



Fourth Degree Knights of Columbus

Fr. Louis Hennepin Province
Annual Provincial Meeting
October 12–14, 2018



Worthy Faithful Navigator, Comptroller and Commander,

I would like to extend an invitation to you and your Assembly members to attend this year's Annual Provincial Meeting scheduled for **October 12-14, 2018** at the Wyndham Gardens Hotel located in Sterling Heights, Michigan. Having had completed my first year as your Vice Supreme Master at the time of this meeting, it is my intention to make the training more relevant to you and your Assembly membership as well as entertaining to you and your wives. We've taken into consideration the football schedules for Michigan, Michigan State and Ohio State and this weekend works for all Knights as no one is playing at home.

The weekend will be kicked off with the **Vice Supreme Master's Dinner** Friday evening. All are invited to attend, relax and fraternalize with members from across the Province. After the VSM dinner, the Former Masters will gather to hold their annual meeting. Everyone attending the weekend's events is invited to attend the VSM Hospitality Room for further fraternalism.

Saturday morning will open with the Memoriam Mass, followed by **Navigator, Comptroller and Color Corps Training** addressing the topics you have recommended to me and/or your Master. We want the training to be relevant and meaningful to you and your Assemblies.

While the men are at their meetings, the Vice Supreme Master's wife, Lady Susan, will be hosting the **Ladies Program** which includes brunch and a special guest speaker. He is an author who has published a book about his experiences while flying from Paris to New York on 9/11 and was diverted when the terrorist planes hit the Trade Center. His book has become an award-winning play on Broadway.

Unfortunately, we have heard too much about individuals entering churches and schools and starting to shoot at all who are in attendance. At the **Open Session Meeting** on Saturday afternoon, we will open the meeting with an Active Shooter presentation given by the Michigan State Police. What will be discussed is what the Color Corps can do to prevent, or at least minimize, the potential impact of a shooter when attending a Mass or a major religious event. Following this we will have the awards presented for the District Sir Knight of the Year, District Lady of the Year and District Newsletter of the Year.

Our day will continue with our traditional banquet. The typical program for the evening is being shortened to allow the guest speaker from the Ladies Program to continue his story for all to hear. After the banquet, the VSM Hospitality Room will reopen for everyone to enjoy.

Sunday morning Mass will include the installation of the new and current Masters for the next term. We encourage everyone to attend this Mass in support of your District Master. If your Assembly's Friar is attending the Provincial meeting and would like to participate in the Masses on Saturday and/or Sunday, please note on the registration form.



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As mentioned, the host hotel is the Wyndham Gardens, previously known as the Sterling Inn, located at 34911 Van Dyke Avenue, Sterling Heights, MI 48312. The entire hotel has been remodeled and we think you will enjoy it. Reservations can be made by either going on line at <https://www.wyndhamhotels.com/groups/gn/knights-of-columbus> or calling direct at 586.979.1400 and specify you are with the Knights of Columbus. A special room rate of \$89.00 per night has been negotiated for the weekend for either a king or two queen beds. Reservations must be made no later than September 12, 2018 to obtain this special room rate.

Attached is the registration form for the entire weekend's events. For recordkeeping purposes, please consider having your Assembly issue one check for those members (and wives) attending.

It would be greatly appreciated if your Assembly would take out an ad and/or solicit ads from local businesses for the banquet souvenir book to help offset the Provincial expenses that are incurred throughout the year. The ad form is attached and can also be found on the Provincial website at www.hennepinprovincial.org.

Traditionally, the ladies of the Province hold a basket raffle. This tradition will continue. Please consider donating a basket or item(s). Donations can be dropped off in the lobby area, near the Provincial registration table, on Friday afternoon. A donation sheet is attached.

There always seems to be questions on how to dress for the weekend. Below you will find suggestions for dress attire:

VSM Dinner: Casual. FVSM, FM, Master, Assembly shirt (if you have one) and slacks (no shorts).

Saturday Mass: Sport coat and tie for dignitaries; business casual for others.

Training and Open Session: Casual. FVSM, FM, Master, Marshal, Commander, Assembly shirt (if you have one) and slacks or good blue jeans (no shorts)

Ladies Program: Slacks, skirts, dresses. Be comfortable.

Sunday Mass: Masters and Color Corps in regalia; dignitaries in sport coat and tie; ladies in church attire.

I would like to thank you and your Assembly for your support and hope that you will join us for an eventful weekend.

Fraternally yours,

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