



The Manogue Helmsman

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A Message from Our Faithful Navigator

Greetings from your new faithful navigator Garrett Thomas! I would first of all like to thank the assembly for honoring me with this position. I will work diligently to lead us in a positive direction.

Assembly 50 has not produced a Helmsman for a lengthy timeframe. I will attempt to get us back on track with a steady newsletter. I firmly believe it is extremely important to inform our members of all of the great works that our assembly is participating in.

Many of you are already apprised to the new 4th degree uniform. It has been changed to a suit with a beret hat. It can be found on the link [here](#) or via the link below.

Should any of our Brother Sir knights have questions or concerns they can contact me at my personal email at garrettandashleethomas@gmail.com.

The Knights of Columbus have established brand recognition with the traditional 4th degree uniform. For approximately 100 years, with slight changes. Large and older organizations are resistant to change and I understand this news may be very difficult for many.

Should any of you share your feelings for or against this uniform I will send up the correspondence through the chain of command. Though the change is official throughout the 4th degree, it is not instant. Currently, Assembly 50 will continue business as usual in the traditional uniform.

With this significant change I would like to stress to all of you Sir knights the principal of UNITY. We should remain united and not let the uniform changes deter us from continuing all of the great work we do. Although the uniform is a great symbol of the considerable work we do, it does not change it.

The 4th degree will continue to serve in a charitable capacity and serve fellow brother knights as we have always have. It is important to remember why we are Knights of Columbus: Charity, Unity, fraternity and patriotism are not just words we use but the reason why we are the Knights of Columbus.

We will continue to inform our assembly of upcoming changes through the Helmsman.

I am looking forward to serving in my best capacity with all of you Sir Brother Knights. I urge all of you to attend the upcoming business meeting on October 23, 2017 at the 953 hall at 7:30 pm.

Information Regarding New Regalia

Supreme has made available on their website a series of questions and answers regarding the new Fourth Degree uniforms. Anyone who interested in this information is encouraged to visit <http://www.kofc.org/en/news/releases/new-fourth-degree-uniform-faq.html>.

Disaster Victims Need Our Help

In the wake of hurricanes Harvey, Irma and Maria, the devastating 7.1-magnitude earthquake that struck Mexico, and the California wildfires, thousands of people are beginning the lengthy process of putting their lives back together. Please consider donating today to the Knights of Columbus Charities’ disaster relief program to help those suffering such devastation. One hundred percent of the proceeds will go directly to relief efforts. This includes providing immediate needs such as food, clean water, shelter and other necessities.

For additional information regarding how to make a donation to these relief efforts, or to make a donation online, please visit <https://www.kofc.org/en/charities/articles/disaster-relief.html>.

2017-18 OFFICERS & DIRECTORS

<u>ASSEMBLY 50 OFFICERS</u>		<u>COMMITTEE DIRECTORS</u>	
Faithful Navigator	SK Garrett Thomas	Chalice Presentations	SK Peter Kilkenny
Faithful Friar	TBA	Church Liaison	SK Floyd Wells, PFN
Faithful Captain	SK Michael Langer	Flags	SK Dick Cutting, PSD, PFN
Faithful Admiral	SK Richard Dewitt	Historical Photographer	
Faithful Pilot	SK Armando Covarrubias	Hospitality	SK Michael Langer
Faithful Comptroller	SK Carlos Garcia	Membership	SK Rich Dewitt, PFN
Faithful Purser	SK Mario Mejia	New Citizens	
Faithful Scribe	SK Wilfred Hernandez	Sick/Welfare	
Faithful Inner Sentinel	SK Peter Kilkenny	Veterans Affairs	SK Joe Galipeau
Faithful Outer Sentinel	SK Richard Westerfield	Vocations	
Faithful 3 Year Trustee	SK Ricardo Saldaña, PFN	Wheelchair Mission	SK Joe Galipeau
Faithful 2 Year Trustee	SK Michael Brady, PFN		
Faithful 1 Year Trustee	SK Robert Reavis, PFN	<u>NORTHERN CALIFORNIA DISTRICT</u>	
Faithful Advocate	TBA	Master	SK Timothy Starkweather
Color Corps Commander	SK Michael Langer	Marshal	SK Tim Fukuda
		Marshal	SK Don Snow

Knights of Columbus Insurance Update

Think of retirement as a three-legged stool. In order to maintain balance, you need all three legs... or there is a real possibility of a crash!

One leg consists of the benefits the government offers you. Debate rages about the viability of future benefits, and my best advice is to stay tuned to the discussion and make sure you are aware of what is planned for those benefits. Any change in future promises should be accounted for when we get to the third leg.

The second leg is your company's pension plan, either defined benefit (such as a traditional pension: you work so many years and the company provides you with so much monthly benefit) or defined contribution (such as the popular 401K plans). Some of these plans, particularly traditional ones, are under stress, have been frozen or pared back. Learn how yours works; read the plan description; stay on top of the news coming from the company. On the 401K side, become a good investor. Teach yourself the fundamentals of good diversification and know how much you have and when you will need it.

Finally, the third leg is the saving you do yourself, and this is the only aspect you can control completely.

Everyone needs this third leg. It consists of the money you personally set aside on a disciplined basis to help in retirement. You don't directly control government benefits and you don't directly manage your company's pension plan, but you must manage your money and your life.

Establish a retirement plan of your own. Here at the Knights of Columbus, you can open a retirement annuity for as little as \$300. Consistent and disciplined savings placed into that annuity over time can guarantee you an income that you cannot outlive at retirement. That's right – guarantee you an income you cannot outlive. That really will provide you with peace of mind.

As you ponder all the things that may not work out as you proceed toward retirement, think about the one thing you can do to help yourself. It's reasonably priced, guaranteed and controlled by someone you trust: you!

ASSEMBLY CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Date/Function	Time	Chairperson/Location
October 22 Color Corps Practice	3:00 pm	CCC CTK Retreat Center
October 23 Regular Business Meeting (T)	7:30 pm	FN 953 Hall

RESOLUTION RECOMMENDING CHANGES TO THE SUPREME COUNCIL INSTRUCTIONS ISSUED REGARDING THE IMPLIMENTATION OF THE NEW UNIFORM APPROVED FOR THE 4TH DEGREE COLOR CORPS MEMBERS

WHEREAS, a new uniform to be worn by 4th Degree Color Corps members was approved by the Board of Directors and announced at the 2017 Supreme Convention along with instructions for its implementation;

WHEREAS, these instructions contained the following provisions:

(1) The Order will subsidize the new uniform with a 25 percent discount offered to all members who order the new uniform prior to Sept. 30, 2017.

(2) The old regalia can still be worn until the end of the current fraternal year (June 30, 2018). After that date, only the new uniform should be worn.

WHEREAS, the 4th degree, the Patriotic Degree of the Order, has been in existence for over 100 years with the current uniform of the Color Corps, purchased by its members, a hallmark of the degree;

WHEREAS, the change in this uniform will take a period of time for the new uniform to be recognized as this symbol and for current members of the Color Corps, who wish to purchase the new uniform, to spend additional funds to purchase it;

WHEREAS, it appears reasonable that the Board of Directors allow sufficient time for the change to be accomplished and lend financial assistance to those current Color Corps members agreeing to make the change in uniforms;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE ABOVE INSTRUCTIONS FROM THE BOARD OF DIRECTIORS be amended to read as follows:

(1) The Order will subsidize the new uniform, except for the sword, with a 50 percent discount to all 4th Degree members who order the new uniform prior to Sept. 30, 2019. This order must include a certification by the Faithful Navigator of his Assembly that the Sir Knight is a member or is joining the Assembly's Color Corp.

(2) The old regalia can still be worn until the end of the year Dec. 31st, 2019. After this date, only the new uniforms should be worn.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Master of the District forward this Resolution to the Supreme Secretary for action by the Board of Directors.

Submitted by Bishop Manogue Assembly #50 as adopted at the meeting of _____

Attested

Faithful Scribe

Faithful Navigator

BISHOP MANOGUE 4TH DEGREE ASSEMBLY
Proposed Operating Budget 2017-2018

Starting Bank Balance – July 1, 2017

\$5,285.00

Revenue		Expenses	
Dues (160 X \$40)	\$6,400.00	Hall Rent (4 X \$425)	\$1,700.00
Interest (Savings acct)	\$1.00	Insurance	\$375.00
		Supplies (supreme forms/booklets/etc.)	\$400.00
		Postage, Comptroller (dues notices/mailings)	\$400.00
		Postage, Helmsman (2 issues X 0.49 X 255 members)	\$250.00
		Printing, Helmsman (255 members X 2 issues)	\$250.00
		Web Site	\$130.00
		FN Expenses	\$200.00
		PFN Gift	\$200.00
		Officer Stipend (badges/travel/other expenses)	\$300.00
		Friar Stipend	\$200.00
		Exemplification, Per Diem (hotel room) (FN/Comp)	\$330.00
		Exemplification, Hospitality Room/expenses	\$300.00
		Programs	
		Chalice Fund (2 X \$450)	\$900.00
		New Citizen Program	\$125.00
		Flags	\$150.00
		Mass Cards/Sick/Grievance	\$150.00
Regalia Loan Repayment	\$150.00	Regalia Loans	\$150.00
		Charity	
		Memorial Mass	\$50.00
		Food Bank	\$400.00
RSVP Reimbursement from Supreme	\$100.00	RSVP	\$500.00
		Bishop's Fund	\$300.00
		FN Charity	\$100.00
Columbian Charities (365 Club) (137 X \$3.65)	\$500.00	365 Club (Columbian Charities)	\$500.00
Veterans Dinner	\$3,000.00	Vet Dinner – Ride to the Wall Donation	\$3,000.00
		Veterans programs/VetStock/VAVS	\$500.00
		Wheelchair	\$150.00
Social Functions (income)	\$3,500.00	Social Functions (Expenses)	
		Admiral's Ball (FA reimbursement for the Ball)	\$300.00
		Officers Installation	\$300.00
		Columbus CC Dinner	\$300.00
		Christmas Party	\$300.00
		Ladies Night	\$300.00
		New Member Dinner	\$200.00
		Hall Cleanup (13 X \$25)	\$325.00
Other Fundraisers	\$500.00		
		Misc (Rounding Factor) - add/remove from checking	\$116.00
Total	\$14,151.00	Total	\$14,151.00

Ending bank balance June 30th, 2017

\$5,401.00