



Knights of Columbus
ST MARY OF SORROWS COUNCIL No. 8600
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ST. MARY OF SORROWS COUNCIL #8600 RESOLUTION 2024-2

MERGING OF THE 4TH DEGREE ASSEMBLY INTO THE 3RD DEGREE COUNCIL AS A COLOR CORPS

WHEREAS, the current council and assembly organizational structures are needlessly duplicative and unintentionally result in competition for personnel, resources and facilities, and,

WHEREAS, while the current 4th degree justly focuses strictly on patriotism, the focus on patriotism could easily be added to the council principles with minimal turmoil, and,

WHEREAS, the current 4th degree is referred to as an “honorary” degree, the degree accepts all eligible members, regardless of merit, and does not truly fit the dictionary definition of, “conferred as an honor”, be it

RESOLVED, that the 4th degree continue as a color corps existing as a self-governing entity within the respective councils. While all current 4th degree members should be grandfathered, future membership should be limited to a percentage of the council population and based on the individual candidate’s merits and contributions; thereby strengthening a candidate’s bona fides and make the 4th degree title more meaningful and honorific within our Order. Finally, since the business of the 4th degree can easily be conducted within the normal council meetings, the 4th degree would only require sporadic special meetings, perhaps semi-annually.

Voted on and approved the 16th day of January, 2024, at a council meeting by the Officers and Members of St. Mary of Sorrows Council #8600.

ATTEST:

GORDON H. GOETZ
Grand Knight

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Worthy Recorder