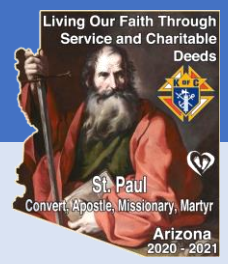


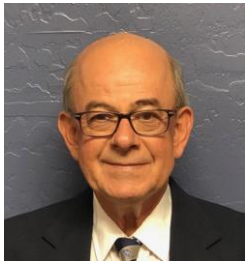


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**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS OF ARIZONA**  
"LIVING OUR FAITH THROUGH  
SERVICE AND CHARITABLE DEEDS"



## State Deputy's Message



Brothers,

Can you believe that it has been over a year since the Corona Virus pandemic began? Do you remember back when masks were something only doctors and criminals wore? Do you remember the days when we could gather in large groups without need of personal protection or physical distancing? Do you remember when Zoom was the noise a jet engine made and not a way to meet virtually? I'd like to think that it is not the things that changed that matter most, but rather what has remained the same that is most important. God our Father, Jesus Christ His son, and the Holy Spirit are the same now, as they were, and as they ever will be. God's love for us is a fact, it is truth, it is certain, and it is everlasting. Pandemics will come and go, but God will always be.

We've lost a great many family, friends, and good brother Knights to the COVID-19 virus. The Lord sought to use this pandemic to call good people home. The sting of loss for us is real, but it also gives us an opportunity to be loving, charitable, and fraternal. I am so proud of the way you, my brothers, have responded to help our parishes, protect our families, help our neighbors, aid our brothers, and be a shining example of Catholic men. Blessed Michael McGivney is smiling at what he created in the Knights of Columbus.

Yes, this has been a year of change for so many. Our Order has undergone many changes and is still evolving. One change in particular is in the leadership of the Order. This year we say goodbye to Supreme Knight Carl Anderson, who after 20 years of service as the chief executive of the Knights has retired. Under his guidance the Order has grown to over 2 million members in over a dozen countries. He has brought the K of C into the 21<sup>st</sup> Century. His service will be missed.

The Supreme Board of Directors elected to replace Supreme Knight Anderson, Patrick Kelly. Supreme Knight Kelly is the 14th Supreme Knight of the Knights of Columbus. Starting March 1, 2021, he will serve as chief executive officer and chairman of the board of the world's largest Catholic fraternal service organization. His election as Supreme Knight follows a distinguished career in the Knights of Columbus, the military and public service. For more than 25 years, he has served Church and country, which will serve him well in advancing the Knights' mission of Charity, Unity, Fraternity, and Patriotism.

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*Oh St. Joseph, do assist me by your powerful intercession and obtain for me from your divine son all spiritual blessings through Jesus Christ, our Lord; so that having engaged here below your heavenly power, I may offer my thanksgiving and homage to the most loving of Fathers.*

**Pope Francis proclaims "Year of St Joseph"**



**March Intention**

**Sacrament of Reconciliation**

*Let us pray that we may experience the sacrament of reconciliation with renewed depth, to taste the infinite mercy of God.*



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## State Deputy's Message - continued

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One of the newly elected Supreme Knight's, and my own priorities, is to continue to grow the order. We need more Knights because there is much to be done. I ask you to make membership your top priority starting today. As you return to having in-person meetings, start making plans for Church drives and Faith In Action activities. Let's make a big push from now until the end of June to meet our membership goals for the year. Recruit, invite, sign, and exemplify our principles, is all it takes. Remember that Supreme has forgiven this fraternal year's council per capita. I know you can make it happen.

At the start of my message, I mentioned the word gatherings, as in face-to-face meeting. In May we are planning to hold our State Convention in-person. The 114th annual Arizona Knights of Columbus Convention will be held May 21-22, 2021 at the Embassy Suites by Hilton in Scottsdale. The convention website can be found at <https://www.azkofcstateconvention.org>. Logon now, register and make your reservations. As with any convention, now is the time to select delegates, prepare resolutions, and submit state award nominations. Mary Ann and I look forward to seeing you in person.

With the beatification of Blessed McGivney, the Supreme Council has launched a new Faith in Action program. Every Council is asked to plan and conduct a Holy Hour of Prayer in your parish or Council. Spread devotion and spiritually grow closer to Blessed Michael McGivney by praying the rosary with readings and reflections based on his life and mission. The Blessed Michael McGivney Prayer Hour is an opportunity to invite Knights, their families, and the entire parish to follow the example of Blessed Michael McGivney. More information is being sent out to Grand Knights and program directors. Resources can be found on the Supreme website.

March 29 is a special day in the Knights of Columbus. It is the day we celebrate as Founder's Day. It is the birthday of the order. What better way to say Happy Birthday to our order than to hold a birthday party? Each council is asked to hold a special Founder's Day activity and invite your whole parish (within physical distancing boundaries of course). Combine it with the Blessed McGivney Holy Hour of Prayer. This could be done virtually too. Say a special thank you to our founder.

Another important day to remember this month is March 19. This is the Feast of St. Joseph. Our Holy Father has declared this year as the year of St. Joseph. As Knights we should take the lead in our parish communities by working with our pastors to commemorate this important feast in some special way. These are both great programs and can also be a great way to recruit new members.

We find ourselves in Lent. It is a time to turn away from sin and return to the Gospel. It is a time to distance ourselves from worldly distractions and focus on the cross. What should we be doing as Catholics and Knights of Columbus? While Lenten soup nights are not on the menu in most parishes this year, it does not mean that we can't hold drive up soup nights, or even deliver soup to the homebound. I noticed that several councils are taking their Friday fish fries curbside. Great ideas. Knights can always lead physical or virtual Stations of the Cross. Prayer, fasting, and almsgiving are our Lenten watchwords.



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## State Deputy's Message - continued

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In reading Saint Paul's letter to the Ephesians, I am drawn to Chapter 4 that very much reminds me of why we are Knights and how we are to go about and do our Father's business. In talking about the diversity of gifts Christ gives us, he wrote, "And he gave some as apostles, others as prophets, others as evangelists, others as pastors and teachers, to equip the holy ones for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ (Ephesians 4:11-12)." We are the apostles, prophets, and evangelists, pastors and teachers. He has equipped us to build up the body of Christ. Saint Paul tells us that Jesus Christ gave us several rules for our new life in Him. He wrote,

"Therefore, putting away falsehood, speak the truth, each one to his neighbor, for we are members one of another. Be angry but do not sin; do not let the sun set on your anger, and do not leave room for the devil. The thief must no longer steal, but rather labor, doing honest work with his [own] hands, so that he may have something to share with one in need. No foul language should come out of your mouths, but only such as is good for needed edification, that it may impart grace to those who hear. And do not grieve the holy Spirit of God, with which you were sealed for the day of redemption. All bitterness, fury, anger, shouting, and reviling must be removed from you, along with all malice. [And] be kind to one another, compassionate, forgiving one another as God has forgiven you in Christ (Ephesians 4:25-32)."

Have a happy Lent.

Vivat Jesus!

Mario Vassallo  
State Deputy



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State Chaplain – Father Gary Regula

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Dear Brother Knights,

As we journey deeper into the beautiful season of Lent, I would like to share with you the words of a prayer that I had seen quite a number of years ago. These words seem especially appropriate as so many people think that the forty days of Lent are so long to have to abstain and fast. Many people at times give up at some point in the Lenten season as they feel they cannot give up something, not even for another day. These words were written by Ted Loder, a retired United Methodist minister. I feel they ring true no matter what faith one professes, but they are a means to draw us closer to Jesus during this graced season.

“Sometimes, Lord, it just seems to be too much:

too much violence, too much fear; too much of demands and problems;

too much of broken dreams and broken lives; too much of war and slums and dying;

too much of greed and the sounds of people devouring each other and the earth;

too much of stale routines and quarrels; unpaid bills and dead ends;

too much of words lobbed in to explode and leaving shredded hearts and lacerated souls;

too much of turned away backs and yellow silence, red rage and the bitter taste of ashes in my mouth.

Sometimes the very air seems scorched by threats and rejection and decay until there is nothing but to inhale pain and exhale confusion.

Too much of darkness, Lord, too much cruelty and selfishness and indifference...

Too much, Lord, too much, too bloody, bruising, brain washing much.

Or is it too little, too little of compassion, too little of courage, of daring, of persistence, of sacrifice; too little of music and laughter and celebration?

O God, make of me some nourishment for these starved times, some food for my brothers and sisters who are hungry for gladness and hope, that, being bread for them, I may also be fed and be full.”

The season of Lent is for us a time to grow closer to Christ, but if we fill it up with our complaints and the declaration of ‘look at me, and how much I am sacrificing’ we are missing the point. We need to make time and take time to be closer to Christ as He is the only answer for any of our questions, pains or doubts. Jesus is the one that will help us to treat one another better, to bestow mercy upon them as we have received and to love as we have been loved in the cross of our Savior. May this Lent which is only forty days provide all of us the time to reflect, the time to pray and fast, the time to give of ourselves in service to others. May this graced season point out the ways we have been ‘too little’ of a blessing in people’s lives and inspire and challenge us to bring Christ to them and be Christ to all others. We may cry out too much because we have not entrusted our hearts and lives to Christ, but if we do we will feel that in Him we live and move and have our being. May you and your families have a blessed season of Lent by commending yourself to Christ, so he can use you to serve all children of God.

Vivat Jesus,

Fr. Gary Regula



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State Secretary – Luigi Baratta

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Dear Brother Knights,

I sent out the 2nd half **2ND NOTICE** Per Capita and many of our Councils have submitted payment. ***Did your Council?*** Please check with your Financial Secretary after reading this monthly KOCO A to see if he mailed the payment to me. If you did not receive a statement, send me an email ASAP. Please remember, any assessments paid to the Arizona State Council or Supreme **DOES NOT REQUIRE A VOTE**. So please send your payment along with the invoice. The check needs to be written to AZ Knights of Columbus **not** STATE SECRETARY or Luigi Baratta.

Almost forgot about the Corn beef and Cabbage. Let's celebrate St. Patrick's Day by asking every Catholic man to join the Knights of Columbus. As you know, our founder was an Irish priest and what a better time to tell his story. Many men are seeking to join the Knights as many of them have been isolated at home. Joining the Knights is a great way to meet men with similar values. Our precepts of Charity, Unity, Fraternity, and Patriotism stand at the heart of our religious and civil duties. Brothers, like you, need to reach out to all Catholic men who have similar beliefs, similar ideals, and similar love for our Catholic religion and have them join the Knight of Columbus!

Please remember to pray an extra Rosary for those who have passed and those who are suffering during the epidemic. Currently, we have many Brothers and their loves ones affected by COVID-19! Reach out to those elderly Brothers and their families who may need our help. Sometimes a simple phone can cheer them up.

May God bless you and your families,

Luigi Baratta  
State Treasurer





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State Program Director – Tom White

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Brothers,

We are now 2 weeks into our Lenten season. Things are beginning to loosen up, just a little. Our WSD is allowing live meetings and gatherings beginning March 1; hopefully this will bring our councils that have been pretty dormant, back to life the remaining months of the fraternal year.

A few weeks ago Supreme gave us a new Remote Programming Supplement. This supplement gives multiple suggestions on performing all of the suggested FIA programs either remotely or safely in small groups. This information was emailed to all GKs and DDs; it also can be found on the state website under programs. Grand Knights and council Program Directors need to study this supplement to see how it may help your council stay active, right now. It WILL help those councils that have been active but are maybe running out of new ideas; as well as be helpful to those councils that have not been active at all... there is something for everyone in this guide.

Our WST Tom Kato put together a list of programs that councils have been performing the first half of the year. As you can see, many councils have found a way to volunteer and help out even under the pandemic restrictions. Please check it out and hopefully it may give you a few ideas for your council programming going forward.

## McGIVNEY HOLY HOUR

Our Worthy Supreme Knight elect has designed a holy hour of prayer dedicated to our founder, Blessed Michael McGivney. A guide sheet can be found under the Faith category on the Supreme website and a prayer booklet is available at supplies online. This program can be used in lieu of the Marian Icon, or as an additional prayer hour. This program can be done either live or virtually.

## WHEELCHAIR PROGRAM

WGK Carl Nink of Council 13779 in Gilbert applied for a grant to acquire wheelchairs and canes for those in need, and he was accepted. The chairs are refurbished at the Kingman prison. The equipment is at Carl's home. He developed a mailing list of the GKs within about a 20 mile radius and has sent emails to those local GKs asking if they have a need for chairs or canes. If you are interested, please contact GK Carl Nink at: [gkcarlnink@gmail.com](mailto:gkcarlnink@gmail.com)

## VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

WDD Rob Padia of District 22 has been made aware of a volunteer opportunity for the Knights. Volunteers are needed at vaccination sites. Both clinical and non - clinical volunteers are needed at this time. For more information, please go to the following sites:

### NON-CLINICAL

<https://www.handsonphoenix.org/opportunity/a0C1J00000LMS0ZUAX>

### CLINICAL

<https://www.handsonphoenix.org/opportunity/a0C1J00000LMSepUAH>



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State Program Director – Tom White - continued

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## 1<sup>st</sup> HALF PROGRAM PERFORMANCE PROGRAMS THAT ARE WORKING

### ***FAITH (top 5)***

- ROSARY 83
- SPIRITUAL REFLECTION 35
- RSVP 31
- BDC KIOSK 25

### ***LIFE (top 3)***

- PREGNANCY CENTER 31
- NOVENA FOR LIFE 20
- SILVER ROSE 19

### ***FAMILY (top 3)***

- FOOD FOR FAMILIES 89
- FAMILY OF THE MONTH 51
- KCIC 38

### ***COMMUNITY (top 3)***

- LNNB 95
- HELPING HANDS 47
- COATS FOR KIDS

Rob also has been told that there will be volunteer help needed in the near future at local food banks. As we get information on those opportunities we will pass them along.

Thank you, brothers, for all that you do to help our communities. Let us hope that things continue to improve and that we can get back to the fraternal side of things soon.

Tom White  
SPD/DD 27



Knights of  
Columbus  
Volunteers  
From:  
Tubac, Rio Rico,  
Assembly &  
Council from  
Green Valley,  
and Nogales  
Councils



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**State Membership Director – Bobby Nielsen**

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My Brother Knights,

What a great time to be a Knight of Columbus. On March 29, 2021 we will celebrate Founder's Day, the 139<sup>th</sup> birthday of our Order. Historically, March is an important month for membership recruiting. Blessed Michael McGivney started the Order with a few men and created a "pass the hat" insurance system to care for the Catholic families in his parish. Although the Order is much bigger today, and the insurance benefits reach far beyond one parish, recruiting hasn't changed. The Order is grown one man at a time. Has your council grown this year?

Arizona has 137 councils and 57 have not increased their size this fraternal year. March is a great opportunity for every council in Arizona to grow. One man, that's all that is needed. If every council recruited one new member, we would have one of the best recruiting months ever. Take a moment to decide who in your council should take on this challenge. What man will look around at a Mass and start a conversation? The answer is simple. It is the responsibility of every Knight to grow the Order. You are the man to accept this challenge and give the gift of the Order to a Brother Catholic.

As of March 1<sup>st</sup>, Worthy State Deputy Mario Vassallo is allowing in person meetings and events. This is the first time in many months that in person recruiting is allowed by the State Deputy. Every council should have planned events to recruit after Mass at their parish. Now is the time to put on your council shirt and set up a table to advertise the Knights of Columbus. It is important that all current diocese and parish guidelines are followed. If a complete DELTA Church Drive isn't allowed, then do whatever you can. At a minimum make sure every Sunday bulletin has an advertisement giving parishioners information on how to join the Knights.

Arizona offers the best recruiting incentives in the Order. These incentives reward a District Deputy, Grand Knight, Proposer, Council or Field Agent. For the month of March, the St. Joseph Recruiting Incentive is offered. See details in this addition of KOCO A. Help your District Deputy and Grand Knight win prizes by recruiting a new man. For a complete list of State Incentives go to: [Arizona State Incentives.](#)

Let myself, and your District Deputy, know the dates of your council's recruiting drives. If manpower, equipment or recruiting materials are needed, I assure you that we will make it happen. Thanks for all you do, stay well and let's end the fraternal year strong!

Vivat Jesus!

Bobby Nielsen  
State Membership Director





## March St. Joseph Recruiting Incentive

March 1, 2021 – March 31, 2021

The month of March will be a time to celebrate and recruit! Pope Francis has declared this to be the year of St. Joseph. There are two major celebrations occurring in March:

- The feast of St. Joseph on March 19<sup>th</sup>
- The 139th Anniversary of the founding of the Knights of Columbus on March 29<sup>th</sup>

Use these events to assist you in your efforts to recruit! To recognize your efforts, the Arizona Knights of Columbus State Council will reward the top two recruiting District Deputies and Council Grand Knights with truly meaningful awards.

### **1<sup>st</sup> Place Prizes Awarded to District Deputy and Grand Knight**

A Copy of Fr. Don Calloway's Book "Consecration to St. Joseph"  
and

An 8 ½ x 15 print of St. Joseph the Worker from New Jerusalem Studios

### **2<sup>nd</sup> Place Prize Awarded to District Deputy and Grand Knight**

An 8 ½ x 15 print of St. Joseph the Worker from New Jerusalem Studios

### **Rules**

- Only new members and reactivations signed up during the incentive period will be counted.
- A Grand Knight receives credit for all new members brought into his council. The Grand Knight does not need to be the proposer.
- Online members must designate the council number **or** council parish when they join.
- If a Form 100 or the Officers Online Candidate Tab is used, that addition will be counted from the Arizona Stardom Dashboard.
- If a tie occurs at 1<sup>st</sup> place, each winner involved in the tie will receive the 1<sup>st</sup> place award and no 2<sup>nd</sup> place will be awarded. With a tie occurring only in 2<sup>nd</sup> place, each winner will get the 2<sup>nd</sup> place award.



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**Culture of Life Chairman – Ed Eick**

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The abortion holocaust is unlike prior wars, genocides, or mass executions. It is directed at the most unexpected and helpless of victims: our own children. It is not only the defining moral issue of our time, but it is the defining issue of *all* time. Well said by Shawn Carney, co-founder of 40 Days for Life.

40 Days for Life is now underway in Arizona and around the world. We're protesting with prayer on the sidewalks at abortion clinics during Lent. It's an opportunity for prayerful action during this season of prayer and penance.

All Knights and their families are especially invited to join the many Knights that are already participating.

We are non-confrontational. We gain converts, mothers who come to the abortion centers then change their minds after seeing us, and abortion workers who quit their jobs in the abortion centers.

If they ask us we refer them to nearby caring, pro-life pregnancy centers to help them through their troubled time at no charge.

We are doing this until Palm Sunday, March 28<sup>th</sup> in five cities: Flagstaff, Phoenix, Glendale, Tempe and Tucson.

Go to <https://www.40daysforlife.com/>, select Arizona for the state, then choose a site for the vigil. Each website has a schedule for volunteers, individuals, or Knights and their families. Pick your days and times to pray at the abortion site.

Here's an idea: Your K of C Council selects several days, or a day of the week for several weeks to staff one vigil site all day. Life Directors can organize this!

Vivat Jesus!

Ed and Mary Jo Eick 520-664-5752

Culture of Life Co-chairs

Arizona State Council

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## Hispanic Recruiting Coordinator – Luis L. Leyva

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Our State Hispanic Growth team in an effort to better service our fellow brothers and create new recruitment opportunities we are creating a working team with several brothers within our Jurisdiction. The purpose forming this Hispanic Membership Growth Team is explore new site and within current Councils as to seek building up the Hispanic membership in our Jurisdiction and how we need to be involve with Parishes that may be in a need of Hispanic Knights of Columbus Councils or/and Current Council active or inactive that could be convert into Hispanic Council.

1. We have a recruitment team that is enthusiastic and committed to recruit and follow up.
2. With the current Covid-19 Pandemic somewhat restriction lifted, we can start recruitment activities and getting recruits into the CUF Degree.
3. We need to address all English Councils that have Spanish speaking only member that attend Council meeting and not understand due to language issues. This usually leads to those members leaving the Council.
4. Focus on having Spanish Speaking Field Agents available that can answer their questions on fraternal benefits. Hispanic Members feel the need to have more trust in an agent that they can communicate with.

Our current Hispanic Membership Growth team is integrated by the following brothers.

SMD Bobby Nielsen (State)

SHMGC Luis L. Leyva (State)

WDD Gonzalo Ortiz (Phoenix West)

WDD Frank Yañez (Phoenix West)

WDD Ricardo Cortez (Tucson)

WDD Juan Marin (Yuma)

FA Luis Alberto Salinas (Phoenix)

FA Luis Carlos Rivero (Tucson)

FA Edward Lozano (Phoenix)

WGK Fernando Natera (Phoenix)

Jorge Carrias (Phoenix)

Arturo Ceron (Phoenix)

Faustino Lopez (Phoenix)

Martin Carrasco (Phoenix)

FDD Gaston S. Alejos who is assisting our team with Spanish Council Training.

And the unconditional support of our Supreme HDFC Marty Izaguirre.

The addition of these all Team members is to provide a much-needed Hispanic Growth support in the Central Area of the Valley (Phoenix).

Our Hispanic Membership Growth is available to all Councils/Parishes to assist the entire Jurisdiction addressing this issue. Please reach out to us with your needs and request for support, we are here to work with you targeting your needs to recruit out of all Ethnic groups/communities.



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**Hispanic Recruiting Coordinator – Luis L. Leyva - continued**

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BROTHERS, AS KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS:

WE BELIEVE - Living our faith boldly makes a difference

WE CHOOSE - To live according to the gospel, which is different from the narrative offered by secular society.

WE AVOID - Each and every activity that separates us from God.

We start a new year, and this marks the half of our fraternal year, as per Supreme Council our jurisdiction is in 27th place with only 40.64% of our recruiting quota. The state of Arizona continues to receive Hispanics who are migrating from California in large numbers, we can see it in our parishes where more and more Hispanics attend Holy Masses.

Brothers, once again I invite each one of you to recruit a Catholic man to join our Order. If only each Council of the 154 that we have in Arizona, recruited 4 (four) new members, we would have 616 new Knights of the 558 that we need to complete our quota for this fraternal year. It is our great MORAL commitment to honor the legacy of Blessed Father McGivney by growing our Order by offering every Catholic man the opportunity to join the Knights of Columbus to support our Families, Parishes, Communities and at the same time, help them grow spiritually with Jesus Christ. and under the maternal mantle of Our Lady Santa María de Guadalupe.

Remember, WE ARE CATHOLIC MEN CHANGING LIVES.

Vivat Jesus!

Luis L. Leyva

Hispanic Membership Coordinator



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Coordinador de Membrecía Hispana - Luis L. Leyva

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Nuestro Equipo Estatal de Crecimiento Hispano en un esfuerzo por brindar un mejor servicio a nuestros hermanos y crear nuevas oportunidades de reclutamiento, estamos creando un equipo de trabajo con varios hermanos dentro de nuestra jurisdicción. El propósito de formar este Equipo de Aumento de Membresía Hispana es explorar un nuevo lugar y dentro de los Consejos actuales para buscar aumentar la membresía Hispana en nuestra Jurisdicción así mismo, cómo debemos involucrarnos en las parroquias que pueden necesitar Consejos Hispanos de Caballeros de Colón y/o Consejo Actual activo o inactivo que podría convertirse en Consejo Hispano.

1. Contamos con un equipo entusiasta y comprometido con el reclutamiento y darle seguimiento a estos proyectos.
2. Con las actuales restricciones de la Pandemia de Covid-19 podemos reiniciar las actividades de reclutamiento y buscar reclutas que tomen de inmediato la ejemplificación de CUF.
3. Necesitamos dirigirnos a todos los Consejos en inglés que solo tienen miembros que hablan español que asisten a reuniones de Consejo y no comprenden debido a problemas de idioma. Esto generalmente lleva a esos miembros a dejar de asistir al Consejo.
4. Concentrarnos en tener agentes de seguros de habla hispana disponibles que puedan responder sus preguntas sobre beneficios fraternales. Los miembros hispanos sienten la necesidad de tener más confianza en un agente con el que puedan comunicarse

Nuestro equipo actual de Reclutamiento de Membresía Hispana está integrado por los siguientes hermanos.

SMD Bobby Nielsen (estado)

SHMGC Luis L. Leyva (Estado)

WDD Gonzalo Ortiz (Phoenix Oeste)

WDD Frank Yañez (Phoenix Oeste)

WDD Ricardo Cortez (Tucson)

WDD Juan Marín (Yuma)

FA Luis Alberto Salinas (Phoenix)

FA Luis Carlos Rivero (Tucson)

FA Edward Lozano (Phoenix)

WGK Fernando Natera (Phoenix)

Jorge Carrias (Phoenix)

Arturo Ceron (Fénix)

Faustino Lopez (Phoenix)

Martín Carrasco (Phoenix)

FDD Gastón S. Alejos quien está ayudando a nuestro equipo con la Capacitación del Consejo Español. Y el apoyo incondicional de nuestro HDFC Supremo Marty Izaguirre.

La adición de todos estos miembros al Equipo es para proporcionar un apoyo de Crecimiento Hispano muy necesario en el Área Central del Valle (Phoenix).





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Coordinador de Membrecía Hispana - Luis L. Leyva - continuó

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Nuestro equipo de Crecimiento de Membresía Hispana está disponible para todos los Consejos / Parroquias para ayudar a toda la Jurisdicción a abordar este problema. Comuníquese con nosotros con sus necesidades y solicitud de apoyo, estamos aquí para trabajar con ustedes y enfocarnos en sus necesidades para reclutar de todos los grupos y/o comunidades étnicas.

HERMANOS LOS CABALLEROS DE COLON:

CREEMOS – Que vivir nuestra fe con valentía hace una diferencia

ELIGIMOS – Vivir de acuerdo con el evangelio, que es diferente a la narrativa que ofrece la sociedad secular.

EVITAMOS – Todas y cada una de las actividades que nos separan de Dios.

Empezamos un nuevo año y esto marca la mitad de nuestro año fraternal, a nivel Supremo nuestra jurisdicción se encuentra en el lugar 27 con solo el 40.64% de nuestra cuota de reclutamiento. EL estado de Arizona sigue recibiendo hispanos que están migrando de California en grandes cantidades, lo podemos ver en nuestras parroquias donde cada vez asisten mas Hispanos a las Santas Misas.

Hermanos, una vez más les invito a cada uno de ustedes a reclutar a un hombre católico a formar parte de nuestra Orden. Si tan solo cada Consejo de los 154 que tenemos en Arizona, reclutara 4 (cuatro) miembros nuevos, tendríamos 616 nuevos Caballeros de los 558 que necesitamos para completar nuestra cuota de este año fraternal. Es nuestro gran compromiso MORAL de honrar el legado del Beato Padre McGivney haciendo crecer nuestra Orden ofreciéndole a **todo hombre católico** la oportunidad de unirse a Caballeros de Colon para apoyar a nuestras Familia, Parroquias, Comunidades y a la vez, ayudarles a crecer espiritualmente con Cristo Jesús y bajo el manto maternal de Santa María de Guadalupe.

Recuerden, que SOMOS HOMBRES CATOLICOS CAMBIANDO VIDAS.

Vivat Jesus!

Luis L. Leyva

Coordinador de Membrecía Hispana



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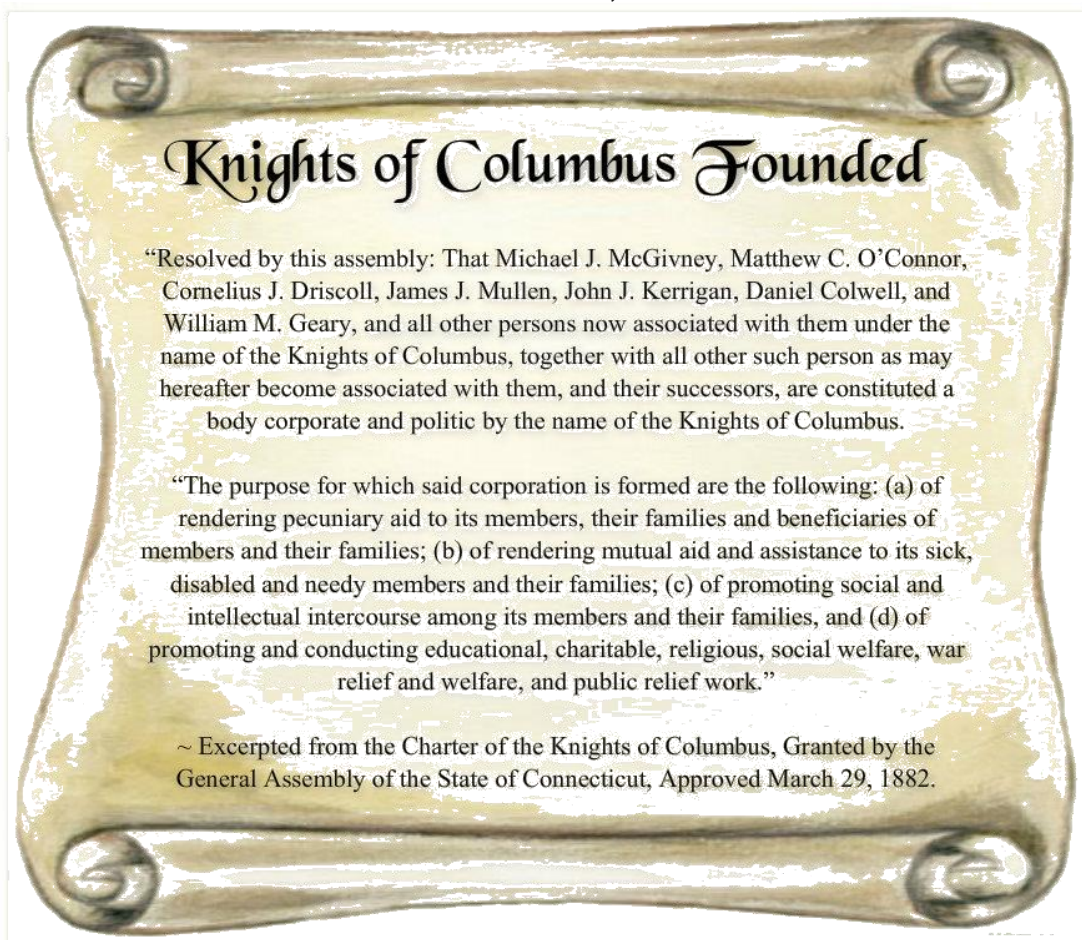
St. Joseph’s Day, also known as the Feast of Saint Joseph, is the feast day for St. Joseph – which falls on March 19th each year. Saint Joseph is believed by Christians to have been the husband of the Blessed Virgin Mary and the step-father of Jesus Christ. In Poland and Canada, it is a Patronal Feast Day and is Father’s Day in some Catholic countries such as Italy and Spain. In Switzerland, it is a public holiday.

On some Western calendars, St. Joseph’s Day was clearly marked on March 19th by the 10th century. By the late 15th century, the custom was adopted by Rome. In 1570, Pope St. Pius V extended its use to the entire Roman Rite. From the late 19th century through the middle of the 20th century, a feast day had been established to honor St. Joseph as the spouse of the Virgin Mary. It was originally celebrated on the 3rd Sunday after Easter but was eventually moved to the Wednesday before and re-titled The Solemnity of Saint Joseph. However, this celebration was abolished by Pope Pius XII in 1955.



[How to Celebrate – Year of St. Joseph](#)

## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FOUNDERS DAY 2021 IS OBSERVED ON MONDAY, MARCH 29, 2021





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The Virtual Catholic Conference is offering two free conference opportunities coming in the month of March. Register today for free and learn how to share these events with your parish and diocese. Register free today to take advantage of special events.



[Catholic Men's Fellowship of Phoenix, Phoenix, AZ \(cmfp.org\)](http://cmfp.org)



[2021 National Catholic Womens Conference \(virtualcatholicconference.com\)](http://virtualcatholicconference.com)



[St Joseph and Spiritual Warfare https://youtu.be/qnAiDs1Uje4](https://youtu.be/qnAiDs1Uje4)

We believe parish communities can be places where Christ can be known and loved, places where young and old can encounter the living God, places where individuals and families can find healing and hope.

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As you have seen in his latest letter, the State Deputy has relaxed restrictions and is now allowing in-person degrees (and other meetings/social events) as long as we comply with parish and pastor guidelines. With the widespread delivery of vaccinations we are trying to turn the corner on the spread of the Corona virus and return to some semblance of what use to be called “normal”. I sense that the old normal is not the new normal and we have to adjust our programs to conform to the new normal. What is the new normal? Here are a few of the thoughts that I have.

- 1. *Resume in person ceremonials (degrees and meetings).*** Our CUF Degrees can resume in-person presentations, but we are going to have to respect and adhere to social norms such as wearing masks, social distancing, scrupulous cleanliness in our gatherings. This will take some leadership action, but I am sure our GKs and DDs understand the importance of these precautions and will enforce them. Let’s get back to in person meetings and share our fraternal presence. Note that the new Supreme guidelines emphasize the importance of the social aspect after our formal meetings. Check out the new guidelines on the Supreme website.
- 2. *Augment with online options.*** Our exemplifications should consider that there are some brothers and families who cannot attend the ceremonials in person and we want to accommodate them as much as possible. Therefore, we want to try to put on degrees (and other ceremonials like Business and Officer meetings) in a hybrid format where we have an in person audience but we also make provisions for members to join virtually. Your Council must decide what constitutes a quorum for voting purposes and whether virtual attendance can be counted in the calculation of the quorum. Remember that voting on Council issues can only be done at general membership meetings. Officer meetings are meant to frame issues and present them at general membership meetings for a vote.
- 3. *Teach others the science of online participation.*** The virtual option for meetings will be with us for the foreseeable future and as leaders we owe it to our membership to help them learn to use the electronic tools at our disposal. Don’t let the excuse “I am too old to learn that new stuff” or “I don’t have a good enough computer” be an excuse for not participating. Most everyone has a cell phone these days and can participate virtually using that tool. As a last resort almost all our virtual meetings allow telephone access without a computer. Let’s bring our isolated brothers into our programs.
- 4. *Form or renew your “home -grown” teams.*** I encourage all Grand Knights and District Deputies to revive their Council Degree Teams now and prepare them to put on CUF Degrees at the Council level. Don’t just take the back-up route and use the Supreme video as the first exemplification option. Candidates benefit much more from degrees exemplified by brothers that they will see next month and at Knights social functions. How many of you remember the brothers who presented the degree to you for the first time? Wasn’t it more memorable when it was the local team who exemplified you? Let’s do the same for our future members.



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There are times when you need to have candidate participate in the degree exemplification and no convenient local presentation is available. That’s exactly the reason for our semi-monthly CUF Degrees online by our State Teams. Use this option whenever you need it.

Here are the AZ State Degrees for the remainder of this Fraternal Year.

DATE	DAY	Team	Team Captain
2/13/21	Sat	#10540	Jim Walsh
2/27/21	Sat	DD #18	Larry Lickfelt
3/13/21	Sat	#3855	Eric Barna
3/27/21	Sat	#11738	Len Rheaume
4/10/21	Sat	#10762	Pete Karculias
4/24/21	Sat	#1229 ?	Pete Kloeber
5/8/21	Sat	DD #18	Larry Lickfelt
5/22/21	Sat	#3855	Eric Barna
6/12/21	Sat	#10540	Jim Walsh
6/26/21	Sat	#10762	Pete Karculias

You can access this schedule on the State website under the drop down “State News” >> “Exemplification Schedules”. The candidates and members wishing to attend can register and sign up for the link to the degree at this same location. One-stop shopping.

For those Grand Knights who are forming your own teams, you can download the latest Charity, Unity and Fraternity script on the Supreme website under “for Members” (no logon required). This script is new and contains the latest updates including references to now “Blessed Michael McGivney”.

**FORMS 450.** Some of the local Councils and Districts are now performing their own CUF degrees (online or using the Supreme video) and we need to keep track of those Exemplifications, so please remember to send in your completed Form 450 to Supreme, the State Deputy and the State Executive Secretary. Send copies to the State Ceremonial Chairman ([ehopler@cox.net](mailto:ehopler@cox.net)) and the State Membership Chairman ([membership@kofc-az.org](mailto:membership@kofc-az.org)). See you at the next AZ CUF Degree.

As usual, for any Ceremonial questions please reach out to me. I like hearing from you.

Vivat Jesus,

Skip Hopler  
Ceremonial Chairman  
Arizona State Council  
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Dear Brothers,

This month marks one year under COVID-19 restrictions. We remember when the news of shutting the Supreme Office was announced. Maybe some of you are working from home...maybe some will be working from home for the foreseeable future. This has not been easy for many of you. When it began we wondered how we would be able to help our brother Knights. But as restrictions were put in place, we were provided with a new way to meet with members virtually on our computers and we were given a number of tools to ensure that you, our members and your families, were served.

It's been a very different year: We missed much of the solemnity of Holy Week and Easter with many of us either social distancing at church or live-streaming Mass; by summer we were able to get outside as long as we didn't get too close to others who were out. Vacations were pretty much out of the question—"stay-cation" with the family was more the norm. By fall we had figured out how to deliver candy from a socially acceptable distance to those few trick or treaters who braved the night. Thanksgiving traditions of large family gatherings were taboo and Christmas was so much smaller in 2020. Joyously we experienced the beatification of Blessed Michael McGivney.

Now we've come full circle into 2021. The vaccine is on the way. Some of you have already received it. Looks like light at the end of the tunnel; but we still have to be vigilant, still have to protect each other. With that in mind, I would like to thank all of you that attended Brother Joe Jordan's Webcast in February. Hopefully, there was something for all of you in terms of your financial well being.

Last but not least, this month we are introducing the "**Raso Riddle of Month**". Each month there will be a "riddle" or question at the bottom of the newsletter. Be one of the first 10 to call the office at 833 732 5632 ext. 3 with the correct answer and you will win a prize for your spouse or significant other. Each month will be different, so stay tuned!

We are thankful to all of you. Many of you met with your agent this year and wanted to make sure your desire for financial security was up to date. It was our pleasure to take the time to analyze your situation and give you recommendations. We look forward to meeting with many more of you in the months ahead whether virtually or face to face. Please contact us if you have any questions; we are here to serve you and our members families.

We pray you will be safe and healthy.

Vivat Jesus!

The Raso Agency

***Riddle of the Month: Why might Joe Jordan and Fr. McGivney have a special appreciation for St Patrick's Day?***



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Brother Knights,

Planning for AZ Rosary Celebration (ARC) is beginning. We will honor Mary under her title, Our Lady of Sorrows.

We will soon begin to have meetings with Tucson and Phoenix Steering Committees to lay the plans for this year's celebration. We are expecting (praying and hoping) that we will be able to have these events in person rather than virtual. Only time will tell. It takes many of the faithful to make these events successful. If you are interested in serving on one of the many committees associated with ARC, please let us know. It takes many people to make it all happen. Contact us at: [azrosary.net](http://azrosary.net).

## A Prayer for Protection in Time of Pandemic

O Mary, you always brighten our path as a sign of salvation and of hope. We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick, who, at the Cross, took part in Jesus' pain while remaining steadfast in faith. O loving Mother, you know what we need, and we are confident you will provide for us as at Cana in Galilee. Intercede for us with your Son Jesus, the Divine Physician, for those who have fallen ill, for those who are vulnerable, and for those who have died. Intercede also for those charged with protecting the health and safety of others and for those who are tending to the sick and seeking a cure. Help us, O Mother of Divine Love, to conform to the will of the Father and to do as we are told by Jesus, who took upon himself our sufferings and carried our sorrows, so as to lead us, through the Cross, to the glory of the Resurrection. Amen. Under thy protection we seek refuge, O Holy Mother of God. In our needs, despise not our petitions, but deliver us always from all dangers, O glorious and blessed Virgin.

Amen.

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*Adapted from the prayer of Pope Francis*