

## **Questions about the fourth degree**

**What is the Fourth Degree?** It is the Patriotic Degree and the highest degree of the order

**Who is eligible for the Fourth Degree?** Any third degree member who has been a member for 12 months

**Is it expensive?** There are annual dues (usually about \$20) and some cost for the exemplification.

**Do I have to buy Regalia?** NO regalia is not required. If you want to be a part of the Color Corp/Honor Guard you will need regalia.

**Do I need a tuxedo?** You need a tuxedo for the exemplification. You may buy one rent one or borrow one. Tuxedos may be purchased for \$130 on up. There are often members who will sell used tuxedos or regalia.

**What does the Fourth Degree Do?** It is dedicated to Patriotism. The programs focus on patriotism, including supporting our service men/women and veterans. Encouraging citizenship including respect for our country , our flag and exercising our right/duty to Vote. It is also the most visible part of the Knights of Columbus.

**What are my time commitments to the fourth degree?** They are the same as in any part of the Knights. You do what you can and have the time for. The more you do the more you receive in self satisfaction and personal growth as a man, citizen and Catholic.

# How do I dress for Exemplification???

## Friday evening:

Casual—dinner on own; hospitality suites later

Also, Friday night entertainment will be casual

## Saturday morning/Memorial Mass/early afternoon:

Casual—on own until time for afternoon Mass

Visit hospitality suites; meet/greet old/new friends

## Saturday afternoon Mass (4:00 PM)/ dinner:

Formal (tuxedo) for men

Formal/semi-formal for ladies (remember, your husband/significant other will be in a tuxedo...! Dress appropriately to match their formal wear. No slits "up to here" or "down to there" PLEASE.

## Saturday after dinner:

Casual—can change out of dressy clothes into casual

## Sunday morning:

### Exemplification:

Candidates—tuxedo

Sir Knights—full regalia

Ladies' Brunch: dressy clothes (short dresses, dressy pants/pantsuits)

## THE FOURTH DEGREE

Shortly after the founding of the Order in 1882 the need was seen for a Patriotic Degree to build on the principles already established, namely Charity, Unity and Fraternalism. Due to other pressing problems, the dream of the Fourth Degree was not realized until February 22, 1900, when an initial class of over 1,000 Brother Knights became the first Sir Knights.

However, the Patriotic Degree is by no mean an "elitist group". Our members come from all walks of life and no distinction is ever made.

Actually the Fourth Degree is a group of Brother Knights who want to reach their full potential as Knights. The Sir Knights of the Fourth Degree are actually hard working Third Degree Brother Knights who wanted to become the best, or most complete, Knights of Columbus possible.

With each Degree received comes a lesson, each adding knowledge and building on the lessons received previously. The Fourth Degree is the final lesson and until you embrace it, you will never know the whole story of the Knights of Columbus. The K of C Headquarters in New Haven is supported by four towers, each of which represents a principle, namely Charity, Unity, Fraternity and Patriotism. Without all four towers, the building cannot stand. The addition of the Fourth tower, Patriotism, completes the foundation of the building and the foundation of the Order.

We define Patriotism as love of God and Country. Our faith needs Knights ... our country needs Patriots ... the Fourth Degree needs you to make Patriotism live.

Thank You

4<sup>th</sup> Degrees available are  
3/21/2010 Sawmill Creek Resort Huron, Ohio  
4/11/2010 Kings Island Inn and Resort Mason, Ohio



# Knights of Columbus

**Fourth Degree  
Ohio District Two**

## Toledo Diocese Exemplification 2010

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March 19, 20, 21, 2010  
The Lodge at Sawmill Creek  
Huron, Ohio

### INFORMATION SHEET

#### FRIDAY, March 19, 2010

Early Check-in.....Hospitality Suites Open.....Attitude adjustment  
Hotel Check in.....3PM  
Exempt. Registration and Ticket pick up by water falls 1<sup>st</sup> floor 4 PM-5:30 PM  
Staff Meeting TBA.....6 PM

#### Saturday March 20, 2010

Breakfast (on your own).....7 AM – 9 AM  
Memorial Mass in the Hiawatha Room.....9 AM  
Exempt. Registration and Ticket pick up by water falls 1<sup>st</sup> floor...10AM – 2 PM  
Mass in the Iroquois Nation Room (formal attire)...(All SK in full regalia) 4 PM  
VIP Reception (by invitation) – Master’s Suite.....5:15 PM  
VIP Line up for Banquet .....6:15 PM  
Banquet and Program in North Hall (formal attire).....6:30 PM

**Hospitality Rooms will be closed during both Masses and the Banquet**

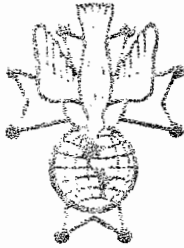
Hospitality rooms will be open upon completion of the evening’s events

#### Sunday March 21, 2010

Breakfast (on your own).....7 AM-8AM  
Late Candidate Registration with Diocesan Secretary in Wilderness Hall ....7 AM-8AM  
Candidates Assemble with Diocesan Marshal in Sycamore Rm. Wilderness Hall 8 AM  
All Sir Knights in full regalia to be in Red Cedar Rm. Wilderness Hall.....8:45 AM  
Exemplification Ceremony in Red Cedar Rm.....9:00 AM  
Ladies Brunch and Program in the Iroquois Nation Room.....9:30 AM  
New Members Class Picture after the Exemplification.....11:30 PM

**Hospitality Rooms will be closed during the Exemplification and Ladies Brunch.**

**CHECK OUT TIME 11AM SUNDAY**



**Toledo Diocese Exemplification**  
**March 19-21, 2010 Sawmill Creek Resort,**  
**Huron, Ohio**

**Sir Knight Reservation**

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Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Spouse: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Assembly # \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Title: \_\_\_\_\_

email address \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

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**Hotel Rooms**

Hotel Room Reservation Forms will be sent to each Assembly.

Hotel Room Rate: \$99.00 per night plus tax.

**It will be each individual's responsibility to make his room reservations with the hotel.**

The Hotel reservation deadline is **February 17, 2010.**

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**Banquet Choice:** Indicate number of meals

Chicken Picatta: \_\_\_\_\_ Swiss Steak: \_\_\_\_\_ Special diet please indicate: \_\_\_\_\_

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**Fees:**

Banquet Tickets .....\$30.00 each...\$ \_\_\_\_\_

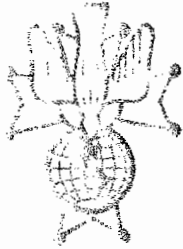
Lady's Brunch Tickets.....\$18.00 each...\$ \_\_\_\_\_

Total due: (make check to: Toledo Diocese 4<sup>th</sup> Degree) ... \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Send check and this completed reservation form to: Herman Dehring PFN Toledo Diocesan Registration Chairman as soon as possible but **before February 20, 2010.** If it is not postmarked by February 20, there will be an additional \$5 fee per person to the assembly.

Note: All Sir Knights must have a Third and Fourth Degree Membership Card to attend the Exemplification. Also, EACH Sir Knight must pick up own registration packet on either Friday evening or Saturday prior to Mass.

Herman Dehring PFN  
Toledo Diocesan Registration Chairman  
211 W. Ottawa St.  
Oak Harbor, Ohio 43449  
Phone 419-898-0062



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**Candidate Reservation**

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Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Spouse/Guest: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Assembly #: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

email address \_\_\_\_\_

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**Fees:**

Candidate ( <u>Banquet</u> , Social Baldric & Pin).....	\$70.00...\$	_____
Guest (Banquet Ticket)*.....	\$30.00...\$	_____
Lady's (Brunch Ticket)*.....	\$18.00...\$	_____

\*These events/items are optional

Candidate Swords are no longer required for the Degree.

Candidates must be in possession of a current 3<sup>rd</sup> degree membership card for the degree.

Candidates must be dressed in an approved tuxedo and accessories for the formal occasions.

**Candidate Banquet ticket is nontransferable.**

Total due: (Make check out to) Toledo Diocese 4<sup>th</sup> Degree ..... Total Due \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Send Form 4, check for Candidate Fee, optional items, and dinner reservation to: Herman Dehring PFN Toledo Diocesan Registration Chairman as soon as possible but **before February 20, 2010.** If it is not postmarked by February 20, there will be an additional \$5 fee per person to the assembly. **Also, EACH Candidate must pick up own registration packet on either Friday evening or Saturday prior to Mass.**

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# Official Dress of the Patriotic Degree

## Social Dress

A regular black tuxedo

*button jacket*

Black Cummerbund

Black bow tie

Black socks

Black shoes

*- no wingtips*

Plain white pleated shirt with lay-down collar

Plain black studs and cuff links

Social baldric or the jewel of your current office

Miniature jewels above the left breast pocket

Official lapel pin

Military Awards below lapel pin

Name tag

## Official Dress in Full Regalia

A regular black tuxedo

Black Cummerbund

Black bow tie

Black socks

Black shoes

Plain white pleated shirt with lay-down collar

Plain black studs and cuff links

Official lapel pin

Service baldric

Cape of appropriate color

Chapeaux

White gloves

No name tags or symbols of current or past offices