



# Newsletter

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Vice Supreme Master Richard Espinosa

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Knights of Columbus

**FOURTH  
DEGREE**

*Patriotic degree of the Order.*



“VIVA CRISTO REY”

## Vice Supreme Master

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Saint Jose,  
Littlest soldier of Christ,  
whose last bloody steps  
brought you to the arms  
of our Lady and our Lord.  
Keep healthy and strong  
the steps of our Lord's  
soldiers who remain  
here on earth,  
so that they may have  
your strength to endure  
and preserve to the end.  
Amen  
Viva Cristo Rey!

Saint Jose Sanchez Del Rio,  
Pray for the Patriotic  
Degree of the Knights of  
Columbus



## Vice Supreme Master Richard Espinosa

Worthy Sir Knights,

The new Charity, Unity and Fraternity Ceremonial is starting to roll out. The State Council of New Mexico held a ceremonial of the new degree at our midyear meeting. The ceremonial lasted 40 minutes. I was part of the degree team.

This is going to be a wonderful change to our ceremonials and will give the Patriotic Order a big boost in membership. Our worthy Supreme Master Dennis Stoddard wants all DMs, FNs and members of the fourth degree to support and promote the new combined degree.

When I communicated with the Supreme Master he would like Fourth Degree members to attend the combined degree. The member should be there with our "Invitation to Join" folder including form 4s.

We need to impress upon our new brother knights that the journey to full knighthood culminates at the knighting ceremony of the fourth Degree Exemplification. There is no knighting ceremony in the new degree.

Find out when the next exemplification is so that you can sign our new knights up at the new ceremonial. I ask our Masters and Fourth Degree members to attend the new degree held in your area. When the degree is done remind our new Third Degree brothers that the journey to knighthood is not complete until they attend a Patriotic Degree Exemplification where, they are officially knighted into our order.

As the New Year 2020 begins, let's make it a productive year with membership and programs. Let's make the newsletter informative, letting our brothers know what's happening around the province.

The Annual Survey of Fraternal Activity (Form 1728) is due January 31, 2020. Please remind each of your assemblies to have this completed and sent to supreme. Our Supreme Master has asked us for 1 new assembly each fraternal year. Have plans in place to establish new assemblies. The membership numbers have not been updated, so look for these in next month's newsletter. Thanks to all my brother Sir Knights for their hard work.

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Religiously Devoted, Patriotically Proud. For most men who follow Jesus, there comes a time when duty extends beyond our own lives, beyond how we lead our families, and into how we serve our fellow man. That's what the Knights of Columbus is all about. The Patriotic Degree allows K of C members to take this one step further. "Sir Knight" is more than a title — it's an honor.

Knights of the Patriotic Degree are dedicated to the personal development and continued honor of brother Knights. We are always there to offer leadership, guidance, and encouragement.

When knighthood was in flower, knights carried the sword to defend their God, their Church, their country and their fellow man according to the code of chivalry. Today, Sir Knights wear regalia and carry the sword to honor Christ and His apostles, especially on religious and civic occasions specified in this manual. Hence, the primary purpose of the Fourth Degree is to encourage active Catholic citizenship and foster the spirit of patriotism in members and the community at large.

Many times we are seen marching in various parades, supporting our military, Active Duty and Veterans, as well as supporting our First Responders.

But I believe that there is more to it than that. I believe we need to think outside the box.

This past weekend, 21 December 2019, 11 Sir Knights from across Arizona alongside with 10 Arizona National Guard Marines, provided an honor guard for the second year in a row for the Winter Wonderland prom for a local Downs Syndrome group.



In many cases many of these kids have “Dates”, not their brothers or sisters but young people from the local community. You see not only the smiles on these young people’s faces as they pass through the crossed swords, but the smiles on the parent’s faces as well and it is priceless.

This is the second year the Knights have been invited to participate. I can clearly remember one young lady last year saying she “feels so pretty” as she was getting ready to be escorted under the crossed swords by a Marine Gunny Sergeant. I looked down the line..... not a dry eye. Surely made my Christmas.



This year we had Miss Arizona, Miss Chandler and of course Cinderella. I and the Officer in Charge from the Marine Corp, 1st LT Rankin, had the honor of escorting Cinderella through the crossed swords.



So I want to thank everyone for what they do to support not only our Military and First Responders, but those that think outside the box and help provide people within our community’s memories they will remember for a lifetime.

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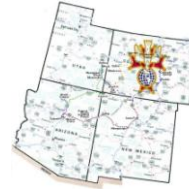
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## Colorado Master Roger Muller, PSD

As we move forward, the Colorado District remains active as a number of assemblies were involved in programs that recognized veterans during November and December. Additionally the break out session for the 4<sup>th</sup> Degree was well attended at the State Council's mid-year meeting. This year's meeting was held in Colorado Springs and was uniquely attended by not just one representative from Supreme but three. One of those was the Supreme Secretary, Michael O'Connor. With the implementation of the new combined 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> degrees, a number of questions arose which were dealt with and the overall result was a positive view of the changes. Since I had been able to view the video of the new degree, I was able to answer basic questions and promote the change as a positive impact on our 4<sup>th</sup> Degree. We stand at a precipice of expanded growth in the 4<sup>th</sup> Degree as our ceremonial becomes that more special. Gone will be the excuse that they do not have the time to attend 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> degrees to be eligible for membership into the 4<sup>th</sup> degree, will now be 3<sup>rd</sup> degree Knights when they join our Order. Our presence at these degrees for new members will be that much more important for our recruitment of the new member into the 4<sup>th</sup> Degree.

In November, a district event attended by 4<sup>th</sup> degree members was a Supreme sponsored Coats for the Homeless held in Denver. The Knights of Columbus partnered with the Christ in the City mission for the homeless and handed out approximately 600 coats over a two day period with the event being covered by the local media.



People line up for new coats Nov. 20 at a Denver coat giveaway organized by the Knights of Columbus. Credit: Mary Farrow/CNA

The Catholic chapel in the new VA hospital is now complete with the Stations of the Cross and statuary having been installed. It also came in under budget by \$500 with the repurposing of the wall stands for the statuary being made from the old pews discarded from the old chapel.



The District is promoting its upcoming 4<sup>th</sup> Degree exemplification scheduled for February 22, 2020. The date is the 120<sup>th</sup> anniversary to the day of the first 4<sup>th</sup> Degree held on February 22, 1900 in New York City. It would be a great feat to mirror the number of candidates at that first exemplification but recruiting 1,383 candidates is probably out of reach. What is doable is a goal of 120 candidates, one for each year of the anniversary. Our selling point besides it being the 4<sup>th</sup> degree is that the exemplification is on the exact date and Supreme has decided to issue a special exemplification certificate for the 4<sup>th</sup> degrees held from January 1, 2020 through March 31, 2020.

Assembly 89 in Greeley participated in assisting with a fund raising event for the Guadalupe Center that assists the homeless as well as participated in the annual Memorial Mass for our deceased Brothers. Additionally, a special Knighting ceremony was conducted on Christ the King Sunday at St Mary's parish to Knight the pastor who had taken his 4<sup>th</sup> degree at the Windsor exemplification but was unable to stay for the Knighting. The actual Knighting took place after his homily in front of the parishioners and after, his words of encouragement to all men of the parish to join the Knights was a great membership tool.



As reported last month, Assembly 89 participated in the Wreaths Across America program placing wreaths on the gravesites of deceased veterans at two local cemeteries, Sunset Memorial Gardens and Linn Grove cemetery. Between the two cemeteries over 1500 wreaths were placed.



Assembly 2551 in Lakewood participated in a number of events. They provided an Honor Guard for Cub Scout Pack 166's Flag Retirement Ceremony. Sir Knights Mike Koffman, Keith Mobley and Michael Majeres led the scouts by teaching them through the performing the solemn procedure of retiring American flags that were provided by the parishioners of Our Lady of Fatima parish. Additionally, SK Keith Mobley portrayed St Nicholas at the Scout Pack 166's Keep Christ in Christmas party. After the story of St Nicholas is presented, Pinewood Derby kits were distributed to the scouts as well as small gifts to attending siblings.





Assembly 2594, Rev. Robert E Kekeisen Assembly and Faithful Navigator Ed Paulovich with the help of Assembly Member John Hartling presented Father Gregory Golyziniak, St. Peter Pastor and Assembly 2594 Friar a check for \$1,000 to co-sponsor the Father McGivney Room in the new Parish Center. The Assembly also donated an additional \$1,000 to purchase Flags and Crosses for the 11 meeting rooms and a Flagpole for outside of the Parish Center.



Assembly 2594 along with Assembly 3049 provided members for an Honor Guard in honor of the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Fr George Fagen's ordination. The mass was celebrated at Our Lady of Victory church in Limon concelebrated by Bishop Sheridan of the Colorado Springs diocese.



Assembly 3124 in Windsor assisted the local council, 11575 in two events. One was the participation of running concessions at the Colorado State University home football games in November and the other was assisting with the production of producing 844 of their now famous “Our Lady of the Valley Knights of Columbus Peanut Brittle” made as a fund raiser during the Christmas season. The 844 one pound bags sold out within 48 hours.



Additionally Assembly 3124 conducted 2 Honor Guards for the pastor of their parish, Our Lady of the Valley, in honor of both the feast day of the parish and Father’s birthday. Also the assembly provided an Honor Guard for the installation of the new Pastor of St John the Baptist parish in Johnstown, Bishop Samuel Aquila, the Archbishop of Denver presided.

November 10: Veterans Day – Military uniforms were displayed in the Church narthex plus a display of the five Armed Services Flags.



Assembly 3124 also collected a list of 80 living veterans in the parish, and placed it as a bulletin insert for that week-end. The Sunday 10 AM Mass intention was celebrated for those living veterans, handed out “Stars” from retired flags and Knights of Columbus cards thanking veterans for their service. Ten Color Corps Knights conducted a Mass Honor Guard for veterans in attendance. This was the 8th straight year that we have honored veterans in Windsor. A pancake breakfast completed the event honoring the veterans.

Assembly 3138 in Evergreen, Conifer and Bailey conducted a donation drive that was held at each of the three parishes in support of the Colorado Veterans Community Living Center at Fitzsimons in Aurora. A wide variety of requested donation items were collected and delivered to the center along with the appearance of Santa Claus.

Additionally, a special hot meal was provided to the Park County Sheriff’s Office as well as the Platte Canyon Fire Protection District 1<sup>st</sup> Responders in Bailey. On December 18<sup>th</sup>, wreaths were placed on veteran’s graves located at the Horn Cemetery in Bailey. Finally, 11 members of the Honor Guard participated in the annual Christ the King feast day at Christ the King church in Evergreen



Journey With the Spirit  
Spread the Gospel By Words and Works  
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## **New Mexico Master Clint J Deeley**

Worthy Sir Knights,  
Merry Christmas! and Happy New Year! The Birth of Jesus Christ is here! We, as Catholics, get to enjoy this glorious time until January 12<sup>th</sup> with the Baptism of our Lord. Make the most of this Christmas season.

With this new year there are 4<sup>th</sup> Degree events scheduled through the end of our Fraternal Year. Here is the list of upcoming Exemplifications:

- January 25<sup>th</sup>- Grants, NM
- February 22<sup>nd</sup>-Las Cruces, NM
- March 28<sup>th</sup>-Roswell, NM
- June 13<sup>th</sup>-Northern NM (TBD)

These dates and locations will give all 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree Brothers, throughout the State, an opportunity to receive the Patriotic Degree closer to their homes. Please take advantage!

With this in mind, all Sir Knights look into purchasing the Regalia. The K of C Store at <http://www.knightsgear.com> is up and running to purchase. The cost is \$449+tax and shipping.

Please consider this investment.

During the Mid-Year Meeting in Alamogordo, our Sir Knights did great job supporting the meeting. Below is Sir Knights with His Excellency, Bishop Peter Baldacchino after the Mass at St. Jude's



Thank you to all the Sir Knights that supported Alamogordo's Assembly in making the Mid-Year a great event!

Also, after Mass, our state was the first in the Order to conduct the Combined Degree Exemplification, yes, a combined 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree. This combined Degree takes approximately 30 minutes. For a 1<sup>st</sup> run, it was well received. This exemplification is open to the public and has merit especially within our State due to the distance Brothers have to travel sometimes to get their 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Degrees. This however does not negate the current 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree Exemplifications. Your Assembly's Councils should keep doing those until more Information comes out from our Worthy State Deputy and the State Council. Overall, it was liked by the Brothers who observed the Exemplification. This shows our IPSD and Supreme Director Patrick Mason conducting the degree. Congratulations to our newest 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree Brothers



Other upcoming events for January:

- Martin Luther King's Remembrance January 20<sup>th</sup>
- Sanctity for Life March, Santa Fe. January 22<sup>nd</sup>
- 4<sup>th</sup> Degree Exemplification, Grants, NM. January 25<sup>th</sup>

There are six months left in the Fraternal Year. Work on getting your Assembly's Star Assembly, and Civic Awards. Assemblies throughout the State are doing great works. Do the paperwork and get acknowledged by Supreme for those great works!

For more information on the Awards and other 4<sup>th</sup> Degree information go to:  
<https://www.kofc.org/en/members/for-patriotic-degree/index.html> and  
<https://www.kofc.org/en/resources/service/council/10486-star-assembly-award.pdf>

Lady Trudy and I wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Joyous New Year!

Vivat Jesus!  
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Clinton J. Deeley  
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 **Utah Master Frank Carmona, PFN**

**Happy New Year!!!**

Sir Knights it is a New Year and a time for reflection. Reflection on the things we did right and the things we did wrong. Time to improve the things we did wrong and also capitalize on the things we did right.

It is also time to remember all our Brother Sir Knights we lost in 2019. We are remembering the good times we spent with our departed brothers and some bad also but always keeping them near our hearts. May 2020 bring success, love, and health to accomplish our goals as Knights of Columbus.

Remember, we are vessels for God, and we are here to serve him and his people. God bless you and your families in 2020.

Viva Christo Rey!!!

**\$1000 Scholarship Tickets on Sale Now! (4<sup>th</sup>-Degree District Project No. 3)**

The Utah State Convention is just around the corner, and we need to give away a \$1000 Scholarship a deserving young graduating high school student. How can we do this, you ask? Easy! We sell tickets for the opportunity to win prizes: 12 for \$10. The leadership of the Utah Fourth-Degree voted at the biannual meeting in 2018 to adopt this project and move it forward. FVSM Chuck Dover is spearheading this project along with your District Marshals and Faithful Navigators. Please contact them to receive your tickets or to turn in sold ones. Remember there great opportunities to win. Let's sell them at bingo, church gatherings, work, VA, and any other place people carry money on them. Good luck Sir Knights and happy selling.

## SOCKS FOR HEROS!!! (4<sup>th</sup>-Degree District Project No. 2)

Socks for Heroes were a success, we were a bit low in the donation department this year, but we made it work. On 7 January, we distributed over 2500 pairs of socks to our US Veterans at the SLC VA Hospital. Many Veterans were thankful to see us again and that we gave out free, warm winter socks for them. "There is nothing more important than a fresh pair of socks," a Veteran stated. Keep up the great work, Brother Knights!!!



FN Andy Beck 1429 Northern Utah



Utah District Master Frank Carmona, District Warden Mike Middlemiss, and Socks for Heroes Chair Person Larry Sisnerros with 2500+ pairs of socks ready for distribution.



District Marshal Richard Vigor helping size Veterans



Happy Veterans getting clean socks

## Patriotic Degree Exemplifications

WHEN: March 21, 2020  
WHERE: St Thomas Aquinas Catholic Ch  
Catholic Ch  
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84118  
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WHEN: June 13, 2020  
WHERE: Saint Francis Xavier  
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84118  
Faithful Navigator Tom Johnson  
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### Clergy Only Patriotic Exemplification

WHEN: April 22, 2020  
WHERE: Saint Vincent de Paul Catholic Church 1375 Spring Ln, Salt Lake City, UT 84117  
Please invite all Deacons, Priest, MSRs, and other Clergy members that are no part of the Patriotic Degree. We will provide dinner after the Degree. Open to all current 4<sup>th</sup> Degree Members to witness the degree. Faithful Navigators and Grand Knights, please accompany your Clergy to this ceremony.

**Requirements to advance to the Patriotic Degree are current Third (3<sup>rd</sup>) Degree Knight in good standing, \$70 fee, wear a dark suit or tuxedo, tie, black shoes, dress shirt, and a completed Form 4 (NO JEANS or POLO SHIRTS).**

“Peace be with you” -John 20:19

God Bless You and God Bless America!

Viva Christo Rey!!!

Frank Carmona

Utah District Master



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- PATRIOTIC DEGREE MATERIAL

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- ENTERING THE CHURCH
- RETRIEVING OF COLORS
- POSTING OF COLORS
- HONOR GUARD INSPECTION AND COMPETITION



Fund Meals For Homeless  
And Hungry Veterans for  
FREE

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## Uniform Talk



We are pleased to welcome “The Supply Room” (TSR) as the new distributor of Knights of Columbus Fourth Degree regalia.

TSR is a world-class, leading distributor of military and law enforcement uniforms, located in Oxford, Alabama. In addition to 100+ years of experience and a solid reputation for quality, they will offer customer service representatives dedicated to Knights of Columbus uniform orders.

Our uniforms will remain of the highest quality, while the cost will drop to \$449. Because of the transition, all ordering of uniforms will be suspended Nov. 1 and resume on Dec. 1.

What to know:

- As before, orders may be placed at [kofcuniform.com](http://kofcuniform.com).
- The customer service number remains the same and is available at 1-833-562-4327.
- TSR customer service is able to assist with questions regarding uniforms ordered from the previous fulfillment company.

We remain grateful to our Sir Knights and are proud of the dignity and respect with which you represent the Order in your parishes and communities.

Thank you for letting us serve you.

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# The Color Corp of the Patriotic Degree

## Purpose of the Color Corps

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The Color Corps members exemplify all the principles of our Order:

**Charity** - by the gift of their time and energies necessary to practice, perfect and perform the ceremonials and sword drill;

**Unity** – by the united efforts of Sir Knights to practice and perfect a coordinated drill for the good of the Church and the Order;

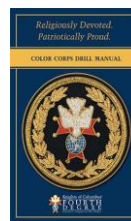
**Fraternity** – by expressing an “Esprit de Corps,” sharing a common desire for drill excellence and camaraderie; and

**Patriotism** – by performing precision drill as a salute to God and to country and visually exhibiting a love for both.

The public appearance of Fourth Degree Knights as a Color Corps at religious and civic functions is an important activity of each assembly. By these public demonstrations, their loyalty and patriotism bring credit to themselves and to the Knights of Columbus.



4th Degree Uniform  
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Color Corp Drill Manual  
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## Make This Your 2019-2020 Fraternal Year Goal

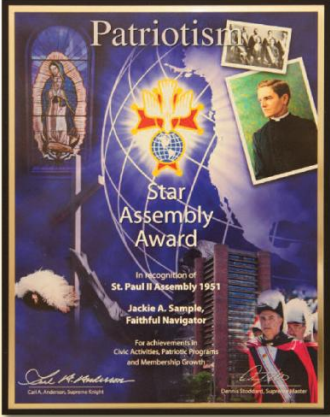
### Earn The Star Assembly Award!

The Star Assembly Award was first awarded in 2016 for the 2015-2016 fraternal year.

Assemblies that excel in membership recruitment, sponsoring patriotic programs in their communities, report to the Supreme Council office and keep their members and others informed of assembly activities are eligible to earn the Star Assembly Award.

  
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**Star Assembly Award**



**Religiously Devoted.  
Patriotically Proud.**

KMA 217

Your Assembly can earn the Star Assembly Award by completing the following:

- \* Earn the Fourth Degree Civic award
- \* Enter the to be a patriot competition
- \* Meeting the assembly new membership goal of 7%
  - \* Submit the report of officers 186 due July 1st
- \* Submit the annual survey of fraternal activity 1728 due January 31<sup>st</sup>
  - \* Submit the annual assembly audit report 1315
- \* Publish a monthly newsletter or bulletin for assembly members

The Star Assembly Award is an honor that brings unity to the Assembly.  
The pride exemplified by the assembly when it is awarded.

**Let's work in achieving this goal.**

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**VA**



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of Veterans Affairs**

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My Letter to Mommy and  
Daddy after Abortion

Mommy... why did you hurt  
me?

Daddy did you know?

Why didn't you fight for my  
life?

Jesus said I would have  
looked just like you

Your hair, your eyes, and even  
your smile

I know you didn't mean it  
Mommy

Daddy I know you love me.

Daddy, you will never get to  
see me

You'll miss my first words,  
you'll miss me fall and get  
up.

Mommy, you'll never get to  
comb my hair or paint my  
nails, you'll miss me go to  
kindergarten

You guys will miss my whole  
life And I will to....

But don't worry, I am with  
Jesus now.... Next time think  
about what you are doing, and  
who you are hurting,

I AM A PERSON

Mommy, Daddy, I love you,  
wish you would have  
loved me too

By: *Danielle Martinez*

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## Culture of Life

“Among the vulnerable for whom the church wishes to care with particular love and concern are unborn children, the most defenseless and innocent among us. Nowadays efforts are made to deny them their human dignity and to do with them whatever one pleases, taking their lives and passing laws preventing anyone from standing in the way of this... Precisely because this involves the internal consistency of our message about the value of the human person, the Church cannot be expected to change her position on this question... It is not ‘progressive’ to try to resolve problems by eliminating a human life...” *Evangelii Gaudium*, Pope Francis

In union with the Magisterial teachings of the Church and the Holy Father, the Knights of Columbus stands strong in its conviction that every human life is a gift of God, endowed with certain inalienable rights — the first among these being the right to life. Even in the midst of difficulties and uncertainties, we believe that human life is sacred and inviolable, and ought to be defended with maximum determination. To this end, the Knights of Columbus supports policies that promote a Culture of Life and opposes legislative efforts that promote abortion, contraception, sterilization, cloning, the destruction of embryos, assisted suicide, and euthanasia.

One of the most effective ways in which the Knights of Columbus has promoted a Culture of Life and helped thousands of women save their children is through the Ultrasound Initiative. As of October 2019, the initiative has funded and placed 1134 ultrasound machines — valued at more than \$54 million — in all 50 states, Mexico, Canada, and countries in South America and Africa. Thousands of babies have been saved, and the lives of countless mothers, fathers, and families have been enhanced thanks to the work of the Knights.

Our Order’s steadfast defense and promotion of a Culture of Life is grounded on our ultimate assurance that in the natural law written in the heart of every person is the recognition that human life is sacred from its very beginning to its end. In the depths of our consciousness, human intellect knows that the very source of its existence—i.e. human life—ought to be protected and celebrated. In that regard, the message of the Knights of Columbus extends far beyond our Order and our religious creed; it is a universal message that every person of good will can come to affirm.

The right to life is unlike any other right. It is the most basic right and the condition of all other personal rights, constituting the foundation of every human community and the political community itself. St. John Paul II famously noted that if human life itself is not respected, then respect for all other rights—for example, the right to health, to marriage, to culture, to religion—is “false and illusory.” Human rights of every kind are “incomprehensible” without the right to life. Our Order, therefore, joins the universal Church in acknowledging the dignity of human life and in its efforts to achieve legal and constitutional protection for every human person at the international, national, state, and local levels.

Furthermore, in accordance with the teachings of St. John Paul II in *Evangelium Vitae*, we affirm that “abortion and euthanasia are [...] crimes which no human law can claim to legitimize. There is no obligation in conscience to obey such laws; instead there is a grave and clear obligation to oppose them by conscientious objection.... In the case of an intrinsically unjust law, such as a law permitting abortion or euthanasia, it is therefore never licit to obey it, or to ‘take part in a propaganda campaign in favor of such a law, or vote for it.’”

**To read more or donate to the Ultrasound Initiative, please [click here](#).**

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## Did You Know?



The triad emblem of the Fourth Degree features the dove, the cross and the globe. The dove, classic symbol of the Holy Spirit and peace, is shown hovering over the orb of the Earth (globe). Both are mounted on a variation of the Crusader's cross, which was found on the tunics and capes of the Crusading knights who battled to regain the Holy Land from the pagans.

Spiritually, the sacred symbols on the emblem typify the union of the Three Divine Persons in one Godhead, the most Blessed Trinity.

The Globe – God the Father, Creator of the Universe.

The Cross – God the Son, Redeemer of Mankind.

The Dove – God the Holy Spirit, Sanctifier of Humanity.

### **The colors of the symbols are:**

A blue globe with the land of the Western Hemisphere in white.

A red cross with gold borders and gold knobs at the end of the points forming the ends of the arms of the cross, also known as the Isabella cross.

A white dove.

Red, white and blue are the colors of the flag of the country in which the Knights originated. They are used to stress patriotism, the basic principle of the Fourth Degree.

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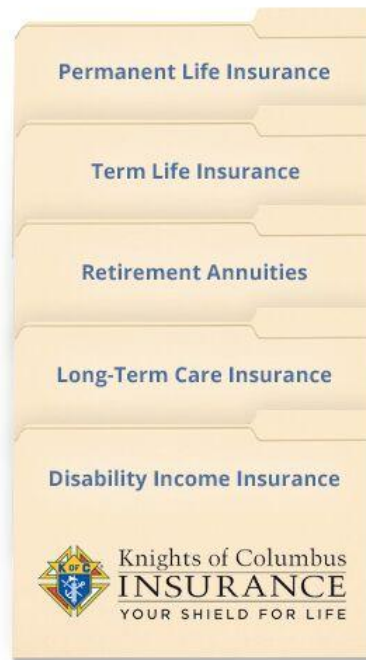
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## Knights' Prayer



Our Lady, Queen of the Knights, bless all the activities of our Order. Keep us true to our pledge, to extend the kingship of thy divine son on earth.

Through Thine intercession, win for us the grace, ever to exemplify in our public and private lives, the virtues that should characterize those especially dedicated to the service of the heavenly court. Make us always aware that as your Knights, we are constantly observed, our faith judged, and our Order appreciated.

Accept, O Mary, this renewed pledge of fealty and devotion, of Thy Servants, the Knights of Columbus.

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God, our Father, protector of the poor and defender of the widow and orphan, you called your priest, Father Michael J. McGivney, to be an apostle of Christian family life and to lead the young to the generous service of their neighbor. Through the example of his life and virtue may we follow your Son, Jesus Christ, more closely, fulfilling his commandment of charity and building up his Body which is the Church. Let the inspiration of your servant prompt us to greater confidence in your love so that we may continue his work of caring for the needy and the outcast. We humbly ask that you glorify your venerable servant Father Michael J. McGivney on earth according to the design of your holy will. Through his intercession, grant the favor I now present (here make your request). Through Christ our Lord Amen.

Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory be to the Father

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