

4TH NEWS

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NEW FOURTH DEGREE UNIFORM

During his address at the 135th annual Supreme Convention of the Knights in St. Louis, Missouri, Supreme Knight Carl Anderson announced a complete revision of the uniform of the Fourth Degree Knights. "The Board of Directors, Anderson told the gathered Knights, "has decided that the time is right for a modernization of the Fourth Degree Uniform."



The new uniform consists of a blue blazer, an official Knights of Columbus tie and a beret, all with the Fourth Degree emblem clearly displayed. The uniform also includes a white shirt and dark gray slacks. The change was approved in early August, in a unanimous vote by the Knights of Columbus board of directors. The decision was made with the good of the entire Order in mind. While we understand that some members may prefer the old regalia, the supreme master and vice supreme masters urge all Fourth Degree members to put the good of the Order before any personal preference.

The board decided to make this move based on the following factors:

- the aging of our 4th degree membership
- the slow growth of the Fourth Degree (fewer than 20 percent of Knights are Fourth Degree members, and only a fraction of that number even serve as honour guards)
- consistent reports that the old regalia presented a barrier to Fourth Degree membership, especially among younger men.

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MEETING NOTICE!



GENERAL MEETING

Wednesday,

September 20, 2017

7:30 pm

Marian Hall



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FAITHFUL NAVIGATOR'S REPORT

S.K. Andrew Eckstein



We are now in late summer approaching September which brings a major change in weather. After 36 years of wearing our familiar 4th Degree uniform, this year it is not only the weather that is changing.

As you have probably heard by now the 4th Degree has proceeded with a major change of our uniform. Having worked in the financial industry for over 40 years I understand that change can bring uncertainty, and at times fear. Working at RBC we introduced computers and moved from paper bankbooks to a completely automated demand deposit system.

RBC and our five major financial institutions know all about change. I learned from a very young age that if you embrace change it will certainly make the transition much easier to cope with uncertainty and at times any stress that comes with it.

We have no need to be fearful of our new change in uniform. Although I believe nothing looks better than a 4th Degree member in their tuxedo, I also feel the time is right for a new look. I encourage all assembly members to try to understand why the order is moving in this direction and that explanation has been made perfectly clear. If we embrace the uniform change together and understand the positive impact it will have for the future, it's amazing how acceptance will reduce fear and improve our attitudes.

As your new Faithful Navigator I am excited to start the session with our first meeting in September. Please mark your diary for Wednesday September 20, 2017 and join our meeting. I welcome your attendance and hope this coming year will be filled with faith, enjoyment, and a little less fear.

Vivat Jesus

**Andrew Eckstein,
Faithful Navigator,
Bishop Paul F. Reding Assembly 1981**



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FAITHFUL PILOT's REPORT

S. K. Kevin Badour



August 1, 2017, the following S.K.'s and Family Members are in need of our prayers:

S.K.'s or Family Members at home and in need of our prayers:

- **SK John Skanes** Our assembly received notification that John had an unfortunate accident and is currently recovering from a broken hip. Please keep John in your prayers.
- **Rose Lennox**, please keep Rose in your prayers, **Mother of SK Kevin Badour.**
- **SK Brian Dobson** asked if we could add the name of Janine Mayall, to your prayers. Janine is being treated for cancer and is in need of prayers of healing and comfort. Prayers are being requested by family and friends. Please pray for her.
- **Sir Knight Joe McNally** was discharged March 19 from The University Rehabilitation Institute. He is so happy to be home after been hospitalized for over six weeks. This auto accident has been a very traumatic experience for both Joe and his wife Maeve.
- **S.K. PFN Milt Cowan** is still dealing with problems with his feet, although it appears to be under control at present. He is at home and recovering.
- **S.K. Melchor José's** father is still recovering after surgery for two aneurysms. Also, his mother-in-law is still recovering from blood pressure issues.
- **Fr. & S.K. Ted Hughes**, a Brother and a former associate at St. Dominic's parish recently been diagnosed with a very aggressive form of cancer.
- **PGK Andy Livingstone**, Andy is currently still recovering at home
- Loretta Floris, wife of **PGK, FN Jacob Floris**
- **S.K. PGK Tom Wingle**
- **S.K. PGK Wayne Kendall**
- **S.K. PGK, PFN Bob McCarney**
- **S.K PGK John Crilly**
- Mary Hunchik, daughter of **PGK S.K. J. O'Boyle**
- Collette Livingstone, wife of **S.K. PGK Andy Livingstone**

S.K.'s or Family Members who are in the hospital:

- **SK Pio Gomes** suffered a stroke and is now undergoing therapy in OTMH to regain his ability to speak. We continue to pray for his recovery.
- **S.K. James Raats** (TMW 7th & 8th Ontario District Marshal) son was admitted to the hospital.
- **S.K. Paul Coughlin's** (8th Ontario District Marshal) wife is under distress and has been in hospital.
- **S.K. Peter Wouters'** mother is in need of our prayers
- Lady Margaret Forsey, wife of **S.K. George Forsey** needs our prayers
- **S.K. John O'Boyle** has requested prayers for his nephew, Michael, who is ill
- Mary Sullivan, daughter of **S.K. Ron Sullivan** has been suffering from cancer and after chemo and radiation has under-gone a serious operation
- Peter Grodesky, brother in law of **S.K. Paul Brown**
- **S.K. Wayne Kendall PGK, PFN, FT**

Recently Departed:

August 1, 2017– Sir Knight Joe Luciani

July 29, 2017 – Past Grand Knight, Dr. Jack E. Cudmore.

July 14, 2017 - David Skanes, son of John and Patricia Skanes.

July 14, 2017 - PGK Donald Lennox (St. Vincent De Paul Council #9528, Windsor), on July 6, 2017, Step-father of SK Kevin Badour, Faithful Pilot.

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“Dear Lord, we thank you for the blessings you have bestowed on us: health, employment, financial stability, friends and family. Please continue to guide us, strengthen us and extend your healing protection over our friends and family members. Please allow us to act righteously to provide comfort, healing, and earthly strength to our brothers and sisters, in Your name, with the skills to which you have gifted us. Lead us Lord and help us to do Your will. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, Your son, our Healer and Lord. Amen!”

Mary Queen of Knights, Pray for Us For these and for all those who might be in need of our prayers, we pray!

Vivat Jesus’,

Faithful Pilot S.K. Kevin Badour
Bishop Paul F. Reding Assembly 1981

Note to Above Listing: We the Knights of Columbus support the privacy of Member, Family and Friends when compiling the PRAYER list. If you wish us to place a name on the list, please ask the person who we are praying for if they want to be put on the list. They wish their ailments to be disclosed. Report when and if they wish to be removed from the list!



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CONTACTS FOR INPUT OF SICK AND DECEASED:

S.K. Kevin Badour, Faithful Pilot, Bishop Paul F. Reding Assembly,
905-582-5052, kbadour125@hotmail.com

The following have been contacted either through the Grand Knights or directly to ensure the flow of information:

Marian Council 3881

Sick and Deceased - S.K. Peter Bonfield, 905-844-2332 pmbonfield@sympatico.ca

Coordinators

- S.K. Bob McCarney, 905-844-6732 mccarneyb@skylinc.net
- S.K. John O’Boyle, 905-634-0664 job35@bell.net
- S.K. Paul Waters, 905-319-9563 paulh2os@cogeco.ca

Mary Mother of God Council 14446

- S.K. Milt Cowan PGK, PFN, FDD, 905-842-4319 miltcowan@cogeco.ca

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50 Years of Solidarity



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Throughout the history of the Fourth Degree, its official regalia has changed with the times. In 1940, the white tie, tails and top hat changed to the tuxedo, chapeau and cape that we know so well. And in 1981 different colored capes and chapeaus were officially recognized. This fraternal year we make another historic change.

The new uniform is part of a comprehensive and necessary effort to keep our Order relevant and attractive to men, particularly younger men. Many of our Fourth Degree members are fond of the old regalia. The change understandably will garner mixed reactions.

There has been testing the new uniform over the past year with key groups of Knights, including those brother Knights who participate in our annual Warriors to Lourdes Pilgrimage. The feedback we received from these groups has been positive.

The Knights of Columbus is providing a transition period for the use of the old regalia and assistance in the form of discount for new uniforms until September 30th as well as for those Knights who has recently purchased the old regalia.



The following list of FAQs answers many of the questions that have arisen regarding this change.

Q: Will the new uniform allow the use of ceremonial swords?

A: Yes. Ceremonial swords will continue to be part of the Fourth Degree. When swords are used, gloves should also be used. (see picture above).

Q: How will rank be distinguished?

A: Colored patches will be worn on the beret behind the Fourth Degree emblem as follows:

- Dark Blue Supreme Master
- Light Blue Vice Supreme Masters
- Gold District Masters
- White Faithful Navigators
- Green District Marshals
- Purple Color Corp Commanders

Those not holding office (who formerly wore red capes) will wear berets with no patch.

Q: Where can I buy the new uniform?

A: www.knightsgear.com

Q: Will there be discounts offered on the new uniform?

A: Yes. The Order will subsidize the new uniform with a 25 percent discount offered to all members who

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order the new uniform prior to Sept. 30, 2017.

Q: What if a member just purchased the old regalia?

A: Any member who purchased the old regalia after May 1, 2017, can submit their receipt along with their member number to regaliacredit@kofc.org. Information will then be sent to that member on how to receive a \$200 credit toward the new uniform.



Q: Is the Order making money on the new uniform?

A: No, the uniform is being sold at (or sometimes below) our cost.

Q: Was the new uniform field tested prior to its release?

A: Yes. The new uniform was field tested by Fourth Degree members attending the Warriors to Lourdes pilgrimage.

Q: Can the old regalia still be worn?

A: Yes, for a time. While the preference is for the new uniform wherever possible, the old regalia can still be worn until the end of the current fraternal year (June 30, 2018). After that date, only the new uniform should be worn.

Q: Who made this decision?

A: The board of directors made this decision earlier this year after a three year period of testing and discussion. In addition, changing the uniform/regalia was previously discussed with the vice supreme masters at the Supreme Assembly.

Q: Did members have input on this?

A: For years, supreme officers and directors have received comments from members and prospective members that the old regalia was a barrier to membership overall, or to membership in the Fourth Degree.

Q: In what context should this change best be understood?

A: During the convention, the Good of the Order Committee stated: "We commend all of the faithful Sir Knights who have proudly worn the Fourth Degree regalia, bringing much respect to the Order. With the new Fourth Degree uniform, recently approved by the Board of Directors, this honor and respect associated with Sir Knights will remain, and it will open the door more widely for a new generation to join their ranks. In a spirit of unity, let us assist with a smooth transition to this new uniform and encourage it to be worn with great dignity and pride."

UPCOMING MEETINGS

GENERAL MEETINGS—3RD WEDNESDAY OF THE MONTH 7:30 PM MARIAN HALL



MEETING DATES:

Wednesdays:
September 20, 2017
October 18, 2017
November 15, 2017



FAITHFUL CAPTAIN'S REPORT

S.K. Ronald Van Der Steen

Looking forward to seeing you at our first meeting after the summer break on Wednesday September 20th at 7:30 pm at Marian Hall.

Faithful Captain
Ron Van Der Steen



Allan Osborne
Manual Medeiros
Michael Parsons
Stephen Hoo
Robert Harason

William and Miriam Wright
Michael and Janice Cassidy
Louis and Maria Aiello
Dr. Edward Z Grodecki and Trish Grodecki
John and Breda O'Boyle
Deacon James and Janice Whittaker
Antoon and Francis Paret
Ronald and Chantal Gauthier
Leo and Elizabeth Campbell

COLOUR GUARD EVENTS

BISHOP REDING EXECUTIVE OFFICERS 2016/2017

COLOUR GUARD EVENTS

EVENT: All Star Awards Gala
LOCATION: Holiday Inn Oakville, 590 Argus Road
DATE: Saturday, September 23, 2017
TIME: 6 PM Colour Corp arrival at 5:15 pm VIP reception
Commander: SK David Fisher

Faithful Friar
Fr. Louis Lenssen, CRSP

Faithful Navigator
Andrew Eckstein, PGK,

Faithful Captain
Ronald Van Der Steen
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Faithful Admiral
Jacob Floris, PFN, PGN, FDW
905-399-4400

Faithful Pilot
Kevin Badour
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Faithful Comptroller
Ron Kwapis

Faithful Purser
Brian Thornton

Faithful Scribe
Martin Kosterman, PGK, FDD

Faithful Inner Sentinel
Stephen Hoo

Faithful Outer Sentinel
Melchor Jose

Faithful Trustee 2018
Brian Dobson

Faithful Trustee 2019
Paul Waters, PGK, FDD, PFN

Faithful Trustee 2020
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33rd Annual
Rosary Sunday

September 10, 2017

MARTYRS' SHRINE,
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MIDLAND, ON

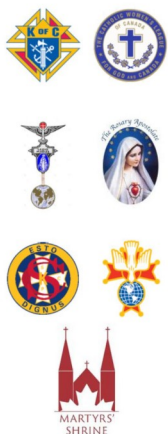
12:00 p.m.: Outdoor Mass at the Polish Altar

Outdoor Confessions prior to Mass.

2:30 p.m.: Procession of the Blessed Sacrament with the Living Rosary and Benediction at the Papal Altar.



CELEBRANT AND HOMILIST:
MOST REVEREND DOUGLAS CROSBY O.M.I., D.D.
 DIOCESE OF HAMILTON



* BRING YOUR ROSARY, YOUR LAWN CHAIR OR BLANKET, AND YOUR FAMILY.

FOR MORE INFORMATION E-MAIL LIVING-ROSARY@ROGERS.COM - FOR INFORMATION ON THE SHRINE & ENTRANCE FEES SEE WWW.MARTYRS-SHRINE.COM

◀ August	September 2017					October ▶
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3	4 Labour Day	5	6	7	8	9
10 ROSARY SUNDAY Martyr's Shrine Midland, Ont. 12 pm Bishop Crosby Celebrant PFN Jacob Floris Chair	11	12 3881 GENERAL MEETING 7:30 PM	13	14	15 Marian Council Fall Fest (Beer Butt Chicken) Appetizers 6 pm Dinner 7 pm \$25 Contact Leo Topolniski/ Arthur O'Sullivan for tickets	16
17 MMOG Golf Tournament bob.dorey@sympatico.ca	18	19 Paths to Prayer (senior workshop) Tues afternoons 1:30-4:30 pm	20 GENERAL MEETING 7:30 PM  MARIAN HALL	21 International Day of Peace	22 First Day of Fall 	23 ALL STAR AWARDS GALA 6 PM Colour Corps Holiday Inn-Oakville, 590 Argus Rd. Symposium for Families Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King 9:30 am—4 pm
24	25	26 14446 GENERAL MEETING 7:30 PM	27	28	29	30