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Fourth Degree District of Sask.

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“Life without God is like an unsharpened pencil.....it has no point”

Worthy Sir Knights and Brother Knights,
Greetings to all Sir Knights of Saskatchewan. Hopefully your summer is filled with relaxation, spending time with family and friends and enjoying some of the activities which Saskatchewan summers have to offer.

We do hope, as well, that Assemblies are conducting some activities in our churches and communities across Saskatchewan. Our Patriotic duty to our faith and to our country is not seasonal or automatic, and should continue in all months of the year including the summer months. Assemblies need to plan their yearly calendar of assembly events and then get assembly Sir Knights to take charge of each event to be held.

The fraternal bond that exists among Sir Knights is necessary, and the charitable needs in our communities exist throughout the entire year. Assemblies need to plan several projects to keep their members interested and engaged.

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As we gear up for our next fraternal year, below are outlined a few reminders and suggestions which we can work on during the next month.

1. Please submit your Form #186- Report of Assembly Officers chosen for the term ending June 30th, 2023.
2. Submit the Annual Assembly Audit Report #1315 for the period ending June 30th, 2022 which is due August 1st.
3. Arrange for the Installation of Assembly Officers in Sept. or October. This a good opportunity to to have an Assembly function which could include a Mass, Installation of Assembly Officers, a lunch or supper afterwards and a short Assembly meeting. Some Assemblies had their installation in June. Please contact me or District Marshalls Dan Devers (Southern Assemblies) or Kerry Swallow (Northern Assemblies with your proposed date.
4. Consider recruiting several members to join your Assembly and arrange to have a live Fourth Degree Exemplification. Set a date and work on recruiting some new members. Please contact me with your date and to discuss the criteria for holding an Exemplification.
5. Consider to hold an executive meeting to plan your Fraternal Calendar of Assembly events from Sept. 1st, 2022 to June 30th, 2023.
6. Hand out Fourth Degree recruitment material to prospective members. Brochures and other information is available. Let us know if you need recruitment information or material.
7. Consider purchasing a Fourth Degree uniform to participate in Fourth Degree Color Corps and Honor Guard. There are about 30 Sir Knights who have purchased the new uniform. Our goal is to double this number by the end of May, 2023.
8. Mark June 3rd, 2023 on your calendar for a special celebration of the 100th Anniversary of Regina Assembly #1064 and the institution of the Fourth Degree in Saskatchewan. More details are to follow once plans are finalized by Regina Assembly #1064.

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Knights of Columbus – Chevaliers de Colomb Fourth Degree

Bishop Emeritus Albert Thevenot, District Friar- Saskatchewan

My Dear Brother Knights,

Although it is not scorching hot, it is the season of summer. We look forward to this time to travel or just spend time at the lake with family and friends. We take walks in the wilderness or work in the garden. It is a time to pull back from our daily activities to embrace different ones for the summer.

Before going our separate ways, many councils renewed their leadership team in preparation for this Columbian year.

As brother Knights, we do not go on holidays. We cannot hand up our Baptism, or our knighthood and forget it for two months. This need of brotherhood is in us. We do not drop our family ties because it is summer. We are all in need of some form of relationship with one another. We have been nurturing one. We cannot just drop this relationship. People are not products that we drop off. Fellow knights are brothers that we do not just drop off our list of contacts for the summer. We are brothers! I have seven brothers and so I do understand brotherhood, as I grow older.

During the Covid period, we did all we could to keep in contact with the Order. Having virtual meetings kept the blood flowing. But our technology must not replace our "getting together." Fraternity is not a technology, but a relationship needed between us to give witness that the Lord is in our midst.

Let us continue to pray for peace in Ukraine and for one another. Enjoy the rest of the summer! See you in September when we begin to meet again.

Bishop Emeritus Albert Thevenot- District Friar, Saskatchewan



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Special Fourth Degree Exemplification for Priests Held At Meunster

A special exemplification for priests was held at Meunster on July 19th during the Priests Sports Days. Fourteen priests from all parts of Saskatchewan were exemplified as Honorary lifetime members in the Fourth Degree.

This was a great opportunity to conduct the special ceremony as often the priests are not able to attend the scheduled exemplifications because they are busy in their parishes celebrating Mass.

Congratulations to all the priests who were exemplified into the Fourth Degree.

Saskatchewan To Host Simon Fraser Province Provincial Masters' Meeting

Saskatchewan District will host the Provincial Masters' Meeting, for the Masters of the Simon Fraser Province, in Prince Albert, Sask. on September 16-18, 2022. Simon Fraser Province consists of 4 District Masters: Saskatchewan District, British Columbia District, Alberta South District and Alberta North District. The meeting will be chaired by Vice Supreme Master Andy Sambrielaz from British Columbia.

The meeting is a good opportunity to discuss topics pertaining to the Fourth Degree Assemblies.

If you have any items you wish to bring to our attention, contact District Master Sir Knight Chris Bencharski.

The weekend will include a travelling day on Friday, a get acquainted supper on Friday evening, meetings all day Saturday followed by Mass at Sacred Heart Cathedral officiated by Sask. District Friar Sir Knight Bishop Emeritus Albert Thevenot. Saturday will end with a supper and fraternity.

The meeting will be wrapped up early Sunday morning so that Masters from Alberta and British Columbia have time to travel back home.

In closing, I thank all assembly members and officers for your patriotic service to your church and community. May all assemblies in Saskatchewan have a successful fraternal year.

I look forward to working with all of you to promote the Patriotic Degree and look forward to visiting the Assemblies this fraternal year.

Vivat Jesus,



Master- District of Saskatchewan/Immediate Past State Deputy



Exemplifications



Scheduled Virtual Exemplifications

Thursday, September 15th - 6:45 pm
Saturday, November 12th – 9:45 am
Sunday, January 15th – 1:45 pm
Saturday, April 1st- 9:45 am
Sunday, June 11th- 1:45 pm

Register with a Form 4a and send it to one the contacts below:

A link will be sent to you to join the Virtual Exemplification.

In addition to the Virtual Exemplifications, in person exemplifications will also be scheduled. Watch for Upcoming Posters in the Loyalist Newsletters.

For more information contact:

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Knights of Columbus - Sask District 4th Degree



Fourth Degree Assembly Program Ideas- 2022-2023-make a copy for your records

Below is a condensed list of program ideas for assemblies to conduct. More details on each program are available on the Fourth Degree Website www.sask4th.ca under the topic "Fourth Degree Program Manual". [Link to the manual-](#)

1. Knights of Columbus Catholic Citizenship Essay Contest- order kit from supplies online.
2. Invite a panel of community members to speak about the history of your community and historical sites in the community.
3. Write letters to your MP about matters which are important to the Assembly.
4. Invite municipal representatives to speak about their roles or about Patriotic matters which are important to the Assembly.
5. Get out the Vote: send information to all knights about the importance to cast their vote and about what catholics should consider in Candidates positions.
6. Donate a Chalice, Paten, Ciborium or a Communion Host Bowl, in memory of a deceased member, to a parish in need.
7. Knights of Columbus float in a community event parade or Canada Day parade.
8. Display the Canadian flag at all assembly meetings and knights of columbus functions.
9. Participate in patriotic holidays- Victoria Day, Canada Day and Remembrance Day.
10. Veterans assistance- partnering with the legion
11. Publish a tour book or history book of religious and/or historical landmarks in your area.
12. Distribute flags on Canada Day that can be attached to antennas of vehicles.
*could be distributed through the schools for Canada Day
13. Establish a heritage committee for your assembly history.
14. Present flags to your parish or school just before Canada Day.
15. Fourth Degree Scholarship
16. Sponsor a Mass of Thanksgiving
17. Sponsor a Memorial Church Service in honor of deceased knights and parishioners.
18. Fourth Degree Birthday, Sympathy, Get well, Anniversary, Thank you, and Congratulations greeting cards to Knights and parishioners.
19. Recognition Certificates to recognize the efforts of knights or parishioners
20. Patriotic Service Award Certificates to members of the community for outstanding achievements like retirements or recognition of years of service.
21. Honor Guard for deceased members
22. Color Corps for church and community special events
23. Recognize your Friar with a certificate and supper out.
24. Grotto Project for Mary, the Patroness of the Knights of Columbus
25. Donations to the Military Seminarian Fund and to the Knights of Columbus Charitable Vocations Endowment Campaign
26. Color Corps at Saskatchewan State Council functions
27. Licence plate projects with Third and Fourth Degree Emblems
28. Erect a tomb for the unborn or lives lost to abortions
29. Promote membership to "Sask Pro-life" and attendance at prolife rallies
30. Honor Guard for Important Church Celebrations like Christmas and Easter
31. Honor Guard for Ordinations of Bishops, Priests and Deacons

4th Degree Recruitment Guide



A Man's Country is Not a Certain Area of Land, of Mountains, Rivers, and Woods, but it is a Principle.

Patriotism is Loyalty to that Principle.

A Guide to Fourth Degree Membership Recruitment

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1 COLUMBUS PLAZA • NEW HAVEN, CT • 06510-3326
1-203-752-4437 or www.kofc.org

How to Use This Guide

This flyer is your guide to organizing and implementing a successful membership program in your assembly.

The suggestions presented here are proven winners. You should decide which offer the best opportunities for success in your assembly.

This flyer provides an easy-to-implement approach to recruiting new Sir Knights. If you follow all the steps described, you should enjoy success.

Review the programs outlined in this guide and take the steps to get organized. Choose the programs that will work best for your assembly and schedule them during the fraternal year.

If you have discovered other ideas that work for your assembly, send them to the supreme master, so that we will be able to share them with other assemblies that might benefit from your experience.

Organize Your Membership Committee and Set Your Goals

The first and perhaps most important step in setting up a successful membership program in your assembly is organization.

- Appoint a Sir Knight to coordinate and oversee all membership programs and activities for the assembly.
- Appoint additional Sir Knights to serve on committee for promoting membership growth.

- Obtain dates for scheduled exemplifications from the master, to set goals and plan specific recruitment promotions and activities.
- Identify and schedule recruitment methods that best suit assembly's needs and goals – council drives, open houses, invitation programs, team recruiting, etc.
- Assign a Sir Knight to each council that the assembly represents, to serve as liaison, to promote the activities of the assembly and membership in the Fourth Degree.
- Get the ENTIRE assembly involved. Those who don't recruit directly can assist by identifying prospective members.

Build a Prospect List

Before you consider HOW to recruit, you must address the question of WHOM to recruit. There are many eligible members who would enjoy participating in the patriotic programs and activities of the Fourth Degree. Identifying them is easier than you think.

- Acquire a roster of eligible members from the financial secretaries of the councils affiliated with the assembly.
- Target all local priests who are members of the Order.
- Target veterans, policemen, and firemen who are members of the Order as prospects.
- Target fathers, sons, nephews, cousins, brothers-in-law, fathers-in-law, grandparents, grandsons who are members of the Order.

- Advertise regularly in council bulletins, inviting qualified prospects to contact assembly membership committee about joining.

Use your imagination. New Sir Knights are all around you.

Conduct a Recruitment Invitation Program

The Fourth Degree Membership Recruitment Invitation is a tool for making initial contact with eligible prospects. It is effective when used in tandem with personal follow-up that stresses the patriotic aspect of membership in the Fourth Degree.

- Order a supply of Fourth Degree Membership Invitations (#2412) and envelopes from the Supreme Council Supply Department or create your own invitation.
- Send invitations personally signed by the faithful navigator, to prospective Sir Knights.
- Telephone the prospective Sir Knight within one week of mailing invitation, to arrange a home visit by assembly members.
- Review materials – "A Call to Patriotism" flyer (#4135), assembly newsletter, etc.
- Inform the prospect and his wife of the date and program of the exemplification and explain all their financial obligations.
- Ask the prospective Sir Knight to JOIN the Fourth Degree.
- Answer any questions that prospective members or their wives may have.

- Follow through with attendance at the exemplification, and to future assembly meetings and programs.

Conduct an Open House at a Local Council

Before or after a council meeting is an ideal time to hold a Fourth Degree Open House to reach your audience of prospective Sir Knights. The success of your Open House is dependent on carefully planning and carrying out each of the following steps.

- Appoint a committee to organize, set the date and time of the event. Publicize in local council newsletters.
- Order quantities of these materials in advance – Membership Document (#4), the new Introductory to the Fourth Degree (# 4544) and the A Message for Knights who Want More (# 4135) flyers, and the "Take Your Membership to New Heights" poster (#4136), from the Supreme Council Supply Department.
- Prepare table top displays highlighting assembly activities and Fourth Degree principles; include handouts and copies of assembly newsletter.
- Have Sir Knights in regalia on hand to describe the color corps and benefits of membership in the Fourth Degree.
- Schedule a question and answer session to further explain the assembly and the Fourth Degree.
- Have pens on hand and assist prospects in completing Membership Documents (#4).
- Conclude with refreshments and a brief social.

Appoint a Fourth Degree Liaison to Local Councils

The only real source of new members that your assembly can draw from is that of the local councils. That is why it is imperative that your assembly is visible to those prospect Sir Knights in your area.

One way to make your assembly more visible is to appoint a Fourth Degree liaison, or representative within each local council assigned to the assembly. The liaison can answer any questions they may have during a meeting and encourage Third Degree members to join the Fourth Degree. Here are the steps to appointing a liaison:

- The faithful navigator should review the roster of each council and identify those members who are proven recruiters, sales oriented and who know the Fourth Degree quite well.
- Notify the local grand knight that the liaison will attend council meetings as a representative of the assembly, to update members: on assembly events, activities, Fourth Degree membership, future scheduled exemplification dates, and answer any questions.
- Be sure that the liaison has an ample supply of Fourth Degree promotional flyers and Membership Documents (#4).

Order Supplies/ Membership Videos

The Supreme Council office has available a wide variety of Fourth Degree promotional materials to assist in your membership efforts that can be ordered through the Supply Department or Department of Fraternal Services.

Printed Materials
Supply Department
Knights of Columbus
PO Box 1670
New Haven CT 06507-0901

- Refer to the Assembly section of Supply Catalog (#1264). Select materials best suited to your assembly's event.
 - Use Requisition Form (#1) when ordering. Obtain faithful navigator or faithful comptroller signature on form.
 - Order sufficient quantities for your membership event at least one month in advance.
- Audiovisual Materials**
Dept. of Fraternal Services
Knights of Columbus
1 Columbus Plaza
New Haven, CT 06510-3326
- Refer to "Audiovisual Aids" section of the Supply Catalog or the Audio-visual Flyer (#1539) for descriptions.
 - Order one month in advance. All productions available for a nominal fee.
 - Submit order form from audiovisual flyer, or call (203) 752-4270. Specify title, and play date.