



Knights of Columbus

Fourth Degree

John H. Reddin Province

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Dear Worthy Officers and Brothers,

Please distribute this entire packet to all candidates and Sir Knights interested in attending.

Please actively recruit new members for the Patriotic Degree.

The next scheduled Exemplification of the Patriotic Degree will be in Phoenix on Saturday, **August 23, 2025**, hosted by Fr. Joseph T. O'Callahan Assembly #2669. The ceremony and the banquet will be held at St. John Vianney Catholic Church, 800 W. Loma Linda Blvd., Goodyear, Arizona 85338. The Arizona District is fortunate to have one of the top Exemplification Teams in the entire order to present the Patriotic Degree ceremony.

Requirements: 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 membership card for the Third Degree.

This degree will be the new Patriotic Degree Exemplification format which the family is invited to attend. We encourage your spouse and children to attend the exemplification to learn more about Catholics in America.

The Class Honoree will be Sir Knight Joseph K. Fairlie (dec.).

SK Joseph (Joe) K. Fairlie departed peacefully on June 9, 2025. He was born and raised in New York until he met his wife Angie whom he married in 1993 and moved to Arizona. He learned quickly how to adapt to the Arizona weather after his first experience of mowing his lawn.

Joe joined the Knights of Columbus in August 2003 and became a Fourth Degree Knight in July 2004 and also joined The Honor Guard team. As a Knight he rose through the ranks and became the Grand Knight of Council 11675 at St. Thomas Aquinas. Shortly after his second year as Grand Knight, he was asked to be District Deputy, which he gladly accepted. During his tenure as District Deputy, he helped establish Council 14804 St. William Parish in Cashion, Arizona. This Council is a Spanish speaking Council, and he proudly installed their first officers in Spanish. He was determined to do it even though he spoke no Spanish. Joe participated in the CUF as a team member since the inception of the CUF program and became the team leader for Council 11675 up to his death.

Joe and Angie adopted their son Nicholas 22 years ago. As leader of his Council's CUF Team, Joe was able to see his son become and was able to present him with his Knight's rosary and pin. He mentioned how proud he was to be there for him.

Joe was involved with the Cursillo Movement for several years becoming their Secretary and leading Cursillo teams as their Rector. He sponsored many men and women in the Cursillo movement and made lifelong friends during his time with them.



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Joe was also involved with his Parish RCIA program bringing literally hundreds of adults to the Catholic Church. This past Easter, he was involved in bringing in over 90 candidates to the Faith.

Joe Fairlie was a loving husband, father and a true Catholic gentleman that represented the Knights of Columbus with honor.

AGENDA

10:00 AM	Drill Team Competition/Demonstration
11:00 AM to 1:00 PM	Candidate Check-in
2:00 PM to 3:30 PM	Exemplification of the Fourth Degree
3:30 to 4:00	Photo Opportunity /Reenactment of Knighting
4:30 PM	Honor Guard Muster for 5:00 PM Mass
5:00 PM	Parish Mass at St. John Vianney Catholic Church
6:30 PM	Social Time – Beer and wine available with a donation
7:00 PM	Dinner Ceremony

The following is a detailed list for the activities:

- We will be holding an Honor Guard Drill Team Competition at 10:00 AM. If you are competing, please be there by 9:00 AM to get set up.
- The Degree Candidate Check-in is from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm.
- The start time for the Exemplification of the Fourth Degree is 2:00 PM. We encourage your guests to be seated in the church by 1:45 PM in order to observe the degree.
- After the Exemplification, there will be an opportunity to re-enact the Knighting Ceremony with family members for photos.
- All present Sir Knights with Regalia are invited to participate in a Honor Guard callout for the 5:00 PM parish mass at St. John Vianney Catholic Church.
- After mass, there will be a Social Time at the hall with Dinner following.
- If Priests and Deacons in attendance want to participate in the Liturgy of the Mass, please send an email to the pastor.

Candidates must wear a plain dark suit and tie. No wingtip or “French” collars, please. Active-duty military, Police, Firefighters, and Border Patrol are urged to wear their dress uniforms and Priests, their traditional clerical dress. See the Letter of Instructions for more details.

This packet contains more details regarding the August 23, 2025, Exemplification of the Patriotic Degree activities. General Instructions regarding the registration and submission of Form 4 must be followed.



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The Form 4 requires multiple signatures and the candidate's information.

Completed Form 4 needs to be sent to the District Master by August 15, 2025.

Enclosed in this packet is the agenda for the weekend's Exemplification activities, General Instructions, and the Reservation Form for attending the Banquet.

Registered Knights will get a confirmation email if they provide an email address that accepts emails from sirknightmichalpaz@gmail.com. DO NOT assume that you are registered. If you do not receive confirmation, please call or email the District Master, Michael Paz, for confirmation.

For further information contact: Michael Paz

Arizona District Master

E-mail: sirknightmichaelpaz@gmail.com

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

Sincerely and fraternally yours,

Sir Knight Michael Paz

AZ 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 full-dress 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.



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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.

PLEASE PRINT

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

MEMBERSHIP NUMBER: 1234567

1. LAST NAME: KNIGHT, FIRST NAME: JOHN, MIDDLE INITIAL: , TITLE: , STREET: 1234 S MAIN ST, CITY: PHOENIX, ST/PROV: AZ, POSTAL CODE / COUNTRY: 85044

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

3. CITIZEN OF WHAT COUNTRY?: USA, BY BIRTH OR NATURALIZATION?: BIRTH, IF NATURALIZATION HAVE FINAL PAPERS BEEN RECEIVED?: YES NO

4. PARISH: CORPUS CHRISTI, NEW OR PRESENT: 14, PHOENIX, AZ, FORMER: , I HEREBY DECLARE THAT THE ABOVE IS TRUE AND CORRECT AND THAT I AM A PRACTICAL CATHOLIC IN COMMUNION WITH THE HOLY SEE.

5. SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT: John Knight, DATE: 02/14/2013, SIGNATURE OF PROPOSER: Joseph Benedict, DATE: 14, ASSEMBLY: 10062

6. I CERTIFY THAT THE APPLICANT IS A THIRD DEGREE MEMBER IN GOOD STANDING IN: 10062, COUNCIL NO., PHOENIX, LOCATION, DATE: 02/28/2013, SIGNATURE OF FINANCIAL SECRETARY: Rich Finnegan

7. FAITHFUL NAVIGATOR: T. Dolan, DATE: 3/17/2013, FAITHFUL COMPTROLLER: Herb Compton, DATE: 3/17/2013

8. RECEIVED FEES OF \$: , DATE: , APPLICANT INITIALED BY: , DATE: , Signature of District Master (required 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 with candidate fees paid via checks payable to Michael Paz, shown on the Registration Form. All checks must be sent to arrive no later than June 6, 2025. Credit cards are preferred through online registration.



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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 the District Master 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. John Vianney Catholic Church at 5:00 PM. Everyone is invited. Priests who would like to concelebrate Mass should bring Alb & Stole. Please make sure to contact the pastor for privileges for celebrating mass at St John Vianney.

6. Registration Form

The registration form is Online at the Patriotic Degree Website, <https://kofc-az.org/patriotic-degree>. Credit card payment is preferred and can be done on the website. If paying by check, the payment must be received prior to August 15. Please mark special needs access (wheelchair/walker) and/or dietary needs in the Other Special Needs box.

7. GENERAL INFORMATION

All documents included with this packet are available online at the Arizona Master's website. Go to: <https://kofc-az.org/patriotic-degree>. 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 August 15, 2025.

8. TENTATIVE AGENDA

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

Saturday

10:00 AM

11:00 AM to 1:00 PM

2:00 PM to 3:30 PM

3:30 to 4:00

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7:00 PM

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How to Register for the Patriotic Degree Exemplification

August 23, 2025

St. John Vianney Catholic Church
800 W. Loma Linda Blvd. Goodyear, Arizona 85338

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 August 15, 2025.
- 2. Registration Form** - Complete the registration information, including personal data, special dietary needs, and accessibility (wheelchair or walker). Choose "Candidate for Exemplification"
 - 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 at **\$55** each under the Spouse/Guest Dinner spinner box on the form. Click on the + sign to indicate number of guests.
 - c. All the charges will display on "Total Registration Amount".
- 3. Payment –**
 - a. You can pay by credit card by registering on the website. (PREFERRED!)
 - b. If your Assembly is paying, choose Multiple Candidates – Assembly on the Registration Form and put all the names.
 - c. If you are paying by check, make your check payable to Michael Paz.
 - d. Assemblies should pay all fees and lodging costs for their Priest Candidates.
- 4. Submit the form** – To complete the application, click on the Submit button on the bottom of the Form. An email will be sent with details and confirmation after you submit.
- 5. Mail** - Mail your Form 4, and, if paying by check, to the address as noted below.

DM Michael Paz
Exemplification of the Patriotic Degree
937 N Granite Street
Gilbert, AZ 85234-8709



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Sir Knight Instructions **(Fourth Degree Member)**

1. **Registration Form** - Complete the registration information, including personal data, special dietary needs, and accessibility (wheelchair or walker). Choose “Fourth Degree Member”
 - a. Order a banquet meal for yourself for **\$55** if you attend.
 - b. Order Banquet meals for spouses & guests at **\$55** each under the Spouse/Guest Dinner spinner box on the form. Click on the + sign to indicate number of guests.
 - c. All the charges will display on “Total Registration Amount”.
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. (PREFERRED!)
 - b. If your Assembly is paying, choose Multiple Candidates – Assembly on the Registration Form and put all the names.
 - c. If you are paying by check, make your check payable to Michael Paz.
3. **Submit the form** – To complete the application, click on the Submit button on the bottom of the Form. An email will be sent with details and confirmation after you submit.
4. **Mail (If paying by check ONLY)** - Mail a copy of the completed Registration Form and check as noted below.

DM Michael Paz

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