



Knights of Columbus

Fourth Degree

Santiago De Compostela Assembly # 2305
22 Alicante
Coto De Caza, CA 92679



Dear Brother Knight:

Let me introduce myself. My name is Walter Tom Drennen and I am the Faithful Admiral and Membership Chairman of Santiago De Compostela Assembly #2305 and together with our Faithful Navigator, Wes Robideau, we would like to invite you to join the Fourth Degree. The Fourth degree recruits members from Councils. The Faithful Navigator is the equivalent of your Grand Knight and the Admiral is equivalent to Immediate Past Grand Knight. The Fourth Degree is the Patriotic Degree of the Knights of Columbus and the most visible arm of our Order due to the many public activities of our Color Corp.

The purpose of this letter is to provide you with information about the Fourth Degree, and Santiago De Compostela Assembly. You are being asked to join since you are a member of the Third Degree and you have completed or will have completed your First Degree six months from our next Fourth Degree Exemplification, October 11, 2008. You must also be a citizen of the United States. If you are not a citizen please let us know so that we can make the proper request to have you admitted into the Fourth Degree. The October 11, 2008 Exemplification will be at the Marriott Hotel in Irvine, California.

The Exemplification is an all day affair, starting with the Color Corp Competition in the morning and concluding with a formal dinner in the evening. A Ladies Luncheon is provided for your wife's entertainment and enjoyment during the actual Exemplification ceremony. The official dress of the Fourth Degree is a black tuxedo, with a white shirt standard collar and black bowtie. This is required for the exemplification.

Enclosed with this letter are three items: First is general information about the Fourth Degree, second information about the events of the Exemplification and third a sheet outlining approximate cost for the tuxedo and accessories, the most important, an application (Blue Form 4) for membership you need to call us or get it from your council membership chairman.

You will be invited to an information meeting prior to the Exemplification. This will give you and your wife an opportunity to ask questions about the Fourth Degree and the events to take place the day of the Exemplification.

If you decide to join us, please get an application form, fill it out and give it to your Financial Secretary along with a check for \$ 135.00 for a couple. This includes Exemplification Fees, the Ladies Luncheon ticket, Dinner for your Lady, your badges are complimentary) and the cost is \$ 70.00 for just an individual this includes Exemplification Fees and dinner, badge is complimentary. The financial secretary will send your information to us for processing.

We look forward to hearing from you soon.

Wes Robideau
Faithful Navigator
949-457-1562

Tom Drennen
Faithful Admiral
949-581-0728



FOURTH DEGREE INFORMATION

1. Fourth Degree History and Purpose

- Formed February 22, 1900
- Purpose is to demonstrate patriotism
- Represents the *VISIBLE* arm of the Knights of Columbus via the Color Corps. Appears at parades, attends Funerals, escorts the Bishop, appears at special events.

2. Santiago De Compostela Assembly #2305

- One of four assemblies in Orange County.
- Meets the second Thursday at St. Timoth's in Laguna Niguel
- Membership of 225 Sir Knights from 8 councils
- Our Assembly has participated in Color Corps competitions at several Exemplification events.

3. Membership Requirements

- Must be a Knight for six months, a Third Degree in good standing at the time of Exemplification (priest and Military with orders to deploy are exempted).
- The official dress for candidates for the Fourth Degree Exemplification shall be black bow tie, white straight collar shirt, black tuxedo shoes and black tuxedo. A member serving in the armed forces of his country shall be considered in proper attire when dressed in military uniform.
- The regalia of the Fourth Degree shall consist of the official dress and social baldric.
- Initiation fee of \$70.00; yearly dues of \$20.00 that will be billed to you starting in January; expenses at Exemplification for spouse or friend: \$65.00 (Ladies luncheon and Banquet ticket).

4. Myths about the Fourth Degree to be dispelled.

- New members do not have to purchase the uniform or participate in the Color Corps. It is strictly voluntary. However, it is an honor.
- Aside from monthly dinner meetings, occasional social and the yearly Memorial Mass, no fund raising or other organized activities are involved as is the case in one's Council.
- Membership in the Fourth Degree DOES NOT detract from each member's Council involvement.

5. Reasons for joining the Fourth Degree

- To show both a personal and group commitment to patriotism and to support our American way of life.
- Presents an opportunity to establish and strengthen liaisons with Brother Knights from other councils.
- Affords each Sir Knight the opportunity to participate in the Color Corps.
- Provides camaraderie with good Catholic gentlemen.
- Provides visible support of our church and country through participation in the Color Corps.
- Provides a completion of all degree steps. Makes you a more complete Knight.
- Provides you with either a Chalice ceremony at your funeral or perpetual masses after your death.



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

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Junipero Serra Province
Southern California District*



EXEMPLIFICATION PROGRAM
“MARY, QUEEN OF PEACE” CLASS
SATURDAY – OCTOBER 11, 2008

MARRIOTT IRVINE HOTEL
18000 Von Karman
Irvine, CA 92612
949-553-0100

- 7:00 AM to Noon INFORMATION DESK - HOTEL LOBBY
- 7:30 AM MARSHAL'S BREAKFAST – By Invitation. Newport Beach Room
- 9:00 AM COLOR CORP COMPETITION - Everyone is invited – Hotel Parking Lot
- 11:00 AM CANDIDATE REGISTRATION – All Candidates report for registration to the Faithful Comptroller of the Assembly that they are joining. A Candidate Identification Badge will be given to them, and they will be directed to the assembly area. Salon ABC at the hotel.
- 11:30 AM LADIES NO-HOST SOCIAL HOUR – will be held at the location for the Luncheon. Come and meet old friends and make new friends.
- 12:00 PM LADIES LUNCHEON – Price \$26.00 per person. This Luncheon is for the Candidate's wives, member's wives and other lady guests. Tickets must be purchased through your assembly. Salon F G H.
- 12:00 NOON LINE-UP OF CANDIDATES – Ceremonies will begin promptly at 1:00 PM. Any Candidate who is late will NOT be admitted into the Chambers. During the Exemplification ceremonies, each Candidate who has paid \$70.00 will receive the following items. A Social Baldric, A Lapel Pin, and a Banquet Ticket. If the Candidate wishes to buy his wife or guests a ticket, he may do so through the Assembly he is joining. Members of the Clergy will receive the same items that the Lay Candidates receive. The Assembly sponsoring the Priest or Brother must submit \$35.00 with the application.

NOTE TO CANDIDATES AND OTHER ASSEMBLY MEMBERS – All dinner and lunch tickets must be purchased ahead of time from the Faithful Comptroller:



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REMEMBER that Candidates get their dinner tickets from the Master; however all other tickets needed by the Candidates shall be purchased from the Faithful Comptroller.

CANDIDATES DRESS – The Candidates dress for the exemplification and Banquet will be the official uniform of the Fourth Degree: black tuxedo, white straight collar shirt, black bow tie, black socks and black shoes. Military personnel may wear their dress uniform.

- 4:00 PM HOLY MASS – will be following the Exemplification in Salon A B C D E rooms same as the Exemplification Ceremonial was conducted. Wives and guests are invited. This Mass will fulfill our Sunday obligation.
- 5:00 PM ASSEMBLIES HOSPITALITY ROOMS – Candidates, wives, members and their guests will meet in their respective assembly hospitality rooms for a social reception for the new members of your assembly. If you don't have a hotel room and wish to freshen up or change for the banquet, this room is available for you.
- 6:30 PM NO-HOST SOCIAL HOUR – Foyer of the Ballroom
- 7:30 PM BANQUET – Banquet Price: \$39.00 per person. This will be the climax of the day. Tables will be assigned by number to each Assembly attending. Assignments will be made and each Assembly will be notified before the banquet. Assignments will be posted at the entrance to the ballroom and each assembly hospitality room.

Long formals are the desired dress for the ladies, but cocktail dresses are acceptable. NEW Sir Knights and other Sir Knights will wear black tuxedos and the social baldric.

You may invite friends or relatives to the ladies luncheon and banquet; however all tickets must be purchased in advance by contacting the Faithful Comptroller of your respective assembly.

HOTEL RESERVATIONS – 79.00 per night – single or double. Hotel reservations may be made by contacting the hotel directly and letting them know that you are with the Knights of Columbus Exemplification.

SUNDAY

8:00 AM DISTRICT MEETING – All Chair officers, comptrollers and Color Corp Commanders are requested to attend. There will be a light Continental Breakfast for those attending. The Location of the meeting room will be announced on Saturday. It will be an informal wrap meeting and it should be completed by 10:00 AM.

SOURCES and TUXEDO PRICES FOR CANDIDATES
THE OCTOBER 11TH, 2008 EXEMPLIFICATION.

1) Tony LaLama of B & C Italian tailors and Clothiers can supply you with all you need. Tony has a shop in the Pavilion Shopping Center in Garden Grove. Turn into Pavilion Way from Brookhurst (at Chapman) and you'll see his place at 12093-D Brookhurst, on the right. His phone number, 714-638-1750.

Tony worked up prices(subject to change) on a complete outfit for Fourth Degree candidates' dress.

Military Personnel may wear their dress uniform for the exemplification and Priests may wear their usual attire.

- Tuxedo - Black Jacket & Pants
- Polyester/Wool Blend \$175.00
- All Wool \$200.00
- White Dress Shirt with standard collar \$ 20.00
- Black Cummerbund & Bow Tie \$ 20.00
- Black Dress Socks \$ 5.00
- Shiny Black Shoes \$ 35.00
- Cufflinks & Stud Set \$ 12.00
- Alterations - Shorten Sleeves & Pants FREE
- All other alterations will be quoted.

2) SIR WICKETT
100 S. Glassell Street
Orange, Ca 92865
714-639-6431

Call for prices

3) EDINDALE CLEANERS
15958 Springdale Street
Huntington Beach, CA 92649
714-894-6561

Call for prices
Used and rentals are available