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### SUPREME CHAPLAIN'S MONTHLY CHALLENGE

Jesus said to him in reply, "What do you want me to do for you?" The blind man replied to him, "Master, I want to see." (Gospel for Oct. 27, Mk 10:51)

The blind man asked for healing, but this story is about something greater than physical sight. Once he receives his sight from Jesus, the man "followed him on his way." When someone encounters Christ and sees the truth of who he is, the only proper response is to follow that truth — to follow Christ on his way.

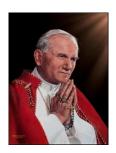
### Challenge by Supreme Chaplain Archbishop William E. Lori:

This month, I challenge you to find one way that you can help a family member, friend or coworker to more clearly see the truth of Christ and to follow him.

### **Questions for Reflection:**

Do you watch for opportunities to lead confused individuals to Christ? Do you have the courage to share the truth of Christ with others? Do you speak the truth gently and clearly, so that others are better able to see and understand your point?

## 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

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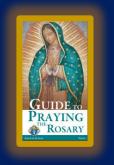
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# **Vice Supreme Master Chris Foley**

Message from the Vice Supreme Master – October 2024

Worthy District Masters and Sir Knights of the Province, the District Masters and I have just concluded a very productive Provincial Assembly Meeting. I will let them distribute the information from the meeting within their districts.



We are approximately five months from the 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the founding of the Fourth Degree. The Order has big plans to mark the occasion with the unveiling of a revised exemplification ceremony at St. Patrick Cathedral in New York City. The details of that celebration will be made known to the District Masters during an upcoming webcast with the Supreme Master. In the meantime, each Faithful Navigator should be working with his officers to develop a local celebration event. 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 reminded us of Psalm 117, "You will be my witnesses to all the world." He asked us, "Does this not more than adequately describe the Fourth Degree as the visible arm of the Order? More importantly...how can we be God's witnesses to all the world?"

As I shared with you last month, we are "on mission." That is, to be missionary disciples who grow in relationship to Jesus and invite others to join us in the ways we're growing. Basically, as missionary disciples we are God's witnesses to all the world. We, you and I, have chosen to be members of the Fourth Degree, the *visible* arm of the Order. If we are to truly be the *visible arm*, and God's witnesses, we must be the majority of the knights in our jurisdictions.

For us to achieve our mission - to seek out those Catholic men and families who are not yet Knights or Sir Knights and invite them to join us - we must be seen doing the work of the Church and the Order as men who are religiously devoted and patriotically proud.

Each assembly must raise public awareness and interest in joining the Order by fielding increased numbers of men in regalia or assembly garb, as appropriate, at more religious and civic events. Working with your Faithful Friars and Pastors, you should be identifying one service program, religious or patriotic, per month that you can support or lead, with men in member regalia or assembly shirts in the narthex, parish center or parking lot that highlights Catholic patriotism in action.

This month you may find yourselves asked to participate in voter registration and "Get Out the Vote" campaigns. As Catholics and citizens, we should vote and encourage members of our families, parishes, and communities to vote. As long as the activities are conducted as non-partisan, there is no problem. Members are not permitted to engage in partisan political activity in the name of the Knights of Columbus. This means you must not wear, use or display anything that can associate the Knights of Columbus with the purpose of a partisan political activity. Partisan political activity is defined as action directed toward success or failure of a political party, candidate for political office, or political group.

Another potential activity for an assembly to undertake is the Catholic Citizenship Essay Contest to encourage today's youth to be more connected to their community and their faith. The goal of this program is to involve young Catholics in 8th through 12th grade (public, private, parochial or home schools) in civic discourse and instill in them religious and life-affirming values. The 2024-25 Essay Topic is "What are the two most important virtues for an elected leader to possess, and why? How can you determine if a leader has these virtues?"

Other activities you can be involved with, while wearing regalia or assembly garb, that demonstrate Catholic patriotism are flag raisings at parish schools or civic celebrations on national holidays, marching in parades on national or state holidays, process with the Blessed Sacrament around Parish grounds and in your communities, lead the rosary before or after Sunday Mass or pray the rosary in the Sanctuary before your meetings. You might even coordinate with your Friar or Pastor to do the Patriotic Rosary in a parish setting. This may be unfamiliar to your parishioners but they may find it both inspirational and informative. If you haven't done one, check it out at <a href="http://www.patrioticrosary.com/patriotic-rosary.html">http://www.patrioticrosary.com/patriotic-rosary.html</a>.

Worthy Sirs, if we are to fulfill our role as missionary disciples and Knights who serve God and Country, we must take the virtues, values and principles of our religion and brotherhood out of our meeting chambers into the public settings where our actions will kindle a flame of interest and encourage men to ask who we are and why we do what we do. Your response must be to inform them of our religious belief and patriotic devotion and invite them into our faith and fraternal communities.

Vivat Jesus, Chris Foley, PSD Vice Supreme Master John H. Reddin Province

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## Arizona Master Michael Paz

August was a very busy month for Installation of Officer Ceremonies. June started the Installation season with 11 ceremonies with nine ceremonies in August. Assemblies that have held the ceremony are:

14	Saint Benedict	Ahwatukee	2736	St Anne	Gilbert
16	Cathedral	Tucson	2889	St Bridget	Mesa
1294	SLK	Glendale	2943	St George	Apache Ju
1803	St Joseph	Scottsdale	3029	St Tims	Mesa
2058	St Andrews	Sierra Vista	3280	Our Lady of Joy	Carefree
2126	St Helen	Glendale	3327	SMM	Gilbert
2308	St Mark	Oro Valley	3591	St Andrews	Chandler
2524	St Joan of Arc	NW Phx	3817	Holy Cross	Ahwatuke
2536	St Mary's	Chandler	2836	St Clair of Assisi	Surprise
2669	St Thomas	Goodyear			

Typically, the event starts with the Saturday afternoon Mass, followed by the Installation of the Council, the Ladies Auxiliary and then the Assembly Installation of Officers. After the ceremonies, a nice dinner is hosted by the Council and Assembly. The fellowship demonstrated by our brothers and their families makes for a wonderful evening. There were numerous evenings where Installations were held in multiple locations. I am blessed with a number of FMFD that enjoy assisting when the need arises. FDMs Bryant Sayers, Mike Kingman, Armond Brooks, Drew Masinger, Robert Holsinger and AZ State Secretary Kevin McCarthy all have stepped up when called. We have several more scheduled in September.

We hope to finish with over 25 Ceremonies (50%) before they are finished.

I have asked the District Faithful Navigators to start the Goal Setting for their Assembly for this Fraternal Year. Our goal is to have everyone make Star Assembly. So very many of our assemblies would make it if they simply sent in the reports. We have put an emphasis on not just doing your programs but reporting on them. Submission of your required reports and recruitment. Monthly Training Team Calls will be held on the first Thursday of the month for all FNs in the District to participate.

Our next Exemplification is on October 19<sup>th</sup> at St Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish in Tucson. I already have 10 candidates registered. To hit the 271 membership Quota, I need to average 55 Candidates per Exemplification.

The AZ District will be hosting the 2024 Provincial Meeting on September 28<sup>th</sup> in Tucson. The event will be held at St Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish. We will be host to the Colorado, New Mexico and Utah District masters and any FDMs, Marshals and Faithful Navigators that care to attend.

We continue to be very busy providing Honor Guards for members that have passed. Chalice Ceremonies and Certificates of Remembrance readings are a great way to participate as a Sir Knight, standing shoulder to shoulder in honor of our departed brothers.

After many Rosary Ceremonies, I speak to Brother Knights that were moved by the honors paid to the departed and decide to join the Fourth Degree. The only way we can recruit is to be visible.

Vivat Jesus! Michael Paz AZ District Master

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# Colorado Master William Furstenberger

Dear Brother Sir Knights,

As the 2024-2025 Fraternal Year continues, the first part of September has been very busy for me since I became District Master. On Sept. 5<sup>th</sup>, my wife and I attended the Respect for Life Round-Up at the Flying W Ranch in Colorado Springs. The event was hosted by Bishop James Golka of the Colorado Springs Diocese. Over 500 Catholics were in attendance plus a large number of priests and nuns from the local area and surrounding communities. An Honor Guard facilitated the Presentation of Colors, and the Keynote Speaker was Fr. Tad Pacholczyk from Boston. It was a very inspirational evening.

On Sept. 7<sup>th</sup> I participated in the Honor Guard for the 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Priestly Ordination of Rev. Fr. Gabriel I Okafor at the Cathedral Basilica of the Immaculate Conception in Denver. The event was well attended.

On Sept. 8<sup>th</sup> Sacred Heart Parish in Roggen, CO celebrated their 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. The Mass was near capacity with parishioners from Roggen, Keenesburg, and other nearby communities in Weld and Morgan counties. The Honor Guard included members from Bernard J. Froegel Assembly 89 in Greeley, District Marshal, Titus Conwell of Aurora, and me. The Mass was celebrated by His Eminence, Archbishop Samuel J. Aquila. After the Mass, everyone attended a wonderful luncheon (prepared by the ladies of Sacred Heart Parish) at their Knights of Columbus Hall across the street.

I am currently working on several new Exemplifications for the Fraternal Year 2024-2025. When they are approved, I will announce the date, time and place for each of them.

Form 186 (Report of Assembly Officers Chosen for the Term) was due on June 30<sup>th</sup>. Form 1315 (Annual Assembly Audit Report) was due on Aug. 1<sup>st</sup>. If you have not sent them in as instructed, PLEASE get that done immediately.

It is now time to work on your Civic Award application (Form 2321). You need to briefly describe the Patriotic Programs to be sponsored by your Assembly between July 1, 2024 and June 30, 2025. You may use additional paper if necessary. Remember, this is due to the Supreme Office by June 30, 2025. You must list a total of 4 programs, but you can count only one that incorporated an Honor Guard. If you want to qualify for the State K of C Awards, then this must be done by April 30, 2025.

To qualify for a Patriot Award, see Form TBP. This form is due to Supreme by May 31, 2025. If you want to qualify for the State K of C Awards, it must be completed by Feb.1, 2025.

Finally, if your Assembly would like to qualify for the Star Assembly Program Award, please see the qualifications in next month's *Knights Call*. Vice Supreme Master, Chris Foley, informed me that the requirement of a local Assembly newsletter has been dropped. However, Assembly leaders communicating with Assembly members outside the monthly Assembly meetings is still a requirement. Flock notes, websites, email, parish bulletins, etc. all count and are expected to be used.

### **Upcoming Exemplification:**

October  $12^{th}$  in Fort Lupton – Assembly 3858, St. William Catholic Church – 1025 Fulton Ave. – Fort Lupton, CO 80621

- Registration 12:30 pm, Ladies Entertainment 2 pm,
- Exemplification / Knighting 2:45-4:30 pm,
- Celebration of Mass 5:00 pm,
- Social -6:30-7:00 pm,
- Banquet 7:00pm

Please send Fourth Degree Memberships (completed Form 4), LIVE Registration forms, and the Registration and Banquet fees for each candidate no later than Sept. 27<sup>th</sup>. All checks must be made payable to the Master of the District. An electronic Form 4 is available on ColoradoKofC.org as a fillable PDF.

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NM Central Southwest Bill Sutton Assemblies 687,2733,3227,3186

NM East Ed Martinez Assemblies 1686,1625,2196,2394,3003, 3996

NM South Ricky Medina Assemblies 684,689,1939,2202,3330 3895

NM Southwest Stephen Sutton Assemblies 1731,2141,2442,3295

NM Northwest Patrick Smith Assemblies 686,1801,2218

NM Northeast Roger Martinez Assemblies 683,685,688,1982,2337,3478 3560

Administrative District Marshal Chuck DuBois

Exemplification Team Captain & District Marshal Frank Melo

Veterans Administration Volunteer Service (VAVS) • Steve Budinski

(Representative)Chuck DuBois (Deputy Representative)

District Marshal in Training Marco Lucero

# New Mexico Master Geoff Bacon

October 2024

Sir Knights and Brothers All,

The blessings of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ be with all of you!

### **Recent Happenings:**

I was welcomed into my new leadership role on September 1<sup>st</sup> and it has been busy ever since!

On September 10<sup>th</sup>, we had 15 Sir Knights in uniform participating in the 15<sup>th</sup> Annual Blue Mass held at Queen of Heaven church at noon. The team looked sharp and demonstrated the honors due to our local First Responders and Military personnel.



Two days later, I was installing the officers of San Juan Assembly 1801 in Farmington. My thank you to the Assembly for a great turn-out, a blessed meal, and to Faith Friar Rev. Father Pat Wedeking making this a holy evening. Of note – every single 4<sup>th</sup> Degree Officer being installed possessed and wore the 4<sup>th</sup> Degree Uniform!

We finished our first meeting of the New Mexico District's Fourth Degree Marshals on Saturday morning, September 14<sup>th</sup>. I covered my Action Plan for the Fraternal Year with the Marshals and refined where necessary. This information will be communicated out to the Fourth Degree via Marshals and our Faithful Navigators.

The Marshal lineup is as follows:

Albuquerque East: Dan Doughty John Rincon Albuquerque NW: Albuquerque SW: Bill Sutton NM NW: Patrick Smith NW NE: Roger Martinez **Ed Martinez** NM East: NM South: Ricky Medina NM SW: Steve Sutton

Marshal in Training Marco Lucero (Los Alamos)

That afternoon, we completed the Exemplification Ceremony at St Jude Thaddeus Parish where we welcomed seven (7) candidates that became the newest Sir Knights from across the state. This was our first, in-person only Exemplification and my thanks to the Degree Team, St Jude Assembly 3186 for the set-up, support, and execution of the Exemplification and the banquet afterwards. Very well done, Team!

### **Coming Events:**

I'll be attending the Provincial Meeting of the John H. Reddin Province on Saturday, September 28<sup>th</sup>, in Tucson, AZ. I will report back any relevant information for the 4<sup>th</sup> Degree.

Here is a reminder of some key activities on the near horizon where the 4<sup>th</sup> Degree should have a strong presence:

- Rosary Rally Sunday, October 6<sup>th</sup>, Albuquerque Civic Plaza, Noon to 1:30 pm
- Fourth Degree Exemplification Ceremony November 9th, San Juan Assembly 1801, 500 N Mesa Verde, Aztec, NM, 87401

### **Uniform Talk**

The Social Baldric is no longer being awarded at 4<sup>th</sup> Degree Exemplifications. It can be procured from The English Company.

POW/MIA Flag Protocol: The POW/MIA flag is not carried in a color guard. But in the case of a funeral for a POW/MIA, it is carried separately by a single flag bearer with no guards. Displaying it on a flagpole is generally below the US flag if on the same pole, or to the left of the US and any other country flags.

Viva Cristo Rey and Vivat Jesus!



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 District Marshal Chuck Dubois

On Tuesday September 10,2024 the Blue Mass was held at Queen of Heaven Catholic Church in Albuquerque, New Mexico for all first responders. Military, Police, Sheriffs, Fire Dept. and medical personnel were present. The Celebrate of the Mass was Archbishop John Wester.

Prior to the Mass, the Archbishop blessed the horse patrol and the police dog unit of the Albuquerque Police Department. Fifteen Bother Knights showed up in uniform for the Mass. Master of the Fourth Degree Geoff Bacon, the Mayor of Albuquerque Tim Keller, Police Chief Harold Medina and Father Simeon pastor of Queen of Heaven Catholic Church were some of the dignitaries present.

This Mass was well attended by the public. Marshal Bill Sutton and I escorted Archbishop John Wester.











Patriotic Exemplification September 14,2024

Hosted by St Jude Assembly 3186

Congratulations and Welcome Sir Knights





### From New Mexico East District Marshal Ed Martinez

A combined Corporate Communion Mass and 3rd Degree Membership drive took place on Sunday, August 25th, 2024, at St. Helen's Church in Portales, N.M., with Rev. Fr. Francisco Carbajal celebrating the mass. Grand Knights Jose Montoya and Sean Little from Councils 8304 and 4205 oversaw the membership. Commander Jose Montoya led the Assembly 1686 Color Corps and delivered a speech to invite and encourage joining the Knights of Columbus, which parishioners and interested individual's responses were well received.

Additionally, the Color Corps, SK Joseph Batista, SK Shane Nichols, DD Max Pino, and I, DM Ed Martinez, had the honor of participating with SK State Secretary C.J. Deeley.











On September 5, 2024, District Deputy Max and Lady Becca, along with Lady Chris and myself, traveled from Clovis, NM, to Santa Rosa, NM, to attend a mass and funeral service for the late Sir Knight Andrew "Andy" Zamora at St. Rose of Lima Catholic Church and St. Joseph Cemetery.

Fourth Degree Rev. Fr. Sotero Sena celebrated the mass and funeral service. On September 13, 2024, Fr. Sena celebrated another Mass at Our Lady of Guadalupe Church in Clovis, N.M., for the deceased Brother Thomas Duran of Council 4205.

To live and serve God and Country includes paying tribute to our deceased Brother Knights with Dignity and Honor. Rest in peace, gone but not forgotten, Brothers.







For over 40 years, the Special Olympic sport, the Equestrian Clovis Invitational, was held again in Clovis, NM, on September 13th, 2024. Like previous Special Olympics, the Knights of Columbus from Eastern NM Councils provided and served the evening meal. Assembly 1686 Color Guards performed the opening ceremony event. Appreciating their many years of service and support, the Brothers and Sir Knights of Council 4205, 8304, and 9504 were presented with a Special Olympic Award. Once again, I wish all Special Olympic Athletes good luck as they continue to participate in their selected sport and future endeavors. May our Lord Jesus keep them in health with his Blessings.







Víva Jesus! Víva Crísto Rey!

Ed Martinez
District Marshal
Eastern New Mexico

### From North New Mexico District Marshal Roger Martinez

October 2024

Worthy Master, Brother Marshals, Worthy Navigators, Sir Knights,

The North Central/Northeast region of the New Mexico district in the John H. Reddin Province is looking good (After each day of Creation, God said "It is good." I don't expect we do anything better than God) Every assembly has had their officers installed and have made note that more Sir Knights are getting their regalia. Some with at least one, others with more. We challenge assemblies across the state to get and use their regalia. New Mexico has a higher rate of men becoming 4th Degree than the rest of this country, we are above the average. Here in the northern region, we celebrate more Sir Knights in Regalia. We are the visual arm of the Knights of Columbus.

In mid-September my Brother Marshals and 4th Degree Exemplification Team gathered the morning before an Exemplification in Albuquerque for training with District Master Geoff Bacon. This was a tremendous experience setting goals for us to be on the same page of expectations for our regions. As with the councils, recruitment in the Fourth Degree and is imperative, as it is to get our assemblies active and serving in regalia. Who will serve Honor Guard at your funeral if no one has regalia? Let's be there for others.

Santiago Assembly 3560 in Taos has begun this new season serving Color Guards for local high school games scheduled for both the Taos High School and Questa High Schools. Taos has lost two Sir Knights in regalia to our Lord, and one to a bad fall. We are looking at rebuilding our Color Corps. I encourage other assemblies to contact your local athletic directors, remember, there are high school Catholic boys that are becoming men, and they are looking for something more after they graduate and turn 18. Show them there is more in joining the Knights.

Vivat Jesús, Roger Martinez, District Marshal

### From Santa Fe Assembly 685

Steve Vigil the Patriot/Civic Award Coordinator of the Knights of Columbus, 4<sup>th</sup> Degree Assembly 685 presented their Patriot Award to Sargent Allan Lopez. This award is typically presented by the Fourth Degree of the Knights of Columbus, which is known for its emphasis on patriotism.

Today, the Knights gather to recognize an extraordinary individual whose dedication to our community, nation, and faith is truly inspiring. This individual is a lifelong Santa Fe resident and has served our community with distinction as a law enforcement officer for over three decades.

From his early days at the Santa Fe Police Department and Santa Fe Sheriff's Office to his current role as a Sergeant for the Pojoaque Tribal Police, this individual has consistently demonstrated unwavering commitment to preserving our values and freedoms. His selfless service and dedication to upholding the law have made a profound impact on our community.

Beyond his professional accomplishments, this individual is a devoted family man and a pillar of his faith. He has instilled his deep spiritual beliefs in his children, who have followed in his footsteps in serving their communities. One son is a priest, one daughter works for SMDLP, and the other serves as a campus minister at St. Michael's High School. His unwavering faith has guided him throughout his life, and he continues to inspire others with his devotion to his family, his community, and his faith.

It is was with great pleasure that the Patriotic Degree of the Knights of Columbus present this Patriot Award to Allan Lopez. His service and sacrifice are a testament to the true spirit of patriotism.







# From Our Lady of the Incarnation, Assembly 3309

## Never Forget Flag Placement Day at Rio Rancho Vista Verde Memorial Park

Knights of Columbus Assembly 3309, community members and Daniel's Funeral Home pay tribute, placing one Flag for each of the Victims of 9-11.









### From Steve Budenski VAVS Representative

VAVS October 2024

Steven M Budenski from Assembly 3732 runs the State VAVS Program coordinating between 8 Assemblies in state with monthly Cake and Punch which I bring serving items for the cake and punch each month. Our Assembly has five councils 15788, 14254, 12812, 13596,17601. Where councils of 4<sup>th</sup> degree members have asked for assisting the councils from Assembly 3732 in financial fundraising and/or man-hours if asked. Another change over I am asking more knights and families to volunteer in the Knights of Columbus group at the VA Hospital in Albuquerque and clinics in New Mexico.

I would like to ask more assemblies to join our VAVS Program four more will be ideal for 12 assemblies.

Contact Jason or Wayland at 505-256-2771 in building 53 to **donate** items below and **apply** for volunteering at veteran's places. QR code at end of article to direct knights on VA current needs online listing. Contact Jasen for new ID & fingerprinting (505-256-2771)

The Volunteer Service Department has changed to VA Center for Development & Civic Engagement. I want to thank Aug —1905 FN Mike Chavez 505-712-5318 for allowing Steve to order and purchase cake, Napkins, forks and punch totaling \$58.36.

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. I forgot to mention our 4<sup>th</sup> degree has a new District Master Geoffery Bacon.



John Naranjo (L) Angelina (C) Steve Budenski (R)

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

#### Schedule 2024

Jan—1905 FN Charlie Greigo Mike Chavez 505-712-5318, NO Cake. sfsmm@msn.com. No cake.

Feb-3732 FN Patrick B Greigo, 505-948-8135, tirebent2308@yahoo.com

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#### **Facility Needs**





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Expired VA ID cards will be extended due to the National ID Department has 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. If Knights want to contact Ricardo, Jason, & Wayland at (505)265-1711 ext. 6429 to process VA ID expired cards.

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# Utah Master Nick Nielson

Brother Sir Knights,

Why are you a Fourth Degree Member? Why have a Fourth Degree? The answers to these questions may be different for everyone but I believe it is important for all of us to ask these of ourselves.

Having the answers to these questions will help us recruit and further give purpose to our order. As the Utah District Master my plan is to ask these questions to all of my Assembly leaders and help them identify the answers.

Having the answers I believe will help give them purpose and direction in their activities, and more importantly help them recruit. Knowing their own "why" will help them identify the "why should I join the Fourth degree" for their candidates and help them target those reasons and help us grow.

I challenge everyone reading this to ask themselves these questions. If you have some good answers or ideas please feel free to share them with me and with others.

As I stated last month, I'm still working through the transition of taking over the District Master position in Utah, but I am making progress. We have our first Fourth Degree exemplification date set and have started recruiting toward that degree. We have a strong plan for exemplification dates for the rest of the year and will be publishing that schedule soon so Assemblies can start to recruit for those.

During the month of September the Utah Fourth Degree has been active serving as Honor Guards at several funerals and Color Guard at a couple of activities. Highlights of the Color Guard, we posted the colors at the Carmelite Fair and for a Utah Royals football match. The Carmelite Fair is an annual event put on to help raise funds for the Carmelite nuns and their monastery here in Utah. The Utah Royals is the women's professional soccer club based in Salt Lake City and one of our councils sponsored a Catholic day where a portion of proceeds went to coats for kids.

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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*.



For additional cards, please call 586-264-8550 or email info@menofthesacredhearts.org

# **Uniform Talk**



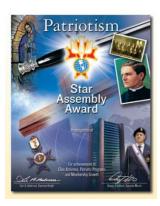






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### **Membership Growth**

Reach growth quota: 6% Net Membership Growth

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### Civic Award

Conduct and report at least four varied patriotic programs Submit the Civic Award Application (#2321) – **Due 6/30** 

### To Be A Patriot Award

To Be A Patriot Award Application (#TBP-2) – **Due 5/31**Complete the form to enter the competition

### **Overall Assembly Excellence**

- 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**

The requirement of a local Assembly newsletter has been dropped. However, Assembly leaders communicating with Assembly members outside the monthly Assembly meetings is still a requirement. Flock notes, websites, email, parish bulletins, etc. all count and are expected to be used.



### **Culture of Life**



### 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.

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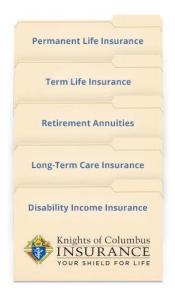
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# Prayer for the Canonization of Blessed Michael McGivney

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

The faithful 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.



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