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Patriotic Exemplification in Calais, ME on 8 June. Nine new Sir Knights including 1 Seminarian & 1 priest. Photo shows new Sir Knights and Degree Team and leadership under DM John Deetjen, Jr.



Patriotic Exemplification in Milford, MA on Sunday, 9 June. Photo of new Sir Knights, Degree Team, and Dignitaries under leadership of DM Stanley Ciukaj.

FOURTH DEGREE EMBLEM

The triad emblem of the Fourth Degree features the dove, the cross and the globe. The dove, hovering over the orb of the Earth (globe), is the classic symbol of the Holy Spirit. Both of which are mounted on a variation of the Crusader's Cross – that which was found on the tunics and capes of the Crusading Knights, who battled to regain the Holy Land from the pagans.

Our Honored Order cherishes as its patron Christopher Columbus. Christopher (Christ Bearer), Columbus (Dove), symbolizing the Paraclete spirituality; the sacred symbols on the emblem typify the Union of the Three Divine Persons in One God, the most Blessed Trinity.

The Orb or Globe represents God the Father, the Creator of the Universe. The Cross – God the Son and Redeemer of Mankind. The Dove – God the Holy Spirit and Sanctifier.

These symbols along with the red, white, and blue colors are used to stress the basic principle of the Fourth Degree – **PATRIOTISM**.

UPCOMING EXEMPLIFICATIONS

CONNECTICUT

Saturday, 13 July 2024

St. Jude Church – Monroe

INDEPENDENCE DAY

In 1775, people in the 13 colonies began fighting the British under King George III for their own independence. On 2 July 1776, Congress secretly voted for independence from Great Britain. On 4 July 1776, the final wording of the Declaration of Independence was approved, and the document was published.

The first public reading was on 8 July 1776. Delegates began to sign it on 2 August 1776.

In 1870, Independence Day was made an unpaid holiday for federal employees. In 1941, it became a paid holiday for them.

The first description of how Independence Day would be celebrated was in a letter from John Adams to his wife Abigail on 3 July 1776. He described “pomp and parade, with shows, games, sports, guns, bells, bonfires, and illuminations” throughout the US. However, the term “Independence Day” was not used until 1791.

Interestingly, Thomas Jefferson and John Adams, both signers of the Declaration of Independence and presidents of the United States, died on 4 July 1826—exactly 50 years after the adoption of the declaration.