

Welcome to
Bishop Manogue Assembly
of the Patriotic Degree
of the
Knights of Columbus



The Orientation Meeting will be at Sacramento Council 953 Hall, 5961 Newman Court, Sacramento, California 95819, on Monday November 13th, 2023, beginning at 7:30 PM
Spouses are invited. Snacks after the presentation.

PRESENTATION OF THE FOURTH DEGREE TO THIRD DEGREE MEMBERS

Opening Prayer

Pledge of Allegiance

HISTORY

The 4th Degree is the honorary, Patriotic, and highest degree of the Order. Originally, the Order had only three degrees representing Charity, Unity, and Fraternity. On Feb 22, 1900, the first Fourth Degree exemplification was held in New York City with 1,100 Knights participating. An official definition states "The primary purpose of the 4th Degree is to instill a love of country and impress the duties of citizenship and its motto or principle is Patriotism - patriotism enlightened and informed by religion". All top officers of the Knights of Columbus, in Supreme and most State Officers are 4th Degree members.

Bishop Manogue Assembly Info (see website manogue.org):

- The exemplification and charter of Bishop Manogue Assembly (later given the number 50) of Sacramento was approved by the Supreme Board of Directors on October 4, 1915.
- Our name honors the First Bishop of the Sacramento Diocese, Most Reverend Patrick Manogue.
- We meet at Sacramento Council (953) Hall, 5961 Newman Court, Sacramento, California 95819 on the 4th Monday of each month (Except when meeting has to be moved due to holy/holidays)
- Membership in Fourth Degree is open to all active Knights who have made their Knighthood (3rd) Degree.

BISHOP PATRICK MANOGUE



Student, gold miner, seminarian, and priest of the Comstock, [Patrick Manogue](#) built the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament when he became the first and founding Bishop of a new Diocese created on May 28, 1886, by Pope Leo XIII.

The new [Diocese of Sacramento](#) was created out of the old Grass Valley Diocese.

Bishop Patrick Manogue died on February 27, 1895 in the Cathedral rectory.

RELATIONSHIP TO COUNCILS

Belonging to the 4th Degree does not take away from one's 3rd Degree activities, rather it adds to them. Until one has received the honors of the 4th Degree, he has not completed his membership in the Order. It is not something a Brother decides to do when he is through being active in his Council. Rather, it is an honor and invitation to participate in additional activities of the Order. As a 4th Degree member, he will have access to additional contacts with his brother Knights particularly in the more frequent and somewhat more social events as well as in the other 4th Degree activities. Many Assemblies are made up of members from various councils and all projects and activities include members from several councils and Assemblies. In this way a brother can enhance his work in his council through wider contacts with and an understanding of the activities of other brother Knights.

GENERAL ADMINISTRATIVE STRUCTURE

1. Fourth Degree Supreme Officers:

Supreme Knight Patrick Kelly

Supreme Master Michael R. McCusker, PSD

Fourth Degree Supreme Assembly consists of the above plus 20 Vice Supreme Masters

2. Local Organization:

a. The Order is divided into 20 Provinces, each headed by a Vice-Supreme Master. We belong to the Junipero Serra Province that includes the States of California and Nevada. Our Vice-Supreme Master is SK Tim Fukuda of Elk Grove, California.

b. The Province is divided into Districts. Our Province has four Districts, three in California (Northern, Central, Southern) and one in Nevada. A Master heads each District. Our District, Northern California, is headed by our Master, SK __ (currently pending appointment)_____.

c. The Northern District extends from the Oregon border to and including Galt and from San Jose to the eastern border of California.

d. The Northern District is divided into approximately 46 Assemblies, each headed by a Faithful Navigator, and covering a certain area and draws from assigned Councils in that area.

e. The Assembly Officers are as follows:

Navigator (equivalent to Council Grand Knight), Chaplain, Captain (Deputy Grand Knight), Pilot (Warden), Admiral (Chancellor), Comptroller (Financial Secretary), Purser (Treasurer), Scribe (Recorder), Sentinels (Guards) and Trustees.

Emblem of the 4th Degree



A triad featuring the Dove, the Cross and the Globe.

The Dove, classic symbol of the Holy Spirit and Peace, is shown hovering over the orb of the earth (Globe).

Both are mounted on a variation of the Crusader's Cross that was found on the tunics and capes of crusading Knights.

Spiritually, the symbols on the emblem typify the Union of the Three Divine Persons in one Godhead, the most Blessed Trinity.

The Globe - God the Father, Creator of the Universe

The Cross - God the Son, Redeemer of Mankind

The Dove - God the Holy Spirit, Sanctifier of Humanity

The colors:

A blue globe with the Western Hemisphere in white.

A red cross with gold borders whose points form the Isabelle Cross. A white Dove. Red, white and blue are the colors of the American flag, the country where our Order originated.

This stresses our basic principal - PATRIOTISM.

Baldric: Worn by all members has the Third Degree Emblem denoting the Fourth Degree affiliation with the Third Degree. There are some changes in progress.

FOURTH DEGREE PROJECTS

a. National

The 4th Degree contributes to the Pro Deo and Pro Patria Scholarship funds. In 1990, the Supreme 4th Degree fund contributed one-half million dollars to the renovation of the Statute of Liberty. In 2000, the Order pledged and provided one million dollars to the construction of the WWII Memorial in Washington D.C. In 2002, the Supreme Master administered the Hero's Fund collected from the various Assemblies that was used to reimburse the families of Knights involved in the 9/11/01 incident.

b. Local

Our Assembly has a Special Chalice project where a Sir Knight carries out a prayer service at rosaries or masses for deceased members in which a chalice such as the one we are holding is included. Subsequently, the deceased Sir Knight's name is inscribed on a chalice and once four names are inscribed, the chalice is given to a priest, and the deceased are honored at each mass. We believe this is one of the most important services carried out by our Assembly.

In addition, flags are donated to local schools and work is done on flag poles.

New citizens are welcomed and an Assembly member gives a pledge of allegiance pamphlet to each person.

Donations are made for scholarships and to support vocations and the Military Chaplains Fund.

c. Color Corps/Honor Guard

I now wish to introduce you to Bishop Manogue Assembly's Color Corps / Honor Guard Commander, SK Michael Langer who will give you additional details regarding the Color Corps Regalia and drill routines.

The Honor Guard is the group that is most discernible to the public. The Sir Knights don their regalia and perform as designated by their Honor Guard Commander. The Honor Guard is the official honor guard of the Bishop. In addition, they are used as Honor Guards at rosaries and masses for the deceased; as Honor Guards at confirmations; in parades and other civic activities.

Once the candidate has filled out the Form 4, ask him to e-mail it back to you and to your Financial Secretary (if you have an issue, email it to our e-mail)

bishopmanogueassembly50@manogue.org

Ask the FS to confirm the candidate's 3rd Degree status via e-mail to you with copy to: bishopmanogueassembly50@manogue.org

Our officers will review the Form 4 and get back to you if there are any problems.

The Exemplification fee will be \$70 which candidates can pay by check (Check made out to "Bishop Manogue Assembly 50" and mailed to me – see my address at the end of the presentation)

OR you can use credit card or your PayPal account via our Assembly [PayPal](#) site at

<http://manogue.org/BMA50Dues.html>.

NOTE: Assembly will pay the fees for Priests

For more information contact our Color Corps Commander, SK Michael Langer,

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