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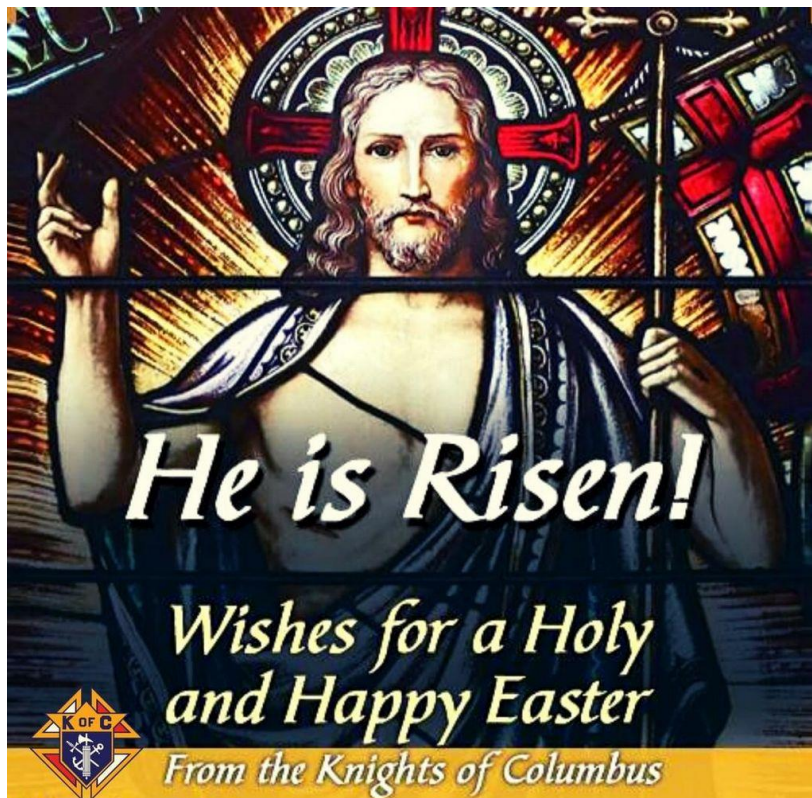
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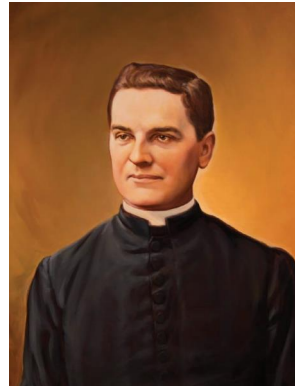
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Prayer for the Canonization of Blessed Michael McGivney

Founder of the Knights of Columbus

God, our Father, protector of the poor and defender of the widow and orphan, you called your priest, Blessed Michael 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 Blessed Michael 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.

Please report all favors received:
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Michael McGivney

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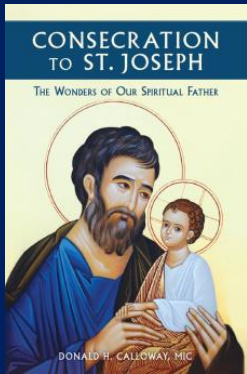
Join in Praying for Our Founder's Intercession

The faithful around the world are turning to Blessed Michael McGivney for their personal prayer petitions. Visit the [Father McGivney Guild website](#) where you'll find a list of the [latest favors received](#), as well as a form to [submit your own petitions](#).

Also, [click here](#) to download and pray a Litany of Blessed Michael McGivney.

Celebrate the Year of St. Joseph

Pope Francis declared 2021 as the Year of St. Joseph. As Knights we have an opportunity to reflect upon the life and example of Saint Joseph and seek to imitate his virtue as our Blessed founder did. We are happy to share resources to support brother Knights in this pursuit. Consider utilizing these resources throughout the Year of St. Joseph and especially in preparation for the Solemnity of St. Joseph on March 19 and the Feast of St. Joseph the Worker on May 1.



CONSECRATION TO ST. JOSEPH

To help men live out the joy of Christ, and to provide all members of the parish community with examples of virtue, prudence and fatherhood, knights are encouraged to lead their communities in a consecration to St. Joseph during this year of St. Joseph. By this act of consecration, we ask for the aid and intercession of the foster father of Jesus Christ, St. Joseph, who serves as a true model for every man. Preparing for the Consecration to St. Joseph is not a single event, it is choosing a way of life for oneself. Through this act, each participant consciously chooses to be a beacon of God's love, authentic masculinity, and to hold himself and his brothers to the standard established by St. Joseph, Chaste Protector of the Virgin, Defender of the Universal Church and Terror of Demons.

This consecration can be done by an individual, a family, a council, or an entire parish community. It is important to make spiritual preparations leading up to the consecration by learning more about St. Joseph and praying for his intercession regularly. The resources listed here can be used and adapted as needed to make a Consecration to St. Joseph this year.

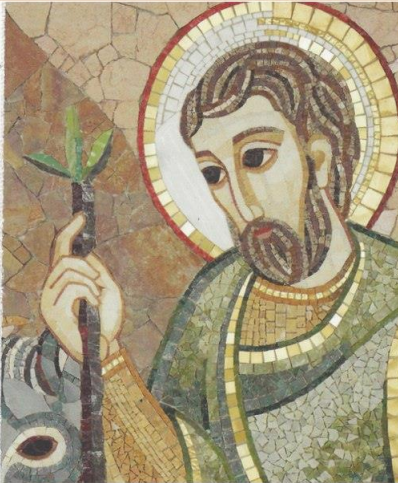
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Prayer to St. Joseph

Glorious Patriarch Saint Joseph, whose power makes the impossible possible, come to my aid in these times of anguish and difficulty. Take under your protection the serious and troubling situations that I commend to you, that they may have a happy outcome (*here make your request*). My beloved father, all my trust is in you. Let it not be said that I invoked you in vain, and since you can do everything with Jesus and Mary, show me that your goodness is as great as your power. Amen.

This prayer, from a 19th-century French prayer book, has been recited by Pope Francis every day for more than 40 years (cf. *Patris Cordae*, 103).



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From Father John Trambley

Go to Joseph.

If you read the book of Genesis, you will find the story of Joseph in Chapters 37 through 50. He was sold into slavery by his brothers. God turned this into something good. Joseph was able to interpret dreams and when he was able to interpret the dream of Pharaoh in Egypt, he entered into Pharaoh's service. Through Joseph, the entire world was saved from famine. When the people were hungry, they were told "Go to Joseph." (Genesis 41:55)

In the same way, our world today is filled with a hunger that only God can fill. The words "Go to Joseph" are still true today. Except now we are referring to St. Joseph, the Universal Patron of the Church. He protected the Holy Family and served with humility. In a connection with the Joseph of the book of Genesis, he was guided by dreams. When he was told what to do, he did it. Our Lord Jesus Christ "advanced in wisdom and age and favor before God and man" (Luke 2:52) while being obedient to Mary and Joseph. Finally, that the whole world might be saved, Jesus suffered his passion and death and rose again on the third day.

Consider the example of St. Joseph. He practiced "creative courage" in the words of Pope Francis in his Apostolic Letter *Patris Corde*. Consider the night Jesus was born. There was no room in the inn. St. Joseph made a home out of a stable. Consider the flight to Egypt to save his son from Herod. He had to learn a new language, new customs, find a new job, and make a home and provide for his family in a strange land. This took creative courage.

What should be done when facing difficulties at work or at home or in the Church today? Go to Joseph. We need men with creative courage who are willing to be guided by God. It is true that not all of us are given the gift of dreams or interpretation of dreams, but we can all pray and ask our patron to intercede for us.

Father John Trambley

Father Trambley is the Director of Vocations for the Archdiocese of Santa Fe, President of St. Pius High School in Albuquerque. District Friar New Mexico and Faithful Friar, A.M. Mandalari Assembly 0682, Albuquerque

New Supreme Officers Elected

The Board of Directors has elected Paul O’Sullivan as Deputy Supreme Knight and Patrick Mason as Supreme Secretary.



The Knights of Columbus Board of Directors has elected Paul G. O’Sullivan as Deputy Supreme Knight, and Patrick T. Mason as Supreme Secretary.

Deputy Supreme Knight Paul G. O’Sullivan was elected to the Board of Directors in 2020, after serving as State Deputy of Massachusetts (2016-2018). A member of the Order since 1974, Paul has extensive fraternal experience through his leadership of Foxboro Council 6063, activity in the Fourth Degree and service to the Massachusetts State Council as New Council Development Director and Membership Director. Professionally, Paul has enjoyed a successful career in the insurance industry, having worked at Liberty Mutual and most recently as in-house counsel at AIG where he managed complex national litigation throughout the United States for AIG’s international and Fortune 500 clients, prior to his recent retirement. Paul earned degrees from Northeastern University and Suffolk Law School. Paul and his wife, Susan, are the parents of two adult children.



Supreme Secretary Patrick T. Mason was elected to the Board of Directors in 2017, after serving as State Deputy of New Mexico (2016-2018). Patrick joined the Supreme Council staff in September 2020 as an Assistant Supreme Secretary. He is a member of the Osage Nation, a Midwestern Native American tribe of the Great Plains. Prior to his work at the Supreme Council, Patrick worked full-time as a partner at the law firm of Mason & Isaacson, and represented the Little Sisters of the Poor, the Missionaries of Charity, the Diocese of Gallup and the Navajo Nation. Patrick earned degrees from Thomas Aquinas College and the University of New Mexico School of Law. Patrick and his wife, Rachel, are the parents of five young children and recently moved to Connecticut from Gallup, New Mexico.

In addition, Supreme Knight Patrick Kelly announced that he named Anthony V. Minopoli as Chief Operating Officer. Tony joined the Supreme Council staff as Senior Vice President in 2005 and has led the Investment Department since 2007. In 2015, he was promoted to Executive Vice President & Chief Investment Officer and, in 2018, he was elected to the Board of Directors. Tony will remain President of Knights of Columbus Asset Advisors and, as Chief Operating Officer will also assume executive oversight of Insurance Operations.

Also, Supreme Knight Kelly has asked Jack Kennedy, Executive Vice President & Chief Financial Officer, to assume executive oversight of the Actuarial Department, in addition to his current responsibilities for the Accounting, Finance, Information Technology, Audit and Risk departments.

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

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/Art. Fattorus.

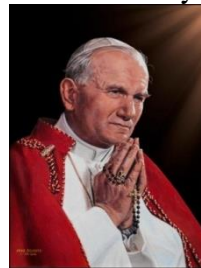
O Mary,
you always brighten our path
as a sign of salvation and of hope.
We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick,
who, at the Cross, took part in Jesus' pain
while remaining steadfast in faith.
O loving Mother,
you know what we need,
and we are confident you will provide for us
as at Cana in 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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Sir Knights,

I hope and pray that you and your families are doing well during these difficult times. The end seems to be a little closer as we pray to end this pandemic. Please find below the updated Star Assembly requirements from Supreme.

2020-2021 Revised Requirements: The Membership quota for the Star Assembly Award has been reduced by 20%.

- * Publish a monthly Assembly Newsletter or Bulletin
- * Submit report of Assembly Officers Chosen for the term #186 – Due 7/1
- * Submit Annual Assembly Audit Report #1315 - Due 8/1
- * Submit Annual Survey of Fraternal Activity #1728 - Due 1/31
- * Earn the Fourth Degree Civic Award - The Civic Award application #2321 is due to Supreme no later than June 30.
- * Enter the “To Be A Patriot” competition - Due 4/30
- * Meet the assembly new member goal of 7%

If you know your current quota, take that number, and multiply by 0.80. This is your adjusted membership goal. If you do not know your current quota contact your District Master.

To Be A Patriot Award:

Established in 1985 is due to the District Master by April 30. The Assembly must submit a report on their single best patriotic activity on form #TBP-2.

The Fraternal Year is flying by and let’s finish the year strong in programs and membership. Distribute the newsletter to all your assembly and council members. They can read what good programs the Province is doing for the Patriotic Degree of the Order of the Knights of Columbus. May our Lady of Guadalupe watch over us.

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SIR KNIGHT EARL G. DEPNER



Born on November 12th, 1917 on the homestead outside of Edgar, Montana, Earl recently celebrated his 103rd birthday. Just before he turned 20, he joined the Knights of Columbus in October of 1937. As an active Honorary Life Member of the Knights of Columbus in St Peter Council 11514, he helped with spaghetti dinners and pancake breakfasts well into his 80's.

He served in the United States Army Air Corps during World War II. Earl is from Billings, Montana and named his aircraft (it could be done in those days) the *Billings Belle*. He flew the P-47 and P-51 in combat, was shot down by a German Messerschmitt BF-109, jumped out of the aircraft and hit the tail, but when the parachute opened the jolt knocked him unconscious.

He was near friendly lines and was found by some US troops. Later on, he was able to shoot down a Focke-Wulf FW 190, but his wingman saw the pilot escape. Earl flew some of our first jets, but not in combat. He also served as a flight instructor during the Korean War and flew one last reconnaissance mission in a T-6 trainer. Until he was 85, he would get on his Honda motorcycle and ride around the area. Once when he was 77, he rode up to Montana to visit his mother who passed away a few years later at just short of 103.

Earl was the devoted caregiver for his wife Rosanna who had Parkinson's disease until she passed away 7 days after his mother. He attended daily Mass until about three years ago. Often after Mass he could be seen enjoying a leisurely breakfast at Monument's Coffee Cup Restaurant.

Earl currently resides at the Jackson Creek Senior Living Center in Monument, CO.



Earl Depner reads the certificate from Pope Francis extending wishes for a Blessed 100th birthday. As it was presented by Grand Knight Dave McCloy, he joked with Earl and said there was a post-script stating that Earl's time in Purgatory was forgiven.

Faithful Navigator speaks of Earl Deepener and welcomes him to the 4th Degree



One of my fondest memories of Brother Sir Knight Earl Deepener follows just after he and my parents attended a morning mass together. My parents and I went to the Coffee-Cup for breakfast, and I noticed Earl sitting by himself in the corner. I recognized him from Mass and suggested to my folks that we invite him over to join us. While I don't remember the exact conversation, I do remember how jubilant he was when he spoke and gave me this warm impression that this was a man who treated every moment of living as the greatest gift he'll ever receive. Even at his age, he was someone content with himself, how he lives life, how his faith guided him ... and it's my solemn hope for my Brother Knights (for everyone) ... to not only live as long, but to be as content with themselves as he was.

That's the beauty of being a Catholic, as I believe it's our faith, our experiences, our choices, and our connections we've shared through the years that keeps our lives filled with the same wholesome sense of content Earl conveyed both to me, and everyone else he's met on his journey. If there's any one thing I feel we can take away from Earl, it's a reminder of how to live each day to the fullest and treat each moment like a gift from our spiritual father. That's how he lives his life, and I believe he is an exemplary example of a Catholic gentlemen and role model of his brother Knights.

When a member of St Peter Council heard that Earl was advancing to the Fourth Degree, he was inspired to do the same and advanced to the Fourth Degree on the same day that Earl did. Sir Knight Earl you are a true leader, on behalf of the members of Rev. Fr. Robert K Kekeisen Assembly 2594 welcome to the Fourth Degree.

You are an inspiration to us all!



Fraternally,

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New Mexico Master CJ Deeley

Sir Knights,

Good Day to you All!

**HAPPY EASTER! JESUS CHRIST IS RISEN! HALLELUJAH!
HALLELUJAH!**

April starts with the Triduum. According to the National Catholic Register: “the Easter triduum begins with the evening Mass of the Lord's Supper, reaches its high point in the Easter Vigil, and closes with evening prayer on Easter Sunday. This means that Triduum thus runs from the evening of Holy Thursday to the evening of Easter Sunday.” <https://www.ncregister.com/blog/6-things-you-need-to-know-about-triduum>

This is the beginning of the Catholic Liturgical Year. We will then be blessed to enjoy Easter until Pentecost Sunday on May 23rd.

Please take time to read up on our rich Catholic history either at the links above or catholic websites or books of your choosing.

Look into supporting our Priests and Church during the Triduum and throughout Easter! This is a great time to support our Parishes by getting Knights involved, where we are able.

Our March 6th Exemplification had a 40 new Sir Knights get Exemplified! We also had 9 from Colorado and 1 from Arizona participate. Congratulations new Sir Knights! Also, a huge thank you to all the Sir Knights that assisted throughout the State. From the Sir Knights in the local areas that helped candidates view, to the Exemplification team that reads the script to the Sir Knights behind the scenes. Without you all volunteering your time, we would not have had a great Exemplification! I also want to thank Lamy Hall Columbus Club in Albuquerque. The Club members without question have hosted all of the Exemplifications during COVID. Lastly, Thank you to our District Friar, Fr. John Trambley, our Worthy State Deputy Daniel Vigil and our Worthy Vice Supreme Master Richard Espinosa and the District Masters from Arizona, Colorado, and Utah. Thank you for your participation and support.

However, we are still in need of new Brother Knights and Sir Knights. Help the order grow with new Brother Knights and If there are 3rd Degree eligible Brothers interested, please work with your Council Financial Secretary's and Faithful Navigator's to fill out the Form 4's properly and contact me, our Program/Membership Director Rudy Archibeque or our District Marshals so we can get you registered for the next Exemplification!

We have three months left of the Fraternal year, as a reminder please complete your Paperwork for your Assembly's Civic Award, Star Assembly. Observe the timelines and get your awards in so we can review and pass on to our WVSM. Also, complete the IRS Tax Form 990-N. This allows the Assembly to keep Bonded and maintain its IRS Tax ID or EIN Number which is vital for your Assembly to function properly. It is the same requirement that our Councils have to do. If you have any questions, please reference the Online Reference in the KofC.org Member Management section or contact me or any of the District Marshals for help. Please take the time to complete your Assembly's Paperwork!

For April, consider working with your priests and have Corporate Communion during the weeks of Easter. Also, there will be a District Wide Meeting on Saturday, April 17th. This will be a meeting that I humbly ask the Faithful Navigators, at least from all New Mexico Assemblies to participate in virtually or live, pending the restrictions. There will be more information coming out for this specific meeting. There is work being done with the other District's in the Province to conduct a Provincial Exemplification in the near future. More to follow.

For May, please support your Councils and the upcoming NM KofC State Convention. WSD Daniel Vigil and the State Officers have done great work with maneuvering through all the restrictions placed on organizations, like ours, and still was able to succeed for us. Again, look to reinvigorate Brothers that have fallen away and recruit new Catholic Gentlemen that can be our Brothers in Christ!

I continue to encourage contact with our fellow Brother Knights through phone calls and emails to check up on each other. If able, offer to help more vulnerable Brothers and Parishioners with support such as grocery shopping and running errands for them. Let's help one another, where we can! Meanwhile, continue to support Council and Assembly activities such as: online prayer groups, meetings, drive thru can drives, supporting veterans...etc. If you are having trouble conducting Assembly meetings, please contact me or one of our District Marshals to help overcome that challenge. Thank you for all your time and talents which help your Parishes, Priests, Assemblies and Councils thrive! If Assemblies have any inputs to this newsletter, please work with the District Marshals or me and it will be added.

Keep praying the Rosary for our Families, our Faith and our Country!

Vivat Jesus! Viva Cristo Rey!

CJ

Clinton Deeley

District Master of the Fourth Degree-NM

On Saturday, March 6, 2021, a Fourth Degree Exemplification was held at Archbishop Lamy Council 4227 in Albuquerque, New Mexico. Forty new Knights made their Fourth Degree. Our WDM Clinton Deeley and his team conducted a virtual Exemplification. Men from Colorado, Arizona and New Mexico participated. WWSM Richard Espinosa , WPDM Leo Pilat, Father John Trambley and other honored guests were present. We were honored to have three men Knighted at this ceremony from the Albuquerque area. Kevin E. George was one of them, and will be joining Fr. A. M. Mandalari Assembly, which I am the Faithful Navigator.

I want to thank Sir Knight Frank Melo for his technical support, Sir Knight Anthony Salazar and Rudy Archibeque for their help in putting this together and making it so successful.

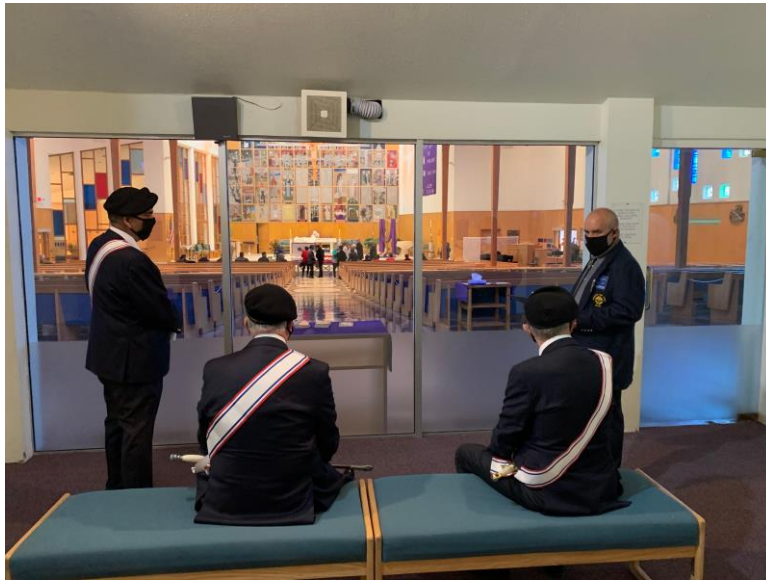


Marshal Central NM Chuck R. DuBois, Rudy Archibeque, Father John Trambley, MFD Clint Deeley, VSM Richard Espinosa.)



MFD Clint Deeley and Sir Knight Kevin E. Georges ,Master CJ Deeley, Vice Supreme Master Richard Espinosa, SK Roy, SK Clemente Garcia

A Honor Guard was present at the Rosary of Brother Sam Sandoval at Our Lady of Assumption Catholic Church, Albuquerque on March 12, 2021.
May you rest in peace Brother Sam.
Vivat Jesu!



Viva Cristo Rey!

Chuck R. DuBois
District Marshal Central NM

March 6, 2021 was a memorable day for Eastern New Mexico Fr. Boniface Edward Sack Assembly 1686, and Council 9504. Sir Knights of Council 9504 hosted a Virtual Fourth Degree Exemplification at the Cannon Air Force Base St. Francis of Assisi Chapel Hall via computer and projector streamed live from New Mexico District Marshal of the Fourth Degree Clinton "CJ" Deeley.

Congratulations with Blessings on their advancement to the Patriotic Degree to our new Sir Knights; Cody Winkler, James Dupuy, John Campion, and Jose Chavira. With faith and hope, I believe that from this small number of candidates we will continue to expand.

For making this Virtual Knighting Exemplification a success, my sincere thanks for providing audio/video and technical expertise to; Worthy Faithful Pilot Pat Schneider, to SK Matthew Hinton, NCOIC Religious Affairs, and for their loyalty and willingness to show true pride in regalia participating were Worthy Color Corps Commander Christopher Hill, and Worthy Faithful Captain Eric Kirby.



Lady Chris and I wish all our Brother Knights and family a safe and Happy Easter may you be Blessed with Happiness during this most Holy Day and coming year.

Viva Cristo Rey!

Ed Martinez
District Marshal Eastern NM

Knights of Columbus Patriotic Degree – Providing Funeral Honors for Fellow Knights

New Mexico Sir Knights, I bid you blessings and greetings from Central New Mexico. A situation presented itself recently which I believe merits discussion. In late February, Brother Knight Al Thomas of Council 10835, Tomas Tenorio, in Moriarty, was taken home to our Lord with his passing. As a part of his funeral, his family asked for funeral honors to be provided to their deceased relative. The Council's Grand Knight, SK David Anderson, asked whether it would be possible to have some 4th Degree Sir Knights support the funeral. Note that Br. Al was not a 4th Degree Knight. I will tell you that the Sir Knights emphatically supported it and our Honor Guard included a Sir Knight from as far away as the west side of Albuquerque (nearly a 50 min drive away from Moriarty); thank you PFN Kevin Stamber for joining us.

So, to help clarify this issue, I am passing along the guidance from the *Fourth Degree Color Corps Drill Manual*:

Without exception, honors by the Honor Guard shall be offered to deceased Sir Knights, their immediate family members, Council members and to their immediate family members provided a request is made.

It must be distinctly understood that the wishes of the family of the deceased member are paramount and will be given the fullest consideration as to the selection of elements of the Honor Guard involved, if any.

Often, we are not asked to provide support at a funeral of a knight who is not a 4th Degree Sir Knight. However, I will relay that the honors we provided to Br. Al Thomas at his funeral were not only appropriate but also left a positive visual impact on the family and the attendees at the church reflecting active Catholic citizenship and fostering the spirit of charity, unity, fraternity, and patriotism. It was an blessing to provide honor to our fallen brother and respond to the wishes of his family during their time of mourning.

My fellow Sir Knights let us continue to be the strong right arm and visible presence of the Knights of Columbus! The restrictions and inability to gather as one family in Christ have been a suffering for all of us – let us embrace the loosening of these restrictions and safely gather to honor those who have fallen knights, whether they be 4th Degree members, council members or immediate family members.

Viva Cristo Rey!

Geoff Bacon
District Marshal Central NM

**Our Lady of Sorrows Parish, Bernalillo, NM
Father Manuel Alvarez Assembly 3346
Bernalillo High School Homecoming Game**



Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish, Taos NM Santiago Assembly 3560 Taos Tiger Volleyball



From Steve Budenski VAVS (Volunteer Administration Veteran Support) Representative - VA Hospital, Albuquerque, NM.

VAVS article for April

Worthy Sirs and Brothers,

Any veterans with 180 days of continued active-duty service who are registered at Albuquerque VA Hospital or wants to register there can by calling Local VA clinic 505-265-1711 ext 2910, 2912, 3915 or 3016. These extensions are for Covid-19 shots.

These are excerpts from this month DAV website and magazine. Whether the result of concerns for the health and well-being of family and friends, financial difficulties in the face of a national economic downturn, or the personal and professional adjustments brought on by social distancing amid the COVID-19 pandemic, many Americans are likely ready to put the memories of 2020 in their rearview.

The most common emotion described by veterans who've had their property damaged to such an extent is their sense of helplessness afterwards but that's exactly why DAV program exists—to give them some help and some hope when they need it most.

When unexpectedly losing their personal property and possessions to the destructive power of Mother Nature. That is when the DAV Disaster Relief Program stepped in to provide assistance to veterans and their families in need.

DAV established a COVID-19 Unemployment Relief Fund last April to provide financial aid to service-connected disabled veterans who lost employment or income in the wake of the virus's outbreak.

The money that DAV gave me helped me put food on the table for five weeks and was instrumental in allowing me to figure out what to do. The DAV funds more than \$2 million in COVID-19 unemployment relief was distributed.

“Between the permanent Disaster Relief Program and the temporary COVID-19 relief, 2020 was a record-setting year for DAV providing relief and assistance to veterans and their families in a time of need,” said Trimarchi. “But we don't look at it in terms of how much money we distributed—we look at it in terms of helping nearly 9,000 veterans and their families reclaim a sense of control and get something back during dark and difficult times.”

“DAV is an organization of veterans serving veterans, and we've been that way since we were established 100 years ago,” said Trimarchi. “And if our brothers- and sisters-in-arms are in a dark situation, we're going to do everything we can to be the light at the end of the tunnel.”

Arvizu said, “Our nation was in need of volunteers for faithful service to the country I love so much.” A DAV job fair presented the opportunities Arvizu had been seeking. behavioral health technician for Air Education and Training Command. And he wants them to know that DAV provides an efficient and productive way to find that next great job.

Air Force veteran Kristopher Miller, who lost his job and had another fall through because of COVID-19. “I now have a new job, and I can say I am very, very grateful to have the help from DAV.”

Gulf War veterans still facing hardships linked to service below are a few in their own words(excerpts)

The Gulf War veterans are still fighting for their health and well-being 30 years later. “When you're a much younger person, you might be able to withstand it,” said Hall. “But as we've always said to other people with disabilities themselves, like a knee injury, it might not bother you today, but when you're 55, it's going to bother you differently.” Thirty years seems like it was yesterday.

I never got married, because I don't feel like I should be loved,” said Weston

January 1991 while serving in Saudi Arabia in support of Desert Shield and Desert Storm Commander Delphine Metcalf-Foster was injured in She retired from the Army Reserve with the rank of first sergeant in 1996. Past National Commander Delphine Metcalf-Foster—who served in Saudi Arabia in support of Desert Shield and Desert Storm with the Grave Registration Company—said she often reflects on how her experience affects her daily life, even after three decades. The mental toll of facing the unknown reminds them—and myself—of what we had to endure then. It was really devastating.

Lessons from the past—in particular, the long-term effects of Agent Orange—more quickly informed action to create the VA Persian Gulf War Health Examination Registry, authorized in November 1992, and the Airborne Hazards and Open Burn Pit Registry, in 2014, to evaluate the health problems and unexplained illnesses that may be caused by exposure to toxins.

Thanks to DAV, the new year is filled with hope for our nation’s veterans. I’m so excited to see the progress we continue to make — and the lives we’re able to help change — together.

Information from online VA News National Office.

Placing a service claim using civilian doctors are acceptable by different means below: VA accepts any evidence that a Veteran or his/her accredited representative chooses to submit in support of a claim. Once all evidence is received, VBA claims processors review and weigh the evidence overall as part of the decision-making process. Veterans may submit private treatment records or request that VBA obtain those records on their behalf in support of their claims. Key methods that private medical records can be submitted are as follows: 1) Veteran/Private treatment provider can send medical records directly to the **Department of Veterans Affairs**

Claims Intake Center, P.O. Box 4444, Janesville, WI., 53547-4444 or submit to [VA regional office.](#)

How to start or continue a claim: 1) File a claim online at <https://www.va.gov/disability/how-to-file-claim/> or <https://www.ebenefits.va.gov/> 2) Fax a claim to VA’s Centralized Mail hub at (844) 531-7818 3) Submit completed applications by paper mail 4) For individuals who need more assistance, VBA offers robust resources through the National Call Center (NCC) at 1-800-827-1000. 5) **Intent to file a claim:**

- Faxing or mailing a completed [VA Form 21-0966, Intent to File a Claim for Compensation and/or Pension, or Survivors Pension and/or DIC,](#)
 - Calling the NCC or Veterans Service Center,
 - Starting a claim online, or
 - Asking a Veterans Service Organization (VSO) to complete one on a claimant’s behalf.

Note: Intent to file a claim will preserve a potential effective date and allow the Veteran up to one year to submit a completed claim form. Veterans can also work with a local VSO to submit claims electronically or by mail.

A grateful nation thanks you for your service.

Sincerely, Veterans Benefits Administration

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Commentary on “COLUMBUS and the CRISIS of the WEST by Robert Royal”

I am sure WE are on the list. They are coming for us. The Cancel Culture is out to completely destroy history for our youth with cliches, myths and inuendo about the history from the early Greeks and Romans to 50 years ago. Our organization is tied to the great explorer Christopher Columbus. He is the problem if you accept accounts like the 1619 project.

I picked up my grandson from Middle school and he was all excited to tell me about the *REAL* Christopher Columbus. He was brutal leader who tortured, disfigured, and cut the noses off his sailors, natives in the Americas and anyone else who opposed him.

I am a scientist by training and schooling. However, I have secondary love for History, Theology and Philosophy. When confronted with this perplexing comment from a 15-year-old, I questioned, what has he been taught, what should I do about it, can this be remedied in some way. I was schooled in small catholic school in Southeastern Nebraska by the Sister of Charity. My history lessons were 180 degrees different than what must be being taught. My answer came in a Council meeting. Our GK, Paul Buckley had copies of a book: COLUMBUS and the CRISIS of the WEST by Robert Royal¹.

This book provided a clear and concise examination of how history has and is being manipulated starting from 1492. Within the 7 chapters of the book Dr Royal explores Myths and Anti-Myths, Columbus (as an individual (El Almirante), Discussions of writing by those who knew Columbus, portions of the 1619 project (and how it has morphed over time), his last will, the state of Europe in the 1500's the then state of the Muslim empire, indigenous peoples of the Americas, and Western Civilization.

In his chapter, What Is Western Civilization he touches on the point knowing our history (or being bound to repeat it.). He states: “*Only the decline in the serious study of the past has allowed critics to make public claims that this complex history... (of Western Civilization) ... may be reduced to an organized conspiracy of “white” men engaged in protecting their own interests*”

In the final chapter, The Europe That Gave Us Columbus, there a great observation of plutonic Switzerland inventing cuckoo clocks and the adventure of the exploration of the world beginning the 15th century leading us to learn to live in global communities “learning how to treat one another and the planet”.

A read of this book provides the reader with the background to conduct a lucid and factual discussion about the Discoverer of the Americas and the real history behind it.

¹ Robert Royal is the founder and president of the Faith& Reason Institute in Washington D.C. and the editoe in Chief of The Catholic Thing (www.thecatholicdcthing.org). Royal holds and B.A. and M.A. from Brown University and a Ph.D. from the Catholic University of America.



A Prayer for Our Country

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O Most Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of Mercy, at this most critical time, we entrust the United States of America to your loving care.

Most Holy Mother, we beg you to reclaim this land for the glory of your Son. Overwhelmed with the burden of the sins of our nation, we cry to you from the depths of our hearts and seek refuge in your motherly protection.

Look down with mercy upon us and touch the hearts of our people. Open our minds to the great worth of human life and to the responsibilities that accompany human freedom.

Free us from the falsehoods that lead to the evil of abortion and threaten the sanctity of family life. Grant our country the wisdom to proclaim that God's law is the foundation on which this nation was founded, and that He alone is the True Source of our cherished rights to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness.

O Merciful Mother, give us the courage to reject the culture of death and the strength to build a new Culture of Life. *Amen.*



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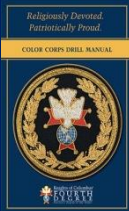
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Star Assembly Award

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.

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
- Meet the assembly new member goal of 7%
- Submit the *Report of Officers* — # 186 (due July 1)
- Submit the *Annual Survey of Fraternal Activity* — #1728 (due January 31)
- Submit the *Annual Assembly Audit Report* — #1315 (due June 30)
- Publish a monthly newsletter or bulletin for assembly members

Civic Award

The Civic Award is a tribute to the spirit of patriotism and national pride exemplified by the assembly's program of activities.



In order to qualify, the assembly must conduct and report at least four varied patriotic programs held within the fraternal year.

The application for the *Civic Award* (#2321) must be received by the Supreme Office no later than June 30.

To Be A Patriot Award

Established in 1985, the "To Be A Patriot" Award annually recognizes the three best patriotic programs conducted by Fourth Degree Assemblies each fraternal year.

The assembly must submit a report on their single best patriotic activity on form #TBP-2 and send it directly to the Master by April 30. Entries are judged at the district, provincial and international levels.



STAR ASSEMBLY AWARD CHECKLIST

- Report of Officers**
Form #186 (due July 1)
- Annual Survey of Fraternal Activity**
Form 1728 (due January 31)
- Annual Assembly Audit Report**
Form 1315 (due June 30)
- Earn the Fourth Degree Civic Award**
Form 2321 (due June 30)

Our four varied Patriotic Programs			
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- Enter the "To Be A Patriot" Competition**
Form TBP-2 (due April 30)

Our Best Patriotic Program _____

- Meet the Assembly New Member Goal of 7%. Our Quota:**

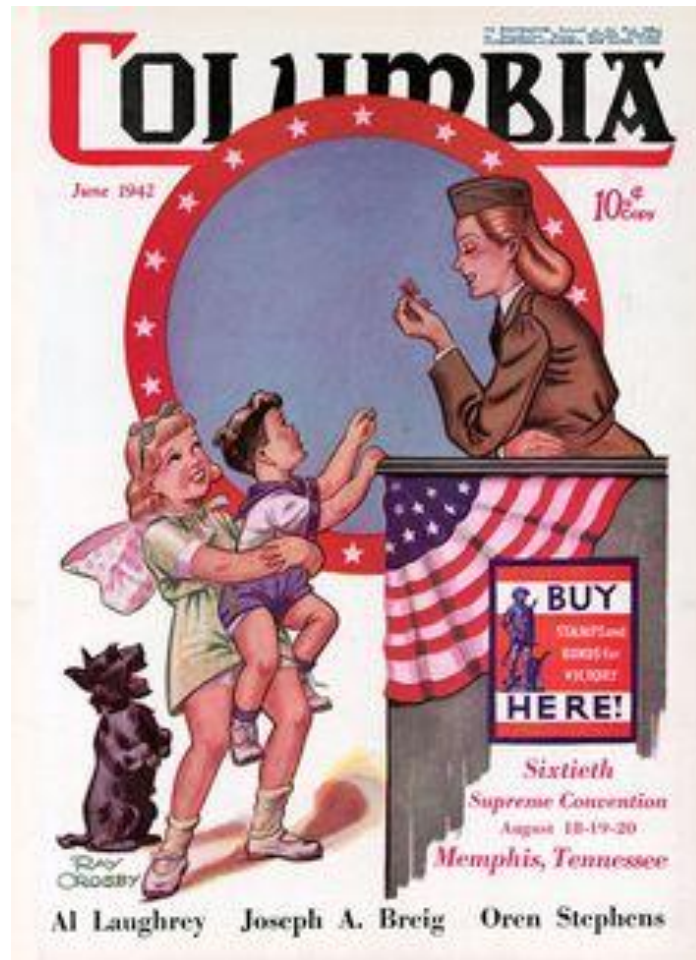
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Gains:												
Losses:												

- Publish Monthly Newsletter or Bulletin for Assembly Members**



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From the Archives



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

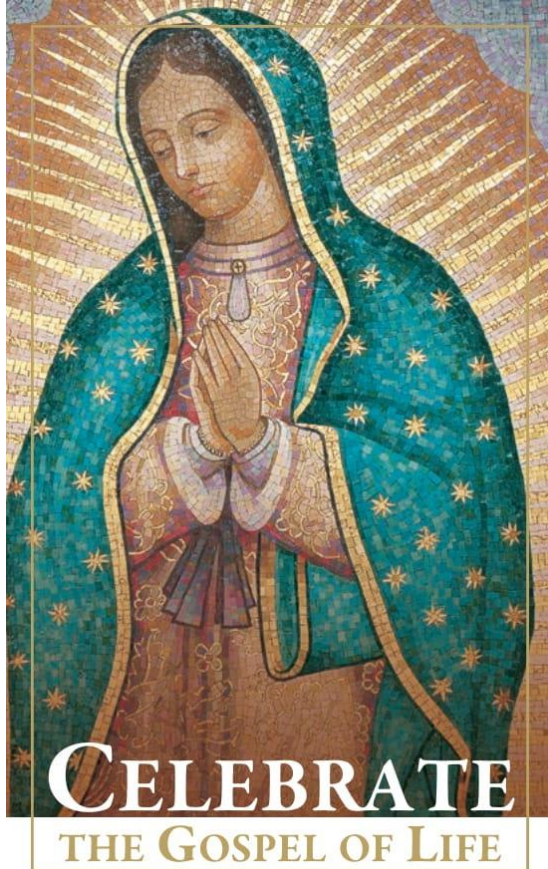
You guys will miss my whole
life And I will to....

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



Celebrate the Gospel of Life

O Mary,
bright dawn of the new world,
Mother of the living,
to you do we entrust the cause of life:
Look down, O Mother,
upon the vast numbers
of babies not allowed to be born,
of the poor whose lives are made difficult,
of men and women
who are victims of brutal violence,
of the elderly and the sick killed
by indifference or out of misguided mercy.
Grant that all who believe in your Son
may proclaim *the Gospel of life*
with honesty and love
to the people of our time.
Obtain for them the grace
to *accept that Gospel*
as a gift ever new,
the joy of celebrating it with gratitude
throughout their lives
and the courage to bear witness to it
resolutely, in order to build,
together with all people of good will,
the civilization of truth and love,
to the praise and glory of God,
the Creator and lover of life.

Joannes Paulus PP. II
— *Evangelium Vitae*

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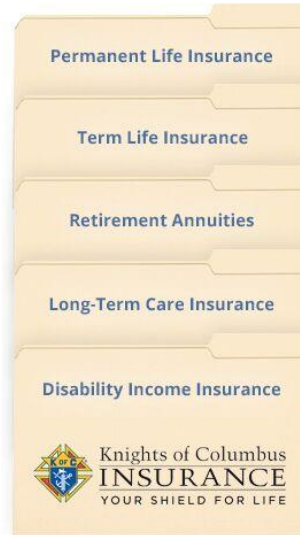
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Knights' Prayer



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.

http://www.kofc11768.org/?page_id=19



Prayer for the Canonization of Blessed Michael McGivney

Founder of the Knights of Columbus

God, our Father, protector of the poor and defender of the widow and orphan, you called your priest, Blessed Michael 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 Blessed Michael 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.

Please report all favors received:

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SAINT MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL,
DEFEND US IN BATTLE.
BE OUR PROTECTION AGAINST
THE WICKEDNESS AND
SNARES OF THE DEVIL.

MAY GOD REBUKE HIM
WE HUMBLY PRAY;
AND DO THOU, O PRINCE
OF THE HEAVENLY HOST,
BY THE POWER OF GOD,
CAST INTO HELL SATAN
AND ALL THE EVIL SPIRITS,
WHO PROWL THROUGH THE
WORLD SEEKING THE
RUIN OF SOULS. AMEN.



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