

Exemplification of the Admission Degree
(Place your council name and number here)

Welcome! We're glad you're here. You've decided to join the largest organization of Catholic gentlemen in the world. By joining the Knights of Columbus you have decided to join millions of other men in service to our Church, our communities, our families, youth throughout the world and our Council. We are delighted to have you as a member of the Knights of Columbus.

Tonight you take the First step towards complete Knighthood. The exemplification of the Admission Degree is designed to teach one of the most important principles of our Order. The ceremony you are about to experience dates all of the way back to the founding days of the Knights of Columbus. In fact, this ceremony is largely unchanged from the one taken by the very Admission Knights. And of course, it's the same ceremony experienced by every other Knight of Columbus since then.

To help you get the most out of this experience, we would like to offer the following guidelines for your participation.

- 1.) The exemplification ceremony begins right now, inside this room. As you wait for the ceremonial Warden and his aides to arrive, you should maintain an air of quiet reflection. Please take a seat and wait quietly for the arrival of the officers. They will instruct you in the appropriate procedures when they arrive.
- 2.) All candidates should wear a colored ribbon, or name badge to identify them as a candidate. If you have not already been given one, please ask the Outside Guard to provide you with one. You should wear this ribbon until the Council meeting has been completed.
- 3.) When any Ceremonial Officer addresses you, please wait until the Warden instructs you to answer. Then speak loudly and clearly so all in the Council chamber can hear you.
- 4.) If you are questioned by any Ceremonial Officer, wait until instructed to answer by the Warden, then please respond with "Yes, Sir" or "No, Sir"
- 5.) Relax and enjoy the ceremony.