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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, Prospective Fourth Degree Knights, and Ladies;**

During the weeks of advent leading up to Christmas, in the midst of the hectic business of the holiday season, we have taken time to reflect on the promise of the Baby born in Bethlehem over 2000 years ago. I trust you have taken time each day during the advent season to properly prepare for His coming. Hopefully, we have all prepared to receive Jesus into our hearts and minds so that we can reflect on the true meaning of Christmas. We have also brought Jesus into the hearts and minds of others through our thoughtful and charitable works during the past few months.

Christmas is also a time for getting together, celebrating together, exchanging handshakes, hugs,

and spending time in each other's presence with family and friends. And while celebrating this joyous time of the birth of our Savior, may we all have the gladness of Christmas which is hope, the spirit of Christmas which is peace, and the heart of Christmas which is love.

Jesus was born to live among us and do the will of God, the Father. He fed the hungry, clothed those in need, comforted the sick and sorrowful, and bought peace and love to all those he encountered. The Knights of Columbus through our many programs such as 'Food for Families', 'Coats for Kids', as well as the many 'Faith in Action' programs give us an opportunity to conduct many of the "Corporal Works of Mercy".

December can also be 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 in honor of the birth of our Savior. 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**



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## Knights of Columbus – Chevaliers de Colomb Fourth Degree

*Bishop Emeritus Albert Thevenot, District Friar- Saskatchewan*

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

Dear Brother Knights and your wives;

As we drive down the streets, we see that the lights are sparkling from almost every home. Yes, it is starting to look a lot like Christmas as the song goes. The stores are bustling with people. It is, as if, we can smell the turkey cooking decorated with cranberry sauce. The presents of love have been placed at the foot of the Christmas Tree. We are all anxious to open them. It is Christmas, the joyful time of the year.

“Jesus Christ, born on Christmas day” is the real reason for Christmas.

We attend the Christmas mass with family and friends. We carry in the Baby Jesus and put him in the crib. Eight hundred year ago, St. Francis wanted to bring to his brothers a representation of the Nativity scene that he noticed while being in Bethlehem. He wanted his brothers to experience the humility and the poverty in which our Lord was born. Simple for the time, yet very significant. We continue this tradition today as we have in our churches and in our homes a representation of the crib in Bethlehem. Jesus became a man like us in all things except sin as the prayer goes. A child who depended on his mother, Mary and St. Joseph for everything. Jesus became man to walk with us through our journeys of life. Like Jesus, we brought joy and happiness to our parents. Hardships, poverty, sufferings and violence, he experienced from his first breath to his last just like you and me. He came to offer us an alternative. His love for us was accompanied with mercy for all and forgiveness for all who lack the true understanding of love in their life. His life was a total commitment, and this is what he expects from each one of us- total gift of self out of love for our brothers and sisters. We are called to participate in the building of this new world of his that he wants us to make also ours. Often, we dare not raise our eyes to look at the world we live in or to hear the cry of those in need of love, mercy and forgiveness. We are overwhelmed, but together we can do it with HIM. Let us listen to his spirit in us and around us. Let us hear his call. Together, as Knights, let us respond. Let us bring the change Fr. Michael McGivney sent us to do in his name.

Again, Merry Christmas and may you continue to walk with Him in the coming new year.

Blessings.

**Bishop Emeritus Albert Thevenot M. Afr., District Friar- Saskatchewan**





## Sir Knights:

**WE NEED YOU TO JOIN THE COLOR CORPS OF THE 4<sup>TH</sup> DEGREE**

**THE COLOR CORPS IS MADE UP OF THE HONOR GUARD AND COLOR GUARD MEMBERS**

**WHO SERVE THE FOURTH DEGREE ASSEMBLIES BY:**

- Presenting and posting the flag of our nation at Knights of Columbus events
- Stand as part of an honor guard for brother knights who pass away
- Form honor guards for priests' celebrations like anniversaries or ordinations
- Participate as honor guards at bishops' requests, like the dedication of new church's
- Take part in honor guards for holy relics
- Can be part of the Fourth Degree Exemplification Team
- Should participate in color guard at Knights of Columbus State Event Celebrations
- Honoring our Veterans at Memorial Day Celebrations
- Honor Guards at Special Church Celebrations like Christmas or Easter
- Color Guard in Civic Celebrations like Canada Day or other Community Events like Provincial Sporting or Cultural Events
- Color guard for special First Nations celebrations at the request of First Nations

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# Fourth Degree Exemplifications

## Scheduled Virtual Exemplifications- 2023-24

Sunday, January 14<sup>th</sup>, 2024- 2:00 pm

Thursday, March 14<sup>th</sup>, 2024- 7:00 pm

Saturday, April 27<sup>th</sup>, 2024- 10:00 am

Sunday, June 9<sup>th</sup>, 2024- 2:00 pm

Saturday, August 10<sup>th</sup>, 2024- 10:00

**Register with a Form 4a and send it to one the contacts below: Access Form on the website- [www.sask4th.ca](http://www.sask4th.ca)**

**A link will be sent to you to join the Virtual Exemplification after we receive your form 4A and registration fee.**

**In addition to the Virtual Exemplifications, an person exemplification is scheduled for Sunday, March 10<sup>th</sup> at Columbian Place in Saskatoon. Watch for Posters in the Loyalist Newsletters.**

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## Mark these Dates On Your Calendar:

1. **January 14<sup>th</sup> - Virtual Exemplification**
2. **March 9<sup>th</sup> - District Assembly Meeting**  
**Columbian Place – Saskatoon**  
**10:30am- 2:30 pm**
3. **March 10<sup>th</sup> - Fourth Degree**  
**Exemplification of New Fourth**  
**Degree Members Beginning With**  
**Registration at 1:30- Columbian Place**
4. **State Convention- Regina-April 12<sup>th</sup>-**  
**14<sup>th</sup>, 2024**
5. **February 10<sup>th</sup>—next Issue of the Sask Loyalist.**  
**Save photos of all your events and send them to us.**



# Photos From Assemblies



Remembrance Day Service- Lanigan—Faithful Navigator Justin Foley in Uniform



Memorial Mass- Saskatoon



Meadow Lake Council #5259 and Assembly #2792 assist in a Toy Drive at the Red Apple. Toys were donated to students of needy families at Jubilee, Lake View, Green Lake and Flying Dust Elementary Schools, to 2 daycares and to the Door of Hope Food Bank Christmas Hampers.



Two boxes of toys donated to Meadow Lake Outreach Ministries Daycare



Meadow Lake Council #5259 and Assembly 2792 assisted in delivering 20 cartons of coats to Canoe Lake First Nation. These coats were made available by the Saskatchewan Knights of Columbus Charitable Foundation.



## ***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

