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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 Brother Knights (Prospective 4th Degree Members),



Autumn, without any doubt, is one of the gorgeous seasons when the leaves change their colour to a slightly golden texture and the weather also cools down a bit. So, be it the changing of the colour of the leaves, the beauty in the air or the intense feeling you getwhatever it is- we all just love the season of Autumn, don't we? It is perhaps the most serene time before the chilling winter season. Fall has always been one of my favorite seasons. The time when everything bursts with its last beauty, as if nature had been saving up all year for the grand finale. It is also when the garden work, harvesting, and business of summer is completed and we all rush to do the last minute chores before winter sets in.

It is also time for our Assemblies to get into high gear to hold the Installations and Exemplifications of new members, and to plan our program of patriotic projects which support

our church, our members and our community.

In this newsletter, I will address 4 items which I feel are very important if we are to sustain our assemblies into the future.

New Members

It is imperative to continue to grow the order in the Fourth Degree. Our present average age of our membership is 70. We need to continue to recruit to bring (younger) third degree knights into the fourth degree. However, these new recruits need to be invited to participate and need to be welcomed to our functions and

onboarded properly. We are not just chasing numbers; we are providing Knights with the lessons of Patriotism to our faith and to our country and giving them the opportunity to complete their final journey in Knighthood which in the end may make them more dedicated and educated knights. Statistics show that when members become fourth degree members, they become more dedicated not only to the Order, but also to their faith. Suspension of Fourth Degree members is low. I encourage all Sir knights to welcome one dedicated member of the knights to join the fourth degree.

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Editor—Pat Meuse



Knights of Columbus — Chevaliers de Colomb Fourth Degree

Bishop Emeritus Albert Thevenot, District Friar-Saskatchewan

My Dear Brother Knights,

October is upon us. I hope that we began this month, dedicated to the rosary, with our rosary in our hands. (By the way, the rosaries given out by the Knights are excellently made.) Pray it with your wife, family or brother Knights. Our blessed Mother has asked us on many occasions to pray for peace and for the conversion of the world. We must not let the Spirit of the World come upon us. The War in Ukraine and the violence found in our streets and home, or the discontent even in the Order are signs that peace and harmony amongst us is in most need. Meditating on the Mysteries of the Rosary, which are on the life of Christ and his teachings, will help us keep our minds and hearts focused on Christ, our Saviour. We, Knights, say that we are men of faith and that we are committed to this faith. It must be obvious in the way we live. We began the month with the feast of St. Therese of Lisieux, the patron saint of the Missions. We are on a mission, and it is the mission of Christ: "Vivat Jesus".

St. Francis of Assisi is also celebrated during this month. This man worked for peace and harmony. He is the one who said that our lives must speak of Christ and when need be, use words. He wanted that our lives speak of Christ.

Saint John XXIII is also celebrated during this month. The Pope who called us to a radical commitment to the mission of Christ. He convened the Vatican Council. I would even say that if we want the Order to continue, we must be radically committed to our faith and to the Order. We will attract new members by our joyful spirit of serving the Church and its mission in the world, and by living this spirit of brotherhood amongst us. What a beautiful way to go back to our routine, after Covid or with Covid. Be joyful, helpful, and committed to our faith. Our parishes need our witness to kindle the faith of our fellow Christians. "Vivat Christus!"

Bishop Emeritus Albert Thevenot- District Friar, Saskatchewan



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Fourth Degree Uniform

An important part of the Fourth Degree program is the honour guard and color corps. I believe that the Fourth Degree in the past was partly defined by our involvement in providing support to our bishops and priests and to deceased knights' families by providing an honour guard at Mass.

We also were visible at special church celebrations and are defined by this constant visibility.

To make a long story short, we have about 30 Sir Knights at the present time who have purchased the Fourth Degree Uniform. We need to increase that number dramatically so that we can be present for our bishops and priests, for families of our deceased Sir Knights, and for special church and community functions.

I encourage you, Sir Knights, to purchase the uniform and to assist those few in each assembly who have purchased the uniform and are probably overworked.

In Canada, we are working on establishing a Canadian distributor for the uniform which would bring the price down by possibly \$150-- \$200 dollars, but we need more Sir knights committed to purchase the uniform if the price is to come down. We will keep you posted as soon as there are any new developments.

Live Exemplifications

I encourage each city assembly in Saskatchewan to hold a Live Fourth Degree Exemplification for 3 reasons:

- -to attract dedicated knights to receive the lessons of Patriotism which hopefully will assist them to be more dedicated to their faith and to the Knights of Columbus in general.
- -to allow present Sir Knights to again witness the exemplification which may motivate them to become more involved with the knights in general
- -to replace our departed Sir Knights so that we can have the manpower to conduct worthwhile Patriotic programs in our church and community

Assembly Responsibities

Each Assembly in Saskatchewan should conduct the following Assembly activities yearly.

- -Arrange with the District Master for the installation of assembly officers
- -Submit all required forms---Form 186, form 1728, and the assembly audit
- -Recruit some new members each year and welcome and onboard them properly
- -Conduct visible programs in your church and community which enhance the following 6 Criteria: a) conduct some charitable works programs b) hold some social events which promote Fraternity c) conduct some patrotic programs d) conduct some service and recognition programs for your members, e) conduct some recruitment and retention activities and f) conduct some honor guard and color corps activities as well as promote the purchasing of the fourth degree uniform.

Notice of Fourth Degree Exemplification

I invite Sir Knights to attend the 4th Degree Exemplification of new members at Humboldt Saskatchewan on Sunday, November 13th. I also encourage you to ask one dedicated knight who you know to join the 4th degree and bring him to the exemplification on November 13th. Let's support our brother Sir Knights from Muenster, Humboldt and area.

I thank all of you for all that you do for the Knights of Columbus and look forward to listening to you and working with you this Columbian year.

VIVA CRISO REY,

Chan Bankarski

Master- District of Saskatchewan / Past State Deputy



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.

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4TH DEGREE EXEMPLIFICATION ABBOT SEVERIN NO. 2166 MUENSTER

DETAILS

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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 yor 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

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4th Degree Recruitment Guide

Knights of Columbus **FOURTH**

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

A Guide to Fourth Degree Membership Recruitment



 Advertise regularly in council bulletins, inviting qualified prospects to contact assembly membership committee about joining

Use your imagination. New Sir Knights are all

Conduct a Recruitment Invitation Program

The Fourth Degree Membership Recruitment 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
- \bullet Send invitations per sonally 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
- Answer any questions that prospective members or their wives may have.

· Follow through with attendance at the exemplification; and to future assembly meetings

Conduct an Open House at a Local Council

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

- Appoint a committee to organize, set the date and time of the event. Publicize in local council
- 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 handouts and copies of assembly newsletter
- Have Sir Knights in regalia on hand to describe the color corps and benefits of membership in the
- 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.

How to Use This Guide

This flyer is your guide to organizing and implementing a successful membership program in

The suggestions presented here are proven winners You should decide which offer the best

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.

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

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
- Appoint additional Sir Knights to serve on committee for promoting membership growth.

- Obtain dates for scheduled exemplifications from
- Identify and schedule recruitment methods that best suit assembly's needs and goals – council drives, open houses, invitation programs, team
- 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

- Acquire a roster of eligible members from the financial secretaries of the councils affiliated
- 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, brothersin-law, fathers-in-law, grandparents, grandsons who are members of the Order.

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 you assembly is visible to those prospect Sir Knights in

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

- 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
- 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 assist in your membership efforts that can be 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
- Use Requisition Form (#1) when ordering. Obtain faithful navigator or faithfull comptroller signature
- 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
- 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.

Appoint a Fourth Degree Liaison to Local Councils

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,

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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 quard 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 deci-

Hope this answers some of your questions.

Chris, District Master









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Installation Of Assembly Officers- Brother Stanislaus Assembly #1286-Yorkton and

Father Michael J. McGivney Assembly #1904-Foam Lake held in Ituna.

Sir Knights attended the Divine Liturgy with the installation conducted afterwards. A delicious brunch was prepared by the Ituna Sir Knights and a short program was held after the installation of assembly officers.

August 27th, 2022



Assembly Officers and Sir Knights from Brother Stanislaus Assembly #1286-Yorkton and Father Michael J. McGivney Assembly #1904- Foam Lake



Bishop Michael Wichar leading the Opening Prayer during the installation



District Master Chris Bencharski, Bishop Wichar and FN Larry Tymiak

Installation of Father William Brueck Assembly #1068- Prince Albert



The evening included recitation of the Rosary, Installation of Assembly Officers and a delicious catered supper with a short program afterwards.

Simon Fraser Province Masters' Provincial Meeting—Prince Albert September 15th, 16th, 17th, 2022



L-R- Vice Supreme Master Sir Knight Andy Sambrielaz, Alberta South Master Sir Knight Steve Dookie, Alberta North Master Sir Knight Leo Sosa, Sask. Master Sir Knight Chris Bencharski, BC Master Sir Knight Henri Marcado and SD Sir Knight Larry Packet

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Installation of Officers- Abbot Severin Gerken Assembly #2166- Muenster September 13, 2022



Father Greg leads with the opening prayer during Installation of assembly officers



Faithful Navigator Justin Foley is installed with his jewel symbolic of the office of FN



Former Master Ray Gehlen is installed as Faithful Trustee by Master Chris Bencharski



Fraternity and socializing after the Installation of assembly officers

Note- A Fourth Degree Exemplification of new fourth-degree members will be hosted by Abbot Severin Gertken Assembly #2166 in Humboldt on Sunday, Nov. 13th. Please review the poster in this newsletter and support the assembly by bringing some candidates to the event.

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Installation of Assembly Officers- Regina Assembly #1064 September 18th, 2022



Front row- PFN Sir Knight Agnel George, District Master Sir Knight Chris Bencharski, FN Sir Knight Gordon Stopanski, Faithful Friar Sir Knight Father Gasper Lukas, District Marshall and Assembly Color Corps Commander Sir Knight Dan Devers

Back row- Sir Knight Tony Gartner, Sir Knight of Father John Riffel Assembly James Schneider, Sir Knight Shane Hallsworth, Sir Knight Paul Ponak, Sir Knight Eugene Achtemichuk, Sir Knight Wayne Rutten and Sir Knight Jim Grill.



Sir Knight District Marshall Dan Devers receives the Assembly Color Corps Commander Jewel from FN Gordon Stopanski



Sir Knight PFN Agnel George receives the PFN Miniature Jewel from FN Gordon Stopanski

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Installation of Assembly Officers and Exemplification of 7 New Members-Rev. E Cabanel Assembly #1070- Swift Current September 19th, 2022



Seven candidates received the stroke of knighthood in an exemplifacation held in honor of class Patron GK Gord Hagen



Sir Knight GK Gord Hagen receiving his honoree Certificate



Father Thomas receiving the Stroke of Knighthood

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Installation of Assembly Officers- Darcy McGee Assembly #1065- Saskatoon September 20, 2022



Fourth Degree Honor Guard For Bishop Bayda's Farewell May, 2022



District Master Chris Bencharski and FN Adrien provided an honor Guard



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For Bishop Bayda's Farewell.



Entertainment- stilt walkers



Bishop Bryan's Farewell in Saskatoon -May/ 22

