



# FOURTH DEGREE ANNOUNCEMENT

## BISHOP GALLAGHER ASSEMBLY 1091

Bryan, Texas - U. S. A.



## JAN-FEB-MAR 2011 NEWSLETTER

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*Sir Knights - You are bestowed the honor of Knighthood and continue in your journey in learning the lesson of PATRIOTISM. The major purpose of Fourth Degree membership is fostering the spirit of PATRIOTISM in members and the community and encouraging Catholic citizenship. As a Fourth Degree Knight, you are requested to be a part of the Assembly's Color Corps. As an honor guard, you are recognized widely by the distinctive attire of tuxedo, feathered hat (chapeau), cape, and sword. You are obligated to take part in civic events, such as parades and wreath-laying ceremonies, and in ecclesial functions of our Catholic churches.*

### *Serve with Passion*

## COLOR CORPS ACTIVITIES

*Be prepared to turn out for corporate communion masses, funerals, weddings, baptisms, and other events.*

**January 25, Tuesday** – THANK YOU Sir Knights for turning out as honor guard for Assembly 2041 SK Lawrence Holecek's funeral mass at St. Thomas Aquinas Church. The Holecek family appreciated your attendance.

**No Color Corps or Honor Guard activities were scheduled for February-March at time of newsletter publication.**

WEB SITES FOR COLOR CORPS PROTOCOL

<http://www.kofc.org/un/en/resources/fourth/protocol.pdf>

<http://www.kofc.org/un/en/fourth/color/index.html>

## MEETINGS & OTHER EVENTS

**January 1, Saturday** – SOLEMNITY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY. Holy Day of Obligation.

**January 6, Thursday** – FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY.

**January 9 through 15, Sunday through Saturday** – Vocations Awareness Week.

**January 20, Thursday** – THANK YOU for attending the Brazos Valley Pro-Life Mass celebrated by Bishop Joe Vasquez and priests of the B-CS deanery at St. Thomas Aquinas Church.

**January 23 and 24, Sunday and Monday** – Vigil Mass for Life at Basilica of National Shrine at Washington, D.C.

**January 25, Tuesday** – THANK YOU for the great attendance at the Assembly 1091 meeting. Larry Finch, Johnny Hoelscher, and Joe Moreno provided a delicious meal.

**January 30-February 5, Sunday-Saturday** – Catholic Schools Week. Theme: "A+ for American Catholic Schools."

**February 14, Monday** – St. Valentine's Day and World Marriage Day.

**February 17, Thursday** – Coalition for Life Annual Fundraising Dinner at Brazos County Expo Center from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. For tickets and table sponsorships, go to <http://www.coalitionforlife.com/index.cfm?load=page&page=199>.

**February 22, Tuesday** – Assembly 1091 and Assembly 2041 "Renewal of Vows" meeting at Council 1834 Hall at Groesbeck and Palasota in Bryan. Social begins at 6:30 p.m. Bring your spouse or significant other. The meal will be served by Rick's Catering. Chair officers are to be in full regalia. Dress for other SKs is tux and social baldric.

**March 9, Wednesday** – ASH WEDNESDAY. Day of Fast and Abstinence. Attend mass.

**March 13, Sunday** – Daylight Savings Time begins at 2 a.m. Move clocks forward one hour.

**March 22, Tuesday** – Assembly 1091 meeting at 7:30 p.m. at KofC Hall. Social begins at 7 p.m. Bring another SK. Lupe Ostiguin, Jesse Ostiguin, and Roel Villarreal are in charge of meal.

**March 29, Tuesday** – Knights of Columbus Founders Day (1882).

## EXEMPLIFICATIONS

*Refer to the State, Diocese, District, and Assembly KofC Web sites for more information on scheduled degrees.*

**April 2, Saturday** – District VI One-Day FOURTH DEGREE EXEMPLIFICATION at St. Thomas Aquinas Parish in College Station. Refer to brochure on next two pages. More information may be posted at <http://www.tkofc.org>.

*Plan to attend the following degree exemplifications and support our prospects who will become future Sir Knights.*

**Spring date TBA** – FIRST DEGREE EXEMPLIFICATION at site to be determined. Candidates must arrive by 6:30 p.m. for paperwork followed by an orientation. Exemplification begins at 7:30 p.m. [On September 15 in College Station, November 10 in Bryan, and January 25 in College Station, three First Degree Exemplifications resulted in 55 new Knights joining the order in District 117.]

**Fall date TBA** – MAJOR DEGREE EXEMPLIFICATION (2nd and 3rd Degrees) to be hosted by Council 1834. Dress is full regalia for the 8 a.m. corporate communion mass at St. Anthony Church in Bryan. Candidates should be at the church by 7:30 a.m. The exemplification begins at 10 a.m. at Council 1834 Hall. SKs must not wear tux or regalia at the KofC hall. Stay tuned to State Council Web site - <http://www.tkofc.org>- for more information. [On October 3, 2010, thirty-seven Knights received their 2nd & 3rd Degrees in Bryan.]

## COMMUNICATIONS

*FN Larry Finch expresses appreciation to the Sir Knights for turning out at all the events that the assembly participated in during the first half of this fraternal year.*

*We pray for improved health for Msgr. John McCaffrey and Deacon Pat Gallagher of St. Joseph Church.*

*We also pray for continued recovery of Sir Knights Johnny Hoelscher and Larry Ermis.*

*Assembly 1091 extends a Blessed New Year to all Brother Knights and their families.*

## WE PRAY FOR THESE AND OTHERS IN THE MILITARY

**PV2 Paul Henri Balanga**  
**Sgt. Joseph Chance Bowman**  
**Sgt. David Braden**  
**PFC Ross Carrabba**  
**A1C David Dominguez**  
**A1C Clinton Doriocourt**  
**SPEC Justin A. Garner**  
**EF3 Jay Geronime**  
**Sgt. Nchia Kedze Ghong**  
**Col. Michael G. Kelley**  
**SP4 Rusty Wayne Lanicek**  
**M/Sgt Brian Locke**  
**Sgt. Juan Antonio Lopez**  
**PFC Ricardo A. Luna**  
**M/Sgt. Doug McMillan**  
**LCpl. Gabriel Marteil**  
**Captain Misty Munoz**



**E5 Michael Neveu**  
**WO1 Jeffrey Pivonka**  
**PFC Ariel Quinones**  
**Sgt. Michael Ramirez**  
**LCpl. James Robinson**  
**Sgt. Adrian Rodriguez**  
**Sgt. Joel Rodriguez**  
**Sgt. Michael Ruiz**  
**SPC Jay Saculla**  
**PJ Ted Sierocinski**  
**PFC Daniel Stadler**  
**Cpl. Daniel W. Schwartz**  
**Sgt. Matt White**  
**Sgt. Rick Lee Wolff**  
**M/Sgt. Sherrie Yeates**  
**S/Sgt. Michael Zeig**

# FOURTH DEGREE EXEMPLIFICATION

## Schedule of Events

### Fall Exemplification 2011

#### Friday, April 1, 2011

6:00 PM – 7:30 PM - Registration at Comfort Suites

#### Saturday, April 2, 2011

11:00AM–12:30 PM –Registration at St Thomas Aquinas Church/Zurek Hall

12:45 PM– Ladies assemble at Zurek Hall @ St. Thomas Aquinas to travel to George H.W. Bush Presidential Library @ TexasA&M

1:00 PM–1:30 Candidates Assemble for pre-exemplification instructions

1:45 PM Exemplification Starts

3:30 – 4:00 PM– New Sir Knights class pictures

5:00 PM– Assemble for Mass at St. Thomas Aquinas Church

5:30 PM- Mass

6:45 PM – 7:30 PM - Social at St. Thomas Aquinas PAC

7:30 PM - Banquet to honor New Sir Knights

**Please make every effort to be on time!!**

## HOTEL INFORMATION

Knights of Columbus block of rooms have been made at **Comfort Suites 907 University East/College Station, TX.**

Rate is \$79.00 plus taxes and block closes on **March 19, 2011**...all rooms 1 king or 2 queen beds. Call **979-268-5500** for reservation and ask for **KC Block**....

**Directions:** Exit University Drive off Hwy 6 South (Earl Rudder Fwy) turn right on Univ Drive and go approx. 1.5 miles toward TAMU campus. Motel is on right (North) side Univ. Drive across from TGIF Restaurant.

## St. Thomas Aquinas Church

The Church is located at 2541 E. Earl Rudder Fwy (Hwy 6 South) College Station, TX and is located past the College Station Mall. Exit Emerald Parkway go to Intersection and turn left under Hwy 6. Turn left, stay on feeder. Church is located on the right of Hwy 6.

## Ladies Activity:

A special treat has been set up for you at George H.W. Bush Presidential Library on the Texas A&M Campus. On exhibit from the Red Dress Society are all of the red dresses worn by the first ladies, from First Lady Hoover to First Lady Michelle Obama. We will meet in Zurek Hall @ 12:45pm. Transportation will be provided by local assembly if needed. Ladies can drive their own car and go as a group.

## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FOURTH DEGREE OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE PROVINCE

SK PHIL LEIBOWITZ, JR, MASTER

## INSTRUCTIONS FOR SIR KNIGHTS AND CANDIDATES PARTICIPATING IN TEXAS DISTRICT VI SPRING EXEMPLIFICATION

April 2, 2011



DEDICATED IN MEMORY OF  
SK LAWRENCE HOLECEK  
MSGR TIMOTHY J. VELENTA  
ASSEMBLY #2041

Hosted By:  
Msgr Timothy J. Valenta Assembly 2041  
College Station, Texas  
SK Laban Toscano, FN

# FOURTH DEGREE EXEMPLIFICATION

## Candidate Information

### Exemplification Fee:

Exemplification fee is \$70.00. The \$70.00 must be submitted with Form 4 Membership Form through your Assembly to the District Master. Assemblies sponsoring Priest (s) will submit Form 4 and a \$35.00 fee. Candidate "no show" without a five (5) day notice will be assessed \$30.00 from his exemplification fee. Priest (s) excluded.

District Master must receive Form 4s' with checks payable to **K of C District Master's Fund**, by **March 19, 2011** in order that candidate's name may be listed in the program.

Candidate will receive a Fourth Degree Lapel Pin, U.S. Flag pin, Social Baldrick, ID Badge and certificate

### Requirements to Join 4th Degree:

Member of Knights of Columbus for a minimum of 6 months from receiving 1st degree, and 3rd degree in good standing. Prior approval must be given by VSM for those with less than 6 months, from first degree date. Contact Master for more information on waiver.

### Official Dress For The Day:

Dress for the day is black tuxedo, white flat collar shirt (pleated or plain front) **NO WING TIP COLLARS !!**, black bow tie, black cummerbund, black plain toe shoes and black socks. Priests and Transitional Deacons should wear Clerical attire. Members of the Armed Services on active duty may wear their dress uniform. **No one except Clergy and active duty personnel will be allowed to participate in the Exemplification in attire other than official dress. NO EXCEPTIONS!**

## Member Information

ALL FOURTH DEGREE MEMBERS ARE ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND MASS AND EXEMPLIFICATION IN FULL REGALLIA.

Members without full regalia must wear official dress with Social Baldrick at all times.

## Banquet Tickets

Candidates are guests of the Master and will be given one Saturday night banquet ticket. Candidates and Sir Knights must purchase banquet tickets for their family members and guests through their assemblies. Tickets will be given out at the registration table.

Banquet Ticket .....\$ 25.00 each

Ladies Function ..... No Charge

**Assemblies must order meal tickets by March 19, 2011.**

Send order for Banquet Tickets thru comptroller, to District Master with names of people attending and check payable to:

**District Master's Fund**

**Mail to:**

**Phil Leibowitz, Jr. Master  
PO Box 156  
Temple, TX 76503**

## Exemplification Paperwork

Council Financial Secretary must check over and sign in Section 7 of Form 4s' to verify that each candidate is a third degree member in good standing and confirm the First Degree date and membership number. The Faithful Comptroller of each assembly must forward the approved Form 4s' with proper signatures, information and additional banquet tickets needed.

**PAPERWORK AND CHECKS ARE DUE TO THE DISTRICT MASTER BY March 19, 2011.**

## Tuxedo Acquisition

Candidates are discouraged from renting a tuxedo. Three rentals will pay for a tuxedo. You are encouraged to shop around for the best bargain. You should be able to acquire a tux, shirt, bow tie, cummerbund, studs and cuff links for less than \$200.00.

## Class Pictures

Class pictures will be taken immediately after the Exemplification. A photographer will be offering class picture and different settings for a nominal fee. If additional single or group pictures are desired please make arrangements with photographer after exemplification or at banquet.

## MEMBERSHIP GROWTH

Assembly 1091 and Assembly 2041 request support of the Grand Knights in District 117 in promoting the Patriotic Degree: Council 1834 GK Clarence Lambrecht, Council 3205 GK Ron Gay, Council 10555 GK Don Barnett, Council 10624 GK Dustin Janak, and Council 11759 GK Chris Nugent.

As of January 1, 2010, Assembly 1091's membership is 104. Eleven Sir Knights have Honorary Life status. Sixty (60) Sir Knights have paid their dues for the 2010 calendar year.

The fraternal year's quota for Assembly 1091 is 9 new members (10% of paid membership). [As reported in last month's newsletter, five Sir Knights were added to our assembly during the 4th Degree Exemplification in Harker Heights on October 9, 2010.]

**HAVE YOU INVITED A THIRD DEGREE KNIGHT TO BE A SIR KNIGHT ?  
ONCE A SIR KNIGHT, ALWAYS A KNIGHT !**

## AWARDS PROGRAM



"To Be A Patriot" (single best activity) and "Civic Award" (four varied programs) applications are due annually on June 30 to the District Master. Assembly 1091 has received the "Civic Award" and the "Our Lady of Guadalupe Provincial Award of Excellence" over the past few years. [Please note that an "outstanding and community-wide activity" must be completed to be considered for the "To Be A Patriot" award.]

## ASSEMBLY 1091 OFFICERS

*Faithful Navigator* Larry Finch

*Faithful Friar* Msgr. John McCaffrey

*Faithful Scribe* Steve "Mike" Swetish

*Faithful Comptroller* Johnny Hoelscher

*Inner Sentinel* Steve Rathbone

*Faithful Captain* Mike Orozco

*Outer Sentinel* Wes Thompson

*Faithful Admiral* Louis De La Cruz, Jr.

*1-yr Trustee* Val Lopez

*Faithful Purser* Larry Ermis

*2-yr Trustee* Charlie Ballew

*Faithful Pilot* John McGuill

*3-yr Trustee* Roel Villarreal

## CONTACTS FOR FOURTH DEGREE INFORMATION

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# FIELD AGENT NEWS

Here we are at the start of another year! It just seemed like yesterday we were crossing over into y2k (year 2000) and we are already into a new decade with the year 2011! I (Jody) had my 46th birthday this year, my oldest daughter became a teenager, and my youngest daughter turned 3! What a year to say the least! I am in my 14th year as a Field Agent with the Knights, Doug is in his 34<sup>th</sup> year, and during this time we have seen some significant changes take place. We have had numerous market crashes, and interest rates have swung up and down about as fast as the price of gasoline. The economy has really struggled over the last couple years, causing not only the market to crumble, but interest rates to crater as well! This is a dilemma we are all facing and dealing with, especially when it comes to our finances! Even though all this has been occurring, the Knights have continued to offer their policyholders some of the best rates in the industry! Why...because the Knights are in the business for the benefit of you and me! There are no stockholders here to feed, or greedy CEOs, CFOs, etc. We only have policyholders to worry about, so the focus is on providing the highest quality products that are in the best interest of you and me . . . members of the Knights of Columbus!

With this being said, I have some Great News to share with you! The Knights have decided to keep their dividend rate the same for the 2011 year. This decision was made in light of the terrible economic situation most of America is in, so you can see the Knights are truly dedicated to their policyholders. In a time when you and I are earning next to nothing or in some cases nothing on our interest bearing accounts, the Knights have decided to continue their industry leading dividend scale to all their policyholders! Wow, this is something we all should be thankful for and proud of! There is not another company offering a dividend rate anywhere close to what the Knights of Columbus is offering us! Spread the word to those around you about this good news! Also look at your situation to see if you're taking advantage of what the Knights offer you and your family.

Couple this with the Knights decision to keep the minimum interest rate on their savings and retirement accounts at 3% for newly opened accounts and 3.5% for accounts opened two years or longer, one can see the Knights are committed to providing products that are in the best interest of their policyholders! While the industry as a whole has lowered their minimums to much less than this, the Knights once again stood up for what is best for those who have entrusted their savings and retirement money with them and kept their minimums the same! Most companies have lowered their minimum rates down to 1.50 to 2.50%; so be careful because those are the companies who like to offer 1<sup>st</sup> Year Bonus Rates on their new accounts to get you out from under their Higher guaranteed rates on their old contracts. Companies use Bonus Rates to entice you into their contracts, but when you look at the returns over the years, it usually is less than what the Knights have to offer you or in the contract you are currently in! Be careful and call on us (your field agents Doug or Jody Supak) with any questions about savings, insurance, and retirement planning! We are here exclusively for your benefit and can be reached at (979) 968-5332, at supakins@cmaaccess.com or stop by our office at 130 S. College Street in La Grange! Vivat Jesus!

## And then there were two.

Of the hundreds of insurance companies in North America, only 2 have maintained top ratings by A.M. Best and Standard & Poor's, as well as certification from the insurance Marketplace Standards Association for ethical business practices... But only one gave \$165 million to protect, promote and provide for the things that are important to us as Catholic's and to improve the communities in which we live in!

## Knights of Columbus Insurance A BENEFIT OF BROTHERHOOD

Call your Field Agents Doug or Jody Supak to discuss these products & services exclusively for you & your family:

- ☑ Financial Needs Analysis (Free Financial Report)
- ☑ Life Insurance (Member, Wife, Dependent Child or Grandchild)
- ☑ Tax-Deferred Fixed Rate Annuities (Non or Tax-Qualified Savings, No Fees)
- ☑ Long Term Care Insurance (Nursing Home, Assisted Living, Home Health)
- ☑ Retirement Account Rollovers (401-k, 403-b, 457, IRA, Pension, etc.)
- ☑ Estate Preservation (Minimize Tax Liability & Protect Assets)
- ☑ Scholarships (Local, State & National Programs)
- ☑ Family Fraternal Benefits (Acc. Death, Orphan & Spousal Benefits, etc.)

***KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS INSURANCE ...YOUR SHIELD FOR LIFE!!!***

## **PROMOTING THE FOURTH DEGREE**

Through their leadership and dedication, Fourth Degree Knights have earned their place as the most visible arm of the Order. Having a close relationship with a Fourth Degree assembly will benefit your council and its members. Not only are Fourth Degree members less likely to lapse or go inactive, but they also know the importance of active members and what they mean to projects, events, volunteering, and so on. To bridge any gaps that may exist between your council and assembly, agreeing on a Fourth Degree representative or liaison is a good idea. This way, the council will have a go-to person who can represent the assembly and take any questions or concerns that may arise when organizing, scheduling, or meeting. Along with the Fourth Degree representative serving the council, it is good to periodically, if not regularly, invite the faithful navigator to report on assembly activity at council meetings and to recruit members for the Fourth Degree.

To qualify for the Fourth Degree a member must be 18 years of age or older, a citizen of the country in which he resides, be a member of the Order for at least 12 months, and a member in good standing with his council. Ideally, every Third Degree Knight should become a Fourth Degree Knight to make the Order's presence in the community more visible and to assist councils in recruitment efforts.

## **SERVING THOSE WHO SERVED**

Our military personnel voluntarily act as protectors of our nations, standing on the front lines while keeping us safe behind them. The Knights of Columbus acknowledges this unselfish act of patriotism by promoting the "Serving Those Who Served" program. Members of the Order should honor and assist these men and women. To honor military personnel for their services, assemblies and councils can give their time volunteering at veterans' hospitals, clinics, and health care facilities. This is a great way to show veterans that their efforts and sacrifices are not forgotten. Councils can also send greeting or birthday cards to hospitalized veterans and military personnel stationed away from home. Let the veterans and current members of the military know that the Knights of Columbus appreciates their service and sacrifice. Take time to honor or assist them in a way that is worthy of their military service.

The Veterans Affairs Voluntary Service, VAVS, is the vehicle that assemblies use in the "Serving Those Who Served" program. Through this service, the Knights of Columbus Fourth Degree Veteran's Hospital volunteers are organized by having one of their members become a certified representative at the hospital. Our certified members attend hospital meetings and organize efforts for K of C volunteers. The Knights of Columbus currently has a VAVS Committee at almost every VA medical center and clinic in the United States. These committees consist of at least one certified representative and up to three deputy representatives from the Knights of Columbus. In the United States, the VA hospitals, clinics and facilities need all types of volunteer services — from program planning to visiting veterans. For more information on this outstanding program, please contact your Fourth Degree district master or locate the closest VA Medical center.

Assemblies and councils can also honor military personnel and veterans throughout the year by presenting them with Patriotic Service Award certificates. These certificates are available from the Supreme Council Supply Department. Also available is the Armed Forces Certificate that can be presented to members of the military as an expression of gratitude for service to the defense of "mankind's basic rights to a life of freedom and dignity."

## **HISTORY OF BISHOP N. A. GALLAGHER ASSEMBLY**

In the early years of the Fourth Degree Knights of Columbus of the State of Texas, the state was divided into the Southern district and the Northern district. Five Sir Knights were assigned to the Southern district with headquarters in Houston. They were Father J. B. Gleissner, Frank Zubic Sr., Raymond Valouch, Gus Schultz, and H. B. McDowell. In 1936, Joe Havel, Frank Havel, Frank Schultz, Jerome Zubik, Sam Restivo, and Father Tim Valenta joined the Fourth Degree in Houston. This provided enough membership to institute an Assembly in Bryan. On June 8, 1940, the charter was drawn up with the Houston Assembly officers doing the honors. Bishop N. A. Gallagher was chosen for the Assembly name because Bishop Gallagher was the Bishop of Galveston who ordained Father Gleissner as a priest. Father Gleissner became the first Friar, and Louis Bolmanski became the first Faithful Navigator. As membership grew, the state was divided into districts in accordance with the Diocese boundaries. Assembly 1091, being in the Austin Diocese, became part of District VI. Four local Sir Knights were privileged to serve as District Masters in the Austin Diocese. They include Jerome "Jack" Zubik, Colonel Walter Parsons, Frank Scanlin, and Joe Moreno, Jr.

# FOURTH DEGREE ORGANIZATION INFORMATION

The Fourth Degree is the highest degree of the order. Members of the degree are addressed as "Sir Knight." The primary purpose of the Fourth Degree is to foster the spirit of patriotism and to encourage active Catholic citizenship. Fewer than 20% of Knights join the 4th Degree, which is an optional degree. A Knight must be active in his council for one year before he can join a Fourth Degree Assembly (the time requirement may be reduced to six months under special circumstances).



Assemblies (such as our Assembly 1091) are distinct from councils and are led by a separate set of elected officers. The Supreme Board of Directors appoints a Supreme Master (currently Joseph P. Schultz), and twenty Vice-Supreme Masters to govern the Fourth Degree. Each Vice-Supreme Master (our VSM is Paul Weigl, Jr. of Oklahoma) oversees a Province (our province is Our Lady of Guadalupe) which is then broken up into Districts (our assembly is in District VI). The Supreme Master appoints District Masters to supervise several assemblies (our District Master is Phil Leibowitz).

Each assembly is led by a Navigator (our Navigator is Larry Finch). Other elected assembly officers include the Captain, Admiral, Pilot, Scribe, Purser, Comptroller, Sentinels, and Trustees (refer to previous listing of Assembly 1091 officers). A Friar and Color Corps Commander are appointed by the Navigator. Assembly officers are properly addressed by using the title "Faithful" (for example, Faithful Navigator). Assemblies are numbered in the order in which they chartered into the Order and are named by the local membership (as discussed elsewhere in this newsletter, our Assembly 1091 is named after Bishop N. A. Gallagher).

Rank	Color
Vice-Supreme Master	Blue Cape and Blue Chapeau
District Master	Gold Cape and Gold Chapeau
District Marshal	Green Cape and Green Chapeau
Faithful Navigator	White Cape and White Chapeau
Assembly Commander	Purple Cape and Purple Chapeau
Color Corps Members	Red Cape and White Chapeau

Only Fourth Degree Knights may optionally purchase the full regalia and join the Assembly's Color Corps. The Color Corps is the most "visible arm" of the Knights as they are often seen during masses, at parades, and other local events wearing their colorful regalia. Official dress for the Color Corps is black tuxedo, service baldric, white gloves, cape, and naval chapeau. White tuxedos may also be used on certain occasions, especially at the Supreme and State levels. Baldrics are worn from the right shoulder to left hip and are color specific by nation. In the United States, baldrics are red, white, and blue. A service baldric includes a holster for a sword and is worn over the coat while a social baldric is worn under the coat. The colors of the cape and chapeau denote the office that the Sir Knight holds in the Fourth Degree. Faithful Navigators and Past Faithful Navigators carry white-handled silver swords. Masters and Vice-Supreme Masters, including Former Masters and Former Vice-Supreme Masters, are recognized by gold swords.

The need for a patriotic degree was first considered in 1886; a special plea was made at the National Meeting in 1899. The first 4th Degree exemplification was in 1900 with 1,100 Knights participating at the Lenox Lyceum in New York. Today, the order has more than 2,500 Assemblies. [Source: <http://www.answers.com/topic/knights-of-columbus>.]



Sir Knights wanting to place additional Knights of Columbus information in this newsletter should contact the Assembly 1091 Newsletter Editor - Purser and Past FN Larry Ermis, 979-778-6771, [aggie68@suddenlink.net](mailto:aggie68@suddenlink.net).