



Knights of Columbus

Fourth Degree

John H. Reddin Province

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October 11, 2025

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.

The next scheduled Exemplification of the Patriotic Degree will be in Cave Creek on Saturday, **December 13, 2025**, hosted by Annunciation Assembly #2833. The ceremonial and the banquet will be held at St. Gabriel Catholic Church, 32648 N Cave Creek Road, Cave Creek, AZ 85331. 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 Class Honoree will be Sir Knight Jack McAward

The Knights of Columbus Council 13286 and Annunciation Assembly 2833 are proud to recognize Jack McAward as the Class Honoree for the December 2025 exemplification at St. Gabriel.

Jack was born in Long Island, New York, December 1, 1935. Jack's father was a Knight and Jack followed in his footsteps. He became a first, second and third degree Knight February 1, 1957 and became a Sir Knight in the 4th degree June 1, 1963.

Jack grew up in New York where he attended Bayside High School. Jack never attended college or university. After High School, he began working in advertising, having learned typesetting and photography from his father from the time he was six years old. Jack met his wife Mary Ann in 1955 and the two were married in 1958. Jack and Mary Ann have six children, 10 grandchildren and 12 great grandchildren.

Jack and Mary Ann moved to Arizona in 1969 and to Cave Creek in 1993. They attended Our Lady of Joy Catholic Church where Jack was a member of their council and assembly. When Saint Gabriel Catholic Church began, and the council was established, Jack and Mary Ann began attending St Gabriel and Jack became one of the charter members of the council and assembly.

Jack has been invaluable to our council and assembly, being involved in numerous activities, providing posters and advertising for various events. Jack also was co-chair of raffle ticket sales for the state convention raffle. The year that Jack was a part of the raffle sales, the council sold a record number of tickets.

Jack has always had a deep love of God, family and country, being very patriotic. He has been an asset to the Knights of Columbus and all of his work has been greatly appreciated. Here's to you Jack. Vivat Jesus!



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Agenda

10:00 AM – DRILL TEAM COMPETITION

There are multiple events to occur throughout the day including an Honor Guard Drill Team Competition! Come see Arizona Fourth Degree Assemblies as they compete for the title of best drill team in the state.

11:00 AM to 1:00 PM REGISTRATION

Registration starts at 11:00 AM, closing at 1:00 PM. There are no exceptions. If you are late, you will automatically be registered for the next Exemplification in January. After you check in at Registration, please go directly to the Antechamber for directions from the Marshals as you prepare for the Exemplification Ceremony.

2:00 PM Exemplification of the Fourth Degree

The Ceremony will start promptly at 2:00 PM, lasting until 3:30. After the Ceremony, there will be an opportunity to re-enact the Knighting Ceremony with family members for photos.

3:30 PM Knighting Re-Enactment Photo Session immediately following the ceremony.

4:30 MASS

Mass will be celebrated at 4:30 PM in the church with your families encouraged to attend. This will be followed by a dinner in the Parish Hall.

If priests and deacons in attendance want to participate in the Liturgy of the Mass, please request permission from the pastor by email at Frchad@stgacc.org.

6:00 PM Social Time

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

6:30 PM Dinner

Prime Rib, Chicken, all the fixings! Please have dinner with your class and witness presentations on the missing man, the American Flag Folding Ceremony and Presentation of the Flag. There will be raffles and 50-50 opportunities.



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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 membership card for the Third Degree.

This packet contains more details regarding the December 13, 2025, 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 needs to be sent to the District Marshal Jim Walsh by December 6, 2025. Please add your email address in the margin. A scanned copy may be sent ahead by your Faithful to SK.James.P.Walsh.KofC@gmail.com.

Enclosed in this packet is the agenda for the weekend's Exemplification activities and General Instructions. Use the online registration for attending 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 District Master, Michael Paz (sirknightmichaelpaz@gmail.com), with any questions.

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

Contact for more information: Jim Walsh
480-772-3094
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 Web Site. 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 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.

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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PLEASE PRINT

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

MEMBERSHIP NUMBER: 1234567

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LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	MIDDLE INITIAL	TITLE
KNIGHT	JOHN		

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

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

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

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

REASON FOR TERMINATION:

PASTOR: 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
Joseph Benedict 14
10062

NEW OR PRESENT: 14 PHOENIX AZ

FORMER:

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

5 FAITHFUL NAVIGATOR: 7. Dolan 3/17/2013
FAITHFUL COMPTROLLER: Herb Compton 3/17/2013

RECEIVED FEES OF \$ DATE
APPLICANT INITIATED AT DATE

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 December 3, 2025. 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 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. Gabriel Catholic Church at 4:30 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. Gabriel.



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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 December 6, 2025. 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 November 30, 2025. If you cannot make the December 13th event, you will automatically be registered for the January 24th Exemplification of the Fourth Degree.

8. TENTATIVE AGENDA

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

Saturday

ALL PACKETS MUST BE PICKED UP BY 1:00 PM

9:00 AM Muster time for Honor Guard Drill Team Competition

10:00 AM Honor Guard Drill Team Competition

11:00 AM to 1:00 PM Candidates report to Registration to sign the registration log, then proceed to the Antechamber. Report to the Marshals.

1:45 PM Candidates Process to Church with Honor Guard (Sir Knights in Church.)

2:00 PM Exemplification Patriotic Degree.

3:30 PM to 4:00 PM Knighting Re-enactment Photo Session immediately following the ceremony.

4:30 PM Mass.

6:00 PM Social Bar.

6:30 PM Banquet.



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How to Register for the Patriotic Degree Exemplification

December 13, 2025

St. Gabriel Catholic Church

32648 N Cave Creek Road.

Cave Creek, Arizona 85331

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 by December 3, 2025.
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

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Gilbert, AZ 85295



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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.
 - 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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