

Knights of Columbus

Fourth Degree
St. Junipero Serra Province
Central California District



125th Anniversary



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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Sir Knight James Hinojosa, Master

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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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Letter from Central District Master James Hinojosa



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Tentative Schedule

Saturday, June 7, 2025

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

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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Ticket Sale Deadline: June 5, 2025

Assembly Ticket Order Form (Comptroller Use ONLY)

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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Candidate Information Flyer Part A

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 Baldrick, 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>Ticket Type</u>	<u>#</u>	<u>Price</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Lunch Banquet			
<i>Candidate</i>	_____	@ Comp.	\$ <u>0.00</u>
Sir Knights and 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



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Guest Ticket Order Form

Please Print Legibly

Sir Knight's Name: _____

Spouse or Guest's Name(s): _____

<u>Ticket Type</u>	<u>#</u>	<u>Price</u>	<u>Amount</u>
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

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1	LAST NAME		FIRST NAME		MIDDLE INITIAL		TITLE	
	STREET		CITY		ST / PROV		POSTAL CODE / COUNTRY	
	HOME PHONE		DATE OF BIRTH		MARITAL STATUS		1st DEGREE DATE	
2	CITIZEN OF WHAT COUNTRY?		BY BIRTH OR NATURALIZATION?		IF NATURALIZATION HAVE FINAL PAPERS BEEN RECEIVED?		YES NO	
	IF YOU WERE PREVIOUSLY INITIATED IN THE FOURTH DEGREE, GIVE:		INITIATION		TERMINATION		ASSEMBLY NUMBER CITY ST/PROV.	
3	DATE OF		REASON FOR TERMINATION		ASSEMBLY		NUMBER CITY ST/PROV	
	PARISH		NEW OR PRESENT		FORMER			
4	I HEREBY DECLARE THAT THE ABOVE IS TRUE AND CORRECT AND THAT I AM A PRACTICAL CATHOLIC IN COMMUNION WITH THE HOLY SEE.		I CERTIFY THAT THE APPLICANT IS A THIRD DEGREE MEMBER IN GOOD STANDING		IN		COUNCIL NO. LOCATION	
	SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT		DATE		DATE		SIGNATURE OF FINANCIAL SECRETARY	
	SIGNATURE OF PROPOSER		ASSEMBLY					
	PROPOSER MEMBER NUMBER (REQUIRED)							
5	FAITHFUL NAVIGATOR		DATE		RECEIVED FEES OF \$		DATE	
	FAITHFUL COMPTROLLER		DATE		APPLICANT INITIATED AT		DATE	
				Signature of Master (required for new members only)				

MEMBERSHIP
NUMBER

- ☐ NEW MEMBER
- ☐ RESTORATION
- ☐ TRANSFER
- ☐ HONORARY MEMBERSHIP
- ☐ HONORARY LIFE MEMBERSHIP
- ☐ DATA CHANGE
- ☐ SUSPENSION _____ reason _____
- ☐ DEATH _____ mo day yr

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