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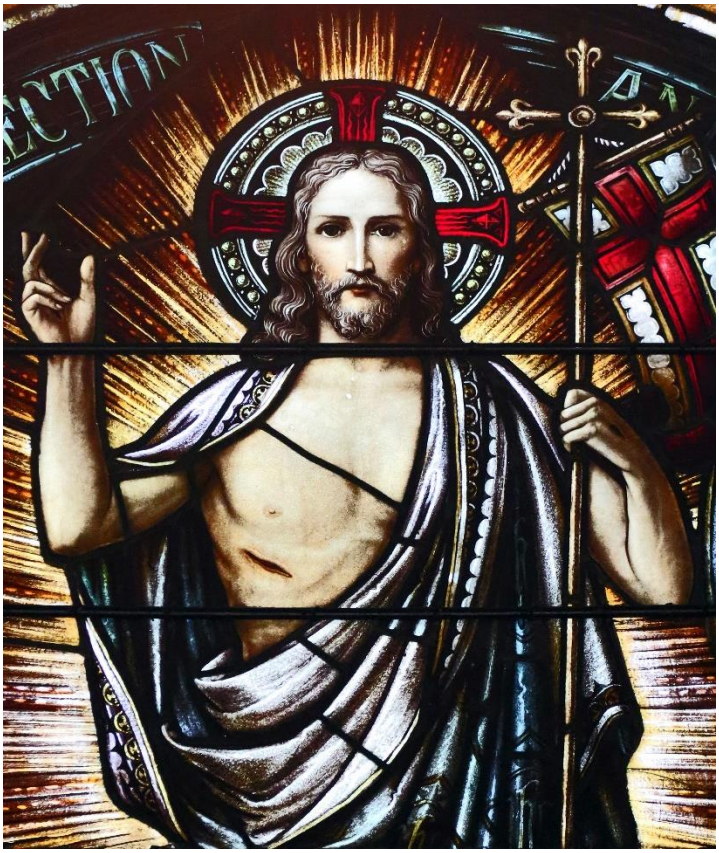
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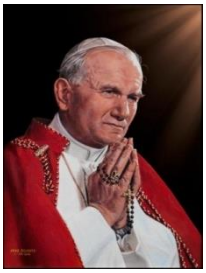
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The risen Christ is depicted in a stained-glass window at St. Aloysius Church in Great Neck, N.Y. (CNS photo/Gregory A. Shemitz)

"Vivat Jesus!"

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





FAITH COMMUNITY FAMILY LIFE

APRIL 2024

SUPREME CHAPLAIN'S MONTHLY CHALLENGE

"By this is my Father glorified, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples." (Gospel for April 28, Jn 15:8)

Have you noticed the progression in the challenges over the past months? If we recognize who Jesus truly is, we must listen to him and serve him. We have St. Joseph as a true model of that faithful service and discipleship. Now we are told that the Father is glorified through our discipleship and the fruit we bear. By being faithful disciples of Christ, may we bear much fruit and so glorify the Father.

Challenge by Supreme Chaplain Archbishop William E. Lori:

This month, I challenge you to prayerfully ask yourself if you are bearing much fruit as a disciple of Christ and then identity and undertake one way you can be more fruitful.

Questions for Reflection:

What fruit do you currently bear — in your marriage and family, in your relationships at work or among friends, and in the broader community? Are you mindful of the needs of those around you and the opportunities they present to bear fruit? Are there things you can do to become still more fruitful in your Christian witness?

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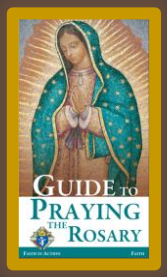
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Vice Supreme Master Chris Foley

April 2024

Worthy Masters and Sir Knights of the Province, Rejoice, Alleluia! He is risen! Can you imagine what was going through the minds of the Apostles and the others with them, when Mary Magdalene rushed in and told them 'He has been raised from the dead, and indeed he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him.'? We know Peter and John took off running to the tomb to see for themselves while the others stayed behind and must have wondered and recalled what Jesus had been telling them. It's not as if He hadn't told them this would happen. Perhaps they were so overwhelmed by the last few days and unable to get past Golgotha and the darkness that had fallen on the earth that they could not see the promised light of the Resurrection. But after Peter and John returned and confirmed Mary's news, they began to understand and rejoice.

We too get overwhelmed by the events of this world and it is difficult for us to always have the presence of mind to live for the future, our reunion with Jesus in Heaven. For as both St. Augustine and Pope Saint John Paul II preached to their congregations, "We are an Easter people" meaning we should live joyfully for with the Resurrection! Mankind's access to Heaven has been restored. Sing Alleluia!

With the conclusion of Lent, many of us will once again be able to conduct membership drives in our parish facilities and welcome men who completed their RCIA training into the Knights of Columbus. They and their eligible sponsors should also be invited into the Fourth Degree. This is a time of great rejoicing and allows us to demonstrate how our principles are aligned with our faith and help guide us in a life resulting in a triumphant entry into Heaven.

This is also the time for members to determine the direction of the Fourth Degree in their jurisdictions. District Masters will convene the District Assembly in the Biennial Meeting to "guard the welfare of the Fourth Degree in the District and consider and act upon all matters of interest to the membership and in concert with the purposes of the degree." - Article V (d), Laws and Rules Governing the Fourth Degree of the Knights of Columbus. Chief among the "matters of interest" are the consideration of resolutions and selection of three candidates to be submitted for District Master.

Local assemblies should also be reviewing and considering which of their activities qualify for award recognition. The TO BE A PATRIOT Award recognizes programs and activities which combine our Catholic heritage with love of country. Each assembly submits a report on their single best patriotic activity on form #TBP-2 to the District Master by April 30. Each Master selects the top entry from the district and submits to the Vice Supreme Master by May 15. Vice Supreme Masters select the top entry from the province and submit to the Supreme Master by May 31. The CIVIC Award is a tribute to the spirit of patriotism and national pride exemplified by the assembly's program of activities. The application Form #2321 must be received by the Supreme Council office no later than June 30.

I wish you and your families a Happy Easter Season. Let us rejoice and be glad for He is risen and lives among us!

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March 20, 2024

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Worthy Sir Knight Paz:

I am happy to advise you that after conferring with our Supreme Knight, I am pleased to appoint you Master of the Arizona District in the John H. Reddin Province. Accordingly, I extend my congratulations to you and also that of the Supreme Assembly. Your appointment is effective March 20, 2024 and concludes August 31, 2026, or as soon thereafter as your successor is appointed.

The Knights of Columbus website contains a section devoted to materials and information to help you successfully manage your Master duties. You can access the section directly using the following link: www.kofc.org/en/members/for-patriotic-degree/materials.html Please note the page is divided into two sections: materials intended for faithful navigators and faithful comptrollers, followed by materials intended for Masters and Vice Supreme Masters. I would direct your special attention to the Laws and Rules Governing the Fourth Degree. Knowledge of and adherence to this book will ensure you a successful term as Master.
Under separate cover, we are sending you a Master's jewel. It is our wish that you wear the jewel in good health.

Enclosed is an information form for you to fill out. Please return it as soon as possible so we may update our Fourth Degree Directory. Regalia may be ordered through The Supply Room https://www.kofcuniform.com/.
Be assured of my support of your efforts on behalf of the Fourth Degree, and do not hesitate to call if you need assistance. Wishing you a most rewarding experience as you fulfill your duties as Master.

Sincerely and fraternally yours,

Michael R. McCusker
Supreme Master

MRM/jp

cc: Thomas Y Kato, State Deputy
Christopher J. Foley, Vice Supreme Master

Brother Knights,

Arizona District Master Stan Schroeder submitted his resignation due to a new job in Kansas. The state officers congratulate and thank Stan for his job well done to grow the Patriotic Degree and encourage more participation in Arizona. We wish him well in his new ventures in Kansas.

It is my honor and privilege to announce that our Worthy Supreme Master Michael McCusker has appointed Sir Knight Michael Paz as the new Arizona District Master with his term effective immediately and going through August 31, 2026. With his esteemed leadership and dedication to the principle of Patriotism, we embark on a journey filled with promise and renewed commitment to our noble cause.

Michael is a member St. Anne Council 10540 and a member of Fr. Steven Adrian Assembly 2736. He has been a District Marshal for the past 9 years.

Under Michael Paz's stewardship, I have no doubt that our district will flourish even more brightly, touching the lives of countless individuals in our communities. Together, let us continue to uphold the core values of charity, unity, fraternity, and patriotism that define our beloved organization.

Please join me in extending our wholehearted support and cooperation of Worthy District Master Michael Paz and we look forward to serving alongside him to build up the Fourth Degree in Arizona to continue to be the visible arm of the order, serving our priests and bishops, and supporting the Patriotic Degree of the order!

Vivat Jesus!
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My Brother Sir Knights,

It is now spring. The clocks have been rolled forward an hour. The amount of daylight is increasing. The air outside is getting warmer, and soon trees will be blooming and lawns will be greening up. Animals that hibernate will be coming out of hibernation, and all will seem well. That is if you did the necessary preparation for it.

My Message in the February *Knights Call* talked about the Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ. This month, the Risen Christ. In a sermon entitled, *The Risen Christ – His Peace, Power and Purpose*, the author John Piper states, "So this is the evening of **the Sunday** that he rose from **the dead.** That morning Jesus had appeared to Mary Magdalene (John 20:1–18)." **So, Easter Sunday we celebrate Christ rising from the dead. For those ever wondering when you now know it was that evening. That same morning, he appeared before the eleven. Three additional points are made by the author. 1. The doors were locked. 2. They were afraid, 3. Jesus came to them and stood in their midst.**

Imagine for a moment someone you respected and admired dies and in a short time afterward appears before you and your family. What would you think, feel and believe? Personally, I would be shocked and wonder if I had lost my mind. I would be tentative and cautious of what I said to and did with this person. In other words, I would be very much like the apostles in my response. I might even be a little like the apostle Thomas. I would want to touch and ask questions before believing it was this person.

Today, we have fellow Catholics that only show up for Christmas and Easter. The rest of the time, they either worship somewhere else, if at all. There are Catholics who attend Mass every Sunday and on Holy Days of Obligation, but who rarely receive the sacrament of penance. How sad and unfortunate for such Catholics and the poor example they set for their spouses and children.

As members of the Knights of Columbus, we practice our religious faith regularly. We go to confession regularly and observe our holy days. 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, let me mention the biennial meeting held March 16, 2024, at St Thomas More Parish in Centennial Colorado. We had a quorum, and three Sir Knights were nominated to be the next District Master. The Nominees are: Manuel Gomez, William Furstenberger and Clark Musser. The process has begun for selecting the next District Master who will take over from me on September 1, 2024. Please keep these worthy Sir Knights in your prayers.

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

April 2024

Worthy Brother Knights:

Good news, our brothers in Lovington have met all the requirements to establish a new Assembly. The new Assembly will be named in honor of St. Thomas Aquinas and l will be installing the new Officers in the near future. Well Done!!

Lady Flora and I attended the annual Brother Mathis Corned Beef and Cabbage Diner annual fundraiser held on St. Patrick's Day. This benefits the little Brothers of the Good Shepherd which was founded in 1951 by Brother Mathis. It was great to see thousands of people show up for this worthy cause.

In other 4th Degree news-

Worthy District Marshals Rodger Martinez and Michael Specht are close to establishing a new assembly in Santa Fe.

The New Mexico biannual meeting is scheduled for Saturday April 20 here in Albuquerque. I will be sending out official notifications shortly. We will be having one more Exemplification this Fraternal year, date to be announced.

God Bless and thank you for all you do.

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Brother Mathias Corned Beef and Cabbage Diner 2024





















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

From New Mexico East District Marshal Ed Martinez

April 2024

On February 25, 2024, a Corporate Communion mass was held at St. Helen's Church in Portales, New Mexico, to commemorate the 124th anniversary of the Fourth Degree. Reverend Father Francisco Carbajal, Deacon Robert Herrera, and Deacon Paul Benoit presided over the Mass.

Sir Knights from Assembly 1686, SK Sean Little, SK Shane Nicholes, Color Corp Commander SK Joe Batista, SK District Deputy Max Pino, and myself participated in the event.

The connection between the Fourth Degree and the Color Corps remains the visible arm of the Knights of Columbus as we continue to serve God, our country, and our Order.









Viva Jesus! Viva Cristo Rey!

Ed Martinez, FN Assembly 1686, District Marshal Eastern New Mexico

From New Mexico District Marshal Frank Melo

+Brother Sir Knight Marty Cantu
American Hero



Our final farewells to Brother SK Marty Cantu! Member of the Knights of Columbus Assembly 3309, Council 15199, Member of the 101st Airborne, Vietnam Tunnel Rats, DAV Chapter 5, Member of The Purple Hearts Association. US Army Veteran.
You will be missed Brother! AATW!
Lest We Forget!













Vivat Jesus!

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The Mission of the Quilts of Valor® Foundation is to cover Service Members and Veterans touched by war with comforting and healing Quilts of Valor.

On March 10, 2024, representatives of the Quilts of Valor Foundation for New Mexico presented a Quilts of Valor to

SK Erwin T. Baca, W-4, United State Army, Ret,1989-2019
Council 15199 and Assembly 3309



From VAVS Representative SK Steve Budenski

VAVS April 2024

Steven M Budenski is a member of Assembly 3732 and coordinates the State VAVS Program, which involves coordinating between eight Assemblies in the state. Every month, there is a Cake and Punch event, which they organize, and I bring the serving items for cake and punch. Our Assembly has five councils - 15788, 14254, 12812, 13596, and 17601. The councils of 4th-degree members have requested the assistance of the councils from Assembly 3732 in financial fundraising and/or man-hours if needed.

I am requesting more knights and their families to volunteer in the Knights of Columbus group at the VA Hospital in Albuquerque and clinics in New Mexico. Contact Jason or Wayland at 505-256-2771 in building 53 to **donate** the items below and **apply** for volunteering at veteran's places. QR code at end of the article to direct knights on VA current needs online listing.

Contact the VA's PIV department at 505-265-1711 to obtain a new ID if you have completed fingerprinting. The Volunteer Service Department has been renamed the VA Center for Development & Civic Engagement.



L; Steve Budenski R: Kevin Stamber, Assembly 3227 for March 2024

Note: on the cake place Assembly number and Happy Birthday Veterans. A flag can be on too if not costing extra. Also, any local Assemblies or Councils wishes to help in this program contact me-505-489-1218.

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Facility Needs

Apply Online **Facility Needs**

Expired VA ID cards will be extended due to the National ID Department's priorities and volunteers cannot get the cards now. Also, people who had fingerprints done call the PIV office to schedule PIV pickup at 505-265-1711 operator. The process is halted there at the fingerprints section. If Knights want to contact Ricardo, Jason, & Wayland at (505)265-1711 ext. 6429

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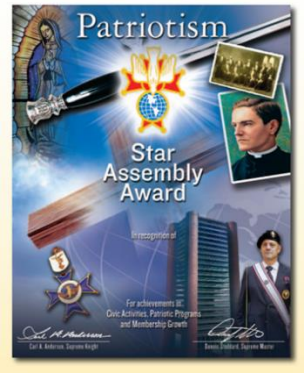
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Overall Assembly Excellence

• Publish a monthly Assembly Newsletter or Bulletin

• Submit Report of Assembly Officers Chosen for the Term (#186) – **Due 7/1**

• Submit Annual Assembly Audit Report (#1315) – **Due 8/1**

• Submit Annual Survey of Fraternal Activity (#1728) – **Due 1/31**

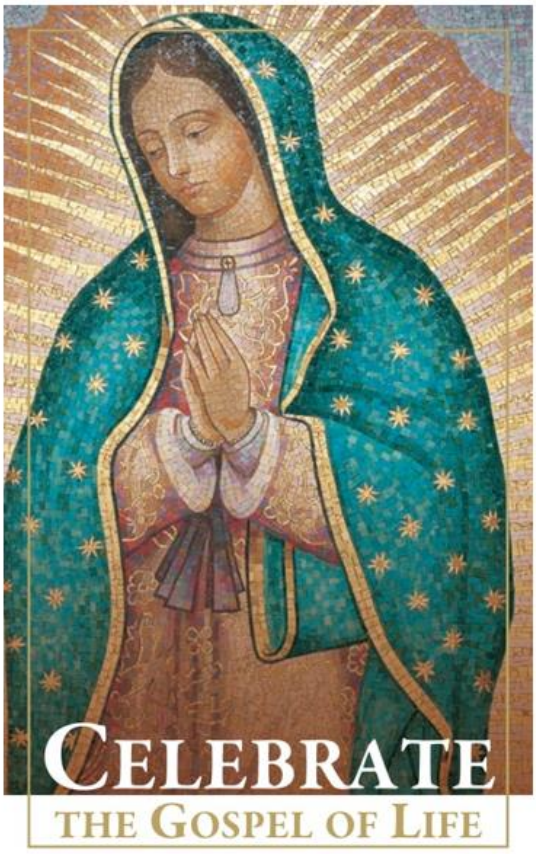
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bright dawn of the new world,
Mother of the living,
to you do we entrust the cause of life:
Look down, O Mother,
upon the vast numbers
of babies not allowed to be born,
of the poor whose lives are made difficult,
of men and women
who are victims of 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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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.

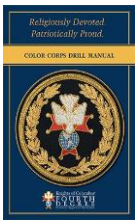
The **Color Corps (C.C.)** has two sub-groups, the **Color Guard (C.G.)** and the **Honor Guard (H.G.)**.

- 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.

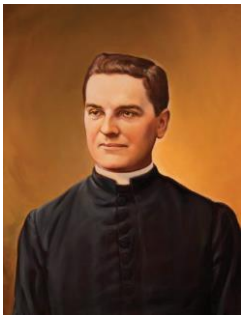


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Prayer for the Canonization of Blessed Michael McGivney

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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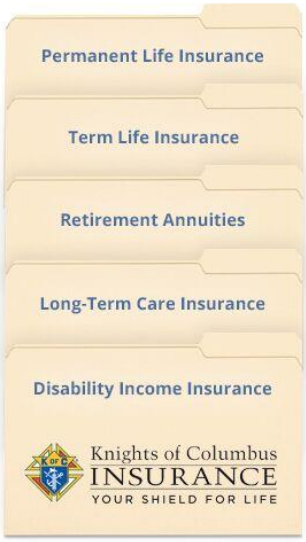
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Our Lady, Queen of the Knights, bless all the activities of our Order. Keep us true to our pledge, to extend the kingship of thy divine son on earth.
Through Thine intercession, win for us the grace, ever to exemplify in our public and private lives, 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.

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