

The Fourth Degree Chalice / Crucifix Ceremony (short)

Good morning. I am _____, I am currently _____ in the Fourth Degree of the Knights of Columbus. Brother _____ was a member of the Knights of Columbus for the last _____ years.

(pause)

Friends, St. Jude Assembly, the Fourth Degree of the Knights of Columbus, is once again called upon to bid a last farewell and to celebrate the entry into eternal life of one of its members.

With deep respect we pay tribute to the memory of Sir Knight _____, who God in his infinite wisdom and mercy, has seen fit to call to his eternal reward. The occasion that brings us here today is one of sadness, but it is also one of celebration. It is sad indeed to realize that the ties of friendship and fraternal affection, which bound our brother to our Assembly, have been dissolved here on earth. It is one of celebration, because he now walks eternally with God.

Today our hearts go out in deep sympathy to those who remain here to mourn. Their loss is great, but we mercifully ask our loving God in His goodness and kindness, to console his gathered Church.

Today, we remember a brother whose life has given our lives meaning. We remember him who enriched our lives with love, friendship, kindness, compassion, thoughtfulness and understanding. Departed *indeed* from this life, he now shares with all the saints, the joy of the Church triumphant.

And now, we renew our bonds with him.

(pause)

Worthy Sir Knight _____, in the presence of your loved ones and friends, on this solemn occasion, we honor you as a beloved Christian witness. In loving testimony, we present this _____ on which your name is engraved. It will be entrusted to a community of the Universal Church, there to be used in the Eucharistic celebration. It will serve to unite the Church on earth with the Church in heaven in that sacred banquet, in which you already share and for which we who remain still hope.

(pause)

Worthy Sir Knight,

(pause)

Until we meet again,

(pause)

Farewell.