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**FOURTH
DEGREE**

Patriotic degree of the Order.



“VIVA CRISTO REY”

A PRAYER FOR PROTECTION IN TIME OF PANDEMIC



The ancient fresco of Madonna del Soccorso (Our Lady of Help) in St. Peter's Basilica was restored with the support of the Knights of Columbus to mark the Year of Faith (2012-2013). Photo courtesy of Fabbrica di San Pietro/MA. Fabrizio.

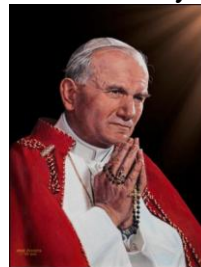
O Mary,
you always brighten our path
as a sign of salvation and of hope.
We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick,
who, at the Cross, took part in Jesus' pain
while remaining steadfast in faith.
O loving Mother,
you know what we need,
and we are confident you will provide for us
as at Cana in Galilee.
Intercede for us with your Son Jesus,
the Divine Physician,
for those who have fallen ill,
for those who are vulnerable,
and for those who have died.
Intercede also for those charged with
protecting the health and safety of others
and for those who are tending to the sick
and seeking a cure.
Help us, O Mother of Divine Love,
to conform to the will of the Father
and to do as we are told by Jesus,
who took upon himself our
sufferings and carried our sorrows,
so as to lead us, through the Cross,
to the glory of the Resurrection. Amen.

*Under thy protection we seek refuge,
O Holy Mother of God.
In our needs, despise not our petitions,
but deliver us always from all dangers,
O glorious and blessed Virgin. Amen.*

Adapted from the prayer of Pope Francis

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Saint John Paul's Prayer For Peace



Lord Jesus Christ, who is called the Prince of Peace,
who are yourself our peace and reconciliation,
who so often said, "Peace to you," grant us peace.
Make all men and women witnesses of truth, justice,
and brotherly love.
Banish from their hearts whatever might endanger peace.
Enlighten our rulers that they may
guarantee and defend the great gift of peace.
May all peoples on the earth
become as brothers and sisters.
May longed for peace blossom forth
and reign always over us all.
- Pope John Paul II

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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



Knights of Columbus Founder Father Michael McGivney Moves Closer to Sainthood

CURRENT PHASE OF THE CAUSE

With the joyous news that Pope Francis has approved a miracle through Father McGivney's intercession, the next step in the process will be a beatification Mass, to be held in the fall of 2020 in the Archdiocese of Hartford, Conn. At that time, the founder of the Knights of Columbus will be declared "Blessed" and his feast day will be set. Father McGivney will be the first U.S.-born priest to be beatified who spent his entire priestly ministry in a parish. This is a great boost to the priesthood and to the Catholic Church in America.

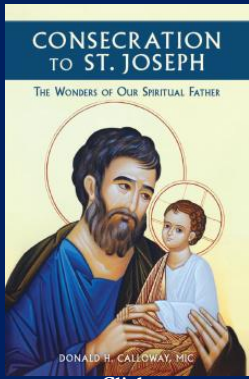
We ask you to join us in thanking God for favoring Father McGivney's Cause in this way by spreading the word about the powerful intercession of this holy priest.

Another certified miracle through the intercession of Father McGivney is now needed for him to be considered for canonization and sainthood. A miracle in this context is an extraordinary event that God performs through the intercession of a holy Servant of God. Most miracles that are accepted and approved involve physical healings that are medically inexplicable, so the Guild asks everyone devoted to Father McGivney to pray to him in times of illness and [report any favors](#) received. [REPORT FAVORS JOIN THE GUILD](#)

You may view the [Prayer for Canonization](#) here.

Check back to this website for news on the date and site of the beatification Mass.

Venerable Father Michael McGivney, intercede for all those who visit this website!



Vice Supreme Master Richard Espinosa

Sir Knights and families hope you are doing well during these trying times.

As we end the fraternal year move on to the next the Knights of Columbus will be in the forefront protecting our community and church. The programs we do during the year will help us meet our goals in bringing new members to the Patriotic degree Sir Knights I know several of you are working hard recruiting 3rd Degree Members thank you. Let's keep up the good work for our founder Blessed Father Michael McGivney.

I want to thank all Sir Knights who attended the four corners virtual meeting on Monday June 22, 2020. We had over 50 Sir Knights participate and speak of the challenge's the Knights face in the coming years

I know if we unite, we can make a major impact in making the Knights of Columbus the right hand of the church. As our Supreme Knight Carl Anderson has quoted be "The steel backbone of the catholic church".

During the Fraternal Year the District Masters worked hard to make this Fraternal Year a fruitful endeavor. The provincial meeting is scheduled to occur in September in Arizona.

Let's pray to Blessed Father McGivney that the meeting occurs live.

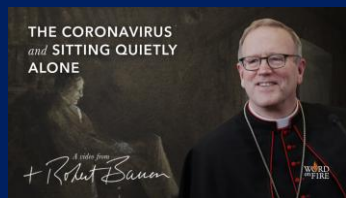
Quote President John F. Kennedy a Fourth Degree Knight "Do not pray for easy lives, pray to be stronger men."

VIVA CRISTO REY!

Richard Espinosa

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 **Arizona Master Bryant Sayers, PSD**



Bryant Sayers married his nurse, Connie, whom he met in the Sierra Vista Hospital. They are the very proud grandparents of three. Bryant was welcomed into the Catholic Church on Christmas day of 2000 at St. Andrew the Apostle Catholic Parish, Sierra Vista Arizona.

He served a distinguished career in the United States Army Military Intelligence Corps, retiring in April of 2000 as a Sergeant First Class.

He served over 38 years of government service and recently retired as a Department of Defense instructor on Fort Huachuca, AZ teaching a satellite communications system to deploying soldiers.

Sir Knight/Brother Bryant became a member of the Knights of Columbus Bishop Salpointe Council 4584 in July of 2001 and joined St Francis of Assisi Assembly 2058 in November of 2002.

Sir Knight/Brother Bryant was elected State Deputy in 2012 after serving one year each as State Secretary, State Treasurer, State Advocate, and State Warden. He also served as District Deputy for District #1 Fraternal years 2006 - 2008, Grand Knight of Council 4584 from July 2004 – June 2005, and Faithful Navigator for Assembly 2058 July 2004 – June 2005. He was State Round Table Chairman from July 2007 – June 2009. He has served as Marion Hour Chairman from July 2014 to present. He started a mentorship program of PGKs and FFNs in his Council and Assembly to assist elected officers to better understand their duties and responsibilities.

Sir Knight/Brother Bryant was Knight of the Year for his Council and Sir Knight of the year in his Assembly; he was also selected as District Deputy of the year for the State of Arizona and received the Star District Award from Supreme Council.

He has been involved in the Boy Scouts of America for over 50 years and has served as Cub Master, Scout Master, and Scouting Coordinator, earning the Wood Badge award and the Bronze Pelican award. He was the original coordinator for the Fry Pioneer Cemetery clean-up program in Sierra Vista, AZ. He has been active in his Parishes youth program by serving as a Life Teen and EDGE Core member.

He serves as a Eucharistic Minister in his Parish and is a member of the Jail Ministry Team. He is a member of the Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre of Jerusalem - Western USA Lieutenancy.

Bryant leads a group of National and Inter-National Captains from the Military Intelligence Captains Career Course (MI-CCC) from Fort Huachuca in a weekly community service project in Sierra Vista, he is also the leader of the Carmichael Neighborhood Response Team (C-NRT) that cleans up the low income Carmichael Community in Sierra Vista.

Bryant was selected as the John H. Reddin Province Arizona District Master in 2016. He completed his first two year term and will be completing is second term soon

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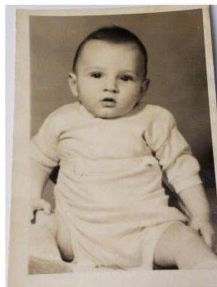
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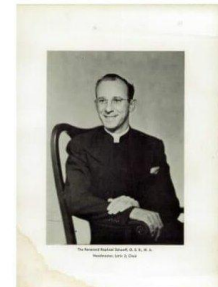
Colorado Master Roger Muller, PSD

The fraternal year has come to a close and as we enter the new fraternal year we enter as we ended with the new normal. In two months, this district along with the Districts of Arizona and Utah will have a new Master. AS we prepare for this upcoming change, the Vice Supreme Master requested that we provide a bio of each Master. So here I go to provide you with the life and times of District Master Roger Muller.

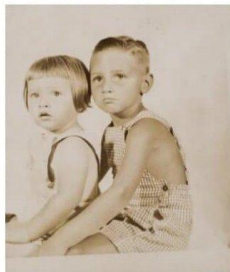
I was born at Brunswick Hospital in Amityville, New York on November 19, 1946. Yes the same Amityville, New York portrayed in the 1979 movie the "Amityville Horror". I was raised in the neighboring town of Farmingdale. I attended St. Killian's Catholic school 1st thru 8th grade and was an altar boy when our mass was in Latin. I graduated from Farmingdale H.S. in 1964 and gave college. Placing a 17 year old in college in a state that had an 18 year old drinking age turned out not to be conducive to learning. In 1966, I decided to forgo a college education and enlisted in the U.S. Navy. Four years later and a tour of Viet Nam brought me home to a country in social turmoil with regard to the Viet Nam war. Prior to my overseas tour I met my bride to be. Once out of the service we got engaged on Halloween, 1970 and married the following year, October 2, 1971. This year will be 49 years and counting.



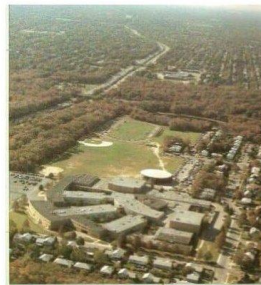
Roger 1947



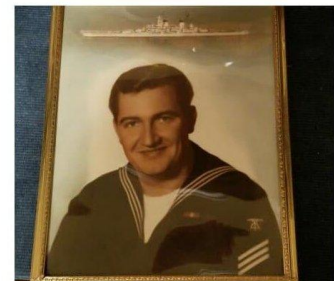
Fr Raphael, St Killian RC



Roger and sister Judy 1950



Farmingdale HS 1962



Roger US Navy 1966



Dad & his mom before
deploying overseas 1944



Roger & Grandma before shipping
out for Viet Nam 1968



Roger & Margaret 1968



Our wedding day, 10-2-1971

I initially went to work for Western Electric but massive layoffs due to the economy in 1975 saw me out of work. We decided to move away from the east coast and initially headed to New Mexico. While there we migrated to the Denver area where my sister lived with her family. There, where I was looking for work in the construction field, I took the test to become a police officer and applied for three different agencies. I was hired by the Greeley Police Department on August 1, 1976. Upon completing the police academy, I continued my studies at Aims Community College and graduated in December 1979 with an Associate's Degree in Criminal Justice. Just the year before, we had our first child, my son Roger Jr. on July 18, 1978. The police field agreed with me as I became a Detective in February 1979 and was promoted to Sergeant in August, 1982. Just prior to the promotion we had our 2nd child, our daughter Jeanine on August 24, 1981. Upon my promotion I went back to school and graduated in December, 1985 Magna Cum Laude with a Business Administration degree from Regis College. In August of 1987, I was promoted to Lieutenant where I served an additional 19 years in various command positions to include Patrol, Investigations, Administration, Drug Task Force and Special Operations (SWAT). After 30 years, I retired on November 4, 2006. My last day was memorable as our city had a visit by then President George W Bush. My assignment attached to the Secret Service unit in charge of his protection and they ensured that I was able to meet him on my last day of work.



Roger Greeley PD 1978



Roger, Margaret, Roger Jr and Jeanine 1981



Roger & family USS New Jersey BB62
reunion 1982



Promotion to Lieutenant 1987

My career with the Knights actually began at a very young age as my dad was a Knight and he encouraged me to join the Columbian Squires in 1958. In 1962, I became the Chief Squire of the Circle. When I turned 18, I did forgo joining the Knights as I moved out of the house to do my own thing. I did not become a Knight until I was in Colorado and on Columbus Day, 1989 I became a Knight. On Valentine's Day 1990, I took my major degrees and in February 1991, I took my 4th Degree. I became the Grand Knight of my council, 2160 in 1995. This July 4th we are celebrating our 100th year. In 1999, I took on two positions. One was the Faithful Navigator of my Assembly 89 and the other was the District Deputy of District #1 that consisted of 7 councils.

Besides my start of a state position of DD in 1999, I became the State Membership Director in 2001 thru 2003 making the Circle of Honor both years, with one of those years being number 3 in the Order. In 2003 I made my run through the state chairs serving two years in each as State Warden, State Advocate, State Treasurer, State Secretary and State Deputy leaving with 2 years as the Immediate Past State Deputy. My first year as State Deputy we hosted the Supreme Convention in Denver at which time I served as the Co-Chair with PSD Deacon Price Hatcher. I have also served at the State Ceremonial Director and in 2016 I was appointed as the District Master of Colorado. During those years my family has grown as my son, who serves as a Colorado Springs police officer and daughter-in-law, a teacher have 3 boys, 16, 13, 12 and my daughter, who serves as a Victim Advocate for the Air Force and son-in-law, a computer engineer, have a girl and boy, 6 and 5 and a little girl that is due this September 15th.



Roger & Margaret
Denver Cathedral 2016



Grandpa with granddaughter
Aubrie 2018



Council 2160 Awards night 1990



Circle of Honor Cruise
Margaret, Jeanne Hatcher, Roger & SD Price Hatcher



Circle of Honor trip 2003



Assembly 89 Color Corps 2016



Coats for Kids, floods of 2013



Special Olympics Unified
Torch Run 6-2015



Ultra Sound check presentation
Greeley 2013



Charter presentation St Joseph
Polish Council 15451 - 2012



State Convention 2019



4th Degree, Littleton 2019

I have been blessed with parents who brought me up in the Catholic faith and exposed me to the rewards of service to church, country and community. My father served in World War II as a combat engineer. He landed on the beaches of Normandy and was badly injured and spent 1 year in the hospital. My mother immigrated to the US when she married my dad and became a US citizen in the late 1940's. Together they provided our family with a strong sense of values and faith. I am forever grateful to the blessings I have received from living by those values.

I hope I have not rambled on to long but I wanted to share my experiences in life, career and Knights. I would also like to report on the activities that we are able to do with some of the restrictions being eased. From my Colorado Springs Marshal, Sir Knight Bob Knapp, he reported the following:

Worthy District Master Roger,

As social distancing guidelines are permitting larger gatherings, my assigned Assemblies are getting more active.

St Joseph Assembly #2618 and their wives received a special invitation from Pastor, Fr. Brad Noonan to attend and support Fr. Chance Billmeyer's 1st mass that was celebrated May 30th 2020 at St Francis of Assisi in Castle Rock, Colorado. He was very grateful as you can see in the pictures. Knights were honored to be there for him, these are the pictures of.



Fr Chance Billmeyer's 1st mass



Fr Chance Billmeyer's 1st mass

Saint Patrick Assembly #3049 provided an Honor Guard in support of Saint Patrick Church's 1st Communion and Corpus Christi celebration. Fr. Michael was very appreciative for our participation in this Special event. Knights' participation inspired the celebration.



St Patrick's Corpus Christi procession



St Patrick's Corpus Christi procession



St Patrick's Corpus Christi procession

Archbishop Urban J Vehr Assembly 0088 provides an Honor Guard for Mass and Procession at Corpus Christi Parish on Sunday June 14th, to help the parish celebrate the feast of Corpus Christi.

Reverend Father Robert Kekeisen Assembly 2594 Monument, Colorado participated in an abbreviated Memorial Day Ceremony in conjunction with American Legion Post #911 on May 25. A total of 5 Knights in uniform posted the American Flag and the POW Flags.

Assembly provided an Honor Guard for the funeral of Sir Knight John Doyle. At the end of Mass when the Knights Of Columbus Condolence was read, all Knights present to stand. Over 35 Knights stood up. Truly outstanding representation by our Knights.

Fraternally,
Bob

Robert J Knapp
District Marshall Diocese of Colorado Springs
719 502 0327

And from my Northern Colorado Marshal, Sir Knight Ed O'Shaughnessy, reported:

From Northern Colorado Marshal Ed O'Shaughnessy

The Northern District of the Colorado 4th Degree is beginning to emerge from some of the COVID-19 restrictions. A few of our assemblies have conducted "in-person" meetings keeping in mind the need for masks and six-foot spacing. While our assemblies have been maintaining communication and contact during the viral pandemic, the absence of fraternal unity has been most noticeable. The "in-person"

meetings restored the cohesiveness of our assemblies and is beginning to breathe more life into our mission and activity as Knights in service to Jesus Christ, our parishes and our communities.



WFn conducting business



Chamber set up per restriction guidelines

One of the projects that is being activated in the Northern Colorado District is our **Cemetery Prayer Program**. We know by our teachings that the souls awaiting in purgatory need our prayers, our veterans and brothers in the cemetery benefit by our Rosaries and meditations and indulgences can be provided by the praying for our deceased in the cemeteries.



We are suggesting that our Brother Sir Knights visit a cemetery when their time permits, stopping to recite a Rosary or prayers for the deceased (either for specific individuals or prayers for the general souls). It is part of our civic duty and spiritual service to others. We also request that the Brother Sir Knight keep an account of his time performing Cemetery Prayer and inform his WFn accordingly in order to record the investment in service time.

The Northern Colorado District through its Assembly 279 will be hosting the **Patriotic Rosary** on the 4th of July in Fort Collins. This moving tribute combines America's history, the impact of our Catholic Faith on our history and tradition with the recitation of the Rosary.



The last event for the month of June, the Big Thompson Council 3434 along with the Big Thompson Assembly 2615 of Loveland, hosted the initial prayer vigil for the Silver Rose which entered our state on June 28th. The event started with a rosary at the Knights Hall and upon completion a 4th degree procession led by an Honor Guard surrounding the carrying of the Silver Rose by the District Deputy of District #1 William Fuerstenberger. Proceeding with him was Sir Knight Arturo Serrano from Assembly 279 of Fort Collins dressed in the traditional garb of Mexico. Sir Knight Serrano has been involved with the Silver Rose for many years and though only a few months ago suffered a stroke and a poor prognosis of survival, the power of prayer brought

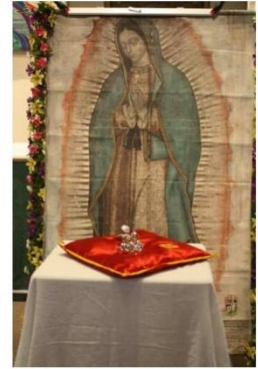
him through this crisis even in the time of the pandemic. The Silver Rose will be traveling the state through the month of July at various churches with a strong Knights presence at each event.



Silver Rose Procession
6-28-2020 Loveland



DD William Fuerstenberger
carrying Silver Rose



Silver Rose displayed

As I finish up my 2nd term as the District Master of Colorado, I look forward to following the activities and work of the Districts in our Province through this monthly report. Though it can be a little overwhelming at times, it serves a great purpose for each of us in what our Sir Knights are doing and have accomplished. I congratulate our Vice Supreme Master for his leadership and direction and my fellow District Masters for their work as I have learned from each of you. Thank you.

I also look forward to taking a breather from the day to day activities and will not miss some of the adventures I experienced as Master. In the words of the late Barbara Bush, *“At the end of your life, you will never regret not having passed one more test, not winning one more verdict, or not closing one more deal. You will regret time not spent with a husband, a friend, a child, or a parent.”* Time for no regrets and enjoy my family.

Journey With the Spirit
Spread the Gospel By Words and Works
Vivat Jesus

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New Mexico Master Clint J Deeley



Hello Sir Knights,

I pray all are well. For this final newsletter it was asked of me to put together a biography of who I am.

I grew up in the small farm town of Camden in Upstate NY with my parents, sisters and brother. After High School and a year of college, I entered the Air Force in 1989 at Lackland AFB, TX. During my time of service, I served at 11 different military bases in Europe, Pacific, Peterson AFB, CO, Kirtland AFB, NM (twice) and Cannon AFB, NM (twice). I worked two different jobs. The first was a welder. The second, which was the majority of my Air Force Career, was a Command Post Controller. Overall, I retired after 22½ years as an E7/MSgt. During this same time, I ended up completing a Bachelors of Applied Science Degree for Rochester Institute of Technology in 2009. The time in the military through today would not have been possible without my Bride of now 26 years, Trudy. I met her during my first military assignment at Kirtland AFB. Lady Trudy and I have two boys Dominic (25) and Kevin (20). They are our pride and joy watching them grow into two fine young men.

I currently work for a company called Leidos in which I still support the active duty Air Force as a Unit Deployment Manager.

As a Knight, I became a Knight in 2014 after being asked by one of my Brother Knight's to join. He told me that I was already doing everything needed, supporting the Church as an usher and helping where needed. I received my 1st Degree with Council 9504, Cannon AFB, and St Francis Assisi Catholic Community. As many, I drove around the State of NM to receive my 2nd and 3rd Degree. In 2015, I became a Fourth Degree in Tijeras, NM.

During 2015, the brothers of my Council elected me as Grand Knight. With help of the Council and Brothers, especially our Financial Secretary Jose Lafuente, we succeeded in getting Star Council the second year of my term. Subsequently, I served as Deputy Grand Knight and currently as Financial Secretary. Also, I have served as Scribe and Faithful Pilot of Assembly 1686 in the Clovis Area. Lastly, I have served as District Marshal for District Master's Rich Favela and Richard Espinosa. It has truly been an honor serving the Council, Assembly and District. It has allowed me to receive the fundamental understanding of what the Knights of Columbus is at Charity, Unity, Fraternity and Patriotism.

It has been a true honor serving as District Master this past year; however this would not be possible without many behind the scenes making it possible. First are the District Marshals, Eddie Serna, Ed Martinez, Chuck Dubois, Geoff Bacon, Jerry DeMorrow, Sam Serna, Steve Sutton, Rich Hoyle and Ceasar Archangel. Without you in contact with the Assemblies on a regular basis, this job would be a quite a task...thank you. Second, our great Exemplification Team, Anthony Salazar- District Captain, Jim McCabe, Ron Meyer, James Matise, Matthew Seltzer, Paul Benoit, George Burton, Raul Chavez, Geoff Bacon and Frank Melo. You all have always made the 4th Degree Ceremony a memorable event for all the candidates throughout the last few years. Thank you. Third, Frank Melo has been the editor of our District Newsletter and this Provincial Newsletter. Thanks to his time and efforts, his newsletters have been seen by thousands of Brothers in the Province. Thank you, SK Frank, for the great work. Thank you to our State Deputy and State Council in your support and guidance in helping to keep the Fourth Degree included during State events. Lastly, thank you to the New Mexico Assemblies, I would not be able function without you as Faithful Navigators and Assemblies completing your duties of the Patriotic Degree.

I serve for the glory of God. I was taught when I joined the Knights that we are here to serve God, our Families, our Parish and our Priests. May you all have faith that what you do as Knights is not overshadowed by what currently is going on with our Country and World. Always remember, we as Knights, are in this for the long game that is not of this earth but to be able to enter our Father's house when he calls us. Tempus Fugit; Memento Mori!



Blessings to you all,
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Utah Master Frank Carmona, PFN



Hello John H. Reddin Province, my name is Francisco "Frank" Carmona, and I am the current and outgoing Utah District Master. I was born in Los Angeles in the late 1970s, and I am one of three boys born to immigrants from the mountains of Durango, Mexico. As a young child and my teen years, I spent my summer vacations on my Grandfathers Ranch down in Durango, Mexico. I graduated High School in 1995 and joined the US Army Infantry Division in 1997.

In basic training, there was not much to do besides training, running, shooting, and digging, but on Sunday's we had the option to stay in the barracks cleaning or go to Mass. Mass sounded a lot more appealing. Once my three-year term was up, I had enough money for my education. I enrolled at Long Beach State University, where I obtained my Bachelor's Degree in Criminal Justice Administration, later in life; I completed my second Bachelor's Degree in Business Management.

I joined the Automotive Industry in 2001, quickly ascending to Management; in 2004, I met my wife Anabel, and in 2006 my first daughter Isabella was born. Four months after she was born, we decided to move to Riverton, Utah, and begin our family away from our families and the California drama. It took us about six to nine months to find the right parish for us. Once we attended Saint John the Baptist Church, we knew we were home. In 2009 my second daughter Catalina was born.

I had never heard of the Knights of Columbus before I landed at SJB, it was not until an older gentleman approached me and asked me to join, so in 2010 I finally joined this excellent Order under the leadership of WPGK Sean Wink. Joining the KofC gave me a sense of satisfaction and usefulness in my life; it felt like I was back with my brothers in the trenches of many US Army bases. I participated in many functions putting in all my free time within the KofC and the church, but I also included my family.

I finally became a Fourth-Degree Knight in 2012 and quickly became a member of the famous 2577 Honor Guard, led by CCC Bill Munday. Six months after joining the 2577 Color Corps, I ascended to Color Corps Commander and began organizing the Color Corps in the state for FDM Bill McCauley.

Welcome
the new "VA.gov"

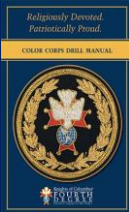


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In May 2016, Council 12181 elected me to Grand Knight, and I have to say that was the funniest time I have ever had in a parish. We created many new events and capitalized on the ones we already had. Reaching Star Council was a good challenge, and also being acknowledged for having the highest number of new member intakes in the state was the cherry on top.

Doing double duty as GK and CCC were a bit too much until FDM VJ Semonelli promoted me to District Marshal; this opens the doors to newer and bigger adventures. In January 2018, FDM VJ announced that he would not seek reappointment for District Master, and he wanted me to put in my name in. I was up next to our Assembly for Faithful Navigator, and I had not finished my term of Grand Knight. So I did what every great person in business does, seat out advice from the FDMs, FVSMs, PSDs, FBoFDs, and ask them for their blessing and explain to them why I want this and why I was the best candidate for the job.

In May of 2018, Assembly 2577 elected me as their Faithful Navigator, and three months later, in August 2018, I was selected as the youngest District Master in the Order. As Utah District Master, I inherited one huge obstacle, the uniform change. Promoting the fourth-degree uniform meant I had to attend 90% for the honor guards and programs around the state. It worked, I have seen many new members in the fourth-degree uniform, and we look sharp. In the past two years, we also created four new District Programs that have allowed all eleven Assemblies to participate and get involved. We reached our membership goal the first years, and this year well, you know how that is going.

I have to say it was a heck of a run these last two years; I got to meet many brother Knights and create long-lasting friendships across the state, but all great things must come to an end and new beginnings. Mine is no different. May 2020, at our State Convention, the Brothers of the State of Utah me in as Utah State Advocate.

I am looking forward to closing one chapter and opening another one working for my brother Knights and helping in any way possible. Even though I am doing this backward, my road to State Deputy begins July 1, 2020.

God Bless you all; God bless America and Viva Christo Rey!!!



Francisco "Frank" Carmona
Utah District Master
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The Utah District is a healthy district coming along with its challenges and overcoming obstacles like every other district. The difference is we do it in style and smile while we take the hits. In the fall of 2018, we created one of four programs called "Socks for Heroes." Socks for Heroes were a project that concentrated on collecting winter socks from civilians to donate to our US Veterans. "SFH" could not be possible without the help of our Worth District Marshals leading the charge. Some brother Knights doubted us, and some even made fun of us for trying a new project this massive. We had parishes get involved; even my child's school in Summit Academy in Draper UT participated. This program was hugely successful in that other districts across the United States adopted the project. In the State of Utah, we have many Veterans Homes and Hospitals from as far South as Saint George, and as far north as Logan, we managed to fill every one of those hospitals with winter socks for our Veterans. The Utah District has donated more than 13,000 pairs of winter socks to US Veterans across the state, and we hope to keep on doing it year after year.

The Second program we introduce was **American Patriot Service Corp) apscnp.org**. This program allowed us to locate lost widows and families of Veterans on how to have pending benefits that they might not know existed. Congress has set aside HUNDREDS of MILLIONS of dollars of funding for eligible wartime Veterans & their Surviving Spouses. Veterans (age 65 years and older) and their Surviving Spouses may qualify for a tax-free VA pension called Aid & Attendance. The VA helps Veterans and their families cope with financial challenges by providing supplemental income through the Veterans Pension benefit. Our mission is to help them understand and apply for the VA pension and health care benefits they may be entitled to. We are dedicated to serving our Veterans and their Surviving Spouses. Receive up to \$2,846 monthly with the Aid & Attendance Benefit.

What Does APSC Do?

The mission of American Patriot Service Corp. is to serve our military veterans and their families by helping veterans and their surviving spouses apply for pension and health care benefits from the Department of Veterans Affairs.

How Can They Help?

Your membership and donations are much appreciated. With your help, we can generate tens of thousands of dollars for a typical veteran or surviving spouse over the balance of his/her life.

Eligibility & Qualification

VA offers two broad categories of Pension benefit programs:

1. **Veterans Pension:** Tax-free monetary benefit payable to low-income wartime Veterans
2. **Survivors Pension:** Tax-free monetary benefit payable to a low-income, unremarried Surviving Spouse and unmarried child (ren) of a deceased Veteran with wartime service. Veterans and survivors who are eligible for Pension benefits and are housebound or require the aid and attendance of another person may be eligible to receive additional monetary amounts. If you are **65 and older** or inquiring for a loved one who is **65 and older**, please fill out the form and someone will get back to you as soon as possible.

Eligibility

1. The Veteran must have served at least 90-days of active military service, one day of which was during a period of war (dates shown below)
2. The Veteran must have received a discharge other than "dishonorable." This is documented by providing a certified copy of the DD Form 214 (report of separation).
3. The claimant must be a Veteran who qualifies under items 1 and 2 above, or be the Surviving Spouse of a qualifying Veteran and was married to the Veteran at his/her death and has not remarried.
4. The Veteran must have served during these wartime dates:
 1. WWII – 12/07/1941 – 12/31/1946
 2. Korea – 06/27/1950 – 01/31/1955
 3. Vietnam – 08/05/1964 – 07/07/1975 (***February 28, 1961 – August 4, 1964, in theater**)

Qualifications

1. First, the Veteran or Surviving Spouse must meet the eligibility requirements referred to above.
2. Second, the Veteran or Surviving Spouse must require the aid and attendance of another person.
3. Third, meet the financial need requirements: – this refers to income, assets, unreimbursed medical costs, etc...

In the Third Project, we created a scholarship program. The Utah District would like to give away a \$1000 scholarship to a deserving graduating or college student at the next state convention. We accomplish this in 2020, and we hope to do it again. With the leadership of our FVSM Chuck Dover Jr. and the District Marshals in 2021, we plan on giving away at least two \$1000.00 scholarships. Please stay tuned for more information.

The final District of Utah project concentrated on our first-responders and the distress children they encounter. In 2019 and 2020, The Utah District collected and donated over 5000 stuffed animals to various police, fire, and EMP high crime agencies around the state. With the leadership of District Marshal Richard Vigor, Stacey Yeager, PFN Richard Hall, and IPSD Andy Airriess, this event was possible. It was there tenacious and his ability to communicate with various agencies, churches, GKS, FNS, PSDs, and the State Council that the Utah District was successful with our new project. Even Covid-19 has not stopped them from collecting. We spent over two (2) weeks distributing all the plush animals to the high crime agencies.



FN Andy Beck

Receiving recognition from the top Cop in the city was a great accomplishment, but knowing one of our collected plush animals was in those police cars, fire trucks, or ambulance made this project a success. This year I am proud to say that Utah District has continued to do an excellent job promoting our Order and the Patriotic Degree.

Patriotic Degree Exemplifications:

No. 1 Clergy Only Patriotic Exemplification

Date: July 15, 2020

Location: Saint Vincent de Paul Catholic Church

Address: 4501 West 5215 South, Kearns, UT 84118

Contact: Andy Airriess IPSD

Email: airriess@msn.com

No. 2 Salt Lake City

Date: August 01, 2020

Location: Saint Francis Xavier Catholic Church

Address: 1375 Spring Ln, Salt Lake City, UT 84117

Contact: FN Robert Masse, Jr. PSD

Email: rmasser@comcast.net

If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness. –John 1:9

God bless you, and God Bless America!

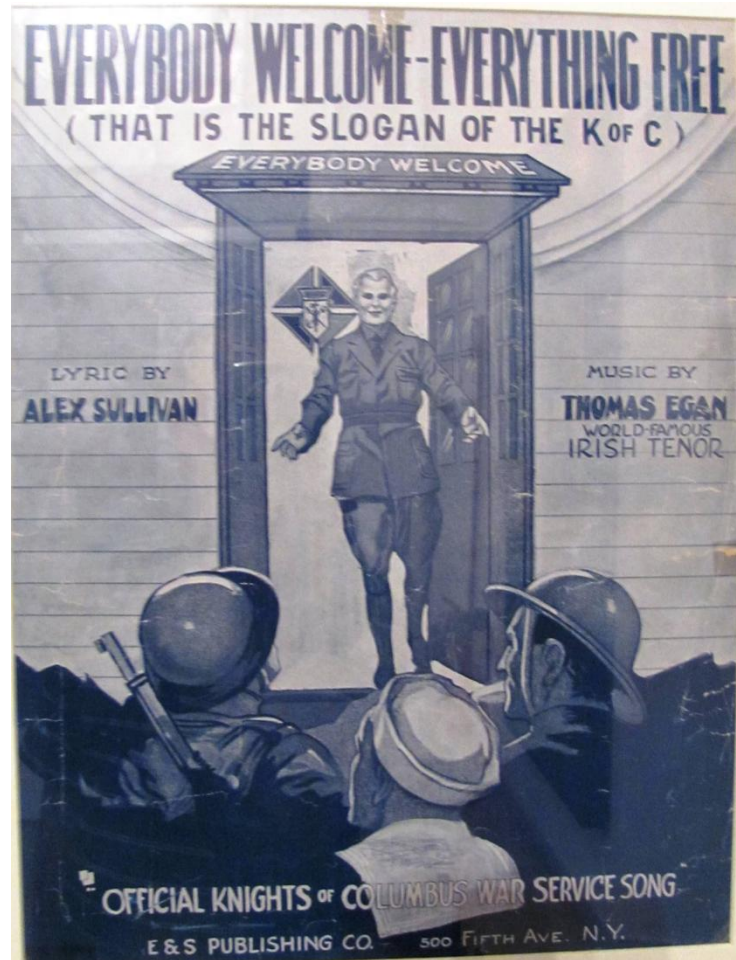
Viva Christo Rey!!!

Frank Carmona

Utah District Master

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CULTURE OF LIFE

PREGNANCY CENTER SUPPORT



RESOURCES

With aid from the Knights, pregnancy centers can offer support to help women choose life.

A Higher Purpose

Change hearts and minds about abortion by showing that the Knights of Columbus loves both mother and child before and after birth. Councils can provide material, financial, labor and other support to pro-life pregnancy centers that help women during pregnancy and following the birth of their newborn children.



Overview

More than 3,000 pro-life pregnancy centers now operate throughout territories of the Knights of Columbus. By the very nature of its founding, the Knights of Columbus is called to care for the widow and orphan. Abortion-vulnerable unborn children and mothers experiencing unexpected pregnancies certainly fall within that mandate. With aid from the Knights, pregnancy centers can offer support to help women choose life. Councils can “adopt” a pregnancy center and provide material, labor, and spiritual support throughout the year.

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*

AS YOU RETURN TO THE PEW

A seven- step guide for attending Mass after lockdown

By Gerald Korson 6/26/2020



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In many parts of the U.S. and Canada, churches had been closed due to the COVID-19 pandemic. But now, Masses are resuming in a limited fashion, with social-distancing guidelines implemented in various ways by dioceses and local parishes.

It's not the same as before. Attendance is restricted in some areas to a fraction of capacity. And, because elderly or immune-compromised parishioners are not able to risk public exposure, local bishops generally have temporarily suspended the obligation to attend Mass.

So seating is limited, the safety procedures are unusual, you might have to wear a face mask, and attendance isn't obligatory. What should you do, then? Here is your seven-step guide to navigating the return to Mass.

Step 1. Go to Mass anyway. If you normally attend Mass only because it's an obligation, then you're missing out. In the Mass, you can receive the Eucharist, the body and blood of Christ, with your fellow believers. There is no greater expression of the Body of Christ, the Communion of Saints. It's a privilege not to be taken lightly.

After weeks of watching Mass on television or social media, we might feel a certain hunger for the Eucharist. Let's offer prayers of thanksgiving that the Eucharist is available to us once again. Remember that the word "Eucharist" derives from a Greek word meaning "thanksgiving."

Naturally, if you have serious health reasons, then it might be prudent to wait on Mass a bit longer.

Step 2. Follow directions. Your local parish might require you enter through particular doors, wear a facemask, use hand sanitizer, or avoid congregating before and after Mass. You might find that ushers will escort you to your seats, as well as direct you when you may leave. Communion procedures might be in place, and the sign of peace will likely be dropped. There might be no congregational singing or instrumental music only.

Don't groan or roll your eyes. Relax. You might not get that favorite pew you want, and wearing a mask in church might seem a bit surreal. But why sweat the small stuff? You're used to being directed to a table at restaurants, and you'll practice similar social-distancing measures in any public building. The liturgy might seem a bit more somber, but let's face it: These are somber times.

So roll with it. Think of the many Catholics around the world over the centuries who have had to participate in Mass under difficult circumstances — on battlefields, in prison camps or in the catacombs, for example. By comparison, this is a piece of cake.

Step 3. Remember the collection. The pandemic and lockdown have hit churches hard. Even parishes that offer electronic giving options receive most of their weekly contributions through the collection basket. If you haven't kept up your giving in recent months and you have not taken a serious income hit yourself, it's time to catch up with your parish giving. In fact, consider putting in a little extra to help support the parish's mission.

Step 4. Avoid judging. Attendance might be smaller than you expect. You might notice some regulars missing. Don't assume they have grown lazy or lukewarm. Those who aren't at Mass might have legitimate reasons. Pray for them.

Step 5. Invite others to return. By the same token, when you meet or speak with other Catholics afterward, encourage them to return to Mass. Express joy that you've been able to do so yourself. You might help some overcome their fears that way.

Step 6. Get back to the box. There's more than just Mass awaiting your return. Confessions were hard to come by in many areas during the pandemic, often limited to special requests or creative drive-by opportunities, but scheduled times should resume soon. If you haven't been for a while, gather the family and get in line. Let's all thank God for the grace and forgiveness he offers us through the sacrament of penance.

Step 7. Gradually resume parish life. If all goes well, things should return to normal with time. Watch for service opportunities to open up further as parish ministries resume. As a Knight of Columbus, your council will likely be on the front lines in serving your parish and the larger community. You can be a part of that.

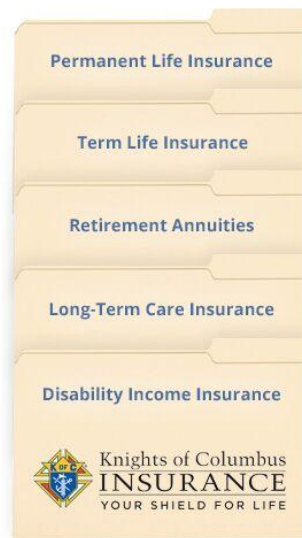
The "new normal" at Mass might seem inconvenient or uncomfortable at first, but it's a small act of charity we can offer for the protection of the most vulnerable members of our communities.

See you in church?

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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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