

Knights of Columbus

Council #403, Bradford, Pa. - September 09, 2025, Sacred Heart Church, St. Mary's, Pa.

EXEMPLIFICATION OF PATRIOTISM



Master's Staff, Diocesan Coordinators & Degree Team

Along with YOUR new *Sir Knights*



Sir Knights of Council #403

Master Kenneth E. Grugel – Center

Front: Shawn Galbraith, John Place, Andy Kearns, Craig Cuthbertson, Tom Podlewski

Rear: Jeff Hilzinger, Larry Brown, Doug Kuntz, Mark Steffan, Tony Haller



Craig & Jeff receiving their 4th Degree pins



Entire group: Degree Team, Knights, Sir Knights & Guests



Pre-Exemplification The Degree Team briefing candidates and guests

Who are “Sir Knights”: They are the men who have chosen to embrace the Order’s fourth principle of patriotism, the men who lead the efforts to reach out to veterans and active military and to embody the fact that one can be a faithful Catholic: and also be a faithful citizen. When the Knights of Columbus was founded in 1882, three principles united its members: *Charity, Unity and Fraternity*. At that time people feared that members of the Catholic faith owed their entire allegiance to the Church and could not be trusted as citizens of their country. *Patriotism* was added to the Order’s principles in 1900, based on the idea that Knights are loyal to both **God & Country**.

Never forget, it was the Knights of Columbus, supported by Pres. Eisenhower (1954) that added “one nation under God” to the pledge!



**EXEMPLIFICATION OF THE
PATRIOTIC FOURTH DEGREE
KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**

Calvert Province
Pennsylvania West District



Dedicated to:
SK Mark G. Wittman

Sacred Heart Parish
337 Center Street
St. Mary's, PA 15857
Saturday, September 13, 2025

**SK Kenneth E. Grugel, PhD, PSD
MASTER PA-WEST**

**Knights of Columbus
Patriotic Degree
Pennsylvania West District
Master's Staff**

SK Rev. Stanley Swacha.....District Friar
SK Timothy Richards, FSS.....District Secretary
SK Robert Koshinski.....District Treasurer
SK Stanley Glowaski, PSD..... Administrative Assistant
SK Andrew Rodgers, FMSr. Advisor
SK Richard Seman.....District Marshal
SK Jeffery PeterinelliAssoc. Marshal-
Greensburg/Pittsburgh
SK Anthony Ream, FSW.....Assoc. Marshal-
Altoona/Johnstown
SK Lewis Nordin.....Assoc. Marshal-
Erie
SK James Maochi.....Membership Chairman
SK Philip Jones.....Program

Diocesan Coordinators

SK David Johnston.....Erie-East
SK Lewis Nordin, Sr.....Erie-West
SK Patrick Scanlon.....Greensburg
SK Michael Lynch, FST,FM.....Pittsburgh

Degree Team

Master.....Kenneth E. Grugel
Marshal.....Richard Seman
Historian.....Paul Foster
Cantor.....Fr. Pierre Falkenhan, Jr.
Ex of Constitution.....John Drzik
Faithful Friar.....Fr. Stanley Swacha

Music and Video

Joe Kubiak

**PATRIOTIC DEGREE EXEMPLIFICATION
BANQUET**

**Sacred Heart Parish, St. Mary's, PA
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Introduction and Procession of Dignitaries

SK Stanley Glowaski, PSD.....Administrative Assistant

Invocation

SK Rev. Stanley Swacha.....District Friar

Pledge of Allegiance

SK Kenneth E. Grugel, PSD.....Master, PA West District

DINNER

Master of Ceremonies

SK Stanley Glowaski, PSD.....Administrative Assistant

Welcome

SK Kenneth E. Grugel, PSD.....Master, PA West District

Remarks

SK Gary Damich.....State Deputy

Honoree Presentation

SK Kenneth E. Grugel, PSD.....Master, PA West District

Remarks by SK Garry Cheatle Sacred Heart Parish

Presentation of Sir Knight Certificates

SK Kenneth E. GrugelMFD

Timothy RichardsDistrict Secretary

Benediction

SK Rev. Stanley Swacha.....District Friar

PATRONS

SK James McCarthy, Master PA-EAST & Lady Karen

Deacon Larry Caggese

Deacon Andrew Froberg

SK Arthur, FN, & Lady Rita May

SK Gary & Lady Rose Ann Leithner

SK Jim & Lady Michele Hackett

SK Gerard, DD & Lady Karen Cheatle

SK Joe & Lady Roben Dagher

SK Ron Viglione, PFN

SK Sam & Lady Lois Markert

SK Andy & Lady Grace Messineo

SK Jacob & Lady Jordan Leithner

SK Stephen & Lady Diane Piccirillo

SK Edward & Lady Georgia LaValle

SK Greg & Lady Noel Petrosky

SK Steve Ross, FC

SK James & Lady Rena Urmann

SK Jim & Lady Lisa Martin

SK Matt McDonald

Rev. Paul Siebert

SK Ralph & Lady Jody Grovanz

Knight Mark B. & Lady Linda A. Steffan