Knights of Columbus
Fourth Degree
John H. Reddin Province

Dear Worthy Officers and Brothers,

Please actively recruit new members into the Patriotic Degree and share this packet with every Knight in your Council.

The Patriotic Degree Exemplification will be held in Tucson on Saturday, **February 13, 2027**, at **Roman Catholic Diocese of Tucson, Pastoral Center**.

One of the top exemplification teams in the Order will present the ceremony.

The new Patriotic Degree Exemplification format will be used. Families are encouraged to attend, and dinner will follow.

A special rate has been arranged at **Doubletree Reid Park** (CS7016090). Please use this URL to make reservations:
https://www.hilton.com/en/book/reservation/deeplink/?ctyhocn=TUSBTDT&groupCode=CDT91X&arrivaldate=2027-02-12&departuredate=2027-02-14&cid=OM,WW,HILTONLINK,EN,DirectLink&fromId=HILTONLINKDIRECT.

Additional information is available at https://kofc-az.org/patriotic-degree.

Key Item	Details
Event	Patriotic Degree Exemplification
Date	Saturday, **February 13, 2027**
Location	**Roman Catholic Diocese of Tucson, Pastoral Center** 192 S Stone Ave Tucson, AZ 85701
Hotel Accommodations	**Doubletree Reid Park** 445 South Alvernon Way Tucson, AZ, 85711 Special room rate: **$169+tax per night** ($194.43)
Class Honoree	Most Reverend James A. Misko
Form 4 Deadline	**February 5, 2027**
Candidate Fees	Candidate: **$90**; Priest Candidate: **$85**
Banquet Tickets	**$75** per Sir Knight, spouse and guests
Sir Knight Registration Fee	**$15 if attending Dinner** $30 if not attending dinner
Online Registration	Required at https://kofc-az.org/patriotic-degree
Primary Contact	District Marshal Jim Walsh SK.James.P.Walsh.KofC@gmail.com

The Class Honoree will be Bishop James A. Misko.

Let us show Bishop Misko our support by recruiting many candidates.

Bishop Misko was ordained to the priesthood on June 9, 2007. He later served as Vicar General, Moderator of the Curia, and Diocesan Administrator of the Diocese of Austin before Pope Leo XIV appointed him the eighth Bishop of Tucson on December 22, 2025.

Bishop Misko is a Fourth Degree Sir Knight of the Knights of Columbus and a member of the Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre of Jerusalem. He was ordained to the episcopacy on February 20, 2026.

For questions, please contact:

District Marshal Jim Walsh, Email: **SK.James.P.Walsh.KofC@gmail.com**.

Sincerely and fraternally yours,

Luigi Baratta
Arizona District Master

Agenda

Time	Activity / Details
12:30 PM to 1:45 PM	**Candidate Registration** Registration at the Diocese of Tucson opens at 12:30 PM and closes at 1:45 PM. After check-in, report to the Antechamber for Marshal instructions. Late arrivals will need to register for the next Exemplification. **Sir Knight Registration** Check In for Sir Knights will be located in a different location to the Candidate Check In. *Sir Knights will be assisting with directing attendees*.
2:30 PM	**Exemplification of the Patriotic Degree** The ceremony starts promptly at 2:30 PM and ends at 4:00 PM.
4:00 PM to 5:00 PM	**Knighting Re-Enactment** A family photo re-enactment of the Knighting Ceremony will follow the Exemplification.
5:00 PM	**Honor Guard Muster for Mass**
5:30 PM	**Mass** Mass will be celebrated at St. Augustine Cathedral. Families are encouraged to attend. Priests wishing to concelebrate and deacons wishing to assist should contact District Friar Fr. Arthur Nave at FrNaveAZ@gmail.com.
6:30 PM	**Dinner** Please dine with your class. A 50/50 raffle and other raffles will be available.
Following Dinner	**Hospitality Rooms Open** Meet fellow Sir Knights, Exemplars, and Dignitaries after dinner.

REQUIREMENTS

ALL CANDIDATES MUST REGISTER ONLINE AT https://kofc-az.org/patriotic-degree BEFORE their Form 4 is sent to District Marshal Jim Walsh. No Form 4s will be accepted without prior online registration. See the Letter of Instruction for details.

Candidates must wear a plain dark suit and tie. Priests should wear clerical dress. Active-duty military, police, firefighters, and Border Patrol personnel may wear dress uniforms. See the Letter of Instruction for details.

Candidates must be Third Degree members or have completed the C-U-F Degree and be in good standing. Bring your current Third Degree membership card.

This packet provides details for the February 13, 2027, Patriotic Degree Exemplification.

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

After registering online, completed Form 4s must be sent to District Marshal Jim Walsh by February 5, 2027. Include the candidate's information, target Assembly, required signatures, and email address in the margin. Faithful Navigators may email a scanned copy to SK.James.P.Walsh.KofC@gmail.com.

Online registration is required at https://kofc-az.org/patriotic-degree.

Registered Knights will receive a confirmation email. If you do not receive a confirmation, contact District Marshal Jim Walsh (SK.James.P.Walsh.KofC@gmail.com) or District Master Luigi Baratta (SO.Baratta@yahoo.com).

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Patriotic Degree Exemplification
LETTER OF INSTRUCTION

1. Dress

Candidates are required to wear a plain dark suit, white flat-collar shirt, tie, and black shoes. Sir Knights are encouraged to wear the Regalia of the Patriotic Degree, if available. Active-duty military personnel, law enforcement officers, firefighters, and Border Patrol agents may wear full-dress uniforms. Priests may wear clerical attire.

Banquet guests should wear formal attire. Sir Knights are encouraged to wear their regalia at the banquet.

2. Recruitment

Faithful Navigators should recruit Third Degree Knights before the Exemplification. Grand Knights should allow a Patriotic Degree report or recruitment update at council meetings.

The Faithful Navigator or representative should guide each candidate through registration and provide this packet and Form 4. The online Form 4 is available at https://kofc-az.org/patriotic-degree.

3. Candidate Membership Application (Form 4)

Example of correctly filled out Form 4

Candidates must register online before their Form 4 is sent to District Marshal Jim Walsh. No Form 4s will be accepted without prior online registration.

Form 4s must include the candidate's membership number, personal information, and all required signatures: Applicant, Sponsor, Council Financial Secretary, Faithful Navigator, and Faithful Comptroller. Rank/title is for priests or military personnel only. Type or print legibly in ALL CAPITAL letters.

Complete all required blocks before submitting Form 4s. Keep the Assembly copy for the Faithful Comptroller and the Council copy for the Financial Secretary. Send the District **Master's and Supreme's** copies to Marshal Jim Walsh at the address on the "How to Register" page.

NOTE: Incomplete forms must be corrected as soon as possible.

Candidate fees are **$90**, including one mandatory, non-refundable banquet ticket and a Patriotic Degree lapel pin. Priest Candidate fees are **$85**. Assemblies are responsible for Priest Candidate fees and accommodations.

PLEASE NOTE: Completed Form 4s and check payments must arrive by February 5, 2027. Credit card payment through online registration is preferred.

4. Banquet Tickets

Banquet tickets are **$75** per person. The candidate's ticket is included in the candidate fee; candidates must pay **$75** for each spouse or guest. Note dietary or access needs on the Registration Form.

5. Mass

Mass will be celebrated at St. Augustine Cathedral at 5:30 PM. Priests wishing to concelebrate and deacons wishing to assist should bring an alb and stole and contact District Friar Fr. Arthur Nave.

6. Registration Form

The Registration Form is available on the State website. If paying by check, mail the completed form and payment to District Marshal Jim Walsh by February 5, 2027. Note any access or dietary needs in the Other Special Needs box.

7. General Information

Make copies as needed. All packet documents are available at **https://kofc-az.org/patriotic-degree** and may be downloaded, printed, or completed online.

Electronic registration instructions are posted on the website.

There will be no refunds of candidate fees or other fees for any reason after February 5, 2027. If you cannot attend on February 13, you may register for the next Patriotic Degree Exemplification.

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How to Register for the Patriotic Degree Exemplification: February 13, 2027, *Roman Catholic Diocese of Tucson, 192 S. Stone Ave, Tucson, AZ 85701*

Patriotic Degree Banquet (Dinner):
February 13, 2027

Please read and follow the instructions below carefully.

Third Degree Candidate Instructions

Action	Details
Complete Form 4	The Faithful Navigator, Proposer, or representative should guide the Candidate in completing Form 4 and assist in obtaining the required *Council and Assembly* signatures.
Submit Form 4	The Faithful Navigator or Comptroller must submit Form 4 by **February 5, 2027**. Mail copies with payment if paying by check.
Complete online registration form	Register for the Exemplification online at: kofc-az.org/patriotic-degree. Include personal, dietary, and accessibility information.
Confirm meal selections	The candidate meal is included in the registration fee. Spouse and guest meals are **$75** each.
Pay registration fees	Candidate fee is **$90**; Priest Candidate fee is **$85**. Credit card payment is preferred.
Check or Assembly payment	Make checks payable to **Arizona District Fourth Degree**. If the Assembly is paying, select "Multiple Candidate – Assembly." Assemblies should pay all Priest Candidate fees and lodging costs.
Mail required documents	Mail Form 4, Registration Form, and check, if applicable, to District Marshal Jim Walsh at the address below.

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

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Sir Knight Instructions

Action	Details
Complete online registration form	Register for the Exemplification online at: kofc-az.org/patriotic-degree. Include personal, dietary, and accessibility information.
Select meal options	If attending the banquet, Sir Knight, spouse, and guest meals are **$75** each.
Pay registration fee	All Sir Knights must pay the **$15 registration fee, if attending dinner**, or **$30** registration fee, if not attending dinner. ***Credit card payment is preferred.***
Check or Assembly payment	Make checks payable to **Arizona District Fourth Degree**. Select No for Pay by Credit Card. If the Assembly is paying, select "Multiple Candidate – Assembly."
Print confirmation	Print and mail the registration confirmation, if mailing payment.
Mail payment, if applicable	Mail the completed Registration Form and check to District Marshal Jim Walsh at the address below.

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