

## **REACH YOUR HIGHEST POTENTIAL**

The Fourth Degree is a group of outstanding Knights, dedicated to promoting patriotism enlightened by their Catholic Faith. These Knights, distinguished by exemplary deeds for God, for country, and the Order, are united by the Fourth Degree to support religious, civic, and charitable causes.

Fourth Degree members belong to local units called Assemblies. Each Assembly is involved in a wide range of public patriotic activities.

Each Assembly maintains a Fourth Degree Color Corps and Honor Guard. Uniformed members wearing the official uniform, beret, baldric and sword, participate in special civic and religious ceremonies. For this reason, the Fourth Degree is often called the visible arm of the Knights of Columbus.

### **ELIGIBILITY**

**To qualify for the Fourth Degree, one must:**

1. Be over 18 years of age:
2. Be a citizen of the United States:
3. Be a Third-Degree member in good standing with your Council,

4. Be a practical Catholic in Communion with the Holy See.

### **EXEMPLIFICATION SCHEDULE**

**Registration of Candidates.....12:30 PM**  
**Ladies Program / Luncheon ....1:00 PM**  
**Exemplification.....1:30 PM**  
**Mass.....5:00 PM**  
**Banquet.....6:15 PM**

### **SCHEDULE OF FEES**

Initiation Fee  
(includes 1 banquet ticket, lapel pin and processing fees)

Lay Candidates, Deacons and  
Seminarians ..... **\$75.00**

Priests and members  
of religious order ..... **\$60.00**

Additional Banquet Tickets..... **\$60.00**

***Ladies not attending the Degree are encouraged to attend the Ladies Program and Luncheon.....1:00 P.M.....\$25.00***

Each candidate receives one banquet ticket, which is included in his fee.  
**No credit** is allowed if the candidate does not attend the banquet.

**Tickets are not transferable.**

**All Checks made payable to:**

**"SMA 0915"**

**Make check payable in total**

**Notice**

**Admission to any of the events requires a pre-paid reservation "in hand" prior to Monday, February 23, 2026.**

**\*\* No refunds after this date\*\*** -

### **DRESS**

The **official dress** for the Fourth Degree Exemplification is dark suit, long necktie, plain white shirt, and black shoes. Religious may wear their clerical garb and members of the armed forces or full-time police and firefighting officers may wear their uniforms. Members shall wear the official dress plus lapel pin and current jewel of office.

***Official dress required until completion of Dinner.***

### **DEADLINES**

*All applications for membership in the Fourth Degree and banquet reservations must be made no later than **February 23, 2026.** Payment in full must accompany all banquet reservations.*

**There will be a \$10.00 late charge.**

**For Further Information Contact:**

**GORDON JEFFERES, FSA, FM**  
**Admin. Asst. – PA. East District**  
**1015 Andrew Dr, Apt. 423**  
**West Chester, PA 19380-4479**  
**484-678-5136**

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**Procedure for Submitting Application**  
**(Form 4)**

The applicant is to complete sections 1 thru 4 and have his proposer sign in section #4. The applicant will attach a check for the fees, plus any additional banquet tickets. The applicant's check is made **payable to his local Assembly.**

The application (Form 4) must be given to the **Council Financial Secretary for signature**

and verify the applicant's membership number and good standing.

The applications and checks are sent to the **Assembly Comptroller** where the candidate will be a member. The application (Form 4) will be read and voted on. The Comptroller will complete the application by verifying all information and complete section 5.

**Procedure for Submitting Application**  
**(Form 4)** continued

The Comptroller sends all applications (Form 4) with an **Assembly check** payable to:

**James P McCarthy, Master, Fourth Degree**  
for the cost of all candidates mailed to:

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1015 Andrew Dr, Apt 423  
West Chester, PA 19380-4479  
484-678-5136  
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**All copies of the Form 4 MUST be sent intact or by eForm4.**

***Mass is scheduled for 5:00 PM***  
***Saturday, March 07, 2026, in***

***St. Teresa of Calcutta Parish***

**Overnight Accommodations**

Sleeping Rooms are available for \$140.00+Tx Friday and Saturday March

06th and 07th at the Hampton Inn  
Limerick 430 W. Linfield Trappe Rd  
Limerick, PA 19468 610-495-6999

The group code is **KOC**. **Cut off date is 02/06/2026**. Be sure to book by 11:59 PM February 05, 2026

*EXEMPLIFICATION OF THE  
FOURTH DEGREE*

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**

**PENNSYLVANIA EAST DISTRICT**

**CALVERT PROVINCE**



**132nd Exemplification**  
**Saturday, March 07, 2026**

**St. Teresa of Calcutta Parish**  
**256 Swamp Pike Schwenksville, PA**

**Honoree**

**Paul Kalejta, PFN**