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MEMO TO: VICE SUPREME MASTERS
DATE: NOVEMBER 7, 2023
RE: EXEMPLIFICATION FEE & NAME BADGES

1. *For Distribution to all Assemblies through their District Masters.*
2. At the meeting of the Supreme Board of Directors in July 2023, the Laws and Rules Governing the Fourth Degree of the Knights of Columbus were amended by increasing the exemplification fee from \$70 to \$90.
3. There has not been an increase since 2006. By comparison, \$70 in 2006 had a buying power of approximately \$106 today. Due to inflation, the \$70 exemplification fee now has a buying power of approximately \$47.
4. The increase is necessary to prevent District Masters from incurring a financial loss in conducting exemplifications.
5. It is strongly encouraged that exemplifications be held in a parish setting, relying upon the support of the local assembly and its councils to provide a quality banquet at an affordable price, avoiding catering and rental hall expenses when possible.
6. Effective immediately, a Knights of Columbus name badge may be worn on the Fourth Degree uniform only in social settings. Wearing the name badge is not authorized when participating in color corps/honor guard functions.
7. The name badge shall be the member's assembly name badge with a magnetic backing worn on the right breast since the emblem and miniature medals prevent wear on the left breast. The exception to assembly badges would be state council officer badges or badges indicating Fourth Degree officer positions.
8. Where medical reasons prevent the wear of a magnetic backing (e.g. a pacemaker), the member may use a badge with a pin backing.
9. Any questions should be directed to SupremeMaster@kofc.org.

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