



# Knights of Columbus

## Fourth Degree

### Bienville Province

### Louisiana

Dear Brother Knight,

As a new Third-Degree Knight of Columbus, you have joined a group of committed Catholic men in each of the seven Dioceses in Louisiana. I urge you to attend your Council's business meetings and take an active part in the growth of your Council. Be active as a family with your wife and children, also bring some new and fresh ideas to your Grand Knight and Council Program Director.

As a Third-Degree member, you can now hold office in your Council. Please consider using your God-given gifts and talents to serve your church, family, community, and council at a higher level. As Knights, we perform many acts of Charity, the first principle of our Order. In the Patriotic Fourth Degree, we continue the work while focusing on issues that face all of us as Catholic Americans.

Our Fourth-Degree Assemblies that are made up of multiple Third-Degree Councils in proximity to each other are the visible arm of the Knights of Columbus. Our new uniforms and ceremonial swords allow us to pay tribute to our country by performing some of the following programs:

- Flag retirement ceremonies.
- Memorial Day wreath-laying at Veterans cemeteries.
- Marching in Veterans' Day parades.
- Volunteer in VA hospitals and VA retirement homes by reading to the elderly.
- Serve meals to homeless Veterans.
- Honor our brother Knights and wives by standing guard at wakes and funerals.
- Revere our law enforcement officers by sponsoring Blue Masses.
- Show the love of our faith by standing guard at Eucharistic adorations, corporate Communion, and escorting our Bishops, Priests, Nuns, and Deacons at the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass.
- Work with our families by sponsoring programs for our children on how to respect our flag,
  - Properly fold our flag, and how to recite the pledge of allegiance to our flag.
  - Escort and present the flag of our country and the flag of our faith at high school
  - Graduations, keeping our faith in God and our pride of country foremost in their minds.

All these programs and many more were performed by Assemblies in the State of Louisiana in the past years. We want your help in continuing these wonderful programs that remind all of us that we are faithful Catholics and proud Americans. I ask that you prayerfully consider joining us as a Fourth Degree Sir Knight. Your Council Grand Knight has all the details you need to join.

Again, welcome and if you have any questions, please feel free to call me at any time.

Faternally,

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