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Dear Sir Knights and Ladies,

I hope this letter finds you and your family healthy and sane. We all look forward to a little down time, but I think you would agree with me, that this is a little too much down time.

As you well know, historical statues, no matter who it is, seems to be the target for defacing or getting torn down and Christopher Columbus is no exception. Supreme was contacted and Supreme's position at this time is *"In light of the wave of anger and violence, I'm not sure there's anything we can do. This is not the moment for the KofC to try to engage on the issue."* I would suggest prayer and hope for the better that wiser minds will prevail.

Guidelines have been drafted for the Masters within the Hennepin Province concerning Color Corps fallouts. When asked to participate in a casket watch, funeral Mass, or any other church functions, the Color Corps have been instructed to wear a black mask at all times and maintain a social distance of 6 feet. This is in compliance with both Supreme and Church directives. This will remain in place until the directives from Supreme and Church change.

The **"Classic Regalia"** has now been officially retired for one year. I am happy to report that there were only a few reported violations in the beginning with Color Corpsmen wearing the classic regalia within our Province. Thank you gentlemen for your understanding and complying with Supreme's directive.

Thank you to all the Assemblies within the Province that held their election of officers these past two months through either email, virtual meetings or just elected to carryover the current slate of officers. The date and method of installing your Assembly officers for the 2020-2021 fraternal year will be determined by your District Master.

The Ohio Masters - Bill Howe, Ed Ponder and Duane Lord hosted a virtual Exemplification on June 13<sup>th</sup> and brought in 134 new Sir Knights. Congratulations on your successful Exemplification. There are other virtual Exemplifications being held throughout the United States. If you have candidates that you would like to attend a future virtual exemplification, please contact your Master.

The deadline has passed for the submission of the **"RSVP"** and **"CIVIC AWARD"** applications for the 2019-2020 fraternal year. Now is the time to start thinking about next year and what your Assembly can do to support seminarians and promote four patriotic programs. Now is the time to make a difference.

The Assembly **Annual Audit** is due August 1<sup>st</sup>. There were a number of Assemblies that were asked to correct their 2019 and never submitted an amended copy. Your 2020 audit is based on your 2019 audit, so if the 2019 is not correct, then the 2020 will not be correct either. Contact your Master to verify that he received your amended audit.

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Just as a reminder, the **Sir Knight and Lady of the District** awards will be presented by myself or the District Master at your District's Fall Exemplification. Forms can be retrieved from the Provincial website [www.hennepinprovincial.org](http://www.hennepinprovincial.org) under the Provincial Meeting tab. Please fill them out as much as possible and supporting documentation is highly recommended. All nominations should be sent to your District Master.

Those of you who live in Michigan may be aware that **Fr. Jack Baker**, our Provincial Friar, was suspended by the Archdiocese of Detroit due to accusations of sexual abuse charges that were brought to the attention of the Michigan Attorney General. Fr. Jack had requested a trial to prove his innocence, however, due to two postponements requested by the prosecuting attorney and then COVID-19, his trial still has not taken place. His trial is tentatively scheduled for August, nearly one year since the original trial date and Fr. Jack cannot wait to get his name cleared. Please continue to keep Fr. Jack Baker in your prayers.

With the 4<sup>th</sup> of July only a few days away, Susan and I would like to wish you and your family a healthy and safe 4<sup>th</sup> of July weekend.

Fraternally Yours and God Bless,

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