



# Knights of Columbus

## FOURTH DEGREE

*Patriotic degree of the Order.*

## Deacon William Callaghan 4th Degree News

### February 2016

*Deacon William Callaghan Assembly #3358, Port Perry Ontario*

*Established June, 2012*

The primary purpose of the Fourth Degree of the Knights of Columbus is to foster the spirit of patriotism by promoting responsible citizenship and a love of and loyalty to the Knights' respective countries through active membership in local Fourth Degree Assemblies.



### Accomplishments and Achievements

Our Knights of Columbus Keep Christ in Christmas float was a big hit in the annual **Port Perry Santa Claus parade**. We had squires, council members on the float and handing out candy to the large crowd, and a 4th degree honour guard leading the way. Thank-you to David Kavanagh, Stephen Armstrong and the entire decorating team for a job well done. A big thank-you also to Larry Gledhill and Brad Jackson from Oakwood Transport for allowing the use of the truck for our float.



On **Tuesday, December 8th** we celebrated the **Feast of the Immaculate Conception**, which is the patron of our parish and our council. A special Mass was offered and the 4th degree provided an honour guard.

Faithful Navigator Hank Sherwood and Faithful Comptroller Todd Beck attended the Northern Region meeting on February 6<sup>th</sup> in King City. There is a new certification process for 4<sup>th</sup> degree honour guard members. Our Faithful Commander Mac Sheahan will be able to certify our members – watch for details on an upcoming sword drill and certification event.

### **Upcoming Activities and Events**

Second Ontario District will be holding **Drill Competitions**. The Colour Corps Competition is designed to challenge each Assembly to exercise their Colour Corps Units in accomplishing one of its prime purposes; the public display of the Fourth Degree Knights of Columbus as Honour Guards at religious and civil functions. The Colour Corps who has mastered the Manual Of The Sword and who has accomplished the Honour Guard functions at civic and religious ceremonies add dignity and pride of church and country to any event. The Colour Corps Competition will exercise and evaluate the overall uniform appearance of each Colour Corps Unit. This is intended to be a fun event! The Northern Region will be conducting their competition on Saturday May 9th in Aurora. The top two teams from each Regional Competition will compete in the District Competition which will be held on Saturday May 23rd at Transfiguration of Our Lord Church, 45 Ludstone Dr, Etobicoke from 9:00 AM to 12:00 Noon. We will discuss at our next meetings whether our assembly is interested in participating.

The next **Fourth Degree Exemplification** will be held on Saturday, June 4, 2016. All 4th degree members are welcome to attend the ceremony and Mass, or join the Honour Guard. There is no cost to attend, but there is a cost if you would like to stay for the banquet dinner. Roger Sauvé Enterprises will be on hand for those wanting to purchase items or order regalia (see below). Please encourage any Brother Knights to work towards attaining their 3rd degree and then plan to join our 4th degree Assembly. For more information contact Faithful Navigator Hank Sherwood.

**Regalia** – Regalia is optional in the 4th degree, but many Sir Knights choose to purchase the regalia in order to participate in Honour Guards. Regalia consists of the cape, chapeau, sword, service baldric, white gloves, sword scabbard, and hat box and has a total cost of approximately \$650 plus tax and shipping. Regalia is available from Roger Sauvé Enterprises (<http://roger-sauve.com/>). At our next meeting we will answer questions about regalia and after the meeting will have someone who can assist with sizing and measurements for anyone who is interested.

The **Supreme Convention** is coming August 1-4, 2016 to the Sheraton Hotel in Toronto. Our Brother and Sir Knights from around the world and our Supreme Officers will be here and Ontario State is very excited to be hosting this important event. There are a number of

volunteer positions required as well as a number of 4th degree honour guards during the convention. There is no cost to attend the convention, but pre-registration is required. Registration information will be available after Easter. If you are interested in volunteering or being part of one of the many honour guards, talk to FN Hank or FC Todd for volunteer sign-up forms and for more information on how to get involved.

<b>Event</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Contact</b>
4 <sup>th</sup> Degree Assembly Meeting	Tuesday, February 16	Hank Sherwood
Council Awards Dinner	Saturday, April 2	Brian Kavanagh

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