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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,

The frenzy of fall has subsided and no doubt we are gearing up for the cooler, season of winter. Hopefully, the assemblies across Sask, have also geared up for recruiting some new members as well as have made plans for some excellent programs for each month. I encourage all assemblies to set a date for an in-person exemplification and then work towards recruiting at least 6 new members to hold an exemplification. The District Marshals and I will assist your assembly to hold a successful exemplification. The VSM has approved Sask. District to hold Virtual Exemplifications for the Simon Fraser Province. (dates found in this newsletter)

Has your assembly planned events for each month? Patriotic church and community programs are the key to keep members involved, engaged and interested. I encourage assemblies to incorporate the following 6 elements into your program plan: **(1)** social activities to promote fraternity, **(2)** patriotic service projects, **(3)** charitable works programs, **(4)** service and recognition to the members, **(5)** recruitment of new preferably younger members and **(6)** color corps activities in your church and community.

November begins with All Saints Day on November 1st, a day dedicated to the Saints of the church who have attained heaven.

On the Eve of All Saints and All Souls, 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 Sainthood. 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 on Remembrance Day to honor our veterans. Assemblies can lay a wreath and be part of the color party in full uniform.

The District Marshals and I look forward to visiting your assemblies at exemplifications, installation of officers, and assembly anniversaries.

Vivat Jesus / Viva Cristo Rey,

Master- District of Saskatchewan / PSD

Editor—Pat Meuse





Knights of Columbus – Chevaliers de Colomb Fourth Degree

Bishop Emeritus Albert Thevenot, District Friar- Saskatchewan

Dear Brother Knights and your wives;

This fall season has been very generous to us. Frost came only in October! Many blessings have been given to us. Let us be grateful.

During the last few weeks, we have been following the development of the conflicts between not only Ukraine and Russia but also between Israel and Hamas. All this violence in our world! It is not only over there but even here, in Saskatchewan. How are we reacting to this? What is the true way to PEACE? Is peace possible? Perhaps, this is the question that we all have at the tip of our tongue. These eruptions of anger and the desire to revenge come because we cannot suppress them any more. But why are they there? Dealing with our differences, respecting our neighbour is not as easy as we thought. There are so many factors of life that are the cause, and even trying to pinpoint it down is not easy. It is our past but today and the future is there in the making. We sing the song of St. Francis : Make me a channel of your peace! Peace is the presence of Jesus in our lives. We are called to be instruments of PEACE. This is what our fraternity, unity and charity is all about. It is an ideal, but are we working on it? Blessed Michael McGivney wanted us to be men of prayer. It is his presence in our relationships that will help us bring peace around us and to our world. Stop the gossip line! Peace starts in our homes, our workplace, and with our fellow people. Respecting the family is not an ideal but a mission because it is here where it all begins: **love and forgiveness**. Opportunities await us to be there. Vivat Christu!

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 Knight(s) 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.



Fourth Degree Exemplifications



Scheduled Virtual Exemplifications- 2023-24

Saturday, November 16th, 2023- 10:00 am

Sunday, January 14th, 2024- 2:00 pm

Thursday, March 14th, 2024– 7:00 pm

Saturday, April 27th, 2024- 10:00 am

Sunday, June 9th, 2024- 2:00 pm

Saturday, August 10th, 2024- 10:00

Register with a Form 4a and send it to one the contacts below: Access Form on the website- www.sask4th.ca

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 Posters in the Loyalist Newsletters.

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Pat Meuse- Former District Master- 1-306-692-8111 or

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Mark these Dates On Your Calendar:

- 1. March 9th - District Assembly Meeting
Columbian Place – Saskatoon
10:30am- 2:30 pm**
- 2. March 10th - Fourth Degree
Exemplification of New Fourth Degree
Members beginning at 1:30 with
Registration- Columbian Place**
- 3. November 11th - Remembrance Day- Re-
member our Veterans- lay a wreath and
participate in the color corps**
- 4. November 16th - Virtual
Exemplification- Fill out a form 4A
Found on the website. www.sask4th.ca**



Knights of Columbus - Sask District 4th Degree



Remembrance Day—Lest We Forget



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

Fourth Degree Forms Due: Reminders

Form 186- Report of Assembly Officers—Past Due June 30th, 2023

Form 1315- Annual Audit- for the period ending June 30th, 2023- due Aug. 1st

Form 1728-Assembly Fraternal Survey- Due Jan. 31st, 2024

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. Sample on www.sask4th.ca
3. Participate in the Community Remembrance Day Service: Lay 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 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 Canada Day 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 include your 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 assembly 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 community
15. Promote "Keep Christ in Christmas"
16. Encourage all assembly members to purchase Pro-life memberships to the local and Sask. Pro-life Associations.



Exemplification held in Regina- Feb. 23, 2023 - 15 members received the honors of the Fourth Degree



Installation of Assembly Officers- D'Arcy McGee Assembly #1065- Saskatoon- June 17, 2023



Certificate of Appreciation to District Friar Emeritus Bishop Albert Thevenot- Mar. 25, 2023



Bishop Emeritus Albert Addressing the Delegates at the District Masters Meeting in Saskatoon



Saskatchewan Charitable Foundation President Harvey Granatier addressing the Delegates at the Masters Mtg. March 25, 2023



Sir Knight FN Justin Foley receives the Civic Award for Assembly #2166



VSM Andy Sambrielaz addressing the delegates at the District Masters Meeting in Saskatoon



FN Sir Knight Frank Brown receives the Civic Award for D'Arcy McGee Assembly #1065



Sir Knight Art Evoy receiving a certificate after joining the Fourth Degree



Past State Deputies—Honorary Poll Bearers at Past State Deputy Alex Nahachewsky's Funeral



VSM Willis Winters- Appointed by Supreme on Sept. 1st, 2023



Honor Guard for Diaconate Ordination of Michael O'Byrne- Regina



Supreme Master Michael McCusker



Coats for Kids for First Nations Communities



Installation of Assembly Officers- Humboldt



Installation of Assembly Officers in Humboldt- Assembly #2166





**Fourth Degree Exemplification hosted by D'Arcy McGee Assembly #1064- May 5, 2023
Back Row- Exemplification Team, Front Row- 6 New Sir Knights for Assembly 1065**



Receiving the Stroke of Knighthood



**District Master Chris Bencharski, Faithful Navigator
Frank Brown with the new Fourth Degree Members**



Fourth Degree Knights Are Patriotic to Church and Country.



**Regina Assembly #1064- 100th Anniversary
Mass- Celebrant- Archbishop Don Bolen**



4th Degree Honor Guard



**The 100th Anniversary Celebration of Father Hugonard Assembly #1064- Regina was held in Regina on June 4th, 2023. Archbishop Don concelebrated Mass with Father Warren Dungen, Faithful Friar of Assembly #1064. Pictured above- Front Row: L-R- Father Warren, Sask District Master Chris Bencharski, Archbishop Don Bolen, VSM Andy Sambrielaz of the Simon Fraser Province, and Gordon Stopanski- Faithful Navigator of Regina Assembly #1064. Back Row: L-R- Tony Dakiniewich, PFN of Father Michael J McGivney Assembly #1904, Dan Devers, Southern Marshal, Agnel George, PFN/State Advocate, Larry Packet, SD, Adrien Piche, PFN/Northern Marshal, Dale Meier, State Warden, and Greg Dozorec, State Treasurer
The flag bearers were Sir Knight Maurice Turgeon and Sir Knight Jim Grill.**



First Communion -St. Walburg- Fourth Degree Knights with Bishop Stephen



Fourth Degree Knights Wayne Bettcher and Gary Bell Preparing for a Pancake Breakfast For Father Doug's 40th Anniversary of his Priestly Ordination- Meadow Lake



District Master Chris Bencharski presents a certificate to Bishop Stephen for a Fourth degree exemplification held in honor of the bishops of Saskatchewan



**Toni Dakiniewich- Eastern Marshal
Dan Devers-Southern Marshal**



**Adrien Piche
Northern Marshal**



**Matthew Parker
Western Marshal**



**Sask District Master
Chris Bencharski-PSD**



Installation of Assembly Officers- Fr. Hugonard Assembly #1064- Oct. 19th, 2023



Installation of Assembly Officers- North Battleford- October 23rd, 2023



Western Marshal Matthew Parker and District Master Chris Bencharski



L-R: Master Chris, FN John Vany, Father Finn, FF Father Barry and Western Marshal Matthew



Provincial Assembly Meeting-Vancouver, B.C.—October 26th, 27th -Right side of photo-front row- right-left: B.C. PSD Edgardo Panes, Sask. Master Chris Bencharski, Supreme Director Arcie Lim from B.C., B.C. State Deputy Herb Yang, VSM Willis Winter



Sample Information For Assemblies

FOURTH DEGREE EXEMPLIFICATION _____, 2023 OR ____, 2024 HONORING:

HOSTED BY

Assembly # _____

_____ Catholic Church

Address of Church

Simon Fraser Province

Telephone number

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS- sample

- 1:30- 2:00 P.M.— Registration
- 2:00 P.M.—Exemplification
- 4:30- Knighting ceremony
- 5:00- Banquet/light lunch and short program
- **Ladies Program _____ -
- **Knighting Ceremony Open to All



INFORMATION FOR CANDIDATES

* Candidate fee to participate is \$70.00

- This includes suspender type Social Baldric
 - • 4th Degree Membership Pin
 - Certificate and Certificate Holder
 - \$12.00/candidate fee sent to Supreme
 - Banquet or light lunch

PLEASE NOTE:

IN ORDER TO ENSURE CERTIFICATES AND PROGRAMS ARE CORRECT, WE ASK THAT A COMPLETED FORM 4A AND ALL FUNDS BE RECEIVED NO LATER THAN 10 DAYS PRIOR TO THE EXEMPLIFICATION

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: DISTRICT MASTER AND MAIL TO:
P.O. BOX 217—MEADOW LAKE, SASK S9X 1Y2
FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION, PLEASE CONTACT DISTRICT MASTER,
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Knights of Columbus
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D E G R E E
Patriotic degree of the Order

Dress Code: Candidates as described below:

Dark Blue, Grey or Black business suit (Slacks and sport coats are not acceptable), white dress shirt with lay down collar (no collar buttons); tie; dark socks; and dress shoes.

Sir Knights Observing- official uniform or dark suit, white shirt and tie or black tuxedo



Team Dress Code--- Official Uniform, Dark suit, white shirt and tie or Tuxedo



Sir Knights:

WE NEED YOU TO JOIN THE COLOR CORPS OF THE 4TH DEGREE

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

MEMBERS 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 Nation
- **Fourth Degree Uniform Package Includes:**
 - *Blazer/Coat, *Trousers,*Tie, *Beret and Badge,

To order -call 1-833-562-4327 Website: www.kofcuniform.com

