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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 Prospective Sir Knights,**

December is a time for getting together, celebrating together, exchanging handshakes, hugs, and spending time in each other’s presence with family and friends.

Also, the weeks of advent leading up to Christmas reminded us to set aside some of the hectic business of the holiday season, and to reflect on the promise of the Baby born in Bethlehem over 2000 years ago. In the four weeks leading up to Christmas, we prepared for His Coming. On Christmas Day, we rejoice and celebrate, with our family and friends, Jesus’ birth- his coming.

.And while we celebrate this joyous time, may we have the gladness of Christmas which is hope, the spirit of Christmas which is peace, and the heart of Christmas which is love.

On December 8<sup>th</sup>, two years ago, Pope Francis declared a ‘Year of St Joseph’ to perpetuate the entrustment of the whole church to the powerful patronage of the Guardian of Jesus- St Joseph. St. Joseph remains a model and intercessor for all knights. We too should be role models for our families, our parishes and our communities. We too should be defenders of our faith, defenders of our church, and defenders of the teachings of Jesus. I encourage all knights and their families to watch the Knights of Columbus produced documentary **ST JOSEPH: OUR SPIRITUAL FATHER** available online at [www.kofc.org/stjoseph](http://www.kofc.org/stjoseph) , and to have an evening showing for the entire parish.

December is also a sad time for many who suffer from hunger, homelessness or loneliness. I encourage all Fourth Degree Assemblies to participate in food drives, visits to the sick and to shut-ins and to help out at soup kitchens for a day. Also, we can offer rides to senior members to attend Christmas Mass.

I also encourage Assemblies to participate in honor guards at Christmas Eve and Christmas Day Mass in honor of the birth of our Saviour. This is also a busy time of the year for our Parish Priests. Fourth Degree members can assist to provide transportation for the parish priests when they travel to neighboring communities to celebrate Mass. And remember to extend an invitation to the parish priests to family gatherings to share a meal as well as for a moment of relaxation from their busy schedules.

MY WIFE PAT AND I WISH EACH OF YOU A BLESSED CHRISTMAS AND A JOYOUS NEW YEAR. WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEE YOU AT SOME FOURTH DEGREE EXEMPLIFICATIONS IN THE NEW YEAR.

**Viva Cristo Rey,**

**Master- District of Saskatchewan/ Past State Deputy**



Editor—Pat Meuse



## Knights of Columbus – Chevaliers de Colomb Fourth Degree

*Bishop Emeritus Albert Thevenot, District Friar- Saskatchewan*

Dec. 21<sup>st</sup>, 2022

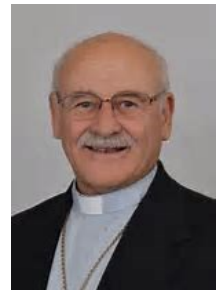
**My Dear Brother Sir Knights,**

It is the season of Christmas. Mother earth has wrapped our homes and cities with her white blanket. Everything looks so beautiful and pure. We love this season as we gather around the family table to celebrate the birth of Christ. Our plans are in place to make this, for our family and friends, the most wonderful time of the year.

As we look forward to all these gatherings and gift-exchange, we know very well that we are blessed. This is not so for everybody. The reality lies in the fact that many are challenged by their life and environment. Giving a helping hand is not a Christmas thing but a Christian one which goes on throughout the year. We do emphasize it at this time, but this should be the attitude of every brother Knight and their family all through the year. Being a Knight is a family affair. Everyone is included in the vocation of every Knight. It is our way of showing through our example because we exist to help the poor near to our home as those in other lands where they are even persecuted for being a Christian.

May we continue to open our hearts, lives and homes to those who are most in need. Share your Christmas meal with those around you. Bring the Joy of the birth of Christ to all those who have lost their meaning in life and have forgotten to love and to let themselves be loved. Carry your Christmas smile to all. Merry Christmas my dear Brothers and Sisters. Blessings in the New Year.

Bishop Emeritus Albert Thevenot- District Friar, Saskatchewan



## Exemplifications

DATE	ASSEMBLY	PLACE	CONTACT	Time
15 JAN 23	SASKATCHEWAN	VIRTUAL	CHRIS BENCHARSKI 306-240-8872 / PAT MEUSE 306-692-8111	2:00 PM
22 Jan 23	REGINA	TBD	FN GORDON STOPANSKI 306-545-5005 FC WAYNE RUTTEN 306-535-7038	TBD
1 APR 23	SASKATCHEWAN	VIRTUAL	CHRIS BENCHARSKI 306-240-8872 / PAT MEUSE 306-692-8111	10:00 AM
11 JUN 23	SASKATCHEWAN	VIRTUAL	CHRIS BENCHARSKI 306-240-8872 / PAT MEUSE 306-692-8111	2:00 PM

**Contact District Master Chris or FDM Pat for more information on the Virtual Exemplifications.**



## 4th Degree Virtual Exemplification

### Saskatchewan District

#### **DETAILS:**

**Date: January 15<sup>th</sup>, 2023**

**Place ... Virtual via Zoom Meeting**

**Registration ... via email**

**To Pat Meuse [\\_wpmeuse@sasktel.net](mailto:wpmeuse@sasktel.net) or**

**Master Chris Bencharski – [cpbencharski@hotmail.com](mailto:cpbencharski@hotmail.com)**

**Exemplification ... 2:00 P.M. Saskatchewan time**

**Meeting will open by 1:45 P.M Saskatchewan time**

#### **Contact Information:**

- **Pat Meuse @ 692-8111 email - [wpmeuse@sasktel.net](mailto:wpmeuse@sasktel.net)**
- **Chris Bencharski @ 306-240-8872 or [cpbencharski@hotmail.com](mailto:cpbencharski@hotmail.com)**

**Candidate Exemplification Fee - \$no charge for priests. Priest become Honorary Life Members**

**All other Candidates \$55.00 which includes the Social Baldric, 4<sup>th</sup> Degree Lapel Pin, Certificate and Certificate Holder, \$12.00 per member assessment to Supreme, Postage and handling, and Levy for the Virtual Degree Participation Cost Set-Up.**



## 4th Degree Live Exemplification

### Saskatchewan District

#### **DETAILS:**

Date: Sunday, January 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2023

Place ...Regina- Venue To Be Determined

#### Registration

To FN Gordon Stopanski – email- [custerin76@myaccess.ca](mailto:custerin76@myaccess.ca)

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**Exemplification ... Time To Be Determined**

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FN Gordon Stopanski- 306-545-5005

FC Wayne Rutten- 306-535-7038

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**Candidate Exemplification Fee - no charge for priests. Priest  
become Honorary Life Members**

All other Candidates \$70.00 which includes the Social Baldric, 4<sup>th</sup> Degree Lapel Pin, Certificate and Certificate Holder, \$12.00 per member assessment to Supreme, Lunch ticket, and Levy for the Degree Participation Set-up Cost





## ***Knights of Columbus - Sask District 4<sup>th</sup> Degree***

### **Fourth Degree Assembly Program Ideas- For Dec. & Jan.**

Below is a list of program ideas for assemblies to conduct during December, 2022 and January, 2023. A complete list of programs is available on the Fourth Degree Website [www.sask4th.ca](http://www.sask4th.ca) under the topic "Fourth Degree Program Manual". **Link to the manual-**

1. Honor Guard for Christmas Masses
2. Assist in a soup kitchen or homeless shelter to prepare a meal
3. Provide transportation for your parish priest to the Masses he celebrates in outlying parishes.
4. Assist with Christmas liturgical ministries
5. Provide rides to church for seniors
6. Visit seniors' homes and shut-ins
7. Knights of Columbus Catholic Citizenship Essay Contest- order kit from supplies online.
8. Make a donation to the Charitable Foundation before the end of December
9. Donate a Chalice, Paten, Ciborium or a Communion Host Bowl, in memory of a deceased member, to a parish in need.
10. Veterans assistance- partnering with the legion
11. Recognition Certificates to recognize the efforts of knights or parishioners
12. Patriotic Service Award Certificates to members of the community for outstanding achievements like retirements or recognition of years of service.
13. Honor Guard for deceased members
14. Recognize your Friar with a certificate and supper out
15. Promote membership to "Sask Pro-life" in the month of January
16. Invite a friend or family member to join the Fourth Degree—live or online

