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"Vivat Jesus!"



Lent is a time for every man to assess where he stands before God – a time to take a step back and recognize who we truly are and who God has called us to be by virtue of our Baptism.

We invite you to "enter the desert" this Lent with Fr. Innocent Montgomery, CFR, by signing up to receive daily Lenten reflections taken from his book *Born of Fire*.

Sign up now!

These reflections, inspired by the Franciscan Friars of the Renewal's prayerful journeys into the wilderness, will guide you through exercises for spiritual growth so you can bring yourself closer to the Lord.

Take this Lenten journey with Fr. Innocent and transform your understanding of yourself and your mission in life. Will you say yes to the Spirit who draws you to the desert?

The email reflections are free, but if you'd like to take a deeper dive, we invite you to purchase a special printing of *Born of Fire* from kofc.org/shopcis.

We hope the Lord will work powerfully in your life as you pray and fast this Lenten season. He is there, in the desert, waiting for you. Let's seek Him together.

Sign up now!



PATRIS CORDE PRAYER

Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer,
Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary.
To you God entrusted his only Son;
in you Mary placed her trust;
with you Christ became man.

Blessed Joseph, to us too,
show yourself a father
and guide us in the path of life.
Obtain for us grace, mercy and courage,
and defend us from every evil. Amen.

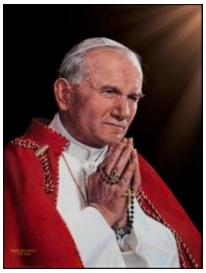
From the Apostolic Letter of Pope Francis on the 150th Anniversary of the Proclamation of St. Joseph as Patron of the Universal Church.

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KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

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Saint John Paul's Prayer for Peace



Lord Jesus Christ, who is called the Prince of Peace,
who are yourself our peace and reconciliation,
who so often said, "Peace to you," grant us peace.
Make all men and women witnesses of truth, justice,
and brotherly love.
Banish from their hearts whatever might endanger peace.
Enlighten our rulers that they may
guarantee and defend the great gift of peace.
May all peoples on the earth
become as brothers and sisters.
May longed for peace blossom forth
and reign always over us all.
- Pope John Paul II





MARCH 2024

SUPREME CHAPLAIN'S MONTHLY CHALLENGE

"Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there also will my servant be. The Father will honor whoever serves me." (Gospel for March 17, Jn 12:26)

Next to Our Lady, what greater model of faithful service to Jesus do we have than St. Joseph, the Lord's own adoptive father? In humble obedience to God, Joseph protected Mary and Jesus under the most difficult of circumstances. Although he says not a word in Scripture, the "silent" Joseph speaks volumes through his faithful actions. He is a model of manhood and discipleship for all Knights today.

Challenge by Supreme Chaplain Archbishop William E. Lori:

This month — in which we celebrate the feast of St. Joseph — I challenge you to pray a novena or another prayerful devotion to this great saint.

Questions for Reflection:

What virtues do you see in St. Joseph as you read the Gospel narratives about the nativity and early life of Jesus? How well do you practice these virtues in your own life, not only as a husband or father, but as a faithful disciple of Jesus? What specific, concrete things can you do to grow in these virtues in your day-to-day life?

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Worthy Masters and Sir Knights of the Province,

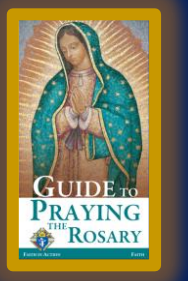
Just a quick word on my condition, I was released from the rehab facility just in time for Valentine's Day. I am now receiving in-home health care with therapists visiting twice weekly to continue my upper and lower body strength development until my surgeon sends me off to out-patient therapy. Over the next six months I will be wearing the back brace and a bone growth stimulator which give me a somewhat rigid posture and walking gait. My travel is heavily restricted but, with the aid of video links, and your cooperation, I hope to join in your biennial meetings and exemplifications through my recovery period.

Last month I wrote about renewal activities, specifically relearning, rehabilitation and reexamination, as relating to your opportunities and responsibilities for the biennial meeting and your assemblies' futures. This month, as we progress through the season of Lent, I'd like to discuss rejoicing and rebirth.

When I was growing up, Lent was presented in a manner that made us feel unworthy of the promises of Christ. It was all about repentance and sacrifice, not to say they didn't and don't have a place in the season but not to the exclusion of thanksgiving. It wasn't until I was in high school that the other side, the thanksgiving side, was being taught in the classroom and from the pulpit. It was quite a departure from my eight years of elementary school experience. But it made sense, underlying the activity of repenting for wrong doings and depriving oneself of some thing or activity to further focus the meaning of penance, we should be giving thanks that God, the Father created us and sent his only Son to redeem us and Jesus gave us the sacraments, notably reconciliation, to keep us in union with each other as well as the Father, the Spirit and Himself. This alone is reason enough to rejoice throughout the season of Lent that the Passion was a gift of love to us and we should seek ever to be reconciled in love with the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. We should rejoice that through the Holy Spirit the power of the Father and the sacrifice of the Son is transferred and transformed in us as the power of love.

As we commemorate the life and Passion of Christ we must also give thanks for the rebirth of faith and conviction of the early disciples and followers of Christ on that glorious first Easter morning and strive to experience our own rebirth or rekindling of the fire of our faith so that we are made worthy of the promises of Christ.

As Catholics and Sir Knights, we are all sons of the same father, God the Father. Let us rejoice that we are members of the one, holy, catholic, and apostolic Church and brother patriots united in the one order of the Knights of Columbus. May we each experience a rebirth of the ideals of knightly chivalry as emphasized by the oaths and vows taken in Knighthood ceremonies throughout the centuries.





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As Sir Knights, we should be looking forward to celebrating our 125th Anniversary next year. Now is the time to begin planning for not only celebrating but increasing the number of knights in the ranks of the patriotic degree.

Supreme Master Michael McCusker reminds us this month of the refrain of Psalm 117, "You will be my witnesses to all the world." He asks, "Does this not more than adequately describe the Fourth Degree as the visible arm of the Order? More importantly, as we begin this 125th year of patriotic service, how can we be God's witnesses to all the world?"

I wish each of you a blessed and spiritually fulfilling Lenten Season and pray that you will meditate on the events of Christ's life and the wisdom of the Church's teachings to grow in goodness and virtue.

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February 25, 2024

Dear Worthy Officers, Sir Knights and Brothers All,

As we start the Lenten Season, it is a time to think of the past year and ask, am I a better person? We automatically would say yes, but the culture around us tells a different story. We take up the Cross of Christ while so many take up weapons. As we progress through Lent, let us pray for peace in the world. To you Sir Knights, prepare for the opportunity to participate as a Sir Knight during the Holy Thursday Adoration.

The best opportunity for the Patriotic Arm of the Knights of Columbus is assisting the Veterans. On February 14, 2024, SK Armand Brooks, FDM and Primary Rep to PVAMC; SK John McNulty, PFN and Deputy Rep to PVAMC, along with SK Vince LaBrozzi from St Joseph Assembly 2126 and Joanne Brooks, wife of SK Brooks, served cake to Veterans in the canteen through the lunch hour. This was a VAVS event performed by different Veteran Organization and Fraternal Organization during the week in honor of National Salute to Veterans.



Looking ahead, the Arizona Fourth Degree Knights will be participating in the March 1, 2024, Phoenix Pro-Life March. This march will be during the noon hour end at the State Capital. Here we will note our concerns about protecting life at all stages. This is expected to be a large crowd with a proposed State Constitution Amendment for Abortion also being pushed.

The annual Phoenix St. Patrick's Day Parade will have Knights of Columbus marching down the Streets of Phoenix. The Fr. Stephen Adrian Assembly will be carrying the colors for this event. All Brother Knights are being asked to show your pride by wearing the Uniform, Assembly or Council Shirt. This along with the request for Council and Assembly banners will show the Arizona Knights of Columbus are alive.

As I complete this message, I would be remiss not to say thank you to Arizona Knights of Columbus for the support over the years. Joining the Knights of Columbus at a young age of 19, 43 years ago, I recall telling myself, "My dad took me to the First Degree". Thus, my dad did his part, but would I do my part. Who would predict the Knights of Columbus road that Rosanne and I have traveled through Council leadership, State Council Leadership, Assembly and District Deputy Leadership has been an experience. I must say, the Knights of Columbus has and always will be part of my life!

Rosanne and I have made a tough decision to start a new chapter in our lives. We both were raised in small Kansas farms in Northwest Kansas. After 39 years is Arizona, an opportunity to retire from NXP was followed by a message within hours from a company in Wichita Kansas offering a new leadership opportunity. So, the plan is to move to Wichita in March. For the Good of the Order, it seemed best for Arizona to submit a resignation effective January 31, 2024. Thus, this is my last writing for the John H. Reddin Providence Newsletter. I look forward to reading future newsletters. Rosanne and I will always cherish the Arizona memories and friends made possible through the Knights of Columbus.

GOD BLESS AMERICA AND GOD BLESS THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS!

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My Brother Sir Knights,

During Lent (Ash Wednesday through Holy Thursday's Evening Mass of the Last Supper), many of us will have either attended a fish fry and/or helped with one. Your parish will have also had a Friday Stations-of-the-Cross prayer service either before the fish fry or after. Some parishes do not do fish frys. They do a soup and bread that in, my mind, is more sacrificial in observance of the Lenten and Good Friday fasting requirements. And this year, Easter Sunday is on March 31, 2024.

Last month my article I talked about Empathy, Sympathy and Sacrifice. This month, the Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ. In an article by Fr. William Saunders, he states that the extreme suffering and sacrifice Jesus experienced (in Roman flogging and death by crucifixion) was corroborated by First Century & early Second Century Roman historians Tacitus, Suetonius and Pliny the Younger. Fr. Saunders further states that archeological discoveries combined with modern medical examination also provide an accurate picture of what our Lord endured.

In this day and age of everything being questioned and some things being thrown out because of what someone said, we have solid evidence of the excruciating pain and agony that Jesus experienced, for our salvation, on the day of his crucifixion. The realities of the Crucifixion (and the Resurrection) are also evidenced by (1) several scholarly Catholic books and courses available from the Augustine Institute and (2) extensive scientific analyses and studies of the Shroud of Turin since 1978 and (3) various analyses found in Fr. Robert Spitzer's books and videos.

We have good reason to believe and practice our religious beliefs.

Today, many Catholics wish their local church was still open. The reasons vary for the closures. Lack of priests is one big reason. If we want our local parishes to remain open, we need to lovingly know, live, share and defend our Catholic Faith. We need to encourage our young to become priests, nuns, deacons, catechism teachers, etc. It is up to us to repopulate the religious in our church. To do that, we must encourage our children so they develop an interest in growing their religious faith. We do that by being good saintly examples, and by encouraging our children to be good saintly examples. We go to Mass regularly. We observe the holy days of obligation. We lovingly teach our children the importance of our Catholic Faith. We acknowledge that every member in our respective family is a beloved child of God and loved by every other member of our family. The future of the Catholic Church in America and the world begins and ends with us.

As members of the Knights of Columbus, we show our interest in supporting our local parish, our Bishops, and Priests. Let us be the shining saintly examples that our children and our children's children will look up to in the years ahead.

Before closing one reminder. The Biennial meeting for Colorado is scheduled for March 16, 2024, at St Thomas More Parish in Centennial Colorado, beginning at 10:00 AM. It will be held in McCallin Hall 1. St Thomas More is located at 8035 S Quebec St., Centennial, CO 80112. All Assemblies are required to send at least one representative to this meeting. Contact your District Marshal to find out how many delegates your Assembly is allowed to send. Please note: We must nominate three Sir Knights to be the next District Master. If you believe you or a brother Knight would be a good District Master, please have your delegate nominate you or that brother Knight from the floor at the meeting. Be prepared to explain why your nominee would be a good District Master.

Here are the exemplifications that are scheduled so far for the remainder of this new Fraternal Year:

- April 6, 2024, Virtual Exemplification, broadcast from Guardian Angels Parish in Mead, Colorado
- June 8, 2024, in Littleton, Assembly 2813, St Frances Cabrini Catholic Church

Until next month, Vivat Jesus! Viva Cristo Rey!
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New Mexico Master Rudy Archibeque

March 2024

Worthy Knights of the John H Reddin Provence:

Well ---- this year Punxsutawney Phil did not see his shadow, so we should have an early Spring.

It's the Chinese New Year, which honors the Dragon.

Abraham Lincoln's birthday was celebrated on Feb. 12th.

St. Valentine's Day fell on Ash Wednesday, St Valentine is the Patron of Love and Happy Marriages.

Ash Wednesday is the first day of Lent. During the next 40 days numerous Assemblies have planned fish fries and other events as it's a time for spiritual fasting to prepare us for the resurrection of Christ on Easter Sunday. On this special day of reflection, we are reminded of our mortality-
"Remember you are dust and to dust you shall return."

We had a great month, as we had an Exemplification and welcomed 14 new members into the order. A special thank you to our Degree Team, headed by the NM Insurance Agent, Jim McCabe, the Audio/Video team of Frank Melo and David Martinez, and Senior District Marshall Chuck Dubois.

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From New Mexico East District Marshal Ed Martinez

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Greetings Brother Knights,

Congratulations to Council 4205 Clovis, New Mexico, and Grand Knight Billy Garcia for being the recipient of a Special Olympics Award. The Award reads: "2023 SONM Clovis Equestrian Thunderbird Riders presented to Knights of Columbus 4205 in appreciation of your dedicated service. The most worthwhile thing is to try to put Happiness into the lives of others." The award was presented by Special Olympics New Mexico's local coordinator, Gary Jones.





A Third-degree exemplification took place on January 27, 2024, at Sacred Heart Church in Clovis, New Mexico. District Deputy #13 Max Pino supervised the event, which was performed by knights from host councils 8304, 4205, and 9504. During the ceremony, Brother Chadwick J. Painter, Eric Terry, Luke Phipps, and Patrick Terry were installed with Charity, Unity, and Fraternity principles. In my closing welcoming speech, I explained the purpose of the Fourth Degree and encouraged our new Brothers to consider advancing to the highest level of Knighthood. New Mexico State Treasurer Clinton (C.J) Deeley and State Advocate Eric Kirby were in attendance.











Saint Jose,
Littlest soldier of Christ,
whose last bloody steps
brought you to the arms
of our Lady and our Lord.
Keep healthy and strong
the steps of our Lord's soldiers who remain here on earth,
so that they may have your strength to endure
and preserve to the end.
Amen

Viva Cristo Rey!

Saint Jose Sanchez Del Rio,
Pray for the Patriotic Degree of the Knights of Columbus

Following the Third Degree on January 27, 2024, we welcomed Sir Knight James Matise, Supreme Council Field Agent, who conducted an excellent fraternal benefit seminar at the Sacred Heart Church in room 1. His knowledge of the Knights of Columbus Insurance program was evident in his presentation coverage of not only death benefits but also financial security, survivors' benefits, long-term care, and more.

In attendance and supporting Field Agent James Matise event were four officers who belong to the same Assembly 1686, in Clovis, N.M. They meet at their monthly meetings but are rarely seen together supporting events. New Mexico State Treasurer Clinton (C.J.) Deeley, State Advocate Eric Kirby, District Deputy #13 Max Pino with Lady Becca, and District Marshal Ed Martinez with Lady Chris.









On January 28, 2024, at Sacred Heart Catholic Church Clovis, N.M. Third Degree Brothers and Sir Knights supported Assembly 1686 Faithful Friar Rev. Fr. Franklin Iwuagwu. They participated in a 25th Diaconal Anniversary celebration for Rev. Mr. Juan A. Rodriguez, Rev. Dr. Michael Rowley, and Rev. Mr. Daniel Chavez. "Whoever serves me must follow me. And where I am, there also will my servant be. The Father will honor whoever serves me." John 12:26







On February 3, 2024, a Virtual Fourth Degree Exemplification took place at the Newman Center located in St. Helens Catholic Church, Portales, New Mexico. Congratulations to Brothers: Chadwick Painter and Michael Lovato for becoming our new Sir Knights. The event was attended by SK Pat Schneider, SK Paul Johnis, SK Joe Batista, District Deputy #13 SK Max Pino, and District Marshal Ed Martinez.



Viva Jesus! Viva Cristo Rey!

Ed Martinez
FN Assembly 1686
District Marshal
Eastern New Mexico

From New Mexico Senior Marshal Chuck DuBois

Worthy Faithful Navigator Ray Largarde conducted his January Assembly meeting and planned events for the near future. His Assembly has been performing Charitable works for his parish and Church.

One of his goals for the year is to bring new members into the Fourth Degree. With lent fast approaching and the number of services at his Church St. John XXIII Catholic Community, the Fourth-Degree plans to be involved during the Forty Days of Lent.



From New Mexico North District Marshal Roger Martinez

Sir Knight's gathered for GK Richard Traviz Martinez mother Maggie's Rosary and Funeral. Rest in God's love





Santiago Assembly 3560 Posting Colors at Cheer Competition in Questa and Taos High School Basketball









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A Prayer for Our Country

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O Most Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of Mercy, at this most critical time, we entrust the United States of America to your loving care.

Most Holy Mother, we beg you to reclaim this land for the glory of your Son. Overwhelmed with the burden of the sins of our nation, we cry to you from the depths of our hearts and seek refuge in your motherly protection.

Look down with mercy upon us and touch the hearts of our people. Open our minds to the great worth of human life and to the responsibilities that accompany human freedom.

Free us from the falsehoods that lead to the evil of abortion and threaten the sanctity of family life. Grant our country the wisdom to proclaim that God's law is the foundation on which this nation was founded, and that He alone is the True Source of our cherished rights to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness.

O Merciful Mother, give us the courage to reject the culture of death and the strength to build a new Culture of Life. ***Amen.***

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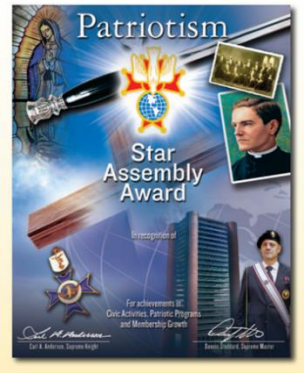
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Culture of Life

Dear Brother Knight,

Witness to the sanctity of life, there is much work to be done.

The good news is, despite what feels like a fraught and polarized environment, there is still a consistent pro-life consensus among Americans. A new Knights of Columbus/Marist poll shows that 66% of individuals support placing legal limits on abortion, while 83% of Americans support pregnancy resource centers. Other highlights of the poll include:

• Nearly 6 in 10 Americans support **restricting abortions past three months of pregnancy.**

• Two-thirds of Americans believe **healthcare professionals with religious objections to abortions should not be legally required to perform them.**

• 86% of Americans believe **laws can protect both the mother and her unborn child.**

Still, there are many hearts to be changed and countless mothers who need our support.

Knights of Columbus has long been at the forefront of the pro-life cause. Our Order helped organize the first national March for Life in 1974, and today Knights are among those participating in the 51st annual march. Even if you're not attending in person, you can livestream the March for Life here.

You can also watch the livestream of Life Fest, a pre-March rally sponsored by the Sisters of Life and Knights of Columbus. The rally features dynamic speakers, music, the celebration of Holy Mass and other events that aim to form hearts in receiving every human life as a gift. Join the livestream here.

Building a culture of life is just as important at a local level. Here's how you can engage in the pro-life movement, no matter where you live:

• First and foremost, join us in prayer for the respect of all human life. Download a Rosary for Life prayer card here.

• Work with your council to provide continued support after a baby is born through the Aid and Support after Pregnancy (ASAP) program.

• Participate in a state March for Life near you. To find your nearest march, click here.

• Help expectant mothers see their baby and choose life through the K of C Ultrasound Initiative.

• Provide financial support to the pro-life cause by donating to the Culture of Life Fund, or by opening a donor-advised fund with the Knights of Columbus Charitable Fund, which will help you give year-round to more than 1,500 pro-life organizations in our donor portal.

Confident in the intercession of Our Lady of Guadalupe, patroness of the Americas, the unborn and our Order, let us make this a year in which we change hearts around the world and support the mothers in need in our communities.

Fraternally,
Knights of Columbus



Celebrate the Gospel of Life

O Mary,
bright dawn of the new world,
Mother of the living,
to you do we entrust the cause of life:
Look down, O Mother,
upon the vast numbers
of babies not allowed to be born,
of the poor whose lives are made difficult,
of men and women
who are victims of brutal violence,
of the elderly and the sick killed
by indifference or out of misguided mercy.
Grant that all who believe in your Son
may proclaim *the Gospel of life*
with honesty and love
to the people of our time.
Obtain for them the grace
to *accept that Gospel*
as a gift ever new,
the joy of celebrating it with gratitude
throughout their lives
and the courage to bear witness to it
resolutely, in order to build,
together with all people of good will,
the civilization of truth and love,
to the praise and glory of God,
the Creator and lover of life.

Joannes Paulus PP II

— *Evangelium Vitae*

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GUIDELINES FOR POLITICAL ACTIVITY

Knights are first and foremost Catholic citizens who are members of their communities and constituents of their elected officials. A citizen most effectively petitions his elected official as an individual voter. Ordinarily, there is no need to refer to one's membership in the Knights of Columbus when petitioning an elected official. The message we want to send is "l am an informed constituent who has a principled stand [against/in favor of] your public policy choices and I vote." As Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI reminded us. "lt is imperative that the entire Catholic community in the United States comes to realize the grave threats to the Church's public moral witness."[1] To help members answer this call to faithful citizenship effectively, the Knights of Columbus provides the following list of political activity "DOs and DON'Ts":

DOs

- DO become active in the political life of your local community.
- DO register to vote and encourage others to register to vote;
- DO initiate and participate in robust "get out the vote" efforts to bring voters to the polls in all primary, general, and special elections.
- DO become informed on public policy issues of fundamental interest to the Catholic Church at the local, state, federal, and international levels.
- DO become acquainted with public policy initiatives of the national conferences of Catholic Bishops as well as state and provincial Catholic conferences.
- DO study and reflect upon the teachings of the Catholic Church so as to develop a well-formed Catholic conscience - a good place to start would be to review relevant sections of the Catechism of the Catholic Church, available at http://www.vatican.va/archive/ENG0015/_INDEX.HTM
- DO order booklets on specific issues of fundamental importance to Catholics published by the Catholic information Service, http://www.kofc.org/un/en/cis/index.html
- DO share with others the Catholic Church's teachings on moral issues of fundamental importance to society.
- DO advocate for Catholic positions on local and national legislative and other issues of fundamental interest to the Catholic Church. This includes participation in action alert announcements that seek to make the voices of Catholic citizens heard on legislation of fundamental interest to the Catholic Church.
- DO write letters to the editor of local newspapers.
- DO know your elected representatives and their positions on issues of fundamental interest to the Catholic Church; a.
- DO correspond with your representatives and let them know that you support the Catholic position on issues of fundamental interest to the Catholic Church;
- DO thank representatives for their actions taken on issues of fundamental interest to the Catholic Church;.
- DO join the Supreme Council and your State Council in advocating for public policy issues. When doing so, echo the sentiments and wording the Supreme Council or your State Council have already articulated, and.
- DO VOTE!

DON'TS

- DO NOT engage in any partisan political activity in the name of the Knights of Columbus. Partisan political activity is defined as including activity that seeks to endorse or oppose a candidate or party in a campaign for public office.
- DO NOT make partisan political statements in the name of the Knights of Columbus. A partisan political statement is defined as including statements that seek to endorse or oppose a candidate or party in a campaign for public office.
- DO NOT, on behalf of your local council, congratulate or admonish public officials in the name of the Knights of Columbus.
- DO NOT, on behalf of your local council, take a position on a matter of public policy unless you are joining a position the Supreme Council, or your State Council has already articulated.
- DO NOT distribute any Knights of Columbus member lists or contact information to political campaigns or to individuals running for office.
- DO NOT use an official fraternal title in connection with your personal political activity, except to convey biographical information; and
- D0 NOT use Knights of Columbus facilities, including, but not limited to, email accounts, social media, fax machines, letterhead, and the like, in connection with partisan political activity.

At no time will the Knights of Columbus act as a security.

THE 2024 WARRIORS TO LOURDES PILGRIMAGE

Every year, the Knights of Columbus helps wounded warriors by sponsoring a healing pilgrimage to the **Sanctuary of Our Lady of Lourdes** in France. Our 300 pilgrims join 14,000 warriors and pilgrims from 41 countries in seeking Our Lady's intercession for their suffering. They will benefit greatly from this five-day event of prayer, reflection, candlelight processions, Masses, and visits to the healing baths.

For more information on the Warriors to Lourdes Pilgrimage, click **here**.

Our wounded, ill, or injured pilgrims, their caregivers, and companions with financial need will not pay a cent for this healing experience. However, it costs us about $3,000 per person for transport, food, lodging, and materials.

Please consider having your council or assembly make a monetary contribution to support this wonderful program.



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Uniform Talk

The Color Corp of the Patriotic Degree

Fourth Degree Color Corps

The primary purpose of the Fourth Degree is to encourage active Catholic citizenship and foster the spirit of patriotism in members and the community at large.

The Color Corps members exemplify all the principles of our Order:

- **Charity** – by the gift of their time and energies necessary to practice, perfect and perform the ceremonials and sword drill;
- **Unity** – by the united efforts of Sir Knights to practice and perfect a coordinated drill for the good of the Church and the Order;
- **Fraternity** – by expressing an "Esprit de Corps," sharing a common desire for drill excellence and camaraderie; and
- **Patriotism** – by performing precision drill as a salute to God and to country and visually exhibiting a love for both.

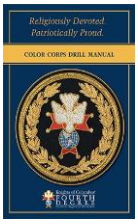
The **Color Corps (C.C.)** has two sub-groups, the **Color Guard (C.G.)** and the **Honor Guard (H.G.)**.

- The **Color Guard (C.G.)** consists of the flag bearers and at least two members of the Honor Guard who escort the colors.
- The **Honor Guard (H.G.)** consists of members of the Color Corps who have mastered the Manual of the Sword.

The public appearance of Fourth Degree Knights as a Color Corps at religious and civic functions is an important activity for each assembly. They add dignity and the pride of Church and country to any event. By these public demonstrations their loyalties bring credit to themselves and to the Knights of Columbus.



4th Degree Uniform
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Color Corp Drill Manual
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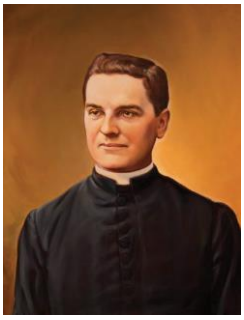
Your Beret



In the picture above, the top row illustrates the correct way to wear the beret on your head. The bottom row illustrates how NOT to wear the beret. In the top row, notice how straight across and above the eyebrow the beret bottom band is. Notice also the placement of the Badge directly above the left eye. This is how the beret to be worn.

An alternative to the Beret supplied with our uniform is the Rothco "Inspection Ready, no flash" black beret. Why? Primarily because the Rothco Beret comes ready to wear. You do not need to go through all the steps to get your Beret looking like the one pictured in the drill manual.

A second advantage of the Rothco beret is that it does NOT have the adjustable band. So, the ribbon illustrated in the bottom row is not a factor. If you wear the Uniform supplied beret, you need to take the time to properly fit it to your head. Tie a knot in the ribbon so that the beret will continue to fit your head properly and then tuck that knot inside the slot in the beret. Please cut off any extra ribbon once you have gotten the beret fitting on your head comfortably. We do not want, nor need, Sir Knights having ribbon tails hanging from their berets.



Prayer for the Canonization of Blessed Michael McGivney

Founder of the Knights of Columbus

God, our Father, protector of the poor and defender of the widow and orphan, you called your priest, Blessed Michael McGivney, to be an apostle of Christian family life and to lead the young to the generous service of their neighbor. Through the example of his life and virtue, may we follow your Son, Jesus Christ, more closely, fulfilling his commandment of charity and building up his Body which is the Church. Let the inspiration of your servant prompt us to greater confidence in your love so that we may continue his work of caring for the needy and the outcast. We humbly ask that you glorify Blessed Michael McGivney on earth according to the design of your holy will. Through his intercession, grant the favor I now present *(here make your request)*. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Please report all favors received:
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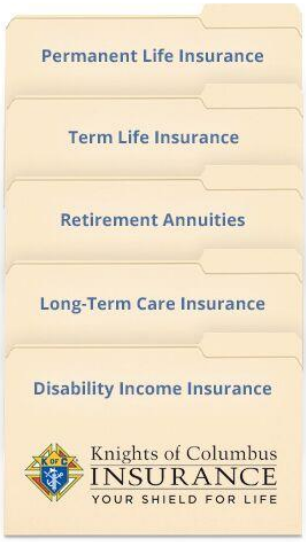
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Michael McGivney

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Join in Praying for Our Founder's Intercession

The fait**hful** around the world are turning to Blessed Michael McGivney for their personal prayer petitions. Visit the Father McGivney Guild website where you'll find a list of the latest favors received, as well as a form to submit your own petitions.

Also, click here to download and pray a Litany of Blessed Michael McGivney.



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Knight's Prayer



Our Lady, Queen of the Knights, bless all the activities of our Order. Keep us true to our pledge, to extend the kingship of thy divine son on earth.
Through Thine intercession, win for us the grace, ever to exemplify in our public and private lives, the virtues that should characterize those especially dedicated to the service of the heavenly court. Make us always aware that as your Knights, we are constantly observed, our faith judged, and our Order appreciated.
Accept, O Mary, this renewed pledge of fealty and devotion, of Thy Servants, the Knights of Columbus.



Saint Michael the Archangel,

defend us in battle,

be our protection against

the wickedness and snares of the devil.

May God rebuke him, we humbly pray;

and do thou, O Prince of the Heavenly Host,

by the power of God,

cast into hell Satan and all the evil spirits

who prowl about the world

seeking the ruin of souls.

Amen.

Knights of Columbus

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