

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

2026 Fourth Degree Exemplification

Ohio District One

St. Joseph Catholic Church

2427 Tuscarawas St W.

Canton, Ohio

August 22nd, 2026

OFFICIAL INSTRUCTIONS

SCHEDULE:

12:30 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.

1:00 p.m.

1:30 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

3:30 p.m.

4:00 p.m.

5:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

Candidate Registration

Candidates Assemble in antechamber

Exemplification Ceremony followed by Class Photo

Line up for Mass

Mass

Banquet

BANQUET RESERVATIONS

Deadline for submitting Banquet Reservations is August 10th, 2026. ALL RESERVATIONS WILL BE SUBMITTED ONLINE. All payments should be made payable to **Ohio District One** and sent to S.K. Chris Dodson, Executive Assistant, 4776 Suzette Ave NW, Massillon, Oh 44647. To access the online registration and banquet forms, please visit the District Website www.kofcohdist1.org. Each candidate will receive one Banquet meal as a part of their Candidate Fee (\$75). CANDIDATE meals are not transferable. Banquet meals for the Lady of the Candidate must be purchased. If you have a Priest from your Assembly that is making his 4th degree, the Assembly is requested to pay his candidate fee (\$40).

REGISTRATION:

CANDIDATES must register with the Executive Assistant from 12:30 p.m.- 1:00 p.m., CANDIDATES must present a current signed 2026 Third Degree Traveling Card at the time of registration. Candidates MUST be in the Holding Chamber by 1:00 p.m.

CANDIDATES OFFICIAL DRESS FOR THE EXEMPLIFICATION, BANQUET, and MASS:

CANDIDATES must be attired in a dark suit with long dark tie, black shoes, black socks, and a plain white shirt with regular lay-down collar. Candidates will additionally wear the Fourth-Degree lapel pin and Social Baldric received at the Degree Ceremony for the Mass and Banquet.

SIR KNIGHTS DRESS FOR THE EXEMPLIFICATION ACTIVITIES:

FOR THE EXEMPLIFICATION - SIR KNIGHTS may wear the Official Uniform Dress as approved by Supreme Council. Consisting of Navy-Blue Blazer with Fourth Degree Emblem Crest and Knights of Columbus Emblem of the Order Buttons, Official Fourth Degree Gray Trousers, Plain White Dress Shirt with button cuffs - no button down, Official Fourth Degree Necktie, Official Fourth Degree Black Beret with Fourth Degree Metal Badge, Official Fourth Degree Lapel Pin PG-113, Black socks and plain black shoes and black belt. You will not use a tie clip or cuff links. You may wear your current jewel of office around your neck and/or your miniature jewel(s) on your chest above the left pocket as before. Social baldrics will not be used with the new uniform. COLOR CORPS MEMBERS may wear the service baldric with beret, sword, and white gloves. COLOR CORPS MEMBERS may wear your current jewel of office around your neck and /or miniature jewels(s) above the pocket as before. COLOR CORPS MEMBERS will not use name badges on the new uniform.

Those SIR KNIGHTS who are not COLOR CORPS members may wear social attire consisting of Official Uniform Dress - Navy Blue Blazer with Fourth Degree Emblem Crest and Knights of Columbus Emblem of the Order Buttons, Official Fourth Degree Gray Trousers, Plain White Dress Shirt with button Cuffs - no button down, Official Fourth Degree Necktie, Official Fourth Degree Lapel Pin PG-113, Black sox and plain black shoes and black belt. You will not use tie clip or cuff links. You may wear your current jewel of office around your neck and/or your miniature jewel(s) on your chest above the left pocket of your blazer. A social baldric is NOT worn with the new uniform.

Those SIR KNIGHTS who received the FOURTH DEGREE in a dark business suit (black, dark blue, dark gray) with dark tie may wear such attire with the social baldric. No sports coats or other color suits will be permitted.

Those long-standing SIR KNIGHTS without Official Uniform Dress may wear a tuxedo with social attire and the social baldric.

FOR THE MASS - COLOR CORPS MEMBERS may wear the official uniform with service baldric, beret, sword, and white gloves. COLOR CORPS MEMBERS may wear your current jewel of office around your neck and /or miniature jewels(s) above the pocket as before. NEW SIR KNIGHTS shall be attired in the same dress as detailed for the Exemplification ceremony with the social baldric. EXISTING SIR KNIGHTS may wear the new uniform as approved by Supreme Council and detailed previously for the Exemplification ceremony. Those SIR KNIGHTS who previously received the FOURTH DEGREE in a dark business suit (black, dark blue, dark gray) with dark tie may wear such attire with the social baldric. Those long-standing SIR KNIGHTS without Official Uniform Dress may wear a tuxedo with social attire and the social baldric. The sword, military baldric and beret shall not be worn for the Banquet or Mass unless you are part of the Color Corps. (Some Color Corps members will be needed as escorts for the Dignitaries at the Banquet.)

CLERGY in clerical garb and members of the Armed Forces dressed in military uniform shall be considered in proper attire for all Exemplification events.

EXEMPLIFICATION:

The Exemplification of the Fourth Degree will be under the direction of the Master of Ohio District One, S. K. Brandon D Robinson. District Marshal, S.K. Ty Tyjewski will oversee all movements required during the Fourth Degree Exemplification Ceremony.

PHOTOGRAPHS:

A CLASS PHOTOGRAPH will be taken immediately following the EXEMPLIFICATION. Orders will be taken, and the \$20.00 payment can be made with the District Reservation Form. Photos, with payment, can be ordered that day.

BASKET RAFFLE:

Ohio District One will again be holding a BASKET RAFFLE at this Exemplification. Each assembly is asked to provide a basket for this raffle. See the Basket Raffle information flyer for details.