

# Knights of Columbus

Fourth Degree  
St. Junipero Serra Province  
Central California District



Exemplification  
of the  
Patriotic Degree

*Honoring*  
Holy Father, Pope Francis

***One Nation Under God***

SATURDAY JUNE 7, 2025  
Saint Patrick's Hall  
671 East Yosemite Avenue  
Merced, California 95340



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### **Letter from Central District Master James Hinojosa**

May 16, 2025

Dear Worthy Sir Knights and Brothers:

As Master of the Central California District, Junipero Serra Province, it is my pleasure to invite your Assembly's participation for the 125th Exemplification at Saint Patrick's Catholic Church scheduled for **Saturday June 7, 2025**. Our Lady of Mercy Assembly #63 will be hosting this event at the Saint Patrick's Hall, 671 East Yosemite Avenue, Merced, CA 95340. This Exemplification's honoree is our Holy Father, Pope Francis.

Enclosed is the event packet that has been updated specifically for the Exemplification. **Please take time to review the entire packet carefully.** Then make copies and distribute them as suggested. Please note the deadlines. They are more important than ever! **Ticket requests and distribution will be handled by each assembly.** Each Assembly will be collecting individual checks from Candidates and Sir Knights for banquet tickets and candidate fees. Then the Assembly will write two checks, one for the banquet tickets and one for the application fees. Thank you in advance for your help in making our procedures work well.

It is important that all candidates receive the necessary information. Remind the Candidates of the **Mandatory Dress Code: Black Tuxedo or Black/Dark Suit with White Shirt and Dark Tie!** It is also necessary that both the Faithful Navigator and Faithful Comptrollers review the entire packet to assist in registration running smoothly.

Thank you for your recruiting efforts for this exemplification and all your hard work for our District! I look forward to seeing each of you and your new recruits in Merced at Saint Patrick's Catholic Church! If you have any questions, please contact the District Secretary.

Sincerely and Fraternally,

#### **James Hinojosa**

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**Tentative Schedule**

**Saturday, June 7, 2025**

9:00 AM TO 10:00 AM	<b>Faithfull Comptrollers Reports to District Secretary</b>
10:00 AM TO 11:00 AM	<b>Candidates Registration</b>
11:00 AM TO 12:00 Noon	<b>Banquet Lunch</b>
12:00 Noon TO 12:30 PM	<b>Marshal Assignments for Color Corps</b>
12:00 Noon TO 1:00 PM	<b>Candidates Assemble</b>
1:00 PM TO 3:00 PM	<b>Exemplification of the Fourth Degree</b>
5:00 PM	<b>Mass – Saint Patrick's Catholic Church</b>

*Times subject to change. Rooms and final schedules will be announced the day of event.*



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Many Assemblies' hold an "**Information Night.**" This meeting is held prior to the Exemplification. During this meeting the dress code is modeled. Questions are answered and forms are reviewed for completion. This gives the Candidate confidence that he knows what to expect and has the opportunity to meet members of your assembly. Please try and schedule this important Information Night.

### **Before the Exemplification / Paperwork for you to Submit / Other Tasks**

Once you collect the candidates Form 4s (and reviewed them for completeness) and have collected the initiation fee, you will need to prepare the **Comptroller's Electronic Candidate's List.** Start by alphabetizing your candidates then follow the sample and email the Master and the District Secretary. If all form 4s are scanned and emailed to the District Secretary, the Assembly **NO LONGER** needs to mail the completed form 4s and checks. The completed form 4s and checks can be turned in the morning of the event when the Comptrollers are reporting to the District Secretary. Remember to track which candidates will be attending the banquet. This must be submitted on the form and the Assembly will be distributing the tickets. **The Scanned Form 4s and Electronic Candidate List are due June 5, 2025**

Candidates and Sir Knights will be notifying the Assembly of their Banquet ticket requests. The Ticket Order Form is where your final numbers are to be entered.

**Two assembly checks made payable to Master James Hinojosa** are required before any candidate or guest can enter the event. One check is for the candidates and the second check is for the additional banquet guest tickets. Remember to keep track as the Assembly will be distributing the banquet tickets on the day of the event. At this point, you should determine possible seating arrangements. It is the Assembly's responsibility to determine seating assignments. This is a wonderful opportunity since the Assembly knows who sponsored whom, etc.

Please encourage members of your Assembly and their guests to carpool to the event. This new exemplification is open to **ALL**, guests and family are now able to join the candidate in all events throughout the day.

Candidates and Sir Knights will be turning into the Assembly their Ladies banquet lunch ticket requests. You will need to track if the candidate is attending the banquet lunch event though it is included in their application fee. The Ticket Order Form (attached) is where your final numbers are to be entered. **Include an Assembly check made payable to Master James Hinojosa.**



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Assembly Ticket Order Form (Comptroller Use ONLY)

**Ticket Sale Deadline: June 5, 2025**

Assembly Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Assembly #: \_\_\_\_\_

Assembly Contact Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact's Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

- Checks to be made payable to **Master James Hinojosa**
- Checks will be turned in the morning of the exemplification
  - 1 check for the candidate fees only
  - 1 check for all additional banquet tickets (candidate and guest)
- E-mail the forms to:

**Alex Young**  
alex4kofc@gmail.com  
3050 N. Apricot Ave.  
Fresno, Ca 93727

**Reservations by text, phone, or email.**

Questions to **Alex Young**  
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**Worthy Candidate**, thank you for accepting the invitation to join the Fourth Degree!

Membership in your local Assembly will be exciting! You will meet other Knights from surrounding councils. You will reach the highest rank of the Knights of Columbus, the patriotic degree. Most importantly you will be a part of the most visible component of the Knights of Columbus.

To join the Patriotic Degree, you must participate in the Exemplification, complete the required paperwork (details below), and pay the application fee. Your sponsor and your local Assembly will assist you. Assemblies are different than Councils. This Exemplification is open to all guests (non-Knights and wives). Bring your family so they see what the patriotic degree of the Knights of Columbus is all about. If you have questions, please ask.

Welcome to the Fourth Degree!

## **Candidate Registration Information**

**Eligibility:** All Third-Degree Knights who are in good standing with their council are eligible to receive their Fourth Degree. Your Assembly will need your payment and paperwork by the end of May. See your sponsor for the exact date set by your Assembly.

Here are the steps in the process:

**1. Fill out a Form 4 completely and LEGIBLY**

REQUIRES a signature from your Council's Financial Secretary.

**2. Write a check to the Assembly you are joining.**

- District Application Fee: **\$ 90.00**  
(includes Supreme Registration Fee, Social Baldric, Fourth Degree Lapel pin)
- As a gift from the Master, you will receive a non-transferable lunch banquet ticket for your use at this Exemplification.
- Assembly Fees: Varies  
(your Assembly will let you know if there are fees for dues, badges, etc.)
- **Write your check made payable to your Assembly.**
- When you turn in your check, inform your Assembly if your Spouse/Guest will be attending the Lunch Banquet \$25, include with your payment

**3. Your sponsor will submit your Form 4 with your fees to the Assembly.**

**4. You should learn whom at the Assembly to contact with Exemplification questions.**

**5. Your paperwork will be forwarded to the Master and the Exemplification Committee.**

**6. You will receive the tickets, etc. at the Exemplification.**

**Lunch Banquet – Saturday 11:00 AM – \$25.00 Extra Tickets (Not Candidates).** The Master gifts a lunch banquet ticket to the Candidates. Additional Banquet tickets may be ordered through the Comptroller of your Assembly. Tell your Assembly the number of Tickets and for which event. Contact your Assembly for information about whether the application fee and the Lunch Banquet Tickets may be combined into one check.

## **Miscellaneous Tips and Information**

- The Exemplification Mass fulfills your Sunday Mass obligation.
- Work with your sponsor and your future Assembly to complete all paperwork neatly, accurately, and within deadlines.
- Your check needs to be made to your Assembly by **Thursday June 5, 2025**



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### Candidate Ticket Order Form

Please Print Legibly

Candidate Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse or Guest's Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

<u><b>Ticket Type</b></u>	<u><b>#</b></u>	<u><b>Price</b></u>	<u><b>Amount</b></u>
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#### **Lunch Banquet**

<i>Candidate</i>	_____	@ Comp.	\$ _____
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Sir Knights and Spouses / Guests	_____	@ \$25 ea.	\$ _____
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Total Banquet meals	_____	Total due:	\$ _____
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Make check payable to: \_\_\_\_\_ Local Assembly \_\_\_\_\_

Send check to: \_\_\_\_\_ Include with Form 4 Application to Assembly \_\_\_\_\_



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### **Guest Ticket Order Form**

**Please Print Legibly**

Sir Knight's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse or Guest's Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

<b><u>Ticket Type</u></b>	<b>#</b>	<b><u>Price</u></b>	<b><u>Amount</u></b>
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#### **Lunch Banquet**

Sir Knight \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$25 ea. \$\_\_\_\_\_

Spouses / Guests \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$25 ea. \$\_\_\_\_\_

Total Banquet meals \_\_\_\_\_ Total due: \$\_\_\_\_\_

Make check payable to: \_\_\_\_\_ Local Assembly \_\_\_\_\_

Send check to: \_\_\_\_\_ Include with Form 4 Application to Assembly \_\_\_\_\_

## PLEASE PRINT



**FOURTH DEGREE MEMBERSHIP DOCUMENT**  
**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**

A SOCIETY OF CATHOLIC MEN

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1		LAST NAME				FIRST NAME		MIDDLE INITIAL		TITLE		MEMBERSHIP NUMBER	
2		STREET		CITY		ST / PROV		POSTAL CODE / COUNTRY				<input type="checkbox"/> NEW MEMBER	
3		HOME PHONE		DATE OF BIRTH		MARITAL STATUS		1st DEGREE DATE		COUNCIL NO.		<input type="checkbox"/> RESTORATION	
4		CITIZEN OF WHAT COUNTRY?		BY BIRTH OR NATURALIZATION?		IF NATURALIZATION HAVE FINAL PAPERS BEEN RECEIVED?		YES		NO		<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSFER	
5		IF YOU WERE PREVIOUSLY INITIATED IN THE FOURTH DEGREE, GIVE:		INITIATION		TERMINATION		ASSEMBLY NUMBER		CITY		<input type="checkbox"/> HONORARY MEMBERSHIP	
6		DATE OF										<input type="checkbox"/> HONORARY LIFE MEMBERSHIP	
7		REASON FOR TERMINATION		ASSEMBLY		NUMBER				CITY		<input type="checkbox"/> DATA CHANGE	
8		PARISH		NEW OR PRESENT								<input type="checkbox"/> SUSPENSION _____ reason	
9		I HEREBY DECLARE THAT THE ABOVE IS TRUE AND CORRECT AND THAT I AM A PRACTICAL CATHOLIC IN COMMUNION WITH THE HOLY SEE.		FORMER								<input type="checkbox"/> DEATH _____ mo day yr	
I CERTIFY THAT THE APPLICANT IS A THIRD DEGREE MEMBER IN GOOD STANDING													
10		SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT		DATE		IN		COUNCIL NO.		LOCATION			
11		SIGNATURE OF PROPOSER		ASSEMBLY									
12		PROPOSER MEMBER NUMBER (REQUIRED)				DATE				SIGNATURE OF FINANCIAL SECRETARY			
13		FAITHFUL NAVIGATOR				DATE		RECEIVED FEES OF \$ _____		DATE _____			
14		FAITHFUL COMPTROLLER				DATE		APPLICANT INITIATED AT _____		DATE _____			
Signature of Master (required for new members only)													