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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,

Two words that come to mind in February are ‘LOVE’ and ‘VOCATIONS’.

In John 15:12, Jesus tells us, “This is my commandment, that you love one another, as I have loved you.” It is clear to see that today our world needs more love. If we listen to the news, we can easily become discouraged-- the divide in regards to Covid, tensions between Russia and Ukraine, homelessness, deaths from drug overdoses, racism, a lack of Faith, a lack of the truth from conspiracy theories and the list goes on. Many of these problems are attributed to a lack of Faith and Love.

Corinthians 13: 4-7 states, “Love is patient and kind; love doesn’t envy or boast, it is not arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice at wrong doing, but rejoices with the truth.” There is also hope as we see the love displayed on Valentines Day as well as many good works by councils and assemblies in Sask. As members of the fourth degree, I challenge each member of the Knights to display acts of love not only to your family, but also to your neighbors, to those in shut-ins, and yes to your enemies by perhaps a phone call, a box of chocolates, a visit, a tray of baking, shovel their driveway, or other act of kindness. Mathew 5-16 tells us, “In the same way let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works, and give glory to your Father who is in heaven.”

February is also Vocations Awareness month. In the month of February, we can pray for all those who are devoted to religious life. Perhaps assemblies can take their assembly friar out for lunch or supper one day during February.

The Vocations Endowment campaign occurs in the month of February. Assemblies are asked to support this campaign with assembly donations. We know that we need more not less priests and religious to preach the gospel and to promote our catholic teachings.

I also encourage those assemblies that have not contributed to the Military Chaplain’s Seminary Fund to consider to contribute during the month of February. To date, Sask. assemblies have donated \$8,150.00 of the goal of \$10,000.

Let us also heed the words of Pope Francis and invoke the power of prayer for a peaceful solution to the tension in Ukraine and in the Baltics. Supreme Knight Kelly has asked all knights to Pray the Divine Mercy Chalpet and the Prayer of St Francis for a peaceful solution in the Baltics.

I encourage assemblies to continue your prayers and patriotic and charitable works in your parishes and communities. May the Spirit bear the fruits of love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, and faithfulness in all members of the Patriotic Degree.

Vivat Jesus,

Master- District of Saskatchewan/Immediate Past State Deputy



Editor—Pat Meuse



Knights of Columbus – Chevaliers de Colomb Fourth Degree

Bishop Emeritus Albert Thevenot, District Friar- Saskatchewan

Dec. 12th, 2021

My Dear Brother Knights,

The second month of 2022 is upon us. As the days are getting longer, spring is at the horizon. What a relief! February offers us many opportunities to live out the spiritual aspects of our faith as Knights. The second is the feast of the Presentation of Jesus. On this day, we bless candles to remind us that Christ is our light. Get some candles blessed and when you have a family gathering around the table, lite a few. We are his missionary-disciples.

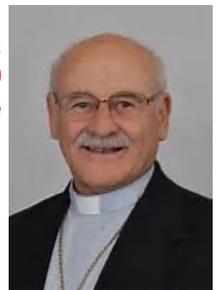
The Church has also set aside this day for those who are called to the religious life. The Knights have always prayed for vocations in the Church and this day is an opportunity to carry these people in our prayers. Nowadays, we do not see Sisters, Brothers, or Priests in our schools, hospitals and home care facilities. As we pray for this vocation in the Church, we should ask ourselves if we would be ready to encourage a son or a daughter or grandchild to join any form of religious life. Do we even mention it to them? Would we encourage them?

February 11th is the day of the sick. Covid has touched many families in different ways. Perhaps you have experienced the virus. Today we can think of all those care givers. Perhaps some of you have a daughter or a son or even a grandchild working in this profession. These times have been very stressful. This illness has pushed us to think of our neighbour. Let us pray for our sick brothers, spouses and families.

February 14th is Valentine's Day. From our childhood we have been thinking of the gift of Love. Loving our neighbor is important. Letting ourselves be loved by others may be difficult. It is time to share roses and chocolates and to celebrate your relationships: wife and children. Like good old Pope St John XXIII would say: tell your wife and children that you love them. Love is the greatest gift from God. Christ came and showed us the way of love. It is not the easiest road to go down, but it is the one that offers us so many rewards. It carries with it tears of joy and suffering. May our brotherhood help radiate this great gift from God. We are also called to help those who refuse to be loved. Enjoy the month. Blessings.

Bishop Emeritus Albert Thevenot- District Friar, Saskatchewan

Note: The Fourth Degree District will hold a Divine Mercy Chaplet and Prayer of St Francis Zoom Prayer Service for peace in Ukraine on Tuesday, February 22nd at 7:30 pm. Further details and a Zoom link will be sent to all Faithful Navigators who will be asked to send the Zoom Link to all their members.



Message From the Vice Supreme Master- Simon Fraser Province



My brother Sir Knights of the Saskatchewan district:

As we move forward towards the start of Lent and the wonderful reality of what lies at the end of that time, it is wonderful to be able to think about you and greet you. Even though I have only met a couple Saskatchewan Sir Knights in person, thinking about you is an overwhelming moment. So many brother Sir Knights who share a common vision of the importance of helping and being there for our pastors, our parishes and our communities as a whole. We Sir Knights and our focus on patriotism makes a difference, even when we do not see it.

Even though we have had ample opportunity to contemplate over the last two years, the upcoming season of Lent gives us that special opportunity to ponder how we should never take things for granted or believe that things will not change. The events in our cities, towns, provinces and country over the last two years show us that we need to prepare, be prepared, lie in waiting and accept that it may be different tomorrow than it is today. We need to have spare oil for our lamps.

The 4th degree's lesson is patriotism and patriotic and charitable activities are what the 4th degree is about. We are the ones who show our love and devotion to our country in alliance with other citizens to create a feeling of oneness. Someone very special to us prayed that we may be one as His Father was in Him and He in his Father. Let us be that example of creating unity amongst our fellow citizens and residents despite how we feel today and how others will treat us. Let us be that example of creating unity and comforting others through our good works and projects of charity.

How we show our love for our country and its citizens and residents, our neighbours, is not a fixed picture. The ways we can do this, the programs we can create and participate in, are limited only by our imagination. I encourage you to let those ideas come forward and to implement those ideas so that those who need to feel that someone cares, that need to feel worthy, see us stretching out our hand to them.

My brothers, as always, Viva Cristo Rey!

Andy Sambrielaz, Vice-Supreme Master, Simon Fraser Province



Exemplifications

DATE	ASSEMBLY	PLACE	CONTACT	Time
12 MAR 22	SASKATCHEWAN	VIRTUAL	CHRIS BENCHAR-SKI 306-240-8872 / PAT MEUSE 306-692-8111	9:45 PM
03 APR 22	SASKATCHEWAN	VIRTUAL	CHRIS BENCHAR-SKI 306-240-8872 / PAT MEUSE 306-692-8111	1:45 PM

Contact District Master Chris or FDM Pat for more information on the Virtual Exemplifications.

Fourth Degree District History- Former District Masters:

Sir Knight Pat Meuse MMM, CD, F.M., Master 2016 –2021

What does the fourth degree mean to me?

The 4th Degree represents a continuation of the patriotism I have felt for Canada all my life. During my military career I proudly stood guard for Canada and I continue that as a guardian for our faith and way of life.

Highlights

The two highlights I think I will most remember is the privilege I was granted to Knight Bishop Scott C McCaig, CC (Bishop of the Military Ordinariate of Canada) in the 4th Degree and overseeing the transition from the Cape / Chapeau to the new Uniform.



Sir Knight Ray Gehlan F.M., Master 2014-2016

What does the fourth degree mean to me?

First and foremost was to profess our Catholic faith by serving as honor guard for our Bishops, Priests and Sir Knights . Although this was often done in the church, we also did this at many public events like Remembrance Day and funerals of our Sir Knights and their families and were proudly recognized as men of the Catholic faith to many, many people.

Highlights

I feel proud that I was behind getting our newsletter "The Loyalist" started in our District of Saskatchewan. Although there are many memories, the one event that I felt so proud of and will never forget took place in Prince Albert when the Pope's representative to Canada, the Apostolic Nuncio, was present. I was called to be part of the Honor Guard and received communion from him. Thank you Prince Albert for inviting me.



Robert (Bob) Barkman, PSD, F.M., Master 2006 - 2008

I joined the 4th degree because of my father. He was a second world war veteran and a convert to the Catholic faith. He instilled in me the importance of defending one's country and religion. He so loved the Catholic faith that he joined the Knights of Columbus and then later the 4th degree. After he asked me to join the Knights of Columbus, I became aware of the work of the 4th degree and sought to join the 4th degree so I could stand in honor guards as a symbol of defending my church and country. It also gave me the opportunity to stand in honor guards for our Bishops, priests and departed brother Knights as well as civic activities such as Remembrance Day.

I was asked by Past Supreme Knight Carl Anderson to take on the role as Master when I completed my second year as State Deputy. During my time as Master, I had many fond memories. Some of these were being the Master for the 100th Anniversary of the Knights of Columbus in Saskatchewan, attending the Blue Mass in North Battleford honoring the First responders, Police officers and fire fighters, being part of the 4th Degree Honour Guard during the opening ceremonies at a Saskatchewan Rough Riders football game at Taylor Field in Regina with the Royal Canadian Legion as well as attending several Assembly meetings, Installation of Officers, Exemplifications and meeting many members and their families.



Father Ed Gibney- PSD, F.M., Master- 2012-2013

Lorne Keller-F.M., Master- 2010-2012

Willian J Owens, F.M., Master- 1990- 1994

Fourth Degree District History- Former District Masters:

Sir Knight Lorne Harasen PSD, F.M., Master 1998-2000

The 4th degree offers the opportunity to engage in patriotism within the Church context besides achieving the ultimate Columbian degree. In terms of cherished programs, we began to hold a thanksgiving Canada Day Mass at a downtown church as the only denomination to do so. We felt it was more important to thank God for our country than fireworks, barbecues and sporting events which have their place. We also held a gala for the province on the 4th Degree 100th anniversary where we honoured the Legion, the RCMP, the Speaker's office of the Legislature, Air Base Moose Jaw, and our Bishops. We proposed toasts to her Majesty, to Canada and to the 4th Degree. Saskatchewan Express provided an outstanding musical salute to our province and country. All attendees received a souvenir. We also had constructed stations of the rosary around one of our oldest Marian shrines near Kronau. Two programs, Honour a Veteran and Honour an RCMP Officer were also developed.



Sir Knight Bert West, PSD, FVSM, F.M., Master 2008- 2010

I had the honour of receiving the appointment for a two year-term as Master of the Fourth Degree for the District of Saskatchewan effective September 1, 2008.

The Fourth Degree provides another opportunity for a knight to show his love for his Church and his Country. Every knight should be encouraged to become a Fourth Degree and consider being a member of the assembly's Colour Guard. We need to show our respect for a deceased member by standing in a Fourth Degree Honour Guard at the funeral and at Church, K of C, and civic events.

The highlight of my term was the first exemplification held in Prince Albert when Bishop Albert Thevenot joined the Fourth Degree.



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the Fourth De-

Fourth Degree District History- Former District Masters:

Sir Knight Mervyn Welter, PSD, FVSM, Master- 2000- 2002

Although I joined the 4th Degree in 1981 the main focus of my Knights of Columbus activity for the first twenty-six years was in the third degree, which centered on membership and charity. In 2000 I was asked to be District Master. Although this was not anything foreign to me, because I had been State Deputy, it was a different experience. I was provided with the opportunity to visit many assemblies and see in action the constant portraying of patriotism in Saskatchewan.

This display of patriotism by the Sir Knights combined with countless acts of charity could only make me proud to be a member of this great Fraternal Order. As I have said many times in my presentations to the membership, 'The Knights of Columbus is not just an organization; it should be a way of life.'



Faithful Navigator Sir Knight Cody Geiger presents Seminarian Daniel Malone with a certificate, social baldric and Fourth degree pin.



New Sir Knight Arthur Pascua of Weyburn Assembly # 1526 receives his certificate, social baldric and fourth degree pin. L-R- FC Pete Broccolo, Sir Knight Richard Wick, New member Arthur Pascua, Sir Knight GK Aime Isaby and Sir Knight FDD Ron Klein



New Member Sir Knight Arthur Pascua with his family



Knights of Columbus- Sask District 4th Degree

Below is a list of program ideas for assemblies to conduct in the next few months.

Go to www.sask4th.ca for the full list of program ideas.

1. Valentine's Supper and Social for members and wives---a rose to all the ladies
2. Catholic Citizenship Essay Contest----What it means to be a Catholic Citizen
3. Assemblies are encouraged to make the information available to the youth of the parish- Kits can be ordered from Supreme. The Essay contest can be done anytime before the end of March. Send entires to Master Chris- cpbencharski@hotmail.com
4. Support of Vocations--- In February, councils will be conducting Parish Campaigns in support of Seminarian Education. Assemblies are asked to partner with the local council and to make a contributon.
5. Take your Assembly Friar out for lunch or supper in February.
6. Donation to the Military Chaplains' Fund
7. Divine Mercy Chaplet and Prayer of St. Francis for peace in Ukraine- **Zoom Prayer Service- Tuesday, Feb. 22nd- 7:30 pm---watch for the link.**

Fourth Degree Forms Due: go to www.sask4th.ca to access forms

1. Form 1315- Annual Assembly Audit- due August 1st, 2021
2. Send original to suprememaster@kofc.org copies to VSM and Master
3. Form 186- Report of Assembly Officers- due July 1st, 2021
4. Send original to membershiprecords@kofc.org copies to VSM and Master
5. Form 1728C- Annual Survey of Fraternal Activity due January 31st, 2022
6. Send original to fraternalmission@kofc.org copies to VSM and Master
7. Form 2321- (Civic Award) for the 2021-2022 Fraternal Year- send to Supreme as soon as your Assembly has completed 4 patriotic progams.
8. Send original to fraternalmission@kofc.org copies to VSM and Master
9. Form TBP-1—To Be A Patriot- requirement for Star Assembly- due by April 30th-send to Master Chris- cpbencharski@hotmail.com by April 30th, 2022

****All forms can be accessed at www.sask4th.ca or www.kofc.org/assemblyforms**

Upcoming Virtual Exemplifications of the Fourth Degree

1. Saturday, March 12th- 9:50 AM
2. Sunday, April 3rd, 2022- 1:50 PM See the brochures at www.sask4th.ca

The application form 4A for new candidates can be accessed on the Fourth Degree Website www.sask4th.ca and then sent to Master Chris cpbencharski@hotmail.com or to Former Master Pat Meuse wpmeuse@sasktel.net

The Zoom link will be sent to all candidates and to all Faithful Navigators. Fourth Degree members are invited to join us to observe the lessons exemplified.

All assemblies are asked to promote the Patriotic Degree to all the council members and offer them membership in the Fourth Degree of our Order.



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS District Assembly Annual Meeting- April 2nd



Fourth Degree District Assembly Annual Meeting Saturday, April 2nd - Queen's House Retreat Center

Below is the Proposed Schedule for the Day:

10:00- Registration in person at Queen's House----\$10.00 per person to help cover the meal and other expenses

Those joining through the Zoom Option can log on starting at 10:15

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

The Mass will also be live-streamed for Zoom participants

11:30- District Assembly Meeting-Introductions, Messages/Reports

12:30- Lunch provided by Queen's House- **This will be a break for our Zoom participants**

1:15- 4:00- Assembly Meeting Continues

The Assembly Meeting is open to all Sir Knights. However, each Assembly is allowed only the number of voting delegates as identified in a previous email.

A registration form will be sent out to each assembly shortly for registering all attendees including voting delegates- either in person or virtual.

Also, we need to register all Zoom participants so that we can send them the link. We also need numbers of in person attendance for meal numbers.

Resolutions passed at an assembly meeting and signed by the FN should be sent to me before March 25th. A resolutions committee will be appointed to review the resolutions prior to the Assembly Meeting and to gather information on the resolutions if further clarification is needed for the session on resolutions at our District Assembly Meeting on April 2nd.

A detailed agenda will be sent to each Faithful Navigator shortly so that it can be shared with the delegates and visitors who will be attending in person or through Zoom.

Dress Code- if you have a uniform, wear it---no swords or berets are necessary. If you have no uniform- wear a suit, tie, social baldric and 4th degree lapel pin.

Chen Borchowski

Master, District of Sask.



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS Military Chaplains Fund



A decision was made at the District Assembly meeting in 2018 to set up a Military Chaplains' Fund to assist in the education costs of military seminarians. The fund was set up in partnership with the Sask. Knights of Columbus Charitable Foundation.

The Saskatchewan Charitable Foundation requested that each assembly in the district of Saskatchewan work towards raising the sum of \$500.00 over a 3-year period. Cheques would be forwarded to the master, pooled together, and forwarded to the foundation. Please note all cheques should be made out to the Saskatchewan K of C Charitable Foundation and then sent to the master. The foundation would commit to aiding one Military seminarian over a 3-year period.

If an individual wishes to donate, he would make the cheque payable to the Saskatchewan K of C Charitable Foundation and would send the cheque to the Master. The Master would then send the cheque to the charitable foundation. The donor would receive the tax receipt while the 4th Degree assembly will receive credit for collecting the funds.

To date, \$8,150.00 has been donated by individual Sir Knights as well as by assemblies to the Military Fund. Only 9/21 assemblies and only 10 Sir knights have made donations to the fund. Hopefully, we can reach our target of \$10,000.00 this year. I encourage all assemblies and Sir Knights who have not donated to please consider making a donation this year.

If you have any questions about the amount your assembly has donated to date or to check whether your assembly has yet made a donation, please contact me.

Viva Cristo Rey,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Chris Bencharski".

Chris Bencharski- Master, District of Sask.



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.

DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET



DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET

SIGN OF THE CROSS

At the first large bead:

All: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

At the first small bead:

Leader: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

All: Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us, and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. Amen.

HAIL MARY

At the second small bead:

Leader: Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee: blessed art thou among women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.

All: Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now, and at the hour of our death.

Amen.

APOSTLES' CREED

At the third small bead:

All: I believe in God, the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,

(all bow at the following two lines)

who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried; he descended into hell; on the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty; from there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. Amen.

REPEATING CHAPLET PRAYERS

At the Our Father beads:

Leader: Eternal Father, I offer you the Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity, of your dearly beloved Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, All: in atonement for our sins and those of the whole world.

At the Hail Mary beads:

Leader: For the sake of his sorrowful Passion, All: have mercy on us and on the whole world.

Repeat the two prayers above for five decades.

CONCLUDING CHAPLET PRAYER

Repeat the following prayer three times.

All: Holy God, Holy Mighty One, Holy Immortal One, have mercy on us and on the whole world.

Leader: Eternal God, in whom mercy is endless and the treasury of compassion inexhaustible, look kindly upon us and increase Your mercy in us, that in difficult moments we might not despair nor become despondent, but with great confidence submit ourselves to Your holy will, which is Love and Mercy itself.

All: Amen. In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.