

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Master of the 4th Degree

Wyoming District

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“Religiously Devoted, Patriotically Proud”

Eligibility for Membership in the 4th Degree:

Applications for membership in the 4th Degree may be made to any assembly provided the applicant is:

- (a) Over 18 years of age,
- (b) A citizen of the country in which he resides,
- (c) A 3rd Degree member in good standing in his council, and
- (d) A former member whose membership was terminated for failure to pay dues or by a withdrawal card, if he has been readmitted to good standing in his council for at least 6 months.

3rd Degree members desiring to join the 4th Degree shall make application on an official **FORM 4** provided by the assembly. The form must be submitted to the District Master no later than 2 weeks prior to the exemplification and should be accompanied by payment (see below) unless an arrangement is made with the District Master. The completed **FORM 4** must have signatures of Financial Secretaries, Faithful Comptrollers, Faithful Navigators, and proposers in appropriate sections according to the rules and regulations of the 4th Degree. **BE CERTAIN TO INCLUDED THE MEMBERSHIP NUMBER OF THE PROPOSER.**

An exemplification fee is set annually by the Board of Directors. Presently the fee is \$70.00 and includes a 4th Degree lapel pin, social baldric, and one ticket to a celebration meal. **Checks must be made out to: Tom Ryder, MFD**

Candidates **MUST** be in possession of their current 3rd Degree membership card when arriving at the exemplification.

During the exemplification, official dress for candidates shall be:

- (a) A dark suit, dark necktie, plain white shirt, and black shoes/boots. Candidates serving in the armed forces of their country, full time law enforcement officers, or firefighters shall be considered in proper attire when dressed in their respective Class A dress uniform.
- (b) Candidates who are members of the clergy should be dressed in a clerical suit.

This dress code must be adhered to in order to be exemplified. Any candidate who hasn't properly submitted a **FORM 4** and arranged payment of the exemplification fee will only be allowed to be exemplified at the discretion of the District Master. Priests will be exempted from paying the exemplification fee.

Current Sir Knights attending an exemplification should wear either the new 4th Degree uniform or a dark suit and tie. Only an original 4th Degree pin (i.e., no flag pins or enlarged pins) should be worn on the lapel.

In support of the candidate, it is strongly encouraged that his proposer, Faithful Navigator, and Faithful Comptroller attend with him. Spouses of candidates are also very welcome to attend the ceremonial meal (if held). The host assembly is responsible for preparing a meal for candidates, guests, and team members and will determine costs of the meal for spouses. The host assembly is also asked to provide some form of activity for spouses during the exemplification.