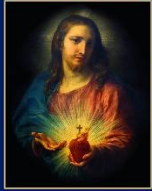


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Supreme Chaplain's Monthly Challenge

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**“While everyone was asleep his enemy came and sowed weeds all through the wheat, and then went off. When the crop grew and bore fruit, the weeds appeared as well.”
(Gospel for July 19, Mt 13:25-26)**

In the midst of his suffering, Job asked, “Why do the wicked keep on living, grow old, become mighty in power?” (Job 21:7). It seems to human eyes an injustice: the good suffer while the evil prosper. But Jesus explains that God “makes his sun rise on the bad and the good, and causes rain to fall on the just and the unjust” (Mt 5:45). He is a patient God, and we must “consider the patience of our Lord as salvation” (2 Pt 3:15a). God is patient with sinners — including us.

Challenge by Supreme Chaplain Archbishop William E. Lori:

This month, I challenge you to reach out to a family member or friend and invite them to go to the sacrament of penance.

Questions for Reflection:

In what way are you like wheat, and in what ways are you like weeds? Are you envious or disturbed by those who lead unholy lives but seem to prosper? Do you find it difficult to love the “weeds” in your life, to pray for and work toward their salvation?

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State Chaplain Father John Trambley

July 2026

Blessed Michael McGivney's statue stands just outside Saint Mary's Church in New Haven, Connecticut. It is a perfect spot for a photograph. It is also an opportunity to consider all this one priest accomplished in his short life. One of the most important and lasting things he did was to found the Knights of Columbus.

It is also important to remember all of the good things that all of the members of the Knights of Columbus have done over the years. We are standing on the shoulders of all who have come before us. We are grateful for all of the progress that has been made, and we are also aware that there is more to be done.

I have had the opportunity to visit the communities that Father Michael McGivney served. He faced real difficulties, and he did not fail to meet the challenges before him. He also learned from every experience in his life.

That is my hope and my prayer for all Knights. Yes, there are difficulties. Yes, there are challenges. And yes, there will be many new experiences as well. Let us face the difficulties with courage. Let us meet the challenges with the strength provided by Jesus Christ and His Sacraments. Let us strive to learn from every experience. Did an event go well? Learn what went well. Did an event not achieve what you wanted? Don't forget that you still gained a wealth of experience from it.

Let us all strive to do God's will every day and to be beacons of charity, unity, fraternity, and patriotism in our families, our communities and in our parishes.





You can play a key role in advancing Father McGivney's cause by joining the Guild for free and praying for his intercession and canonization.

[JOIN THE GUILD](#)

[CANONIZATION PRAYER](#)

May Father McGivney intercede for you!



State Deputy Clinton "CJ" Deeley

July 2026

Hello Brother Knights!

Happy 250th Anniversary of the United States! July 4th is this day that this Country became independent. Thanks to Catholics like Charles Carroll of Carrollton who helped fund the efforts of the Revolution so we all could be here today. We as Catholics have a rich history in the formation of this Country. Let us celebrate as Catholics, that we keep this United States going!

We are at the start of a new Fraternal Year! Let's take the successes from this past fraternal and start strong this year. First thing, First, Councils should have conducted their elections for the new fraternal year. It's now time to get the Form [185](#) and [365](#) submitted with copies to your District Deputies and our Worthy State Executive Assistant. It is also time to complete the Council's [Annual Audit](#), this is due in August. This audit is important to keep your Councils financial bonding with Supreme. Please complete this annual requirement on time!

With a new Fraternal Year there are changes to the Programs also. If you are not getting the [Fraternal Leader Advisories](#) from Supreme, this is a great way to keep up with the changes. Our State Team will also be sending updates throughout the year. Ensure you are reviewing and passing on information. If you have any questions, please ask your District Deputy and the State's Program Directors and Chairmen.

We have our Organizational Meeting upcoming Jul 8-10 at St Therese of the Little Flower in Albuquerque. We will be passing along updates from Supreme, providing some training to District Deputies, Grand Knights and Financial Secretaries and an overview of Programs. Work with Council 12812 in Albuquerque to see if there is still availability.

Some more dates to keep in mind are August 4-6. These are the dates for the Knights of Columbus Supreme Convention. This year it will be held in Denver, CO at the Gaylord Rockies Resort & Convention Center. Here is the website: <https://coloradokofc.org/State-Council/Events/articleType/ArticleView/articleId/421/144th-Supreme-Convention-2026>

If your Council has any questions, feel free to reach out and I will assist you where I can.

Pray the Rosary and recite the St. Michael the Archangel and Blessed Michael McGivney prayers daily!

Vivat Jesus! Viva Cristo Rey!

CJ

Clinton Deeley

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State Secretary Eric Kirby

July 2026

Worthy Brothers of the Great State of New Mexico,

I hope this finds you all well. I'm so excited that I have the opportunity to share my thoughts with you.

In our Catholic faith, we get to experience different seasons in the church that bring different traditions and celebrations.

Just like our faith, as Knights, we get to experience different seasons. The season we are entering this month is one we only get every two years, we have a new State Deputy and State Officers. This is the start to a new season for the Knights of Columbus here in New Mexico. This is a great time for hope and energy. It is up to the members of the State of New Mexico on how this energy is used and how it will shape the future of our state.

I have spent a lot of my speaking time encouraging programs and events to show our Catholic communities how "The Knights of Columbus" help build better Catholic men and support the Church. To highlight that we, as Catholic men, are here to lead our communities, bring more people to the Catholic Faith, and, in doing so, help Catholic men become stronger in the Faith. We all know that any activity outside the home pulls time away from our families. Please keep this in mind and focus your energy on programs and events that the entire family and community can attend.

As a Council, we have points of focus that will help you be successful, so please take the time and make a plan.

The goals for each council are set by the Fraternal Planner that each council receives during the Organizational Meeting. Take time to build a council budget, activities plan, and membership plan. This is one of the most important tools your council can use to stay on track.

Empower yourself with the tools and resources we offer to enhance your leadership! Mark your calendars for the [New Mexico State Organization Meeting](#), July 10-12, 2026, in Albuquerque. This is a must-attend event you won't want to miss! Be sure to submit the required forms: [F365 Service Program Personnel Report](#) and [F185 Report of Officers Chosen](#). Visit and become familiar with www.kofc.org/resources/officer-leader-resources to unlock a wealth of information to help you and your councils succeed this Fraternal Year.

In all we do, may God's will be done! Viva Cristo Rey

In your Service,

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State Warden Robert Garcia

July 2026

Worthy Brothers of the State of New Mexico.

I would like to thank you for the opportunity to serve you as State Warden this Fraternal Year. We finished the year strong as Team New Mexico. Let's keep the momentum going and start the year off strong

Take advantage and recruit at every event and get your [Form 185](#) Officers Chosen in and your [Form 365](#) Program Directors in a timely manner.

Please take advantage of the general raffle, it is an easy way for your council to raise funds that can be used towards your per capita.

Remember that the State Team is here to help you succeed as a council and leader. Feel free to contact me if I can help you to reach your goals.

Let's go, Team New Mexico. We can do this.

Thank you, brothers, once again, for the opportunity to serve as your State Warden.

Best regards to you and your Family,

New Mexico Knights of Columbus State Warden

Robert P. Garcia

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Former State Membership Director Roger Martinez

July 2026

Worthy State Deputy, Brothers All,

It has been an honor serving Team New Mexico as State Membership Director for the last two terms. Thank you to all who made my work something to smile about! As it is a great experience watching a flower unfold or an enchilada becoming a meal by adding the tortillas, chile, beans, carne, y queso, so it is working with a Grand Knight who is frustrated with no growth happening, then as we work together, the Membership planning begins to come together and then, the new members roll in. And when all is said and done, the state quotas are met.

Let us not stop now, a new year is unfolding, congratulations CJ Deeley as our new State Deputy! I wish you all the best. Let us all support our new administration to keep Team New Mexico strong.

We welcome Marco Lucero as our new State Membership Director. I look forward to New Mexico continuing strong.

Viva Cristo Rey,
Roger Martínez, former State Membership Director



State Evangelization & Faith Formation Director Nicolás Arreola

July 2026

Knights of Columbus – New Mexico State Council

Evangelization & Faith Formation Update

Brother Knights,

As we conclude one fraternal year and begin another, we give thanks for the progress made in Evangelization and Faith Formation across New Mexico. Through the support of our State leadership, District Deputies, Grand Knights, EFF Directors, Diocesan Coordinators, and chaplains, Cor continues to grow and bear fruit throughout our jurisdiction.

The beginning of a new fraternal year offers every council an opportunity to renew its commitment to Faith Formation. While launching Cor is important, the true measure of success is the consistent participation of our brother Knights. When men gather regularly for prayer, formation, and fraternity, they grow closer to Christ and build the Christ-centered brotherhood that strengthens our councils and our families.

- New Leadership Training Modules are available to help train leaders and strengthen Cor implementation throughout the state.
- Heart of the Gospel, the new “retreat-in-a-box” featuring Fr. Riccardo, is now available and provides an excellent opportunity to deepen the faith of men within your council and parish. Additional information on a future Heart of the Gospel retreat opportunity will be shared soon.
- Cor now counts toward SP-7 and continues to be recognized as a key component of Evangelization and Faith Formation efforts throughout the Order.
- Statewide support is available through our EFF structure, including Diocesan Coordinators and Council EFF Directors working together to support councils in establishing and sustaining Cor.

Brothers, as we begin this new fraternal year, let us renew our commitment to becoming men of prayer, formation, and mission. Cor remains one of the most effective ways to strengthen our faith, improve recruitment, increase retention, and engage our members more fully in the life of the Church and our Order.

“Knights should be first in faith as we are in charity.”

If your council needs assistance implementing or strengthening Cor, please reach out. Our EFF team stands ready to support you.

Fraternally,

Nicolás Arreola
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State Program Director Sean Romero

July 2026

Worthy Brothers All,

As we start this new fraternal year, we have the normal housekeeping things we need to address. Forms 185 and 365 need to be filled out as completely as possible and submitted, and copies are sent to Worthy Executive Assistant Kerry Morley (n-mknightsSEA@hotmail.com).

It is imperative that we complete these forms in a timely manner, as all forms of communication will flow through this information.

Worthy Grand Knights, please make sure you are getting and using your Planning Calendars for the coming year to plan your council events. Communication is essential to ensuring that everyone knows their roles and responsibilities, as well as feels included, in program activities.

Brothers, I encourage you to challenge yourself this coming year to grow in your faith and your service to your communities. Stepping into the Breach means we also must lead by example, and that means being men of ACTION as well as Prayer.

We all have time and talents, and as brothers, we should use them to serve those around us in a Christ-like way. We must protect life at every stage, assist the most vulnerable, and show compassion to those in need. We must be leaders in our families and in our faith. Gentlemen, we must set the example of a good Catholic man.

In the Catechism of the Catholic Church, 1931, it reads as follows:

Respect for the human person Proceeds by way of respect for the principle that "Everyone should look upon his neighbor (without any exception) as 'another human self' above all bearing in mind his life and the means necessary for living it with Dignity."

Brothers, we should not see the differences in anyone, or to judge anyone but only to give them the assistance they need to live a dignified life. This comes down to the core of our Life mission as Knights. To be the men that stand in the breach for the dignity of LIFE in all its stages.

I look forward to a year of growth and service with each of you brothers.

Sean Romero

State Program Director



State Community Director Lorenz Krassnitzer

July 2026

Worthy Brothers All,

I would like to introduce myself as I have been asked to step into the role as the new Community Director for the State of New Mexico. Hello, my name is Lorenz Krassnitzer.

I am a member of Council 9340 in the Peralta/Los Lunas area. I have been a Grand Knight and Sir Knight for almost 20 years and have had the privilege of serving also as a Faithful Navigator from the Assembly in Belen.

As the Community Director, I want to remind all new and returning Grand Knights to please send your forms early. The Service Program Personnel Report [Form 365](#) is for your new Committee Directors, and the Report of Officers Chosen [Form 185](#) is for the newly elected officers of your council.

These forms can be downloaded or submitted electronically at the [Knights of Columbus Supreme Website](#). Once you have submitted these forms, you should receive a notification, and after it goes to the Supreme, you will get a copy back for your records. In addition, do not forget to send a copy to Kerry Morley (n-mknightsSEA@hotmail.com) and to your District Deputy.

It is important to get your forms out before the due date. Please check your Knights of Columbus calendar for the form date for each month of the year, and/or check in with your District Deputy or me if you need any help completing forms on time.

To receive a Star Award for your Council, these are part of what is required, so please submit your form as early as possible.

Councils also need to START planning EARLY this year. The [Coats For Kids](#) BOGO event kicks off in AUGUST! Councils need to get their money and counts to the state no later than the Third Friday in August. Grand Knights. PLEASE, THIS PROGRAM IS ESSENTIAL, AND THIS CHANGE IS IMMEDIATE AND NOT NEGOTIABLE. YOU NEED TO BE ON TOP OF THIS

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Viva Jesus

Lorenz Krassnitzer, Community Director



State Family Director Steve Budenski

July 2026

Brother knights and families,

Family Programs

Blessed Michael McGivney, an apostle of Christian family life, founded the Knights of Columbus to strengthen Catholic men and their families. We continue his mission to protect and empower families as they live out their vocations. Below are suggestions for council events and essential programs, along with faith-related activities councils can organize in their communities.

1. Quinceañera Support: A quinceañera is a celebration, common in Hispanic cultures, that marks the passage of a 15-year-old young woman from childhood to adulthood.
2. Food for Families (Featured) \$500 or 1,000 pounds equates to a contribution from Supreme of \$100 up to \$500 to councils annually in this Supreme program. At a time of rising costs and thinner margins, Knights of Columbus councils help families in their communities put food on the table.
3. Good Friday Family Promotion: Working with our pastors, we invite parishioners to engage more deeply in the Good Friday liturgy.
4. Keep Christ in Christmas is one of our most visible programs of the year; councils promote the true meaning of Christmas in homes, schools, parishes, and communities. Councils' winners go to the District Deputy in December, and the District Deputy winners get judged at the State level.
5. Family Week: Councils dedicate time to planning a week to celebrate and honor their parish families. A week for a family to camp out or attend a baseball game.
6. Family Prayer Night: Councils create casual opportunities for parish families to gather for fellowship, food, and prayer in a house, church, or a designated area.
7. Family of the Month/Year: It's no small thing to faithfully raise a family. That's why we honor families in our parishes who model Catholic values in their daily lives. Submit the Family of the Month form monthly using Fraternal Program Report Form #10784. Submit the Family of the Year form online to the State Executive Assistant or Program Director.
8. Family Fully Alive: Through monthly themes, Scripture, and activities, we encourage families to bring faith into their everyday lives. The Supreme Chaplain's message is found online at kofc.org
9. NEW!!! Remembering Our Faithful Departed: The Remembering Our Faithful Departed program calls on councils to honor and pray for deceased members of their council, families, and parish community.
10. Consecration to the Holy Family: Council members help evangelize parish families and encourage their common prayer life by inviting them to dedicate themselves to the Holy Family during Mass. They ask the Priest to hand out the prayer card before Mass and to indicate when the prayer should be recited in church during Mass, before or after.

All events that a council undertakes are submitted online by a council member using the Fraternal Program Report Form #10784. A council member locates this form online. One must know their membership number and last name. An email link is sent immediately to the council member to fill out and submit. A copy is sent to the submitter and the Grand Knight. The council program director should report the event at a business meeting and at an officers' meeting. Page 6 of the Council Fraternal Planner should be used for all council events annotated for the Columbian Award SP7.

Steven M. Budenski

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Knights in Action

Brothers from Santa Fe Council 1707 serve coffee and donuts to the homeless. The council served 60 people Frito Pies and provided clothing to those in need.



**Knights from Assembly 685 and Council 1707 participating in the Procession for
Corpus Christi at St. Francis Cathedral in Santa Fe**



The Delora Family Representing Cristo Rey Parish

New Mexico Knights of Columbus Riding Program

June 11-14, 2026, we had our New Mexico Knights of Columbus Riding Program and Council #3137 host an open ride. Knights from as far away as Florida attended and had a great and safe event. The groups took time to attend mass and view some of Santa Fe's chapels.

On Friday, the groups rode in the Jemez Mountains, with dinner hosted by Council 3137. State Membership Director Marco Lucero, Grand Knight Charles Richardson, Faithful Navigator Andre Trottier, Trustee James Robert, and Dennis Dercas represented the council, along with Los Alamos's Lady auxiliary group led by Lady Sandy Lucero, who hosted a wonderful meal in Los Alamos, New Mexico.

Saturday, June 13, 2026. The group rode the Enchanted Circle, with stops and lunch, as they experienced the breathtaking northern New Mexico mountains.

A great thank you to several Knights who made this so successful. Sir Knights Marco Lucero, Sir Knight Ceaser Archangel, Sir Knights Sean Romero.

For the men who traveled to our great State, thank you!!! We hope to see you all again soon.

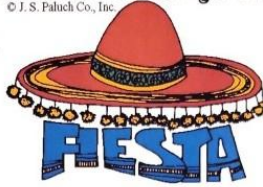


St. Anne Church

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Saturday,
July 25,
2026



5:30—8PM
Fiesta
Grounds



Schedule of Events

4:30PM—Mass—Church
Procession & Blessing—After Mass
DJ Jude Martinez
5:30PM—Musico de Cristo/
Chile Bean Express
6:30PM—Los Tapatios Dance Co
7:00PM—Michael Rascon
8:00PM—Good Night



Music/Dance, Fiesta Burgers, Frito Pies,
Nachos, Hot Dogs, Chile Dogs, Elotes,
New Mexican Food, Sno-Cones, Robot Show

St. Anne Church

12400 Arenal Rd SW



Sunday,
July 26,
2026

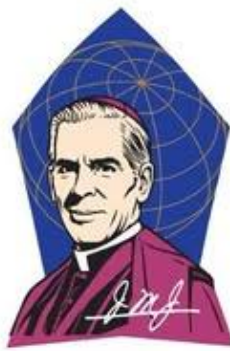
1—6PM
Fiesta
Grounds

Schedule of Events

12:00PM—Mass—Church
DJ Jude Martinez
1:00—Bingo
1:00-1:40M—Antonio Reyna
1:40-2:00M—Dennis Duran
2:00-3:30PM—Str8 Shot
3:30-4:15PM—Danza del Niño Jesús
4:15-5:45—Tripple-X Band
5:45-6:00PM—Grand Raffle



Music/Dance, Bingo/Pull Tabs, Fiesta Burgers,
Frito Pies, Nachos, Hot Dogs, Chile Dogs,
New Mexican Food, Elotes, Sno-Cones,
Sweet Shop, Cake Walk, Face Painting, Robot Show,
Games for the Kids, Corn Hole Tournament



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SEPTEMBER 24, 2026

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We are excited to announce the next V8's for Vocations raffle car is a 1962 Chevrolet Corvette!

This classic red and white convertible has a black soft top, a 327 c.i. numbers matching V8 with approximately 65,000 original miles, a rebuilt 4 speed manual transmission, black leather interior, and newer chrome five-spoke Cragger wheels.

As we celebrate the Centennial of Route 66 this year, we hope you will join us in raising money to support seminarian education in the Diocese of Gallup. Hopefully one of YOU will be turning heads as you cruise down the "Mother Road" in style!

We will draw the winning ticket on *Saturday, July 25, 2026* in Gallup, New Mexico. As always, tickets are just \$25, you need not be present to win, and "We pay the taxes!"

Buy Tickets!

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July 2026

Sir Knights and Brothers All,

We finished the Fraternal Year and I'm very proud of the strong presence the Sir Knights of the NM Patriotic Degree provided over the past 12 months! As you know, my term as District Master for New Mexico concludes on August 31st, so I'm excited to continue our positive and impactful work for our Catholic Parishes and local communities.

Happenings and Future Opportunities Around the State:

We supported the NM Special Olympics on Friday, May 29th, providing Color Guard for the opening ceremony.



Color Corps for the NM Special Olympics Opening Ceremony

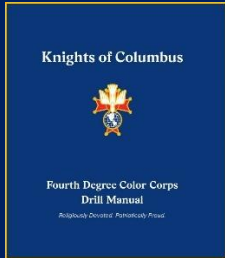
On June 6th, St. Anne Assembly 3478 and Santa Fe Assembly 685 hosted our final Fourth Degree Exemplification of the year at St. Anne's parish in Santa Fe. It was a success and I thank then Sir Knights who helped set up, execution, and tear down. We brought in 23 new Sir Knights at the event which pushed our annual growth to 122, exceeding our Supreme growth goal! I welcome Fr. Larry Brito and Fr. Martin Umeatuegbu and the other 21 Sir Knights into the Fourth Degree. We concluded with a banquet after Mass and recognized SK David Martinez (Assembly 3186) as our Class Honoree. It was a great and blessed day!



The New Mexico District's newest Sir Knights - congratulations brothers!



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Fourth Degree Elections should be completed. Please send a copy of your Form 186 (Report of Officers Chosen for the Term) to me (gk3bacon@yahoo.com), the Vice Supreme Master Nick Nielson (nick.nielson.kofc@gmail.com), and to Supreme (embershiprecords@kofc.org).

Relatedly, please let me know of your date and time to install the new officers of your Assembly. If I am unavailable, I will work with Former Masters and District Marshals to conduct your installation. **And thanks to District Marshal Chuck Dubois for covering the installation of Assembly 682 on June 18th in my absence.**

Coming Events:

Here is a reminder of key activities on the near horizon where the 4th Degree should have a strong presence:

- Independence Day, July 4th, and the 250th Birthday of our Nation!



- NM State Organizational Meeting, July 10th – 12th, Shrine of the Little Flower St Therese of the Infant Jesus Parish, 300 Mildred Ave, Albuquerque, NM 87107
 - o Color Corps support needed to post and retire the colors (July 11th & July 12th)

News From Supreme:

As we approach the historic 250th Anniversary of the United States, Supreme has officially announced the "Patriot 250" District Master's Challenge. Districts will be evaluated on the following pillar (we've already met the need for Pillar I (growth)):

Pillar II: 250th Theme Program Event. Each District is invited to submit their single best patriotic event held by their Assemblies from June 1st to August 31st. All entries will be heavily weighted toward events that embrace the 250th Anniversary theme, specifically focusing on:
Historical Connection: How the event links local history to the founding of our nation in 1776.
Civic Visibility: Engagement with the public, local government, and veterans' organizations.
Legacy: The event's impact on youth and its potential to inspire future generations of patriots.

Important Deadlines & Submissions

Competition Period: June 1, 2026, to August 31, 2026.

Membership Submissions (Form 1291) and Program Submissions (attached) must be sent from District Masters NLT September 11th, 2026

And a report from Vice Supreme Master Nick Nielson that there will be a formal speaking part for the Fourth Degree within the newly updated Charity, Unity, and Fraternity Exemplification. This will require Sir Knight's presence to deliver the message of the opportunity to complete the Patriotic Degree.

Thank you for your Patriotic Service to our Order, our Catholic Church, and our Nation!

Viva Cristo Rey and Vivat Jesus!

Patriot 250 Challenge



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

ASSEMBLY NAME: _____

NUMBER: _____

LOCATION: _____

(town/city) (state/province)

The information which follows describes our assembly's patriotic program and serves as entry for the Patriot 250 Challenge.

Date project conducted: _____

Project Title: _____

Purpose of Activity: _____

Faithful Navigator: _____

Number of assembly members participating in the project: _____

Percentage of assembly members participating in the project: _____

Number of man hours expended in the project:

In the space provided, describe briefly how this project exemplifies the virtue of Patriot 250 Challenge.

On a separate sheet, describe the program in more detail. Explain how the program was conducted from start to finish and include relevant information about publicity, member participation and the overall import of the project to the community, the intended recipients or audience and the assembly. (Photos, news clippings, scrapbooks, letters, testimonials, etc., may be included with this reporting form.)

Signed: _____

(Faithful Navigator)

Attest: _____

(Master)

“The Fourth Degree is the Expectation, not the exception.”

Best Practices in Recruiting for your Assembly

The only real source of new members that your assembly can draw from is that of the local council. That is why it is imperative that your assembly is visible to those prospective Sir Knights in your area.

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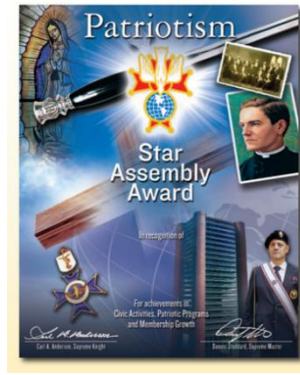
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2025 – 2026 Fraternal Year

The Star Assembly Award recognizes outstanding achievements in membership, programs and overall excellence.

Membership Growth

Reach growth quota of 6% growth in membership, intake only

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Civic Award

Conduct and report at least four varied patriotic programs

Submit the [Civic Award Application](#) (#2321) – **Due 6/30**

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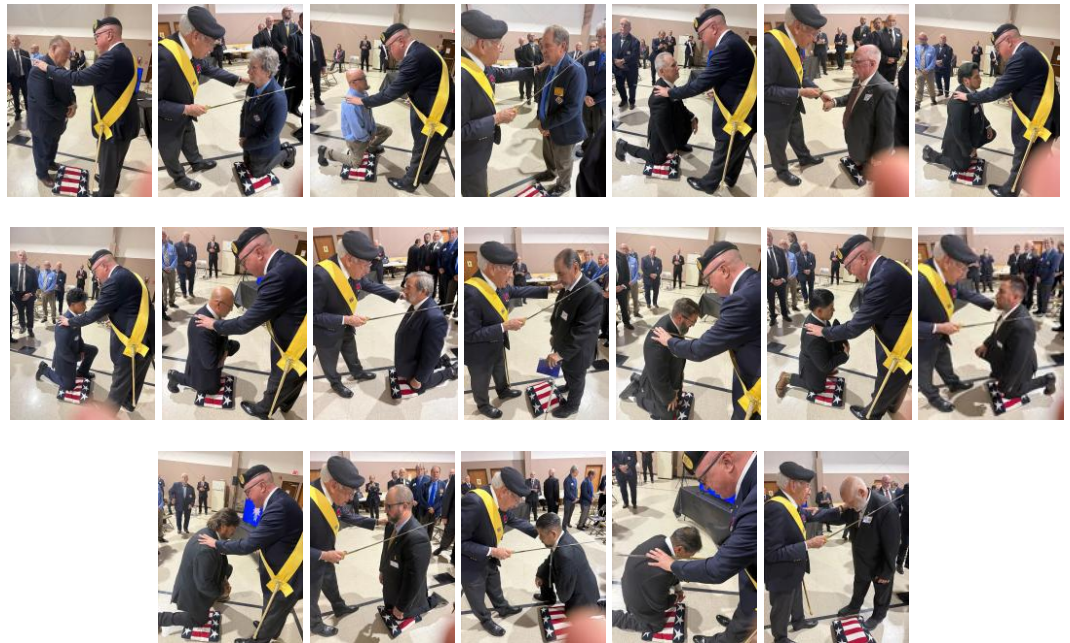
Complete the form to enter the competition

Overall Assembly Excellence

- 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**

The requirement of a local Assembly newsletter has been dropped. However, Assembly leaders communicating with Assembly members outside the monthly Assembly meetings is still a requirement. Flock notes, websites, email, parish bulletins, etc. all count and are expected to be used.

Fourth Degree Exemplification June 6th St Annes in Santa Fe Congratulations Sir Knights



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John H. Reddin Province
District of New Mexico
Class Honoree



Past District Deputy / District Marshal

David Martinez



David was born and raised in Taos, New Mexico. He and his family were parishioners of Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish. His father retired from the US Army then worked as a Taos police officer then worked at Questa Molycorp Mine and retired. His mother was a homemaker for a family of five.

David is blessed to have been married to Lady Mayra for 37 years. They have one son David who is married to Jennifer, they have three daughters, three grandsons, and they live in Florida.

David retired from US Army after 29 years at the rank of Master Sergeant. While stationed at Ft Bliss Texas he met Lady Mayra and later transferred to Farmington in 1989. Lady Mayra owned and operated a flower shop. They

transferred to Albuquerque in 2004. After a one-year deployment both retired in Albuquerque in 2014.

David and Lady Mayra were active members of the St Mary's Catholic Church in Farmington and later St. Jude Thaddeus Catholic Church in Albuquerque. Participation in various ministries included greeter/ushers, homebound ministers, church counters, choir, baptism classes, Religious Education, and marriage preparation, Cursillo, Good Shepherd Center. David is with the St. Jude Pastoral Council and is an installed acolyte with St. Jude Catholic Church.

David's journey with the Knights of Columbus began in 1992 when he joined the Farmington San Juan Council #3448, then in 2002 San Juan Assembly 1801. David has been a Knight for 34 years and Sir Knight for 23 years. He wholeheartedly supports the Knights' values and principles.

Today, David and Lady Mayra are members of St. Jude Council 14410 and St. Jude Assembly 3186, where he has served as Treasurer, Financial Secretary, Grand Knight, Public Relations and Faithful Navigator, and Comptroller. David has also served as District Deputy, and the State of New Mexico Financial Secretary Trainer.

David congratulates the new Sir Knights who have successfully completed their journey to the Fourth Degree and full knighthood. He encourages each of them to participate actively in their councils and assemblies and hold an officer position. Pope John Paul II famously referred to the Knights of Columbus as the "Strong Right Arm of the Church".

SK David and Lady Mayra are honored and sincerely grateful for this recognition! Vivat Jesús!

From New Mexico East District Marshal Ed Martinez

July 2026

Brothers All,

Our 2025–2026 fraternal year ended with several notable events. First, congratulations to our new State Deputy, Clinton C. J. Deeley, and State Secretary, Eric Kirby, both from Assembly 1686.

Our Assembly and Council activities finished with a Third-Degree Exemplification held at Saint Helen's Church in Portales, NM, on May 24, 2026. In attendance were State Deputy Anthony Salazar and State Deputy–Elect Clinton C. J. Deeley. Congratulations to our new Third Degree Brothers: Gary Zapotoczny, Ibis Melendez, Joseph Sorheim, Francisco Lopez, Jarek Ham, and Luis Torres.

Memorial Day, May 25, 2026, was observed at Lawn Heaven Cemetery in Clovis, New Mexico. Attending and participating was State Deputy-Elect Clinton C.J. Deeley, along with Color Corps Honor Guard members of Assembly 1686.

A rosary was led in prayer by SK Paul Johnis, honoring and remembering all who died for our country and our freedom.

We also included in our prayers the loss of our brother, Sir Knight District Deputy Jesse Alvarez, a proud veteran who passed away the day before Memorial Day. A man of deep faith, quiet strength, and dedication to duty, SK Jesse was a valued member of Assembly 1686, as well as Councils 4205 and 8304, with 60 years of service. His devotion to the Catholic Church and the Knights of Columbus was evident in his tireless commitment to both, as he exemplified what it means to be a true Knight.



On June 6, 2026, our Master of the Fourth Degree, Geoff Bacon, organized his final Exemplification of Patriotism for the Fraternal Year. Congratulations to WMFD Geoff for conducting a successful event that included the induction of our new Sir Knights: David Abarca, Thomas Aguilar, and Leo Martinez.



On June 7, 2026, our Color Corps Honor Guard participated in the annual Corpus Christi procession. They escorted the Blessed Sacrament from Sacred Heart Church in Clovis, NM, to Main Street and back, a distance of approximately one mile.



Pictured with Rev. Fr. Franklin are the Color Corps Honor Guard members. In the back row: SKs Joe Batista, Rick Shea, and Anthony Candelaria. In the front row: Max Pino, Ed Martinez, and Joe Montoya.



From Lady Chris and me, we wish you a Blessed New Fraternal Year and a Happy 250th 4th of July. We extend our heartfelt wishes to all our Brother Knights on this special Independence Day as we honor our nation's historic 4th of July with the famous phrase "Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness" by Thomas Jefferson.



Ed Martinez
District Marshal
Eastern New Mexico

From FN Lino Borunda, Assembly 3996 Lovington NM.

The Assembly 3996 and Council 7040 from Lovington were actively involved in various activities during May and June. First, they participated in the Memorial Day celebration organized by the American Legion Post 68 of Lovington, New Mexico. Several of our 4th degree Sir Knights attended the event and placed flags at the graves of departed service members from our community.



On June 7th, Saint Thomas Aquinas Catholic Church celebrated The Feast of Corpus Christi, the celebration of the presence of Jesus Christ in the Holy Eucharist having our priest Samuel Ameh and guest priest Oliver a Bishop of Rome exposing the most blessed sacrament throughout Lovington and being escorted on the procession by the LPD through the entire route, driving first from the fairgrounds and on foot concluding at our Parish.

The Knights of Columbus Brothers and Sir Knights were present to make this a memorable celebration of our lord's body and blood actively participating in all the groups in the parish such as Choir, Movimiento Familiar Cristiano Católico, Adoration groups, and Guadalupanas. The event ended with adoration and a mass. It is noteworthy to mention that our brothers and Sir Knights cooked and served Hamburgers at the parish hall to all who participated in the procession of the Blessed Sacrament.



Vivat Jesus! y Viva Cristo Rey!

Lino Borunda
Faithful Navigator
Lovington, New Mexico

New Mexico Northeast District Marshal Roger Martinez

July 2026

Worthy Master, Sir Knights all,

Congratulations Worthy Master of the 4th° of New Mexico Geoff Bacon! Not only were quotas met, but many men have been inspired to live and grow in their Knighthood throughout New Mexico, and in particular here in the Northern region. I am proud to have been instrumental in my region as we were dead last when this region was first assigned to me, and I have worked tirelessly encouraging membership growth ever since. It is great to see the fruits of my labor coming to fruition.

There is much more to accomplish, but we are thankful. Santa Fe, Los Alamos, and Las Vegas all added to the Brotherhood of our most recent 4th° Exemplification at St. Annes parish in Santa Fe.

It is always a joy to serve our Special Olympians. Their smiles and enthusiasm make it all worth it. I continue to encourage all you Sir Knights to join in this, not only patriotic event, but heavenly gift we are offered.

Flag Day was special in Taos, Santiago Assembly had pushed this year to gather worn flags from the local governments, the local schools, the Electric Company, as well as from private donors for our Flag Burning Ceremony. We gathered close to fifty flags to ceremoniously burn on Flag Day.

We Knights look forward to our nations 250th birthday. Sir Knights in Las Vegas will be marching in the 4th of July parade, as will Santiago Assembly be leading the 4th of July Parade in Eagle Nest.

Elections have been done, I look forward to begin Installing our regions officers, it is a joy knowing we have fresh faces to choose from to lead the way into a stronger patriotic tomorrow.

Roger Martinez, District Marshal

Santiago Assembly Presents and Posts Colors for Kit Carson Electric Co's Annual Membership Meeting



Flag Day Flag Retirement Ceremony **Santiago Assembly 3560 gathered numerous worn flags from all over Taos and ceremoniously put them to their final rest.**



New Mexico Northwest District Marshal Patrick Smith

July 2026

We are pleased to share that our Assembly 1801, in collaboration with Councils 3448 and 15618, successfully held a significant celebration for the fortieth anniversary of the Holy Trinity on May 31, 2026, in Flora Vista. This noteworthy event included an Honor Guard, with Bishop Wall presiding over a beautiful Mass that highlighted the importance of faith within our community. Following the Mass, members and guests enjoyed a potluck feast, which allowed everyone to come together, share stories, and strengthen our fellowship.

We are excited to invite all members of our Assembly and fellow council members to participate in the upcoming annual Bar-D Wranglers dinner and entertainment event, which will take place in Durango, Colorado, on June 26, 2026. This gathering will not only feature delicious food but also entertaining performances, providing an excellent opportunity for networking and camaraderie among our members.

Our Assembly is actively working to increase our Fourth Degree membership as we recognize its importance in our organization. Although we have encountered some challenges in attracting younger members, we are taking proactive measures to address this issue. I have reached out to two experienced senior members to discuss the potential donation or sale of their regalia. This initiative aims to make it more accessible and appealing for younger individuals who are interested in entering the Honor Guard/Color Corps.

In addition, over the next two months, we will be conducting our annual audit, which is a crucial process for maintaining our financial integrity and transparency. We will also be finalizing the schedule for our Installation of Officers, a ceremony that marks the transition of leadership within our Assembly.

Thank you all for your continued dedication and support.

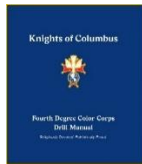
Warm regards,
Patrick Smith
FN Assembly 1801

Albuquerque International Sunport

No words are enough...but a standing ovation is a start. The annual [Honor Flight Welcome Home](#) ceremony is our way of saying thank you to the brave veterans who never got the welcome home they deserved. 🇺🇸 THANK YOU. THANK YOU. THANK YOU. 🙏 And thanks to everyone who attends every year to give a true hero's welcome.



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In Step

From Colorado Master Ray Meadows

Beret – Inspection Ready Black Beret without Flashing from Rothco.

[Amazon Link to Rothco Pre-Shaved Inspection Ready Beret](#)



See page 56 of Drill Manual if you prefer to get your Beret Inspection yourself

Additional support for getting your Beret Inspection Ready

<https://www.thesoldiersproject.org/wear-a-military-beret/>

Correct Wear of the Beret. We are not the Army, but a good visual of what is correct and what is incorrect.



Drill Manual

A new printing of the Drill Manual is happening! The latest version has a date on the back cover of 12/25. Anyone who needs it, can find it [HERE](#)



Culture of Life

New Mexico Alliance for Life and Southwest Coalition, Inc are working hard to stop the \$10 million dollar tax-funded abortion mills from being built in Northern and Southern New Mexico.

Sign the petitions to stop the taxpayer funded abortion mills from being built.

The petitions are available at

<https://www.nmallianceforlife.org>

<https://www.swc.inc>

<https://stopthecenter.com>

ASAP (Aid and Support After Pregnancy)

Pregnancy resource centers and maternity homes can be found by searching through databases available at heartbeatinternational.org, birthright.org and pregnancycarecanada.ca – among others. Visit kofc.org/asap for resources.

Pregnancy Centers in NM	Mailing Address	City	Phone
Birthright	3228 Candelaria NE	Albuquerque	505-262-2235
Birthright	609 N. Butler Ave.	Farmington	
Birthright	203 Manzaneras Ave #16	Socorro	575-835-4236
Project Defending Life	729 San Mateo Blvd NE	Albuquerque	505-266-4100
Life Choice Pregnancy Resource Center	621 N. Main	Clovis	(575) 935-5433
New Beginnings Caring Pregnancy Center	108 W. Hagerman	Carlsbad	575-885-0848
New Life Pregnancy Center	PO Box 43	Taos	575-758-2899
Open Arms PC	PO Box 3579	Truth or Consequences	970-799-4792
Pregnancy Help Center of Artesia	610 W. Quay Ave	Artesia	575-736-6400
Right to Life of New Mexico	2413 Wyoming Blvd NE	Albuquerque	(505) 881-4563
LegacyPregnancy Resource	1100 E. Llano	Hobbs	575.942.2567
Southern NM Outreach	1222 N. White Sands Blvd	Alamogordo	575 434-5525
Origins	2704 Southern Blve SE	Rio Ranch	505-891-1430
Care Net Pregnancy Center of Los Cruces	PO Box 1865	Las Cruces	575-526-6242
Turning Point A Pregnancy Help Center	3201 S. Main Suite C	Las Cruces	575-520-1147
Care Net of the East Mountains	21 Main St Suite 202	Edgewood	505-281-5408
Care Net Pregnancy Center Rio Rancho	2451 Monterrey Rd	Rio Rancho	505-896-2305
Care Net Pregnancy Center Los Lunas	601 Main SE, Ste 26	Los Lunas	505-565-3838
Chaves County Pregnancy Resource Center	PO Box 3611	Roswell	575-623-1217
Hands of Hope Pregnancy Center	120 Boardman Dr	Gallup	505-722-7125
Our Lady of Guadalupe Gift of Life Center	811 St. Michael's Dr. Suite 103	Santa Fe	505-988-1215
Life-Way of Lincoln County	270 A Country Club DDr	Ruidoso	575.973.0088
Restarting a CPC			719-439-3116
Grace Place Pregnancy and Health Center	4801 N. Butler, Ste 3102	Farmington	505-327-4747



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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Lady María Cortez

July 2026

Bringing to mind that Our Lady of Guadalupe is the patron saint of the Americas, it occurs to me that it might be of interest to our readers for me to search out locations throughout the United States that have a shrine dedicated to Our Lady of Guadalupe. For example here is one located in Illinois:

Our Lady of Guadalupe Shrine (Santuario de Nstra. Sra. de Guadalupe)



The Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe in Des Plaines, Illinois, features beautiful outdoor devotional spaces. The shrine was modeled after the hill of Tepayac in Mexico City. There is a 12-foot statue of Our Lady of Guadalupe and a 6-foot statue of St. Juan Diego from the Basilica in Mexico. In 1997 the site was named "Cerrito del Tepeyac de Chicago" and during the ceremony, the Rector of the Basilica of Guadalupe in Mexico poured soil from Tepayac in Mexico City and blessed the image of Our Lady, which created a very important bond between the Shrine and the Basilica of Guadalupe in Mexico, "This site was granted the faculty of being a place where pilgrims can fulfill their pledges or promises to Our Lady of Guadalupe as if they were being fulfilled in the Basilica in Mexico." Also, there is a chapel for daily Mass and confessions.

Key Visitor Information:

- **Address:**
1170 N. River Road, Des Plaines, IL 60016
- **Hours:**
Monday - Friday: 10 AM – 5 PM; Saturday: 9AM–5PM (Hours subject to change, so check updates before visiting) -- (847) 294-1806
- **Experience:**
The typical visit lasts about 1 to 2 hours, offering a peaceful, reflective experience.
- **Annual Pilgrimage:** The biggest event of the year takes place in mid-December (specifically Dec 11–12), drawing over 250,000 pilgrims for the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe.

Site Highlights:

- **The Cerrito:** A replica of the hill in Mexico City where Juan Diego first saw the apparition of the Virgin Mary.
- **Outdoor Altar & Gardens:** Expansive grounds that provide a tranquil environment for prayer, reflection, and Mass.
- **St. Joseph Chapel & Memorials:** Various statues and devotional areas honoring different saints and other holy images.



She is unique, my dove, my perfect one, her mother's chosen, the favorite of her parent... The daughters saw her and... declared her blessed.

~Song 6:9

Reflection. The look of Mary, the smile of Mary, the sweetness of Mary, the majesty of Mary, Queen of heaven and earth!

Mary's beauty stands out among all other beauties, which pale next to hers. Mary is the most beautiful of God's creatures. *~Pope Pius XII*

Prayer. *O Mary, you are all-beautiful and worthy of praise. Help me to render you the honor you deserve by following your inspirations and imitating your shining example.*



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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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.



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 about the world

seeking the ruin of souls.



Amen.



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Knight's 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.*

To submit articles for the newsletter, please send them to nmkcnews@gmail.com by the 15th of the month for publication in the following month. Submit articles in Word (.doc) format and photos in .jpg format.