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**FOURTH  
DEGREE**  
*Patriotic degree of the Order.*

**John H Reddin Province**

**Vice Supreme Master Richard Espinosa**



November 2021



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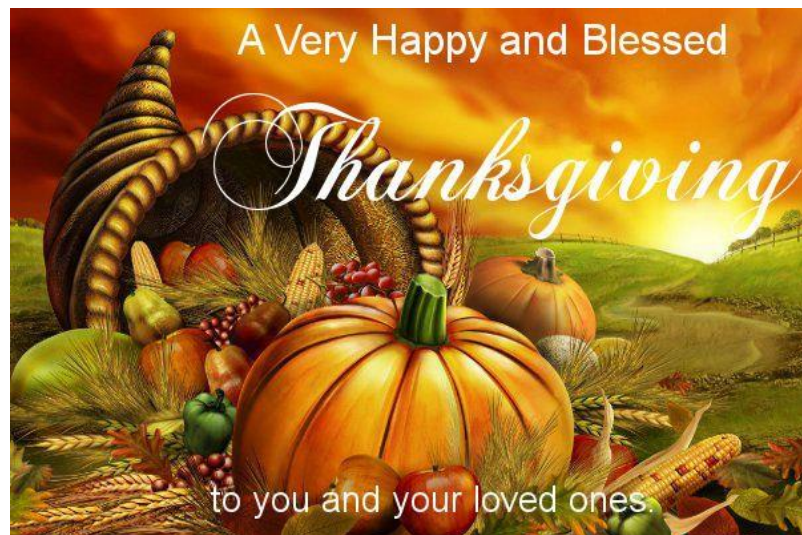
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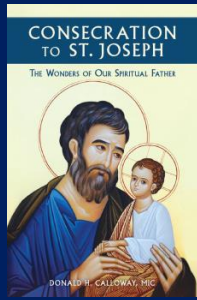
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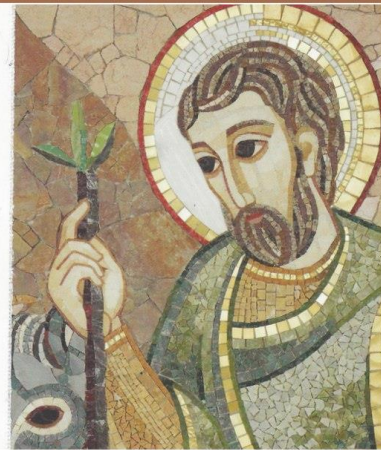


#### Prayer to St. Joseph

Glorious Patriarch Saint Joseph, whose power makes the impossible possible, come to my aid in these times of anguish and difficulty. Take under your protection the serious and troubling situations that I commend to you, that they may have a happy outcome (*here make your request*). My beloved father, all my trust is in you. Let it not be said that I invoked you in vain, and since you can do everything with Jesus and Mary, show me that your goodness is as great as your power. Amen.



This prayer, from a 19th-century French prayer book, has been recited by Pope Francis every day for more than 40 years (cf. Petrus Corda, 192).



#### Celebrate the Year of St. Joseph

Pope Francis declared 2021 as the Year of St. Joseph. As Knights we have an opportunity to reflect upon the life and example of Saint Joseph and seek to imitate his virtue as our Blessed founder did. We are happy to share resources to support brother Knights in this pursuit. Consider utilizing these resources throughout the Year of St. Joseph and especially in preparation for the Solemnity of St. Joseph on March 19 and the Feast of St. Joseph the Worker on May 1.

#### CONSECRATION TO ST. JOSEPH

To help men live out the joy of Christ, and to provide all members of the parish community with examples of virtue, prudence and fatherhood, knights are encouraged to lead their communities in a consecration to St. Joseph during this year of St. Joseph. By this act of consecration, we ask for the aid and intercession of the foster father of Jesus Christ, St. Joseph, who serves as a true model for every man. Preparing for the Consecration to St. Joseph is not a single event, it is choosing a way of life for oneself. Through this act, each participant consciously chooses to be a beacon of God's love, authentic masculinity, and to hold himself and his brothers to the standard established by St. Joseph, Chaste Protector of the Virgin, Defender of the Universal Church and Terror of Demons.

This consecration can be done by an individual, a family, a council, or an entire parish community. It is important to make spiritual preparations leading up to the consecration by learning more about St. Joseph and praying for his intercession regularly. The resources listed here can be used and adapted as needed to make a Consecration to St. Joseph this year.

#### [Preparing for Consecration to St. Joseph](#)

#### [St. Joseph Prayer Card](#)

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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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Blessed  
Michael McGivney

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### Join in Praying for Our Founder's Intercession

People around the world are turning to Blessed Michael McGivney for their personal prayer petitions. Visit the [Father McGivney 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.

Vice Supreme Master

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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

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## Vice Supreme Master Richard Espinosa

On October 2, 2021, the John H. Reddin Province held its annual provincial meeting in Salt Lake City Utah. All the District Masters were present and presented topics related to the Fourth Degree. I want to thank District Masters Dave Davis, Clint Deeley and Drew Mansager for participating making the meeting a success. A special thank you District Master Richard Hall and all the Sir Knights from Utah that made the weekend enjoyable.

Lady Janice and I also want to thank Lady Jane Hall wife of District Master Richard Hall providing the wife's a tour of the Cathedral of La Madeleine, Red Butte Botanical Gardens, and lunch at the Corner Café. The ladies had a great time. Former Vice Supreme Master Chuck Dover also presented his experience as a knight and Vice Supreme Master. The meeting was a success, 43 Sir Knights and their wives attended the meeting and banquet.

It is important to invite every Knight to join the Fourth Degree. As Fraternal Leaders, our primary goal is to work more closely with our District Masters and Faithful Navigators, to make Districts and Assemblies a success. Only by working together will we reach our goals of membership and new assembly development. It has been my privilege to be Vice Supreme Master of this Province. I know we will achieve our goals of membership and new assembly development. District Masters should keep an open line of communications with their Assemblies.

May the Blessed Father Michael McGivney watch over us and Saint Jose Sanchez Del Rio pray for us.

VIVA CRISTO REY  
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## Arizona Master Drew Mansager

### Arizona Knights of Columbus Rosary Celebration

Arizona Knights of Columbus is one of a few, if not the only, state to sponsor an annual Rosary celebration each October, honoring Mary under one of her many titles.

"Our Mother of Sorrows" was chosen for this year's 46th annual designation, held in Tucson as well as Phoenix. #9597 Honor Guard at Tucson's St. Augustine Cathedral and #3182 Matachines, dedicated to Mary under her title "Our Lady of Guadalupe," performed in Tucson as well as Phoenix in traditional dress.



In Phoenix, Sir Knights from Msgr. Bernard G. Collins Assembly 2889 provided a guard and escort for the Blessed Sacrament and Sir Knights from Fr. Stephen Adrian Assembly 2736 provided the Color Guard.



The Phoenix Rosary Celebration is held at the Phoenix Civic Center, downtown. The Rosary Celebration consists of The Bishop's procession, with altar servers, priests and religious from throughout the diocese. Then, a Blessing procession featuring parish prayer groups, service groups, Knight of Columbus Councils and Assemblies



There is a featured speaker, followed by the Rosary, followed by Benediction. The chairman for the Arizona Rosary Celebration is Former Supreme Master Larry Costanzo.

The inside back cover of October's (2021) Columbian magazine features a crew of Knights working at St. Joseph's Youth Camp near Flagstaff. This is the site also used for "Restoring Veterans' Hope" project which garnered Arizona Supreme's "To Be A Patriot" award a couple years back.



## Knights of Charity

Every day, Knights all over the world are given opportunities to make a difference — whether through community service, raising money or prayer. We celebrate each and every Knight for his strength, his compassion and his dedication to building a better world.

PHOTO: NATHAN WATKINS

*A crew of Arizona Knights reroofs a cabin at St. Joseph's Youth Camp in Mormon Lake, an overnight summer camp founded by the Arizona State Council in 1949. Knights complete building projects and repairs at the camp several times a year, and local councils donate funds for camper scholarships and other programs.*



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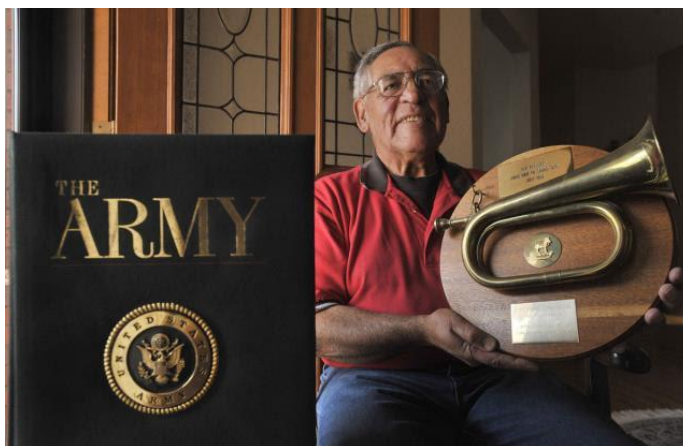
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## Colorado Master David Davis

### Congressman Lamborn Honors Retired Col. Victor "Vic" Fernandez

**For Immediate Release:** October 15, 2021  
**Contact:** Cassandra Sebastian (719) 520-0055

**Colorado Springs, CO-** This week, Congressman Doug Lamborn honored the life and legacy of Retired Col. Victor "Vic" Fernandez. A 30-year Army veteran and community leader, Vic was a Founding Member of the Pikes Peak Cemetery Committee. During memorial services held at St. Francis of Assisi and Pikes Peak National Cemetery, a [Congressional Record](#) was presented to Vic's wife of over 60-years, Sherry, recognizing his vision, steadfast faith, and tenacity, which resulted in a permanent monument and final resting place for generations of our nation's heroes in Southern Colorado.



Retired Col. Victor "Vic" Fernandez- Photo By Kirk Speer, The Gazette

To view the Congressional Record, click [here](#).



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# New Mexico Master CJ Deeley

Sir Knights,

I pray that you and your families are well.

Happy All Saints Day and All Souls Day to start the month of November. Additionally, remember and honor Veterans on Nov 11<sup>th</sup>. Lastly, enjoy time with family and friends. This is also a month to consider service to others. As always, Service to your Parish. Service to help Veterans and finally, Service to others less fortunate. We all need to be thankful for our health, families, and our life. This is a perfect month to consider Service to others.

For October, there was the John H. Reddin Provincial Meeting. It was held in Salt Lake City in the Utah District. Worthy Vice Supreme Master (WVSM) Richard Espinosa hosted the event. The four districts of Arizona, Colorado, New Mexico, and Utah were well represented. For New Mexico, our Worthy State Secretary, Bernard Ela, represented the NMSC well. WVSM passed information from the Supreme Assembly meeting held in September. The biggest takeaway was the breakdown in age of the average 4<sup>th</sup> Degree member. As an overall 4<sup>th</sup> Degree, we have a little over 35,000 Sir Knights less than the age of 45. There are over 334,600 Sir Knights that are over 45 with a little over 203,000 that are 65 and over. So this brings the average age of our 4<sup>th</sup> Degree to 65 years of age. As much as all our dedicated Knights support, we do have to remember our perpetual watchword "*Tempus Fugit, Memento Mori.*" If we as a 4<sup>th</sup> Degree do not help recruit for the Council and Assembly, we will age ourselves out and not have a 4<sup>th</sup> Degree left. I can only humbly ask for everyone's help with inviting all new Brother Knights and Brother Knights that have been with the Councils to the 4<sup>th</sup> Degree! Other business mentioned was New Assembly Development. Please keep up the presence of the 4<sup>th</sup> Degree so we can support the growth of the Councils and our Assemblies.

We also had our first Exemplification of the Fraternal year. Thank you to Worthy Faithful Navigator and Assembly 683 in Las Vegas for hosting. There were 10 new Sir Knights Exemplified! Welcome to the 4<sup>th</sup> Degree. I also want to thank our Worthy State Deputy Daniel Vigil, our District Marshals Ed Martinez, Chuck Dubois and Rudy Archibeque and our Degree team of, Jim McCabe, Geoff Bacon, Ron Meyer, John Alvarado, Raul Chavez, Frank Melo and David Martinez for taking the time and effort in being able to be present and support this event!

As mentioned last month, the Supreme Master has asked again for help with supporting Seminarians of the Archdiocese of Military Service. There are three Active-duty military bases in the State of New Mexico with multiple military bases in Arizona, Colorado, Oklahoma, Texas, and Utah. Some of these bases barely have a Catholic Chaplain (Priest) present to support the military assigned to all these bases. Unfortunately, Deacons are not able to support this need either. I am working a proposal to the State Deputy and State Council to humbly request each Council and Assembly donate at least \$50 to compile and send to our Worthy Supreme Master. There will be more information out very soon.

Upcoming, events are; New Mexico State Mid-Year Meeting, Dec 4-5, Albuquerque, Advent events in our Parishes, Our Lady of Guadalupe Is Sunday December 12<sup>th</sup>. Consider having a Corporate Communion, Christmas events in the Parishes. Start preparing to support January March for Life Events, especially the beginning of the Legislative session in Santa Fe. Additionally, Martin Luther King Holiday. Finally, the next Exemplification will be January 22, 2022! Start preparing candidates for this degree! Let's make this a great 4<sup>th</sup> Degree Exemplification!

If your Assembly has not met, please meet. If you are having trouble meeting for whatever reason, please get with me or one of our District Marshals to assist your Assembly in meeting and promoting the good works of the Knights. Additionally, if your Assembly has not completed its Report for New Officers Chosen for 2021 or Audit, please do so as soon as possible. These are required forms to keep the Assembly in Good Status with the Supreme Council and keep its IRS EIN intact.

Lastly, if you have not heard, we are raffling off a uniform and sword package for \$10. If any Knight is interested, please ask the District Marshals, or Assemblies, if they are selling, to get tickets. The raffle goes until the Mid-Year Meeting that will be held in December. **PLEASE GET TICKETS BACK TO ME OR THE DISTRICT MARSHALS NO LATER THAN DECEMBER 3<sup>rd</sup>!! IF USING UPS OR FEDEX NLT THAN DEC 2<sup>nd</sup> DELIVERY.** This so your tickets will be added to the drawing.

Pray for our Parishes, Our Priests, and our civic leaders.

Thank you for everything you do in your Parishes, Assemblies and Councils. Your dedication to the Order does not go unnoticed. Remember, through Charity, Unity, Fraternity and Patriotism, we as Knights show our Families, Parishes and Priests that this is an organization to be part of and fight to keep growing strong!

Lady Trudy and I wish you and your Families a Happy Thanksgiving!

Vivat Jesus! Viva Cristo Rey!

CJ  
Clinton J Deeley  
District Master-NM

## From New Mexico State Secretary Bernard Ela

My Dear Brother Knights:

Lisa and I, as well as Vice Supreme Master Richard Espinosa and his bride, Janice, were invested by Daniel Cardinal Di Nardo (Galveston-Houston) into the Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre of Jerusalem last month. It's a wonderful group to be a part of—I know it's a gross understatement. For those who are curious here's a little bit of information that we recently learned about the Order:

- It's origin date back to the First Crusade over 900 years ago to defend the Holy Sepulchre (Jesus' crucifixion and burial site) and the other Holy Places so Christians can safely make pilgrimages
- Today, the purpose is to help maintain the Christian presence in the Holy Land, where Christians only make up 2% of the population. We put our faith into action by supporting churches, schools, hospitals that not only help Catholics but Jews and Muslims as well. Working, helping, and playing side-by-side with all three major religions is a good model in achieving peace in the Holy Land
- There are about 30,000 members world-wide. Candidates to the Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre of Jerusalem must be approved by their local pastor and bishop and then by the Vatican



Although I would encourage everyone to make a pilgrimage to the Holy Land, as Knights of Columbus we don't have to go to the Holy Land to put our Faith into Action. We could do it right here and right now in our own domestic churches within our families, our local parishes, our communities, and our work places.

Blessed Michael McGivney—Pray for us!

Bernard Ela  
State Secretary



## **N.M. East DM SK Ed Martinez**

November 2021

The first Fourth Degree exemplification took place in the year 1900 at the Lenox in New York City with 1,100 Knights participating adding Patriotism to the Ord principle with the belief based on loyalty to God and Country. Since then, many Degree members have been exemplified throughout numerous towns, cities, and

On October 9, 2021, we were blessed to have had a Fourth Degree Exemplification in conjunction with Columbus Day weekend at the Immaculate Conception Parish, Conway Center in Las Vegas, NM hosted by Worthy Faithful Navigator Alan C. St. Pius X Assembly No. 683 members.

Conducting the Exemplification was our NM DISTRICT JOHN H. REDDING PROVINCE Master of the Fourth Degree Clinton "CJ" Deeley. We were privileged and honored to have our State Deputy Daniel Vigil in attendance. Thanks to our special officers, Worthy District Marshals, and all who participated in making this Exemplification a success.

Even though our numbers did not match the original Exemplification, we are grateful for the candidates that advanced to the highest level that a Knight can become. Welcome congratulations to all our new SIR KNIGHTS.



#### CLASS HONOREE



#### MITCHELL M. MARQUEZ

SK Mitchell M. Marquez was born in Las Vegas, NM in 1957, he is a graduate of Robertson High School, Luna Community College, and has held the position of Purchasing Agent for the City of Las Vegas.

He attained his First Degree in 1984 and has been a lifelong member of Las Vegas Council # 804. SK Mitchell has held Offices of Grand Knight, Deputy Grand Knight, Financial Secretary, Chancellor, Advocate, Trustee, State Columbian Squires Chairman, District Deputy #2, Insurance Field Agent, Sir Knight of the Year 2010, and Sir Knight of the Month. He is a member of Supreme VIP Club, Publisher of the SIR KNIGHT BULLETIN, was a member of the First- and Second-Degree Team, and a member of Immaculate Conception church.

Since his Exemplification into the Fourth Degree in Albuquerque, NM on October 22, 1989, SK Mitchell played a key role by contributing his willingness to spend time and effort in researching evidence of the original Assembly Charter dated October 1947. After proof of documentation was submitted in 2004, reinstatement was approved with the original name and number: St. Pius X Assembly No. 683, Las Vegas NM. Thereafter, as evident by his accomplishments, Worthy Sir Knight Mitchell remains Faithful Comptroller of 17 years and continues to be a valuable asset to the Knights of Columbus Order. Congratulations Class Honoree SK Mitchell with Blessings,

The miracle of life is seen through Ultrasound images. The Ultrasound initiative of the Knights of Columbus started in 2009 since then donating over 1,000 machines that have saved the lives of over a million unborn babies. Evidence shows that an expectant mother has changed her mind about abortion after viewing first-time images.

The Pregnancy Resource Center in Clovis, NM in 2020 “experienced 559 client visits with 185 new clients. 152 pregnancy tests of which 137 were positive. Over 83% of those 152 pregnant women chose life for their unborn babies. Also performed 146 life-affirming ultrasounds. The center acknowledges every human life begins at conception and is worthy of protection.”

During the early stages of the above initiative, council 4205, Clovis NM supported the Pregnancy Resource Center by purchasing and donating an ultrasound machine with the aid of the Knights of Columbus Supreme council. Thank you, council 4205, Brothers all with Blessings, for your generous contribution in helping to protect all unborn life.

On October 21, 2021, eastern NM Sir Knights, brother Knights from Assembly 1686, Councils 9504, 8304, and 4205 attended and contributed to the Pregnancy Resource Center's 13<sup>th</sup> Annual Fundraising Banquet in Clovis, NM.



Viva Jesus! Viva Cristo Rey!

Ed Martinez  
District Marshal  
Eastern New Mexico



## **From SK Steve Budenski VAVS (Volunteer Administration Veteran Services)**

In a VAVS Quarterly Meeting 13Oct over a phone had the following information about volunteers and veterans. Sonya Brown spoke about VA- 1. Current covid hospitalization 3 and one had died 2. the parking garage has moved and plans redrawn which have not been decided where. Call Volunteer service for Covid booster and the flu shot at Camp Murphy at the Parade Field by San Mateo VA gate M-F 1-4pm excluding holidays from now to 12 Nov; Picture taking on VA Campus must be okayed calling 505-265-1711 x4379 Ron PR. Email- [abq@POA.va.gov](mailto:abq@POA.va.gov).

Vickey Manager Fisher House- 2d annual year in October 2021 220 families been here, saving of \$440,000 to families. Fisher house can be used by veterans for traveling 50 miles or more for family members or caregivers (compassionate rules). Requested \$25 gift cards from local businesses for families usage while in F.house. Donations from Amazon. Smile identifying VA fisher house. For more information Email- [abq@fisherhouse.va.gov](mailto:abq@fisherhouse.va.gov) 505-265-1711 x 3180.

Recreation Therapy (Catherine) thanks the volunteers and/or others who donates to the VA time and in-kind items. Activities are starting with more programs such as Yoga is coming. Only 6 Vets for class is allowed. Needs 20-30 brushes - 1- or 2-inches foam paint brushes. VA urgently needs reading glasses higher RX 2-5x glasses. Possible Bingo be coming threw Elks.

Items for the clothes Closet: Female hygiene items, bodywash, coffee, bras, under clothing, men's white t-shirts, size 30-36 underwear (box or briefs). Highschool below 18yoa can apply for scholarships (positions: 16 youth, 4 teachers) costs \$150 each- with a check sent to VA and make checks to DAV Auxiliary. Write in memo scholarships, Summer youths were transfer to summer 2022.

Holiday time is upon us that we need 200 turkeys and \$25 gift card from Walmart by Dec 1, 2021. Turn in to VA Bldg 53. Call 505-256-2771.

Jason Eubank new volunteer employee, Army Vet VA Driver x4626. Next Quarterly Mtg 12 Jan 2022.

7 Assemblies 682, 1905, 2324, 3309, 3227, 3463, 3732. Nov 2021-3463; Dec 2021- 682.

For Oct 13, 2021- 3227 completed it with a picture.

Knights whose VA badge has expired must call Adrian at 505-256-2771 to schedule an appointment to start the process. No visiting wards or inpatients currently. VA will tell me when it can be done.

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### John H. Reddin Provincial Meeting

John H. Reddin Provincial meeting was held in Salt Lake City Utah Oct 1 & 2. This Province covers the US 4 corners area including the states of Arizona, Colorado, New Mexico and Utah. This meeting not only provide the passing on of direction for the province from the VSM but also time to relax physically meet member from all four districts within the province.

The event kicked off with a Friday afternoon meet and greet social at the hotel, followed by an Indian cuisine meal at the Bombay House, walking distance from the hotel. Below are some candid pictures from the dinner venue.



### Saturday Meeting and Dinner

VSM Richard relayed greetings from Supreme Knight Pat Kelly and Supreme Master Dennis Stoddard, goals for upcoming year, relationship of the 4<sup>th</sup> degree to the Councils, and statistical status of the Patriotic order.

- FVSM Chuck Dover provided a history lesson on who John H Reddin was and his impact on council creation in the US and around the world in the Philippines and Korea. He also spent time providing his experiences and advice as a FDM and FVSM.



The 4 District Masters made presentations on Preparing for a 4th degree exemplifications, 4<sup>th</sup> Degree Uniform Policy, Color Corp and District Marshals and Programs

Former Utah District Masters Bill McCauley, VJ Simonelli and Frank Carmona each provided lessons learned from their service as former Utah District Masters

Saturday evening mass was celebrated by Utah State Chaplin Father Erik Richtsteig. A multi-state Honor Guard was in attendance for mass with a Color Guard posting colors for the Saturday evening event. Dinner was catered by Sugarhouse BBQ. Always a hit with ribs, a quarter chicken, cornbread with all the fixings and their specialty house BBQ sauce.

Retired Col. Ray Bachiller was the guest speaker at the dinner. SK Ray presented background and accomplishments related to the VA Fisher House at the George Whalen VA facility in Salt Lake City, Utah and the VAVS activities within the state, and, as always, his humorous comments and anecdotes. Closing prayer was offered by Utah State Deputy Nick Nielson.



Pictured here, left to right, are DM CJ Deeley (NM), DM Drew Mansager (AZ), VSM Richard Garcia, DM David Davis (CO) and DM Richard Hall (UT)

### **Final Moose Hunt Wrap Up**



For those interested in DM Richard Halls Idaho Moose hunt, the finally is captured with the smile on his wife Jane's face with a freezer full of fresh Moose meat. The plan is to have a Moose Burger fund raiser event sponsored by Padre Pio Assembly #2636 and St Ambrose Council #15418 in January 2022.

### **Saying Goodbye**

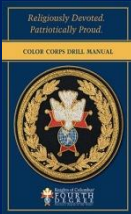


Utah Councils and Assemblies are saying goodbye District Marshal Richard Vigor. He and his wife Linda are moving to Tennessee after having established their home in the Salt Lake valley for over 40 years. Richard grew up in the central Utah in the Price/Helper area. He was the Central Utah District Marshall for years and was always there to lend a hand on 4<sup>th</sup> Degree programs. He inspired the "Kids in Crisis" program, delivering stuffed animals to Police, Fire and Ambulance First Responders for the past 4 years. Richard and Linda are retiring to Murfreesboro, TN. Best wishes in retirement and we still have your cell and you have ours. Stay in touch.





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**A Prayer for Our Country**

***A Prayer for Our Country***


*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.*



**Men of the Sacred Hearts**  
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God bless you, and God Bless America!

SK. Richard "Dick" Hall  
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## Uniform Talk

### The Color Corp of the Patriotic Degree

#### Purpose of the Color Corps

When knighthood was in flower, knights carried the sword to defend their God, their Church, their country and their fellow man according to the code of chivalry. Today, Sir Knights wear regalia and carry the sword to honor Christ and His apostles, especially on religious and civic occasions specified in this manual. Hence, 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

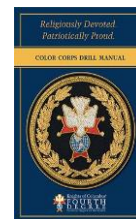
**Patriotism** – by performing precision drill as a salute to God and to country and visually exhibiting a love for both.

The public appearance of Fourth Degree Knights as a Color Corps at religious and civic functions is an important activity of each assembly. By these public demonstrations, their loyalty and patriotism 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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## Star Assembly Award

Assemblies that excel in membership recruitment, sponsoring patriotic programs in their communities, report to the Supreme Council office and keep their members and others informed of assembly activities are eligible to earn the Star Assembly Award.

**Your Assembly can earn the Star Assembly Award by completing the following:**

- Earn the Fourth Degree *Civic Award*
- Enter the "To Be A Patriot" competition
- Meet the assembly new member goal of 7%
- Submit the *Report of Officers* — # 186 (due July 1)
- Submit the *Annual Survey of Fraternal Activity* — #1728 (due January 31)
- Submit the *Annual Assembly Audit Report* — #1315 (due June 30)
- Publish a monthly newsletter or bulletin for assembly members

**Civic Award**

The Civic Award is a tribute to the spirit of patriotism and national pride exemplified by the assembly's program of activities.



In order to qualify, the assembly must conduct and report at least four varied patriotic programs held within the fraternal year.

The application for the *Civic Award* (#2321) must be received by the Supreme Office no later than June 30.

**To Be A Patriot Award**

Established in 1985, the "To Be A Patriot" Award annually recognizes the three best patriotic programs conducted by Fourth Degree Assemblies each fraternal year.

The assembly must submit a report on their single best patriotic activity on form #TBP-2 and send it directly to the Master by April 30. Entries are judged at the district, provincial and international levels.



### STAR ASSEMBLY AWARD CHECKLIST

☐ **Report of Officers**  
Form #186 (due July 1)



☐ **Annual Survey of Fraternal Activity**  
Form 1728 (due January 31)

☐ **Annual Assembly Audit Report**  
Form 1315 (due June 30)

☐ **Earn the Fourth Degree Civic Award**  
Form 2321 (due June 30)

Our four varied Patriotic Programs			
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☐ **Enter the "To Be A Patriot" Competition**  
Form TBP-2 (due April 30)

Our Best Patriotic Program											

☐ **Meet the Assembly New Member Goal of 7%. Our Quota:**

	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June
Gains:												
Losses:												

☐ **Publish Monthly Newsletter or Bulletin for Assembly Members**



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## Celebrate the Year of St. Joseph

Pope Francis declared 2021 as the Year of St. Joseph. As Knights we have an opportunity to reflect upon the life and example of Saint Joseph and seek to imitate his virtue as our Blessed founder did. We are happy to share resources to support brother Knights in this pursuit. Consider utilizing these resources throughout the Year of St. Joseph and especially in preparation for the Solemnity of St. Joseph on March 19 and the Feast of St. Joseph the Worker on May 1.

### CONSECRATION TO ST. JOSEPH

To help men live out the joy of Christ, and to provide all members of the parish community with examples of virtue, prudence and fatherhood, knights are encouraged to lead their communities in a consecration to St. Joseph during this year of St. Joseph. By this act of consecration, we ask for the aid and intercession of the foster father of Jesus Christ, St. Joseph, who serves as a true model for every man. Preparing for the Consecration to St. Joseph is not a single event, it is choosing a way of life for oneself. Through this act, each participant consciously chooses to be a beacon of God's love, authentic masculinity, and to hold himself and his brothers to the standard established by St. Joseph, Chaste Protector of the Virgin, Defender of the Universal Church and Terror of Demons.

This consecration can be done by an individual, a family, a council, or an entire parish community. It is important to make spiritual preparations leading up to the consecration by learning more about St. Joseph and praying for his intercession regularly. The resources listed here can be used and adapted as needed to make a Consecration to St. Joseph this year.

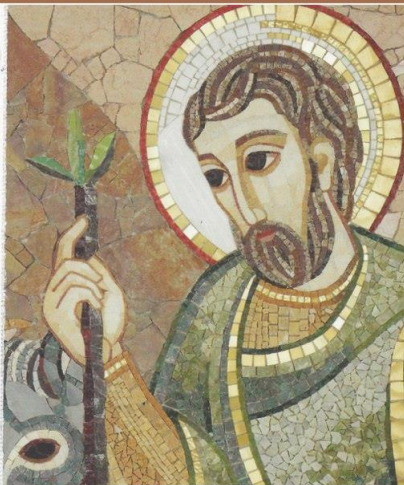
[Preparing for Consecration to St. Joseph](#)

[St. Joseph Prayer Card](#)

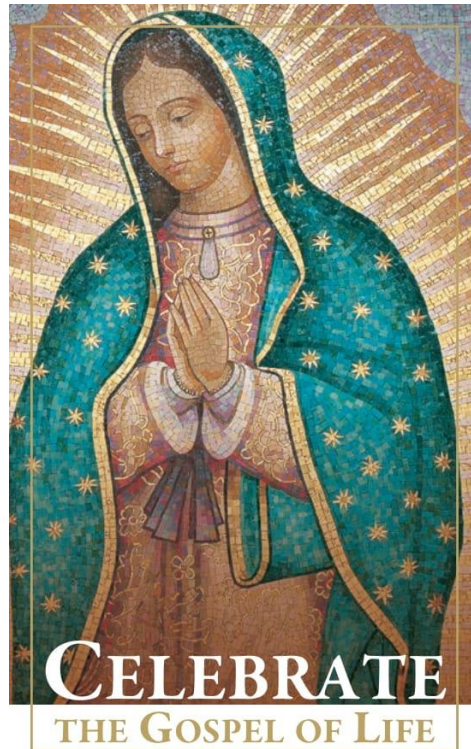
#### Prayer to St. Joseph

Glorious Patriarch Saint Joseph, whose power makes the impossible possible, come to my aid in these times of anguish and difficulty. Take under your protection the serious and troubling situations that I commend to you, that they may have a happy outcome (*here make your request*). My beloved father, all my trust is in you. Let it not be said that I invoked you in vain, and since you can do everything with Jesus and Mary, show me that your goodness is as great as your power. Amen.

This prayer, from a 19th-century French prayer book, has been recited by Pope Francis every day for more than 40 years (cf. *Patris Cordae*, 110).



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### 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 II*  
— *Evangelium Vitae*

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## **Knights of Columbus November Insurance Message from your Field Agent**

With holidays approaching we get busier and busier...right through to the end of the year. It seems nearly non-stop with family gatherings, holiday shopping, special programs at the parish and at schools. Everybody gets busy! From what I've read about shipping and trucking delays of getting shelves restocked it looks like Christmas shopping will need to start even earlier for many.

As busy as you are, here is one item that needs your attention: If you have not yet completed the Annual Survey, please take just a few minutes and respond. It's easier than ever; it can be done online at [www.KofCSurvey2021.org](http://www.KofCSurvey2021.org). Your responses help me understand your current situation better. That in turn allows me to be of better service to you. For some of you that means referring you or a family member to one of our many fraternal benefits. For others it may mean updating important contact or family information. Still others may benefit from a comprehensive look at their current insurance plans. With our new financial needs analysis tool and a few minutes together I can give you an accurate picture of where you stand when it comes to your family's protection. With our full suite of products, life insurance, long-term care insurance, disability income insurance and retirement annuities, I can help in most any situation.

Our financial needs analysis allows me to gather information from you and make fact-based recommendations based on your wants, needs, and desires. With the help of computer modeling we can look at a variety of scenarios and help ensure you are on the right track regardless what lies ahead.

Now, before things get too busy, let's meet and take a look at where you stand. Maybe you're in good shape in one area, but could use some shoring up in another. Those blind spots can be problematic, but once identified you can take the necessary steps to address them.

Thank you to the many brothers who have met with me so far this year. I've been very fortunate to be of service to them and their families. Even as the end of the year gets busy, I look forward to helping more.

Vivat Jesus!

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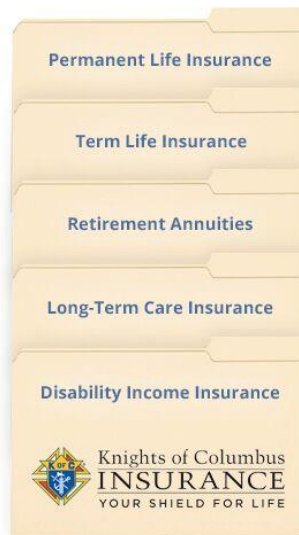


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## A PRAYER FOR PROTECTION IN TIME OF PANDEMIC



The ancient fresco of Madonna del Soccorso (Our Lady of Help) in St. Peter's Basilica was restored with the support of the Knights of Columbus to mark the Year of Faith (2012-2013). Photo courtesy of Falsolina di San Pietro. Falsolina.

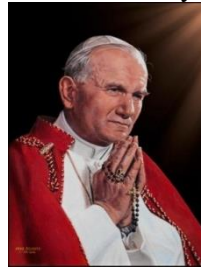
O Mary,  
you always brighten our path  
as a sign of salvation and of hope.  
We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick,  
who, at the Cross, took part in Jesus' pain  
while remaining steadfast in faith.  
O loving Mother,  
you know what we need,  
and we are confident you will provide for us  
as at Cana in Galilee.  
Intercede for us with your Son Jesus,  
the Divine Physician,  
for those who have fallen ill,  
for those who are vulnerable,  
and for those who have died.  
Intercede also for those charged with  
protecting the health and safety of others  
and for those who are tending to the sick  
and seeking a cure.  
Help us, O Mother of Divine Love,  
to conform to the will of the Father  
and to do as we are told by Jesus,  
who took upon himself our  
sufferings and carried our sorrows,  
so as to lead us, through the Cross,  
to the glory of the Resurrection. Amen.

*Under thy protection we seek refuge,  
O Holy Mother of God.  
In our needs, despise not our petitions,  
but deliver us always from all dangers,  
O glorious and blessed Virgin. Amen.*

Adapted from the prayer of Pope Francis

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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



## 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.

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## ST. MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL

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 THROUGH THE  
WORLD SEEKING THE  
RUIN OF SOULS. AMEN.



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## **Thank You!**

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