



Organizational Meeting
Saturday, June 30, 2018 – 8:30 P.M.
Our Lady of Czestochowa Parish Hall
STATE DEPUTY'S CLOSING REMARKS



Most Reverend Bishop Olmsted, Reverend Father, Worthy State Officers, Worthy Past State Deputies, Worthy Vice-Supreme Master, Worthy District Master, Worthy District Deputies, Worthy Council Officers, Brother Knights, and Ladies. Thank you for coming to the Arizona State Council Organization Meeting for the 2018-2019 Fraternal Year. Thank you for saying YES to being a Knights of Columbus. You are part of a worldwide ministry of Catholic men and families dedicated to charity, unity, fraternity, and patriotism. As you have learned this weekend, it is our time to go Into the Breach. It is time to put Faith into Action. You are here because you have exemplified strong leadership qualities and a desire to move the principles of the Knights forward. I expect you to go forth and lead your councils to great success. I expect the newly installed District Deputies to lead, guide, and ensure their councils succeed. I and my fellow State Officers will be here to assist you any time the need is great. You will not fail.

You were elected to be a Council Officer, or appointed as a District Deputy because you are the right person for the job. Council Officers are charged to lead and grow their councils as the Council is the most important unit in our chain of command. Your parish pastor will turn to you to help him grow his flock. Also, your community, families, and youth, depend on you for their safety and protection. You are responsible to be there so that they do have someone to turn to in their time of need.

District Deputies, you are charged with the support of each of your Councils to ensure they succeed. If you do this, you will get to be witness to their accomplishments. You do not get the luxury of just sitting on the sidelines watching your Councils succeed or fail. The Knights of Columbus cannot be the strong right arm of the Catholic Church if the local Council is not the Pastor's strong right arm. That's why the District Deputy must stand by their side and add his strength to the Councils so that they do succeed.

District Deputies, you will work closely with your councils to assist them develop and achieve their goals. You will guide them as they implement programs to put their **Faith in Action**. Those programs will work to build up the **Faith** of the Council, Family, Parish, and Community. The programs will aim to protect and help the **Family** grow. Their charitable outreach will extend into the **Community**. Finally, the Councils will engage in activities to protect **Life** at every stage from natural birth to natural death. These are the four corners of our Columbian program model. The foundation of this model relies on Councils building up the domestic church at the parish level. Councils are charged to grow our membership.

Councils will work closely with their pastors build up their parishes, support vocations, protect families, and defend life at all stages. This is serious business. We cannot do this without strong councils. Council survival depends on the strong support of District Deputy.

I have received the Supreme Goals for Arizona for the coming fraternal year. I am so confident that we can achieve our Supreme Goals, that I am challenging you to exceed them. Therefore, the Arizona State Council Goals for the 2018-2019 fraternal year are: 1,000 New Members, 50 Star Councils, 10 Star Districts, 3 All Star Districts, 11 New Councils, and 30 Round Tables. Brothers, we can do this. I know we can. This is what we need to do to ensure that the Knights of Columbus in Arizona continues to grow and flourish.

My brothers, we are the leaders for the Knights of Columbus in Arizona. Together we will plan for today, next year, and for the future. We must take the long view in all that we do. We will offer membership in the Knights of Columbus to every single eligible Catholic man. We will recruit so that we can protect the Faith, the Family, our Communities, and Life. We do this because we are Faith in Action. I am honored to be working with you this coming fraternal year and I look forward to all that we will accomplish in charity, unity, fraternity, and brotherhood. Again, I thank you ladies, for attending this weekend. Your support of my brother Knights in what they do is invaluable. My heartfelt thanks to the members of Our Lady of Czestochowa Council and Grand Knight Jacek Joniec for hosting this Organizational Meeting. Your gracious hospitality, good food, and the friendship you extended to us is deeply appreciated. Thank you. (APPLAUSE)

Our motto for the coming year is “Faith in Action – Knights Serving God, Serving the Community.” I pray that this theme guides our actions as Knights of Columbus in all that we do. With our faith strengthened, we can better serve God, and we can take our good works into the community.

I ask you to take what you have learned here today back to your councils and districts, put this information into action. District Deputies, I will see you in the morning for our last session. Brothers, let us go forth into the breach with Faith in Action!

Vivat Jesus!

Bishop Olmsted, would you please provide us with your blessing as we conclude the night?