



Assembly 3243 Highlights for April, 2025



Why do Sir Knights Carry Swords?

Knights of Columbus 4th Degree members carry swords as part of their official uniform, particularly within the Color Corps or Honor Guard, to honor Christ and His apostles, especially on religious and civic occasions. The sword symbolizes Christian knighthood and is a visible reminder of their service to the community.

The sword represents the defense of God, the Church, the country, and fellow man, a concept rooted in the chivalrous ideals of knighthood. The swords are not for actual combat but are decorative and ceremonial. The sword harkens back to the days of early Christian knighthood, when knights would defend their God, Church, country, and fellow man.

Today, the sword is a symbol of honor to Christ and His Apostles, and it visually represents the principles of the Fourth Degree. The color corps and the sword drill exemplify the principles of charity (time and energy for the drill), unity (coordinated drill), fraternity (camaraderie), and patriotism (a salute to God and country).

Fourth Degree Knights are often seen with swords during parades, wreath-laying ceremonies, Confirmations, and other Catholic functions, showcasing their commitment to faith and community.

- The Color Corps, a division within the Fourth Degree, uses the sword as part of its dress and drills, further emphasizing its symbolic meaning.
- The sword is a vital part of the Honor Guard, which provides Guard of Honor at Mass, wakes, funerals, dedications, and other civic or patriotic functions.

For many Sir Knights, the sword is a family heirloom, passed down through generations, adding a personal and historical significance.



Father Libin blesses swords for new SK's.



SK Scott Migli receives his sword from SK's Kurt Denner and Bob Thetreat.



SK Yusuf J.P. Saleeby receives his sword.



SK Jim Wasson receives his sword.

Assembly 3243 Calendar of Events - May 2025

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| • 4 th Degree Exemplification, Greenville, SC | 03 |
| • Family Fun Bingo Night at COK | 16 |
| • Assembly Meeting, Beach House | 28 |