



Knights of Columbus
Fourth Degree
John H Reddin Province

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— An Invitation to Join —

THE PATRIOTIC DEGREE
of The Knights of Columbus



FOURTH DEGREE

Patriotic degree of the Order



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My Brother Knights,

Congratulations on receiving the honor of Knighthood in our Order.

As an active member of the Knights of Columbus, you and your family are discovering new opportunities to serve our Church and community. These opportunities expand even further when you join the Patriotic Degree of the Knights of Columbus. By joining the Patriotic Degree, you will learn about the achievements of those who shaped our nation and defended its freedom, and honor those who have fought to keep our country free.

Fourth Degree Knights play a vital role in keeping God present in public life, supporting laws that recognize the sanctity of life, and defending true religious liberty. We are called to speak up for our faith and values, especially when too few Christians are willing to do so.

I invite you to join the Patriotic Degree. To begin your application, please find the attached Form 4. The Registration packets are available at <https://kofc-az.org/patriotic-degree> for the next event on January 24th at Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton Church in Tucson.

By attending an Exemplification, you will deepen your commitment to faith and patriotism alongside fellow Knights. These events are inspiring opportunities to connect with others, learn more about our mission, and take an important step in your journey. Register today to join us for this meaningful experience.

Earlier this year, we celebrated the 125th Anniversary of the First Exemplification of the Fourth Degree in New York City at St. Patrick's Cathedral, where 650 candidates became Sir Knights. Supreme Knight Patrick Kelly reminded us that patriotism is a duty flowing from gratitude—to God, to our families, and to our nation for the gifts that shape and sustain us: hearth and home, culture and community. He emphasized that the virtue of patriotism brings a special obligation to the Fourth Degree: to safeguard the good of our nation, strive for a better society, and pass on our love of country to future generations.

In closing, I extend heartfelt gratitude to all who worked tirelessly to make these Exemplifications a resounding success. The Exemplar Team delivers a powerful message of patriotism connected with Catholicism. Thank you to the Sir Knights and Ladies from Assembly 2308 for pouring their heart and soul into this event!

God Bless America and God Bless the Knights of Columbus!

Faithfully yours,

Michael A. Paz

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