KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS BISHOP JAMES R. HOFFMAN ASSEMBLY #807



THE NAVIGATOR'S LOG

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From Faithful Navigator Bill Garber

Lady Melody and I continue to pray for all of you, as I know you are doing the same. Expressing gratitude to God and asking for His mercy, must be working. The results are showing hope that our nation will survive and will come back with a stronger economy. Yet, the noticeable increase in faith and unity witnessed has been truly remarkable.

I mentioned in last month's newsletter that I would update you on the Assembly's activities. First, our monthly Assembly meeting for May is still canceled. However, I ask our Knights and Ladies to realize we can still connect, as I'm doing through this newsletter. Another avenue for you to monitor is our Assembly 807's website. Posted will be further information on timely matters, and feedback from you may be required. I strongly encourage you to visit the website throughout the month of May. Here's the link: https://assembly807.com/ Of course, feel free to contact me via email: billgarber@hotmail.com

The 4th Degree Exemplification is still scheduled to occur June 5, 6 & 7, and will be held at the Radisson Hotel in Toledo. Reservations for the hotel must be made by May 17, 2020, to obtain the Knights of Columbus \$109/night rate. Registration for attendance including Saturday evening's dinner and ladies' luncheon is due on or before Friday, May 15.

It's also important for you to continue contacting people and selling ads for the 4th Degree's Ad book. Know that these dollar sales result in bringing our Assembly some "kick-back" bucks.

In addition, a fresh opportunity to obtain Candidates for the 4th Degree has recently come to my attention. We have a 15-member quota to achieve, and I've gotten word that the State has received registrations for 2,200 new 3rd Degree Knights. The list is forthcoming of the new 3rd Degree Knights within our area. However, I still want you to continue to promote becoming a 4th Degree Knight to the current 3rd Degree guys within your Councils.

Lastly, the month of May is the time to consider our Assembly Officers for the 2020-2021 fraternal year. Here's a review of the current Officer posts and the incumbent.

Friar: Rev. Edward J. Littelmann Inner Sentinel: David Dell and Doug Cunningham

Navigator: Bill Garber Outer Sentinel: Sean Weirich and Bob Drewior

Captain: Phil Stanchin 3-Yr Trustee: Mitch Kahl
Pilot: Jamie Aurand 2-Yr Trustee: Bernie Zbikowksi

Comptroller: Ray Darr 1-Yr Trustee: Jim P. Szymanski Purser: John Burgan Commander: Dave Irelan

Scribe: Johnny Owczarzak Asst. Commander: Doug Cunningham

Admiral: Rob Malone

Since we are not able to meet, the Trustees have put together a list of persons for our officers. As in the past, these men have been serving consecutive terms. The Trustees' list reflects our current office status. I still want to encourage others not listed, with an interest to run for any of above-listed chair, to submit their names. The <u>deadline is Thursday, May 7</u> for any and all submissions. It would be wonderful to see one of the newer member's desire to become more active in this great organization.

From Faithful Navigator Bill Garber continued

Continue to use common sense as you venture outside your home. Keep COVID-19 in proper perspective. Stay calm, practice social distancing, wash your hands, and most importantly, don't stop praying for our nation, for our leaders, for our community, for our families, ourselves and each other. Vivat Jesus!

No man is entitled to the blessings of freedom unless he be vigilant in its preservation. (Douglas MacArthur)

From Faithful Captain Phil Stanchin

Hope all is well during our worldwide health crisis. I also hope that everyone is watching Mass every Sunday on TV or on the Internet. Lady Joanne and I have been watching Mass on Channel 13 ABC every Sunday.

I also hope that brother Knights and Ladies are staying home. As for myself, we at Stanchin and Sons are an essential business for the restaurants that are open so we are out in the field with gloves, masks and shields. Stanchin and Sons has donated masks and shields to doctors and medical staff at St. Vincent's Hospital.

Hope that everyone had a great Easter holiday. The governor is scheduled to release new regulations on meetings and distancing on Monday after the Navigator log is finished. So hopefully we will be able to meet in May. Lady Joanne and I would like to wish everybody a happy Mother's Day! Hope to see everyone soon!

From Faithful Friar Father Ed Littelmann

Quite a DIFFERENT time *we're* experiencing with this Covid-19. There have been countless pandemics throughout history, some more devastating than others, of course. And the Church has generally responded with the value of faith to be able to cope with the pain and sorrow. That's the value of faith. Now it's our turn to reach out to our own generation.

This is a tough time. But it's also a chance to bring Good News to the human race. It's a very real thing happening; not some fairy tale; and it's an opportunity to get Good News to people all over the world. My redeeming thought is that we have the wherewith all to influence many more people than before. We've got the internet to connect doctors and scientists with the sick, to put their gifts of knowledge and experience together to save lives. And we have the power of faith in the Afterlife to add to that -- to give hope and confidence to all involved!

We don't have to be in the same room with the sick, we can be with them in prayer and love as very helpful tools for everyone involved. WE can live our faith effectively by our language and conversations even just among ourselves -- cuz the Holy Spirit will use all that to get to many more people than we can imagine... Let's not pass up opportunities to be super tools in the Lord's hands -- and we'll have a LOT of wonderful stories to be able to tell. It'll be an effort, not always easy. WE can get laughed at for our faith, but we just put that in the hands of the Lord and never give up. It's a tough time for sure, and this is *our* response. Vivat Jesus and Flourish!, Fr Skip

Vocations Are *Everybody's* **Business**

A Word from Lady Melody Garber

Have you ever gotten an email that is just weird, but funny?! The one I'm referring to had a selection of random observations, and here's your smile for the day . . .

If you get an email with the subject, "Knock, Knock," don't open it. It's a Jehovah Witness working from home.

Smiling? Wonderful because I've got some reminders to share. Some of these require a return response from you. We are still looking forward to holding the 4th Degree Exemplification. The <u>rescheduled dates are June 5, 6</u> and 7.

- 1. <u>Basket ticket sales and money</u>. One ticket for \$1 and six tickets for \$5. Please continue to promote our basket. You can also share the other Assemblies' basket themes and assist them in ticket sales, too. **HOLD onto sold tickets and money and turn in on Friday or Saturday of the Exemp weekend.** Note: You will still be able to purchase tickets during the 4th Degree Exemp Weekend.
- 2. <u>Hospitality Room</u>. We have two tables. As we are limited on space, I am putting together a simple menu for both Friday and Saturday. I'm asking for volunteers to bring in one of the listed menu selections. We covered a tentative list of food items when we last met. So, I'm working off those ideas.

	No. of	Volunteer	
Food Item	Volunteers	Name	Volunteer contact info
FRIDAY, JUNE 5, 2020			
			melodygarber@live.com; 419-
1. Hot Dogs & Buns - 50 count	1	Melody Garber	304-0911
2. Condiments: ketchup, mustard,	1-2		
relish, onion, hot dog sauce			
3. Bag of Chips & Dip	2		
4. Salads (i.e. fruit, pasta)	2		
5. Desserts: Cookies or Brownies	2		
6. Hors d'oeuvres: finger foods	2-3		
SATURDAY, JUNE 6, 2020			
1. Chicken sandwiches (hot or cold) -			
50 count	1-2		
2. Bag of Chips & Dip	1		
3. Salads (i.e. fruit, pasta)	2		
4. Desserts: Cookies or Brownies	2		
5. Hors d'oeuvres: finger foods	2		

- 3. <u>Scarf Swap</u>. Donations of scarves, gently used, are needed. The desire is to have enough scarves to offer one to every Luncheon attendee if she wishes to take one, and perhaps have some left over to be donated. **PLEASE BRING SCARF DONATIONS to the Exemp Weekend no later than Saturday morning by 10 AM.** If you have a scarf or two to donate, but won't be attending the Exemplification, contact Melody Garber at melodygarber@live.com to arrange a drop off.
- 4. <u>Assembly 807 Website</u>. Please check our Assembly's website for any further details or changes in plans. You may still receive a separate email from me before the 4th Degree Exemp if a major change should occur. <u>www.assembly807.com</u>

From Lady Melody Garber continued

For those attending the 4th Degree Exemp weekend, please note the Weekend Schedule and Times. On Friday, June 5, the Hospitality Room, which now encompasses all of the assemblies in one big room, opens at 3:00 PM. Saturday, June 6, the Hospitality Room opens at 8:00 AM. The Candidates' Pin Ceremony begins at 9:15 AM. Followed by the Ladies' Meet and Greet starting at 9:30 AM back in the Hospitality Room. The Ladies Luncheon will be at 11:00 AM.

If you have questions on any of the above items, please feel free to contact me at melodygarber@live.com. Can't wait until we can see each other in person again. Until then, stay safe, stay healthy, stay calm.

4th Degree Exemp Basket Themes:		
<u>Assembly</u>	<u>Theme</u>	
807 (Toledo)	Spring Fling	
810 (Tiffin)	Summer Fun Days	
813 (Sandusky)	A Blast at the Beach	
821 (Mansfield)	Celebration	
824 (Defiance)	Date Night	
845 (Fostoria)	Spring into Beauty	
2800 (Perrysburg)	What happens around the Fire Pit, Stays at the Fire Pit!	

Assembly 807 Ladies -4th Degree Exemp Basket "Spring Fling!"

ASSEMBLY 807'S "SPRING FLING" BASKET includes:

- 1. Ozark Trail Red Fold-Up Wagon
- 2. Outside Thermometer
- 3. 32 oz. insulated w/ straw tumbler
- 4. Pink Knee Pad
- 5. "Let Love Grow" kitchen towel
- 6. Pruner/Lopper Combo
- 7. Set of 12 Small Seed Starter Pots
- 8. Three-piece Garden Tool Set
- 9. Fiskars Pruner
- 10. "Flowers & Garden" oval bin
- 11. Set of 10 garden accent lights
- 12. "Welcome" garden decoration

- 13. Two 6-pack sets of medium starter pots
- 14. Two pairs of gardening gloves
- 15. Sun hat with pink ribbon
- 16. Flower pot Hugger décor
- 17. Strawberry Grow Kit
- 18. Three boxes of Wildflower Blend seeds
- 19. Bag of all purpose organic starter mix
- 20. Three Valley Green flower seed packets
- 21. Eight seed packets of Seasoning: Basil, Cilantro, Dill, Thyme, Oregano, Parsley, Sweet Basil, and Chives
- 22. Home Depot Gift Card; Value \$30.00





BUY YOUR BASKET RAFFLE TICKETS NOW! \$1.00 for 1 Ticket; \$5.00 for 6 Tickets

** Bring sold tickets & money with you to the 4th Degree Exemp Weekend, June 5, 6, & 7!

Basket Drawing: \$1 each or 6 for \$5	Basket Drawing: \$1 each or 6 for \$5
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Selling Assembly <u>Bishop Hoffman Assembly 807</u> *Losing tickets will be entered into a "2 nd Chance" drawing for a surprise basket	Selling Assembly <u>Bishop Hoffman Assembly 807</u> *Losing tickets will be entered into a "2 nd Chance" drawing for a surprise basket
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Knights of Columbus **FOURTH DEGREE**

2020 Toledo Diocese Exemplification

Patriotic Degree of th	e Order	Weekend Schedule
June 5 - 7 2020	Radisson at the University of	Toledo Ohio

June 5 - 7, 2020	Toledo	1 oledo, Onio
	FRIDAY, June 5, 2020	
Hotel Check-in & Hospitality Room of	open	3:00 PM
Exemplification Registration and Tic	cket Pickup in Pre-Function Area thru	1 Lobby 3:00 thru 8:00
PM	•	•
Exemplification Practice in Elm/Mapl	le/Oak Ballrooms	6:00 to 7:00 PM
Exemplification in Elm/Maple/Oak B	allrooms	7:00 to 8:30 PM
		8:30 thru 11:00 PM
Hospitality Roc	om open until Midnight (Quiet time a	fter 11:00 PM)
	SATURDAY June 6, 2020	
Complimentary Breakfast for Exemple	lification hotel guests in 3100 Restaura	ant 7:00 thru 9:00 AM
Late Candidate Registration with Dio	cesan Registrar in Pre-Function Area t	hru Lobby 8:00 thru 9:15 AM
		9:15 AM
Candidate's Family Members pin Can	ndidate in Elm Ballroom	9:15 thru 9:30 AM
•		9:30 thru 10:30 AM
All Sir Knights dressed per Dress Coo	de below in Maple/Oak Ballrooms	9:45 AM
	Maple/Oak Ballrooms	
		11:00 AM
		12:00 PM
Hospitality Room (Faculty Club) open	ns after Exemp	12:30 thru 3:00 PM
Exemplification Mass in Grand Ballro	oom (All must be seated by 3:45 PM)	4:00 PM
		5:00 thru 6:45 PM
VIP Lineup for Banquet		6:45 PM
Banquet and Program Salons A, B & C	C (Dress Code Below)	7:00 PM
Dress Cod	le for Exemplification Ceremony is	as follows:

Sir Knights in 4th Degree Uniform, Tuxedo or dark suit with white shirt, dark tie, matching socks and polished shoes.

Candidates in dark suit with white shirt, dark tie, matching socks and polished shoes.

Dress Code for Banquet is as follows:

Sir Knights in 4th Degree Uniform, Tuxedo with Social Baldric or dark suit with social baldric, white shirt, dark tie with matching socks and polished shoes.

Ladies - cocktail attire

Non-Sir Knights in dark suit with white shirt, dark tie with matching socks and polished shoes.

DRINKS FOR DINNER CAN BE SECURED IN THE HOSPITALITY ROOM FROM 5:00 to 6:45 PM Hospitality Room opens upon completion of the evening's events until Midnight (Quiet time after 11:00 PM) Hospitality Room will be closed during the Exemplification, Ladies' Luncheon, Mass & Banquet

SUNDAY June 7, 2020

Complimentary Breakfast for Exemplification hotel guests in 3100 Restaurant 7:0	00 thru 9:00 AM
Hotel Check-out	by 11:00 AM

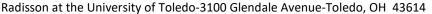


Personal Info:

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The Patriotic Degree of the Order

April 17-19, 2020





Registration Form

Title:	Sir Knight	Make Check Payable to: Toledo Diocese 4th Degree
Name:		Send to:
Address:		SK Bob Bidwell
City/State/Zip:		303 Queensland Blvd.
E-Mail:		Perrysburg, OH 43551-1737
Phone:		
Assembly#:	807 - Bishop James R. Hoffman - Toledo	
Lady's Name:		
Lady's E-Mail:		
Lady's Phone:		
Wheelchair	Choose an item.	

Dinner Menu: Choice of the following-

- Mediterranean Chicken Breast with Mashed Potatoes and Lightly Seasoned Green Beans
- Braised Beef Roast with carrots, celery & onion in a beef gravy with Mashed Potatoes and Lightly Seasoned Green Beans
- Seasoned Salmon with Mashed Potatoes and Lightly Seasoned Green Beans
- Eat Right Pasta (Vegetarian) Whole wheat pasta tossed with olive oil, spinach, peppers, onion, tomatoes & asparagus All Dinners include Betty's Salad with Rolls & Butter

Apple or Peach Pie, Non Dairy Sorbet Dessert if needed, Hot Tea, Iced Tea, Regular or Decaf Coffee

Ladies Program Menu: Choice of the following-

- Chef Salad with choice of Ranch, Italian or Raspberry Vinaigrette dressing, Rolls & Butter
- Veggie Wrap of tomato, zucchini, yellow squash, onions, red bell peppers, Portobello mushrooms, drizzled with basil aioli in a wrap. Served with Fruit
 Cup. Dessert is Angel Food Cake with Strawberries or Non-Dairy Sorbet Dessert if needed.
 Choice of Iced tea or Water

If not attending the banquet, simply enter 0 in the Quantity Column

Item	Description	Quantity	Item Price	Amount
Sir Knight Dinner:	Dinner Choice	0	\$35.00	\$0.00
Lady's Dinner:	Dinner Choice	0	\$35.00	\$0.00
Priest Candidate Fee:	Saturday Dinner not included	0	\$25.00	\$0.00
Priest Candidate Dinner:	Dinner Choice-Not included with Fee	0	\$35.00	\$0.00
Candidate's Fee:	Dinner Choice-Included with Fee	0	\$70.00	\$0.00
Spouse's Dinner:	Dinner Choice	0	\$35.00	\$0.00
Late Fee:	Fee per dinner if ordered after 3/20/20	0	\$5.00	\$0.00
Ladies' Program:	Lunch Choice for Program	0	\$20.00	\$0.00
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To avoid LATE CHARGES, please return this form by 3/20/20. Absolute Deadline is 4/1/20. PAYMENT can follow within 10 days. If you are attending any portion of the weekend, we need you to register

Exemplification & Banquet Attire

Sir Knights' (required) – 4th Degree Uniform or Tuxedo and Social Baldric or Dark Suit (Black, Navy Blue or Dark Gray) with white shirt, Social Baldric, dark tie, dark socks and polished shoes.

Ladies' Program (Suggested) – Church Attire

Ladies' Banquet (Suggested) - Cocktail Attire

Knights of Columbus

2020 Toledo Diocese Exemplification FOURTH DEGREE

Patriotic Degree of the Order

Hotel Room ReservationForm

June 5 - 7, 2020	Radisson at the University of Toledo	Toledo, Ohio

Hotel Reservation Information

Room Types Available

Туре	Nightly Rate
Standard King (NS)	\$109.00 plus tax
Standard Two Double Beds (NS)	\$109.00 plus tax

<u>All room types available subject to prior reservations</u>. Room numbers and locations are determined at checkin. Please note that requests for specific floors, room numbers, adjoining rooms, etc. are requests only and cannot be promised or guaranteed at time of booking. Every attempt will be made to honor your requests when at all possible and will be based on availability at check-in.

For reservations, please call 419-381-6800 When making reservations, please reference Reservation ID: Knights of Columbus

Check-in time is 3:00 PM. Check-out time is 11:00 AM.

Additional Info

- All reservations must be made by May 17, 2020 to guarantee the rate. Reservations will be accepted on a space and rate available basis only after the cutoff date.
- ☐ If you spend the night, you will receive a ticket good for a complimentary breakfast for the room occupants.
- □ We understand individuals will make their own reservations by calling the numbers listed above. Rates will not be guaranteed at the lower rate if the guest fails to mention the reservation ID <u>Knights of Columbus</u>.
- All reservations must be guaranteed with a credit card.
- □ Valid Photo Id required atcheck-in.
- □ Should you need to cancel a guaranteed reservation, you must cancel 24 hours in advance to avoid a penalty charge of one-night room rate & tax. "No-Show" reservations will be charged for one-night room & tax. This cost will be billed to the credit card.

Happy Birthday and Congratulations

Happy Birthday and Congratulations to these people celebrating a special day this month!

May Birthdays				
Name	Date Name Date			
Leonard Brezinski	1	Mary Ann Kahl	17	
David Connelly	1	Bernie Zbikowski	20	
Tom Bohls	2	Martin Cousino	21	
Robert Garand	2	Kathryn Morris	21	
Susan Elfreich	3	Alamar Ruiz	21	
Cliff McIntire	3	Mary Lou Doore	22	
Jim P. Szymanski	3	Sharon Nicholas	23	
Doug St. John	4	Connie Cronin	26	
Charles Cousino	5	Micael Kuhar	26	
Christine Korotnayi	7	Tom Weisenburger	27	
Robert Knurek	8	Frank Antalek	28	
Mary Savage	9	Brian O'Shea	28	
Derek Galla	11	Gisela Stiles	28	
Bill Steitz	12	Teri Owczarzak	30	
Joe Thieman	12	Bob Drewior	31	
William Polverari	13	Rev. Manoj Mammen	31	
Phil LaPlante	15	Paul Palmisano	31	
Patricia Okragleski	16	William Perry	31	

May Anniversaries		
Name	Date	
Ron & Mary Grothaus	3	
Jim & Dawn Collins	12	
Bernie & Sarah Zbikowski	17	
Jason & Amber Sallows	19	
Mike & Sharon Bragg	26	
Bobbie & Clara Hartman	26	
Doug & Kim Sallows	31	





TURNOUTS

PENDING LIFTING OF STAND DOWN ORDER!!!!!

Saturday May 16th 11AM Transitional Deaconate Ordination Cathedral

Tuesday June 2 7 P.M. Home Schoolers Mass Cathedral

Saturday June 27 Priesthood Ordination Cathedral

PENDING LIFTING OF STAND DOWN ORDER!!!!!

Assembly Apparel

Ordering Assembly apparel is now as easy as 1,2,3!

- 1) Go to assembly807.com and click on the Apparel Tab.
- 2) Find the items you want, and fill in the specifications.
- 3) Pay for the order!

There are more than 10 items for men and women, and more to come! If you don't see what you want, contact Mitch Kahl at 419-360-9859 or mitch@alwayspromoting.com.

Your shipments will arrive 10 working days from the date of the order. (Orders that are shipped will incur additional days.)

The Knights are the Very Roots of the Pro-Life Movement

Better stated, the Knights are the taproot of the pro-life movement. On January 22, 1973, the Supreme Court Decision on *Roe vs. Wade* was handed down. Even prior this, the national debate had been going on for years. At the forefront of the debate was the Knights of Columbus. Even before abortion's acceptance at the national level and the *Roe vs. Wade*, the Knights were trying to resist the cultural support of abortion. Councils aggressively petitioned politicians and used its news organs to oppose abortion, and promoted pro-life movies in the late 1960s. The Knights pro-actively attacked the pro-abortion platform of the Democratic Party in 1970. In doing so our Supreme Knight, John McDevitt took much public criticism. It would be seen a break with the church's history of avoiding national politics. What was overlooked was the profound change and challenge from Rome for the church to take on the politics of secularism. It was the Knights who would take on this new challenge of the Holy Spirit found in Vatican II.

At the K of C Supreme Convention in 1970, Supreme Knight McDevitt pronounced at the start: "We must be Knights who hold up the banner of life. We must be for life. We must protect life." Supreme Knight John McDevitt started his tenure in 1966 following the Vatican II Council closing by Pope Paul VI in 1965. One of the key principles of Vatican II was a call for the laity to consider new roles in Church. One of the Vatican II documents declared: the laity must "infuse a Christian spirit into the mentality, customs, laws, and structure of the community." The need of the laity in combating the rise of human secularism was promoted by Pope Paul VI having convened the World Congress of the Lay Apostolate. In 1967, Supreme Knight McDevitt attended and was inspired by the Third World Congress of the Lay Apostolate. He envisioned a new role of the Knights. It would move the Knights from the defense of the Catholic family to the promotion of the family in a secular world. It would be rooted in Father McGivney's original vision but take it into a world of active secularism. It would be a famous Brother Knight, Bishop Fulton Sheen, who would become the flag bearer in the battle for life.

At the 1970 K of C convention, Venerable (and many believe soon to be saint) Archbishop Bishop Sheen urged the Knights to become a "new kind of laity." Bishop Sheen was a Fourth Degree Knight and a model for faith and patriotism. The most amazing thing is the miracle that moved Bishop Sheen to beautification was one called "pro-life." The following is a description of that 2011 miracle in the Catholic News Service: "As Bonnie Engstrom watched lifesaving measures being taken for her son, who had been born just moments before without a pulse or drawing breath, she asked for help from the person whose prayerful support she had sought throughout her pregnancy: Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen. After 61 minutes, just as emergency room personnel were about to pronounce him dead, James Fulton Engstrom began to breathe and his heart rate shot up to a normal level for a newborn. The Engstroms were told he would probably be blind, and never walk, talk or be able to feed himself, but in the days and weeks that followed the boy defied them all and continued to make progress. Despite dire prognoses for his future, the child has thrived and is now a healthy 8-year-old." Clearly, this miracle was given by the Holy Spirit to highlight life in the womb and man's inability to judge the quality of life for that infant. Today, we see Democrat bills in 12 States calling for abortion exceptions for prognoses based on the womb!

In 1972, Archbishop Sheen addressed the Pennsylvania Knights at their annual pilgrimage to the Shrine of Our Lady of Czestochowa at Doylestown, Pennsylvania. He urged the Knights: "Who is going to save our church? Not our bishops, not our priests and religious. It is up to you, the people. You have the minds, the eyes, the ears to save the Church. Your mission is to see that your priests act like priests, your bishops, like bishops, and your religious act like religious." This would become one of Archbishop Sheen's most used quotes to inspire the laity. Bishop Sheen in his weekly popular TV show (Life is Worth Living) took on pro-abortion politicians as never seen before. His TV audience would help form the core of the pro-life movement.

The first March for Life was on January 22, 1973 and the Knights would be part of its founding!

God Bless Our Troops and God Bless the USA

The average age of the military man is 19 years. He is a short haired, tight-muscled kid who, under normal circumstances is considered by society as half man, half boy. Not yet dry behind the ears, not old enough to buy a beer, but old enough to die for his country. He never really cared much for work and he would rather wax his own car than wash his father's, but he has never collected unemployment either.

He's a recent High School graduate; he was probably an average student, pursued some form of sport activities, drives a ten-year-old jalopy, and has a steady girlfriend that either broke up with him when he left, or swears to be waiting when he returns from half a world away. He listens to rock and roll or hip-hop or rap or jazz or swing and a 155mm howitzer.

He is 10 or 15 pounds lighter now than when he was at home because he is working or fighting from before dawn to well after dusk. He has trouble spelling, thus letter writing is a pain for him, but he can field strip a rifle in 30 seconds and reassemble it in less time in the dark. He can recite to you the nomenclature of a machine gun or grenade launcher and use either one effectively if he must.

He digs foxholes and latrines and can apply first aid like a professional.

He can march until he is told to stop, or stop until he is told to march.

He obeys orders instantly and without hesitation, but he is not without spirit or individual dignity. He is self-sufficient.

He has two sets of fatigues: he washes one and wears the other. He keeps his canteens full and his feet dry.

He sometimes forgets to brush his teeth, but never to clean his rifle. He can cook his own meals, mend his own clothes, and fix his own hurts.

If you're thirsty, he'll share his water with you; if you are hungry, his food. He'll even split his ammunition with you in the midst of battle when you run low.

He has learned to use his hands like weapons and weapons like they were his hands.

He can save your life - or take it, because that is his job.

He will often do twice the work of a civilian, draw half the pay, and still find ironic humor in it all.

He has seen more suffering and death than he should have in his short lifetime.

He has wept in public and in private, for friends who have fallen in combat and is unashamed.

He feels every note of the National Anthem vibrate through his body while at rigid attention, while tempering the burning desire to 'square-away' those around him who haven't bothered to stand, remove their hat, or even stop talking.

In an odd twist, day in and day out, far from home, he defends their right to be disrespectful.

Just as did his Father, Grandfather, and Great-grandfather, he is paying the price for our freedom. Beardless or not, he is not a boy. He is the American Fighting Man that has kept this country free for over 200 years.

He has asked nothing in return, except our friendship and understanding. Remember him, always, for he has earned our respect and admiration with his blood.

As you go to bed tonight, remember this . . . A short lull, a little shade and a picture of loved ones in their helmets.

Prayer Wheel

"Lord, hold our troops in your loving hands. Protect them as they protect us. Bless them and their families for the selfless acts they perform for us in our time of need. Amen."

Corona Jokes You Haven't Seen



HOME SCHOOLING
UPDATE:
MY CHILD JUST SAID
I HOPE I DON'T
HAVE THE SAME
TEACHER NEXT YEAR

Three weeks of home schooling my 7, 9 and 12 year olds went surprisingly well! They have all graduated High School and are now ready to move out and get jobs when quarantine is over!

glad i didn't waste my money buying a planner for 2020

All those grandparents who are missing their grand kids right now. Once this is over you can have them for a month. Sincerely, a tired mom.

Hormel made their first batch of SPAM in 1937. The company has just announced that due to hoarding by consumers, they are going to make a second batch.

AND JUST LIKE THAT:
HAVING A MASK,
RUBBER GLOVES,
DUCT TAPE,
PLASTIC SHEETING
AND ROPE IN YOUR
TRUNK IS OKAY.

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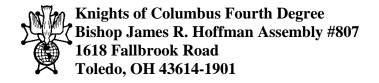
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Have You Obtained A NEW MEMBER?

They can't join the 4th Degree, if you don't get them into the 1st Degree! Meetings 2nd Friday of the Month – 7:30 PM (Rosary 7:15) Our Lady, Queen of the Most Holy Rosary Cathedral



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