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Fourth Degree District of Sask.

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“Life without God is like an unsharpened pencil.....it has no point”

The month of March has slipped by us, we went through the season of Lent and it is now Easter. Hopefully, March will not go “out like a lion” and we will enjoy some nice spring weather. Although in the Northern Hemisphere, the first day of spring is on March 21st, it is more like in mid- April that we have the “true” arrival of spring. After all, we can get outside, connect with nature, shake loose those final cobwebs from our minds and begin new adventures.

The season of lent has been a special time of prayer, penance, sacrifice and good works in the preparation for Easter. Lent is like the Church’s spring, a time for renewal and a re-

minder of the new life of baptism. As Knights, we had an opportunity to put our Principle of Patriotism into practice and to show devotion, love and reverence to our church and to God by properly preparing our spiritual journey through lent leading into Easter. To be Patriotic means to have a great devotion and love for our country and be willing to sacrifice for it. Fourth Degree Knights should have that same love and devotion for our faith, for our church and for God. We should be willing to sacrifice some of our physical needs and concentrate more fully on our spiritual needs, and in doing so, we draw closer to God.

On March 9th, the Fourth Degree District Assembly Meeting was held in Saskatoon at Columbian Place. It was a good meeting with 25 Sir Knights who attended representing 12 assemblies. Social thanks to Assembly 1065 for hosting us, to Father Benedict for celebrating Mass with us, to all those serving on the various committees, and a special thank you to all who attended.

Below is a list of activities for assemblies in the next couple of months.

- honour guard at the Easter Masses
- assist your parish priest by offering to drive him to the Easter Masses in his cluster.
- set a date for a live exemplification for new members to join the fourth degree.
- promote the purchase of the uniform and plan to double your numbers.
- complete the Civic Award application.
- plan to attend the State Convention in Regina to assist with the Color Corps
- donate to a local soup kitchen.
- conduct some of the programs listed for the months of April, May and June

My wife Pat and I wish each of you a Blessed Easter and we look forward to seeing many of you at the upcoming State Convention in Regina two weeks from today.

Viva Cristo Rey and Vivat Jesus,

Master- District of Saskatchewan / Past State Deputy



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Knights of Columbus – Chevaliers de Colomb Fourth Degree

Bishop Emeritus Albert Thevenot, District Friar- Saskatchewan

Dear Brother Knights and your wives;

Spring is here to revive in us the desire of new life. During the awakening of this season, we also celebrate the death and resurrection of the Lord. Lent has helped us to prepare the land of our souls to receive this new life in him.

Jesus gave his life on the cross, to express his great love for each one of us. It was a coincidence that this year, we started our Lenten journey with Valentine's Day. Through our prayers, Almsgiving and Fasting, we prepared ourselves to this great event. Love which embraces forgiveness and mercy is at the centre of this journey of the great triduum. At the Easter Vigil, we intone the great Alleluia, praising Father for such a plan.

As Knights, we are called upon to respond to this love. It is for this reason that we are involved in works of charity, through our fraternity for the best of our country. We often hear that we do it all for the best of the Order according to the guidelines of Blessed Fr. Michael McGivney, because he wanted us to be open to the needs of our brothers and sisters. The light of the resurrection enlightens our world, exposing us to the suffering of our brothers and sisters. It is part of our DNA as Knights to come to their needs. Like Christ, we are sent to bring this new life to those in need filling their lives with hope.

Yes, may you celebrate this Easter with Joy and Happiness. He has risen! Alleluia!

Bishop Emeritus Albert Thevenot- District Friar, Saskatchewan



District Assembly Meeting Held At Columbian Place -March 9, 2024



L-R- front- Agnel George- PFN, SA, Tony Gareau- FN- Prince Albert Assembly #1068, South Marshal Dan Devers. Master Chris Bencharski- PSD, Father Benedict, SD Larry, West Marshal Matthew Parker- Assembly 1066; Back row- L-R- North Marshal Adrein Piche- Assembly 1065, FC Robin De Roo- Assembly 1065, FN John Vany- Assembly 1066, FC Dave Harder- Assembly 1066, FC Wayne Rutten- Assembly 1064, DD Lance LaCroix- Assembly 1066, Former Master Ray Gehlen- Assembly 2166, FC and DD Tony Dakiniewich- Assembly 1904, FN Justin Foley- Assembly 2166, FN Frank Brown- Assembly-1065, FN Ron Klein- Assembly 1526, Logan Sitter Vaney, PFN Brad Lefebre, Charitable Foundation CEO Harvey Grantier, FN Gordon Stopanski- Assembly 1064, FN Marvin De Schryver- Assembly 1425, FN Larry Tymiak- Assembly 1286



Father Benedict- Opening Prayer



Resolutions Report



Delegates



CEO Harvey Grantier- report



Master's Report





Abbot Severin Dertkin Assembly #2166 Valentines Get-Together on Feb. 14th, 2024



Sir Knight Ron Koberinski- 30 years of Service



Sir Knight Orthello Ubalde- 35 years of service



Sir Knights Adrien Piche and Frank Brown- Honor Guard at Sask. Indoor Games



Meadow Lake Assembly 2792 and Council 5259 Knights Food Drive for the Door of Hope Food Bank

Assembly # 1065 Members Assist in the Outdoor Way of the Cross





Knights of Columbus - Sask District 4th Degree

Fourth Degree Assembly Program Ideas- April to July

Below is a condensed list of program ideas for assemblies to conduct in the months of April to July. More details on each program are available on the Fourth Degree Website www.sask4th.ca under the topic "Fourth Degree Program Manual".

1. Memorial Donation to the Sask. Charitable Foundation in memory of a Deceased Fourth Degree Brother Knight.
2. Invite a panel of community members to speak about the history of your community and historical sites in the community.
3. Write letters to your MP about matters which are important to the Assembly.
4. Invite municipal representatives to speak about their roles or about Patriotic matters which are important to the Assembly.
5. Donate a Chalice, Paten, Ciborium or a Communion Host Bowl, in memory of a deceased member, to a parish in need.
6. Knights of Columbus float in a community event parade or Canada Day parade.
7. Display the Canadian flag at all assembly meetings and knights functions.
8. Participate in the Patriotic Holiday of Canada.
9. Distribute flags on Canada Day that can be attached to antennas of vehicles.
*could be distributed through the schools for Canada Day
10. Fourth Degree Scholarship for Graduation
11. Fourth Degree Birthday, Sympathy, Get well, Anniversary, Thank you, and Congratulations greeting cards to Knights and parishioners.
12. Recognition Certificates to recognize the efforts of knights or parishioners
13. Patriotic Service Award Certificates to members of the community for outstanding achievements like retirements or recognition of years of service.
14. Honor Guard for deceased members
15. Color Corps for church and community special events
16. Recognize your Friar with a certificate and supper out.
17. Donations to the Military Seminarian Fund and to the Knights of Columbus Charitable Vocations Endowment Campaign
18. Color Corps at Saskatchewan State Convention- contact Dan Marshal Devers
Phone- 1-306-789-8967 email- danwdevers3@gmail.com
19. Promote membership to "Sask Pro-life" and attendance at prolife rallies
20. Honor Guard for Ordinations and funerals of Priests and Deacons





4th Degree Exemplification

Saskatchewan District

DETAILS:

Date ... 04 May, 2024

Place ... Virtual via Zoom Meeting

Registration ... via email

To Master Chris Bencharski – cpbencharski@hotmail.com

Exemplification ... 10:00 A.M. Saskatchewan time

Meeting will open by 9:45 A.M Saskatchewan time

Approx. duration 2 hrs.

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Costs:

- Candidate Exemplification Fee - \$70