

**JOHN H REDDIN PROVINCE**

**COLORADO DISTRICT**

Worthy Faithful Navigators and Grand Knights,

**EVENT**

In September, 2019, the Archdiocese began a program titled “In God we Trust”. The program was put together by a group of Deacons from the Denver Archdiocese with the assistance of the Knights of Columbus reached out to veterans who have fallen away from their faith. The event consisted of an outdoor mass celebrated at the Colorado Freedom Memorial in Aurora by Bishop Rodriguez. Music was provided by the US Air Force Academy Catholic choir and the Knights provided a barbeque for attendees. Besides availability of clergy, additional Veteran’s Services were available for attendees. The event was attended by approximately 200 persons and deemed successful. Of course 2020 and the pandemic affected the second year and a virtual event with mass held on Veteran’s Day from Queen of Peace church in Aurora celebrated by Archbishop Aquila. We are now preparing for our 3rd annual event to be held on Saturday, September 18, 2021 beginning at 10:30 AM at the Colorado Freedom Memorial, 756 Telluride St, Aurora. The program will again include an outdoor mass being concelebrated by Archbishop Aquilla and Bishop Joseph Coffey, the Episcopal Vicar for Veterans Affairs. The music is again provided by the US Air Force Academy Catholic Choir and a complimentary lunch provided by the Knights of Columbus will be served.

**ASSISTANCE NEEDED**

The Archdiocese IGWT committee has requested that the Knights of Columbus provide the luncheon and the manpower needed to cook and serve. Additionally manpower is needed for setup and cleanup for the event. The set up consists of setting up a stage for mass and approximately 250 folding chairs. The clean-up would consist of breaking down the stage and chairs after the mass. Additionally financial support is needed to offset the cost the food and supplies needed for the lunch. Costs obviously are dependent on the number of attendees but historically raising $1,200 to $1,500 would cover the cost.

As in the first year, the Castle Rock Council and Assembly have graciously stepped forward to front the funding for supplies and food along with some associated manpower. Holy Rosary Council has also graciously supported the event with its large portable grill and cook crew.

We would like to identify the additional manpower needed to assist with the event set up and breakdown. Setup begins at 8:00 AM and 10 persons are needed. The breakdown and cleanup would start after mass and conclude at the end of the event sometime estimated at 2:00 or 3:00 PM. Approximately 10 to 15 persons would be needed. If your assembly or council could provide any financial support to help offset the cost of food and supplies, checks should be made out to the “Master of the District” and sent to:

 District Master Dave Davis

 4630 S Galapago Street

 Englewood, Colorado 80110

As a member of the IGWT committee, please provide Volunteer support information from Assemblies and Councils to:

 Roger G Muller PSD, FDM

 3800 W 5th Street

 Greeley, Colorado 80634-1629

 970 356 9207 (H) or 970 371 6366 (C)

It would be nice to have an assembly/council or more to step up and take charge of set up and clean up and be the “go to” person to ensure we have enough volunteers to help setup, breakdown, cleanup, serve or cook for this event. Can you help?

We profess to be righteous men who live by our faith promoting the good of our Order through charitable works. Let us step up and live by our principles of charity, unity, fraternity and patriotism to support both the Archdiocese and our fallen away veterans by these good works. Help welcome back veterans by being an example of men of faith and charity and assist them in finding a path to peace in their lives and their relationship with God.

Vivat Jesus,

Dave Davis Roger G Muller

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Colorado Committeeperson *“In God We Trust”*