



Knights of Columbus

Fourth Degree

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SUBJECT: Executive Order –Effective November 1, 2012

Worthy District Masters and Faithful Navigators,

Fraternal greetings to all Sir Knights of the John H. Reddin Province. This Executive Order will take place on November 1, 2012 and remain in effect until rescinded. When participating at a Color Corps or Honor Guard event dressed in Official Regalia Dress Color Corps (Full Regalia) or Official Regalia Dress Member (Tuxedo and Social Baldric), the following will be in effect:

1. **No cowboy boots** of any kind will be worn when in Regalia Dress Color Corps or Regalia Dress Member.
2. **No cowboy cut tuxedo or no tuxedo with tails** will be worn when dressing up in Regalia Dress Color Corps or Regalia Dress Member.
3. **No ear rings** of any kind will be worn when in Regalia Dress Color Corps or Regalia Dress Member.
4. **No pony tail hair** will be visible. It must be neatly tucked under the chapeau if in Regalia Dress Color Corps or pinned up if in Official Regalia Dress.
5. **No blue tooth or cell phone** ear piece device will be worn when in Regalia Dress Color Corps or Regalia Dress Member.
6. **No sunglasses** while in Official Regalia Dress Member or Dress Color Corps.

In addition to the above Executive Order of stated items, remind your Assembly Membership that the following has been discontinued and is considered as a violation of the Knights of Columbus Color Corps Drill Manual, dated October 4, 2008:

1. No added pins or patches of any kind patch are to worn with Regalia.
2. Color of the cape must be consistent with the current colors approved by Supreme.
3. Only current jewel of office may be worn with Regalia. No others are approved. All other 'past' and 'former' offices may wear the 'miniature jewel' of their former office, if so desired. Miniature jewels are authorized to be worn while in Official Regalia Dress Member or Dress Color Corps.
4. When dressed in Official Regalia Member Dress, the only authorized pin to wear on the tuxedo lapel is the official Fourth Degree Pin. The Combination Fourth Degree Pin (American Flag and Fourth Degree Emblem) is authorized to be worn with Official Regalia Dress Color Corps when all that turn out are wearing the Combination Fourth Degree Pin.(*1).
5. Wing tip collared tuxedo shirts are **not approved** to be worn with Regalia. It must be the plain white tuxedo pleated shirt with a lay down collar.
6. A cummerbund not a vest is acceptable with Regalia.

Sir Knights are reminded that their Regalia Dress Color Corps "Cape", "Chapeau", and appearance should be befitting of a Sir Knight of Columbus.

1. Cape should not:
 - a. Be "faded" to the point it is not representative of its original color.
 - b. Have "tears," "stains," or "holes," that are not conducive in the appearance of a Sir Knight in Regalia Dress Color Corps.
 - c. Be un-ironed. The cape should look sharp and ready at all times.
2. Chapeau Plum should not be:
 - a. "Faded" to the point it is not representative of its original color.
 - b. "Raggedy" in appearance to the point that it is not representative of the original design of the chapeau plum.
3. Shoes shall be solid black in color. Tennis style shoes are prohibited.

As the Master of the District, as the Faithful Navigator and Chief Executive Officer of your Assembly, you will instruct the Color Corps Commander and membership that this Provincial Order is effective beginning November 1, 2012, and there are no exceptions to this policy. Failure of a Sir Knight not abiding by this Executive Order will cause the member to be removed from the event until he is in the proper Dress Regalia.

When knighthood was in flower, knights carried the sword to defend their God, their Church, their country and their fellow man according to the code of chivalry. Today, Sir Knights wear regalia and carry the sword to honor Christ and His apostles, especially on religious and civic occasions. Hence, the primary purpose of the Fourth Degree is to encourage active Catholic citizenship and foster the spirit of patriotism in members and the community at large.

→ This is not in an attempt to belittle any Fourth Degree Sir Knight of Columbus, but to improve on the uniform appearance of all Knights of Columbus of the Fourth Degree. If we are to continue to call ourselves the "visible" arm of the Knights of Columbus and "defenders" of Holy Mother Church, then we must appear as such and be uniform in our appearance as Knights of Columbus Fourth Degree. It is important to remember that when individual members of the Color Corps appear at any public functions they are not only representing themselves, but also their assembly and the entire Order of the Knights of Columbus. Their conduct and appearance should always reflect this. The public appearance of Fourth Degree Knights as a Color Corps at religious and civic functions is an important activity of each assembly. Their colorful capes and chapeaux add dignity and the pride of Church and country to any event. By these public demonstrations their loyalties bring credit to themselves and to the Knights of Columbus. It is desired that this Executive Order be read at your next Assembly meeting, and several thereafter; publish it in your Assembly Newsletter; email it to your Assembly membership; mail a copy with other mailings; and provide a copy to those members who do not have email addresses or do not attend meetings on a regular basis.

Honor and Glory to God and Country
Vivat Jesus!
Charles E. Dover Jr. VSM

Sample Color Corp Training Session 2012 - 2013

Color Corp Commanders should at a minimum host quarterly training sessions for their Color Corps members.

Training should be scheduled for a two hour session and although not necessary, many teams rehearse in full uniform.

With the cooperation of the Faithful Friar the ideal training class is in a Church where you will have the feel of participating in an actual service.

The training should consist of the following *minimum standards* of training.

1. Opening prayer and Pledge of Allegiance.
2. Showing of the Video "The Visible Arm of the Order." (20 minutes)
3. Discussion of the video. Explaining the importance of consulting with the Celebrant or those in charge and acting in conformity with them. It is pointed out that following these instructions may mean deviating from our suggested procedures.
4. Uniform and Equipment. Discussion of the basic Fourth Degree dress and Regalia of the Color Corps.
5. Sword Drill Practice (30 Minutes)
6. Protocol for Entering Church. Practice entering Church with various types of processions.
7. Receiving Communion. Practice leaving pews, approaching the Altar, and returning to the pew.
8. Recessional Practice. Various types of exiting the Church.
9. Rosaries and Funerals. Discussing the use of the Color Corps and practice of posting Honor Guard at caskets etc.
10. Closing Prayer.

Uniform drill procedures enable Sir Knights to drill with other assemblies with the confidence of knowing that their participation will be compatible anywhere.

It is always required that the Master of the District receive approval from the Ordinary of each Diocese within his District concerning the specific activities of the Color Corps in religious ceremonies.

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Supreme Master



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DENNIS J. STODDARD
Supreme Master

MEMORANDUM

TO: Vice Supreme Masters
Vice Supreme Master Elect

FROM: Dennis J. Stoddard ^{DJS}
Supreme Master

RE: Honor Guard Call Out

Date: August 2011

The following guideline should be adhered to by all:

1. Cremations

- a) Please advise all District Masters, Faithful Navigators, and Color Corp Commanders that cremation is an acceptable form of burial of the Catholic Church.
- b) Effectively immediately an Honor Guard request to participate at the funeral service of a brother knight who has been cremated shall be honored.



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MEMORANDUM

TO: VICE SUPREME MASTERS

FROM: DENNIS J. STODDARD *DJS*
SUPREME MASTER

DATE: FEBRUARY 9, 2011

RE: CHAIN OF COMMAND

Once again it has become necessary that we remind our assemblies on the importance of utilizing the chain of command when issues arise.

Debbie and Darsheena are receiving an inordinate amount of calls at the office from Faithful Navigators and Comptrollers on issues that can be resolved on the district level.

As our Order grows, so does the business of the Masters office. The office staff has to handle, transfer, or refer back to a District Master entirely too many calls.

Please counsel your subordinates once again that when the chain of command is followed they will normally receive the desired results more quickly.