

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!** Even though a Fourth Degree Knight carries 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 Knights of Columbus another step forward, it is an honor to become a Fourth Degree Knight.

Less than 1% of the members that become Fourth Degree Knights drop out of the Order. Fourth Degree Knights are integral to the preservation of the Knights of Columbus. They are dedicated to the personal development and continued growth 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 of a deceased Fourth Degree Knight with an engraved chalice or other significant memento, or other religious article at the time of death with the privilege of having an Honor Guard at the services.

They 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 turn out 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, **servicing the Church.** Fourth Degree Knights are committed to building lives of character.

The Color Corps is an elective part 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.

Iowa Membership

Iowa Assemblies = 38

Fourth Degree Knights = 4,429

14.2% of 31,214 Iowa Knights

Requirements for joining the Fourth Degree Knights of Columbus

One must first meet all of the qualifications to become a Knight and be a member of the Knights for at least six months and a Third Degree member in good standing.

The exemplification fee is set by Supreme at \$70.00. You receive a social baldric, Fourth Degree pin & certificate, and a banquet ticket.

Many assemblies charge no dues in the first calendar year you join. Example: If you join in March 2011, you would not pay dues until 2012. Each assembly establishes their annual dues.

A black tuxedo, black footwear, black bow tie and cummerbund, white tuxedo shirt with a regular collar are required to join the Fourth Degree. Buying rather than renting is preferred as there are numerous opportunities to wear a tux as a Sir Knight. Priests and military personnel or full time policemen and firefighters may wear their dress uniforms. Local retailers may have deals on new or used tuxes.

Currently Scheduled Fourth Degree Exemplifications

Algona, Iowa - March 26, 2011

Coralville Convention - April 8, 2011

If you elect to join the Color Corp currently thru the English Company the Regular Regalia Package is \$478.45 and the Extra Length Package is \$489.95. Some assemblies order in bulk for discounts and freight savings and some assemblies have plans to help supplement the purchase of regalia. Please check with your Faithful Navigator or Faithful Commander.