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**Knights of Columbus**



## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

### **Knights of Columbus Saddened by Loss of Past State Deputy John W. Tobin**

John W Tobin Sr., husband, father, and Knight of Columbus, passed away peacefully on Friday, October 19, 2018 at 11:45 p.m. surrounded by his wife Ronnie and family. For most of his adult life, he has been active as a member of the Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church in Scottsdale, Arizona and is a founding member of the Knights of Columbus Council at that parish. John was a past Grand Knight, Former District Master, and Former Vice Supreme Master of the Fourth Degree, the ceremonial arm of the Knights, and served the Arizona State Council as State Deputy.

Tom Kalisz, Current State Deputy of the Knights in Arizona offered the following, "John Tobin was the kind of man who would take on any task, no matter how large or small, with grace and conviction." State Deputy Kalisz continued, "We all owe John a tremendous debt of gratitude for all he did. He will be missed."

Arrangements are as follows: visitation will be Wednesday, October 24, 2018 from 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at Hansen Mortuary, 6500 E. Bell Road, Scottsdale, AZ 85254. A Mass of Resurrection will take place, on Thursday, October 25, 2018 at 11:00 a.m., followed by a luncheon at Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church, 11300 N 64th St., Scottsdale, AZ 85254.

"Please keep John, his wife Ronnie, and the Tobin family in your prayers," Kalisz requested.

The Knights of Columbus is the World's largest Catholic family fraternal service organization. It was founded by Father Michael J. McGivney, an Irish Priest, in 1882. Working under its founding principles of charity, unity, fraternity, and patriotism, the Knights boast nearly 2 Million members worldwide. Last year K of C members donated \$185.6 million in donations and 75.6 million hours of service provided worldwide. Arizona ranks in the top ten, in charitable works among the Knights of Columbus.

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