



Knights of Columbus

Fourth Degree
John H. Reddin Province

Dear Worthy Officers and Brothers,

Please distribute this entire packet to all candidates and Sir Knights interested in attending. Please actively recruit new members into the Patriotic Degree.

A scheduled Exemplification of the Patriotic Degree will be in the Phoenix area Saturday, **April 18, 2026**, hosted by Fray Francisco Garces Assembly 1294. The ceremonial will be held at **St. Louis the King Church, 4331 W. Maryland Ave., Glendale AZ 85301** and the banquet will be held at **Fray Garces Colombian Hall, 8066 N. 49th Ave., Glendale AZ 85302**. The Arizona District is fortunate to have one of the top Exemplification Teams in the entire order to present the Patriotic Degree ceremony.

This degree will be the new Patriotic Degree Exemplification format which your family is invited to attend. We encourage your spouse and children to attend the exemplification to learn more about our Catholic history in America. The degree will be in the church and the dinner in the hall

The Class Honoree will be Fr. John Patrick Riley

A Westerner by heart's desire, Rev. John Patrick Riley, C.S.C. was born in Buffalo to father, PGK, Council 319 John J. Riley, and mother Patricia Ann (Stoll) Riley, and raised in nearby Lockport, New York, receiving degrees from the Jesuit Canisius College of Buffalo and the University of Notre Dame Law School before serving as an Army Judge Advocate Officer in West Germany and west Texas.

Returning to Notre Dame for seminary and a Master of Divinity, he professed perpetual vows in the Congregation of Holy Cross in '93 and was ordained in '94. He has served as associate in parishes in South Bend, Colorado Springs, and Viera, Florida, attempted missionary work in Western Uganda cut short by illness, and served as pastor of Sacred Heart Parish, Notre Dame for nine years, at St. Andre Bessette Parish, Portland, Oregon for five years, and St. John the Evangelist Viera, Florida for four years. He is now assigned to Casa Santa Cruz community serving the greater Phoenix area Catholic community and is Assembly 1294 Faithful Fryer and Arizona Rosary Celebration Phoenix Spiritual Advisor. He joined the Knights of Columbus in 1990 and the Patriotic Degree in 1995. In addition to parish ministry, Fr. Riley also enjoys recreational & participative jogging, birding, Sherlockian studies, and books in a variety of esoteric subjects, including Westerns.

Agenda

9:00 AM 11:00 AM – ORDER OF THE SWORD TRAINING AND CERTIFICATION

In the revised 808E The Fourth Degree Drill Manual, several changes were made to the Order of the Sword. Certified Honor Guard Members of the Father Stephen Adrian Assembly Drill Team will be available to train and certify Sir Knights in Regalia on the Order of the Sword and marching techniques. Your Assembly's Color Corp Commander is required to attend the training so that they can train your Assembly's Honor Guard.

10:30 AM to 12:30 PM REGISTRATION

Registration is in front of the church, starting at 10:30 AM and closing at 12:30 PM. There are no exceptions. If you are late, you will be registered for the next Exemplification. After you check in at Registration, please



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go directly to the School Ramada for directions from the Marshals as you prepare for the Exemplification Ceremony.

1:30 PM Exemplification of the Fourth Degree

The Ceremony will start promptly at 1:30 PM and last until 3:00 PM. After the Exemplification, there will be an opportunity to re-enact the Knighting Ceremony with family members for photos.

3:00 PM - 4:00 PM Knighting Re-Enactment

Photo Session immediately following the ceremony.

4:30 Honor Guard Muster for Mass

5:00 MASS

Mass will be celebrated at 5:00 PM in the church, with your families encouraged to attend. This will be followed by a dinner at **Fray Garces Columbian Hall, 8066 N. 49th Ave, Glendale, AZ.**

If priests and deacons in attendance want to participate in the Liturgy of the Mass, please request permission from the pastor. frjosephbui@yahoo.com.

6:30 PM Social Time (Fray Garces Columbian Hall, 8066 N. 49th Ave., Glendale, AZ)

Social prior to dinner to meet your fellow Sir Knights from around the state, Exemplars, and Dignitaries.

7:00 PM Dinner

Please have dinner with your class, and there will be a 50-50 raffle and other raffle opportunities.

REQUIREMENTS

Candidates must wear a plain dark suit and tie. Priests wear their traditional clerical dress, with Active duty Military, Police, Firefighters, and Border Patrol urged to wear their dress uniforms. See the Letter of Instructions for more details.

To be eligible for the Patriotic Degree, candidates must have attained their Third Degree or obtained their Membership through the CUF degree and be in good standing with their council. Please bring your current Third Degree membership card.

This packet contains more details regarding the April 18, 2026, Exemplification of the Patriotic Degree activities.

General Instructions regarding the registration and submission of Form 4 must be followed.

The Form 4 requires multiple signatures and the candidate's information. Completed Form 4 must be sent to District Marshal Jim Walsh by April 11, 2026. Please add your email address in the margin. A scanned copy may be sent ahead by your Faithful Navigator to SK.James.P.Walsh.KofC@gmail.com.



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Enclosed in this packet is the agenda for the weekend's Exemplification activities and General Instructions. Use the online registration to attend the Banquet.

Registered Knights will get a confirmation email after registering. If you do not receive a confirmation email, please do not assume that you are registered. Please call or email District Marshal Jim Walsh (SK.James.P.Walsh.KofC@gmail.com) or the District Master, Michael Paz (SirKnightMichaelPaz@gmail.com), or with any questions.

Please reproduce this entire packet and ensure that every candidate has a copy.

For further information, contact:

Jim Walsh
Arizona District Marshal
E-mail: SK.James.P.Walsh.KofC@gmail.com

This letter, instructions, and additional information are available on the Master's Patriotic Degree Website. Go to <https://kofc-az.org/patriotic-degree>.

Sincerely and fraternally yours,
Michael Paz
Arizona District Master



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Patriotic Degree Exemplification LETTER OF INSTRUCTION

1. Dress

The dress for the exemplification for Candidates and Sir Knights must be a plain dark suit, white shirt with a flat collar and tie, and black shoes. Active-duty military, Police, Firefighters, and Border Patrol may wear their fulldress uniform instead of a plain dark suit. Priests may wear Clerical Garb with a Collar.

Dress for the banquet guests will be formal, with the ladies wearing evening dresses suitable for the occasion.

2. Recruitment

Faithful Navigators are encouraged to visit councils and start recruiting as many Third-Degree Knights as possible that will have their Third Degree by the Exemplification date. At every council meeting, there is time set aside for a Patriotic-Degree report. Grand Knights should allow the Faithful Navigator or a representative of the Assembly to speak and recruit at this time.

The Faithful Navigator or representative should walk the candidate through the registration process and hand this packet in its entirety to the candidate to complete along with Form 4.

3. Candidates Membership Application (Form 4)

Example of correctly filled out Form 4

All Form 4's must be filled out correctly. Be sure the form has the candidate's membership number (top right-hand corner) and personal information. Ensure all blocks requiring signatures (Applicant, Sponsor, Council Financial Secretary, Faithful Navigator, and Faithful Comptroller) are completed. Rank or Title is for Priests or Military only. Please type or print legibly in ALL CAPITAL letters.

All required blocks must be completed before sending the Form 4s to the District Master. Detach the Assembly's copy of the completed Form 4 and provide it to the Faithful Comptroller. Detach the Council's copy and provide it to the Financial Secretary. Send all other copies (**District Master's and Supreme's**) with the Registration form and payment to the Registration Chairman. See the address at the bottom of page 6. listed in this packet.

NOTE: Incomplete forms will need to be corrected ASAP.



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FOURTH DEGREE MEMBERSHIP DOCUMENT
KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
A SOCIETY OF CATHOLIC MEN

1 LAST NAME KNIGHT FIRST NAME JOHN MIDDLE INITIAL TITLE

STREET 1234 S MAIN ST CITY PHOENIX ST / PROV AZ POSTAL CODE / COUNTRY 85044

HOME PHONE 480-555-5555 DATE OF BIRTH 10/16/1978 MARITAL STATUS M 1ST DEGREE DATE 1/15/1997 COUNCIL NO. 10062

2 CITIZEN OF WHAT COUNTRY? USA BY BIRTH OR NATURALIZATION? BIRTH IF NATURALIZATION HAVE FINAL PAPERS BEEN RECEIVED? YES NO

3 IF YOU WERE PREVIOUSLY INITIATED IN THE FOURTH DEGREE, GIVE: INITIATION TERMINATION ASSEMBLY NUMBER CITY ST/PROV

4 REASON FOR TERMINATION

5 PARISH CORPUS CHRISTI
I HEREBY DECLARE THAT THE ABOVE IS TRUE AND CORRECT
AND THAT I AM A PRACTICAL CATHOLIC IN COMMUNION
WITH THE HOLY SEE.
John Knight 02/14/2013
Signature of Applicant
Joseph Benedict 14
Signature of Proposer
10062
FAITHFUL NAVIGATOR 7. Dolan 3/17/2013
Signature of Comptroller
Herb Compton 3/17/2013

6 MEMBER NUMBER 1234567
X NEW MEMBER
 RESTORATION
 TRANSFER
 HONORARY MEMBERSHIP
 HONORARY LIFE MEMBERSHIP
 DATA CHANGE
 SUSPENSION
 DEATH

7 I CERTIFY THAT THE APPLICANT IS A THIRD DEGREE MEMBER IN GOOD STANDING
IN 10062 COUNCIL NO. PHOENIX LOCATION
02/28/2013 DATE
Rich Finnegan
Signature of Financial Secretary

8 REQUIRED FEES OF \$ _____ DATE
APPLICANT INITIATED AT _____ DATE
Signature of Member Requested for New members only

Supreme Secretary Copy

Candidate Fees are **\$75**, which includes one banquet ticket (mandatory and not refundable), and a Patriotic Degree Lapel Pin. Fees for Priest Candidates are **\$55**. Assemblies take care of (that is, pay for) Priest Fees and accommodations.

PLEASE NOTE: Send properly completed Form 4 as shown on the Registration Form. If paying by check, they must be sent to arrive no later than April 11, 2026. Credit cards are preferred through online registration.

4. Banquet Tickets

Banquet Tickets are **\$55** per person. Candidates with spouses or guests attending must pay the **\$55** Banquet fee for their spouse and any additional guests. Notify District Marshal Jim Walsh, when you register, of any dietary and/or other special needs by including that information on the Registration Form in the provided block.

5. Mass

Mass will be celebrated at St. Louis the King Church at 5:00 PM. Everyone is invited. Priests who would like to concelebrate Mass should bring Alb & Stole. If a priest has a Knights of Columbus vestment, he is encouraged to bring it with him. Please make sure to contact the pastor for privileges for celebrating mass at St. Louis the King Church.



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6. Registration Form

Below this packet on the State website is the required “Registration Form.” This registration form must be filled out and mailed along with full payment to District Marshal Jim Walsh before April 11, 2026. Please mark special needs access (wheelchair/walker) and/or dietary needs in the Other Special Needs box.

7. GENERAL INFORMATION:

Make additional copies of all packets as needed. All documents included with this packet are available online at the Arizona Master’s website. Go to: <https://kofc-az.org/patriotic-degree>. These forms can be downloaded, printed, and manually completed and may also be completed online using the required publishing software. Instructions for electronically completing the Registration Form are posted on the website.

THERE WILL BE NO REFUND OF ANY CANDIDATE’S FEES OR OTHER FEES FOR ANY REASON AFTER April 11, 2026. If you cannot make the April 18th event, you will automatically be registered for the next Exemplification of the Fourth Degree.

8. TENTATIVE AGENDA

(Check the Exemplification Registration Desk in the Church Entrance for any changes to this Agenda.) **Saturday**

ALL PACKETS MUST BE PICKED UP BY 12:00 PM

9:00 AM to 11:00 AM Order of the Sword Training and Certification, St. Louis the King Church, 4331 W. Maryland Ave. Glendale, AZ, 85301.

10:30 AM to 12:30 PM Candidates report to Registration to sign the registration log, then proceed to the Church Ramada. Report to the Marshals.

1:15 PM Candidates Process to St. Agnes Hall with Honor Guard (Sir Knights in Hall.)

1:30 PM Exemplification Patriotic Degree.

3:00 PM to 4:00 PM Knighting Re-enactment Photo Session immediately following the ceremony.

4:30 PM Muster of Honor Guard for Mass.

5:00 PM Mass.

6:30 PM Social Bar (**Fray Garces Colombian Hall, 8066 N. 49th Ave., Glendale AZ**).

7:00 PM Banquet.

How to Register for the Patriotic Degree Exemplification:

April 18, 2026 St. Louis the King

Catholic Church

4331 W. Maryland Ave.,
Glendale, AZ 85301

Patriotic Degree Banquet (Dinner):

April 18, 2026

Fray Garces Colombian Hall

8066 N. 49th Ave.,
Glendale, AZ 85302



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Please read and follow the instructions below carefully.

Third Degree Candidate Instructions

1. **Form 4** - You must have completed the approved Form 4 processed through your gaining Assembly. Contact your gaining Assembly's Officers to ensure this has been done. It MUST BE SUBMITTED (not scanned) by April 11, 2026.
2. **Registration Form** - Complete the registration information, including personal data, special dietary needs, and accessibility (wheelchair or walker).
 - a. Your banquet meal, and only yours, is included in the Candidate Registration Fee (**\$75** for Candidates, **\$55** for Priest Candidates).
 - b. Order Banquet meals for spouses & guests are **\$55** each.
3. **Payment** -
 - a. You can pay by credit card by registering on the website.
 - b. If you are paying directly, make your check payable to **Michael Paz**. Click on No for Pay by Credit Card. Print out a copy of your registration and mail the form and check to the address below.
 - c. If your assembly is paying, make sure the person registering the candidates chooses "Multiple Candidate – Assembly". Print out a copy of your registration and mail the form and check to the address below.
 - d. Assemblies should pay all fees and lodging costs for their Priest Candidates.
4. **Mail** - Mail your Form 4, the completed Registration Form, and check (if paying directly) as noted below.

District Marshal Jim Walsh
Exemplification of the Patriotic Degree
3762 E. Perkinsville St
Gilbert, AZ 85295

Sir Knight Instructions

1. **Registration Form** - Complete the registration information, including personal data, special dietary needs, and accessibility (wheelchair or walker).
 - a. Order a banquet meal for yourself for **\$55** if you attend.
 - b. Order banquet meals for spouses & guests at **\$55** each.
2. **Payment – ALL SIR KNIGHTS ARE REQUIRED TO PAY THE \$15 REGISTRATION FEE!**
 - a. You can pay by credit card by registering on the website.
 - b. If you are paying directly, make your check payable to **Michael Paz**. Click on No for Pay by Credit Card. Print out a copy of your registration and mail the form and check to the address below.



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- c. If your assembly is paying, make sure the person registering the candidates chooses “Multiple Candidate – Assembly”. Print out a copy of your registration and mail the form and check to the address below.
- 3. **Mail** – If paying by check, mail a copy of the completed Registration Form and check as noted below, make checks payable to “Michael Paz”

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