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The Tomko Report

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Meetings:

Conclaves: Second Wednesday at 7:30 PM—Pius IX Council Hall, 8th and Kenilworth Streets, Lansdale PA

Officer's Meeting: Fourth Wednesday, same time & place.

Navigator's Message:

Brother Sir Knights,

Our fraternal year is winding down—we are in the stretch of several key events. Here's what we know:

Everything is set for the Exemplification except for the degree itself. If you are a member of Tomko Color Corps and wish to participate in the degree, please contact me via email (navigator@tomkoassembly.org) - you need to attend practices. Also, the form for the exemplification and all the instructions can be downloaded from our website. Please visit the site often.

We have scheduled our memorial Mass & communion breakfast. It will be held at Corpus Christi, May 3 at the 9:30 Mass—breakfast will follow and it is open to the public.

Nominations for 2009-2010—The Worthy District Master, Gordon Jefferes has requested that we follow Knights of Columbus protocol and have our elections in May. We are still in need for key offices to fill, so we decided to have nominations AND elections in the May Conclave for all offices that we CAN fill. For those offices that are still vacant, we will fill these with a special election at the June Conclave.

All, except one trustee office are open for election, **but several key offices are likely to be vacant. Among these, Pilot and Scribe (Purser, and Comptroller are pending—we may be fine with these but are not certain).** If you are interested in keeping Tomko Assembly running smoothly and preserving our order, please contact me or Comptroller Jim Cahill. We are looking for serious candidates and we'd like as many councils represented as possible.

Lastly, sad news: passing of one of my fellow Faithful Navigators, Pete Petrillo from Cardinal Dougherty, Wednesday March 18. May he rest in peace.

Fraternally, Mike Covais, FN

Pledge of Allegiance

Our Supreme Master has asked members to stop using the words "the born and the unborn" following the Pledge of Allegiance of the United States. This in no way diminishes our support of the unborn. There is an effort to try to remove "under God" from the pledge, originally suggested by the KofC, and added in the 1950's under an act of Congress. The thinking here is that opponents will use the additional wording against us. We need to protect "Under God" in the pledge, so please do not use "born and the unborn", especially in public. Let's protect our pledge.

We know this is probably not popular, but we are Knights. Let's do this—Supreme is asking us to do so.

PENNSYLVANIA EAST DISTRICT EXEMPLIFICATION INFORMATION

Fourth Degree - Knights of Columbus - Calvert Province, SK Gordon A. Jefferes, Master

111th Annual Exemplification of the Fourth Degree

The Dolce at Valley Forge, 301 W. DeKalb Pike, King of Prussia, PA, Sunday, May 24, 2009

We would like it if you would download the form from our website, especially if you are a candidate—it contains detailed instructions on how to fill it out, what to include, and where to send it. If you'd rather, you can use the form below. Just be certain it gets into the Assembly by May 1 (guests & sir knights), or by April 23 (candidates) so we can send it on to the District Master. Our website is www.tomkoassembly.org

SCHEDULE

Mass Saturday	5:00 PM Saturday
Registration of Candidates	12:00 PM
Exemplification	1:00 PM
Ladies' Luncheon & Entertainment	12:30 PM
Doors open for Banquet	To be determined
Banquet	To be determined

FOURTH DEGREE EXEMPLIFICATION

Sunday May 24, 2009

RESERVATION VOUCHER

Please Print or Type All Information. Deadline is May 8, 2009

I am a Candidate for the Fourth Degree

I am a Sir Knight

Name: _____
(Last Name) (First Name) (MI)

Address: _____ Wife/Guest _____

City/State _____ Zip Code: _____ Telephone: _____

Email Address: _____ Council No: _____ Assembly No: **934 – Tomko**

Banquet Choice _____ Medallions of Pork Loin
_____ Chicken Marsala Ladies' Luncheon _____ Trio Salad

Candidates' Section

Sir Knight Section

Candidate Fee \$70 (Priest-\$50): \$ _____

Total Banquet Tickets _____ @ \$40 \$ _____

Additional Banquet Ticket _____ @ \$40 \$ _____

Ladies' Luncheon _____ @ \$16/Lady \$ _____

Ladies' Luncheon _____ @ \$16/Lady \$ _____

Enclosed Check/MO Total \$ _____

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Please make checks payable to: Master, Fourth Degree

SEATING REQUEST: If you would like to be seated with certain Knights please list them in this space.

Color Corps Commander's Report

Any Council, Church, Civic or Patriotic group wishing to have the services of the Father Joseph C Tomko Color Corps to participate at their function should submit a **written** request.

Please include in your letter the type of function, date, location, and contact number. The letter must be sent to me at 918 Stanbridge Street, Norristown, Pa 19401-3664. Please no telephone calls!

Thank You,
SK Jack C. Piazza PGK
Color Corps Commander



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Sir Knight James Cahill, PFN—receives a papal blessing given to him by his wife Carmella, and presented by Faithful Friar Monsignor Thomas Flanigan.

This was presented at the Valentine's Day Dinner Dance in Jim's Honor.

For more pictures, please go to the website at www.tomkoassembly.org. and navigate to the picture page.

Credits: Fran Korkus 2009

Memorial Mass & Communion Breakfast

The date is set for the Memorial Mass and Communion Breakfast. This will take place on **May 3, at the 9:30 Mass at Corpus Christi, presided by Faithful Friar Monsignor Thomas Flanigan**. Breakfast will be served in the Parish Gymnasium, and there will be a speaker afterwards. The Tomko Assembly Color Corps will lead the procession.

Cost for the breakfast will be \$6 for adults, \$3 for children, at the door. Breakfast will be served by volunteers of **Father John E. Doyle Council**. Please attend this worthwhile event and honor those that served before us.

Memorial Procedure

Brother knights - the Father Joseph Tomko Assembly provides for a **memorial fund** in the event of the death of a brother knight. If you know of a member of this Assembly who has been recalled to God, please contact the Faithful Comptroller by email, and the Financial Secretary of your council. A \$125 Memorial Donation will be sent to the charity of your choice, provided it is in good standing with the Holy Church. We often recommend that this be sent to the Parish, but alternatives will be accepted. Please contact us if you need help with the honor guard—we do have a number of swords and baldrics you can borrow. But we don't know about this until you ask.

Calendar Of Events

Date	Event:
April 29	Executive Meeting- Pius IX, Lansdale 7:30—Last chance to approve new candidates for the 4th Degree
May 3	Tomko Communion Breakfast, Corpus Christi Church, Lansdale, 9:30 AM
May 13	Conclave-Pius IX, Lansdale 7:30 PM, election of officers for 09-10
May 24	Exemplification, Dolce Hotel, King of Prussia, 12PM
May 27	Executive Meeting- Pius IX, Lansdale 7:30—
June 10	Conclave-Pius IX, Lansdale 7:30– Election of Officers not assigned in May

Tomko Veterans Project Report

The patients at the State run facility can still use our help. It seems that many patients do not receive any visitors. Project Chairman Steve Rozelli is seeking volunteers who could free up an hour or two to visit with a veteran. If you can spare some time, or wish to make a donation for the TV project, please **call Steve at 610-272-9297**

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