

OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE SILVER ROSE PROGRAM 2017 INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE SILVER ROSE PRAYER SERVICE

1. **Unless prior arrangements have been made, it is your Council Chairman's responsibility to attend the Silver Rose Prayer Service, prior to your prayer service, to pick up the program materials.**
2. **The Silver Rose Program materials include the following items:**
 - a) **Box 1: Large black container with Our Lady of Guadalupe ICON. *(In addition, a collapsible tripod is included for displaying the Icon.)***
 - b) **Box 2: Container that includes the Silver Rose and gloves, Silver Rose Program Prayer Books (English and Spanish) and Our Lady of Guadalupe Prayer Cards (English and Spanish). Please ensure that anyone handling the Silver Rose wears the gloves provided!**
3. **Depending upon the number of people attending the prayer service, two to four Knights should serve as ushers to distribute prayer books and seat guests. At the end of the prayer service, the ushers should collect all prayer books and give a prayer card to each person as they leave. *When you run low on the Our Lady of Guadalupe Prayer cards, let us know and we will get more to you. Please don't wait until the prayer cards are totally gone to call or email.***
4. **Prior to the beginning of the prayer service, it is suggested that the Grand Knight welcome all who are attending the prayer service and read the following brief history.**

The Our Lady of Guadalupe Silver Rose Program began in 1960 as a project of the Columbian Squires of North America to honor the Blessed Virgin under her title of Our Lady of Guadalupe, Patroness of the Americas. The program has continued since then as a project in several jurisdictions. Each year, a Silver Rose "honoring Our Lady of Guadalupe and reaffirming our commitment to the sanctity of human life" is carried by Knights from Canada, through the United States, and into Mexico to arrive at the Basilica in Monterrey, Mexico on December 12, Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe.

The Silver Rose which Maryland received from New Jersey, arrived on October 8th and will remain in Maryland for five weeks, until November 12th when it will be delivered to Knights from the District of Columbia. The Silver Rose is in Maryland a total of 35 days, and a Marian Devotion Prayer Service is hosted at councils and parishes as the Silver Rose travels throughout the State.

5. **Please invite your Fourth Degree Color Corps to participate** in the prayer service. The Color Corps should escort the Priest/Deacon, Grand Knight (and other dignitaries) at the beginning of the prayer service. The host Grand Knight should carry the Silver Rose at the beginning of the ceremony and place it in front of the Our Lady of Guadalupe Icon on a table. At the end of the prayer service, two Color Corps members should stand next to the table and provide gloves to anyone who wishes to touch or hold the Silver Rose.
6. **After your prayer service**, please send an email to Ed Haynes at edhayneskc@comcast.net with your total head count of those in attendance at the Prayer Service. In that count please include yourself as well as Color Corps, Music, Clergy, etc. (Basically everyone that attended the Prayer Service.)
7. **If you have any questions**, please contact Ed at the above email address or cell phone (301) 514-6359.