



Knights of Columbus

Fourth Degree

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A Fourth Degree Knight

Patriotism is the Fourth Degree Principal!

Being a Fourth Degree Knight is more than just a title--- **it is an honor!** With that a Fourth Degree Knight carry's the title "Sir Knight."

For those of us that are Catholic gentlemen and truly follow Jesus our duty extends beyond our own lives, beyond our families and into how we serve our fellow man.

For those of us that are called upon to take the Knight's one step forward it is an honor to become a Fourth Degree Knight.

Less than 1% of men that become Fourth Degree Knights ever drop out of the Order. Fourth Degree Knights are integral to the preservation of the order.

A Fourth Degree Knight is dedicated to the personal development and continued honor of brother Knights.

A Fourth Degree Knight is always there to offer leadership, guidance, and encouragement, whether it is through educational programs or honoring those who are no longer with us.

Each Assembly honors the family with an engraved chalice or other significant memento, or other religious article at the time of death of a Fourth Degree Knight with the privilege of having an Honor Guard at the wake service.

Fourth Degree Knight's glorify God by serving our communities and nations as though Christ were the one being served.

We foster Patriotism by teaching personal responsibility in civic affairs, working to honor and protect symbols of **national pride, honoring veterans** for their service and sacrifice, and facilitating voter turnout on election days.

Finally Fourth Degree Knights maintain a leadership role on important moral issues, recognizing that what a man stands for defines him.

We are in a time where too few Christians are prepared to speak up for what they believe. Fourth Degree Knights hold unwaveringly to what is right and honorable. This means working to keep God in the civic arena. It means supporting and defending laws that recognize the sanctity of life and true religious liberty, and, of course, **servng the life of the Church.** Fourth Degree Knights are committed to building lives of character.

The Color Corps is an elective division of the Fourth Degree, whose distinctive presence in parades, wreath laying ceremonies, and Catholic functions is a visible reminder of our service to the community. Color Corps members wear the colors with pride and honor knowing they represent the very best of the Knights of Columbus.

The need for strong role models has never been greater. If the sanctity of life, family values, and true religious freedom are to survive, democratic nations need greater commitment from people of faith. That's what the Fourth Degree represents. We are the pinnacle of Knighthood. We live, serve and protect the truth.

Joining the Fourth Degree Knights

One must first meet all of the same qualifications as to become a Knight in the first degree.

There is no waiting period to join the 4TH Degree once you become a 3RD Degree Knight in good standing.

Iowa Membership

Currently there are 44 Assemblies in Iowa as of September 1, 2014.



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Requirements for joining the Fourth Degree Knights of Columbus

Cost = \$70.00 Initiation Fee. You will receive a social baldric, Fourth Degree pin, American Flag pin, certificate and banquet ticket.

Many Assemblies charge no further dues in the first calendar year you join. Example if you join in March 2014 you would not pay any dues for 2014. This rule is governed by the assembly in which you belong as are the yearly dues.

With the exception of priests and active duty military or full time police and firefighting officers who may wear their full dress uniforms, a black tuxedo, shoes bow tie, cummerbund and white tuxedo shirt with regular collar is required to join the 4TH Degree. Buying rather than renting is recommended as there are numerous opportunities to wear a tux as a Sir Knight. Local retailers such As Skeffington's, and Milroy's may have deals on new or used tuxes. Also check out www.chilbert.com. Chilbert, a designated KC supplier will temporarily sell their popular \$199.00 tux complete to Iowa Knights. To get the reduced price, you must call them at 1-800-BUY-A-TUX (1-800-289-2889)

Current Scheduled 4th Degree Exemplifications

Altoona, Iowa - October 2014 2014
Manson, Iowa – November 15, 2014
Coralville Iowa State Convention April 10, 2015

If you elect to join the Color Corp currently thru the English Company the Regular Regalia Package is \$539.90. Extra Length Package varies see catalog for pricing or visit www.kofcsupplies.com. Currently Pope John Paul II Assembly 3030 has a plan to help supplement the purchase of regalia. Some other assemblies may have a similar plan. Please check with your Faithful Navigator.