

Patriot Report



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From the District Master

Why are you a member of the Knights of Columbus? Did you join to attend meetings once a month and approve the payment of the monthly bills? I would guess not. For most of you there was probably a much deeper reason for joining. Maybe you did not know the reason when you first joined but I am willing to bet that as the years have gone by you have found a project or a cause that has touched your heart. You need to give that same opportunity to others.

The Knights of Columbus is a Catholic, Family, Fraternal organization. First and foremost, we are Catholic. Today that is not easy. Many times we stand alone against a society that largely looks to satisfy “my” needs and “my” wants rather than those of the poor and underprivileged or those that have no voice. We listen daily to our morals being questioned and ridiculed. We are many

times the lone voice defending life while others tout choice and freedom to end human life. Second, but just as importantly we are Family. We are a refuge for Catholic families who are doing their best every day to live God’s will and stand up to a society of pleasure and me first rather than hope, faith and love. The Knights of Columbus is the support that many families need to continue to live their Catholic lives. As Knights, as Councils, as strong members of our parish and community we can be a light to those searching for the right path or trying to stay on the narrow way. This is what membership in the Knights of Columbus and the Patriotic Degree of our Order offer. We are a fraternity where families can come for support and make friendship with others who are walking toward our Lord. We are a voice heard around the world that supports the Church and the authority of the Pope,

Bishops and Priests. As St. Pope John Paul stated “we are the strong right arm of the Church.” These are the things you are offering to a family when you invite them to join the Knights of Columbus or take their final step into the Patriotic degree. This is how we need to approach potential members. Not as numbers in a quota but as good christian families who are in need of support as they journey through this life her on earth. By living your lives as good, faithful Catholics you will be a beacon to others and they will see that membership in the Knights is not just another meeting or another check for dues but is truly a source of strength and encouragement as we journey together. Recruit a family to join us and strengthen our cable and we will become the invincible force envisioned by our founder, the Venerable Fr. Michael J. McGivney.

Recruiting Resources

What tools are you using in your recruiting efforts? Have you built an Assembly brochure that can tell your story? What have you done over the past year? Where have you donated money, resources or time? How have you helped your parish or community? These are all great things to have in a simple brochure or

one page document that you can hand out to prospective members.

What about all the free resources on the Supreme website? Brochures, posters and other materials that can be placed in bulletins, posted in Council or Parish halls and distributed at Council meetings. You can go to [https://](https://www.kofc.org/en/members/for-patriotic-degree/materials.html#/all/1/20)

www.kofc.org/en/members/for-patriotic-degree/materials.html#/all/1/20 or your Faithful Navigator or Faithful Comptroller can use the supply catalog in Members Online to order supplies.

Make use of these simple and low cost or free resources to enhance your recruitment efforts.

Save the Date
State
Convention
April 26, 27, 28
Kearney, NE
Friday 4th
Degree Meeting
Saturday State
Mass

Candidate Dress for Exemplification

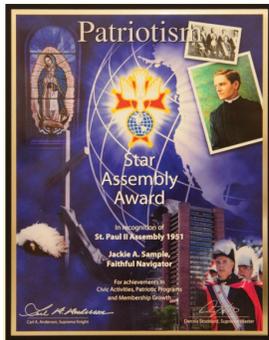
Candidates for exemplification into the Patriotic Degree should be in a dark suit, white (or light) shirt and dark tie. Candidates are not required or expected to wear the new uniform as they have not been exemplified into the Patriotic Degree and therefore cannot wear the emblem. The official dress according to the by-laws of the order states:
 Section 39. Dress for Exemplification.

dark (blue or grey) business suit with black shoes, plain white dress shirt, button cuff (no French cuff, no button down), necktie, and candidate identification.

(b) For a candidate serving in the armed forces of his country, fulltime police and firefighters: a Class A or dress uniform.

(c) The social baldric, presented at the exemplification, should only be worn at functions when the Fourth Degree

member is dressed in a business suit or tuxedo. The social baldric is not worn with the official dress uniform.



Civic and To Be A Patriot Applications

Have you started working on your Civic award application? If not, why not? You should begin now to review the requirements for qualifying activities and completing the application. Your completed application needs to be submitted to the Supreme Council, Department of Fraternal Services, 1 Columbus Plaza, New Haven, CT 06510-3326 no later than June 30, 2019.

your Civic award application, pick your best project and submit it for consideration in the To Be A Patriot competition. This is a multi-step application process. Assemblies must submit form TBP-1 to the District Master by April 30, 2019. The District Master will select the top entry from his district and submit to the Vice Supreme Master by May 15, 2019. The Vice Supreme Master will then select the top

entry from his province and submit to the Supreme Master by May 31, 2019. Awards will be given at the end of the Supreme Convention in August.

These two awards provide recognition for your Assemblies efforts in serving your community through the Patriotic degree of our Order.

[Civic Award Application](#)

[To Be A Patriot Application](#)

Annual Survey of Fraternal Activity

As of the close of business on January 31, 2019 the following Assemblies have not submitted their Annual Survey of Fraternal Activities.

Please make every effort to complete the survey and submit the original to Supreme Council, Department of Fraternal Services, 1 Columbus Plaza, New Haven, CT 06510-3326 and send a copy to District Master, nefourthdegree@gmail.com or 5011 Woodhaven Dr, Lincoln, NE 68516.

Assembly Name	Assembly No
Archbishop Hunkler	598
Father Joseph Herber	603
Rt Rev Msgr Joseph Flake	604
Rt. Rev Msgr Robert Burns	606
Pope Pius XII	608
Msgr Leo M. Blair	1957
Fr. Michael McGivney	2540
St. Thomas Aquinas	3301
St. John Neumann	3303
St. Michael the Archangel	3606

Scheduling Exemplifications and Major Degrees

As often as possible it is advisable to reduce interference with the Patriotic Degree and Formation and Knighthood by not scheduling degrees in the same area on the same day.

Many members of the Patriotic Degree are members of Formation or Knighthood exemplification teams or work closely with their councils in recruiting new members and need to be present at the Formation and Knighthood degrees. On the other hand, those taking the Formation and Knighthood degrees would not

have an opportunity to join the Patriotic degree if the two are scheduled on the same day in the same location.

The District Master and Ceremonials Co-chairmen will do their best to coordinate dates to reduce the possibility of conflicting dates. Your diligence in working with local councils and districts to verify dates prior to requesting an exemplification will also help reduce the possibility of double booking.

Save the Date
Summer
Leadership
Seminar
July 13 and 14
Grand Island , NE
More Details Soon

St. John Vianney Relic

The relic of the Uncorrupted Heart of St. John Vianney will be in Nebraska on Wednesday March 20 and Thursday March 21 through the efforts of Supreme Director Michael Conrad.

Details are not firm at this time but initial plans are to have the Relic in Grand Island and Lincoln on March 20 and in Omaha on March 21 before it travels to the Dakota's.

Jim Haiar, PSD, FDM will be the coordinator for the Omaha

diocese, Don Ferneding, PSD, FDM will be the coordinator for the Lincoln Diocese and Dean (Dusty) Hast, FN will be the coordinator for the Grand Island Diocese.

As soon as more information becomes available it will be distributed to Assemblies and posted on the State website.

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Save the Date
Wednesday
March 20 &
Thursday
March 21
Uncorrupted
Heart of St.
John Vianney

Annual Audit—Report of Officers Chosen

The following councils have not submitted their Annual Audit for the fraternal year ended June 30, 2018 and/or their Report of Officers for the 2018-2019 Fraternal year

Please make every effort to submit these forms as soon as possible.

Links to the forms on the back page of the Patriot Report.

Assem No	Audit	Officer	Assem No	Audit	Officer
596	No	No	597	No	Yes
598	No	No	599	No	No
600	No	Yes	601	No	Yes
603	No	No	604	No	No
6067	Yes	No	607	No	No
680	Yes	No	1712	No	No
1769	No	No	1874	No	No
1957	No	No	2023	No	Yes
2071	No	Yes	3146	No	No
3301	No	No	3303	No	No
3486	No	Yes	3606	No	No
3640	No	Yes	3736	No	Yes

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Religiously Devoted, Patriotically Proud

Standing Firm in Support of the Order

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

Proudly Serving the Country

Knights of the Patriotic Degree glorify God by serving our communities and nations as though Christ were the one being served.

Unwavering Support of the Faith

Knights of the Patriotic Degree hold unwaveringly to what is right and honorable, working to keep God in the civic arena, serving the life of the Church, and defending laws that recognize the sanctity of life and true religious liberty.

Honoring the Legacy of Knighthood

The Color Corps is an elective division of the Patriotic Degree that presents a visible reminder of our service to the community.

Confirmed and Proposed Exemplifications

Confirmed Dates

Sunday March 31—Assembly 596 Msgr. Joseph Bosheck—West Point
Sunday April 7—Assembly 2540 Fr. Michael J. McGivney—Omaha
Sunday June 2—Assembly 595 Bishop Kucera—Lincoln
Saturday June 22—Assembly 609 St. James—Kearney

If your assembly is interested in hosting an Exemplification please send an email to
nefourthdegree@gmail.com
or contact the District Master at 402-432-6748

Forms and Due Dates

Form Number	Assembly Forms	Due Date
#186	Report of Officers Chosen for the Term	7/1
#1291	Fourth Degree Exemplification Report	No Due Date
#1315	Annual Assembly Audit	8/1
#1728A	Survey of Fraternal Activity Individual Members Worksheet	No Due Date
#1728	Annual Survey of Fraternal Activity	1/31
#2321	Civic Award Application	6/30
#2863A	RSVP Refund and Plaque Application for Assemblies	6/30
#TBP-1	To Be A Patriot Award Entry Form	5/31