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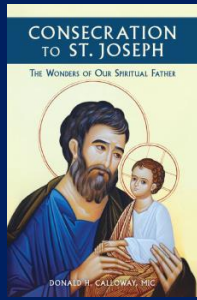
October

*Month of the
Holy Rosary*



"Carry it always and pray it as often as you can"





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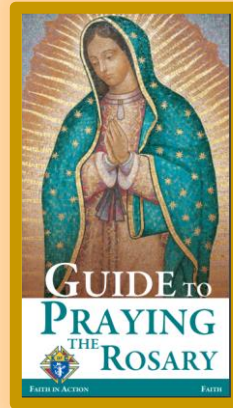
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5 REASONS WHY YOU SHOULD PRAY THE ROSARY

by Andrew Fowler

October has many traditions. There's post-season baseball, tailgating at football games, apple picking and, of course, Halloween. But most importantly, there is the Rosary.

As **decreed** by Pope Leo XIII, October is the Month of the Rosary. For Knights of Columbus, this has a special significance. When a man joins our Order, he receives a Knights of Columbus rosary – at 1.9 million members, that's a lot of rosaries. And praying the rosary is an activity that our members do communally as part of council life.

According to Catholic traditions, St. Dominic was given the rosary by the Blessed Virgin Mary in 1214 in the Monastery of Prouille.

Since then, it has become one of the Catholic Church's powerful tools of prayer. But why pray the Rosary? Here are 5 of them. One for every decade.

1) The Blessed Mother gave us 15 Promises if we prayed the rosary

Alanus de Rupe, a 15th century Dominican preacher, claimed that he was visited by the Blessed Virgin Mary, who gave **15 promises** to Christians who prayed the rosary, including the Blessed Mother's special protection and greatest graces, the light of God, a powerful armor against Hell, as well as dominance over misfortune.

2) To obtain world peace

"Continue praying the rosary every day in honor of Our Lady of the Rosary, in order to obtain peace for the world and the end of the war, because only She can help you." This is what **Our Lady of Fatima said** to three children, Lucia dos Santos and her cousins Francisco and Jacinta Marto in June 1917.

The Blessed Mother visited the children in Fatima, Portugal from May 13, 1917 to October 13, 1917 a period that culminated in the Miracle of the Sun, otherwise known as, "The Day the Sun Danced."

3) Time to reflect on the Gospel mysteries

The rosary consists of the Apostle's Creed, the Hail Mary, the Our Father, the Glory Be, along with other prayers. However, in between each decade, we are invited to reflect on the [Mysteries of the Gospel](#): Joyful, Sorrowful, Glorious, and Luminous.

In these mysteries, we rediscover, examine, and ponder the stories from the Gospel, and discover the real meaning of those events in the silence of our hearts.

4) Spiritual healing

And speaking of silence, another purpose of praying the rosary is to allow the repetition of the prayers enter into the silence of our hearts, where Christ's spirit dwells.

It is in that silence, we become more connected with the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

Not only that, but Jesus [reveals to us](#) that "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind."

But to do so, we must make time for Him. The rosary is the perfect way to make time to connect with God, and for spiritual healing. Take 15 minutes a day to be one with Him.

5) Prayer works!

The power of prayer is unspeakable. The answer to every prayer is a miracle, in and of itself. It is our lifeline to Him, to our souls, and to each other.

But the reason why October is the Month of the Holy Rosary is due to the power of prayer.

In 1571, Pope St. Pius V organized a group of Christian forces, known as the Holy League, in defense of an imminent invasion by the Ottoman Empire. Before a battle with the Ottoman fleet in the Gulf of Patras, in the Ionian Sea, the pope called on all of Europe to pray the rosary for victory. These prayers was answered, with the Holy League defeating the much larger Ottoman forces on October 7 at the battle of Lepanto.

To commemorate the victory, Pius V established the feast day of "Our Lady of Victory" – also known as Our Lady of the Rosary.

Hundreds of years after the battle of Lepanto, Pope Francis is now [calling](#) all Catholics this month to pray the rosary daily to "protect the Church from the devil, who always seeks to separate us from God and from each other."

So, in solidarity, let us pray to our most gracious advocate, the Blessed Mother, for peace throughout the world, and within our souls. It only takes 15 minutes.

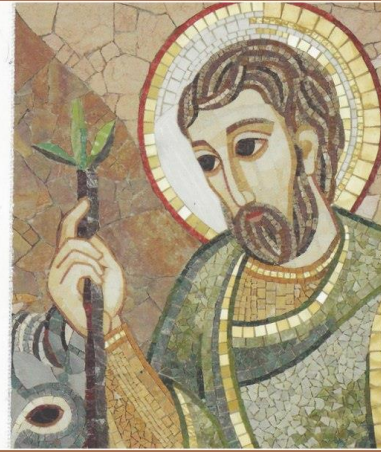
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Prayer to St. Joseph

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. *Petrus Corde*, 196).



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.

[Preparing for Consecration to St. Joseph](#)

[St. Joseph Prayer Card](#)

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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:

The Father McGivney Guild
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www.fathermcgivney.org

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Blessed
Michael McGivney

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Join in Praying for Our Founder's Intercession

People around the world are turning to Blessed Michael McGivney for their personal prayer petitions. Visit the [Father McGivney 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.

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Vice Supreme Masters
District Masters

From: Dennis J. Stoddard
Supreme Master

RE: Military Chaplain Scholarship Fund

Date: September 16, 2021

At the September 10-12, 2021, Supreme Assembly Meeting held in New Haven, CT. Supreme Knight Patrick E. Kelly addressed the Vice Supreme Masters on the importance of the Co-sponsored Military Chaplain Scholarship Fund.

Supreme Knight Kelly once again charged the Fourth Degree of our Order to lead this most important program and continue the campaign to raise the necessary funds to educate our seminarian students.

You should all be aware of our previous support of priestly vocations for the military through the scholarship program, reserved exclusively for seminarians who will, once ordained, serve both their home diocese and the Archdiocese for the Military Services, USA, as a uniformed chaplain.

The Co-Sponsored Seminarian Program of which chaplain candidates are members, is a vocations partnership between the AMS and cooperating dioceses and religious communities around the country.

Co-sponsored means that a cooperating, non-AMS bishop or religious agrees to accept a prospective chaplain in his territorial diocese or religious community as a seminarian, and the seminarian will participate in the chaplain candidacy program of one of the U.S. Military branches.

The AMS and the seminarian's home diocese split the cost of \$40,000-per-year formation in half of the tuition, room and board, and other expenses, up to \$20,000 a year per Co-Sponsored Seminarian

Meanwhile, the AMS is struggling to pay the Co-Sponsored Seminarians' tuition and other formation expenses. The AMS receives no funding from the military or the government and gratefully welcomes donations.

The Fourth Degree of the Knights of Columbus has taken on this charge from the AMS and has since 2011, donated over \$2 million dollars.

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At our Supreme Assembly meeting, Supreme Knight Kelly recommitted the Fourth Degree of our Order to continue our support of the AMS Co-Sponsored program through the 2023 fraternal year.

Our goal is to work with each State Deputy, District Master, Grand Knight, and Faithful Navigator to promote this most important program.

Every council, assembly and yes, ladies auxiliary, should consider making a small monthly donation, single payment donation, and to host fund raising events throughout the fraternal year.

It is important that our members are aware that people in military service to their country is a very special vocation. Those who serve their country in the armed forces are subject to special conditions of life which demand a suitable adapted apostolate. They are engaged in the most delicate ministry of peace and love. The co-sponsored program recognizes that this ministry requires a special calling, the military form of life demands an extraordinary flexibility and creativity. At the same time, it offers exceptional challenges to chaplains who have personal access to thousands of young people. The potential benefits for the Church at large through priestly ministry to military personnel is enormous.

Understand that we have just over 800 billets for Catholic Chaplains, yet we have around 200 on active duty, the need is there, your support is greatly needed.

It is most important that you distribute the following information to your members.

Donations should be made payable to:
Knights of Columbus Charities
On the memo line write "Military Chaplains."

Mail checks to:
Knights of Columbus
Attn: Maryann Ludington, Charities
One Columbus Plaza
New Haven, CT 06510

Sincerely and fraternally yours,



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

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

Vice Supreme Master Richard Espinosa

Sir Knights hope you and your families are doing well during this pandemic. Lady Janice and I pray that ever Brother Knight and their families are continuing to thrive during these challenging times. We are starting to gather in person meeting with a little bit of normalcy. I attended the Supreme Assembly Meeting in New Haven during the weekend of Sept 10th. It was good to meet brother knights in person. I was able to meet the Supreme Knight Kelly and his wife Vanessa. The meeting was very productive, and the Supreme Knight brought new ideas to the fourth degree.

One of the topics that was discussed was the age of the fourth degree:

THE BREAKDOWN BY AGE OF OUR MEMBERSHIP

Age 18-29 6,532
Age 30-44 28,547
AGE 45-64 132,151
AGE 65- OVER 203,160
334,671 PLUS MEMBERS OVER THE AGE OF 45
35,079 UNDER 45
Average of 4th degree member is 65

You can see it is obvious that we need to recruit the younger member to the Patriotic Order of the Knights of Columbus. Deaths and suspensions for 2020/2021 Deaths 9336 and suspensions 1960. In order to grow the Fourth Degree, we need a minimum of 3% membership growth over death and suspensions. The province has maintained a strong improvement in recruiting young knights from the council. Let's work together to recruit the young and older knight to the fourth degree. Last year 102 and 103 year old veterans were recruited to the fourth along with 18 year olds. Imagine a 103 year old and 18 year meeting for the first. The 103 year old can be a great mentor to the younger Knights. This would make your assembly a great team for the patriotic order of the Knights of Columbus.

In closing I want my brother knights to read a letter that Saint Jose Sanchez Del Rio wrote to his mother before he was martyr.

"My dear mother:

I was made a prisoner in battle today. I think I will die soon, but I do not care, mother. Resign yourself to the will of God. I will die happy because I die on the side of God. Do not worry about my death, which would mortify me. Tell my brothers to follow the example that their youngest brother leaves them and do the will of God. Have courage and send me your blessing along with my father's. Send my regards to everyone one last time and finally receive the heart of your son who loves you so much and who wanted to see you before dying." 14 year old Saint Jose would have been a great Knight of Columbus.

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Arizona Master Drew Mansager

Arizona State Secretary, Tom Kato, cutting off his silver locks at the Arizona Organizational meeting in Flagstaff

Arizona State Secretary, Tom Kato, used a different avenue for fundraising: having people cut his hair! Tom had been growing his hair out for 28 months to a length of 18 inches. At the Arizona State Council Organization Meeting in Flagstaff, he decided to get it cut off and donate the hair to Wigs for Kids, an organization that provides wigs for children with cancer.

But that wasn't good enough! The Arizona State Council has been purchasing ultrasound machines to provide to women's centers around the state. For a donation, the attendees of the meeting were able to cut off a lock of hair! His hair was put into 22 different small pony tails and people took turns cutting a lock off after their donation!

Even more special to the event is the woman who help guide the people cutting the hair (so as not cut the jugular!) was a survivor of cancer! She chose to have part of her leg amputated in order that she could be a mother to her 2 young children. Thanks be to God, she is now cancer free!

In total, donations exceeded \$3,000 for the Ultrasound Machine, which, combined with other funds, will be purchased within the next couple of months!

Before, during, and after pictures.



Patriotic Exemplification of the Fourth Degree

The Arizona District sponsored a live, in person, Patriotic Exemplification of the Fourth Degree on May 18 at the Phoenix Sheraton Crescent Hotel, the first such Exemplification in more than two years.

More than 40 candidates, 40 Sir Knights and 40 spouses attended the ceremonies and ladies luncheon, featuring a presentation by the USO's Stphanie Stech.

From the ladies' luncheon, raffle tickets and 50/50 raffle, along with the Mass collection and subsequent donations, the USO received \$1776 for their efforts to support U.S. service personnel.

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 **Colorado Master David Davis**

My Brother Sir Knights,

The Month of October is here. Fall weather is starting to set in and that means Fall activities for us are starting. Honor Guard requests are picking up along with increased Assembly activity. It seems like guys are starting to come back and get involved and that is great! Stay Safe out there! Support one another and reach out to me if you have questions or concerns

Exemplifications that are scheduled are below. These are both live and virtual exemplifications. I highly recommend and encourage candidates who live less than an hour drive from the live Exemplification to register for the live Exemplification. It is a much better experience and well worth the extra cash paid. Please reserve the virtual viewing of the Exemplification for those who live more than an hour drive and have medical needs that require they be kept separate. Thank you for your cooperation.

October 9, 2021 St. William Catholic Church, 1025 Fulton Ave, Fort Lupton, CO 80621	January 8, 2022 Light of the World 10306 W Bowles Ave, Littleton, CO 80127	February 19, 2022 Holy Cross Catholic Church 9371 Wigham St, Thornton, CO 80229
June 4, 2022 St. Francis Cabrini Catholic Church 6673 W Chatfield Ave, Littleton, CO 80128		

See Colorado State Website Calendar for additional details.

Until next Month, Vivat Jesus! Viva Cristo Rey!

Dave Davis
District Master



100 Day Countdown to National Wreaths Across America Day 2021

Thornton Volunteer to be a featured guest on Wreaths Across America Radio, heard nationally on iHeart Radio!

Thornton, CO — [September 8 2021 — Local volunteer Clark Musser, who is the Faithful Navigator of Bethlehem Assembly 1966, 4th Degree, and Grand Knight of Holy Cross 16084 Knights of Columbus, supporting the program at Olinger Funeral, Cremation & Cemetery Highland for Wreaths Across America (WAA), will be featured in a national interview on [Wreaths Across America Radio](#). The interview will air on September 23rd at 6:30am and will offer listeners nationwide the chance to learn more about local efforts in support of the mission to Remember, Honor, and Teach, and ways to get involved locally.

The Wreaths Across America Radio virtual countdown kicks off on Sept. 9, and will run through National Wreaths Across America Day, this year on Saturday, December 18, 2021. Interviews will feature volunteers from communities in every state. During the interview, Clark Musser will share personal stories that evoke the emotion of the mission while offering a direct “call to action” to help raise funds needed to sponsor veterans’ wreaths for placement at Olinger Funeral, Cremation & Cemetery Highland this December.

For most men who follow Jesus, there comes a time when duty extends beyond our own lives, beyond how we lead our families, and into how we serve our fellow man. That’s what the Knights of Columbus is all about. With, Charity, Unity, Fraternity and Patriotism as the principles of the order, supporting Wreaths Across America is a natural for us, to honor our military veterans.

Wreaths Across America Radio is a 24/7 Internet stream. Its unique format provides informational and inspiring content about members of the U.S. armed forces, their families, military veterans, and volunteers throughout the country and overseas who support the mission to Remember, Honor and Teach. Along with the inspiring content, Wreaths Across America Radio plays a variety of music with roots firmly planted in patriotism and a country music thread running through the core of the stream. Wreaths Across America Radio has a live morning show every weekday morning from 6 am to 10 am ET, along with a variety of special programs that support the mission.

For more information or to sponsor a wreath please visit <https://www.wreathscrossamerica.org/pages/167678>. Each individual \$15 sponsors a fresh balsam veteran’s wreath that will be placed on the headstone of an American hero on December 18, 2021, as part of National Wreaths Across America Day.

You can listen to Wreaths Across America Radio’s 24/7 stream anywhere at www.wreathscrossamerica.org/radio, and via the [iHeart Radio](#) app, or download it at the App Store or on Google.

About Wreaths Across America

Wreaths Across America is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization founded to continue and expand the annual wreath-laying ceremony at Arlington National Cemetery begun by Maine businessman Morrill Worcester in 1992. The organization’s mission – Remember, Honor, Teach – is carried out in part each year by coordinating wreath-laying ceremonies in December at Arlington, as well as at thousands of veterans’ cemeteries and other locations in all 50 states and beyond.

To learn more visit www.wreathscrossamerica.org.

Never Forget Garden Project

Never Forget Garden, honoring America's Veterans and their families pictures

The Knights of Columbus were invited to provide the Honor Guard for the flags at the dedication of the Never Forget Garden, honoring America's Veterans and their families. It is located near the Evergreen Cemetery office and maintained by the Pikes Peak Rose Society.

Flags were provided by the American Legion.

Sir Knight Dan Rolenc acted as emcee, SK Bob Knapp led the Honor Guard, and Father John Sterns, K of C Chaplain, said the opening and closing prayers.

The Fountain / Ft. Carson HS Band played the National Anthem. Rev. Albert Holland, Jr, gave the keynote and was introduced by Kimberly King, Superintendent of Evergreen Cemetery.

The ceremony also included the playing of Taps by Moses Catron, and ringing of the Honor Bell by Larry Peck from the Honor Bell Foundation. Tracy Quinn gave a stirring solo of Amazing Grace. All in all, it was a moving tribute to our veterans and their service to the cause of freedom and justice.

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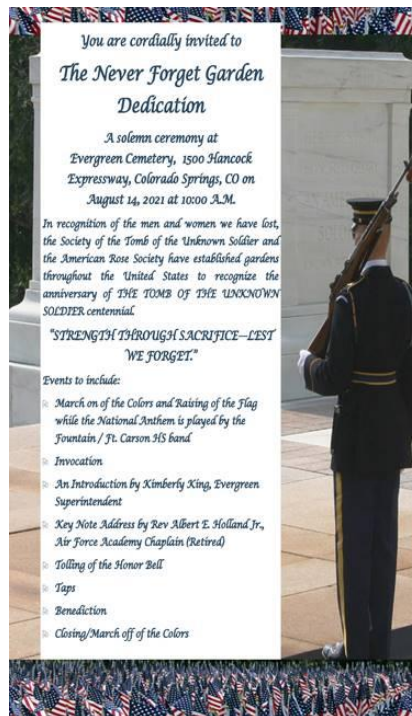
Just follow this link which will take you directly to the album: <https://flic.kr/s/aHsmWpN9GL>

Ron Krom email is: ron_krom@hotmail.com

SK Ron is a Assistant Color Corps Commander for 3049 St Patrick and does outstanding work.

Thank you SK Ron Krom.

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This project is a nationwide invitation to all Americans and freedom loving people to plant gardens as a visual way to represent unwavering commitment to our sacred duty to recognize, remember, and honor our veterans and their families now and for many years to come.

The Society feels that every flower, plant, or tree planted will be a symbol of love and act of unity. In the timeless language of flowers, your Never Forget Garden will quietly trumpet the message that must never weaken: one of America's sacred commitment to never, ever, forget or forsake our veterans or the principles that define us as Americans. For information on the marker and how to purchase: [/general/never-forget-garden-marker](#)



We encourage you individually, and through public and private institutions, to visit our website and download the free [document](#) that details the Never Forget Garden project, and provides suggestions on how you can participate starting now. We hope you will enlist others to join in bringing unity to our national identity in a unique way that will [The Tomb of the Unknown Soldier Centennial – Connecting All of America to its Past, Present and Future Through the Language of Flowers](#), article by the Project Director

National Salute Project

One of the first Centennial Committee projects as we approached the 100th Anniversary of the burial of an Unknown American Soldier who fought and died in World War I is the National Salute.

City, town and church bells have served our country and its citizenry from the very beginning. They can do so again. Imagine a silent afternoon in your community where you start to hear the bells toll. Steady and resounding, they ring and are joined by other bells, until all you hear is a crescendo of bells echoing through your community. Then you remember, it's November 11th at 11:00 a.m. You stop what you are doing and count 21 seconds, standing in solidarity with everyone else in the U.S.A. And as the bells slowly start to fade away, perhaps you hear the haunting wail of a lone trumpeter playing 'Taps'. A silence once again envelops your community, and you realize that the bells were telling everyone that a moment of remembrance had arrived. The National Salute, re-instituted in 2015, is a means to show our deep respect for our Unknown Soldiers buried in the east plaza of the Memorial Amphitheater in Arlington National Cemetery. On the 11th Hour, of the 11th Day, of the 11th Month we ask Americans across the United States and foreign lands, to pause and recognize those who have sacrificed and those who will sacrifice in the future in the defense of America's "Freedom and Democracy."



This commemoration provides a unique opportunity to celebrate America's unshakeable commitment to those who serve and sacrifice.

Your community can use different models and venues in honoring the Centennial of this nation's symbol of patriotism. Some individuals/organizations will be able to conduct formal ceremonies, while others may be less formal. We encourage all communities to commemorate, as they like, this transcending moment in the life of the United States of America. [HERE](#) is the 2021 National Salute Memo and how you can participate

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New Mexico Master CJ Deeley

Sir Knights,

I pray that you and your families are well.

During my travels, I heard a person ask another Knight, “Are you going to change your name? Because of the Native Americans.” I have to say, it took much restraint not to give a quick quip of an answer, like, “my American Indian Wife and Mother-in-Law are ok with the current name. The reason I didn’t was that Mass just finished and inside the Church was not the place to have that type of quip. I tell you this because what do we know about our organization’s namesake Christopher Columbus?”

From the KofC.org website, an article titled “Honoring our Namesake by Corporate Communications Staff dated 10/7/2020, <https://www.kofc.org/en/news-room/articles/honoring-columbus-and-his-legacy.html>; tells us that, “...now Blessed, Michael McGivney picked Christopher Columbus as a names because in a time when anti-Catholic and anti-immigrant feeling ran rampant, the American public embraced this famous explorer.” This name was used to Unify, which is one of our Organizational pillars. There is much more history that shows both the negatives and positives that you can easily find on the internet or your local library. For me, I look at this way; we all have faults, just like Christopher Columbus had his. However, if that is all we can look at nowadays, there will be nowhere to gain wisdom and grow from. Being a Brother Knight in the Knights of Columbus has let me grow with the help of many Brother Knights that I gain spiritual wisdom from daily. So, I thank you all for that growth. I pray that you also can look at each other for that growth instead of only looking at the faults and that’s how we can grow under the pillars, Charity, Unity, Fraternity and Patriotism. By providing Charity (forgiveness) of one’s faults, it will help Unify our Fraternity and we can then promote its Patriotic ideals through our 4th Degree.

We had a busy September, there was a State Fair Parade, Blue Mass, and a Flag Retirement Ceremony on September 11th alone. There were also other memorials for the 20th Anniversary of Sept 11th. Please keep up the presence of the 4th Degree so we can support the growth of the Councils and our Assemblies.

If your Assembly has not met, please meet. If you are having trouble meeting for whatever reason, please get with me or one of our District Marshals to assist your Assembly in meeting and promoting the good works of the Knights. Additionally, if your Assembly has not completed its Report for New Officers Chosen for 2021 or Audit, please do so as soon as possible. These are required forms to keep the Assembly in Good Status with the Supreme Council and keep its IRS EIN intact.

Upcoming, this month, there will be an Exemplification on October 9th. It is being hosted by Las Vegas Assembly 683. It will be live and online. Please consider this Exemplification to help grow your Assemblies!

There is also the annual Mass on the Mountain on October 9th, hosted by the Santa Fe Councils. The flyer is attached.

Lastly, if you have not heard, we are raffling off a uniform and sword package for \$10. If any Knight is interested, please ask the District Marshals, or Assemblies, if they are selling, to get tickets. The raffle goes until the Mid-Year Meeting that will be held in December.

Pray for our Parishes, Our Priests and our civic leaders.

Vivat Jesus! Viva Cristo Rey!

CJ
Clinton J Deeley
District Master-NM

N.M Central SK Chuck DuBois

My Brothers All.

On September 11,2021, Assembly 682 participated in the New Mexico State Fair Parade. Thanks to Brother Cipriano Valdez who did all the leg work in getting a trailer so we could decorate it with our Pro Life Message. On the float was our Master of the Fourth Degree C.J. Deeley and Lady Trudy, FMFD Leo Pilat, State Deputy Daniel Vigil and Lady Martina, State Warden Anthony Salazar and Lady Luana, and myself.

There were some Knights on bikes, and Basil Moreno from our assembly rode his bike in the parade along with some other knights. Our pro life message was strong and we were cheered by a number of people who were watching the parade.

Activities like this put the Knights of Columbus in the forefront and members of our community know that we stand to protect the unborn who are in danger of being aborted.



N.M. Central SK Geoff Bacon

Council 15199, Assembly 3309, Rio Rancho

Volunteers gathered at Vista Verde Memorial Park in Rio Rancho to place 2,996 American Flags in remembrance of the lives lost on September 11.



September 11, 9-11 US Flag Retirement Ceremony

Thank you to Assembly 3309 and Council 15199, Boy Scout Troop 702, Boy Scout Troop 2010, Cleveland High School Army JROTC, Rio Rancho High School USMC JROTC and the Parishioners of The Church of the Incarnation in Rio Rancho, NM. 80

US Flags were retired and the Flag Rings were given to the Boy Scouts, Jr ROTC Cadets, and participating Knights



We Will Never Forget! God Bless America!

N.M. East SK Ed Martinez

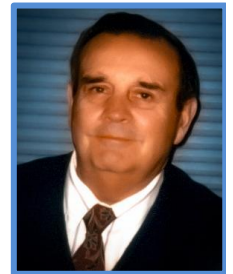


August 28, 2021, New Mexico WMFD Clinton CJ Deeley and New Mexico East DM Ed Martinez conducted an Installation of Officers for St. Pius X 0683, Assembly at the Immaculate Conception Catholic Center in Las Vegas, New Mexico. Congratulations to Faithful Navigator Alan Cantrell and Worthy Faithful Sir Knights who, for the fraternal year 2021-2022 will guide the Assembly's future.

For his service and noteworthy achievements, for his example of living a life as a true Knight of Columbus "servant leader" on behalf of all our Brother Knights, our sincere condolences to David Blair and Family, we ask for continued prayers of strength that they may find comfort in knowing that our Brother Faithful Sir Knight Clarence Blair is in Heaven with God. May he rest in eternal peace.

CLARENCE GEORGE BLAIR

Clarence George Blair was born on March 30, 1931, in Marshall MN to Clarence Sumner Blair and Edna Marie (Austgen) Blair. Growing up in a small farm community, he had carte blanche to the cookie bin at his parent's grocery store and spent every Saturday at the 5 cent movies watching such classics as the original Superman series and Westerns. When Clarence was 5 he won a contest at the theatre to find a Spanky look-alike from the Our Gang comedies, which earned him his lifelong nickname "Spanky!"



He met his future bride Audrey Ann Deutz at Marshall High School. After high school Clarence joined the Navy and was stationed in Norfolk, VA for 4 years, serving on the U.S.S. Mellette and as an honorary member on the U. S. S. Sea Leopard submarine where he became a Guppy Snorkeler.

After his service, he returned to Marshall to marry Audrey and they moved to Minneapolis where Clarence began his career as a Court Reporter. The happy couple was relocated to Deming, NM with 2 kids and then to Lordsburg, NM where 2 more children were born. Another 4 kids came along once they moved to Roswell, NM where they settled in to raise their 8 children.

Clarence was the Official Court Reporter, Fifth Judicial District, for Chaves, Lea, and Eddy Counties, for twenty-seven years, and helped mentor future Court Reporters from Roswell, as well as a niece in Minnesota. He wrote the Constitution and Bylaws for the New Mexico Court Reporters Association in 1968, He served as President of the New Mexico Court Reporter's Association, 1968-1971. He went on to be a member by appointment by the Supreme Court of New Mexico of the Certified Shorthand Reporter's Board, 1978-1980. He was reappointed in 1982 for another 3-year term and then served as President of the Board. When he retired from the State of New Mexico he continued to freelance as a Court Reporter for 10 more years taking depositions for local lawyers, until 1994, he really loved his job!

He was very involved with coaching his 3 boys and local youth with little league baseball and basketball. He loved every sport and was a great coach admired by many kids. He was a member of the Elks Lodge as well as the YMCA, where he played handball and basketball.

Clarence was a member of St Peter's Catholic Church where he served two terms as Parish Council President and was on the council for 17 years. Clarence was very involved with the Knights of Columbus which he was first initiated in 1958 in Deming, NM. Clarence worked his way up the ranks to become Knight of the Year locally in 1969, He became Grand Knight in 1968-1969 for local council 3030, State Council Membership Chairman in 1970-1971, District Deputy, 1971-1972 District 2, Roswell, Alamogordo, and Artesia. He went on to become State Secretary 1971-1972, State Deputy 1972-1974, Vice Supreme Master of the John H. Reddin Province of the 4 corners area to include Arizona, Colorado, New Mexico, and Utah, 1978-1981, and enjoyed many travels and events with his wife Audrey and his fellow Knights and their wives.

Clarence was predeceased in death by his wife Audrey, his parents Clarence and Edna Blair, and brother Gene Blair. He is survived by his 8 children, Susyn and Mike Pitts of Bernalillo, NM, Dennis and Terry Blair of Levelland, TX, David Blair of Roswell, NM, Donald and Debbie Blair of Levelland, TX, Barbara and Jeff Mittelstadt of Marcus, IA, Pauline and Len Schnedar of Vista, CA, Mary Ellen and Michael Pothier of Leominster, MA, and Amy and Corey Seward of Phoenix, AZ.

15 grandkids, Joshua Hunt, Sarah Estrada and Jacob Blair, Zachary Blair, Brittany Blair and Keaton Blair, Michael Mittelstadt, and Jena Bunt, Brooke, Brandon and Brenna Schnedar, Andrew, Bradley and Mark Pothier, and Nathaniel Seward.

7- 1/2 Great Grandkids, Kaden, Bryson and Kennedy Blair, Cypress and Sawyer Coburn, William and Molly Mittelstadt, and Baby Bunt, due in October. Clarence leaves behind many beloved relatives in Minnesota as well.

He is also survived by his loving Beehive family, who made his last two years a pure joy!



September 3rd, 2021, was a special day to remember at St. Peters Church in Roswell, NM. We were fortunate and honored to have our State Deputy Daniel Vigil, Master of the Fourth Degree Clinton CJ Deeley, and PSD Francisco Gomez participate in PSD/PVSM Clarence Blair's funeral service.

Paying Tribute were SKs from Fr. Albert Braun, Assembly 1625, Color Corps Honor Guards; WMFD Clinton C J Deeley, DM Ed Martinez Clovis, NM, CCC Christopher Hill, Cannon AFB, NM, and Insurance Field Agent SK James Matise, Alamogordo, NM.



A Resolution of Condolence was read by our WSD Daniel Vigil expressing our heartfelt sympathy. An awesome display honoring their father's numerous achievements was created by deceased PSD/PVSM Clarence Blair's son and daughter David Blair and Susyn Pitts.

Viva Jesus! Viva Cristo Rey!
Ed Martinez, District Marshal, Eastern NM

From Steve Budenski VAVS (Volunteer Administration Veteran Services)

Hello Brother Veterans,

I am the representative for the New Mexico veterans of the Knights of Columbus at the Veteran's Hospital. I try to be informative and assistance if needed for all veterans.

Throughout the past year of covid 19 people been given solutions to live with the Dangers of the virus. Take the shots, wear the mask, and social distancing are the main protections. CDC, NIH, and others are telling us to reach Hurd immunity is the best to slow it down which makes sense to me in my opinion. Veterans know shots are a common occurs as servicemen and women in daily lives. Freedoms makes everyone to have choices and do make them. So be safe everyone and follow medical advice because there are fake excuses and common ways to know what to do. We have a life and a short one with our loved ones. Let's enjoy life with our families and friends.

Covid changes for veterans and family to receive boosters after 8months with the last covid shot has started. Other countries doing it for the covid variants. USA is sending covid-19 shots to other countries now to decrease the level of the infections.

Albuquerque Veteran's Hospital is requesting underwear, T-shirts, and socks for men and women to the clothes locker for veterans. The Knights Councils can send a check to VAVS and in the memo field what's the money for. 1501 San Pedro Road SW, Albuquerque, NM 87108. When a member or council donates, a volunteer paper is filled out with the knights of Columbus name and number on it for annual report that Volunteer Service does.

There are 7 assemblies that donates half a sheet cake and gallon punch each month. If any others wish to please contact me. The next three months assigned is the following: Oct. --3227 FN - Keven_stamber@yahoo.com
Nov - 3463 - Joseaustin11@gmail.com.
Dec-0682. FN. salazaranthony79@yahoo.com .

As what I am hearing, no direct patient contact and upon entering buildings "you must wear a mask." I will present changes as they may occur.

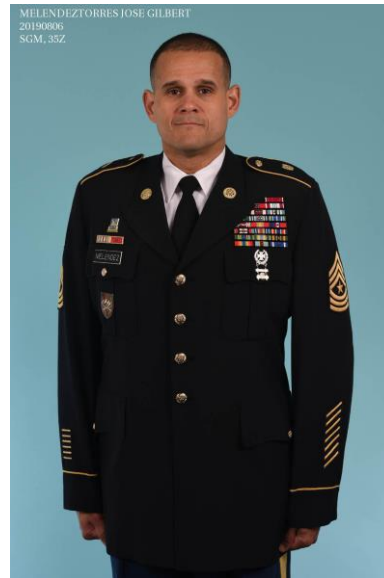
There are many service organizations to join or to donate to. Pick the one you wish to give to. Military activities were starting back up but covid variants had returned to masks and some outside activities. Check with <https://www.kirtland.af.mil/> and state of New Mexico covid 19 restrictions.

Volunteer to honor America's fallen for the National Day of Service this Friday Volunteers interested in cleaning headstones at national cemeteries can sign up for the National Day of Service event to be held in 65 locations Sept. 10. This

can be at Santa Fe cemetery if done, fill in a volunteer service form for hours in doing this. Anyone need help please ask me thx.

In August the Albuquerque Fisher House welcomed 20 families from Arkansas, California, Colorado, and throughout New Mexico. Families supporting both Veterans and Active Duty service members found a safe and comfortable refuge here while supporting their hospitalized loved ones.

On behalf of the Sergeant Major of the Army, Sergeant Major Jose G. Melendeztorres, HQDA G-3-5-7, Strategic Operations, Pentagon, has been selected as the Command Sergeant Major, White Sand Missile Range, WSMR, New Mexico .



From the SMA's Leader Book

Most of the time I've seen my role [as SMA] to be like the slick duck hunter who lays back and waits for the right time to get in a shot.

—4th SMA William A. Connelly, USA Ret.

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Utah Master Richard Hall

“What do a Moose, a Disabled Veteran and the Knights of Columbus have in common?”

This sounds like the opening line from a really bad joke. I will proceed to tell you anyway. A year ago, a friend from Idaho told me that there were permit draws for Moose, Elk and Deer listed on the Idaho state wildlife web site. So, a little more investigation yielded the answer. There were indeed special permit draws available for Disabled Veterans. (<https://idfg.idaho.gov/licensedav-programs>). Tags were available for deer, elk, moose, black bear or mountain lion. Some exceptions apply, but tags were available. Requirements included proof of disability from VA, honorable service record, background of veterans military record, recommendation from a qualified nonprofit organization or government agency with a mission to afford opportunities, experiences and assistance to disabled veteran. I had my VA disability letter, Got service recommendations from one of my company officers from Viet Nam, Col. Archibald Hall and my platoon sergeant, Gary Franklin. Now I needed my qualifying organization recommendation. Tried DAV and VFW, no luck. I thought wait a minute, I am a Sir Knight, Past Faithful Navigator and participant in many patriotic programs around the state of Utah. Contacted then Utah District Master Frank Carmona. He agreed to write the recommend. In which he described a myriad of activities the Patriotic 4th degree has done for veterans across the nation. He also included specific events that I had organized or participated in the past few years.

Being as this is a draw effort not everyone draws out, especially on the first try. We heard nothing from January through August 2020. Then came a call from DM Frank. I DREW A TAG. Then came *the hiccup*, I had knee surgery and could not hunt due to an infection. Long story short I applied to the Idaho Veterans selection officers, and they agreed to hold my tag until this year, 2021. The resolution is complete. I now have my tag in hand and have roughly 2 ½ months to bag a moose. Have a crew scouting and help for the hunt. Will provide an update and post pictures after the Hunt. Thinking with the right size moose we can possibly have a moose burger feed fund raiser this fall.

This was the story in June 2021. August 30 was Opening Day. Scopes mounted, guns sited in and scouting commenced August 27th. Off to the Mountains south of Kimberly to begin the hunt preparations. Driving and Hiking with spotting scopes in hand, we spent about 6 hours looking around for something other than range cattle. The Eureka moment came about 7PM Saturday night where we spotted the first moose just before dusk. *Too small!* Looked like a 2nd year bull with antlers just short of the ears. But along with him were several deer working there way along browsing to the water hole. We found a starting point for scouting on Sunday. As we worked our way down the canyon watching the ridges along the canyon walls we spotted much larger Bull about 1,000 yards up one of the ridge lines. Checking maps we found not enough of an access point to get to this one but we in the right area to begin again on Sunday.

Sunday came around and early to Mass at St Edwards in Twin Falls, where I asked the Lord for help steadying my hands when the time for a shot would come. Leaving mass, I introduced myself to local Council #1416 GK and the FN. They were signing up volunteers for their fall festival and filling out transfer paperwork for knight that just moved to Twin Falls.

Sunday afternoon 2 of my sons showed up to join in the scouting Sunday afternoon and the hunt on Monday. Ate a great moose steak dinner with our hosts then headed to the mountains again in the afternoon. We broke into 2 groups and split up the area and off we went. My oldest Son Rich and I took the area we scouted the day before and Son Dan and friends Jeff and Jerry worked the mountain farther south. Rich and I spotted Rattle Snake, a small Elk heard, Deer and many range cattle. Those dang angus can look just like a moose until you see the head. Better luck with scout party #2. Again, just about dark, they spotted a nice moose stirring on a ridgeline where we could begin the hunt.

Opening day we were up by 4AM and back through Kimberly to the mountains. On site at the starting point by 6AM. Broke into to spotting group and hunting party. We UTV's to get to the bottom of a ridgeline. The spotter could see the moose from mountain and using inReach communicators were able to coordinate the search. With the moose now sighted we moved to the bottom of the ridgeline and embarked. From a few hundred yards below the meadow, we started the 30 degree ascent to get the shot. By the way this was no small feat for me. I am over 70 just had my left knee replaced, thank God, and I have an above knee prosthetic on the other leg. I did these ascent and descents using forearm crutches. Son Rich carried my rifle for me. Son Dan and friend Jeff lead the way breaking trail. We ascended about 300 yards and the word came back, no shot from that point. So back down we go. A lot of work for a no shot. But we are not at the grocery store.

Scouting the area for another approach we noted some burn areas on a parallel ridge line and worked our way up that ridge with UTV for Dan and I and Rich and Jeff worked the lower part of the ridge to find a spot for THE SHOT. After about an hour we were working down the burn scar to a spot where I could take a shot. Walking down a burn scar was a whole new experience for me. There nothing but ash and dry dirt. There are tree holes that could not be seen where the stumps had burned out in the fire. Your feet went in about boot top deep, I needed to feel my way using the crutches and trying not to break a leg.

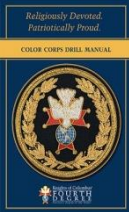
Success we spotted the moose. He decided to lay down with his rear end facing me. Patience and practice, spot the moose with the scope practice a dry fire. It took about an hour for him to finally stand up. He turned side ways for 2 second then turned a quarter turn so I had a shot over his right hip and just behind the right elbow. DANG, take off the safety, Ok got it now THE SHOT. One round 330 yards 20 yards above me. Dan and Jeff took off to be sure he was down. Rich and I stayed behind in case he got up and I needed another shot. Turns out the one shot was enough and so come the pictures.



Son Dan and Friend Jeff



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Dick Hall with his Moose Antlers

Thanks to the help of Knights of Columbus I have my moose and Jane agreed to the mount. Planning of the MOOSE BURGER FUNDRAISER in the near future.



Son Rich, Dad Dick and son Dan Hall from Idaho Moose Hunt.

A Prayer for Our Country


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.*

 **Men of the Sacred Hearts**
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God bless you, and God Bless America!

SK. Richard "Dick" Hall
 Utah District Master
 John H. Reddin Province

111th Supreme Assembly Meeting

During the 111th Annual Meeting of the Supreme Assembly, held in New Haven, Conn., Sept. 10-12, leaders of the Fourth Degree gathered for a Memorial Mass for the 20th anniversary of Sept. 11, 2001. Additionally, a new video produced by the Knights of Columbus recalls the heroic work of first responders and priests on that tragic day and K of C field agents' efforts to bring financial assistance to grieving families.

Highlights of the meeting included an address from Supreme Knight Patrick Kelly, the presentation of membership awards, a business session, and a Memorial Mass for the 20th anniversary of Sept. 11, 2001. At the Mass, Supreme Master Dennis J. Stoddard read the names of the Knights killed in the 9/11 attacks and in the War on Terror. To view photos of the Memorial Mass, visit our [news hub](#).



Richard J. Espinosa (right), vice supreme master of the John H. Reddin Province, delivers the second reading. Each of before the altar represents a Knight who died in the 9/11 attacks and in the War on Terror. (Mike Ross)



Supreme Master Dennis J. Stoddard reads the names of the Knights who does in the 9/11 attacks and in the War on Terror. (Mike Ross)



The Supreme Officers and Dominic Father John Paul Walker gather with vice supreme masters outside St. Mary's Church. Front row, from left to right: Supreme Treasurer Ronald F. Schwarz, Deputy Supreme Knight Paul G. O'Sullivan, Supreme Knight Patrick E. Kelly, Father Walker, Supreme Master Dennis J. Stoddard, Supreme Secretary Patrick T. Mason, and Supreme Advocate John A. Marrella. (Mike Ross)



Chaplain Emil J. Kapaun: “Padre” finally returns home

By Staff Sgt. Apryl Hall Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency Public Affairs

JOINT BASE PEARL HARBOR-HICKAM – In 1950, they simply knew him as “padre.” They have since referred to him as the bravest man they’ve ever known, their hope, their idol, their savior, and have even called him “God’s man.” He’s attributed to saving their lives, both literally and figuratively. He performed miracles during some of the darkest moments in history, when all hope had been lost. It may be called the “forgotten war,” but they will ensure his name is remembered by all.

U.S. Army Chaplain (Capt.) Emil J. Kapaun, truly led his life by example. He returned to service as a military chaplain in 1949, after already having served during World War II. This commitment put him in harm’s way again, as the Korean War began, and he was sent to the front lines. It was there he began to earn respect and admiration from his fellow soldiers, as he risked his life continuously to minister and provide aid to the wounded.

“I was enlisted, so I knew of Father out on the front lines,” said Robert McGreevy, Korean War veteran and former prisoner of war. “Bullets were flying everywhere, but he still went out and took care of the dying. He was the bravest man I ever knew.”

During the Battle of Unsan in November of 1950, Chaplain Kapaun’s unit was overrun and they retreated to safety, but he insisted on staying behind to help the wounded, dying and those who could not help themselves. Because of that, he was captured and taken to a prisoner of war camp more than 60 miles away. Along the way, Chaplain Kapaun continued to help the wounded and encouraged others to do the same. He urged his fellow soldiers to do the right thing in the face of what they presumed to be certain death.

“Father saved our lives, really,” McGreevy said. “He kept morale up; told us not to give up hope. Everyone who knew him idolized him in those moments.”

Chaplain Kapaun consistently taught the men at the prison camp what it means to live selflessly. He continued to care for, comfort and encourage the men. He risked his own life time and time again by stealing food or medicine from the guards, or offering his own daily rations to his fellow prisoners in order to keep them alive longer. McGreevy said every man who was with him in that camp has preached for more than 70 years that Chaplain Kapaun was a true hero, a “miracle man.”

After more than six months at the prison camp, Chaplain Kapaun’s deteriorated health and malnutrition caused him to develop pneumonia, which he never recovered from. He died on May 23, 1951. The men who did make it out of Prison Camp #5 alive whole-heartedly believe it was because of their padre, McGreevy said.

Despite Chaplain Kapaun being buried at the camp and classified as unaccounted-for, for decades after, he left that camp by way of the survivors, in a manner of speaking. They shared his story as often as they could, and told the world how their lives were saved because of him.

“I can’t thank the POWs enough,” said Ray Kapaun, Chaplain Kapaun’s nephew. “They came out of that camp and told his story. If not for them Father Emil [Chaplain Kapaun] would have been another unknown soldier, but they gave him his legacy. They basically gave me my uncle, they let me see what my uncle was and what kind of life he led. I can’t give them enough thanks and praise.”

And Chaplain Kapaun's legacy did grow. In 1993, Chaplain Kapaun was officially named a Servant of God, which began his road to sainthood. In 2008, the Cause for the Canonization of Chaplain Kapaun was officially launched. In 2013, he was posthumously awarded the Medal of Honor. Ray accepted the honor from President Barrack Obama on his uncle's behalf. And in 2015, Chaplain Kapaun's formal life story and works (called the "Positio") was officially sent up to the Congregation for Saints in Rome. The congregation was getting ready to vote on Chaplain Kapaun's advancement to the next step of sainthood just before the pandemic hit, which paused the process.

In May of 2021, the Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency (DPAA) announced that Chaplain Kapaun's remains had been positively identified. His remains had previously been interred in a grave marked "unknown" at the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific in Honolulu in 1956, and had been disinterred in 2019 as part of DPAA's Korean War Disinterment Project. Chaplain Kapaun was finally accounted for. Ray and his family traveled to the DPAA facility at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, Hawaii for a chain of custody ceremony on September 21, 2021, which began Chaplain Kapaun's final journey home after more than 70 years.

"To actually be here and have the honor to meet him and to lay my hands on his bones when he's never been seen, but so widely known, it's just exhilaration, it's happiness, it's tugging and ripping your heart out," Ray said. "It's everything, but sad."

Ray said until her dying day his grandmother never gave up hope that her son would be home one day. She never stopped believing, praying that he would return. He is overjoyed to be able to be the one to finally grant his grandmother's wish.

As dozens of service members lined up to salute Chaplain Kapaun as he departed the DPAA facility, Ray's eyes filled with tears. Despite feeling like the closing of a long chapter in their family's history book, Ray said he doesn't see this moment as closure to his uncle's story.

"Closure has kind of a sad meaning," Ray said. "To me, it's a continuation of his legacy, a growing of his legacy. Now, more people are going to know what Father Emil [Chaplain Kapaun] did, more people are going to know how he lived his life."

In fact, Ray hopes the monumental news of his beloved uncle returning home after all these decades will help shed light on Chaplain Kapaun's canonization process, and maybe even expedite the process a bit. McGreevy agreed.

"It's a wonderful miracle they were able to find him, so this is a way to share his legacy," McGreevy said. "Everyone who knows Father sees him as a saint already. I just pray every day it happens in my lifetime. He was God's man."

In the meantime, the Kapaun family is honored to escort Chaplain Kapaun home to Kansas and give him the honorable burial he so deserves. As a true testament to his impact on the world, several thousand seats were reserved for those who wanted to honor Chaplain Kapaun at the September 29th funeral in Wichita. A ceremony that the now 90-year-old McGreevy said he would walk all the way from Maryland to attend.

"I think the greatest thing for me is the POWs who are still alive can finally say that their padre is coming home," Ray said.

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

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

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

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

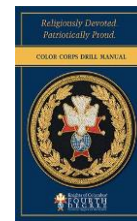
Fraternity – by expressing an “Esprit de Corps,” sharing a common desire for drill excellence and camaraderie; and

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

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



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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:**

	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June
Gains:												
Losses:												

- Publish Monthly Newsletter or Bulletin for Assembly Members**



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.

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.


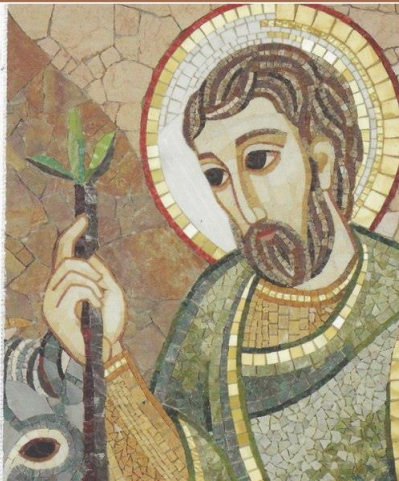
CONSECRATION TO ST. JOSEPH

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.

[Preparing for Consecration to St. Joseph](#)

[St. Joseph Prayer Card](#)

<p>Prayer to St. Joseph</p> <p>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 (<i>here make your request</i>). 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.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"></p> <p><small>This prayer, from a 19th-century French prayer book, has been recited by Pope Francis every day for more than 40 years (cf. <i>Patris Cordis</i>, 10).</small></p>	
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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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Knights of Columbus October Insurance Message

Every sport, every enterprise, every organization, every industry has their top reps, their all-stars and their most valuable players. They are the ones who give their all 100% of the time; they represent their companies masterfully, they get customers and retain them, they provide extraordinary service, they inspire their colleagues to reach heights no one thought attainable. Well, the insurance industry is no different and I'd like to take a few minutes to tell you about that.

The life insurance industry has an organization called the Million Dollar Round Table or MDRT. It is an international organization that was founded in 1927 and it recognizes agents for their commitment to excellence, professionalism, outstanding service and the highest ethical standards. In our industry, these are the hallmarks of the all-stars.

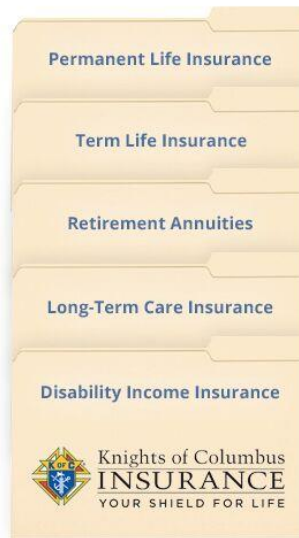
“Big deal!” you might say. “What’s so special about that?” Let me tell you what is so special about membership in the Million Dollar Round Table. Across the industry in a normal year, only about 2% of agents meet the stringent requirements to become an MDRT member. We’ve had a great track record at the KofC over the last four or five years where 10 or 11% of our agents qualified for membership. That’s about five times the industry average...pretty impressive!

But last year was anything but normal and we had an anything but normal group qualify for MDRT: 38%, yes, you read correctly, 38% of our field force qualified for membership in this prestigious organization. There were only three other companies in the USA that had a higher number of qualifiers, but none came close to our percentage of qualifiers. Imagine that, the KofC beat out some of the biggest names in the industry.

What’s all this mean to you? This kind of result doesn’t come about by accident. It demonstrates the Knights of Columbus commitment to give you, our members and your families, a highly trained, qualified and committed financial services professional. My job is to use my skill and knowledge to make sure you understand the issues of protecting your family from the unknown.

Let’s get together soon...and I’ll tell you about my Million Dollar Round Table journey.

Vivat Jesus!



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Term Life Insurance – Affordable Protection for Temporary Needs

Retirement Annuities – Give Yourself a Paycheck for the Rest of Your Life. Guaranteed.

Long-Term Care Insurance – Protect Your Assets. Prepare for the Future.

Disability Income Insurance – Shield Your Income from Illness and Injury

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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 Fabiana di San Pietro, Falson.

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.

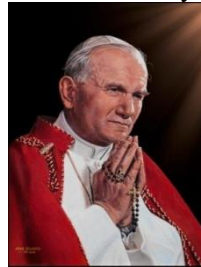
Help us, O Mother of Divine Love,
to conform to the will of the Father
and to do as we are told by Jesus,
who took upon himself our
sufferings and carried our sorrows,
so as to lead us, through the Cross,
to the glory of the Resurrection. Amen.

*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



Knights' Prayer



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

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


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

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ST. MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL

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

MAY GOD REBUKE HIM
WE HUMBL Y 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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