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Fourth Degree District of Sask.

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Worthy Sir Knights and Prospective Sir Knights,

The month of March has quickly slipped by us and we will soon be into April. Hopefully, March will not go “out like a lion”. Although in the Northern Hemisphere, the first day of spring is on March 21st, it is more like in April that we have the “true” arrival of spring. After all, we can get outside, connect with nature, shake loose those final cobwebs from our minds and begin new adventures.

This is also when we go through the season of lent, a special time of prayer, penance, sacrifice and good works in the preparation for Easter. Lent is like the Church’s spring, a time for renewal and a reminder of the new life of baptism. As Knights, we have an opportunity to put our Principle of Patriotism into practice and to show devotion, love and

reverence to our church and to God by properly preparing our spiritual journey through lent leading into Easter.

To be Patriotic means to have a great devotion and love for our country and be willing to sacrifice for it. Fourth Degree knights have that same love and devotion to our faith, our church and to God. We should be willing to sacrifice some of our physical needs and concentrate more fully on our spiritual needs.

Pope Leo X111 in his Encyclical ‘Sapientiae Christianae’ (Christians as Citizens) set forth patriotism as a moral obligation based on natural law.

“If”, writes the pope, “the natural law bids us give the best of our affection and of our devotedness to our native land so that the good citizen does not hesitate to brave death for his country, much more it is the duty of Christians to be similarly affected to the church.”

This sounds very much like what patriotism in the Fourth Degree is all about. We are patriotic to our country (not necessarily to the leader, but to the country) as well as patriotic to the church and our faith.

Many of you have been watching the scenes coming out of Ukraine. The Ukrainians are showing true patriotism to protect their homeland at all costs---even to sacrifice their life. They are also showing patriotism to their faith as you see many kneeling in prayer throughout the streets of Ukraine. I encourage all knights to pray a 9 day Novena (as suggested by our Supreme Knight) for the heroic people of Ukraine so that they can have peace in their land.

I also encourage all knights to demonstrate through our actions our principle of Patriotism, our love and devotion, to our Faith and to our Church during this Lenten season.

Viva Cristo Rey,

Master- District of Saskatchewan/Immediate Past State Deputy



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Knights of Columbus – Chevaliers de Colomb Fourth Degree

Bishop Emeritus Albert Thevenot, District Friar- Saskatchewan

My Dear Brother Knights,

Has Spring arrived? The snow is disappearing. We are anxious to see the grass begin to grow again. Winter was long. The covid restrictions have been lifted and a war has begun. A new world is unfolding.

Our Fourth Degree District Meeting, at the beginning of the month, will be an opportunity for us to meet again face to face for those who can make it. It will be a great event and a wonderful experience. We will reinvigorate our bonds of friendship and our spirit of fraternity. We will share and search for better ways of living our mission as brother Fourth Degree Knights of Columbus. Together in faith we must go forth.

The following week will be Holy Week. The liturgy invited us to follow these last days of Jesus in faith, love and humility. They acclaim him King with palms and jubilation and a few days later they crucified him as the King of Jews. What a change of attitude! Yes, Jesus knew that his hour was here and embraced it with joy for it is for this reason that he came.

We have seen how things can change very quickly even our own lives. The restrictions lifted and then the War in Ukraine! Does our society need healing? We need this conversion mentioned at the beginning of Lent. What does our lifestyle give witness to? From the time of Adam and Eve, we have been learning that being different should be seen as a gift, an opportunity to share and not to possess. Jesus wants us to build bridges not walls between us. On the cross he opened his arms to salvation to the world. Have we embraced it? Jesus gathers us around the cross and the empty tomb. Jesus wants to experience change. Radical change! This goes for the Knights. It is for this reason that our fraternity is a must for the best of the order and for community living in our parishes. Surprisingly we are learning that at the lifting of the restrictions we have become vulnerable. We could almost say that the restrictions divided us but maybe this war will unite us. Let us pray for unity and peace.

Building our fraternity, our community life is a challenge. Fortunately, the risen Lord is in our midst helping us in the building of the Kingdom of God. His Spirit guides us as this world unfolds. Let us pray for peace

Bishop Emeritus Albert Thevenot- District Friar, Saskatchewan





Prayer of St. Francis

Lord, make me an instrument of Thy peace.
Where there is hatred, let me sow love;
Where there is injury, pardon;
Where there is doubt, faith;
Where there is despair, hope;
Where there is darkness, light;
Where there is sadness, joy.

O Divine Master,
Grant that I may not so much seek
To be consoled, as to console;
To be understood, as to understand;
To be loved as to love.
For it is in giving that we receive;
It is in pardoning that we are pardoned;
And it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.

Exemplifications

DATE	ASSEMBLY	PLACE	CONTACT	Time
03 APR 22	SASKATCHEWAN	VIRTUAL	CHRIS BENCHARSKI 306-240-8872 / PAT MEUSE 306-692-8111	1:45 PM



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
Fourth Degree Exemplification
DISTRICT OF SASKATCHEWAN



Details

Date- April 3rd, 2022

Place- Virtual via Zoom Meeting

Registration By Email or For More Information

Contact Master Chris Bencharski- cpbencharski@hotmail.com or

Former Master Pat Meuse- wpmeuse@sasktel.net

Time- 2:00 pm Zoom Opens at 1:45 pm

Registration Form 4a can be accessed at www.kofcsask4th.ca

Send the form and fees to Master Chris and the Zoom link will be sent to you.

Candidate Exemplification Fee- \$50.00

**The Fourth Degree Exemplification will be held in honor of
 Former Master/Past State Deputy, Present State Chaplain
 Father Ed Gibney**



I was only Master for one year- 2012-2013. Particularly, I have fond memories of the 4th Degree Exemplification in Moose Jaw held that year. We did a number of Exemplifications that year, but that event in Moose Jaw had special meaning because of the importance of Patriotism that surrounded the members, and those joining the Patriotic Degree, due to their connection to the Air Base and their personal service to Canada. All of the Exemplifications that year were Patriotic events, but that event had special meaning because of the people involved.



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DISTRICT ASSEMBLY MEETING- Queen's House- April 2nd/2022 AND VIRTUAL OPTION(ZOOM)

10:00 – Registration- in person at Queen's House -- \$10.00 per person

10:15 – starting Zoom Log-on for Virtual Participants

10:30 – Mass- District Friar Bishop Emeritus Thevenot- Celebrant

11:20- 12:30 – Greetings, Messages, Reports

12:30 -- Lunch supplied by Queen's House

1:15- 3:30- Meeting Continues

DISTRICT ASSEMBLY MEETING AGENDA

1. Call to Order/Welcome at 11:20
2. Opening Prayer- District Friar Emeritus Albert Thevenot
3. Appointment of Pilot, Inside Sentinel, Outer Sentinel, Secretary
4. Appointment of Committee on Credentials
5. Appointment of Committee on Resolutions
6. Certification of Travelling Cards
7. O Canada- led by District Marshall Dan Devers
8. Pledge of Allegiance- led by District Marshall Kerry Swallow
9. Introductions-
 - Dignitaries -Assemblies -District Marshalls
10. Greetings/Messages
 - District Friar Bishop Emeritus Albert Thevenot
 - VSM Andy Sambrielaz
 - SD Joseph Riffel
11. Master's Message/Report
12. Report of Committee on Credentials- voting delegates
13. Minutes from 2021 District Assembly Meeting
14. Unfinished Business
 - Scholarship Fund for Military Chaplains
 - Installation of Assembly Officers- a few to do
15. Report of Committee on Resolutions
16. Master's Financial Report
17. Administrative/Forms/Website/Newsletter
 - 186, Audit, 1728, To Be A Patriot, Star Assembly, State Roster Update
 - Website
 - Newsletter- Fourth Degree Loyalist
18. Exemplifications/New Members
19. New Business
 - Assembly 1064- 100th Anniversary- June 3, 4, 5, 2023
 - 100th Convention Color Guard
 - Assembly Project- Travelling Relics Prayer Programs
 - 2022 District Assembly Meeting
 - Other
20. Selection of Three Recommendations for Master for 2022-2024 Term
21. Assembly Sharing Session
22. Selection of Master's Audit Committee
23. Good of the Order
24. Closing Remarks- Master, VSM
25. Closing Prayer- Bishop Emeritus Albert
26. God save the Queen

Star Assembly Award

The Star Assembly Award was first awarded in 2016 for the 2015-2016 fraternal year.

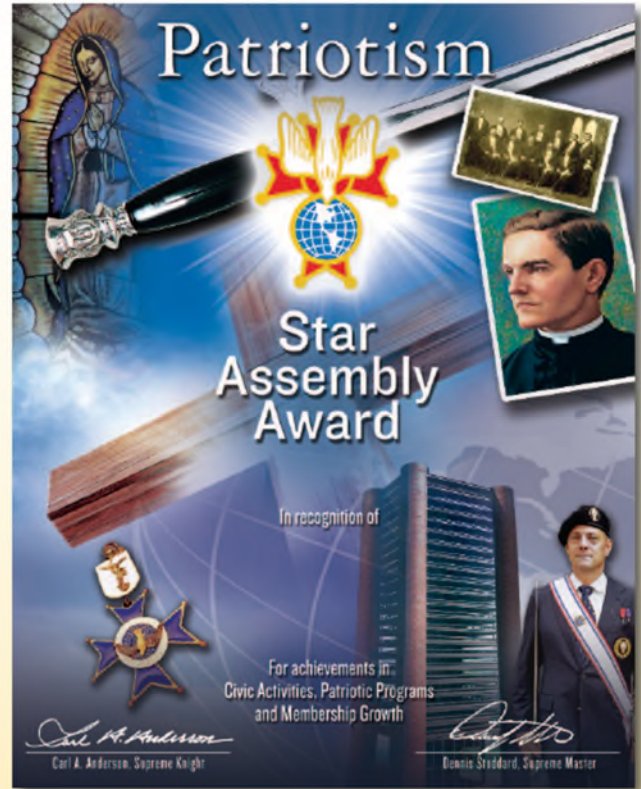
Assemblies that excel in membership recruitment, sponsoring patriotic programs in their communities, report to the Supreme Council office and keep their members and others informed of assembly activities are eligible to earn the Star Assembly Award.



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Star Assembly Award



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Your Assembly can earn the Star Assembly Award by completing the following:

- Earn the Fourth Degree *Civic Award*
- Enter the "To Be A Patriot" competition
- Meet the assembly new member goal of 7%
- Submit the *Report of Officers* — # 186 (due July 1)
- Submit the *Annual Survey of Fraternal Activity* — #1728 (due January 31)
- Submit the *Annual Assembly Audit Report* — #1315 (due August 1)
- Publish a monthly newsletter or bulletin for assembly members

Civic Award

The Civic Award is a tribute to the spirit of patriotism and national pride exemplified by the assembly's program of activities.

In order to qualify, the assembly must conduct and report at least four varied patriotic programs held within the fraternal year.

The application for the *Civic Award* (#2321) must be received by the Supreme Office no later than June 30.



To Be A Patriot Award

Established in 1985, the "To Be A Patriot" Award annually recognizes the three best patriotic programs conducted by Fourth Degree Assemblies each fraternal year.

The assembly must submit a report on their single best patriotic activity on form #TBP-2 and send it directly to the Master by April 30. Entries are judged at the district, provincial and international levels.

