

Dear Brother Knights,

As part of the campaign to promote membership in the 4th Degree of the Knights of Columbus, I wish to add my voice.

I entered the order while a seminarian on internship in a rural parish of my home diocese of Prince Albert. I already knew the Knights through the long involvement of my father, Joseph. However, experiencing the camaraderie, generosity and service of those Knights in Debden, I was more than ready to become a Knight myself.

Then, about 15 years later, by then a parish priest, I was invited to enter the 4° Degree. Having witnessed the personal dedication of the Sir Knights throughout the parishes of Prince Albert, and their readiness both in Church and civic celebrations to witness with pride to our faith and our Church, I was once again more than ready to take this step.

Now as bishop, I often have the opportunity to meet the Sir Knights, both at diocesan and parish events. They certainly add a special touch by their regalia. However, they also bring much to these celebrations by their cordiality towards all, acting as warm ambassadors to all who come. Of course, I also appreciate their presence at such events as the March for Life, visibly and publicly upholding values to which the Church as a whole holds dearly, the respect for all people at any stage of life. And I know I can always count on their visible support and their friendship. In many aspects of our diocesan life, it makes a difference to have the Sir Knights present and participating.

Therefore, I would certainly encourage all brother Knights to consider becoming a member of the 4th Degree. Strengthening the order, strengthening your local Council and strengthening the Church, by entering the 4th Degree is certainly a noble and worthy step to take.

Wishing you all the very best of God's blessings upon you and your families, I assure you of all my prayers.

Sincerely in Christ,