

1984 — Supreme Assembly contributes \$20,000 to the military vicariate of Canada to provide for the spiritual needs of service members.

1985 — “To Be a Patriot” Award established to recognize the top three outstanding assembly programs annually.

1987 — The Fourth Degree raises nearly \$450,000 and provides balance of \$1 million to help restore the Statue of Liberty.

1993 — The Fourth Degree donates \$100,000 for the restoration of the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Denver to commemorate Pope John Paul II’s participation in World Youth Day and in tribute to John H. Reddin. Two years later, another \$100,000 is donated to help rebuild the Cathedral of St. Joseph in Oklahoma City damaged during the terrorist bombing of a federal building.

October 1995 — Fourth Degree Knights participate in honor guards during Pope John Paul II’s U.S. visit, including a papal Mass at Aqueduct Race Track in New York City, which was co-hosted by the Diocese of Brooklyn and the Knights of Columbus.

February 2000 — Fourth Degree commences centennial celebration. U.S. assemblies plan \$500,000 fundraising campaign for a National World War II Memorial in Washington, D.C.

2001 — Fourth Degree Knights in Canada log thousands of miles as honor guards for two special pilgrimages in the country — accompanying the relics of St. Thérèse of Lisieux and the World Youth Day Cross in anticipation of World Youth Day 2002 in Toronto.

September 2001 — Within 24 hours of the 9/11 attacks, the Supreme Council establishes the Heroes Fund for families of first responders who were killed, with Fourth Degree assemblies leading fundraising efforts.

September 2002 — More than 1,000 Fourth Degree Knights participate in the Day of Remembrance Mass and patriotic program at the Basilica of the National Shrine to commemorate the first anniversary of 9/11.

2003 — “Serving Those Who Served” program launched to provide support to veterans at area Veterans Affairs medical facilities. With support from Fourth Degree Knights, the Order publishes the first edition of Armed with the Faith prayer booklets for military service members.

2003 — Fourth Degree honor guards are present for each stop of a pilgrimage, spanning more than 20 U.S. dioceses, of a relic from the tilma of St. Juan Diego.

May 2004 — Supreme Master Nestor Barber leads a delegation to the dedication of the National World War II Memorial in Washington. Fourth Degree Knights raised and donated more than \$520,000 toward the memorial’s construction.

June 2005 — Months before the Order’s expansion to Poland, a delegation of Fourth Degree Knights led by Supreme Knight Carl Anderson provide an honor guard at the third National Eucharistic Congress in Warsaw.

2006 — The Knights of Columbus United States Flag Manual is published, becoming the definitive guide for Fourth Degree color corps in the United States.

2007 — Membership in the Fourth Degree surpasses 300,000. Assemblies undertake a fundraising effort to raise \$500,000 for the new Knights of Columbus Incarnation Dome at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception.

April 2008 — Fourth Degree Knights provide honor guards for events during Pope Benedict XVI’s U.S. visit, including a welcoming ceremony at the White House and papal Mass at Yankee Stadium.

2011 — The Fourth Degree begins working with the Catholic Legal Immigration Network in conducting citizenship seminars for immigrants.

Nov. 11, 2011 — Poland’s first Fourth Degree exemplification is held at the Shrine of Divine Mercy in Kraków.

2012 — With the addition of 64 new assemblies, more than 3,000 assemblies are active worldwide.

April 25, 2012 — A historic Fourth Degree exemplification takes place in Yongsan, South Korea, during Supreme Knight Anderson’s visit to the country.

2013 — Fourth Degree assemblies raise more than \$530,000 to support priestly vocations for the Archdiocese for the Military Services, USA, through the Co-Sponsored Seminarian Program.

May 2013 — Fourth Degree honor guards participate in the first annual Warriors to Lourdes Pilgrimage. Some 160 active-duty and retired military personnel, injured veterans and family members attend with support from the Knights and the military archdiocese.

2016 — Membership in the Fourth Degree exceeds 350,000.

August 2017 — The current Fourth Degree uniform is introduced, featuring a blue blazer, blue tie and black beret — all with the Fourth Degree emblem — worn with a white shirt and dark gray slacks.

2018 — The Fourth Degree’s support for the Co-Sponsored Seminarian Program surpasses \$2 million.

2019 — Fourth Degree Knights provide honor guards throughout the “Heart of a Priest” pilgrimage — an eight-month nationwide relic tour of the heart of St. Jean Vianney, organized by the Knights.

May 27, 2022 — The Fourth Degree is established in Ukraine, with 100 delegates and chaplains receiving the degree in Bryukhovychi. During his first visit to the country just one month earlier, Supreme Knight Patrick Kelly gave State Deputy Youriy Maletskiy authority to induct Ukrainian Knights into the patriotic degree.

March 2023 — Knights of Columbus Board of Directors elects Michael McCusker, a U.S. Army veteran and past state deputy of Tennessee, to succeed Supreme Master Dennis Stoddard, who is accorded the title “Supreme Master Emeritus” for his record of distinguished service.

Feb. 22, 2025 — The Order celebrates the 125th anniversary of the Fourth Degree at St. Patrick’s Cathedral in New York City, with the blessing of a bronze statue of Blessed Michael McGivney, gifted to the cathedral by the Fourth Degree, followed by the presentation of a revised Exemplification of Patriotism.