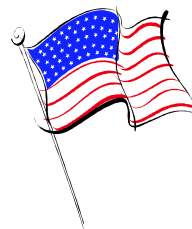


# KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS MSGR. A.J. REZEK



Assembly #0472

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## From our Priest's Desk - Father John

Brother Knights,

We are all called to be a people of faith who follow our Lord through the hearing of the Gospel. A sign of true discipleship means that we place our entire trust into the hands of our God. Such was the case with the poor widow who gave from her need, two small coins, for the Temple Treasury. In giving from her poverty, she placed all she had, including her complete trust in the Lord, for her welfare.

As men of faith, so it should be with us. We are to trust the Lord so completely that we are willing to give away all that we have in order to place our trust in him.

Prayerfully,

Fr. John

To all of our Priests:

I will be asking each one of you to write something in our newsletter. I hope that

you will all be able to take part in this.

Although any time you would like to have something added to our newsletter, whether be inspirational, a request, or informational please do not hesitate to get me the information and I will be glad to put it in the newsletter.

Thank you,  
Rich

### Special points of interest:

- Word from the Faithful Navigator
- Something to Think About
- Upcoming Events

# WELCOME

Sir Knight Dan and Lady Kathy Teter

Our newest Sir Knight and Lady

## Early History of the Fourth Degree

When the Order was chartered in the State of Connecticut on March 29, 1885, it had three degrees charity, unity and fraternity. The Fourth Degree - patriotism - was first considered in 1886. Enthusiasm over the degree work led various councils to seek an additional degree.

James T. Mullen, the Order's first Supreme Knight, even recommended that the Supreme Council consider establishing two degrees, which referred to as commandery degrees. Because the Supreme Council in 1886 was immersed in establishing a new governance structure and insurance reforms, as well as electing a new Supreme Knight, the degree proposals were set aside for further action.

The ceremonial for the new degree was approved in August of 1899. To qualify for the Fourth Degree one had to have been a member for three years and to have served the Order, the Church and community with distinction. The first exemplification of the new degree was on February 22, 1900.

The Order had intended to use the Astor Hotel

in New York, but with 1,100 Knights qualified to receive the degree, the Lenox Lyceum, "a large frame building erected to display a mammoth painting of the Civil War," was chosen for the gala occasion. The following May 8, another 750 Knights received the Fourth Degree in Boston.

Fourth Degree districts were formed representing the distribution of membership. For example, seven districts were established in New York, five in Massachusetts, two in Connecticut, eight for the remaining states and two for "the rest of the West". Each district was headed by a Master who was appointed by the National Board of Directors.

Until 1910, when there was a major restructuring of the organization, there were no Fourth Degree assemblies, nor was there a Supreme Master. Instead Fourth Degree members, called Sir Knights, were lodged within local councils and all District Masters reported to the National Board. However, between 1900 and 1910, Sir Knights in various cities gradually

adopted the custom of meeting separately to discuss ways in which they could pursue their own specialized activities.

The ceremonial for the Fourth Degree was orchestrated on the theme of Catholic citizenship. The lessons of Catholic citizenship entailed a lengthy litany of the Catholic contribution to America. After listening to the lessons on the Catholic discovery, exploration, settlement and evangelization of the nation, the candidates were reminded of "what our republic has done for the Church".

To place the spirit of the Fourth Degree within proper perspective, one should recall specific trends within the Order, the Church and American society at the turn of the century. Columbianism and Americanism extolled the Catholic ideals infused into Catholicism. *The Knights of Columbus were described as standing for what is clean, moral, wholesome and effective in American manhood* when that is crowned with the teachings of Holy Mother Church with the result that the Knights of Columbus must achieve in time the social uplift of the entire American People.

## From the Faithful Navigator

Here it is one of our U.P. Holiday's - DEER SEASON. Wishing all those heading out into the woods for safe travels to wherever you are going, and some Good Luck!

Since our last newsletter I have been very busy. Traveled to Gaylord for Master Vern's first Exemplification where approximately 25 brother Knights became SIR Knights



along with our newest Sir Knight and his lady. Just two weeks later I along with Master Vern, FM Rob, and of course our beautiful ladies headed down to Sterling Height for the Provincial Meeting.

While at the Provincial Meeting we learned a few new things from our guest speaker Tom Wegner our Supreme Director. We have been told to **NO longer** say "born and unborn" at the end of the pledge as our focus is keeping "under God" in the pledge. Tom also noted that the Supreme Convention will be held August 2-5, 2010 in Washington, DC.

We now have a new Vice Supreme Master George Dann.

- He talked with us about *following the chain of command*, and how we should follow the chain of command, as this is the best way to get things accomplished.
- There is **One Fourth Degree, a part of, not apart from, the Knights:** one uniform, one ceremonial.
  - We can only wear **only** our *Fourth Degree pin while in regalia*, but when in our *social we can have a flag pin over the top of the fourth degree pin.*
- **We are ONE**, there is no separation between the 2nd, 3rd and 4th degrees. So we will now send Grand Knights the newsletter from the Fourth Degree.

Also during this time I received a letter of resignation from our CCC and Faithful Captain Randy LaLonde. With regret we accepted his letter of resignation at our last meeting. For this time I will take on the duties of the CCC.

I am in need help, to fill the two officer positions that are currently open; Faithful Comptroller and Faithful Pilot. I am prayerful that

someone will be able to take on a position. If any one has questions feel free to call or email.



The **Turn On the Heat** fundraiser was once again a great success! THANK YOU to Tom Corrigan and his committee! Without the time and effort that was put into this event, the approximate \$20,000.00 would have not been raised for St. Vincent de Paul and Little Brothers Friends of the Elderly. **Great job, well done!**

Our *next get together* will be our Christmas and New Year celebration at the Church of Resurrection on *Sunday, January 17, 2010*. There will be no set charge but you may donate if you can. We will do a gift raffle at the end of dinner if you bring a gift you do not have to do a donation unless you would like to.

The *Annual Red, White, and Blue Banquet* is scheduled for *Sunday, February 28th, 2010*. More information will be available at a later date.

Vivat Jesus,  
Rich, Faithful Navigator, District Marshal

# A Little Truth with a Side of Humor

To the Left is the actual article, but very hard to read.

## Different Drug Problem.....

*Editor's note:*

*The following letter has appeared on the internet and was viewed by many readers. Many felt it would be appropriate for the readers of Avoyelles Parish.*

The other day, someone at a store in our town read that a methamphetamine lab had been found in an old farmhouse in the adjoining county and he asked me a rhetorical question, "Why didn't we have a drug problem when you and I were growing up?"

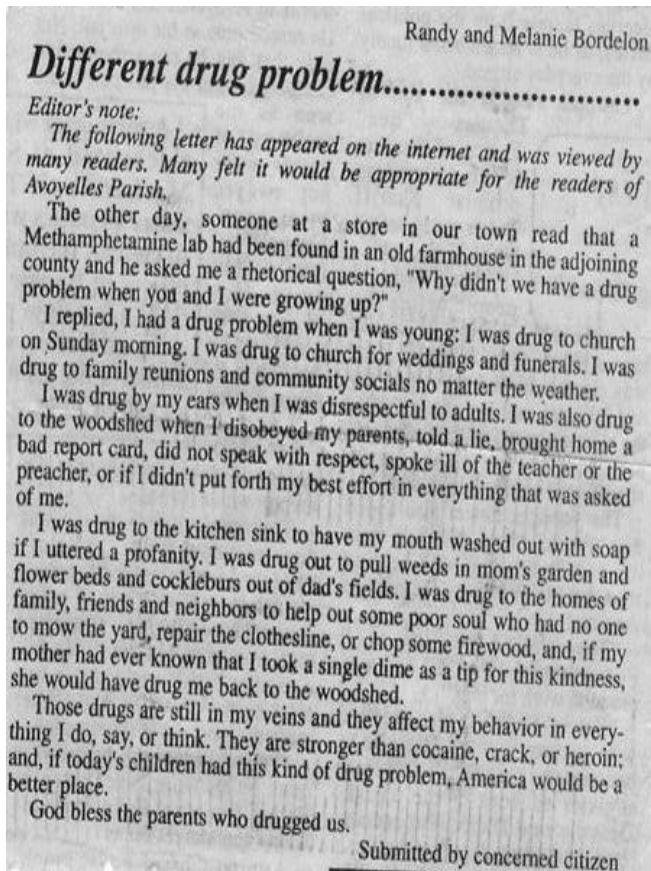
I replied, I had a drug problem when I was young: I was drug to church on Sunday morning. I was drug to the church for weddings and funerals. I was drug to family reunions and community socials no matter the weather.

I was drug by my ears when I was disrespectful to adults. I was also drug to the woodshed when I disobeyed my parents, told a lie, brought home a bad report card, did not speak with respect, spoke ill of the teacher or the preacher, or didn't put forth my best effort in everything that was asked of me.

I was drug to the kitchen sink to have my mouth washed out with soap if I uttered profanity. I was drug to pull weeds in mom's garden and flower beds and cockleburs out of dad's fields. I was drug to homes of neighbors to help out some poor soul who had no one to mow the yard, repair the clothesline, or chop some firewood, and, if my mother had ever know I took a single dime as a tip for this kindness, she would have drug me back to the woodshed.

Those drugs are still in my veins today and they affect my behavior in everything I do, say, or think. They are stronger than cocaine, crack, or heroin; and, if today's children had this kind of drug problem, America would be a better place.

God Bless the parents who drugged us.



## Color Corps Information

**Just a reminder** that if our churches would like us to be in color we need to be **ASKED**.

If there is any one that would like to have us present they can call or email me.

On our Color Corp outings we need to be there **on Time** which is a 1/2 hour before the scheduled mass time. This is very important as there are some procedures we need to correct.

While attending the Provincial meeting in Sterling Height, s I was informed that the Color Corp honor guard is to march in front of the Cross and Candles during the procession, the Color Corp is an escort NOT part of the liturgy.

We do have a few requests for Color Corp for next year please see the schedule on the back page of the newsletter.

**We need to be asked, we cannot just show up.**

## November Birthdays

**Allen Ayotte**  
**Tomas Brodbeck**  
**John Crim**  
**Charles Holcomb**  
**Ruben Hoyer**  
**Robert Rule**  
**John Smith**  
**Tomas Vichich**

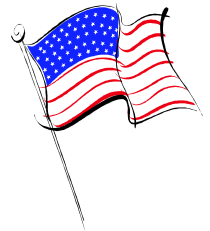


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*In Service to One  
 In Service to All*

**Upcoming Events** - All 4th degree meetings (families are invited to attend, the rosary, and dinner!)  
 Bolded = Color Corp Events

*January 17th, 2010* - 4th Degree Christmas/New Years celebration - Church of the Resurrection, Hancock

*January 21st, 2010* - 3rd Annual MI Knights Bus trip to Washington, DC for the Roe vs. Wade march (please give me a call for more information) - reserve your spot by December 8th, 2009

*February 4th, 2010* - 4th Degree Meeting, St. Anne's, Chassell

*February 28th, 2010* - Red, White and Blue Banquet

*March 4th* - 4th Degree Meeting, St. Ann's, Baraga

*April 1st* - 4th Degree Meeting, St Ignatius, Houghton

***April 25th*** - 1st Communion, St. Ignatius, Houghton - Mass 9:30am

***May 2nd*** - 1st Communion, Holy Name of Jesus Church at Assinins, Keweenaw Bay - Mass 11:30am

***May 2nd*** - 1st Communion, Holy Family, South Range - Mass 11:00am

*May 6th* - 4th Degree Meeting, St. Anne's, Chassell

*June 3rd* - 4th Degree Meeting, Church of the Resurrection, Hancock

*July 1st* - 4th Degree Meeting - Picnic

*August 2nd-5th* - Supreme Convention, Washington, DC

If you are interested in having the Knights of Columbus Color Corp at an event in your church, please contact Rich FN by either e-mail at [knightrich@live.com](mailto:knightrich@live.com) or calling (906) 482-3744.

To those who participate in color you may also reach Rich with the above contact to let him know which functions you will be able to attend. Please be at Color Corp events a 1/2 hour before mass begins.

**\*\*ALL 4th Degree meetings are subject to be cancelled or changed.\*\***



**MARK YOUR CALENDARS!**