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## Our Lenten penances shouldn't simply be exercises in self-discipline, but rather a participation in the love of God



By Supreme Chaplain Archbishop William E. Lori 3/1/2023

ON MY WAY to the most recent meeting of the Knights Columbus Board of Directors, my flight was delayed. First it was an hour. Then another. After a five-and-a-half hour delay and a four-and-a-half-hour flight, I finally arrived at my destination at 3 o'clock in the morning. For some, Lent can feel like a lot like my travel experience: a test of one's patience and endurance. And so often, we just give up the struggle. Our Lenten resolve weakens. We abandon bodily penance and relax our efforts to overcome our vices. Patience and endurance run out.

But Lent is not a do-it-yourself moral improvement program. Rather, it is about opening the heart anew to God's love. It is a gift from God, a time rich in grace when he helps his children get rid of all that hinders us from sharing in his life and love. Bodily penances and spiritual exercises are the means the Holy Spirit employs to purify our hearts, enabling us to renew and deepen our relationship with God and neighbor. The more deeply we grow to love God, the more we will be like God and love like him.

God created us in love to reflect his truth, goodness and beauty, and to return freely the love he has showered on us. Yet, from the beginning, sin entered the picture, and humanity has willfully rejected God's love, refusing to be what God created us to be: living reflections of his glory. Scripture attests that this continual infidelity deeply wounds God's unchanging, infinite, passionate love.

One of the most beautiful attributes of God is his patient endurance. The Psalms repeatedly praise God because he is "slow to anger and abounding in mercy." Despite the persistence of sinfulness, God has not given up on us.

In assuming our humanity, the Son of God revealed the Father's patient and enduring love. He preached a message of repentance. He told us the parable of the Prodigal Son. He healed the sick and raised the dead as a sign of his power over sin and death. But in the end, the Lord of glory was crucified. In his passion and death, the innocent Lamb of God patiently bore on his shoulders the sins of the world.

As Jesus underwent his agony, he revealed the enormity and ugliness of sin. Though sinless, he experienced the darkness and alienation from God produced by sin. His wounds penetrated to his heart and revealed the woundedness of the Father's loving heart. Jesus endured all of this out of love for his Father and for us. In the end, his patient endurance unleashed the power of God's changeless love, which alone overcame sin and death. This is the victory that we celebrate as Lent gives way to Holy Week and Easter.

***As we receive God's patient and enduring love and are transformed by it, we become participants in Christ's redeeming love. We too bear the cross, for the redemption of our own sins and the sins of others.***

If our Lenten penances are understood in this light, and undertaken in faith and with openness to God's grace, they take us to the very heart of God's love for us, which is revealed in Jesus' death and resurrection. They help us come to terms with our sinfulness. They open us to the love the crucified and risen Savior continues to lavish on us in the Holy Eucharist and other sacraments. As we receive God's patient and enduring love and are transformed by it, we become participants in Christ's redeeming love. We too bear the cross, for the redemption of our own sins and the sins of others. We learn how to forgive.

Patient and enduring love is the hallmark of a true disciple. It is also our hallmark as Knights of Columbus. Experience teaches that unity and fraternity demand charity – not merely the charity to defuse tensions but the patient and enduring charity that comes from God. "Be imitators of God, as beloved children," Paul wrote, "and live in love, as Christ loved us and handed himself over for us as a sacrificial offering to God" (Eph 5:1-2)



**MARCH 2025**

**SUPREME CHAPLAIN'S MONTHLY CHALLENGE**

**“A good tree does not bear rotten fruit, nor does a rotten tree bear good fruit. For every tree is known by its own fruit. For people do not pick figs from thornbushes, nor do they gather grapes from brambles.”** (Gospel for March 2, Lk 6:43-44)

Scripture often reminds us that our faith must be made evident through our works, through the good that we do. If we are truly prayerful and holy in an interior way, we will also be productive in the world. Like a tree, we will be known by the fruit we produce. May we always be mindful that faith calls us to lead lives of virtue in service to God and neighbor.

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

This month, I challenge you to prayerfully identify at least one area of your life where you could bear better fruit. Then, guided by the Holy Spirit, undertake at least one concrete resolution to improve.

**Questions for Reflection:**

To borrow an old question: If you were accused of being a Christian, would there be sufficient evidence to convict you? Where do you see room for improvement in turning your faith into action? What opportunities does the Knights of Columbus provide to help you bear good fruit?

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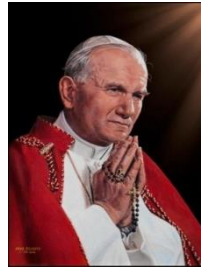
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## Saint John Paul's Prayer for Peace



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  
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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





# Vice Supreme Master Chris Foley

Message from the Vice Supreme Master – March 2025

Sir Knights, greetings,

I just attended the 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Exemplification, Mass and banquet in New York City. Prior to the Exemplification in St. Patrick Cathedral, we had an unveiling and dedication of a larger-than-life statue of Father Michael J. McGivney. In the words of Timothy Cardinal Dolan, “America’s Parish Priest is now in America’s Parish Church.” The statue will be permanently located in the St. Joseph side chapel, near the front of the Cathedral. Following the dedication, the Exemplification started with the Prayer for the Canonization of Blessed Michael McGivney by our Supreme Friar, Archbishop William E. Lori, and the singing of the first two verses of America the Beautiful. After the “Master’s Final Charge”, the Cantor led everyone in the last two verses of America the Beautiful. The Knighting Ceremony followed. I was one of 28 Dignitaries and Vice Supreme Masters stationed around the Cathedral to confer the honor and title of “Sir Knight” on the more than 700 candidates who had been exemplified.

Mass followed with His Eminence Timothy Cardinal Dolan as the Principle Celebrant and His Excellency Archbishop William E. Lori and more than a dozen Faithful Friars and Worthy Chaplains from the surrounding areas as concelebrants. It was a most exciting and inspiring Inaugural Presentation of the Revised Exemplification of Patriotism.

From now until June 30<sup>th</sup>, whether you use the current or the Revised Fourth Degree ceremonial, the entire ceremony, from the antechamber to the closing procession, is open to families, friends and parishioners.

A well-known saying about March is "in like a lion, out like a lamb". This proverb refers to the fact that March begins while it's still winter, but spring has started by the end of the month. When I was growing up, we always used this saying to reflect that if the month started with a storm, snow or otherwise, it ended with nice warm days. We also used the reverse, which seemed to be truer on the East coast; if it started out nicely it ended up badly. Another quote I came across is "March is a time to grow and a time to bloom." I like this phrase. I think it’s appropriate for us now that we’ve begun our 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Year of celebration. It clearly expresses our challenge to make this year a “banner year” in recruiting men into the fourth degree and creating new assemblies.

Besides being the name of this month, the word “march” has many uses and meanings depending on how we use it. Among those meanings are; “to tread, move”, “to move along with a steady regular stride especially in step with others”, “to move in a direct purposeful manner” and “walk in unison.” This is what we need to do now, to join with our brother Sir Knights and in a direct purposeful manner expend the necessary energy to grow the number of members in the fourth degree within our assemblies, district and province. Now, every third degree knight has the opportunity to see and hear what the fourth degree is about; why we exist and what we symbolize. Invite, no rather bring, every council member you know to an exemplification so he can be inspired to join. Then invite him to participate with you in an assembly event and finally invite or re-invite him to join. Inviting men to join us is like kneading bread dough; you roll it, you punch it, you roll it, you punch it, you roll it, you punch it and then you roll it, you punch it some more.

Vice Supreme Master

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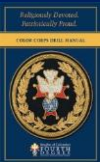
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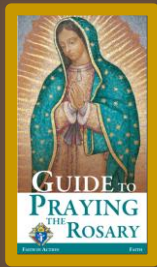
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Last November I wrote to you about being “*on mission*”, communicating clearly, being visible, engaging in focused recruitment, and the importance of invitations. If you still have that newsletter, read through my message again, it’s still relevant today. If you don’t have it, I’ll repeat the part about invitations.

*“...an invitation communicates the same message independent of whether the invitation is accepted. At times, we don’t invite people because we don’t think they would be interested or they don’t have time or they’ve declined in the past. Especially young men who may have declined invitations so many times that it might seem they’re not interested in what we are offering. Look past this and continue to extend the invitation. Just remember—the invitation has value even if they say no. Just keep inviting—who knows? Perhaps today you’ll get a yes!”*

Dates of note in March:

- **March 1, 1781:** The Continental Congress adopted the Articles of Confederation, the first constitution of the United States.
- **March 5, Ash Wednesday:** the start of Lent.
- **March 8 – 9, Jubilee of the World of Volunteering**
- **March 15, the Ides of March:** The day in 44 BC when Julius Caesar was assassinated by senators.
- **March 17, St. Patrick's Day:** A day to celebrate the death of Saint Patrick, Ireland's patron saint
- **March 19, Feast of St Joseph:** Patron Saint of the Universal Church, Unborn Babies, Families, Fathers, Immigrants, Social Justice, Carpenters, those Seeking Employment, Realtors, a Happy Death.
- **March 21, 1965:** Martin Luther King Jr. led a civil rights march from Selma to Montgomery, Alabama.
- **March 25, Feast of the Annunciation:** The Archangel Gabriel appeared to Mary and revealed God’s will that she become the Mother of the Son of God and she accepted.
- **March 28 – 30, Jubilee of Priests Instituted as “Missionaries of Mercy”**
- **March 29, Founder’s Day:** Connecticut State General Assembly grants a charter to the Knights of Columbus.

Tasks to start;

- **Focused recruiting:** Start now and continue until your District has the required number of candidates to meet the 125th Anniversary Exemplification challenge.
- **To Be A Patriot Award:** Begin to collect supporting data and writing the narrative. Must submit to District Master no later than 30 April.
- **Civic Award:** Identify the four patriotic events that you will describe on the application. Must submit to Supreme no later than 30 June. **IMPORTANT NOTE:** Send a cc copy to both your District Master and VSM. Without these copies we can’t help you if Supreme doesn’t give you credit.

Fraternally and Patriotically,

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## Ron Boyce, PSD, 4th Degree Director of Programs

As April approaches, two significant programs are on the horizon for members of the Fourth Degree:

### 1. Korean & Vietnam War Census Program

- **Due Date:** April 25, 2025
- This initiative aims to create a comprehensive record of service for veterans of the Korean and Vietnam Wars. Given that the Korean War started in 1950, surviving veterans are now approximately 91 years old. Those who served in Vietnam between 1965 and 1973 are typically aged 68-76. These wars represented pivotal changes in military service and the treatment of returning veterans, especially for those who served in Vietnam, who often faced a divided nation upon their return.

- **Census Process:** Assemblies are encouraged to work with their assigned councils to conduct the census using the most current form available [here](#). It is crucial to document the service of both living and deceased members who meet the established criteria for the Korean Service Medal and Vietnam Service Medals.
- **Recognition:** Certificates will be presented to surviving veterans through their councils. District Masters are advised to collaborate with Faithful Navigators and local Grand Knights to host a celebratory dinner or party for the veterans receiving these certificates, accompanied by a 4th Degree Honor Guard to honor their service.

### 2. To Be A Patriot Award Program Application

- Each assembly is invited to submit a report on their most outstanding patriotic activity (using form #TBP-2) to the District Master. This program aims to recognize assemblies that exemplify the ideals of patriotism.
- **Evaluation Criteria:** The selection process involves assessing the project based on several factors, including its embodiment of patriotism, member participation rates, community impact, originality, and publicity effectiveness.

### Important Dates to Remember:

- **April 30:** Assemblies must submit their To Be A Patriot applications to the District Master.
- **May 15:** District Masters should submit their top entry to the Vice Supreme Master.
- **May 31:** Vice Supreme Masters need to forward their province's top entry to the Supreme Master.

A committee appointed by the Supreme Knight and Supreme Master will review all entries, and winners will be announced by the Supreme Masters office.

Let's honor the sacrifices made by our veterans and recognize the valuable contributions of our assemblies to our communities.



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# Colorado Master William Fuerstenberger

March 2025

When I think about March, my mind goes to Lent. This year Lent begins on March 5th, which is Ash Wednesday. We are reminded that we are sinners in need of God's grace. The ashes representing death remind us of our own death. We ponder our death so that we can live well and live more united with Christ. "Memento Mori" is part of our first principle, Charity, and is Latin for "remember you must die."

Especially during Lent, we are called to repent and to the healing sacrament of Reconciliation that will cleanse our soul. The overall goal is to grow in humility. Lent is 40 days of fasting, penance and almsgiving. This is the time for us to reflect on Jesus' passion and death and unite ourselves more closely to Him. We fast on Fridays and abstain from meat in honor of the Lord and offer our sacrifice to the Lord. It is also a time to detach ourselves from things of the world that will pass away and to set our mind on things that last into eternity.

There are many ways to celebrate Lent. For example, at your Parish, attend their Fish Frys and Soup Suppers established by the Knights of Columbus. Attend Stations of the Cross every Friday during Lent and go to confession every couple of weeks. Increase your participation in Adoration and focus on prayers i.e. Prayer before the Crucifix. Add a simple practice such as the Chaplet of Divine Mercy. Give up things like social media and secular television. Perform a charitable act of kindness for your neighbor.

On March 29, 1882, the Charter of the Knights of Columbus was approved by the state of Connecticut, a date that is celebrated annually as "Founder's Day."

### Degree of Patriotism (4th Degree) 2025

March 1, 2025 – Rev. G. Joseph Lajeunesse Assembly 279 – Knights of Columbus Hall and St. Joseph Church – 121 N. Meldrum St., Ft. Collins, CO

May 3, 2025 – "125 for 125" Supreme Assembly Special Program Challenge – Bethlehem Assembly 1966 – Immaculate Heart of Mary Church – 11385 Grant Dr., Northglenn, CO

June 7, 2025 – St. Padre Pio Assembly 2813 – St. Francis Cabrini Church – 6673 W. Chatfield Ave., Littleton, CO

Vivat Jesus!

William Fuerstenberger

District Master of Colorado

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**Sir Knights and Brothers All,**

May the blessings of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, be with all of you in the New Year!

## **Happenings around the State:**

On February 22<sup>nd</sup>, we recognized the 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Fourth Degree of the Order. In Albuquerque, we conducted a Blessing of Swords event at Our Lady of the Annunciation Parish with more than 40 Sir Knights in attendance.



## **Other News:**

Late in February, two new Fourth Degree documents were released including an updated *Drill Manual* and new *Laws and Rules Governing the Fourth Degree of the Knights of Columbus*. The Drill Manual is available for free on Supplies Online and I encourage you ordering copies for Color Corps members. The same location did not show the updated Laws and Rules – I will advise via the Marshals when this is available to be ordered.

## **Coming Events:**

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

- **125 For 125 Exemplification Event on April 5<sup>th</sup>**, at Our Lady of the Incarnation Assembly #3309, Church of the Incarnation, 2309 Monterey Road NE, Rio Rancho, NM 87144. Families are welcome to attend. Details are contained later in this newsletter.
  - o **Councils and Assemblies – encourage 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree Knights to take the opportunity to join the highest degree of the Order in this 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Year!**

For planning purposes, here is the current list of Exemplifications for the remainder of the Fraternal Year include:

Rio Rancho – April 5th

Santa Fe – May 17th

Deming or SE NM – June 7th

Thank you for your Patriotic Service to our Order, our Catholic Church, and our Nation!

Viva Cristo Rey and Vivat Jesus!



# 125<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY

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**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 22<sup>ND</sup>, 2025**

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2621 Vermont St NE

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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





## EXEMPLIFICATION OF PATRIOTISM

APRIL 5TH, 2025

HONORING: Worthy District Marshal

Charles "Chuck" DuBois

### HOSTED BY

Our Lady of the Incarnation Assembly #3309

Church of the Incarnation

2309 Monterey Road NE

Rio Rancho, NM 87144

**Family members are welcome to join you at the  
Exemplification of Patriotism.**

**Please inform your sponsor on the number who  
plan to attend with you.**



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# New Mexico South District Marshal Rick Medina

March 2025

My Brother Knights

In the Catholic Church, March is dedicated to St. Joseph, the husband of Mary and the foster father of Jesus. This month also includes the Solemnity of St. Joseph, celebrated on March 19. Additionally, it features the Feast of the Annunciation and the celebration of St. Patrick, who is honored on March 17 for bringing Christianity to Ireland.



Saint Joseph, Mother Mary, and Jesus



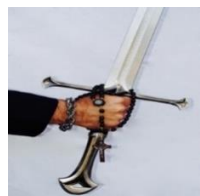
St. Patrick

Coming Up: Ash Wednesday, which falls 40 days before Easter, is on March 5. This day signifies the beginning of Lent, which lasts until Holy Thursday, April 17. In the Catholic tradition, this 40-day period of prayer, fasting, and abstaining from meat on Fridays, including Good Friday, prepares the faithful for Easter. During Lent, we continue our journey to the cross through acts of penitence, mortification, and the sorrow of a contrite heart, alongside the sacrament of reconciliation. Amen.

**Knights in Action!**



In November, GK Larry Fernandez and the Brother Knights of Robert G. Gamboa Council 9527 in Las Cruces spearheaded the campaign to secure two billboards promoting the "Keep Christ in Christmas" initiative: one on US Highway 70 at 2024 West Picacho and the other at 1709 North Solano. The effort was well-received in our community; I personally heard many kind compliments. WELL DONE, Council 9527!



***Vivat Jesus! Viva Cristo Rey!***

## New Mexico East District Marshal Ed Martinez

On February 9, 2025, a Third-Degree exemplification for Council 5146 was hosted by District Deputy Max Pino and held at St. Rose of Lima Catholic Church in Santa Rosa, New Mexico. In attendance were Deacon Paul Benoit, New Mexico State Deputy Anthony Salazar, State Secretary Clinton C.J. Deeley, and Regional Growth Director Marty Yzaguirre.

On behalf of our Master of the Fourth Degree Geoff Bacon and myself, congratulations to our new Third-Degree Brothers. I invited them to advance to Knighthood by joining the Fourth Degree while we wait for the reactivation of Our Lady of Guadalupe Assembly 2196.

Also, my thanks to the Exemplification Team for conducting an outstanding ceremony:

SK Deacon Paul Benoit, SK-GK Sean Little, SK Marcos Apodaca, and SK Matthew Shelly.



*Vivat Jesus*



*Viva Cristo Rey*

# From Steve Budenski VAVS Representative

VAVS March 2025

Steven M. Budenski from Assembly 3732 manages the State VAVS Program, coordinating activities between eight Assemblies in the state. Each month, we hold a Cake and Punch event, for which I provide the serving items.

I encourage more knights and their families to volunteer with the Knights of Columbus group at the VA Hospital in Albuquerque and the clinics throughout New Mexico. I would like to invite more assemblies to join our VAVS Program. Ideally, we need four more to reach a total of 12 assemblies.

To donate the items listed below and to apply for volunteering at veteran facilities, please contact Jason or Wayland at 505-256-2771 in Building 53. There's a QR code at the end of this article that directs Knights to the current VA needs online listing. For new ID and fingerprinting, please reach out to Jason at 505-256-2771.

[The Volunteer Service Department has changed to the VA Center for Development & Civic Engagement.](#)

I want to thank Assembly 682 FN Cipriano Valdez for cake and punch on February 13



FN Cipriano Valdez (L) VA Representative Steve Budenski (R)

Note: on the cake place Happy Birthday Veterans and Assembly number. 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.

## Schedule 2025 \*\*\* New Schedule These are old FNs

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Worthy Sir Knights who are in Albuquerque and surrounding areas who might like to volunteer for the Veterans Administration Representative for the Knights of Columbus ofb New Mexico. There are quarterly Meetings Jan, Apr, Jul, and Oct. Currently take place every other quarter is Zoom and Bldg 39. The Representative makes the yearly schedule in December and brings plates, napkins, forks cups each month.

## Facility Needs



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Expired VA ID cards will be extended due to National ID Department has priorities and volunteers cannot get the cards now. Also, people who had finger prints done call 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

March 2025

Utah had a very busy February!

As mentioned in last month's newsletter, Former District Master Dick Hall passed away. The funeral services were held January 31<sup>st</sup>. Dick's Widow was very pleased and knew "Dick would be smiling down on us." We had 24 Sir Knights come out and serve in the Honor Guard for his services, including the current District Master, 3 Former District Masters, 3 District Marshals, and several other brothers.



This past month we also had the honor of having the Relic of Blessed McGivney come into Utah. It was a very busy weekend February 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> with honor guards for Masses and Venerations. The Relic started off at St Catherine of Siena Newman Center at the University of Utah, then went to St Ambrose Catholic Church. The following day the Relic started off in

Orem Utah at St Francis of Assisi, then traveled up to the Salt Lake City valley at St Joseph the Worker parish, and ended the day at St Vincent de Paul parish. While it was a lot of travel and work it was wonderful to be present with the Relic and share it with several communities.

On February 17<sup>th</sup> we had "Utah Knights Hockey Night" at a Grizzlies match (the Grizzlies are a minor professional team). We had a Knight sing the national anthem and an honor guard to present the colors on the ice.



Looking ahead, March will be busy as we will be participating in the St Patrick's Day parade in Salt Lake City, collecting Assembly and Council award submissions to be ready for our State Convention, and holding Utah's 125 for 125 anniversary Exemplification of Patriotism. If a candidate from another state is interested in registering for the ceremony please contact District Master Nick Nielson [districtmaster@utahknights.org](mailto:districtmaster@utahknights.org). Vivat Jesus and God Bless America!

Nick Nielson, PSD  
Utah Master of the Fourth Degree



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## A Prayer for Our Country

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

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

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

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

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

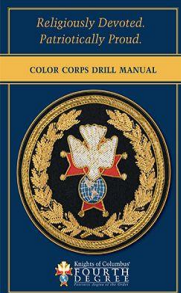


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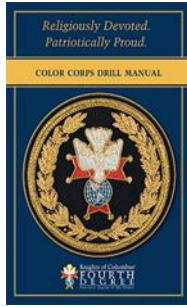
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## In Step

### Wearing of the Uniform

I received an email from a new District Master last week. He had a question from a member of one of his assemblies and was unsure how to answer, which was:

Could he wear the Fourth Degree uniform blazer with other slacks and a regular tie when going out with this wife? **The answer is: No**

Our uniform was designed to be worn complete with the Fourth Degree blazer, official slacks, tie, and official Fourth Degree pin (PG-113). It also requires a white dress shirt with no button-down collar, black shoes, and black socks. However, it may be worn in social settings such as Knights of Columbus events, banquets, exemplifications, meetings, and church.

The other components of the uniform are used when participating in our color corps (color guard or honor guard). Those include the official beret with flash representing office (if any), white gloves, a service baldric, a Fourth Degree sword with scabbard. Flag bearers would not wear baldric or sword. (Note that the service baldric is either a general member baldric or else a specific color to indicate your current office held).

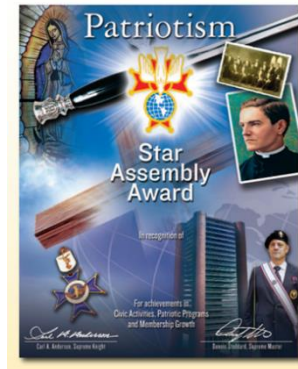
So, if you want to show your pride as a member of the Fourth Degree, then wear all the components according to the laws and rules of the Fourth Degree.

If you have any other questions on training your members, please email me at [MJPKNIGHT9282@aol.com](mailto:MJPKNIGHT9282@aol.com).

Fraternally,  
Michael J. Porter  
PSD,FM,FVSM  
4th Degree Director of Training

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Complete the form to enter the competition

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- 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,  
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*Joannes Paulus PP. II*

— *Evangelium Vitae*



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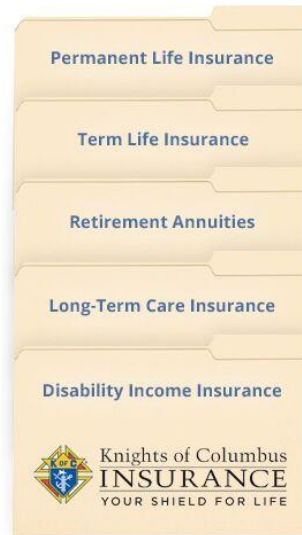
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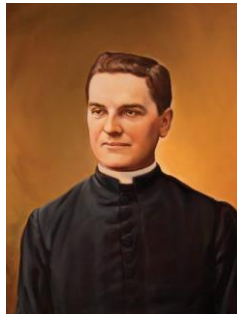
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## Prayer for the Canonization of Blessed Michael McGivney

*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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Blessed  
**Michael McGivney**

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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.



## 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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