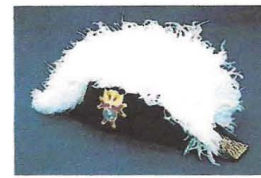




# COLOR CORPS



The Color Corps is an ELECTIVE division of the Fourth Degree, whose distinctive presence in parades, wreath-laying ceremonies, Confirmations and other Catholic functions is a visible reminder of our service to the community. The tuxedo, chapeau, cape and sword worn by the Color Corps were inspired by 19th century naval uniforms, with different cape colors representing nine different program ranks. The ceremonial sword symbolizes Christian Knighthood, and is carried to signify reverence to Church, Eucharist, country and freedom.



When knighthood was in flower, knights carried the sword to defend their God, their Church, their country and their fellow man according to the code of chivalry. Today, Sir Knights wear regalia and carry the sword to honor Christ and His apostles, especially on religious and civic occasions. Hence, the primary purpose of the Fourth Degree is to encourage active Catholic citizenship and foster the spirit of patriotism in members and the community at large.



The Fourth Degree Color Corps is the most visible part of the Knights of Columbus. The Color Corps provides Honor Guard services at church functions such as Confirmations and wakes/funerals of Knights, and provides a public affirmation of Catholic Citizenship in parades, Special Olympics events and other events.

Any Fourth Degree Sir Knight is eligible to join the Color Corps ranks.

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