



Knights of Columbus

FOURTH DEGREE ASSEMBLY #3101

Blessed Stanley Rother Assembly



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FROM THE DESK OF THE FAITHFUL NAVIGATOR

Sir Knights,

As we wait with great anticipation to celebrate the birth of Our Lord, I hope that you are all experiencing the joy of Advent. I pray for Christ's blessings on you and your families. I am so thankful for your participation and support of our Fourth Degree Assembly.

December marks the second time in two months that our Assembly has gotten state-wide recognition for our programming. In November, our Veterans Day Flag Raising program and agenda was shared to all Assemblies in the state of Arkansas as the model to follow. This month, the **Supreme Master** of the Fourth Degree encouraged attendance at our virtual guest lecture by Fr. David Endres, on the heroism of Catholic Chaplains in the Civil War. The presentation became an international event and was attended by >50 Knights & guests from Canada to the Gulf Coast, from Idaho, to the Atlantic. It was also featured in *Arkansas Catholic Online*.

Our Vice Supreme Master has reached-out to me personally to compliment us on the creativity and quality of our programming in the face of the on-going COVID pandemic. Nonetheless, I look forward to the time when we can all gather in Unity, in-person, to socialize and to begin our active good works together.

Until then, for the good of the Order, let us pray for good health and good cheer as we celebrate the birth of the Christ-child, and move in to 2021.



VJ,
Richard M. Oloffson
Faithful Navigator

ASSEMBLY FEATURED IN ARKANSAS CATHOLIC



One of the "Four Things for the Fourth" this Fraternal Year is showcasing and raising awareness for the K of C Brand in Northwest Arkansas. Our press release on the Soldiers of the Cross lecture was published in Arkansas Online on December 9th. With a weekly readership of >11,000, this is a great example of showcasing our brand to the ENTIRE STATE. [You can read the article at this link.](#)

PATRIOTIC ROSARY TO BE HELD AT ST. MARY'S IN SILOAM SPRINGS ON 2/1



February 1st is National Freedom Day. To give Glory to God for the many freedoms enjoyed in America today, our Assembly will be praying the Patriotic Rosary at St. Mary's Church in Siloam Springs on February 1st at 6:30pm.

The Patriotic Rosary includes praying one Hail Mary for each of the 50 States as well as prayers for our civic leaders. Each decade of the Rosary concludes with humble yet inspiring words on Christian citizenship from several icons in American history. The event is also interspersed with Patriotic music. It is a power blending of patriotic pride and religious devotion. Please plan to attend (safely).

WHEN: 6:30pm on February 1st

WHERE: St. Mary's Parish, Siloam Springs

CONTACT: Bernie Krumpelman



ONLINE ASSEMBLY MEETING THURSDAY JAN. 21ST 7:00PM

Due to space restrictions at the Hall on Thursday nights until March, as well as COVID concerns, our meetings will be held via the internet/phone. Look for an email with log-in/call-in instructions



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WHAT IS VAVS?



U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs

“Each year community volunteers give selflessly of their time and resources in service to America’s Veterans. It is impossible to calculate the amount of caring and sharing that these VAVS volunteers provide to Veteran patients. VAVS volunteers are a priceless asset to the Nation’s Veterans and to the Department of Veterans Affairs.” The main contributions VAVS volunteers like the Knights of Columbus make are, “Assist Veteran patients by augmenting staff with end-of-life care programs, foster care, community-based volunteer programs, hospital wards, nursing homes, and Veteran outreach centers. Contact Chris Fitz to learn more and to bring ideas how our Council can help our local VA.

PRESENTATION ON CATHOLIC CHAPLAINS IN THE CIVIL WAR BECOMES AN INTERNATIONAL EVENT



On December 17th, the Assembly hosted a widely-publicized event featuring guest speaker and historian, Fr. David Endres, PhD. The event was attended by >50 Knights and Parishioners across the state of Arkansas. Also in attendance were State and Supreme representatives from Canada, Idaho, Georgia as well as guests from Illinois, Texas, and Alabama. Several current and past Arkansas State officers also joined. While COVID prevented us from making the event larger and in-person locally, the virtual nature of the event enabled us to have an even wider patriotic impact by including guests from so many different states and multiple countries.

NEXT FOURTH DEGREE EXEMPLIFICATION FEBRUARY 6, ONLINE



The next online exemplification of the Fourth Degree will be held on February 6th. The online exemplifications work especially well for the Fourth Degree, and Arkansas has received praise and attention from the Supreme Council

for being the first State in the country to offer the Fourth Degree exemplification virtually in response to COVID. Our Assembly target for STAR is 7 new members in the fraternal year. Please encourage your local Councils to be advancing men to the Third Degree, and please keep sharing the good work of our Assembly to Attract More Knights! Also, all Sir Knights are welcome to attend the virtual exemplifications free of charge. It’s a moving event that will remind you how proud you are to be an American – especially a Catholic-American.

WELCOME NEW SIR KNIGHT: JASON POHLMEIER



We are proud to welcome Jason Pohlmeier as the newest member of our Assembly. Jason is a diaconate candidate and the Principal of St. Joseph Catholic School. Welcome Jason!

+ BLESSED STANLEY ROTHER, PRAY FOR US +

