's keep this small catholic community and its town in your prayers.

MISCELLANEOUS NEWS/PLANNING ITEMS

- Supreme Council Membership Campaign going till June 2012 to honor the Beatification of Blessed John Paul II. Earn a BJPII Medallion by recruiting a new member. Details www.kofc.org.
- Tonti is hoping to have a Major Degree Ceremony in May 2012. Call PGK Bill Sedlacek (773) 405-8983.
- Re-opening of Mother Cabrini Shrine. Last Sunday in September 2012. Tony Dima of Fr. Breen #1899 is the coordinator. Contact FC Rich Holmgren (312) 860-9282.
- Congratulations to PFN,PGK Sam Costa received #1899, Fr. Breen's first ever Fellowship Award.
- Master Paul Isherwood reported at the March 2012 biennial meeting that 561 new members have joined the order in the last 5 exemplifications.
- State Convention to be held in May 2012 at the Westin Hotel, Lombard, IL.
- Assembly voted to renew its membership in the Catholic League - the nation's premier Catholic organization standing up against modern day persecution and bashing of Catholics in the media and the public square.
- **SIGN THE PETITION TO STOP HHS ! Website is: www.stopphs.com/sign-the-petition/** Our bishops and cardinals have taken action and urge all Catholics to do so. Even The Holy Father is gravely concerned. This mandate would require Catholic Institutions to provide abortion, contraception, euthanasia, sterilization, etc. – which are all against common sense, the natural law, and above all what the Church Teaches, and has taught for over 2000 years. DO YOUR PART, ESPECIALLY AS SIR KNIGHTS!

"You know that the rulers of the gentile's lord it over them, and the great ones make their authority over them felt. But it shall not be so among you. Rather, whoever wishes to be first among you shall be your servant; whoever wishes to be first among you shall be your slave. Just so, the Son of Man did not come to be served but to serve and to give His life as a ransom for many." - Mt20:25-28