



# The Sword and Scabbard



Newsletter of the Fourth Degree, Knights of Columbus, Diocese of Harrisburg, Pa. - Greater Harrisburg Area - Since April 13, 1929

BISHOP JOHN W. SHANAHAN ASSEMBLY 917

FEBRUARY 2015

## FAITHFUL NAVIGATOR , SIR KNIGHT STEPHEN BOWKER

**Worthy Sir Knights,**

**The Exemplification of the 4th Degree will take place on Sunday, March 22, 2015 at the Holiday Inn in Grantville, PA . Further information regarding this event are in the newsletter. Please pay close attention to the time frame and registration process. I would ask that all Grand Knights encourage those 3rd degree Brothers in their respective Councils, to take this next step in becoming a 4th Degree Knight. Should you or a candidate have any questions, please contact the Faithful Comptroller or myself.**

**Faithful Captain, S/K Rich Kovaleski, reported that the hospitality room will be set up for 4<sup>th</sup> degree exemplification. Each Assembly is to bring several covered dishes. Breakfast will be served at 7:30am, that Sunday morning prior to Mass at 9:00am, and we will need 4 or 5 Sir Knights to help. Father Allwein Assembly will also be helping. We will not be cooking breakfast, only serving it.**

**Please join us for an evening of camaraderie on Saturday, March 21st at the Holiday Inn, beginning at 5:00pm. Food and beverages will be served. Tuxedo's are not required for Saturday's event. We look forward to seeing you there.**

**As we approach the Holy Season of Lent, please take time to reflect upon our spirituality and the ultimate sacrifice made by the suffering, death and resurrection of our Lord, Jesus Christ for our eternal salvation.**

**Vivat Jesus,**

***Stephen Bowker***

**Stephen Bowker, Faithful Navigator  
Bishop John W. Shanahan Assembly 917**

**REACH YOUR HIGHEST POTENTIAL**

The Fourth Degree is a group of outstanding Knights, dedicated to promoting patriotism enlightened by their Catholic Faith. These Knights, distinguished by exemplary deeds for God, for country, and the Order, are united by the Fourth Degree to support religious, civic, and charitable causes.

Fourth Degree members belong to local units called assemblies. Each assembly is involved in a wide range of public patriotic activities.

Each assembly maintains a Fourth Degree Color Corps and Honor Guard. Uniformed members wearing colorful capes, chapeaux and swords, participate in special civic and religious ceremonies. For this reason, the Fourth Degree is often called the visible arm of the Knights of Columbus.

**ELIGIBILITY**

**To qualify for the Fourth Degree, one must:**

- Be over 18 years of age;
- Be a citizen of the United States;
- Be a Third Degree member in good standing with your Council;
- Be a practical Catholic in Communion with the Holy See.

**EXEMPLIFICATION SCHEDULE**

Mass.....	9:00 AM
Registration of Candidates	12:00 PM
Exemplification.....	1:00 PM
Doors Open for Banquet.....	5:00 PM
Banquet.....	5:30 PM

**SCHEDULE OF FEES**

Initiation Fee  
(includes 1 banquet ticket, lapel pin, social baldric, and processing fees)

Lay Candidates, Deacons and  
Seminarians ..... **\$70.00**

Priests and members  
of religious order ..... **\$50.00**

Additional Banquet Tickets..... **\$45.00**

Each candidate receives one banquet ticket, which is included in his fee. No credit is allowed if the candidate does not attend the banquet. **Tickets are not transferable.**

**Notice**

**Admission to any of the events requires a pre-paid reservation submitted to the Assembly prior to March 2, 2015.**

**All Checks made payable to:  
Bishop J.W. Shanahan Assembly #917**

## DRESS

The official dress for the Fourth Degree Exemplification is black tuxedo, black bow tie, plain white tuxedo shirt, (**NO WING COLLARS**), black shoes, and black tuxedo cummerbund (**NO VESTS**). Religious wear their clerical garb and members of the armed forces or full time police and firefighting officers may wear their respective dress uniforms. Members shall wear the official dress plus social baldric, lapel pin and current 4<sup>th</sup> Degree jewel of office.

**Tuxedos are required until 9:00 PM**

## DEADLINES

All applications for membership in the Fourth Degree and banquet reservations must be made to the Assembly no later than **March 2, 2015**. Payment in full must accompany all reservations.

There will be a \$2.00 late charge

**\*\* No refunds after March 13\*\***

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### Procedure for Submitting Application (Form 4)

The applicant is to complete sections 1 thru 4 and have his proposer sign in section #4

The applicant will attach a check for the fees, partial dues, plus any additional banquet and/or luncheon tickets. The applicants check is made **payable to:**

**Bishop J.W. Shanahan Assembly #917**

The application (Form 4) must be given to the council Financial Secretary for signature and verify the applicant's membership number and good standing.

The applications and checks are sent to the Assembly Comptroller where the candidate will be a member. The application (Form 4) will be read and voted on. The Comptroller will complete the application by verifying all information and complete section 5.

The Comptroller sends all applications (Form 4) with an **Assembly check** for the cost of all candidates to:

**MASTER PA EAST**  
and mail to:  
Ray McLaughlin  
521 Anne Street  
Huntingdon Valley, PA 19006

**ALL copies of the Form 4 should be sent to the Master.**

#### **Overnight Accommodations**

Sleeping rooms are available for Saturday and Sunday nights by calling the hotel directly. The room rate is **\$101.00** per night plus 6% PA Sales Tax and 2% Occupancy Tax. When making your reservation, please identify yourself as a Knight of Columbus.

Holiday Inn, Harrisburg - Hershey  
604 Station Road  
Grantville, Pa. 17028  
1-800-315-2621

#### **Cancellation Policy for all Events**

No Refunds after March 13, 2015

## *EXEMPLIFICATION OF THE FOURTH DEGREE*

### **KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**

PENNSYLVANIA EAST DISTRICT  
CALVERT PROVINCE



**Exemplification**  
Sunday, March 22, 2015

**SK Bernard "Bernie" McMahon**  
**Bishop J.W. Shanahan Assembly #917**

The Holiday Inn  
(Harrisburg - Hershey)  
604 Station Road  
Grantville, PA. 17028  
(800)-315-2621

# UPCOMING ASSEMBLY MEETINGS

**Monday, March 2, 2015**

**St Joseph Catholic Church**

**400 E Simpson St, Mechanicsburg, PA at 7:00 PM**

**Monday, April 6, 2015**

**McGivney Hall**

**Holy Rosary Council Home 869**

**145 Peach St, Harrisburg, PA at 7:00 PM**

**Monday, May 4, 2015**

**McGivney Hall**

**Holy Rosary Council Home 869**

**145 Peach St, Harrisburg, PA at 7:00 PM**

**Please remember our sick and deceased Brothers, Clergy, Family and Friends Of Bishop John W. Shanahan Assembly 917. Your thoughts and prayers would be greatly appreciated.**



**The Sir Knights and Families of Bishop John W. Shanahan Assembly 917,**

**Fr Louis Ogden, Deacon Francis Gorman, Albert Wrightstone, Irv Winger, Stephanie Slaybaugh, Mary Bowker, Don Weaver, Our Military and Emergency First Responders and for the repose of the soul of S/K Thomas Nissley**

**O Mary, conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to thee**



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