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

Worthy Sir Knights and Brother Knights (Prospective 4th Degree Members),

November comes, and November goes. With the last red berries and the first white snows. With night coming early and dawn coming late, ice in the bucket and frost by the gate. The fires burn, and the kettles sing, and the earth sinks to rest until next spring. – A Nov. quote by Clyde Watson.

November begins with All Saints Day on November 1st, a day dedicated to the Saints of the church who have attained heaven. You may want to ask your Assembly Friar to lead the members in the Litany of the Saints at your Nov. meeting.

On the eve of All Saints Day, Fr. Michael J McGivney, was beatified and declared “Blessed” in a Mass and Beatification Ceremony at the Cathedral of St. Joseph on October 31st, 2020, moving him one step closer to being a Saint. The Canonization cause for Blessed McGivney will require the confirmation of another miracle by the Vatican Congregation for the cause of Saints. Please pray the Father McGivney payer for his Canonization at your assembly meetings.

November 2nd is All Souls Day, a day to honor and pray for all the dead. Assemblies are encouraged to hold a memorial service for all deceased brothers in the month of November. A sample memorial service can be found on the Fourth Degree Website – www.sask4th.ca

Assemblies are also asked to participate in Remembrance Day ceremonies to honor our veterans. Assemblies can lay a wreath and be part of the color party in fourth degree uniform.

On November 12th, Saskatchewan District 4th Degree will be hosting a Fourth Degree Virtual Exemplification. We have 2 confirmed candidates and possibly 3 or 4 more. All Assemblies should consider to recruit 1 candidate to participate in the Virtual Exemplification Ceremony. If you have a candidate or would like to join us on Zoom virtually, please contact me at 306-240-8872 or Former Master Pat Meuse at 306-692-8111 and we will send you the Zoom link. All Fourth Degree members are invited to join us. Please email me to send you the link if you want to attend. cpbencharski@hotmail.com

On November 13th, Assembly #2166 will be hosting an in person 4th Degree Exemplification in Humboldt. Look for the poster in this newsletter for further information.

Let's all get into high gear and conduct some great **PATRIOTIC** programs in our church and community during the month of November.

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

My Dear Brother Sir Knights,

November is upon us. This month we are invited to pray for the dead. We have many members during this past year who have passed away. Our brother Knights are part of our extended family. Let us pray for them and their families. This Fraternity is of great importance for the Order. Supporting one another in challenging times or just being present to one another when things are going well is very meaningful. We do not only work together but we also accompany one another on our journey of life. We have not been able to meet physically during the Covid period, and this has affected us all. This desire to meet has been instilled in us because we are Knights. Sharing in the Eucharist, a meal or lifting up a glass to our fraternity is what really helps us to continue to be a Knight and a people of faith. Extending our hands to others giving witness that Christ is in our midst and especially among the poor is part of this fraternity. Giving witness, that as a community of men, we work for the building of this Kingdom of God which is one of love. Have a great month.

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

Knights of Columbus Prayer for Deceased Brother Knights

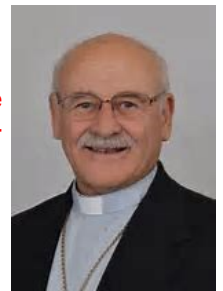
Dear friends, shortly before his own Passion, our Lord Jesus wept tears with Mary and Martha upon the death of Lazarus. In the midst of this sorrow, he told Martha: "I am the Resurrection and the Life: whoever believes in Me, though he should die, will come to life" (Jn 11 :25-26).

Jesus raised Lazarus from the tomb to teach us that death is not the end for those who believe, but rather a glorious beginning. Upon leaving this world, the faithfully departed begin their journey toward a heavenly dwelling place, prepared for them by Christ who rose from the dead (cf., Jn14:2-3).

The passing away of our earthly life, therefore, is a transition to a new life, in which "every tear is wiped from our faces" (cf., Is 25:8) and sickness, pain and suffering are no more. Every Knight of Columbus is entrusted to the care of Mary, the Mother of God. We carry the Rosary as the sign of our dedication to her and to her Son. Confident in her motherly love for us all, we entrust the soul of our Brother Knights to her, so that she may present them to her Son.

Amen

****All Assemblies are encouraged to hold a parish memorial service for all deceased brothers of the council and assembly as well as for members of the parish. The Memorial Service Format is available on the website- www.sask4th.ca**



Prayer for Deceased Veterans

O God, by whose mercy the faithful departed find rest, look kindly on your departed veterans who gave their lives in the service of their country. Grant that through the passion, death, and resurrection of your Son they may share in the joy of your heavenly kingdom and rejoice in you with your saints forever. We ask this through Christ our Lord.



Prayer for All Saints Day – November 1st

Dear God, thank you for the example of the Saints. I desire to join in their company, worshiping you forever in Heaven. Please help me follow their footsteps, and yours, Jesus Christ. Please help me to conform myself to Your image, seeking Your will in all things, as the Saints did.



Prayer for All Souls Day -November 2nd

Merciful Father, hear our prayer and console us. As we renew our faith in Your Son, whom You raised from the dead, strengthen our hope that all our departed brothers and sisters will share in His resurrection, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen. Eternal Rest grant unto them, O Lord.



Exemplifications



Scheduled Virtual Exemplifications

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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Email- cpbencharski@hotmail.com

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Email- wpmeuse@sasktel.net

4TH DEGREE EXEMPLIFICATION
ABBOT SEVERIN NO. 2166 MUENSTER

DETAILS

Date: November 13, 2022 **Place:** St. Augustine Hall **Registration:** 1:00 pm
Exemplification: 2:00 – 4:00 pm **Class Pictures @ church:** 4:00 – 4:30pm
Light Lunch & Short Program to follow

Contact information:

Brad Lefebvre @ 306 682 4715 – bwlefebvre@sasktel.net
Ray Gehlen @ 306 682 0005 – mgehlen@sasktel.net
Chris Bencharski @ 306 240-8872 – cpbencharski@hotmail.com

Costs:

Candidate Exemplification Fee - \$70.00
Lunch Ticket – \$15.00

Venue Address:

St. Augustine Hall – 809 – 10th Street, Humboldt

PLEASE NOTE:

We encourage the ladies to please come and show your support to your 4th degree Sir Knight. There will be an afternoon tea and socializing where you can get to know the other ladies. We will join them for lunch and pictures at about 4:00 pm.

Reach out to your 3rd Degree Councils over the next month...take this opportunity to add a few new members to your 4th Degree roster.



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- Fourth-Degree-Program-Manual.pdf \(sask4th.ca\)](#)

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

Knights of Columbus
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*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

4155 11-04



Knights of Columbus
**FOURTH
D E G R E E**

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.

Recruiting New Members to The Fourth Degree

Dear Brother Knights,

I received several inquiries from Sir Knights and some from prospective members who were thinking to join and asked about the criteria necessary to become Fourth Degree Members.

After the board of Directors approved the unified degree of Charity, Unity, and Fraternity, they amended the eligibility of membership in the Fourth Degree as follows:

Section 25. Eligibility for Membership.

(a) Applications for membership in the Fourth Degree may be made to any Assembly provided the applicant is:

1. (i) Over eighteen years of age.
2. (ii) A citizen of the country in which he resides, or with permission of the Master of the District over the area where he claims citizenship, with the understanding that if permission is granted the pledge of allegiance will be to the country of citizenship.
3. (iii) A Third Degree member in good standing in his council

The Administration of the Fourth Degree in each District is mandated to the Master of the District who answers to the Vice Supreme Master and Supreme Master.

As Master of the District of Saskatchewan, I offer you the following guidelines:

1. Proper procedures need to be followed by assemblies to recruit Fourth Degree Members.

The Assembly needs to work with the council to verify if the member is in good standing with the council and to determine his readiness to join the fourth degree.

The Assembly recruiting the new member needs to explain the responsibilities that are involved in becoming a fourth-degree member as well as to inform the member that he will be joining an assembly which will levy yearly dues to the member. The amount should be specified. Also, inform the prospect that joining the fourth degree involves a commitment to be involved in the assembly as well as in his council. The member needs to keep his dues current in both his council and his assembly to be in good standing in the assembly. The member should also be prepared to be involved and assist both the council and assembly in furthering the work of the Order.

Receiving the Stroke of knighthood does not mean that one is done. This is only the beginning of the journey. One needs to continue to be informed in his faith and in the work of the Order. The Order offers members great opportunities to become better Catholics, better citizens, better fathers and better husbands in the image of St. Joseph.

Members who come forward on their own should be given the opportunity to join. The Assembly should contact the member and discuss the criteria to join and determine readiness.

We are not to judge and set our own rules. We follow Supreme Guidelines.

During each unified degree, Supreme has included that the new members be informed about the Fourth Degree and be told that they can advance to full Knighthood and receive the Stroke of Knighthood in the Fourth Degree when they are ready. Information about the Fourth degree can also be handed out to the new members.

2. Welcoming and Onboarding the New Members is a must: New members who join the Fourth Degree need to feel welcome, and should be mentored and invited to functions and meetings. Time spent on properly onboarding a new member will save the assembly time later on should the member become delinquent. Most delinquent members feel that they have nothing to contribute because they are not involved, not asked to assist in programs and are not welcomed and onboarded Properly.

VIVA CRISTO REY,

Master, District of Sask./PSD



Uniform Policy: Honour Guard, Color Corps Procedures

Uniform Policy:

On June 30th of 2019, the Cape and Chapeau Uniform was retired. Use of Cape and Chapeau in Honor or Color Corps is a direct violation of the Laws and Rules Governing the Fourth Degree.

Section 38 of the Laws and Rules Governing the Fourth Degree prescribes the official dress uniform of the 4th degree. ***See photos below.**

We expect that all members of the Color Corps or honour guards, as catholic gentlemen, will comply with this policy and support and promote the official uniform.

It is the responsibility of Faithful Navigators and Color Corps Commanders to instruct and direct your members that they are required to wear the new uniform if they wish to participate in honour guard or color corps activities. Any Faithful Navigator or Color Corps Commander who can not support this policy should contact the District Master.

Honor Guard/Color Corps Procedures

Below are some guidelines for assemblies when conducting honour guard or color corps activities in your parish.

1. We realize that not many Sir Knights have purchased the official uniform---we have about 30 in Sask. to date. We also realize that assemblies want to honour their deceased brothers, a visit by the bishop or special celebrations with an honour guard. **Please use the guidelines below to guide your activities.**
2. Only Sir Knights in the official uniform are allowed to participate in honour guard activities: processing in at the beginning of mass, lining the aisles, drawing swords, marching in colors, or any other color corps activities
3. Other Sir Knights can also participate, but separately from the official honour guard---they can walk in as a group dressed in Tuxedos or dark suits (including wearing their social baldrics) a few minutes before the opening procession and be seated together near the front of the church. They do not participate in any honour guard activities.
4. Some assemblies form an honour guard wearing their tuxedos and a yellow and white third-degree service baldric. This is fine as it is not a fourth-degree honour guard. It is a third-degree honour guard. Please ensure you do not wear the social baldric with the 3rd degree baldric.
5. No activities should be conducted by Fourth Degree Knights which promote the Fourth Degree Color Corps---example---forming an honour guard wearing a tuxedo and social or service baldric.
6. Check with the parish priest in regard to any color corps or honour guard activities and respect his decisions.

Hope this answers some of your questions.

Chris, District Master



Remembrance Day—Lest We Forget



Many Assemblies can participate in Color Corp activities during Remembrance Day Ceremonies. Please take photos and send them to me for the next newsletter.

Fourth Degree Forms Due- Reminder

Form 186- Report of Assembly Officers—Past Due June 30th, 2022

Form 1315- Annual Audit- for the period ending June 30th, 2022- due Aug. 1st

Form 1728/Assembly Fraternal Survey- Due Jan. 31st, 2023

Assembly Program Ideas For November and December

1. Make a memorial donation to the Charitable Foundation in memory of all your deceased Sir Knights who passed away in the past year. Make a note to credit it to your Assembly for the Military Chaplains' Fund.
2. Hold a memorial service for deceased Sir Knights of your assembly, invite the widows, and have coffee, snacks and fraternity afterwards.
3. Participate in the Community Remembrance Day Service by laying a wreath and participate in the color party.
4. Fourth Degree birthday cards, anniversary cards, get well cards and thank you cards to Sir knights
5. Sponsor the Catholic Citizenship Essay Contest- kits can be ordered from Supreme
6. Coffee invitation afternoon to firefighters, RCMP members, first responders- Present a Patriotic Service Certificates to each one for the work they do in the community.
7. Get out the Vote—for Municipal Elections
8. Display the Canadian Flag at your Assembly Meetings
9. Patriotic Service Certificates to community members to recognize outstanding community achievement like retirements or years of service.
10. Make a donation to the Military Chaplains' Fund. Send it to the K of C Sask. Charitable Foundation and specify "Military Chaplains' Fund and Assembly number.
11. Recognize your Assembly Friar with a supper outing and a certificate of appreciation
12. Assembly Christmas supper and social with a speaker afterwards
13. Assist with an assembly food drive to a food bank- perhaps in December, those who attend the Christmas party can bring items for food hampers which would be taken to the food bank
14. Donate a wheelchair to a senior's home in your parish
15. Promote "Keep Christ in Christmas"

Installation of Assembly Officers- Weyburn Bishop Klein Assembly #1526 October 16th, 2022



Installation of Dr. J. M. Uhrich Assembly #1066- North Battleford

October 24th, 2022





Mathew Parker is knighted by Master Chris B.



Logan Sitter-Vany is knighted by Master Chris B.



New Sir knights of North Battleford Assembly #1066: Far Left—Logan Sitter-Vany; far right Mathew Parker , Master Chris Bencharski, Faithful Friar- Father Bary Tkachuk and FN