

Knights of Columbus Msgr. Christopher Dennen Assembly 2017

412 Ann Street Wilmington, NC 28401



FOURTH DEGREE REGIONAL EXEMPLIFICATION SAINT LEO THE GREAT CATHOLIC CHURCH 335 SPRINGDALE AVENUE WINSTON-SALEM, NORTH CAROLINA 27104 ON 18 MAY 2024

Brother Knight,

You expressed interest in joining the Fourth Degree of the Knights of Columbus. The Msgr. Christopher Dennen Assembly 2017 is the assembly which represents greater Wilmington. That is, if you belong to councils 1074, 11817, 12017, or 12885, then 2017 is the assembly you will join. However, you do not give up membership in your council; in fact, you must remain a member in good standing in your council to be a Fourth Degree Knight.

The Fourth Degree is the visible arm of the Knights of Columbus. The principle of the Fourth Degree is Patriotism. All Fourth Degree members are eligible to join the Honor Guard; however, this is not required.

The assembly meets monthly currently on the third Tuesday of the month and usually in the Parish Hall at Saint Mark Catholic Church. Meetings also are scheduled at other council locations when practical. Yearly dues are \$30.

There will be a regional exemplification at Saint Leo the Great Catholic Church in Winston-Salem on May 18 hosted by the Santa Maria Assembly 782. All Third Degree Knights are eligible to take this Degree. There no longer is a waiting period between the Third and Fourth Degree. This is an excellent opportunity for advancement to the Fourth Degree.

The candidate's fee is \$80 which includes a Fourth Degree lapel pin, a Social baldric, and a Fourth Degree certificate. A priest's fee is \$50. The fee for Observers and Guests is \$20 each if attending the luncheon. There will be a Ladies Program while the ceremony is underway as well as a Luncheon following the ceremony. Specifics of the Ladies Program and Luncheon menu will be communicated when more is known. These fees are set by the Supreme Council.

An optional Mass will be held at 9:00. The Degree will begin at 11:30. Candidates <u>must</u> be present and registered with the District Secretary by 10:30 and <u>must</u> be carrying a valid Third Degree membership card and rosary. Observers <u>must</u> have a valid Fourth Degree membership card. The required <u>Dress code</u> for candidates and observers is explained in the attached "Exemplification Dress Code Form".

Two forms are enclosed: the application form (Form 4), and the "Exemplification Dress Code Form". The <u>deadline</u> for receipt of these and monies from candidates and observers by the Membership Chairman of the Assembly is <u>Tuesday, April 16</u>. Entries should be legible <u>and</u> complete. Candidates should complete sections 1, 2, 3 and 4, as well as membership number (see sample Form 4 attached) and add their email address at the very top of the form. Sign and date the form. Also have your proposer (the Fourth Degree Knight who will vouch for you) sign, date and include his membership number.

Lastly, have your council's Financial Secretary certify your good standing by signing the form as well. **Incomplete or incorrect forms will not be voted upon and you will not be exemplified.** Time is of the essence.

The forms (Form 4 and Exemplification Dress Code Form), exemplification fee (\$80), annual dues (\$30), and any Guest Luncheon fee should then be sent to the below address using the included envelope. The check should be made payable to "Knights of Columbus Assembly 2017".

SK Greg Decker, Membership Chairman 5024 Holly Tree Road Wilmington, NC 28409

Some final notes:

 Observers must also submit the Exemplification Dress Code Form to the Membership Chairman so that adequate seating is provided. If staying for the luncheon, include the fee as well. This is also due **April 16.**

Thank you for your interest in our order,

Greg Decker Membership Chairman 910-622-0250 comptroller@kofc2017.org

cc: Frank Bio, Faithful Navigator 2023-2024



18 May Winston-Salem Exemplification

The following "Exemplification Dress Code Form" MUST BE COMPLETED, SIGNED, AND SUBMITTED WITH EACH CANDIDATE'S COMPLETED FORM 4, AND BY OBSERVERS.

Appropriate Dress for Candidates and/or Observers is NEW Regalia; Black Tuxedo, Plain White Tuxedo Pleated Shirt (with lay down collar - **NO wing tip collars allowed**), Black Bow Tie, Black Shoes, Black Socks, Black Cummerbund (No vests) <u>OR</u> Dark Suit, White Shirt (with lay down collar - **NO wing tip collars allowed**), Dark Tie, Black Shoes, Black Socks. Observers must also <u>wear their social baldric</u> if in a tuxedo or dark suit and the PG-113 lapel pin; not the flag lapel pin. If proper attire, as described above, is not followed, you <u>will not</u> be permitted into the chamber.

Candidate will receive his Social Baldric and Fourth Degree pin in the antechamber after registering with the District Secretary.

Clergy to wear their "Blacks" or cassock.

Active Duty Military may wear their Class A or Dress Uniform instead of the Black Tuxedo or Dark Suit, and have the option of not wearing the baldric with their dress uniform.

No weapons, concealed or otherwise, are permitted!

<u>Candidates</u> must attach the below completed Exemplification Dress Code form to their completed Form 4 along with any applicable fees and forward to the assembly Membership Chairman by the deadline.

Observers must forward the below completed Exemplification Dress Code form to the assembly Membership Chairman with any applicable fees by the deadline as well.

EXEMPLIFICATION DRESS CODE FORM

I fully understand the above requirements and must be in the appropriate dress to be admitted to the exemplification. I am to report to the Candidates Registration Desk no later than 1 hour prior to the published start time of the Exemplification (10:00 is recommended). The registration desk will open at approximately 10:00.

Print Full Name of Candidate or Observer
Please indicate whether you are staying for luncheon YES NO
Will you be bringing a guest for the luncheon? YES NO
Print Full Name of Guest
A Fourth Degree Sir Knight is not considered a guest of a candidate and must complete his own Exemplification Dress Code Form.
I have read and understand the above Dress Code:

Signature of Candidate or Observer



