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Subject: Service to One, Service to All.

Worthy Vice Supreme Masters and District Masters of the Fr. McGivney Province,

Midnight June 30 is but ten days away and the retirement of the cape and chapeau will be official.

It is understood that we will have members opposing the change and in time this too shall pass. We must continue to move forward and respectfully educate our membership that the new uniform is the only uniform to be worn at any event.

The patriotic spirit of every third degree knight can be enhanced if he chooses to join the Fourth Degree. Several membership recruitment tools and incentive awards programs are offered to help Fourth Degree members recruit new Sir Knights.

Several assemblies are developing financial assistance programs to assist their color corps members purchase a uniform. District Masters should discuss this with their Faithful Navigators.

Any member showing up at an event without the proper uniform shall be denied participation and the procedures of the June 5, 2019 memorandum from my office shall be followed.

Our 2019-2020 fraternal year begins July 1. Now is the time to reinforce the many patriotic programs found within the Fourth Degree Program Manual #1953 3-14. It can be ordered by, and should be in the hands of every Vice Supreme Master, District Master and Faithful Navigator. Each should be promoting the programs that work best for their community.

As I have done, please contact each of your District Masters with this message, who shall inform their Faithful Navigators.

Nurturing a spirit of fraternalism within your assembly is a vital aspect of the work of the Fourth Degree. There are several ways that fraternalism can grow and spread among your fellow Sir Knights.

Your monthly bulletin should highlight the many programs available to your members.

A few are,

Get out the vote, our right and responsibility.

Assembly Chalice Program or similar presentation.

Celebrate Patriotic Holidays.

And your Veterans Assistance Program. Every country should have an active veterans program.

Recognize your member and assembly service programs by earning the "Civic Award" the "Star Assembly Award" and the "To Be A Patriot Award."

Our program manual is packed with 38 pages of patriotic programs, materials and member certificates available to you.

One does not have to wear a uniform to be a patriot and serve his community. We wear our patriotism in our hearts, and with our action.

It's not what we wear, but what we do for others.

Dennis