



Knights of Columbus Fourth Degree

CARDINAL MCGUIGAN PROVINCE
District of Manitoba



A. PURPOSE

- i) To encourage active Catholic citizenship.
- ii) To foster the spirit of patriotism in members and the community at large.
- iii) Gives visibility to the Order.

B. Qualifications

- i) Third Degree Knight in good standing.
- ii) First Degree Knight for six months.



C. Goal

- i) The Supreme Master's goal is for 25% of all Knights to belong to the Fourth Degree. Knights who join the Fourth Degree are statistically very likely to remain lifelong member of the Order. Encouraging men to join is an excellent way of improving membership retention. Order wide, 17.6% of members of the Knights of Columbus belong to Fourth Degree. In Manitoba, that number decreases to 13%. Fourth Degree current suspension rate is only .06% (0.0006). Manitoba has 1049 4th Degree members out a total membership of 7875 members.

D. Enhancement of the Order and of the Catholic Faith

- i) The need for **strong role models** has never been greater. That's what the Patriotic Degree represents. The Patriotic Degree is the pinnacle of Knighthood. We live, serve and **protect the Truth**.
- ii) Knights of the Patriotic Degree are dedicated to the personal development and continued honour of brother Knights. We are always there to offer **leadership, guidance, and encouragement**.
- iii) Fourth Degree contributes to **solidarity** of the Order.

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