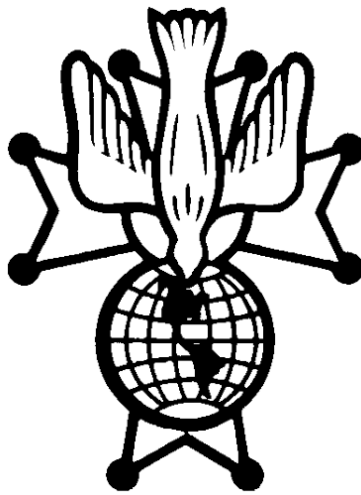


INSTALLATION OF ASSEMBLY OFFICERS VIRTUAL CEREMONIAL



**Fourth Degree
Knights of Columbus**

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FAITHFUL NAVIGATOR - Reverend Father, my Brothers and Sir Knights of Assembly (Name and Number), ladies and gentlemen:

The installation of Assembly Officers who, during the year to come, will guide the destiny of our Assembly is always a most solemn occasion.

[Omit #1 if Faithful Navigator is not retiring and go directly to #2.]

1. FAITHFUL NAVIGATOR - I offer my sincerest thanks to my Brothers who, during the past year, and particularly in periods of stress and uncertainty, have given me the benefit of their advice, the strength of their arms, and the invaluable support of their confidence. With them I have achieved whatever success has been mine in the ultimate performance of my duties.

On behalf of the Officers who are retiring from their posts, I extend to our worthy successors our warmest congratulations, assurance of continued cooperation, and prayerful wishes for a most successful and productive administration.

2. FAITHFUL NAVIGATOR - It is my pleasure to welcome and introduce our Worthy District Master, (Full Name) and his Marshal, (Full Name).

Worthy District Master, I ask that you proceed with the installation of our new officers.

DISTRICT MASTER - Reverend Father(s), Sir Knights, ladies and gentlemen; I bring you greetings from our Supreme Knight (Full Name) , Supreme Officers, our Supreme Master (Full Name) , the Board of Directors, our Worthy State Deputy (Full Name) and our Vice Supreme Master (Full Name) of the (Province Name) Province. Before we proceed to the important and pleasant tasks ahead, I will ask our Faithful Friar to invoke the blessings of God upon our efforts. Faithful Friar, please lead us in prayer.

FAITHFUL FRIAR - O Heavenly Father, we, Your children, are assembled here to invest the chosen Officers of this assembly with the medals symbolic of their authority to lead their Brother Sir Knights in the ways of your wisdom and to administer the affairs of this assembly during the coming term.

Bestow upon them the grace to remember that all authority stems from You. So, too, is the wisdom to exercise that authority with justice and charity.

Inspire them to consult with You always when important decisions are to be made. Imbue them with the strength to act always in the spirit of fraternal love. Grant

them the humility to acknowledge the ever-present possibility of error in human deliberation and to accept correction before such error can lead to harmful decisions.

Help them, and all members of this assembly, to conduct ourselves in such a manner that our endeavors, spiritual and earthly, will be carried out in accord with Your will at all times. Aid them and us to provide the finest example of complete dedication to the practice of Christian principles.

We ask this in the name of Your Son, Our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, who with You and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns forever and ever. Amen.

DISTRICT MASTER – Let us exercise our civic pride and acknowledge our country.

(Present an image of the country flag of the Assembly.)

[NOTE: Countries with a Pledge of Allegiance begin at #1 and recite their pledge. All other countries omit #1, and begin with #2, acknowledging the flag representing their country. After either the Pledge of Allegiance or pause, the ceremony continues.

1. DISTRICT MASTER –With love for our country, let us recite the Pledge of Allegiance to our flag.

DISTRICT MASTER – (Leads the Pledge)

2. DISTRICT MASTER - Let us pause and acknowledge the flag of our country.

DISTRICT MASTER – Faithful Friar, Sir Knights, Distinguished Guests, Ladies, and Friends. It is a pleasure for me to conduct this ceremony. Your interest during the ceremony will help impress upon us all the importance of formally installing your officers.

May we remind you that we owe your retiring officers our thanks and gratitude for the faithful manner in which they have served (name of assembly) during the past year. In the name of the members of this assembly, I thank you for the thorough and efficient manner in which you have performed your duties and hope you will continue as active and interested members of the Fourth Degree.

DISTRICT MASTER - I now ask our Faithful Friar to bless the men we are about to install.

FAITHFUL FRIAR - Father in heaven, we ask You to bless these officers we are about to install. We pray that You will bestow upon these men the wisdom to exercise the leadership and authority their positions require. May this assembly ever support the life of the Church. As a family-centered organization, may our

members and their families work together to help foster the common good as faithful citizens. May these men be a good example for those who follow them. May they conduct themselves with reverence, dignity and grace. We ask this through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

DISTRICT MASTER - Thank you, Worthy Faithful Friar.

DISTRICT MASTER - It is now my privilege to install your Faithful Friar, (Rank), (Full Name).

As the Faithful Friar, you are a key figure in the structure and spirituality of our Order, and you are heir to the great vision and legacy of our founder, Venerable Michael McGivney. The genius of Father McGivney was that he saw the great potential inherent in the respectful collaboration between clergy and laity that lies at the heart of our Order. More than ever before, your role as Faithful Friar is indispensable to the Catholic character of our Order.

Worthy Faithful Friar, I symbolically invest you with this medal emblematic of your office in the Fourth Degree of the Order of the Knights of Columbus. May we brother Knights always take to heart the spiritual guidance that you will give us during the coming fraternal year.

DISTRICT MASTER - Worthy Faithful Navigator: (Full Name). By electing you as their Faithful Navigator the Sir Knights of your Assembly made a public statement of their faith and confidence in your integrity, honesty and leadership as a Catholic man and citizen of this great country.

It is your duty to preside at all meetings of your Assembly and enforce the Laws and Rules Governing the Fourth Degree and abide by the current Color Corps Drill Manual in the conduct of your assembly's Color Corps.

In your parliamentary and other decisions as presiding officer you will be just and impartial. Guide your Assembly to always be "Religiously Devoted and Patriotically Proud" in fact as well as in name. Follow our principles of Charity, Unity, Fraternity and Patriotism, and keep in mind at all times that the "Good of the Order" always comes before the interests of any individual member.

You, Worthy Sir Knight, are to be congratulated. As Master of this District I encourage you to promote membership recruitment in your Assembly and conduct viable patriotic programs for the benefit of your members.

DISTRICT MASTER - Faithful Captain: (Full Name). The Sir Knights of your Assembly have elected you to be their Faithful Captain. Like the Faithful Navigator, you must surely realize that you have earned the trust and confidence of

your fellow Sir Knights and the remarks addressed to the Faithful Navigator apply equally to you.

In the absence of the Faithful Navigator you are to assume his duties. Upon you, Sir Knight, will in a large measure depend the attendance of the members at the meetings and social functions of your Assembly. You are to make the meetings instructive and entertaining.

You, Worthy Sir Knight, are to be congratulated. I urge you to be diligent in your duties.

DISTRICT MASTER - Faithful Pilot: (Full Name). You have been elected Faithful Pilot. Your duties correspond with the duties of the Warden of a Council. You are responsible for the arrangement of the chamber, for meetings and the paraphernalia of the assembly. Additionally, the Sentinels report to you.

You, Worthy Sir Knight, are to be congratulated. I trust that you will faithfully perform all the duties of your office.

DISTRICT MASTER - Faithful Comptroller: (Full Name). The Sir Knights of your Assembly have elected you to be their Faithful Comptroller. They place the highest trust and confidence in your abilities.

As Faithful Comptroller it is your duty to: maintain the membership records and financial accounts of your Assembly; make available your records of the accounts to the Faithful Navigator and Trustees so that they may prepare the official Assembly audit; draw all orders on the Faithful Purser for the payment of obligations; issue a membership card to each member and provide the District Master and Financial Secretary the names of all candidates awaiting the honors of the Fourth Degree. Your dedication to the Order and adherence to the Laws of the Fourth Degree will aid in the overall success of your assembly.

DISTRICT MASTER - Faithful Scribe: (Full Name). You have been elected Faithful Scribe of your Assembly. As such, you are expected to attend all meetings. You will maintain for the present, as well as the future, the official record of meetings, data and actions taken that may be of vital fraternal interest in the future, not only to your Assembly but also to the Order. Your attention to detail, then, is most important.

You, Worthy Sir Knight, are to be congratulated. Be sure that you faithfully perform all the duties of your office.

DISTRICT MASTER – Faithful Purser: (Full Name). The Sir Knights of your Assembly have elected you to be their Faithful Purser. Your Brother Sir Knights place their trust and confidence in you to handle the funds of your Assembly. Your

duty is to keep them safe and secure, accounting for them strictly as prescribed in the Laws and Rules of the Fourth Degree. You will work closely with the Faithful Navigator and the Faithful Comptroller in the execution of their duties. You too must make available your records so that the Faithful Navigator and Trustees can complete the Assembly audit.

You, Worthy Sir Knight, are to be congratulated. Be faithful as you perform the duties of your office.

DISTRICT MASTER – Faithful Sentinels: (Full Name) and (Full Name). The Sir Knights of your Assembly have elected you to be their Faithful Sentinels. It is your duty to guard the portals of your Assembly while it is in session, and to see that none but qualified members enter. To this end it is important that you attend regularly the sessions of your Assembly. As Sentinels in name, be Sentinels indeed.

You, Worthy Sir Knight, are to be congratulated. I encourage you to faithfully perform all the duties of your office.

DISTRICT MASTER – Faithful Admiral: (Full Name). The Sir Knights of your Assembly have elected you to be their Faithful Admiral from among the Past Faithful Navigators of your Assembly. Because of your past experience, you will render a great service to your Assembly.

In the absence of the Faithful Friar, you are to perform his duties at the Assembly meeting. In the event that both the Faithful Navigator and Faithful Captain are absent, then, you are to preside.

You, Worthy Sir Knight, are to be congratulated. I know from your past service that you will faithfully perform all the duties of your office.

DISTRICT MASTER – Faithful Trustees: (Full Name), (Full Name), (Full Name). The Sir Knights of your Assembly have elected you to be their Faithful Trustees. Your very name implies the trust and confidence placed in you by your Assembly to faithfully watch and guard both the finances and membership. You are to audit the reports of the financial officers and periodically report to the members and to the Master of your District. It is your duty to keep your Assembly in a sound and healthy financial condition.

You, Worthy Sir Knights, are to be congratulated. I trust that you will faithfully perform all the duties of your office.

DISTRICT MASTER - It is now my duty to exact from you a promise which, given in good faith in the presence of your Brother Sir Knights, friends and family, will be binding as long as you remain in the Office to which you have been elected. Raise your right hand and respond to my questions, so that all may hear.

Do you, Worthy Sirs, promise to support and obey the Constitution and Laws of our Order and to insure that, insofar as you are able, the Members of your Assembly will also do so?

(A: – “I do.”)

DISTRICT MASTER - Do you promise to devote the necessary time to the discharge of your responsibilities as designated by the Laws of our Order?

(A: – “I do.”)

DISTRICT MASTER - Do you promise to keep the welfare of your Assembly, your Council and the Order uppermost in your mind and to promote it to the best of your ability?

(A: – “I do.”)

DISTRICT MASTER - Accepting your promises as given in good faith, I declare that you are truly qualified and installed in your office and authorized to conduct the business of your Assembly and our Order until such time as you have been legally succeeded at the end of your term.

DISTRICT MASTER - Sir Knights: Lower your hands.

DISTRICT MASTER – I will now symbolically invest each of you with your medal of office, a symbol of the duties and responsibilities you accept as a Knights of Columbus fraternal leader. The physical medals will be provided to you later by your Assembly.

[DISTRICT MASTER - (To each officer as he is invested.)]

“Worthy Faithful _____ (Full Name), I symbolically invest you with this medal emblematic of your office. May you ever wear it proudly so as to bring honor to yourself and the Order.”

DISTRICT MASTER – Sir Knights, your promises are accepted and now, by the authority vested in me, I declare you fully qualified Officers of the (Assembly Name and Number) for the ensuing year. Let us show our appreciation for the newly installed officers. (Applause.)

DISTRICT MASTER – Worthy Faithful Friar, as we end our official business of the day, please lead us in a closing prayer.

FAITHFUL FRIAR – Let us pray for our beloved Holy Father (name), that our God and Lord, who chose him as Supreme Pontiff, may preserve him in good health and safety for the welfare of his holy Church.

We pray also for our bishop (name), his brother bishops, priests and deacons, that each in his own duties may, by your grace, serve you faithfully.

Finally, we pray for the heads of government and for all elected officials, that our Lord God may direct their minds and hearts according to his will for our lasting peace.

We ask this through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

DISTRICT MASTER – I declare this Installation of Assembly Officers officially closed and present the gavel to your Faithful Navigator.

(The Faithful Navigator may make any announcements necessary.)