

November 7, 2018 - Update

Worthy District Masters, Faithful Navigators and Sir Knights,

As you are aware, of there are many questions and misinformation concerning the change of the uniform for the members of the 4th Degree Colour Corp and Honour Guard. I will address these concerns and forward any future information as sent out by the Supreme Master Dennis Stoddard.

**First:** The Patriotic Degree of the Knights of Columbus is committed to the preservation of our Church, our Country and serve as examples of Christ's presence in the world. Members of the Patriotic Degree proudly foster patriotism in each Nation in which we are active by:

- A. Promoting voter turnout on election days
- B. Working to honour and protect symbols of national pride
- C. Participation in national holiday celebrations, eg. Remembrance Day, Canada Day
- D. Honouring veterans for their service and sacrifice, eg. Wreaths Across Canada
- E. Teaching personal responsibility in civic affairs
- F. Taking a public visible role on important national and moral issues
- G. Building a culture of life
- H. Defending laws that recognize the sanctity of life at all stages
- I. To stand together to ensure true religious freedom
- J. Supporting fund raising projects as requested from Supreme

**Second:** The Colour Corps:

- A. The Colour Corp is an elective division of the Patriotic Degree whose distinctive presence in parades, and Catholic functions is a visible reminder of our service to the Church and Community. Members current or new are not required to purchase the new uniform, only those members in the Colour Corp will be transformed to the new uniform in due course.
- B. Per Supreme new members joining the Fourth Degree can wear a black tux, dark suit or a dark gray suit. **Sport coats or business casual is not allowed.**
- C. Per Supreme the Social Baldric will still be distributed to the new members.

**Third:** The New Uniform:

- A. All members will be able to purchase the new uniform from Roger Sauve. This includes the coat, dress pants, tie and beret.
- B. A plain long sleeve dress white shirt (no button-down collar, no cuff links), black socks, PGI13 4th Degree Pin, dress black shoes and dress belt will be needed to complete the uniform.
- C. Miniature Jewels and current office jewel may be worn with the new uniform.
- D. The only pin to be worn will be pgl13 which is the official 4th Degree Pin.
- E. The flag pin will not be worn with the new uniform.
- F. No tie tack, tie bars or pins are to be worn on the tie.
- G. The colour patch will be used to separate ranks. These patches will be worn on the beret.
- H. No name tag will be worn on the uniform.

- I. When ordering it is suggested that a member goes to a tailor to get your correct measurements to give to Supreme. All cost of special tailoring after the uniform is received will be borne by the member. These uniforms will not have slides on the pants for adjustment.

**Fourth:** The Old Uniform:

- A. The Tux, Cape, Chapeau and sword may still be worn until **June 30, 2019**.
- B. All current rules regarding the wearing of the old uniform are still in effect.

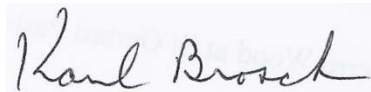
**Fifth:** Colour Guard Rules

- A. New Colour Corp Drill Manual is now available for each FN by either printed book or on the web site of Supreme.
- B. Swords can be worn with the new uniform when appropriate and approved by your local clergy.

I encourage each member of the Colour Corp to take a deep breath and relax as this change will neither cause the earth to shatter or should it affect your membership in the Fourth Degree.

These changes have been implemented and Supreme has made their decision. No further resolutions regarding the reversal of this decision will most likely not be acted upon.

Fraternally yours,



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Incoming Vice Supreme Master  
Cardinal McGuigan Province