



Knights of Columbus

Fourth Degree
John H. Reddin Province

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May 1, 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 Phoenix on Saturday, **June 14, 2025**, hosted by San Xavier Del Bac Assembly #14. The ceremonial and the banquet will be held at Corpus Christi Catholic Church, 3550 E Knox Rd, Phoenix, Arizona 85044. 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 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 Erwin J. (Jim) McGrath

Ervin J. (Jim) McGrath departed peacefully on January 14, 2021. Jim was raised in Cold Spring, Kentucky. He graduated from St. Thomas High School, Fort Thomas, Kentucky and attended Thomas More college. He was also active in the Navy Reserves for eight years after high school.

Jim and Joan, his wife of 63 years, moved to Phoenix, Arizona in March, 1988. Together they raised nine children. Jim was also an author of several books that were written and published in his later years.

A proud parishioner at Corpus Christi Catholic Church in Phoenix, he served as a Lector, Sacristan, Eucharistic Minister and commentator. He also wrote the weekly Knights' column in the Parish bulletin. He was a member of the first Pastoral Council at Corpus Christi Catholic Church. Jim was a Charter Member of the Knights of Columbus Council 10062 where he served for many years in various roles including Grand Knight and Faithful Navigator of San Xavier del Bac Assembly 14. He was most proud to profess Patriotism as a member of the Fourth Degree Honor Guard. Prior to his illness, Jim served as Color Corp Commander for the Assembly.

For those joining the Fourth Degree during this time, there will be a special certificate issued for this degree and a Memorial Poker Chip.

Agenda: 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 best drill team in the state.

Registration opens at 12:00 PM with the degree starting promptly 1:00 PM. After the Ceremony, After the Exemplification, there will be an opportunity to re-enact the Knighting Ceremony with family members for photos.

Mass will be celebrated at 4:00 PM in the church with your families encouraged to attend. This will be followed by a dinner in the Parish Center.



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If priests and deacons in attendance want to participate in the Liturgy of the Mass, please request permission from the pastor by email to the parish manager Steve Mandarino at steve.mandarino@corpuschristiphx.org.

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.

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 packet contains more details regarding the June 14, 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 Master by June 11, 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 after registering. If you do not receive a confirmation email, please do not assume that you are registered. Please call or email the District Master, Michael Paz, with any questions.

Program Book: A commemorative program book will be created for the candidates. Please consider taking an advertisement from your council and/or assembly to mark this historic event! Advertisements are available at <https://www.cognitofrms.com/StateWebArizona/FourthDegreeExemplificationAdvertising>
All advertisements MUST be in by June 7.

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,

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? | BY BIRTH OR NATURALIZATION? | IF NATURALIZATION HAVE FINAL PAPERS BEEN RECEIVED? | YES | NO |
|--------------------------|-----------------------------|--|-----|----|
| USA | BIRTH | | | |

IF YOU WERE PREVIOUSLY INITIATED IN THE FOURTH DEGREE, GIVE:

| DATE OF INITIATION | TERMINATION | ASSEMBLY NUMBER | CITY | STATE/PROV. |
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REASON FOR TERMINATION

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
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 \$
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 June 11, 2025. Credit cards are preferred through online registration.

All registrations received by May 18, 2025, will receive a \$5 discount.

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 Corpus Christi Roman Catholic Church at 4:00 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



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encouraged to bring it with him. Please make sure to contact the pastor for privileges for celebrating mass at Corpus Christi. Email to the parish manager Steve Mandarino at steve.mandarino@corpuschristiphx.org.

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 the District Master before June 11, 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 Forms 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 June 6, 2025.

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

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

9:00 AM Honor Guard Drill Team Competition

12:00 PM to 12:45 PM Candidates report to the candidates' room to sign the registration log.

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

1:00 PM Exemplification Patriotic Degree.

2:45 PM to 3:00 PM Knighting Re-enactment Photo Session immediately following the ceremony.

4:00 PM Mass.

5:30 PM Social Bar.

6:00 PM Banquet.

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How to Register for the Patriotic Degree Exemplification

June 14, 2025

Corpus Christi Catholic Church

3550 E Knox RD

Phoenix, Arizona 85044

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 June 11, 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. (*\$5 discount prior to May 18, 2025*)
3. **Payment** –
 - a. If you are paying your Assembly to send payment on your behalf, you must make a copy of this completed form and give it to your Assembly. Enter **ASSEMBLY WILL PAY** in the block for the Check Number on the original Registration Form sent to the Registration Chairman.
 - b. If you are paying directly, make your check payable to Michael Paz. Write the check number in the "Check Number" block.
 - c. You can pay by credit card by registering on the website.
 - 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.

DM Michael Paz

Exemplification of the Patriotic Degree

937 N Granite Street

Gilbert, AZ 85234-8709



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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. *(\$5 discount prior to May 18, 2025)*
 - b. Order banquet meals for spouses & guests at **\$55** each. *(\$5 discount prior to May 18, 2025)*
2. **Payment** – **ALL SIR KNIGHTS ARE REQUIRED TO PAY THE \$15 REGISTRATION FEE!**
 - a. If you are paying your Assembly to send payment on your behalf, you must make a copy of this completed form and give it to your Assembly. Enter ASSEMBLY WILL PAY in the block for the Check Number on the original Registration Form sent to the Registration Chairman.
 - b. If you are paying directly, make your check payable to “Michael Paz”. Write the check number in the “Check Number” block.
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