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Faithful Navigators, District Marshals, Former Masters, Sir Knights all,

By now you all have heard of the change from Regalia to a Uniform for the 4<sup>th</sup> Degree. The announcement was made at the 135 Annual Supreme Knights of Columbus meeting in St. Louis, Missouri last week.

The announcement raised many questions on how to implement the changes and the impact on the membership. Sunday, August 6<sup>th</sup>; I was included in a conference call with our VSM SK Dan Hogan, newly appointed VSM David Roewe, 3 FVSM's, all current Masters and approximate 8 Former Masters, all from the Our Lady of Guadalupe Province.

My duty as a District Master and subscribing to the Laws and Rules of the Order, which I promised to uphold when I signed the Constitutional Roll when I made my 1<sup>st</sup> Degree says that I will comply with the Supreme Knight and the decisions of the Board of Directors.

There will be a transitional period, approximately 2 years, depending on the VSM, Masters and Faithful Navigators. At events where both regalia and uniform exist; the new uniformed Sir Knights will process 1<sup>st</sup> followed by the Sir Knights in regalia. Ideally, the Masters and Marshals will order their new uniforms, next the Exemplification Team, next the District Color Corps Drill Team, then the regular Sir Knights.

The new uniform is copy righted by Supreme, so they will be the sole source to purchase this and related accessories thru "Knights Gear". You will have to login to Supremes' website to purchase your uniform, for a cost of \$510.00. When ordering the uniform (the package deal); first, go out and get "measured" by a tailor, your head too, before getting on the website. The package will include the Beret, Jacket, Pants and Tie. The pants will not be hemmed, you will have to get that done yourself, no cuffs. You will have to purchase a white shirt (no button down), black socks and black shoes. **No** gloves with the new uniform.

There will be a slight distinction between VSM's, Masters and Marshals, noticeable in the Beret. There will be no distinction between Navigators, members and Color Corps Commanders. Of course, all assembly officers will be allowed to wear their current jewel of office. Miniature jewels will be allowed, bottom of jewel 1/8<sup>th</sup> inch above left pocket. 4<sup>th</sup> degree pin will be on the button hole.

Good bye to the "Combo Pin"; 4<sup>th</sup> degree emblem and American flag. Only the original 4<sup>th</sup> degree pin: "...consists of the dove, the cross and the globe..." will be worn. Also, Exemplar Ceremonial Robes will eventually go away.

Concern – Fall Exemplifications: All of the Masters are planning Fall Exemplifications now and their "Tri-folds" printed, the question came up about: do you require candidates to buy a Tuxedo, knowing that in a few years it will be obsolete, or do you buy the new uniform, but due to the backlog of request, that may not be available for candidates.

The short-term solution: Inform all candidates for the 4<sup>th</sup> degree that they will be required to wear a Business Suit, (black, dark blue or dark gray), with white shirt, dark tie, dark shoes and socks.

Knowing that the Faithful Navigator's duty is to abide by the Current Color Corps Drill Manual; the Drill Manual will have to be re-written, approximate new revision will be about 3 years away.

The closing ceremony of the Exemplification, the "Knighting" ceremony will continue with the Masters and Former Masters wearing their "Service Baldric with Sword" for this event. No Gloves.

I have quickly put down all I know from my conference call yesterday. More questions? Email me:

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