



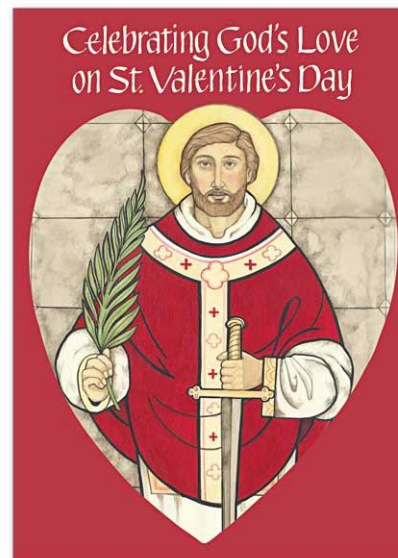
# Newsletter

Our Lady of the Incarnate Word Council #15199  
Our Lady of the Incarnation Assembly #3309  
2309 Monterrey Rd., Rio Rancho, NM 87144

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## Reminder

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## CALENDAR

### ASSEMBLY MEETINGS

COTI PORTABLE 1

7:00 PM

Second Monday of the month

[www.kofcassembly3309.com](http://www.kofcassembly3309.com)

### COUNCIL MEETINGS

COTI PORTABLE 1

7:30 PM

Second Thursday of the month

[www.kofc15199.com](http://www.kofc15199.com)

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## By Worthy Lecturer SK Patrick McLaughlin

Hello Brother Knights! I deliver this final message as your Lecturer this evening from San Antonio, TX. If you're ever coming down here, please let me know.

Tonight, I'd like to touch on trusting God. My wife Catherine and I have been praying that God would lead us to the next right opportunity for our family. When we made the decision after much searching and interviewing and praying, to relocate to San Antonio, TX, it came with something that we can only say is making us place more trust in God. You see, I am down in SA and it is quite possible that Catherine and the kids will move here in late May after school gets out. I need to find us a place to live, get familiar with a new city and a very large territory for my new job and learn a lot. The separation for upwards of 5 months is something that could also be a blessing for us...if we choose to put on the eyes of faith. I call this putting on His Lens.

Proverbs 3:4 says "Trust in the Lord with ALL your heart." We've all heard this many times. How easy is it to hear it and think "yeah, I know?" And it's another thing to live it out. I mean, that little but very significant word 'ALL' demands some prayer and attention. Do I give my God all my trust? All my faith?

John 3:30 says "You must increase and I must decrease." This shows both humility and awareness of self. Over the years I have found this to be one of my favorite mantras to repeat when I feel overwhelmed and stressed. We prayed God would lead us to something great. I have found a great job and situation. What we didn't realize was that God had this potential 5 month separation for us in mind.

With eyes of faith and an increased trust in God, we know that His Ways are higher than our ways. And when we pray and get an answer we need to be grateful and accept what His Will is for our lives. This is where our humanity shows. We don't want to be separated. It's not ideal for a family to put all the daily work day and night on my wife while I have essentially no parental daily responsibilities. I do, however, have plenty of time to get things done to make it a smooth transition when the time is right to move my family. I also can give full attention to my new job so that by the time my family arrives I will be in a good space and won't feel so overwhelmed.

In closing, I pray that each of you continues to listen to God and say your prayers of gratitude for answered prayers. And remember humility and awareness. Humility to surrender your wants to His wants for your lives. And awareness to pray for Him to increase in your lives - in all areas. Is it easy? Of course not. Is it worth it? Always!

Every blessing to you all. Be assured of my prayers. And I look forward to seeing you when I return now and then over a weekend to visit my family.

I was honored to serve as your Lecturer. Thank you for your friendship and prayers!

Vivat Jesus, Patrick

*Thank you Worthy Lecturer SK Patrick for all of your contributions, we wish you well in your journey. May The Lord Bless You and Your Family Always!*

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## Council Officers

Chaplain - Father Leo Ortiz

Grand Knight – Roland Gatti

Deputy Grand Knight – Ron Karaskiewicz

Chancellor - Frank Melo

Recorder – Nick Medley

Financial Secretary – Jim Guth

Lecturer – Patrick McLaughlin

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Outside Guard – Ken Weiman

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2 Year Trustee – Ernie Marquez

1 Year Trustee - Bernie Marequez

Membership Director – David Martinez

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## From State Deputy Patrick T. Mason



From the 49th Chapter of Isaiah: “I will make you a light to the nations, that my salvation may reach the ends of the earth.” This echoes the call of Pope Francis to “go forth from our comfort zone in order to reach all the ‘peripheries’ in need of the light of the Gospel” (Evangeli Gaudium, 20). As we start this New Year, we are needed as a light to the nations more than ever. We are the largest lay organization in the world, in our state, and in our parishes. We have a vital responsibility to shine the Light of Christ for our brother Knights, our fellow Catholics, and for everyone we meet. Sometimes we do this with great and public acts, but more often than that it starts with the small choices we make every day in our lives. St. Teresa of Calcutta says, "In this life we cannot do great things. We can only do small things with great love." We start by shining the light of Christ in our homes. We show love to our spouses and our children, and that love shines in our parishes and strengthens our Catholic community. Through the love of our families shining in our parishes, we can transform the world. This sometimes seems difficult, if not impossible, even to the saints. As St. Teresa also said, “I know God will not give me anything I can't handle. I just wish that He didn't trust me so much." What we can handle need not be handled alone, but rather what we as the Body of Christ (the Church) can handle. If it was up to each of us individually, we would surely fail. Thankfully, we have Mary, our Blessed Mother; the saints; our bishops and priests; our spouses; our families; our friends; and our parishes. Let us all take tangible and specific steps in the remainder of this fraternal year to shine the light of Christ in our parishes. I ask every council and every brother Knight to select at least one Sunday a month where you and your family will work toward this noble goal. Serve coffee and donuts, lead a rosary, collect food donations, or even just have a heartfelt conversation with a fellow parishioner. These small actions add up, and are the reason we ask every practical Catholic man to join our ranks with his family. We already accomplish so much good by representing only a small portion of the Catholic faithful in New Mexico; as we grow, so will the Body of Christ grow.

Vivat Jesu and ¡Viva Cristo Rey!

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## Assembly Officers

Faithful Friar - Father Leo Ortiz

Faithful Navigator - SK Frank Melo

Faithful Captain- SK Ray Montoya

Faithful Admiral- SK Dan Lori

Faithful Pilot - SK Ross Aiello

Faithful Comptroller – SK Ron Meyer

Faithful Purser - SK Joe Berryman

Faithful Scribe - SK Mike Feyen

Faithful Inner Sentinel - SK Ralph Archuleta

Faithful Outer Sentinel - SK Ken Weiman

Faithful Trustee One Year – SK Stan Talik

Faithful Trustee Two Year - SK Bernie Marquez

Faithful Trustee Three Year - SK Ernie Marquez

Deputy Color Corp Commander - SK Ralph Archuleta

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## From State Treasurer Daniel S. Vigil

Since February 1, 1902, when the original charter of the Knights of Columbus was issued in the Territory of New Mexico, the NM Knights have sought to support our Church and assist those in need. Over the last five years, through the efforts of our local councils, the Knights of Columbus in New Mexico has donated more than 3.2 million dollars for the needs of our parishes and communities. In addition, over this same time NM Knights have provided over 2.2 million volunteer hours. This brings our charitable contribution of time and treasure over the last five years, to more than 54 million dollars in value. To continue expanding this tradition we have overhauled the NMSC Annual Charity Raffle with changes that will allow all councils the ability to earn even greater profits for their charitable projects: Providing \$10,000 in prizes, including a \$5,000 Grand Prize and five \$1,000 prizes. Tickets are priced competitively at \$5 each. Additionally, the following council incentives are being offered: ·The council that sells the Grand Prize Ticket receives \$1,000. ·The council that sells the most tickets receives \$1,000. ·The council that sells the most tickets per member receives \$1,000. While this revamped fundraiser has the potential to become a Million-Dollar Raffle, we have set a modest goal of \$100,000 in gross ticket sales statewide this year. While at first glance this goal may seem like a mammoth task, when spread across our jurisdiction's membership, this target comes out to just over two tickets per member--a most achievable goal. The ticket split remains at 50% for the council so that it can make donations to the local charities of their choice. The other 50% will go to the state organization to cover raffle administration costs, legal requirements and prizes. The remaining balance goes to funding charitable needs at the state level. Vivat Jesus

**Council Tickets have been mailed to you, if you have not received them, need more or if you have any question, please contact DGK Ron Karaskiewicz, [dgk15199@gmail.com](mailto:dgk15199@gmail.com), (505) 610-1120.**

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SUPREME WEBSITE

WWW.KOFC.ORG



## Visit with Our Veterans

On January 10, 2017 we visited with our Veterans at The Rio at Cabezon. The program included Prayer, Communion and Socializing.

Thank you to all Brother and Sir Knights who attended.

Our next scheduled visit is February 7 at 2 pm.



[Click Here](#)

Fund Meals For Homeless  
And Hungry Veterans for  
**FREE**

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## First Degree Ceremony at The Rio

On January 21 the Degree Team traveled to The Rio at Cabezon and conducted a First Degree Ceremony.



At this time 3 candidates became Brother Knights.

Congratulations and welcome to Brother Knight Raul Alvarado, Brother Knight John Sayre and Brother Knight Frank Guillen.



Thank you to Worthy Brother Knights and Sir Knights of the Degree Team and to our Worthy District Deputy for a job well done.

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## Burrito Sunday

On Sunday January 22 The Council and Assembly sold Burritos after Masses. The proceeds from the sale will go to PDL.



Brother Knight, Sir Knights, wives and their families gathered at the VFW Post 5890 in the early morning hours on Sunday to prepare nearly 300 Burritos.



Thank you to all who participated and a very special thank you to VFW Post 5890 for the use of their facilities and to Brother Joe Nieto.

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## Did You Know?

### What is The Patriotic Degree?

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. The Patriotic Degree allows knights to take this one step further. "Sir Knight" is more than a title. It's an honor.

**PURPOSE OF THE COLOR CORPS OF THE FOURTH DEGREE** 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. **(Regalia however is not a requirement to become a member of the Fourth Degree).**

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.
- 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. Their colorful capes and chapeaux add dignity and the pride of Church and country to any event. By these public demonstrations their loyalties bring credit to themselves and to the Knights of Columbus.

The cape and chapeau colors for the Fourth Degree Color Corps are as follows:

- Supreme Master & Former Supreme Master Dark Blue Cape and Chapeau/Dark Blue Plume
  - Vice Supreme Master & Former Vice Supreme Master Light Blue Cape and Chapeau/Light Blue Plume
  - District Master & Former District Master Gold Cape and Chapeau/Gold Plume
  - Faithful Navigator & Past Faithful Navigator White Cape and Chapeau/White Plume
  - Assembly Commander Purple Cape and Chapeau/Purple Plume
  - Color Corps Red Cape and Chapeau/White Plume
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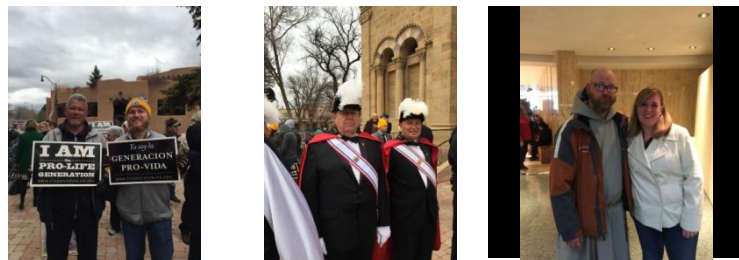


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## Culture of Life

### From State Culture of Life Director Eric Ulibarri

The Sanctity of Life and Unity Day was held on January 18th in Santa Fe, NM. As always, it was a beautiful event led by the Archbishop, Priests and Deacons. The Cathedral Basilica of St. Francis was bursting at the seams with standing room only. The Mass was especially beautiful, as was the homily. The crowd was made up largely of young people, who had traveled from throughout the state to have their voices heard and to pray together. The march to the Roundhouse was a cold one, but the cold didn't keep anyone from making the trek. The marchers were greeted at the Roundhouse, but there were not enough seats for all who arrived from the Cathedral; and both first- and second-floor balconies were filled with people. Additionally, there were lines of people within the Legislative offices to discuss the issues with our elected officials. It was a truly encouraging day for all of us in the Pro-Life culture, and one that should help strengthen us throughout the year to come. We urge all brother Knights and their families to call their elected officials and have their voices heard. God bless! ¡Viva Cristo Rey!



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## Defend Life

Through prayer

Through  
participation in vigils

Through  
evangelization

Through monetary  
support

Through daily  
sacrifices, however  
small



## From Richard Espinosa, IPSD

Brothers All and families,

On behalf of the State Council and myself, we want to thank our Brother Knights and families for their donations to Project Defending Life. The check was presented to PDL on January 18th at the Right to Life March in Santa Fe. The Knights collected close to \$20,000.00 for renovation of the building destroyed by arson. The staff of Project Defending Life said that because of the Knights of Columbus they would be back better and stronger than ever.

Our Knights are like Saint Jose Luis Sanchez Del Rio, littlest soldier of Christ, whose last Bloody steps have brought you to the arms of Our Lady and Lord. May Our Lady and Lord keep healthy and strong the steps of our Lord's soldiers, who remain here on earth, so that our Knights have the strength to endure and persevere to the end.

"VIVA CRISTO REY"

Richard Espinosa IPSD

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## From Brother Curt Kuper, Project Defending Life



Dear Friends,

I would like to extend our sincere gratitude and appreciation to Knights of Columbus State Deputy Patrick Mason, Former State Deputy Richard Espinoza, and all of the Councils for their generous donation to help rebuild the Holy Innocents Chapel and the pregnancy resource center at PDL. We are very grateful!

The prayers and support we receive from you and the Knights allows us to continue our Pro-Life Ministry to help pregnant women and save babies.

The Knights and their wives also help the sick and elderly, assist Priests with parish events, and do so much to serve the Church and people in need, born and unborn. I would strongly encourage Catholic men to join the Knights of Columbus. The holocaust of abortion will end in this country with the leadership and support of the Knights and other Pro-Life organizations!

God's Blessings,

Curt Kuper

Project Defending Life, [www.defendinglife.org](http://www.defendinglife.org)

And proud member of K of C Council 15199 at the Church of the Incarnation



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## VICE PRESIDENT SPEAKS AT MARCH FOR LIFE

On Friday, Jan. 27, just days after the presidential inauguration, Vice President Mike Pence spoke to tens of thousands, including members of the Knights of Columbus, gathered to participate in the 2017 March for Life.

The event has taken place every January since 1974, on or near the anniversary of *Roe v. Wade*, the 1973 U.S. Supreme Court decision that legalized abortion throughout the nation.

The event kicked off with a rally sponsored by the March for Life Education and Defense Fund, which was born out of the grassroots movement that gathered on the first anniversary of *Roe v. Wade*.

At the rally, Vice President Pence, the highest ranking government official to attend the event during its 44-year history, said, "I am deeply humbled to be the first vice president of the United States ever to attend this event." On behalf of President Trump, he also thanked the attendees for their stand for life and their compassion for the women and children of America.

Citing the Mexico City Policy that restricts funding for abortion services to foreign countries, Pence assured pro-lifers that the Trump administration will continue to devote its time and energy to making America a country for life, announcing that President Trump will name a pro-life Supreme Court nominee next week.

"We've come to a historic moment in the cause for life," he said. "Compassion is overcoming convenience, and hope is defeating despair. ... In a word, life is winning in America because of all of you." He added, "Be assured that along with you, we will not grow weary, we will not rest, until we restore a culture of life in America for ourselves and for our posterity."

The rally began with the introduction of Jeanne Mancini, president of the March for Life Education and Defense Fund, by Deputy Supreme Knight Patrick Kelly, who referred to the march as "the largest annual civil rights gathering in the world." After greeting the crowds, Mancini welcomed Kellyanne Conway, senior counselor to President Trump.

"I am a wife, a mother, a Catholic, counselor to the president of the United States of America. And yes, I am pro-life," Conway told the crowd. "It is such an honor to stand with the vice president of the United States and with students from places near and far to defend the unborn. This is a new day, a new dawn for life."

"Why are we here? What does it mean to stand together?" she continued. "It means to protect and promote the most precious gift in the world, the gift of life."

The number of attendees at the pro-life march has grown throughout the years, with attendees coming not just from nearby states but from across the country to participate. This year, the marching crowd grew following the rally, reaching — according to EWTN reporters at the event — approximately half a million attendees.

Their attendance supports the Marist polling commissioned by the Knights of Columbus in 2016, which showed that the majority of Americans see abortion as both ultimately harmful to women and morally wrong.

Of those polled, 55 percent of Americans agreed that abortion ultimately does a woman more harm than good — an opinion equally shared by both the men and women polled. By contrast, only about 1 in 10 Americans believe there should be no restrictions on abortion.

"Year in and year out since we began polling on this issue, the American people have understood that the law can protect mother and child alike and have expressed a strong consensus in favor of abortion restrictions," said Supreme Knight Anderson. "It is time for a new national conversation on abortion, one that begins with this consensus in favor of restrictions — a consensus that American women and men have already reached."

This year, as in past years, the crowd at the March for Life consisted of people of all faiths and political backgrounds. Countless pro-life banners and flags were on display, including the thousands of Knights of Columbus "Defend Life" and "Choose Life" signs distributed by the D.C. State Council. Many participants attended with their families and young children. Others, such as college and high school students, traveled together on parish- or school-sponsored buses.

Armed with cell phones, many marchers shared their support of life on social media using the hashtag #PowerofOne, which was the hopeful theme of this year's march. The theme emphasized the power that each individual person can have in building a culture that protects life at each and every stage.

Following the rally, the nearly 2-mile march began from the National Mall and progressed past the U.S. Capitol before concluding at the Supreme Court building.

Standing together, marchers once more defended the weakest in society. It is a cause that has endured both weather and time as people continue to make a stand — or in this case, a march — for life.



Supreme Knight Carl Anderson and Deputy Supreme Knight Patrick Kelly talk with Vice President Mike Pence prior to his address to the tens of thousands attending the rally prior to the March for Life (Photo: Matthew Barrick).

<http://www.kofc.org/en/news/releases/vice-president-march-for-life.html>



## FINANCIAL FITNESS FOR THE NEW YEAR

When a new year begins, we like to look at our lives and take stock of where we are. Many make resolutions to challenge themselves to be better. Many focus on their health and well-being.

These are great practices. No matter how good we're doing, we can always be doing better, and critical self-reflection and setting goals can help.

This is true not only for our physical and spiritual health, but also our financial health.

So, as we begin 2017, here are a few suggestions to help you look at your financial situation and find opportunities for improvement.

### ***Start With a Comprehensive Review***

Take stock of your entire situation. Look at your assets and liabilities, as well as the plans and protection that you already have in place. Try to anticipate the future. Are you hoping to have more children? Do you want to help pay for your children's education? Are you nearing retirement?

This is a valuable and revealing process — and one that you don't have to do alone.

As a Knight of Columbus, you can work with a dedicated, well-trained professional brother Knight field agent who can help you identify what you need to adequately protect your family.

Through their agent, members receive a comprehensive, complimentary financial needs analysis. This analysis, titled "Profiles & Forecaster," is a proven industry tool that helps you determine your needs.

It's a fraternal benefit that costs you nothing but could tell you a lot. The Profiles & Forecaster analysis will help you identify surpluses, short-ages, insurance and income replacement needs, final expenses and more.

It's a great way to start.

### ***Focus on the Future***

Ask yourself a series of questions: What happens when you die? Will your family be adequately protected? Do you have life insurance? Is it privately owned or tied to your employment? Is it temporary or permanent? As a member, you have exclusive access to our extensive portfolio of permanent and temporary life insurance products that can be customized to fit your needs.

What happens if you get injured? If you're disabled and can't work, how long can your family survive without your income? Do you have disability income insurance? How much of your income does it cover? Is it privately owned or tied to your employment? The Knights of Columbus has recently introduced a disability income insurance product that can help provide critical protection for your paycheck.

What happens if you get sick? If you need extended care in a nursing facility or at home, will you have money set aside for those needs? Have you looked to see what care like that may cost? Members of the Knights of Columbus have the ability to purchase long-term care insurance that can provide the cash needed to pay for long-term care services while shielding the savings they've set aside for retirement and other purposes.

What happens when you retire? Do you have enough money tucked away? How do you know if it's enough? How will your retirement age and social security affect your financial situation? By working with your brother Knight field agent, you can establish a Knights of Columbus retirement annuity that takes the guesswork out by guaranteeing your principle, guaranteeing growth and — when properly structured — an income stream for life, no matter how long you live.

### ***Prioritize Protection***

Make protecting the most important things a priority. Think of all the things you insure in your life: your car, house, important electronic devices and major appliances. But how much more precious and valuable is your life? Shouldn't this be protected and prioritized as well?

Proper protection is much more affordable than you may think. Just how affordable? Contact your field agent for your free needs analysis, and he can walk you through all your options.

You just may be surprised.

<http://www.kofc.org/en/news/insurance/financial-fitness-for-the-new-year.html>

Contact Sir Knight Bob Brunoni today to set up an appointment and learn how the  
Knights of Columbus can help protect your family.

Office: (505)850-7474, Cell: (505) 850-7474, Email: [bob.brunoni@kofc.org](mailto:bob.brunoni@kofc.org)



## 2017 Assembly 3309 Color Corp Schedule

1. January 29, 2017 - Corporate Communion - Process at Mass
2. April 13, 2017 - Holy Thursday - Guard for the Blessed Sacrament
3. April 16, 2017 - Easter Sunday - Process at Mass
4. April 30, 2017 - Corporate Communion - Process at Mass
5. June 15, 2017 - Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi) - Process at Mass
6. July 2, 2017 - Independence Day - Present the Colors (Sunday before as July 4 is on a Tuesday)
7. July 30, 2017 - Corporate Communion - Process at Mass
8. October 29, 2017 - Corporate Communion - Process at Mass
9. November 12, 2017 Veteran's Day - Present the Colors (Sunday after as Veterans Day is on Saturday, November 11, 2017)
10. November 26, 2017 - The Feast of Christ The King - Process at Mass
11. December 25, 2017 - Christmas Day - Process at Mass
12. December 31, 2017 - Corporate Communion - Process at Mass

## 2017 Patriotic Exemplification Ceremonies

- Saturday, March 25, 2017 and will be hosted by St. Anne's Assembly #3478 in Santa Fe; the exemplification ceremony will be held at Faith of St. Anne Parish in Santa Fe.
- Saturday, June 10, 2017, a date that falls between Flag Day, June 14 and Father's Day, June 18. The ceremony will be held in the Albuquerque area and hosted by an assembly still TBD.

**We are still in search of one more motivated SK from the Albuquerque area to join our Patriotic exemplification team with one of the criteria being the requirement to memorize their team roles and to commit for the long term. Interested?  
Please contact your Faithful Navigator.**

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## 2nd and 3rd Degree Exemplification

Sunday, **February 19th**, there will be a combined 2nd and 3rd exemplification ceremony hosted by St. Jude Council #14410 at Fr. John Conway Center, 5712 Paradise NW in Albuquerque. Registration starts at 11:30 a.m. Please contact your Grand knight for more information.

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## Welcome Brother Knights

Brother Knight Raul Alvarado - First Degree  
Brother Knight John Sayre- First Degree  
Brother Knight Frank Guillen - First Degree

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## Happy Birthday

### February 2017

Richard Martinez 2-1  
Frosty Johnson 2-3  
Ronald Meyer 2-3  
Stanley Zider 2-9  
Frank Cruz 2-9  
Lawrence Goddard 2-10  
George Valdez 2-12  
Sean Wilson 2-16  
Ralph Delgado 2-17  
Curt Kuper 2-21

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