



# Knights of Columbus

Fourth Degree

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## THE LUMINA – JULY-AUGUST 2011

My Brother Sir Knights,

I would like to thank the Assembly in electing me as Faithful Navigator for the coming Columbian year. Hopefully, we can accomplish a lot together as an Assembly. One of my goals is making our Color Corp stronger by recruiting more members. Anyone interested in joining, either contact myself or Color Corp Commander Al Hopper at: Tel: (516) 731-0190 or E-Mail: [PepsiMom56@aol.com](mailto:PepsiMom56@aol.com)

I would like to have all the GK's send 4<sup>th</sup> Degree Representatives to our Advisory Meetings for the upcoming year. I would also like to see all Committee Chairmen at the July Advisory Meeting to set our plans for the coming year. **Note: Due to July 4<sup>th</sup> falling on our regular scheduled Advisory Meeting, the meeting has been moved to July 11<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 PM.**

Congratulations goes out to our recent Scholarship winners at the June Assembly meeting at James Norton Council. Appreciation and a huge thanks goes out to our Faithful Friar Father Aaron who was recognized for his dedication to our Assembly and the Catholic Church. We were fortunate to have Master Richard J. Steimle present a certificate at the meeting to Father Aaron.

Lastly, for all Fourth Degree members who have not paid to date your yearly dues, please kindly submit the form located in this issue of the Lumina. Suspension letters will be sent out by July 1<sup>st</sup>.

Until we meet again, I want to wish all members a safe and healthy summer.

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

## **2010-2011 KEELLENBERG ASSEMBLY SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS**

Congratulations to the following scholarship winners recognized at the Assembly meeting in June:

**Jon Ruhl** – College Scholarship – Providence College

**Sean Clarke** – HS Scholarship – Charminade HS (Mineola)

Congratulations to both and Best of Luck in the Future.

Thanks to **SK Doug Quinn** and the Committee for hard work.

Brother Sir Knights – If you do not have a BLUE 2011 4<sup>th</sup> 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.

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**2011 Dues:**

*4th Degree Dues, in the amount of \$25 are due and payable as of January 1<sup>st</sup>, 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 Faithfull Navigator as early as possible. The Assembly will make every effort to honor all requests for our Color Corp.*

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**KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS**

***SK Frank A. Messina (Father Thomas Connolly Council) – 7-Year member of the Knights of Columbus and a 6-Year 4<sup>th</sup> Degree Member who recently passed away. Funeral Mass was held at St. Rose of Lima Church in Massapequa.***

***Our Semenarians and Veterans***

**E-Mail Address needed:** If you have an e-mail address, we would like to deliver your Lumina via e-mail. This will help reduce the Assembly's mailing costs and thus permit the Assembly to make more charitable contributions. Please kindly send an e-mail to Faithful Scribe Matthew Buttarro: [mbuttaron291@gmail.com](mailto:mbuttaron291@gmail.com) with the subject "Lumina". With your e-mail address, we can also keep you better informed of the Assembly's wake calls.

**KELLENBERG CHRONICLE**

**A History of Bishop Walter P. Kellenberg Assembly**

- A succession of events leads up to the history of the Kellenberg Assembly and its central part as a 4<sup>th</sup> Degree Assembly in the Knights of Columbus organization. A synopsis so far of this account follows:
- This historical narrative first focused on a parish priest's, Father Michael McGivney, and his vision for an organization that during times of desolation through charitable assistance could make a difference with his parishioners.
- Father McGivney's new organization, later to be known as the Knights of Columbus, was inherently religious but at the same time was conscious of their social standing, a standing similarly acknowledged by other related groups that soon organized in their neighboring parishes.
- However the Knights of Columbus, that there be a dressed uniformed body in these councils. This suggestion effected harmony within the councils, for many members envisioned an economic class conflict.
- Nevertheless, the organization leadership, now centralized with an elected administrator, called a Supreme Knight, saw this change in a more favorable light and was intent on building an active Catholic organization fostering responsible citizenship.
- Members of the councils so choosing their council change, the new 4<sup>th</sup> Degree of the Knights of Columbus, while still remaining solid members

of their councils also were associated in Assembly's under the leadership of an Assembly Master.

- Initially, for ceremonial purposes, a uniformed Honor Guard was officially formed. Then a separate 4<sup>th</sup> Degree Board of Directors was created with the position of Supreme Master, 4<sup>th</sup> Degree.
- In the meantime, the early decades of the 20<sup>th</sup> century, saw a Long Island suburban proliferation and brought about an expansion in Long Island's Brooklyn Diocese, a Diocese surpassing in numbers the NY Archdiocese, the Episcopal head of, at the turn of the century unforeseen national circumstances suggested among the groups, now called Councils of
- the New York Dioceses.
- In 1957 Pope Pius XII made aware of this development among the two New York City Dioceses, authorized a new Diocese for Nassau and Suffolk County's, the Rockville Centre Diocese, which in 1963 led to establishing by New Haven of Bishop Walter P. Kellenberg Assembly, one of three additional Assemblies for Nassau and Suffolk.
- The Kellenberg Chronicle now continues, however, welcomed are your thoughts and questions on the history presented:

#### **PART IV**

- Prior to the 1961 reorganization of the 9<sup>th</sup> NY District of Saint. Isaac Jogues, S.J. Province, New York. Sir Knights in suburban Long Island were members of either Cardinal Mercier General Assembly or Our Lady of Fatima General Assembly, under the administration of SK James P. McHugh, District Master.
- Traditionally the annual Exemplification for 4<sup>th</sup> Degree candidates in the Ninth District including Long Island was held in New York City, originally at the Commodore Hotel and later at the Hotel Pennsylvania. On occasion the Exemplification would be held at the St. George Hotel in Brooklyn.
- Obviously these venue's were not conducive in encouraging Long Island members of the Order to take the next step in Knighthood, so Nassau and Suffolk Councils were desirous of bringing the annual Exemplification to Long Island.
- In 1961 the councils petitioned New Haven for the right to conduct this annual Exemplification in a local venue. Supreme was agreeable and on Sunday, June 2, 1963 at the Garden City Hotel the first Nassau/Suffolk Exemplification was held.
- The Exemplification was held in the Hotel's Georgian Ballroom. There were 325 candidates including 6 priests for the Degree. Dress was formal attire, black tuxedo with white tie.
- You will be surprised that the initiation fee for this affair, \$45.00 which included sword, service and social baldrics, lapel pin, and one ticket to the banquet. If the sword was not desired, the fee was \$30.00
- Immediately following the Degree, the newly installed Sir Knight, led by the Honor Guard of both Assemblies and accompanied by the colorful Charminade Band marched to St. Joseph's Church for Benediction. It was said after the parade that the Dress Parade was a historical making event that will long be remembered.
- Honored guests at the Exemplification Banquet were 4 priests of the Diocese celebrating their Golden Jubilee of Ordination: RT Rev. Monsignors Francis P. Flanagan, Aloysius H. Gillick, George H. Killeen, V.F. and Joseph A. Smith. Joining the Monsignors on the dais were SK James P. McHugh, Master, Ninth New York District and other dignitaries, especially the Masters of the nearby New York and New Jersey Districts.
- A further reorganization of the Ninth New York District by the Supreme Master took place in October 1963, necessary due to confusion, or a lack of understanding of the 4<sup>th</sup> Degree then existing in both Nassau and Suffolk.
- Supreme intervened establishing three new General Assemblies for Nassau and Suffolk County's of which one was Bishop Walter P. Kellenberg. This increased to five the number of Ninth New York District Assemblies for the two county's and resulted in a considerable increase in their membership.
- Bishop Walter P. Kellenberg, D.D. 4<sup>th</sup> Degree Assembly was inaugurated Oct. 20, 1963, and comprised the councils located in Northern Nassau County. These councils, the date of their founding and their founding Grand Knights were:

Westbury #1012 – 6/25/1905 – Jeremiah J. Hurley

Oyster Bay #1206 – 2/22/1907 – John F. Berminham

Port Washington #1227 – 5/25/1907 – Joseph Fay

James Norton #1828 – 1916 – Joseph Mahon

John W. Mackey #2310 – 8/21/1921 – John J. Radigan

Corpus Christi #2502 – 11/11/1923 – Jon Shade

Joseph Barry #2520 – 1/20/1924 – William Braun

Joseph Gorman #5091 – 2/14/1961 – Henry Niemann

St Gertrude #5214 – 6/20/1962 – GK Ignatius Fiorin

Note: The Supreme Council approved the renaming of St. Gertrude Council to Rev. Thomas F. Connolly Council on November 9, 1983. The Grand Knight was SK Vincent S. Furnari.

Note: The Assembly records for the first 25 years, including a listing of Charter members, have not been found.

- The Grand Knights of these councils in October 1963 were as follows: Gerald Hurley – Westbury, SK Joseph Bozzello – Oyster Bay, SK Patrick A. Siniscalchi – James Norton, Fredrick P. Fink – John W. Mackey, SK Edward J. Panzella – Corpus Christi, Walter Schreiber – Joseph Barry, SK Edward A. Ducknowski – Joseph Gorman, and Ignatius Fiorino – St Gertrude.

- The selection of a member of the clergy to serve as Faithful Friar for an Assembly is at the discretion of their Diocesan Bishop. Bishop Kellenberg asked Rec. James G. Smith, Associate Pastor St. Brigids, Westbury to serve in this capacity.
- As for the name of the new Assembly, Bishop Walter Kellenberg, the recently appointed Bishop of the Rockville Centre Diocese, felt privileged to have the members of this new Assembly honor him with his name. Since then Article VII governing Laws and Rules for the 4<sup>th</sup> Degree states that an Assembly shall not bear the name of a living person.
- Also at this first Assembly in December 1963, attending delegates from each of the nine councils elected as their Faithful Navigator SK Frank Lamb of Westbury Council.
- Other Officers nominated and elected were Captain: SK Robert F. Mennonna (Joseph Gorman Council), Pilot: SK John Renison (Westbury Council), Comptroller: SK Ferdinand Bode (Joseph Barry Council), Scribe: SK Frank Pita (Westbury Council), Purser: SK Larry Zammitt (St. Gertrude's Council), Inner Sentinel: SK Adam Tucholski (John Mackey Council), and Outer Sentinel: SK Rocco Testa (Oyster Bay Council). With the initial election of Officers the position of Faithful Admiral, always the Past Navigator, was left vacant.
- As the Knights of Columbus Laws and Rules Governing the 4<sup>th</sup> Degree specifically apply to each Assembly it was not necessary to draw up a Constitution but it was most important at that first assembly and subsequent assemblies that the members ratify this document.
- However, By-Laws for the Kellenberg Assembly are a necessity and the Kellenberg Sir Knights, quite familiar with the procedures necessary for an Assembly to function, at their first meeting in November 1963 appointed SK Thomas McNamee, Joseph Lamb Council and SK Donald Campbell, John W. Mackey Council as Co-Chairman of a By-Laws Committee to draft a list of necessary Articles.

(To be continued in the September-October issue of "The Lumina")

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**SK Frank White Historian, Kellenberg Assembly**

**Kellenberg Assembly Meetings and Other Dates**

**July 18<sup>th</sup>** – Assembly – Mackey Council, Roslyn

**August** – No Assembly Meeting

**Sep 19<sup>th</sup>** – Installation – Joseph Barry Council, Hicksville

**Oct 17<sup>th</sup>** – Assembly – Holy Family Council, Hicksville

**Nov 21<sup>st</sup>** – Assembly – Corpus Christi Council, Mineola

**December** – No Assembly Meeting

**Jan 16<sup>th</sup>** – Assembly – Gorman Council, Syosset

**Feb 20<sup>th</sup>** – Assembly – Oyster Bay Council, Oyster Bay

**March 19<sup>th</sup>** – Assembly – Port Washington Council

**Apr 16<sup>th</sup>** – Assembly – Lamb/Our Lady Mercy, Hicksville

**May 21<sup>st</sup>** – Assembly – Joseph Barry Council, Hicksville

**June 18<sup>th</sup>** – Assembly – Norton Council, Glen Cove

**October 9<sup>th</sup>** – Fourth Degree Exemplification – Melville Marriott, Melville

**November** – Memorial Mass – Time/Place TBA

**December** – Christmas Party – Time/Place TBA

**Annual Communion Breakfast** - TBA