



Knights of Columbus Assembly 973

March 2021 Newsletter

The Fourth Degree is a group of outstanding Sir 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.

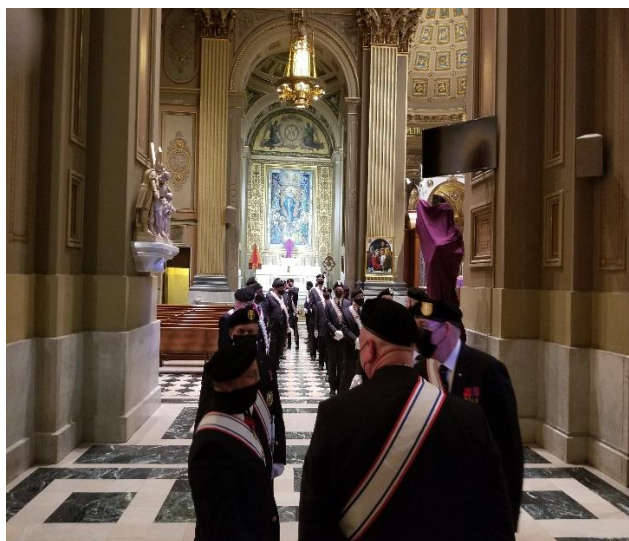
Fourth Degree members belong to local units called assemblies. Each assembly is involved in a wide range of public patriotic activities.

Each assembly maintains a Fourth Degree Color Corps and Honor Guard. Uniformed members wearing our uniform 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.

The Assembly has resumed monthly assembly meetings. Based upon new guidance from Supreme, only essential activities are to be held in person and all other activities should be held virtually. If a meeting is essential and held in person, it must also be offered virtually. Based on this guidance, we will be transitioning to virtual meetings for the next several months. Our March meeting will be held virtually on April 16th. A link to the meeting will be sent out with the agenda.

Color Corp Call Out

SK Jim Scott and SK Jerry Schweitzer attended a Mass at the Cathedral Basilica of Saints Peter and Paul in Philadelphia on Saturday, March 20. The Mass was sponsored by Father Dennis Gil to specifically honor Knights of Columbus and their families. Twenty-Six color guard members from other assemblies joined them for this special event.



Scholarship Applications

Applications for The Knight of Columbus Assembly 973 Scholarship program for the 2021/2022 school year are now being accepted. Two \$500 scholarships are available to any child of an Active Knight of Columbus in one of our member councils.

To apply, students must submit their application and attachments to the Grand Knight of their father's Council with a resume and a copy of their acceptance letter from the college, university, institute, technical, industrial, nursing, or health care school that they will attend. A copy of the student's most recent transcript is also required.

The student's typed resume must include the following:

- Name
- Address
- Telephone Number
- E-mail address

And a description of the student's participating in the following:

- Church Activities
- Community Activities
- School Activities
- Volunteer Activities

For consideration: the applications must be complete with all the necessary documentation (resume, copy of the letter of acceptance, most recent transcript, and description of student's participation in various activities). Additional letters of recommendation from the principal, guidance counselor, teacher, or professor are welcomed but not required. Each Grand Knight can email up to two applications with all the attachments to each of the Assembly officers listed below no later than Friday, May 7, 2021 so that we can make the awards contemporaneously with their graduation at the winning students' parish during or after Holy Mass.

Hope Squad

Working or volunteering as part of the COVID-19 Hope Squad is an opportunity to unite our communities in the fight against COVID-19. This herculean task cannot rest only on the shoulders of healthcare organizations. It requires all of us to band together to reach the over 100,000 individuals who need vaccinations in Lebanon county alone.

A 120,000-square-foot space at the old Kmart building at 1745 Quentin Road has been transformed into a mass vaccination site in Lebanon County. The goal is to provide 1000 vaccinations a day. To help staff the site our community has reached out to healthcare systems, churches, civic organizations, and others to provide both clinical and non-clinical manpower.

This is our shot of hope to return to a sense of normalcy. Thank you for considering to be part of ending this pandemic. To date our assembly has provided

To volunteer please apply at :

<https://www.wellspan.org/covid19/i-want-to-help/>



Support of Veterans at the Lebanon Veterans Administration Hospital

Mass activities at the VA are still suspended due to Covid restrictions. The request to the Assembly and Councils to repair the Monstrance is completed. SK Art Bond, SK Don Hassenbein, and DK Pat DiNunzio had dinner with Father Wood and spoke about the plans to replace the crucifix at the chapel. A search continues for a suitable replacement cross within our parishes so that we are not wasting any possible resource that should be proudly displayed. If a suitable crucifix cannot be found the assembly discussed plans to work with the councils to fund the purchasing of a new cross. We will get an update on this work at our next Assembly meeting.

Our Next Assembly Meeting will be held by ZOOM teleconference.

On our Agenda at this point will be further discussion on the Scholarship Program, wrap up on assistance for the USO on celebrating Easter at Home, Hope Squad Update, Identifying a Technology Director as we plan to return to in person meetings once given the go ahead by Supreme, and looking towards elections for FY 22. We will start with the Rosary at 7:00pm with the start of the business meeting at approximately 7:15pm.

Please let us know if there are other items that you would like to have added to the agenda.



Next Assembly Meeting – 7 P.M. April 20th