Knights of Columbus
Northern Illinois District – Marquette Province

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Exemplification of Patriotism
Saturday, February 6, 2027

St. Christina Catholic Church
3342 W 111th St.
Chicago, IL 60655

November 3, 2026

To: All Assemblies-Northern Illinois District

The next Exemplification of Patriotism will be held on Saturday, February 6, 2027. The Host Assembly is Holy Family Assembly #2255, FN Dave Wolken.

Now is the time to ask our fellow brother knights to join us in the Exemplification of Patriotism.

The following hotels are in the local area:

- Holiday Inn Express 13330 S. Cicero Ave., Crestwood, Illinois 60445 – 866-653-2421
- Baymont By Wyndham, 12801 S. Cicero Ave, Alsip, IL 60803 – 866-653-2421

Candidates
Ceremony Fee w/banquet ticket – $90.00 ($20.00 late fee)

Priests ONLY
Ceremony Fee w/banquet ticket – $50.00

Sir Knights, Ladies, Guests
Ceremony w/banquet ticket – $50.00 ($20.00 late fee)

Sir Knights, Ladies, Guests
Ceremony ONLY – Free
Each assembly will be charged a late fee for their candidates. Sir Knights, ladies, and guests will be responsible for their own late fees. All fees must be included with the reservation.

No refunds on Banquet Ticket if it is not used.

The deadline for Candidates Form 4's is **Saturday, January 23, 2027,** for names to be listed in the Program Book and no late fees to be added.

Banquet reservation forms are included with this correspondence. Please make copies for distribution to both Candidates and Sir Knights wishing to attend the Exemplification and Banquet. **All Sir Knights must submit their own registration form. Sir Knights should not be guests of others.**

Special Meal requests (if necessary, for Medical Reasons or Vegetarians) for Candidates, Sir Knights, Ladies and Guests must be shown on the Banquet Reservation Form.

Special Reminder:
A Candidate must have participated in the Charity-Unity-Fraternity (CUF) Exemplification and be a member in good standing to be eligible for the Exemplification of Patriotism, they must also **show a current 2026 travel card,** at the Exemplification.

The Exemplification of Patriotism will be open to families and guests.

Please be sure to send only **COMPLETE** packets (Form 4, Banquet Reservation Form, and Check made payable to **David Wolken – Master**.

Candidates are expected to submit completed Form 4's with their council Financial Secretary's signature and a copy of their travelling card, Banquet Reservation Form, along with payment **to the Assembly they will be joining.** In turn, the Navigator will submit the paperwork with his signature along with the Comptrollers signature, and payment to the District Secretary.
Guests and Observers may send their reservation forms with check payable to the Master directly to the District Secretary using the following address:

Gregg Biliskov
1115 Bourne Lane
Schaumburg, IL 60193

INCOMPLETE PACKETS OR PACKETS NOT HAVING ALL REQUIRED INFORMATION MAY BE RETURNED TO THE FAITHFUL NAVIGATOR.

PLEASE DO NOT SEND FORM 4's TO THE MASTER.

Faithful Navigators and Faithful Comptrollers must ensure all required information is completed including:

Membership Number, Member's Signature, Council Number, Name and FS signature.
Name, Number and location of the Assembly which the Candidate is joining.
Faithful Navigator Signature, Faithful Comptroller Signature.
Please print clearly on all documents.
Member email addresses can be printed in the space above the membership number. When filling out the Form 4, press hard so that the information transfers to the duplicate copies.

APPROPRIATE DRESS CODE FOR CANDIDATES AND/OR OBSERVERS

Family members and guests will be allowed in the chamber to view the Exemplification.

Exemplification Ceremony Notes

- This ceremony will take approximately 1 ½ hours**.** Doors will remain closed for the entire ceremony. Those that leave will be readmitted at an appropriate time.
- Cell phones must be on Silent or Off.
- No photography is permitted during the ceremony.
- Everyone must always remain in their seats. This includes adults and children.
- No food or beverages are allowed. Medical exceptions apply.

Faithful Navigators are also asked to ensure that all Assembly Members and Candidates are made aware that **PROPER ATTIRE MUST BE WORN** to the Exemplification.

Candidates are required to wear:

- **Business Suit – dark colored** black, dark grey, dark blue or brown.
- **Plain white shirt -** with lay down collars – no wing tip collars.
- **Conservative Tie**
- **Black Dress Socks**
- **Dress Shoes –** black or brown is permitted.

Clergy (candidates/observers) are permitted to wear:

- **Blacks or cassock**

Sir Knights

- **Official Knights of Columbus uniform or dark suit, tie, black socks, and black dress shoes.**

Ladies, Guests

- **Business professional attire (pant suits, dresses, skirts, suit, jacket, slacks).**

Active Military, Police, Firefighters (candidates/observers) are permitted to wear:

- **Class A or Dress Uniform - instead of dark suit.**

If proper attire, as described above is not followed,
you will not be permitted into the exemplification chamber.

Assemblies: When you issue a check for a candidate, a separate check is required for each Candidate and / or reservation with the name of the person shown on the check.

If anyone writes a check for someone else, PLEASE make sure to note on the memo line who the payment is for. ALL checks must be payable to: **David Wolken, Master**.

ALL completed applications, Form 4's with payment are sent to the District Secretary at:

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The district staff are ready to assist each Assembly as necessary to make this a SPECIAL DAY for our new Sir Knights. Should you need additional information or clarification on any matters, please contact me or the district secretary.

Fraternally Yours,

David Wolken

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SATURDAY February 6, 2027

9:00 A.M.	**MASTER'S MEETING** Attendees: Faithful Navigators, Faithful Comptrollers, Committee Chairs
9:30 A.M.	**DISTRICT MARSHAL'S MEETING** Attendees: Honor Guard Members
9:00 A.M.	**CANDIDATE REGISTRATION OPEN** BANQUET TICKET – PICK-UP
10:00 A.M.	**Master Meeting with Candidates in Holding Room**
10:15 A M.	**HONOR GUARD INSPECTION** **Uniformed Sir Knights by Vice Supreme Master and Former Master**
10:30 A M.	**EXEMPLIFICATION CEREMONY** Approximately 10:30 am – 12:30 pm
12:15 P.M.	**MASTER'S WRAP-UP MEETING FOLLOWS CEREMONY** Attendees: Faithful Navigators, Faithful Comptrollers, Committee Chairs
12:45 P.M.	**MASS**
1:30 P.M.	**LUNCHEON** Luncheon 1:30 pm – 3:00 pm

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Name: _____ **E-mail address:** _____
(Please Print Clearly) **(Please Print Clearly)**

Address: _____ **Phone Number:** _____

City: _____ **State:** _____ **Zip Code:** _____

MEMBERSHIP NO._____ **(Provide a copy of your 2026 traveling card – do not enlarge)**

ASSEMBLY NO. _____ **COUNCIL NO.**_____

Attending Ceremony and Banquet (indicate the number of attendees)

_____ **Candidate ($90)** _____ **Priest ($50)** _____ **SK, Ladies, Guests ($50)** $ _____

Attending Ceremony Only (indicate the number of attendees)

_____ **Priest (free)** _____ **SK (free)** _____ **Ladies, Guests (free)**

CHECK NUMBER: _____ **Total Amount** **$**_____

Total number attending Banquet _____

Special Dietary requests: _____

All Reservations must be accompanied by a Check payable to **David Wolken – Master**.

Mail forms with check to:
District Secretary, Gregg Biliskov, 1115 Bourne Lane, Schaumburg, IL 60193

To avoid the late fee, the reservation must be postmarked by Saturday, January 23, 2027.

Ladies and guests Names are listed here *(use the back if needed)*
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A $20.00 late fee is accessed per person for registrations received after January 23, 2027