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SECOND NEW JERSEY DISTRICT

District Master's Newsletter

OCTOBER 2026

Worthy Faithful Navigators, Comptrollers and Color Corp Commanders,

It has been a busy September with Installations, 9/11 Ceremonies and Pride in our Priest dinners. October is going to be busy also, we have the State Right to Life Mass/Rally, Columbus Day Parade, new Bishop to be installed in the Metuchen Diocese, an Exemplification and the opening of the Carrying the Torch for Our Lady of Guadalupe Celebration.

Thank you to those that have participated and hoping we will have good turnouts for the upcoming events.

Exemplification

Please get your Form 4s to me as soon as you can, don't wait for the deadline of October 17, as stated above it will be a busy month.

Our next Exemplification of the Fourth Degree will be on October 24, 2026. It will be held at St. Thomas the Apostle Church in Brigantine, NJ. Supreme Master Michael McCusker will be the Honoree.

Times: Sign-in: 10:00 – 10:30
Charge: 10:30
Degree: 11:00
Mass and Luncheon to Follow

What candidate needs:

- Suit: Black, Dark Gray or Dark Blue
- Plain White shirt with lay down collar (no button down)
- Plain Dark Necktie
- Black Socks and Black Shoes
- Active-duty Military, Police, Fire and EMS may wear Class A or Dress uniform in place of a suit
- Candidates will not wear: any other pin, a K of C Name Badge, or a vest.
- Clergy may wear either their cassock or blacks

A representative from the assembly must escort the candidates for registration.

Please notice that the cost is lower but there is an ad book form for this event. Please help out if you can. Forms are attached.

Reports

Submit all reports as soon as you complete them and save your email received receipts from Supreme, do not wait until the due dates. If you complete them online, save a copy when you submit, that will have the date on it.

You work hard all year you should show it.

Please copy the District Secretary, Chris Duffett, copied above and me on all submissions to Supreme so that we have the paper trail if questions arise.

Officer Training

Please find below the registration link for the October 19, 2026, Fourth Degree quarterly training: Working in UNITY with the councils attached to your assemblies.

Please share this link with all of your assembly officers.

Our common goal is to bring Catholic men into the order to enable them to use their GOD given gifts and talents to serve GOD, our communities, our families, our Parishes through their membership in our order and we all should all work towards that goal.

Here is the registration link for the October 4th degree webinar: Register for the October Fourth Degree webinar.

Sword Certification and Re-certification Classes

If you would like to host one of these classes in the future, please let District Marshal Dom Renzi and me know.

Upcoming Events and Callouts

Color Corp Commanders, please share with your Corpsmen.

NJ State Mass for Life and March for Life — Thursday, October 8

The 9:30am Mass is at the Cathedral of Saint Mary of the Assumption, 151 N. Warren St, Trenton NJ. The Rally begins at the NJ State House Annex at 11am, and the March for Life begins at Noon. The Color Corps is asked to participate in both the Mass at the Cathedral and the March around the NJ State House. Muster for the Mass is 9am. Full uniform. More details can be found at: dioceseoftrenton.org/nj-march-for-life.

Auxiliary Marshal Jim Bonn will take the point for Second New Jersey District. Thank you Jim.

Napa Institute Eucharistic Procession — October 13, 2026

The Vice Supreme Master has issued a Provincial call-out for The Napa Institute Eucharistic Procession in NYC on October 13, 2026. Supreme Master Michael McCusker is invited and expected to attend.

For the 4th Degree Honor Guard: Arrival time should be 3:30 PM. Napa Institute staff will provide specific instructions depending on how many Knights will attend. Will need to provide the names and emails (if possible) of those who will attend closer to the date.

Please provide me with names and email addresses of those interested in attending, the Mass and Procession is expected to be completed by 6:30 PM.

Exemplification — October 24, 2026

Exemplification begins at 11:00 am, Color Corp Muster at 10:00 am.
St. Thomas the Apostle Church; Brigantine, NJ

Carrying the Torch for Our Lady of Guadalupe — Opening Ceremony, October 24, 2026

For those of you in the northern section of the district that cannot make the Exemplification please consider attending this event.

Celebrant: Bishop David O'Connell, of the Trenton Diocese
Cathedral of St Mary of the Assumption
540 North Olden Avenue, Trenton, New Jersey 08638
Muster: 3:30 PM

Thanks for all that you do.

Vivat Jesus,
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St. Isaac Jogues Province