

In 1882 Father Michael J. McGivney organized the Knights of Columbus to insure the future of families devastated by the death of the family breadwinner.

Photos:

- 1) The first photo depicts the Knights of Columbus in 1900 in Little Falls, NY. Members wore a plumed hat and carried a sword as part of their uniforms.



- 2) Pre 1940 the Knights of Columbus wore formal tail coats and top hats along with the baldric and sword.



- 3) 1940 – 2019 the Knights Color Corp wore tuxedos, a cape, a plumed chapeau, baldric and sword.



4) 2019. The new 4th degree uniform is a casual jacket and slacks, baldric with sword and a militaristic style beret.



The Color Corp represents the visible arm of the Knights of Columbus. They stand guard at a fellow knight's funeral. They escort the Bishop on official services. They appear at functions such as parades, graduations, confirmations and various patriotic occasions. Being a Color Corp member is one of the most noteworthy things a 4th degree Knight can do. I do this gladly and with great reverence to all concerned. I am proud to be a Knight of Columbus Color Corp member.

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