



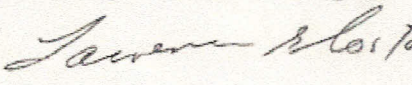
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MEMORANDUM

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Supreme Master

To: Vice Supreme Masters, Masters of the Fourth Degree, Faithful Navigators
From: Lawrence G. Costanzo, Supreme Master 
Date: September 27, 2010
Re: Announcement - National Flag Fourth Degree Lapel Pin

It is my pleasure to announce that a standardized National Flag Fourth Degree Lapel Pin (Item #PG-745-US & PG-746-CAN) has been approved for wear on Fourth Degree Regalia (Color Corps/Member). The pin incorporates the National Flag and Fourth Degree Emblem. So there is no confusion, the Fourth Degree Lapel Pin (Item # PG-113) remains the official lapel pin of the Fourth Degree and is the one that Masters must provide candidates at exemplifications.

Supreme Knight Carl A. Anderson has clearly stated that the Fourth Degree is a part of and not apart from the Order of the Knights of Columbus; and that, there shall be one Order, with one uniform and with one ceremonial. After the 9/11 attacks the Board of Directors in a gesture of patriotism and solidarity authorized the Supreme Master to permit wearing a national flag above the official Fourth Degree lapel pin on [Color Corps/Member] regalia. To comply with the "one uniform" directive, permission to wear a national flag was granted to all countries where the Fourth Degree is currently represented. Successive Supreme Masters have issued the following instructions:

"... that members are authorized to wear a small pin of a comparable size to the Fourth Degree lapel pin [#PG-113] depicting the wearer's national flag. The flag pin will be worn above the pin of the Fourth Degree."

Further instructions state:

"... that if all in the Honor/Color Guard do not have the same lapel pins i.e., size, shape, color, then all should be removed for the sake of uniformity."

The entire Color Corps (Honor/Color Guard) is required to wear the same lapel pin, either the Official Fourth Degree Lapel Pin or the new National Flag Fourth Degree Lapel Pin. In keeping with the principle of uniformity, if each member of the Color Corps (Honor/Color Guard) does not have the same lapel pin, then all pins will be removed. This is in keeping with the policy of having one uniform and should not to be construed negatively as not having pride in one's country.

The Color Corps Drill Manual (Item #808 (06-08)) explains the adornments authorized for wear on the regalia of the Fourth Degree (Color Corps/Member). Uniformity in appearance has been an issue due to the various sizes, shapes and styles of national flag pins. With the introduction of this new National Flag Fourth Degree Lapel Pin, the previous challenges should no longer be an issue.

Enclosed, please find an initial supply of 12 National Flag Fourth Degree Lapel Pins. When wearing this lapel pin it is to be worn on the left lapel in the place where the button hole would normally be found. Additional flag lapel pins may be purchased from the Knights of Columbus Supply Department, on Form #1, at a cost of \$3.50 each plus shipping. For United States order #PG-745-US; for Canada order #PG-746-CAN.

Enclosures