



**Knights of Columbus  
Northern Illinois District – Marquette Province**



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**Fourth Degree Exemplification  
Saturday, March 1, 2025**

**Jacob Henry Mansion Estate  
Old Central Church  
15 S Richards St  
Joliet, IL 60433**

November 15, 2024

To: All Assemblies-Northern Illinois District

The next Fourth Degree Exemplification will be held **March 1, 2025**. The Host Assembly is the Bishop Romeo Blanchette Assembly #3044, Robert Pellegrini, Navigator.

**In celebration of the 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Fourth Degree**, the Supreme Council will be providing special certificates for all degrees held having 125 candidates or more. Our goal is **125 for the 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**. Now is the time to ask our third-degree members to join the Fourth Degree.

All Assemblies are invited to participate in this Exemplification.

The following hotels are in the local area:

- Quality Inn and Suites – 135 S Larkin Ave, Joliet  
(815) 768-4940– Free Wi-Fi. Approximate room rate: \$86
- Super 8 by Wyndham – 1806 McDonough St, Joliet, IL  
(815) 306-8137 – Free Breakfast, Wi-Fi. Approximate room rate: \$99
- Motel 6 – 1850 McDonough St, Joliet, IL  
(815) 729-2800 – Free Wi-Fi. Approximate room rate: \$72
- Quality Inn – 411 S Larkin Ave, Joliet  
(630) 755-0206 – Free Continental Breakfast, Wi-Fi.  
Approximate room rate: \$87
- Clarion Hotel & Convention Center – 411 S Larkin Ave, Joliet, IL  
(815) 768-1354 – Free Continental Breakfast, Wi-Fi.  
Approximate room rate: \$97

Also note the Ladies Lunch has been replaced with Ladies Entertainment.

Candidates' initiation fee \$90.00

Includes: Banquet Ticket and 4th Degree Pin.

Priests ONLY initiation fee \$50.00

Includes Banquet Ticket and 4th Degree Pin.

Sir Knights, Ladies and Guest Banquet Ticket is \$50.00

Each assembly will be charged a late fee for their candidates. Sir Knights, ladies, and guests will be responsible for their own late fees. All fees must be included with the reservation.

**No refunds on Banquet Ticket if it is not used.**

Deadline for Candidates Form 4's is **Saturday, February 15, 2025**, for names to be listed in the Program Book. All Form 4's must be received by **Saturday, February 15, 2025**.

Banquet reservation forms are included with this correspondence. Please make copies for distribution to both Candidates and Sir Knights wishing to attend the Exemplification and Banquet. **Each Sir Knight must submit their own registration form. Sir Knights should not be guests of others.**

Special Meal requests (if necessary, for Medical Reasons or Vegetarians) for Candidates, Sir Knights, Ladies and Guests must be shown on the Banquet Reservation Form.

Special Reminder: A Candidate must be a 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree Member in good standing to be eligible for the Fourth Degree Exemplification and must **show a current travel card** at the exemplification. Only the 2025 membership cards are acceptable for this exemplification.

Please be sure to send only **COMPLETE** packets (Form 4, Banquet Reservation Form, and Check made payable to **Ty Simmons - Master** at least 2 weeks prior to Exemplification Date.

**INCOMPLETE PACKETS OR PACKETS NOT HAVING ALL REQUIRED INFORMATION MAY BE RETURNED TO THE FAITHFUL NAVIGATOR.**

Faithful Navigators and Faithful Comptrollers should ensure all required information on the Form 4 is completed including:

- Membership Number, Member's Signature.
- Council Number, Name and FS signature.
- Name, Number and location of the Assembly which the Candidate is joining.
- Faithful Navigator Signature.
- Faithful Comptroller Signature.

Please print clearly on all documents.

Member email addresses can be printed in the space above the membership number. When filling out the Form 4, press hard so that the information transfers to the duplicate copies.

Before sending in the Form 4's, please check that all the information is filled in and all the signatures are on the form. Please return the Entire Form 4 to the Master.

**NOTE:** [Do NOT remove the Financial Secretary or Assembly copies.](#)

**APPROPRIATE DRESS CODE FOR CANDIATES AND/OR OBSERVERS**

Faithful Navigators are also asked to ensure that all Assembly Members and Candidates are made aware that **PROPER ATTIRE MUST BE WORN** to the Exemplification.

**Candidates are expected to wear:**

- **Business Suit** – either black, dark grey or dark blue in color
- **Plain white shirt** - with lay down collars – no wing tip collars
- **Black Tie** – plain black tie or bow tie
- **Black Socks** – dress socks
- **Black Dress Shoes** – **Only** black dress shoes are permitted

**Clergy (candidates/observers) are permitted to wear:**

- **Blacks or cassock**

**Active Military, Police, Firefighters (candidates/observers) are permitted to wear:**

- **Class A or Dress Uniform - instead of dark suit.**

Observers are encouraged to wear their fourth-degree uniforms while attending the exemplification. They are also permitted to wear the apparel of a candidate.

**If proper attire as described above is not followed,  
you will not be permitted into the exemplification chamber.**

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If anyone writes a check for someone else, PLEASE make sure to note on the memo line who the payment is for. ALL checks must be payable to:

**Ty Simmons, Master.**

**Assemblies: When you issue a check for a candidate, a separate check is required for each Candidate and / or reservation with the name of the person shown on the check.**

I ask that **ALL** completed applications, Form 4's with payment be sent to me at:

**Ty Simmons, Master**  
c/o Gregg Biliskov  
1115 Bourne Lane  
Schaumburg, IL 60193

**Additional Information**

<b>District Secretary</b>	<b>Host Assembly Contact</b>
Gregg Biliskov 1115 Bourne Lane Schaumburg, IL 60193 <a href="mailto:skgreggb@gmail.com">skgreggb@gmail.com</a> (847) 417-1988 (cell)	Robert Pellegrini 751 Teasel Ln Aurora, IL 60504 <a href="mailto:rpellegr@aol.com">rpellegr@aol.com</a> (630) 340-4347

My staff and I are ready to assist each Assembly as necessary to make this a very SPECIAL DAY for our new Sir Knights. Should you need additional information or clarification on any matters, please contact me or my secretary.

Fraternally Yours,

*Ty Simmons*

Master 4th Degree  
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**SATURDAY March 1, 2025**

- 7:00 A.M. **Doors Open**
- 8:15 A.M. **MASTER'S MEETING**  
Attendees: Faithful Navigators, Faithful  
Comptrollers, Committee Chairs
- 9:00 A.M. **DISTRICT MARSHAL'S MEETING**  
Attendees: Honor Guard Members
- 9:00 A.M. **CANDIDATE REGISTRATION**  
**CANDIDATE HOLDING ROOM**
- 9:30 A.M. **BANQUET TICKET - PICK-UP**
- 9:30 A.M. **HONOR GUARD VESTING ROOM**
- 10:15 A.M. **Honor Guard Inspection by Vice Supreme Master and Master**
- 10:30 A.M. **LADIES ENTERTAINMENT**
- 10:30 A.M. **EXEMPLIFICATION CEREMONY**  
Ceremony 10:30 am – 12:30 pm
- 12:30 P.M. **MASTER'S WRAP-UP MEETING**  
Attendees: Faithful Navigators, Faithful  
Comptrollers, Committee Chairs
- 1:30 P.M. **BANQUET**  
Banquet 1:30 pm – 3:00 pm
- 4:00 P.M. **MASS – If scheduled**

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**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **E-mail address:** \_\_\_\_\_  
(Please Print Clearly) (Please Print Clearly)

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Phone Number:** \_\_\_\_\_

**City:** \_\_\_\_\_ **State:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Zip Code:** \_\_\_\_\_

**MEMBERSHIP NO.** \_\_\_\_\_ (Provide a copy of your card – do not enlarge)

**ASSEMBLY NO.** \_\_\_\_\_ **COUNCIL NO.** \_\_\_\_\_

Worthy Master - Please make reservations as follows:

___ <b>Candidate</b> (Initiation fee)	<b>\$90.00</b> (w/banquet ticket)	<b>\$10.00</b> (late fee) *	\$ _____
___ <b>Priest Only</b> (Initiation fee)	<b>\$50.00</b> (w/banquet ticket)		\$ _____
___ <b>Sir Knights, Ladies, Guests</b>	<b>\$50.00</b> (banquet ticket)	<b>\$10.00</b> (late fee) **	\$ _____
___ <b>Ladies Entertainment</b>	<b>Requires Registration</b>	<b>Free</b>	\$ _____ <u>0.00</u>

**\*Late fee (paid by assembly)**

**\*\*Late fee (paid by individual)**

**CHECK NUMBER:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Total Amount** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**No Menu choices – Family Style Banquet**

**Total number attending Banquet** \_\_\_\_\_

To avoid the late fee, the reservation must be postmarked by **Saturday, February 15, 2025.**

**CANDIDATES: SUBMIT THIS FORM, PAYMENT AND A COMPLETED FORM 4 TO THE ASSEMBLY YOU WILL JOIN. After they approve and sign the form, the Assembly will forward the complete packet as below. Please note the appropriate dress code for the exemplification.**

**Sir Knights and Assemblies: Mail forms with check to:**

**Ty Simmons – Master, c/o Gregg Biliskov, 1115 Bourne Lane, Schaumburg, IL 60193**

**Special Dietary requests:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Ladies and guests Names** \_\_\_\_\_  
**are list here** \_\_\_\_\_  
(use the back if needed) \_\_\_\_\_

*Each guest will be charged a \$10.00 late fee for each late entry received after Feb. 15, 2025.*

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