

Knights of Columbus

Province of Champlain
District 09 Montreal



Exemplification

Patron of Honour
Rev. S.K René Gagnon



1991-2021

Host Assembly

J Adrian Chabassol

2252

October 9, 2021

St. Brendan's
Parish

Exemplification

2021-10-08

In Honour of

Rev.S/K Fr.René Gagnon



Exemplification team

Worthy Master: S/K Michel Lacombe

Eng.Translator for Master: State Deputy S/K Richard Paratte

Marshal: S/K Tom H. Altenburg

Host Faithful Navigator: S/K Paolo Stea

Faithful Friar : S/K Fr. René Gagnon

Historian: S/K Vittorio Di Lena

Lecturer: S/K Eric Brophy

Narrator: S/K Lilo Bruna

Constitution: S/K Boris Polanski

Canada Flag Bearer: S/K Salvatore Caruso

Technical team: S/K Maurice Dumoulin , S/K Yves Cousineau

Inner – Outer Sentinels

S/K Rocco Speranza, S/K Carmine Nudo, S/K Emanuel De Sousa

Special Guests

Worthy Master: S/K Michel Lacombe

Worthy Past Master: S/K Maurice Dumoulin

State Deputy S/K Richard Paratte

Message from Denis Lapointe Supreme Vice-Master

Venerable State Deputy,
Worthy State Chaplain,
Worthy Master Michel Lacombe,
Worthy Patron of Honour,
Worthy Officers of the Order,
Faithful Navigators,
Sir Knights,
Ladies,



Brother Knights Candidates, I am happy with your response. You said yes to a beautiful invitation to join the degree of patriotism. Your desire to continue your Colombian pilgrimage is to your credit and I thank you for it.

The officers of the order, the faithful navigators, sponsors, animators and many volunteers have come together to make you experience a pleasant ceremony. This ceremony reminds us of our duties and responsibilities in our commitment to the Church and the transmission of our Christian values to the family.

I like to say that is the degree of stability. The members of the fourth degree have demonstrated by their long-term commitment the pride of being knights in the service of our brothers and the community. I invite you to be active in the various activities of your assembly and to continue to be a devoted Knight in your council. New Sir Knights along with all of us, we have the important task of continuing the work of our Founder, Blessed Michael J. McGivney under the theme of Patriotism.

To the host Assembly who put the energy into making this ceremony a success, I thank you on my behalf and on behalf of all State officers.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Denis Lapointe". The ink is dark and the signature is fluid and elegant.

Supreme Vice-Master

Message from Master of District #9

S.K. Michel Lacombe



Venerable State Deputy,
Worthy Patron of Honour,
Worthy Former Master,
Worthy Host Faithful Navigator,
Sir Knights,
Brother Knights,
Ladies,

On the occasion of my first English-speaking Exemplification at the Fourth Degree in collaboration with Assembly 2252 J. Adrian Chabassol, it is with great pleasure to welcome you here at St. Brendan Parish Church to share with you in exemplification the honors of our order.

On this occasion, we want to extend a most fraternal welcome to our new Sir Knights.

Officers, recruiting members as well as sponsors, a big thank you for bringing together these kind and valuable men who will ascend the fourth degree by promoting charity, and our patriotic values within the Councils, Assemblies and Christian Communities around you.

Now you have a duty to them, to continue their journey after this day and must assist them, involve them and above all support them so that they deepen the principles of our order.

Ladies, I haven't forgotten you. At the 4th degree, there is an important place for you and your family, the order needs all of you to encourage and support husbands in their noble missions.

I also wish to congratulate and thank Assembly 2252 J. Adrian Chabassol as well as the team and also your Honorary President for the wonderful work accomplished in making this memorable day for our candidates.

Congratulations and wishing you all a long life of fraternal service.

Worthy Vice-Supreme Master,
Worthy Master,
Faithful Navigators,
Sire Knights,
Worthy Officers,
Brother Knights,
Ladies,



At the outset, allow me to congratulate all the new Sire Knights who have decided to continue their pilgrimage in the Colombian knighthood by acceding to the honors of the 4th degree, the degree of patriotism, the 4th great principle of our Order.

All the Officers of the Order, Faithful Navigators, Sire Knights, animators, and volunteers have all come together to make your day a pleasant one. Your sponsors have had confidence in you by bringing us a class of candidates who will become an important asset for our Order, and I thank them, it is up to you now, not to disappoint them.

To all of you, new Sire Knights, you have just lived a memorable day which has enabled you to achieve the highest honors of our Order, that of the 4th degree. Be proud of being and always worthy to represent the elite of the Colombian knighthood in all that you do because, from now on, you will have to take on new challenges.

I would also like to express my thanks to the District Master, the Host Assembly, and all of the team members, who put all their efforts into making this ceremony a complete success.

Long life to you all in this new stage in the Columbian Order.

Fraternally,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Richard Paratte'.

S.K. Richard Paratte
State Deputy

United to PROGRESS... Together to SUCCEED

Brother Knights,
Ladies,



It is the tradition that the wife of the State Deputy chooses a charitable cause to which all the Councils and Assemblies of Quebec adhere. Today, I am proud to continue this tradition and to sponsor PARKINSON QUÉBEC.

About 100,000 people in Canada, including 25,000 in Quebec, are affected by this degenerative disease, whose average age is 64 years, unfortunately the age category that corresponds to members of the Order and their spouses. No, we do not die of Parkinson, but the quality of life is greatly reduced, which is why it is important to continue research to remedy this problem.

I invite you to join me and all the Knights of Columbus spouses in raising funds, and in doing so prove to our spouses that we too can come together for the same cause.

I am sure you know someone who has this disease, personally I know an important one, the State Deputy's mother, she has had this disease for over 40 years.

Thank you in advance to all those who will be involved, directly or indirectly, in these provincial fundraisers.

France Poirier

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President of the women's Committee



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CANDIDATES

Assembly 2252 – J Adrian Chabassol

S/K Michael Nudo

S/K Gino Stea

S/K Jonathan Uva

S/K David Caruso

S/K Giovanni Stea

S/K Camillo Fresco Jr.

Assembly 2310 - Paul Emile Cardinal Leger

S/K Stéphane Desrosiers

S/K John Cordeiro

Faithful Friar's message

The prophet Ezekiel in (2:2-5) writes:

"The Lord spoke to me and the Spirit entered into me."

The untamed Spirit of God has plans for humanity, for people of Faith coming together, like the Knights of Columbus, eager for the world to come with the will and the power to protect their shaping a new world of love of neighbour through love of God.

That is what Faith in the Church inspires: confidence in God, belief in themselves and our code of justice and trust in our strength in the invisible power of self-giving love as Knights of Columbus. Gotten, as the goal and ultimate joy of life is to live in union with God and one another. May Vivat Jesus and Father Michael McGivney inspire our every initiative; we pray today and every day.

Rev. S/K. Fr. René Gagnon
Faithful Friar
j. Adrian Chabassol Assembly 2252

Agenda for Exemplification

- 9:30 a.m. Registration of candidates (in the hall) next to church
- 10:15 a.m. Instructions for the ceremony
- 10:30 a.m. Gathering of candidates in the antechamber
Preparation of the honor guard
- 10:45 a.m. Entrance of the honor guard, candidates, and dignitaries
- 11:00 a.m. Start of the exemplification
- 13:30 p.m. End of exemplification
- 13:45 p.m. Photo souvenir of new Sir Knights
- 14:00 p.m. Lunch (served in the hall)
- 15:30 p.m. End of event

Lunch Menu (Chef S/K Luciano Gidari)

Pasta w/tomato sauce, Chicken breast cutlet,
Bread, Salad, and 1 soft drink

(Donuts & coffee will be offered in the morning)



Purpose of the Colour Corps of the Forth Degree

The Primary purpose of the Forth Degree is to encourage active Catholic citizenship and foster the spirit of patriotism in members and the community at large.

The Colour Corps members exemplify all the principles of our Order

- **Charity** – by the gift of their time and energies necessary to practice, perfect and perform ceremonials and sword drill.
- **Unity** – by the united efforts of Sir Knights to practice and perfect a coordinated drill of the good of the Church and the Order
- **Fraternity** – by expressing an “Esprit de Corps,” sharing a common desire for drill excellence and camaraderie; and
- **Patriotism** – by performing precision drill as a salute to God and to country and visually exhibiting a love for both.

Colour Corps Description

The Colour Corps (C.C) has two sub-groups, the Colour Guard (C.G) and the Honour Guard (H.G.). The Colour Guard consists of the flag bearers and at least two members of the Honour Guard who escorts the colours.

The Honour Guard consists of members of the Colour Corps who have mastered the Manual of the Sword.

The public appearance of Forth Degree Knights as a Colour Corps at religious and civic functions is an important activity for each assembly.

They add dignity and the pride of Church and country to any event. By these public demonstrations their loyalties being credit to themselves and the Knights of Columbus.

History of the 4th Degree Exemplification



The first Exemplification of the new degree was scheduled to be held in the Astor Hotel in New York City on February 22, 1990. However, there were so many candidates, the Exemplification had to be moved to a larger venue. Therefore the site was moved to the Lenox Lyceum. At this first Exemplification Of the Fourth Degree 1,100 members of the Knights of Columbus, being in good standing "took their fourth." The second Exemplification, held in Boston on May 8, 1900 saw another 750 Third Degree knights join the ranks of Sir Knights. (Photo www.kofc.org)

First Exemplification



First Exemplification Feb 22, 1900



History of the Sword



In 1900, Patriotism is added as the fourth principle of the Order. Since the First Exemplification on February 2, 1900 at Astor Hotel in New York, there have been three major styles of swords with black grip.



The **first major type** of sword had a Flying Eagle on the pommel (grip cap) and the Emblem of the Order on the Guard. The Sword blade was usually 28 inches in length with overall length in the scabbard being 37 inches.



The **second major type** of sword dates back to the 1930's and has the head of Christopher Columbus, the Order's patron, on the grip cap. The other change that was made is that the Triad Emblem of the Fourth Degree replaces the Emblem of the Order of the Guard. This type of sword appears to have been made through the late 1940's early 50's.



The **third major type** of sword is the one that is still in use today and began to be manufactured sometime in the 1940's or 50's. The most identifying characteristic is that Columbus' head on the pommel is now facing forward when you look at the front of the sword or facing right when the sword is worn on the service baldric.

There are two other types of swords that you may see. Both of them have a white grip. The first is the same metal colour as the swords with the black grip. The white grip indicates that the sword belonged to a Faithful navigator and can be worn by either a current Faithful Navigator or Past Faithful Navigator. Most of these swords are of the etched blade variety and have the words Knights of Columbus etched on one side and the name of the Faithful Navigator on the other side.

The final type is a white grip sword, but plated in gold (not pictured). This sword is worn by current and former Masters, Vice-Supreme Masters, Supreme Masters.



J Adrian Chabassol Assembly
Knights of Columbus 4th Degree # 2252



**Faithful Navigator S/K Paolo Stea
and the Executive Team along with our members**

**Wish to congratulate all New Members joining
the 4th Degree District 9 Montreal**

and welcome into our Assembly 2252

S/K Giovanni Stea

S/K Gino Stea

S/K David Caruso

S/K Michael Nudo

S/K Jonathan Uva

S/K Camillo Fresco Jr.

**Congratulations to our Patron of Honour
Reverend Sir Knight Fr. René Gagnon**





Paul Emile Cardinal Leger Assembly 2310

Welcome & Congratulate

Our new Sir Knights

S/K Stéphane Desrosiers

S/K John Cordeiro

**ON THEIR 4th DEGREE
EXEMPLIFICATION**



REGION 17 VILLE-MARIE

Knights of Columbus (Quebec)

Congratulations and Best Wishes

to the newly initiated
Sir Knights

Félicitations au Nouveau
Sire Chevaliers

Mabuhay
Caballeros de Colon

Class of 2021

"Start by doing what's necessary, then what's possible and suddenly you are doing the impossible"
Saint Francis of Assisi



**Our Lady of Pompei Council
#17260**

**WE WOULD LIKE TO
CONGRATULATE
THE NEW MEMBERS ON THEIR
4TH DEGREE**

**S/K David Caruso
S/K Michael Nudo
S/K Camillo Fresco Jr.**

and welcome the SIR KNIGHTS into the



**J ADRIAN CHABASSOL
ASSEMBLY 2252**





The executive and members of
St. Brendan's Council #14693

**WISH TO CONGRATULATE
BROTHERS**

**S/K Giovanni Stea S/K Gino Stea
S/K Jonathan Uva**

ON THEIR EXEMPLIFICATION

and welcome THE SIR KNIGHTS into the



**J ADRIAN CHABASSOL
ASSEMBLY 2252**





**ST. PATRICK OF THE
ISLAND
COUNCIL 9180**

On behalf of all our Executive and council members

Congratulations

To

S/K Stéphane Desrosiers

S/K John Cordeiro

On your 4th Degree Exemplifications



Biography

Rev. S/K Fr. René Gagnon

Born on April December 6, 1936 in Berlin, N.H USA
Ordination as a priest on April 14, 1964 in Fall Rivers, Massachusetts
1964 3rd degree Knight in Aylmer, Quebec
2015 4th degree J Adrian Chabassol Assembly 2252

1964-74 Preached at the Missionary of Notre- Dame de- la-Salette

1971 Founded the Foyer Drogue-Secours pour jeunes (drug-rescue center for young people)

1972- 74 Became the Pastor at Notre- Dame de- la-Salette

1974 Incardinated to Montreal

1974-82 Pastor at Saint- Edouard

1981-91 Chaplain at CHSLD Paul-Gouin

1982-91 Pastor at Sainte-Lucie Parish
Became Priest Animator for the Association St Francois de Sales
(Ongoing today)

During the 1990's:

Chaplain & Elected member at the Executive Council for CHSLD Jeanne-LeBer Representative Region (Montreal- Laval) at the Quebec Assoc. of pastoral Health
Elected member at the Executive Council for CHSLD Jeanne-LeBer

During the 2000's:

Pastor at St-Hippolyte Parish

Chaplain at the Regional center for Mental Health at establishment in St. Anne Des Plaines

Founder of Nouveau Depart - A home for ex inmates from mental health centers
Now renamed in his name – René Gagnon Home

During the 2010's:

Vicar to the Parishes in the Mercier sector

Collaborator Priest at the CSSS du Coeur de L'ille

Sunday Vicar at St- Anne-de Bellevue Parish

Spiritual Care works at Sacre Coeur and Santa Cabrini Hospitals.

Sunday Vicar at St- Brendan's Parish

“With his sensitivity, compassion, and perseverance he addresses problems of the human condition; he addresses the problems of those whom society seems to leave behind. He is in the business of saving people, saving souls and he does it the old fashioned way: one person at a time.”



In Memorium

Assembly 1697 - D'Arcy McGee
Sir Knight Rev. Thomas Hunt

Assembly 2252 – J Adrian Chabassol
Sir Knight Gordon Kane

Assembly 2310 - Paul Emile Cardinal Leger
Sir Knight Guy Taillon

Assembly 3103 San Lorenzo Ruiz
Sir Knight José Tolentino