

My Brother Knights I feel compelled to, once again, address concerns over the Pledge of Allegiance and how we use it. In October I addressed the issue with the Masters and Staff of Calvert Province and asked them to discuss the issue with the State Deputies and State Councils. I was informed during a recent conference call with the group that some jurisdictions feel it is a Fourth Degree issue. My friends that is incorrect.

The official Pledge ends with the words "With Liberty and Justice For All" not with born and unborn. We as Catholics and as Knights believe life begins at conception and therefore all human life is considered when we say liberty and justice for all. Our Supreme Master along with the Supreme Council are asking all Knights to use the correct pledge and drop the additional wording. This does not, in any way, change our sanctity of life stance or beliefs and we show that in many different ways.

The wording "Under God" in the pledge continues to be challenged and we do not want to complicate the issue by changing the wording. The Supreme Council continues to spend thousands of dollars to legally defend keeping "Under God" there. In the pledge the words "One Nation Under God" do not have a comma between them so we should say them without hesitation.

My brothers we have many serious challenges ahead of us and many obstacles to overcome. With God's help, if we stand together we will win. Let us not add to our challenges. Let us honor our Flag and our Country by using the correct Pledge, without the additional wording. Thanks you and God Bless.

Vivat Jesus

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