



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 Tucson on Saturday, **January 24, 2026**, hosted by Father Henry Miller Assembly 2308. The ceremonial and the banquet will be held at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church, 8650 N. Shannon Rd, Tucson AZ 85742. 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 Former Master of the Fourth Degree Drew Mansager**

*Information on Honoree coming soon.*

## Agenda

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

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.

### **10:30 AM to 12:30 PM REGISTRATION**

Registration is in the hall. Registration starts at 10:00 AM, closing at 12:00 PM. There are no exceptions. If you are late, you will automatically be registered for the next Exemplification. After you check in at Registration, please go directly to the Antechamber 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, lasting until 3:00 PM. After the Ceremony, 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.**

### **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 in the Parish Center.



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

## 6:30 PM Social Time

Before dinner time 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 raffle a 50-50 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 membership card for the Third Degree.

This packet contains more details regarding the January 24, 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 needs to be sent to the District Marshal Jim Walsh by January 17, 2026. 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](mailto: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](mailto:SK.James.P.Walsh.KofC@gmail.com)) or the District Master, Michael Paz ([SirKnightMichaelPaz@gmail.com](mailto: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



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# Knights of Columbus

Fourth Degree

John H. Reddin Province

<az.org/patriotic-degree>

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



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

**MEMBERSHIP NUMBER:** **1234567**

LAST NAME <b>KNIGHT</b>	FIRST NAME <b>JOHN</b>	MIDDLE INITIAL	TITLE	
STREET <b>1234 S MAIN ST</b>	CITY <b>PHOENIX</b>	ST / PROV <b>AZ</b>	POSTAL CODE / COUNTRY <b>85044</b>	
HOME PHONE <b>480-555-5555</b>	DATE OF BIRTH <b>10/16/1978</b>	MAITAL STATUS <b>M</b>	1 <sup>ST</sup> DEGREE DATE <b>1/15/1997</b>	DEGREE NO. <b>10062</b>
CITIZEN OF WHAT COUNTRY? <b>USA</b>	BY BIRTH OR NATURALIZATION? <b>BIRTH</b>	IF NATURALIZATION HAVE FINAL PAPERS BEEN RECEIVED? <b>YES</b> <b>NO</b>		
IF YOU WERE PREVIOUSLY INITIATED IN THE FOURTH DEGREE, GIVE:		INITIATION	TERMINATION	ASSEMBLY NUMBER CITY ST/PROV.
DATE OF				
REASON FOR TERMINATION				
<b>PARISH</b> <b>CORPUS CHRISTI</b> 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				
ASSEMBLY NUMBER NEW OR PRESENT FORMER <b>14</b> <b>PHOENIX</b> <b>AZ</b>				
I CERTIFY THAT THE APPLICANT IS A THIRD DEGREE MEMBER IN GOOD STANDING IN <b>10062</b> <b>PHOENIX</b> COUNCIL NO. <b>02/28/2013</b> LOCATION <b>Rich Finnegan</b> DATE SIGNATURE OF FINANCIAL SECRETARY				
FAITHFUL NAVIGATOR <b>7. Dolan</b> <b>3/17/2013</b> RECEIVED FEES OF \$ FAITHFUL COMPTROLLER <b>Herb Compton</b> <b>3/17/2013</b> 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 January 17, 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. Elizabeth Ann Seton 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. Elizabeth Ann Seton.



## 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 January 17, 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 January 11, 2025. If you cannot make the January 24<sup>th</sup> 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 Courtyard for any changes to this Agenda.)* **Saturday**

**ALL PACKETS MUST BE PICKED UP BY 12:00 PM**

8:00 AM Muster time for Honor Guard Drill Team Competition

9:00 AM Honor Guard Drill Team Competition

10:00 AM to 12:00 PM Candidates report to Registration to sign the registration log, the proceed to the Antechamber. Report to the Marshals.

12:45 PM Candidates Process to Church with Honor Guard (Sir Knights in Church.) 1:00

PM Exemplification Patriotic Degree.

2:30 PM to 3:00 PM Knighting Re-enactment Photo Session immediately following the ceremony.

5:00 PM Mass.

6:30 PM Social Bar.

7:00 PM Banquet.



**How to Register for the Patriotic Degree Exemplification January 24, 2026 St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church**

8650 N. Shannon Rd, Tucson  
AZ 85742

**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 January 17, 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.
  - 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.
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