

Brother Knights,

On the 16th of April, 2016 you have the opportunity to participate in the 4th Degree Exemplification and at the conclusion, will be Knighted into the Order. As a Sir Knight of the Joseph D. Hurley 4th Degree Assembly 293, you will have many opportunities to participate in Color Corps activities. The following is a brief description of the 4th Degree Color Corps: When knighthood was in flower, Knights carried the sword to defend their God, their Church, their country and their fellow man according to the code of chivalry. Today, Sir Knights wear regalia and carry the sword to honor Christ and His apostles, especially on religious and civic occasions specified in the manual of the Color Corps. Hence, the primary purpose of the Fourth Degree is to encourage active Catholic citizenship and foster the spirit of patriotism in members and the community at large.

The Color Corps members exemplify all the principles of our Order:

- **Charity** – by the gift of their time and energies necessary to practice, perfect and perform the ceremonials and sword drill;
- **Unity** – by the united efforts of Sir Knights to practice and perfect a coordinated drill for the good of the Church and the Order;
- **Fraternity** - by expressing an "Esprit de Corps," sharing a common desire for drill excellence and camaraderie; and
- **Patriotism** – by performing precision drill as a salute to God and to country and visually exhibiting a love for both.

The public appearance of Fourth Degree Knights as a Color Corps at religious and civic functions is an important activity of each assembly. Their colorful capes and chapeaux add dignity and the pride of Church and country to any event. By these public demonstrations their loyalties bring credit to themselves and to the Knights of Columbus.

Your Grand Knight has registration information for the 4th Degree Exemplification that will take place at St. Michael the Archangel Catholic Parish located at 14201 Nall Ave, Leawood, KS. The agenda provides a list of the day's activities for the 4th Degree Candidates and their Ladies.

I ask that you send your checks and completed registration form to:

Faithful Comptroller Bob Hall, 123 Parkview Court, Lansing, KS 66043

He will consolidate all documents and send them to the host Assembly Faithful Comptroller from St. Michael the Archangel. **We must have all checks and registration documents no later than the 14th of March 2016.**

We look forward to joining you on the special day of your 4th Degree Exemplification and being present during the Knighting ceremony.

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"Degree of Patriotism"

The Fourth Degree Emblem

The Knights of Columbus, an array of dedicated Catholic gentlemen, glory in the epithet: "The right arm of the Catholic Church." Sir Knights of the Fourth Degree deem it an honor and privilege to carry the triad emblem, which features the Dove, Cross, and Globe. Our honored Order cherishes its patron Christopher Columbus. Christopher "Christ bearer" Columbus. The Dove of Peace symbolizes the Paraclete. The Cross of Christ is the sign of our Christian faith; similarly, the Globe depicts the New World, the miraculous discovery of Columbus. Spiritually, the sacred symbols fashioned on our sword and lapel pin typify the union of the three divine Persons in one Godhead, the Most Holy Trinity.

The Globe - God the Father, Creator of the Universe

The Cross - God the Son, Redeemer of Mankind

The Dove - God the Holy Spirit, Sanctifier of Humanity

God willing, may we, Christian Soldiers in the Columbian Crusade, lend loyalty to our honored Order, Patriotism to our beloved America, and Devotion the Holy Mother Church, all for the greater glory of God Almighty.