



Knights of Columbus

Fourth Degree
John H. Reddin Province

Dear Worthy Officers and Brothers,

Please share this packet with all candidates and interested Sir Knights, actively recruit new members into the Patriotic Degree, and copy this packet for every candidate.

The Patriotic Degree Exemplification will be held in Downtown Chandler on Saturday, **September 12, 2026**, at **Crowne Plaza Resort, One N. San Marcos Place, Chandler, AZ 85225.**

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

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

Key Item	Details
Event	Patriotic Degree Exemplification
Date	Saturday, September 12, 2026
Location	Crowne Plaza Resort One N. San Marcos Place Chandler, AZ 85225 Special room rate: \$163.72 per night , including parking
Class Honoree	Bishop James S. Wall
Form 4 Deadline	September 5, 2026
Candidate Fees	Candidate: \$85 ; Priest Candidate: \$75
Banquet Tickets	\$70 per spouse and guests
Sir Knight Registration Fee	\$15
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 S. Wall.

This is the first time a Bishop has been chosen as a Class Honoree for a Patriotic Degree Exemplification in Arizona. Let us show Bishop Wall our support by recruiting many candidates.

Bishop Wall was appointed by Pope Benedict XVI as the fourth Bishop of the Diocese of Gallup and was consecrated and installed on April 23, 2009.

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

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



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Crowne Plaza Resort:

A special room rate has been set with the hotel, for \$163.72 per night, including parking.

You can either call the reservation center at 1-877-685-5594 and reference block code APQ or use the booking link on the <https://kofc-az.org/patriotic-degree> Exemplification registration website. **It is better to make your reservation on a desktop than a mobile device.**

Keep in mind when receiving a confirmation letter from making a reservation online or through our call center, it will automatically show a resort fee of \$22.33 (fee + tax). This is an IHG standard, however, since this has been **WAIVED** per your contract, the hotel will absorb that fee upon check in.

If you wish to use the Resort parking lot, the fee will be \$5.00, included in the \$163.72 per night rate. If you require an early check-in you will need to book the night before, otherwise early check-ins can be requested, however, they are not guaranteed. Cancellations less than 48 hours prior to arrival or No Shows will result in a charge equal to one night's room and tax.

Agenda

Time	Activity / Details
11:00 AM to 12:30 PM	Ceremony Registration Registration at Crowne Plaza Resort opens at 11:00 AM and closes at 12:30 PM. Late arrivals will be registered for the next Exemplification. After check-in, report to the Antechamber for Marshal instructions.
1:30 PM	Exemplification of the Fourth Degree The ceremony starts promptly at 1:30 PM and ends at 3:00 PM. A family photo re-enactment of the Knighting Ceremony will follow.
3:00 PM to 4:00 PM	Knighting Re-Enactment Photos will follow the ceremony.
4:30 PM	Honor Guard Muster for Mass
5:00 PM	Mass Mass will be celebrated at Crowne Plaza Resort. Families are encouraged to attend. Priests and deacons wishing to concelebrate should contact District Friar Fr. Arthur Nave at FrNaveAZ@gmail.com.
6:00 PM	Hospitality Rooms Open Meet fellow Sir Knights, Exemplars, and Dignitaries before dinner.
7:00 PM	Dinner Please dine with your class. A 50/50 raffle and other raffles will be available.



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REQUIREMENTS

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 September 12, 2026, Patriotic Degree Exemplification.

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

Completed Form 4s must be sent to District Marshal Jim Walsh by September 5, 2026. Include the candidate's information, 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).

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>.



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3. Candidate Membership Application (Form 4)

Example of correctly filled out Form 4

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 page 6.

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

Candidate fees are **\$85**, including one mandatory, nonrefundable banquet ticket and a Patriotic Degree lapel pin. Priest Candidate fees are **\$75**. Assemblies are responsible for Priest Candidate fees and accommodations.

PLEASE NOTE: Completed Form 4s and check payments must arrive by September 5, 2026. Credit card payment through online registration is preferred.

4. Banquet Tickets

Banquet tickets are **\$70** per person. Candidates must pay **\$70** for each spouse or guest. Note dietary or access needs on the Registration Form.

5. Mass

Mass will be celebrated at Crowne Plaza Resort at 5:00 PM. Priests wishing to concelebrate should bring an alb and stole and contact District Friar Fr. Arthur Nave.



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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 September 5, 2026. 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 September 5, 2026.

If you cannot attend on September 12, you may register for the next Fourth Degree Exemplification.



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How to Register for the Patriotic Degree Exemplification: September 12, 2026, Crowne Plaza Resort

One N. San Marcos Place
Chandler, AZ 85225

**Patriotic Degree Banquet (Dinner):
September 12, 2026**

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 <i>Council and Assembly</i> signatures.
Submit Form 4	The Faithful Navigator or Comptroller must submit Form 4 by September 5, 2026 . 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 \$70 each.
Pay registration fees	Candidate fee is \$85 ; Priest Candidate fee is \$75 . 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: kofo-az.org/patriotic-degree . Include personal, dietary, and accessibility information.
Select meal options	If attending the banquet, Sir Knight, spouse, and guest meals are \$70 each.
Pay registration fee	All Sir Knights must pay the \$15 registration fee. Credit card payment is preferred.
Check or Assembly payment	Make checks payable to Arizona District Fourth Degree . Select No for <u>Pay by Credit Card</u> . If the Assembly is paying, select “Multiple Candidate – Assembly.”
Print confirmation	Print 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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