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## **MASTER'S MESSAGE**

**Welcome to the Second Ontario District.**

**Knights of Columbus are Catholic gentlemen committed to the exemplification of charity, unity, fraternity and patriotism. The Order, founded in 1882, has grown from several members in one council to more than 16,000 councils and 1.9 million members throughout the United States, Canada, the Philippines, Mexico, Poland, the Dominican Republic, Puerto Rico, Panama, the Bahamas, the Virgin Islands, Guatemala, Guam and Saipan. The Order is firmly committed to the protection of human life, from conception to natural death, and to the preservation and defence of the family. It was on these bedrock principles that the Order was founded over a century ago and remains true to them today.**

**The 2<sup>nd</sup> Ontario District encompasses 35 Assemblies and over 3100 members of the 4<sup>th</sup> Degree. The list of the Assemblies is available on this website.**

**The primary purpose of the Fourth Degree of the Knights of Columbus is to foster the spirit of patriotism, that exacting virtue associated with our ranks as the “Patriotic Degree” of our Order and to encourage active Catholic citizenship which should enable us to promote, by our word and our deed, the highest type of citizenship so necessary for the preservation of our democratic government which can be accomplished through active membership in the local Fourth Degree "Assemblies".**

**Certain members of the Fourth Degree serve as honour guards and colour corps at civic and religious functions, the activities that have brought worldwide recognition to the Knights of Columbus.**

**The Colours of the Colour Corps members are: White for the Faithful Navigators, Purple for the Commanders, Green for the District Marshals, Gold for the Masters and Light Blue for the Vice-Supreme Masters.**

**Meanwhile, as part of the Knights’ effort to attract new members, particularly the younger men, the Knights of Columbus Board of Directors unanimously voted to**

**adopt a new uniform for the Fourth Degree with the Good of the entire Order in mind. The new uniform consists of a jacket and beret. The beret bears the aforementioned colours.**

**So, after 79 years, on July 1, 2019, the new uniform was implemented.**

**Fourth Degree members must retain their membership as Third Degree members in their local councils to remain in good standing.**