

Fourth Degree Knights

On February 22, 1900, the first Fourth Degree exemplification or degree ceremony was held in New York City. The Fourth Degree imparts a lesson on the virtue of patriotism. The primary purpose of this degree is to foster the spirit of patriotism in members and the community at large and encourage active Catholic citizenship.

On September 25, 2010 Msgr. Kern Assembly #1963 welcomed our newest Sir Knight, Robert Cook and his wife Lady Agnes into the Kern Assy. family. The Fall Exemplification took place at DeCarlo's Banquet Facility in Warren Michigan.



S.K. Bob and Lady Agnes Cook with Assembly's Worthy Captain Steve Webber at luncheon following exemplification



S.K. Bob Cook and Worthy Captain Steve Webber before ceremonials

A Fourth Degree Knight may become part of the assembly's color corps. These members are recognized widely by their distinctive attire of tuxedo, feathered hat (chapeau), cape and sword. These members regularly take part in civic events such as parades and wreath-laying ceremonies, and at ecclesial functions at Catholic churches. The various colored capes and chapeau feathers denote different officer positions within the Fourth Degree.



Msgr. Kern Assembly's Worthy Faithful Navigator Frank Tarrant with members of Color Corps before ceremonials

Local units, called assemblies, draw their members from Knights of Columbus councils. The qualifications for membership in the Fourth Degree are: membership in the Knights for at least one year and being a Third Degree Knight. Today there are some 300,000 Fourth Degree Knights out of the total 1.6 million member Knights of Columbus.



Fall Class Picture – Class Honoree was Fr. Todd Laginess
S.K. Bob Cook is second from left in second row