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SERVICE AND CHARITABLE DEEDS"



State Deputy's Message

March 2022



Brother's All,

I hope this email finds you well and your living life at its fullest. It seems Covid is slowly declining, and I pray it never returns. It's a blessing how well Team Arizona is growing in membership and programs and it's so exciting to see Councils and Parishes working together to get back to normal.

As we approach spring, I would like all Councils to take the initiative by working with Pastors to conduct a Parish picnic! What a great Covid recovery program and We Knights should take the lead. Our leadership by example is the **KEY** to our success. As more Dioceses start to lift their Covid restrictions, we need to start welcoming our Catholic families back to church. I recommend you contact all your Brothers Knights, and their families, encourage them to return to a live Mass and celebrate the Eucharist with our Catholic community.

During the Phoenix Priest appreciation dinner, I asked all brothers knights who felt being a member in the Knights of Columbus made them a better Catholic man, to stand up. About 98% of the men stood up. I then mentioned to all the Priests and Bishop Olmsted the need to conduct membership drives at their Parishes; noting that more men joining the Knights is a way to retain and grow the church.

In Bishop Olmsted's, "Into the Breach" its stated "Iron Sharpens Iron". We are a fraternal Order, a Brotherhood of Catholic men joined together in faith, we are the Iron. I know I'm speaking to the choir, but the choir needs more members to sing and praise Gods love. I encourage you to ask today, tomorrow, and forever all the men you know who are not Knights, to join our beloved Order!

Vivat Jesus!

Luigi Baratta
Arizona State Deputy

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And now I would like to appeal to everyone, believers and non-believers alike. Jesus taught us that the diabolical senselessness of violence is answered with God's weapons, with prayer and fasting. I invite everyone to make next 2 March, Ash Wednesday, a Day of Fasting for Peace. I encourage believers in a special way to dedicate themselves intensely to prayer and fasting on that day. May the Queen of Peace preserve the world from the madness of war.

[General Audience of 23 February 2022 | Francis \(vatican.va\)](#)



**March 2022
Pope Francis Intention
For a Christian response to
Bioethical challenges**

We pray for Christians facing new bioethical challenges; may they continue to defend the dignity of all human life with prayer and action.



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Supreme Knight – Patrick Kelly

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Brother Knights,

The situation in Ukraine is dire and worsening. The people of Ukraine, and our brother Knights and their families in that nation, need our help.

I call upon all Knights to join me in praying for peace in Ukraine, and especially for the safety of our more than 1,800 brother Knights and their families who suddenly face the danger of war. Please also join me in responding to the recent [appeal](#) of Pope Francis to join him in prayer and fasting for Ukraine on Ash Wednesday, March 2.

In addition to our prayers, the Knights of Columbus Supreme Council has committed \$1.5 million for immediate distribution to support Ukrainian refugees, including Ukrainian Knights and their families. We will be working with our councils in Poland as well as the Latin and Greek Catholic Churches in Ukraine to provide humanitarian assistance.

Knights of Columbus Charities has launched the Ukraine Solidarity Fund for this purpose, and the Supreme Council will match all funds up to \$500,000. Please prayerfully consider contributing to this effort. For additional information about the Knights of Columbus Ukraine Solidarity Fund and how to donate, please visit [here](#).

Let me conclude with the words I addressed to our brother Knights in Ukraine in a video message to them: “In this time of intense danger, know that your brother Knights of Columbus around the world are praying for you, your families and all the people of Ukraine. We ask that our Lord protect you and your loved ones and restore peace in your land. We ask that He give you strength and courage to persevere.”

You can view the entire video message [here](#).

Fraternally,
Patrick E. Kelly
Supreme Knight



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State Chaplain – Father Gary Regula

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Dear Brother Knights,

As I write this note we are just days away from starting our journey through the beautiful season of Lent. However, a pall has fallen over the world this year as Ukraine is being invaded by Russian forces. Even more sadly (while talks are being held between the two countries the shelling continues), Putin has threatened to use the nuclear option. With all of this uncertainty and darkness surrounding us, we need to remember that Pope John Paul II stated, “war is a defeat for humanity.”

We need to pray for peace for our sisters and brothers in Ukraine, as they most assuredly are afraid of what might possibly happen and some have experienced the loss of their loved ones in during the missile attacks. We should pray for peace everywhere in the world as sadly there are smaller wars taking place in various corners of the world. We need to remember that the first gift Jesus gave us after his resurrection was peace. We recall he entered the room where the disciples were and said “Peace be with you.” The gift of the peace of Christ is given to us to be shared with others. We need to be instruments of that peace.

We need to especially pray for the children in this region. They are now seeing horrible sights that we would turn away from, and they are experiencing a fear that we would never wish upon those that we dislike. These innocents must be protected and lifted in our prayers. We need to ensure that they have a tomorrow not only to survive, but to live, grow and flourish. They should look happily upon a new day and not be afraid that this might be the last day they might be alive.

We need to pray for ourselves. In the last few week’s readings from the Gospel according to Luke we have been challenged by the words of the Sermon on the Plain. We should love our enemies, do good to those who hate us, and we need to pull out the beam in our eyes before we attempt to pull the splinter from our neighbor’s eye. Please once again take some time to reflect on these readings, and as we do let us remember that our striving to share peace must begin with us in our homes.

If we are judging people and condemning them while we listen or watch to the news and our children hear us, then they might follow our lead. If we are unwilling to bring peace and love to all and we make divisive comments for others to hear then are we following the message of Jesus. The words given to us are those of Christ. He is not merely a teacher or prophet, but he is the Son of God, the Word of God made flesh, our Savior and Redeemer. Let us pray for peace by being people of peace. If there is something that is not peaceful in our very being let us pull the beam from our eye, so we can see the need of the world and respond with peace, love and mercy.

Vivat Jesus,
Fr. Gary Regula



Worthy District Deputy,

It is time to start thinking about the State Awards for your Councils. In previous years the number of applications submitted has been few. Let's change that this year. There are so many councils doing wonderful things, it is your job to see that they are recognized.

You may submit applications for:

- 1) Council-of-the-year - Form COUNCIL-YEAR 21-22
- 2) Grand-Knight-of-the-Year - Form GK-YEAR 21-22
- 3) Raul Navarrete Vocations Award - Form RAUL-NAV 21-22

All Award Applications can be found on the State Website. Click on the STATE INFO tab or the direct link is kofc-az.org/state-award-forms

Be sure and read the instruction Sheet carefully before make your submission.

Deadline for submission of applications is SUNDAY, APRIL 17, 2022. No application will be accepted after this date.

VERY IMPORTANT: Send application ONLY to AzKnights@q.com. DO NOT COPY State Officers, ASO or anyone else, otherwise your application will be denied.

You may contact me if you have any questions.

Vivat Jesus!
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Knights of Columbus
AZ State Executive Secretary
Awards Chairman
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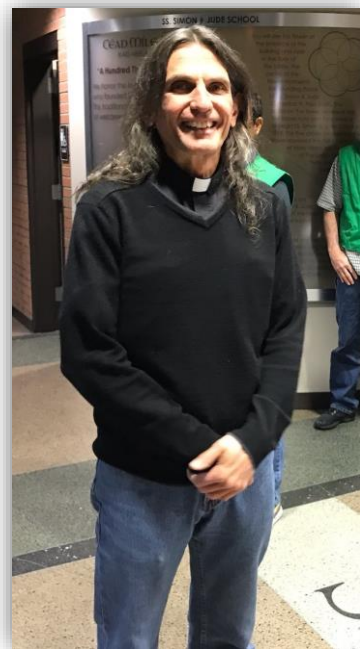


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Priest Appreciation Dinner – February 25th, 2022





State Deputy Luigi Baratta released the following statement regarding the Knights of Columbus upcoming State Convention:

“Welcome to the 115th Annual Arizona State Council Knights of Columbus State Convention. On behalf of my fellow State Officers, I want to say ‘Thank You’ for your support, and I am honored to be your State Deputy! As we reflect upon our achievements this past year, this is a new year, with new ideas as we plan for a greater future.”

St Rita in the Desert, 14230, is pleased to host the 115th Annual Knights of Columbus State Convention. This year’s convention will be held May 20th – 21st, 2022 at the El Conquistador Tuscon located at: 10000 North Oracle Road, Tucson, Arizona, 85704.

Hotel reservations can only be made directly with the hotel, either online or by phone. Refer to the Hotel Reservations page for details. Room rates are guaranteed through **April 29, 2022** and are applicable three days before and three days after the convention based on availability. Reservations made after this date will be accepted on a space-available basis at a non -discounted rate.

Registration for the convention is required for all who attend (**YOU MUST BE A 3RD DEGREE KNIGHT TO ATTEND ANY PORTION OF THE CONVENTION**). In addition, if you are attending the convention as a Delegate or Alternate, your Council must submit the Delegate Form to the State Secretary no later than **April 2, 2022**. **IMPORTANT NOTE FOR DELEGATES: If you are a Delegate or Alternate you still MUST register for the Convention in addition to submitting the Delegate form from your Council. Your Council DOES NOT register for you!**

The preferred method to register for the Convention is through the Convention website, where you may pay by credit card online.

All registrations and payments must be received by **Friday, May 6, 2022**. Registrations received later than this date will be assessed an additional \$10.00 fee for late processing. Late registrations place an additional burden on the host Council and the hotel to ensure that there are sufficient seating and meals for all in attendance. Credit card payments must be made directly on the website.

The website for the State Convention on May 20-21, 2022, is active and can be found at <https://www.azkofcstateconvention.org/>. Please register early and make your hotel reservations early.



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State Membership Director – Keith Baker

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My Brothers,

As I write this message for the KOCCA, I am thinking how extremely fortunate I am to be sitting in my office typing on my laptop about the accomplishments and milestones that the AZ Knights of Columbus, have done over the last month, when I cannot help but think of our brothers and sisters who are directly in harms way in the Ukraine. We need to ask our Blessed Mother through our Rosaries and prayers to have her Son our Lord Jesus Christ to intercede for them in changing the hearts of men who are bent on destruction and pain. **“Hail Mary full of grace, the Lord is with thee. Blessed art thou amongst women and Blessed it the fruit of thy womb Jesus. Holy Mary mother of God, pray for us sinners now and the hour of death, Amen.”**

I have again been amazed at the efforts of our brothers who have taken on the Armor and stepped Into the Breach. Both the month of January and February have resulted in the State Council exceeding our membership goal by over 100% in both months. That makes 8 straight months of growth towards our Supreme goal for Circle of Honor. I have been fortunate to attend number of the Membership Drives at several Councils around the State and the enthusiasm and positivity of those Councils who have stepped Into the Breach and are making a difference for both their Church and their Council. NOW it's your turn to Step into the Breach. Both the State Deputy and I are asking that EVERY active Council in the State of Arizona recruit at the minimum one e-member or one Form 100 member and have that member complete the CUF Ceremonial starting March 1st and before the end of May. If that can be realized, then the State of Arizona Knights of Columbus will have earned a THREE-PEAT into the Circle of Honor. Now that would be something to write home about!

The best way I know to go about getting this done is to schedule a Membership / Church Drive with your Pastor now! LET'S NOT WAIT to State convention and realize you haven't recruited a single member! Let's get those events booked and done before the Convention and let's make the month of June a time of review what has been accomplished and set goals for the next Fraternal Year instead of scrambling to make STAR Council by June 30th! I'm calling on our Membership Chairman and Program Chairman at each Council to work together and have your next Program event also be a recruitment opportunity.

Our membership recruiter for the Month of January was not announced previously and so I would like to let you know that I am pleased to announce now that the winner of the \$100 dollar of Gift Cards is Donald McClane from Council 12851. CONGRATULATIONS DON!



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State Membership Director – Keith Baker (continued)

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Next month's issue of the KOCO A will advise the winner of the month of February for another \$100 dollar Gift Cards for the entire family. Again, those who are tied for the month will be determined by the largest % of growth of their individual Council membership goal. TO QUALIFY, REMEMBER IT'S BASED ON THE PROPOSER NUMBER BEING ENTERED ON THE ORIGINAL E-MEMBER APPLICATION OR FORM 100.

Vivat Jesus,
Keith Baker / SMD
AZ State Council

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Western Territory Supreme Webinar Training Schedule – March 2022

COUNCIL OFFICER BASIC TRAINING

Are you ready to become an Officer in your Council? Are you wanting more information before making the commitment? This training is designed to inform you before making the decision to step "Into the Breach" and...

GRAND KNIGHT BASIC TRAINING

This Training is designed to help you be a successful leader. As a Grand Knight, you will be expected to...

GRAND KNIGHT BASIC TRAINING – PART TWO

Learn how to focus on the important and meaningful duties of the Grand Knight. We will discuss: Grand Knight Focus, Meeting with Your Pastor, Faith In Action, Recruitment...and much more!

DISTRICT DEPUTY BASIC TRAINING

This training is designed to help you be a successful leader. As District Deputy, you need to...

DISTRICT DEPUTY BASIC TRAINING – PART TWO

District Deputy Basic Training taught you WHAT is expected of you as a District Deputy Supreme Knight. District Deputy Basic Training will give you the HOW to do what is expected: How to help Drive Growth...

THE DELTA CHURCH DRIVE SYSTEM

Attendees will be guided through a much warmer, friendlier, and easier way to host a Church Recruitment Drive. The Delta Church Drive System is made up of...

Rapid Registration Tip:

Click on the Topic Link to Register for your chosen Webinar and view full course description. Once registered you will be emailed the link to access the webinar you wish to attend.

DATE	CENTRAL TIME	WEBINAR TOPIC & REGISTRATION LINK
Tuesday, March 1, 2022	7:00pm	The Delta Church Drive System
Thursday, March 3, 2022	7:00pm	The Delta Church Drive System
Tuesday, March 8, 2022	7:00pm	Grand Knight Basic Training
Wednesday, March 9, 2022	7:00pm	Grand Knight Basic Training Part 2
Thursday, March 10, 2022	7:00pm	Council Officer Basic Training
Tuesday, March 15, 2022	7:00pm	District Deputy Basic Training
Wednesday, March 16, 2022	7:00pm	District Deputy Basic Training Part 2
Thursday, March 17, 2022	7:00pm	The Delta Church Drive System



Supreme District Deputy Quarterly Incentives for 2021-22

- **July–September: Building the Foundation**
 - District Deputies who attain 30%+ of District Intake Goal by September 30
 - Custom Knights of Columbus Polo Shirt/Coin or Medallion depicting Charity
- **October-December: Knights for Christmas**
 - District Deputies who attain 70%+ of District Intake Goal by December 31
 - Custom Knights of Columbus Jacket/Coin or Medallion depicting Unity
- **January-March: Dress for Spring**
 - District Deputies who attain 100% of District Intake Goal by March 31
 - Custom Knights of Columbus Dress Shirt/Tie/Coin or Medallion depicting Fraternity
- **April-June: Star District**
 - District Deputy who achieves Star District
 - Custom Knights of Columbus Watch/Coin or Medallion depicting Patriotism



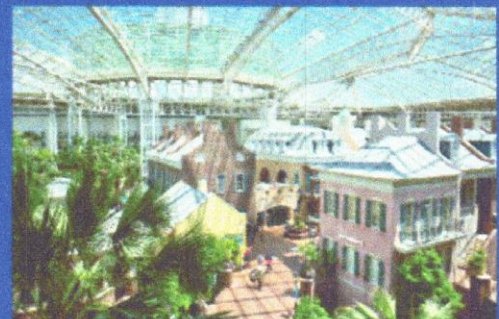
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Supreme District Deputy Yearly Incentive for 2021-22

District Deputy who achieves all four awards

- Display Box containing 4 Coins or Medallions depicting Charity, Unity, Fraternity & Patriotism with a commemorative Blessed Michael McGivney Coin or Medallion in the Center
- Entered in drawing for travel, lodging, and tickets for he and his wife to 2022 Supreme Convention in Nashville, TN





Brothers,

Our fraternal year is coming down the home stretch...how are your councils performing? We are seeing a fair number of fraternal program reports being submitted; thank you to those councils using the form. So, many councils are back to work in their parish and community...is your council one of them? Use the Faith in Action guidebook to plan your remaining projects for this year. How many points do you have? Where do you need to add programs to close out a category? The FIA book can help you to earn the Columbian Award for your council.

LENTEN EVENTS

Ash Wednesday is March 2nd. Lent is a great time to bring your council and fellow parishioners together with faith, family, and community programs. Does your council sponsor a fish fry or soup meal on Fridays? These programs sometimes are looked on only as a fundraising activity for the councils. They were initially started as a continuation of parishioners gathering for Stations of the Cross on Friday evenings. Councils that sponsor these meals need to encourage a spirit of community, but also bring the faith aspect to the program. Encourage your members to attend the Stations every Friday; in your advertising for the dinners, encourage parish participation in the Stations before enjoying their dinner afterwards. Sponsor a Holy Hour or rosary sometime each week during Lent. At your dinners, promote the Good Friday Family promotion to encourage family participation on Good Friday.

SP 7

During our meeting with the Supreme Program Director, he stated that councils can submit their SP7 applications whenever they feel that they've completed the required programs. DO NOT wait until June to submit your SP7s. If you feel your council has done enough to earn the award now, send them in... the earlier, the better. If Supreme has a question, it gives you time to make any corrections or additions to the form. If you have programs planned in May and June, don't wait to complete them. You may add those programs to your SP7 now, Supreme trusts that you will do them. If you have questions whether a program counts or if you have enough points, please contact me and we can go over your programs.

Vivat Jesus,

Tom White

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State Program Director – Tom White (continued)

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Brothers,

At our mid year meeting, one of the speakers was brother Dave Kasper from Council 10540. Dave explained that foster kids leave the system at age 18, often with only their clothes and a black plastic bag to carry them in. Dave and his wife collect lightly used luggage to donate to organizations that will get the luggage to these kids, so that at least they have a suitable way to carry their belongings.

Dave is requesting help from our councils; he is asking members and possibly their fellow parishioners to have a luggage collection drive to build up their inventory. This would help hundreds of kids who are now on their own. Please contact Dave for more information. If you're looking for a community program to perform, this would count as a helping hands event.

DAVE KASPER

cdkasper65@sbcglobal.net



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State Life Director – Nick Gaudio

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Brother Knights,

This week is the start of the Lent season. It is a solemn period centered on prayer, fasting and almsgiving. This is a perfect opportunity to increase our prayer time and to ask our Lord to protect the most vulnerable, the unborn. 40 Days for Life is from March 2nd through April 10th. You can help to protect mothers and children by joining this worldwide mobilization to pray and fast for an end to abortion! With God's help, here are the proven results in 26 coordinated campaigns:

- Over 20,000 babies saved from abortion
- Over 200 abortion workers converted
- Over 100 abortion centers closed

You can find a 40 Days for Life vigil location here: <https://www.40daysforlife.com/en/vigil-search.aspx>

This past month every parish participated in the Gospel of Life Appeal. The goal was to collect funds so that the Diocese can continue its mission to uphold the right-to-life of all people from conception to natural death. 1/3 of the funds collected remained at the parish to be used for parish Respect Life activities. Programs such as Walking With Moms In Need (WWMIN). This is a program that was also mentioned by our Supreme Chaplain Lori in the latest edition of Columbia magazine. He said *"This initiative provides a pathway for volunteers and parishes to reach out to these mothers, to befriend and assist them through challenging days. This is an important part of what it means to be pro-life"*. Supreme Knight Patrick Kelly writes in his article on A Crucial Moment for Life, *"Imagine a future in which every woman has the freedom, care and resources she needs to choose life; where mothers and their children have the care they need to thrive. The Knights of Columbus is uniquely situated to make this vision a reality."* Does your council have a Respect Life director? Does your parish have a Respect Life ministry? Does your parish know about WWMIN? If the answer is no, get involved, promote life, ensure the success of WWMIN.

We will soon find out the decision of the Supreme Court on the Dobbs v. Jackson case. Currently, the opinions are being drafted, circulated, and revised. The general expectation is that Roe will go; even many abortion supporters seem resigned to that. Let us pray that this is truly the case and that abortion policy will be set by the states.

As always, if you have any questions, please contact me at prolife@gaudio.us or call 480-227-1619. As always, continue to pray for an end to abortion and a complete defunding of Planned Parenthood.

Vivat Jesus,

Nick Gaudio
AZ State Life Director.



Family of the Month Program

- ☛ All Submissions will be entered using the online Form #10784
- ☛ Due date for all submissions is still the 15th of each month to Supreme
- ☛ Once submitted you will receive an email from Supreme
- ☛ Print out the information for your records
- ☛ Also email a copy of the information to hotrodtiki@aol.com
- ☛ This will used for the Arizona State Family of the Month Program
- ☛ ***I would like to get over 100 of these submissions every month***
- ☛ Remember, it *does not* have to be a Knights of Columbus Family

Supreme Family of the Month Council Participation for the Month of January 2022

Councils Participating were: 3136 5542 9485 10762 10799 10832 12708 16277

Council Winner for Arizona Jurisdiction was Council 5542 Manual G. Navarro

Arizona State Family of the Month Council Participation for the Month of February 2022

Councils Participating were: 3136 5221

Council Winner for Arizona State – Jesus & Abbie Ochoa , Council #3136 Fr. Patrick J. Murphy

Below is a list of Family of the Month entries that were submitted to the Knights of Columbus Supreme office from your jurisdiction. We are sending this information to you because these submissions are incomplete, which in turn disqualifies them from the International drawing.

We ask that you reach out to each of these councils to assist them with what is missing to ensure proper submissions moving forward. As you can see from the list below, these are very minor mistakes that the council has made. These mistakes could be as simple as a missing last name or the address of the nominee. After the council corrects the mistake, they can resubmit that nominee for the following month. This will help ensure more families have the opportunity to win Family of the Month and that councils are completing the nomination correctly. Their entry for the month submitted will not be accepted as it was incomplete and the deadline has since passed.

Co #	Jurisdiction	Member #	Full Name	Address	City	State	Zipcode	Additional Note
5221	Arizona		Richard		Casa Grande	AZ	85122	
4584	Arizona	5055454	Doug	1056 Cinder Hill Way	Sierra Vista	AZ	85635-1498	Address required Last Name required



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State Ceremonial Chairman – Skip Hopler

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Online CUF Schedule - Regional Teams 2021 - 2022					
<i>DATE</i>	<i>DAY</i>	<i>Team</i>	<i>Team Captain</i>	<i>Producer</i>	<i>Host Contact</i>
8/7/21	Sat	#10540	Jim Walsh	Jim Walsh	Jim Walsh
9/4/21	Sat	#3855	Eric Barna	Jim Walsh	Eric Barna
10/2/21	Sat	#10762	Pete Karculias	Pete Karculias	Pete Karculias
11/6/21	Sat	#11738	Len Rheaume	George Dusold	Len Rheaume
12/4/21	Sat	DD #18	Larry Lickfelt	Larry Lickfelt	Larry Lickfelt
1/8/22	Sat	#10540	Jim Walsh	Jim Walsh	Jim Walsh
2/5/22	Sat	#3855	Eric Barna	Jim Walsh	Eric Barna
3/5/22	Sat	#10762	Pete Karculias	Pete Karculias	Pete Karculias
4/2/22	Sat	#11738	Len Rheaume	George Dusold	Len Rheaume
5/7/22	Sat	DD #18	Larry Lickfelt	Larry Lickfelt	Larry Lickfelt
6/4/22	Sat	#10540	Jim Walsh	Jim Walsh	Jim Walsh

St. Anne's #10540 Chandler	Fray Garces #3855 Glendale	Frank Perri #10762 Tucson	St. Helen's #11738 Glendale	District #18 Yuma	Fr. Novaha #1229 Flagstaff
DD Jim Walsh 480-772-3094	GK Eric Barna 401-474-4285	FDD Pete Karculias 520-975-7362	FDD Len Rheaume 602-738-5608	DD Larry Lickfelt 712-223-2907	FDD Pete Kloeber 928-890-7500



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- CERT Organization
- Disaster Medical Part I
- Disaster Medical Part II
- Disaster Psychology
- Fire Safety
- Light Search & Rescue
- CERT and Terrorism

CERT Kit ("Go Bag")



The spring session of Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) training will be offered in two phases:

Phase I: Online training to be conducted individually at the student's own pace covering the topics shown on the left. Approximately 12 hours to complete during the period March 14 to April 8.

Phase II: With the supervision of a trained coach, demonstrate knowledge gained and skills learned during Phase I. This practical phase will be four classroom afternoon sessions, April 13, 14, 20 and 21 from 1:00 – 5:00 p.m. The culmination will be a disaster simulation exercise April 23, 9:00 – 11:30 a.m. To graduate students must attend each session.



After completing training, there is no obligation to join CERT or to respond to a community emergency. Those who do join will receive a CERT Kit and shirt.

This free CERT training will increase your ability and confidence to safely help yourself, your family, and neighbors. The CERT course will benefit anyone who takes it.

The Phase II sessions will be held at the Green Valley Fire District Training Center at 1285 W Camino Encanto.

For details, questions and registration visit our website at <https://ggvcert.com>



Brothers,

March arrives and Lent begins on the very next day, March 2. We all know that Lent is the time of preparation for Easter. It begins on Ash Wednesday and ends with Holy Thursday. In order to prepare to celebrate the Lord's resurrection we are to exercise self-control and self-denial by fasting. We are encouraged to encounter Christ in the reading of Scripture and we are to serve others by the giving of alms.

When I was a kid, the "go to" self-denial was giving up chocolate...made those chocolate Easter bunnies most tasty! I think a lot of us are creatures of habit when it comes to self-denial. We continue on the same path, "giving up" the same things each year. Although self-denial is important as a practice, I've gotten a little older and a bit more introspective. I try to think of positive things to do rather than what I want to give up. Here are some of the things on a personal level that I'm going to try: Devote some time each day to reading Scripture. I'm not going to read whole books or commit to something I can't achieve, but for 10 minutes each day I'm going to read the Good Book. I think reading scripture every day is good habit to nurture.

Rather than "giving up" I'm going to try to "give away." It doesn't help anyone...other than me...if I give up chocolate again this year. But if I give away to the poor, that can have a positive effect on me and on someone else. God has blessed me with so many material blessings I can afford to part with some. And that includes money. I'm determined to be more generous this Lent.

As men of faith let's take advantage of some of the many program offerings during Lent. Some of these programs are done diocesan-wide, some at the local parish level, and many councils have special programs for prayer and reflection. If you are able perhaps you can lead or help lead a program at your council. I know for me, being involved with other men of faith strengthens me.

As we prepare spiritually for this new liturgical season of Lent, don't forget the temporal. Tempus fugit, memento mori! I am honored to carry on our blessed founder's vision of protecting Catholic families.

Vivat Jesus!

The Raso Agency



Happy Birthday – Most Reverend Eduardo Nevares

The Most Reverend Eduardo Alanis Nevares was ordained as the first Auxiliary Bishop for the Diocese of Phoenix on July 19, 2010, at St. Thomas Aquinas Parish in Avondale. He began his priesthood as a Missionary of Our Lady of La Salette on July 18, 1981, and was later incardinated into the Diocese of Tyler, Texas, in May 2007.

Prior to his arrival in Phoenix, he served as Vice Rector of the Pontifical College Josephinum in Columbus, Ohio, after serving as the Co-Director of Vocations in the Diocese of Tyler, Texas, from 2002 until 2008. Before serving in Tyler, he was the Pastor of St. Patrick Parish in Lufkin, Texas. For 25 years, Bishop Nevares served as a Missionary of Our Lady of La Salette before he sought incardination to the Diocese of Tyler.

He grew up in a loving, devout Roman Catholic family. His parents were not rich, yet they sent all of their children to Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish School.

As his mother would leave the four older children at school, they would both attend daily Mass together. It was seeing his mother’s love and devotion for the Eucharist that began to instill in Bishop Nevares a desire to be a priest.

- Born: February 19, 1954
- Ordination to the priesthood: July 18, 1981
- Ordained a bishop: July 19, 2010



Pictured are Reverend Msgr. George Highberger, Most Reverend Bishop Eduardo Nevares and Reverend Father James Kalliath.





Spiritual Reflection Retreat – Faith In Action “A Journey Home, a Journey of Love”

As a Knight of Columbus, our goal is to strengthen men and their families in the Catholic Faith. Our formation in our Faith goes beyond mere facts or religious practice to an authentic connection with a **loving** God and his son Jesus Christ. Councils Sponsoring and Participating in their *Parish* wide Spiritual Reflection Retreat provide an opportunity for Prayer and Reflection for their *Parishioners* to awaken, refresh, and reinvigorate their *Spiritual Journey Home, a Journey of Love*. Service, Prayer and Reflection – **Faith In Action**.

By providing insightful foundation sources of our Catholic Faith, our Award Winning Spiritual Retreat Master (Br. Kevin Moshier) will leave participants with a feeling they have experienced a rejuvenating spiritual event with a lasting impact on their relationship to their Faith and actions in the future

Contact Gary DeClue, Spiritual Reflection Retreat Chairman, Arizona Knights of Columbus to assist you in arranging for a Spiritual Reflection Retreat at your Parish. Please send your request via email to GLDECLUE@cox.net or give me a call at 623-455-2875.



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS SPIRITUAL REFLECTION

Event: **Spiritual Reflection Retreat**
Location: Our Lady Of Lourdes
Date: **March 26** Time: 8:30 AM-4 PM
Contact: **DD Joe Shanks**





Dear Brother Knights,

St. Joseph's Youth Camp Summer 2022 Schedule has been set and registration is now **OPEN** for the 2022 Summer Camp season.

With your kind support, last year 81 Campers/Counselors who had a financial need received sponsorships/scholarships to offset the cost of their registration fees. This year we need your support again to help families in need send their children to Camp.

WHAT'S NEW IN 2022

- We've expanded our Summer Camp from 4 weeks to 5 weeks!
- Many families had younger siblings who were just short of 8 years old. We've expanded the age group from 8-12 to 7-12.
- Counselor Candidate eligibility ages have been expanded from 16-17 to 15-17.
- Catholic Week is back after a successful 1st year and the age group has been restricted to ages 7-12.

CAMPER REGISTRATION FEES

The last fee increase was 4 years ago (2018). We have been able to avoid annual tuition increases by carefully managing expenses, expanding our volunteer base, and through grant funding and private donations.

The Board of Directors approved the following increase in fees:

- Campers ages 7-15 is \$800 per week (\$750 Early Bird – Registrations completed by March 31st)

CALL-TO-ACTION

We are presenting the Call-to-Action campaign today by asking you to give a child a lifetime memory with the Gift of Camp.

Age groups for Campers are:

- Campers **ages 7-12**
- Teen week Campers for **ages 13-15**

We are also recruiting high school students **ages 15-17** to be trained as Camp Counselors.

- Counselor in Training (CIT) Week fee is **\$225**
- Counselors have an opportunity to earn **94 Community Service Hours** when invited back to help lead activities with the younger Campers.

To participate in the Gift of Camp campaign, please complete and mail in the attached **2022 Sponsorship Form**, along with your check.

I am also attaching a softcopy Camper/Counselor Brochure which includes the 2022 Summer Camp schedule. If you would like additional brochures for your Parish or Schools, just send an email to admin@sjycaz.com and we'll send you hardcopy brochures for you to distribute.



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St. Joseph's Youth Camp – Jim Mead, President

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For personal assistance, please contact our Camp Administrator Lindsay Mills at: lindsay@SJYCAZ.com. Lindsay will help facilitate the Registration process for those of you who wish to select the Campers/Counselors you want to Sponsor.

On behalf of the Board of Directors for St. Joseph's Youth Camp, we thank you for your continued support of the Camp.

Have a Blessed New Year!

Jim Mead, President
St. Joseph's Youth Camp
Vivat Jesus

Transportation

Bus Check-In / Pick-Up
Mountain View Lutheran Church
11002 S 48th St, Phoenix, AZ 85044
Family Life Center Building
(South of Elliott Rd off 48th St. in Ahwatukee)

Camper & Counselor BUS CHECK-IN Time is 2:00 pm on SUNDAYS.
PICK-UP Time is 2:00 pm on SATURDAYS.

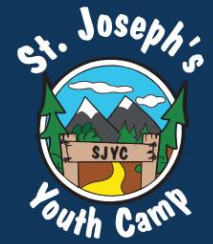


Driving Your Child to Camp Yourself?

Check-In & Pick-Up Times are different. Most Campers & Counselors ride the bus, however, if you plan to drive that's fine too!

CHECK-IN at Camp is between 5-6 pm on Sundays.
PICK-UP at Camp is between 9-10 am on Saturdays.


Voted Best Summer Camp In Arizona

Rooted in Tradition & Values since 1949
501(c)(3) Non-Profit Organization

SUMMER CAMP 2022

Ages 7-17




St. Joseph's Youth Camp
P.O. Box 23658
Tempe, AZ 85285
480-449-0848
admin@SJYCAZ.com
www.SJYCAZ.com



Register Online at:
www.SJYCAZ.com



A Great Tradition

Since 1949, St. Joseph's Youth Camp has provided summer of fun and adventure for thousands of kids. As a traditional youth camp, St. Joseph's Youth Camp provides youth ages 7 to 17, a week-long overnight opportunity to get outdoors, learn from nature, and have FUN!

Location

St. Joseph's Youth Camp is located just 23 miles southeast of Flagstaff in the heart of the Coconino National Forest in Mormon Lake, AZ. Nestled in the pines, our Campers will bunk in clean Cabins with their trained Counselors.

What Makes Us Unique

Unlike other Summer Camps, St. Joseph's Youth Camp enrollment is limited to just 60-80 Campers per week! Campers receive more individual attention with **Camper to Counselor ratios of just 4 to 1**. All Staff members are background checked and certified with CPR, First Aid, and AED Training. Each week also includes an **onsite Camp Nurse** available 24/7. Temperatures at the Camp average just **79 degrees** and provides a refreshing change from Arizona's hot summers!

All Sessions Include:
R/T chartered bus from Phoenix - All food & lodging - SJYC Shirt - Camp Video & Pictures!

Camper Registration

Campers (ages 7 to 15) participate in an array of FUN Camp activities, including:

- Horseback Riding · Kayaking · Archery
- Arts & Crafts · Shelter Building · Campfires & Songs
- Hiking · Astronomy & Telescope Nights
- Capture the Flag · Skit Night
- Flagstaff Extreme (Teen Week Only)

Catholic Week includes additional activities like:
Holy Mass · Confessions · Catechism · Bible Studies · Making & Praying the Rosary

2022 Season Schedule

\$800 per Week / \$750 if You Register Early

*Save \$50 with Early Bird Registration before 3/31/2022

- WEEK 1: JUNE 12 - 18 | AGES 13 - 15 - TEEN WEEK
- WEEK 2: JUNE 19 - 25 | AGES 7 - 12
- WEEK 3: JUNE 26 - JULY 2 | AGES 7 - 12
- WEEK 4: JULY 3 - 9 | AGES 7 - 12
- WEEK 5: JULY 10 - 16 | AGES 7 - 12 - CATHOLIC WEEK

Counselor Registration

Teens (ages 15-17) can participate in our Counselor Training Week, designed to mold teens into stronger leaders and mentors. They will learn to work with kids ages 7-15 and will learn Counselor skills including CPR, team building and leadership. If selected, Counselors in Training will be asked to return as Counselors for the 5 camper weeks to put their skills into action at no additional cost!

Counselors have an opportunity to earn **34 Community Service Hours** per week!

CPR & AED Certification · First Aid Training · Fire Safety Training · Discussions and Workshops on Communication, Leadership, Greater Good, Positivity and Inclusivity

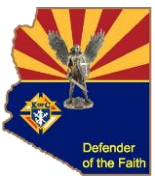
June 5-11
\$225 for Mandatory Counselor Training





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Public Relations Director – Joseph Shanks

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Do They Know Card

Once we gain enough experience, each of us, God willing, will have to adapt to limitations and changes as age. It's important our families know our wishes in case they are called to care for us one day. We suggest this information be shared with all Knights:

- Tell family you want to remain a Knight of Columbus and that dues should continue to be paid or a donation made in your name every year.
- Make sure they know your council number and location and who/how to contact your council and assembly if you are 4th Degree.
- Keep your council and assembly informed if and when you move or need specialized care. We want to stay in touch to support and pray for you.
- Families must request our services for visitations and funerals.
- Councils regularly pray rosaries at visitations. Assemblies are authorized to conduct guards for 4th Degree Knights upon request.
- Tell your family what you would like the Knights to do in the event of your passing on to your reward. Tell them who to contact to inform them of your passing:
 - * Council and Assembly Contact Info
 - * Field Agent Contact Info
 - * Would you like a Rosary, Honor Guard, or both at your visitation/ funeral?
 - * Special arrangements – do you want to be buried in your old or new regalia, for example?

Do They Know Card

I am a Knight of Columbus.
Please continue to pay my dues.

Member #: _____ Degree: _____
 Council #: _____ Council Location: _____
 Council Contact: _____
 Email: _____ Phone #: _____
 Field Agent Contact Info: _____
 Assembly Name, #, and Location: _____
 Assembly Contact: _____ Email: _____
 Phone #: _____

At my passing, please request:
____ Rosary ____ Honor Guard

Additional Requests: _____



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How do you define your council's Kodak Moment? Many events you do in your community put your council in the spotlight. Your Kodak Moments can be captured in many ways.

Photos can be shared on a number of social media sites like Facebook or Instagram.

Video can serve as a good membership recruiting tool because it shows what council can do.

Websites give a written description of what your council does, when they do it, and who leads them to all the great successes. It is important you keep your website content up to date. With fresh content, it keeps people coming back to you, and you continue to thrive.

Councils can participate by...

- Sending me photos · Sending me a program flyer
- Sending me a copy of their church bulletin advertising
- Sending me a copy of their local newspaper article
- Getting on local TV for their program



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Four priests and more than 90 laymen were Exemplified into the Patriotic Degree, honoring Tucson Bishop Edward Wisenburger, on February 12. The virtual exemplification was viewed by candidates from throughout Arizona including Flagstaff, Payson, Safford and Nogales, as well as the Colorado River area and the greater Phoenix and Tucson areas.

Thanks to the scheduling and technical skills of DD 8, James Walsh, candidates who registered but couldn't attend February 12 Exemplification are continuing to avail themselves of the ceremony online.

"The registration program developed and polished by State Secretary Tom Kato allows Fourth Degree Executive Secretary SK Charles Everding to stay in touch with all registered Fourth Degree candidates in order to offer them the opportunity to view the Exemplification," AZ District Master Drew Mansager said.

Arizona District Biennial Meeting

Fr. Patrick J. Murphy, Assembly 22, in Casa Grande will host the Arizona District Biennial meeting at St. Anthony of Padua community center, 201 N. Picacho St., Casa Grande from 10 am until noon on Saturday, March 26.

"All Assemblies are entitled to send their Faithful Navigator and one other representative to the meeting, which will include nominations for the Arizona District Master," said AZDM Drew Mansager.

The meeting is for nominations for District Master, not his election, Mansager explained.

"In even numbered years, the Master submits three nominations to the Vice Supreme Master of the John H. Redding Province (Arizona, New Mexico, Colorado and Utah) who then submits those names to the Supreme Master," Mansager explained. "The choice of District Master is ultimately Supremes' decision," he added.

We would love to see all of you at the biennial meeting, but understand the challenges traveling the state of Arizona for a two hour meeting.

Thanks to DD James Walsh's skills, we plan on offering a virtual aspect of the meeting. Try sk.james.p.walsh.kofc@gmail.com to plan ahead.



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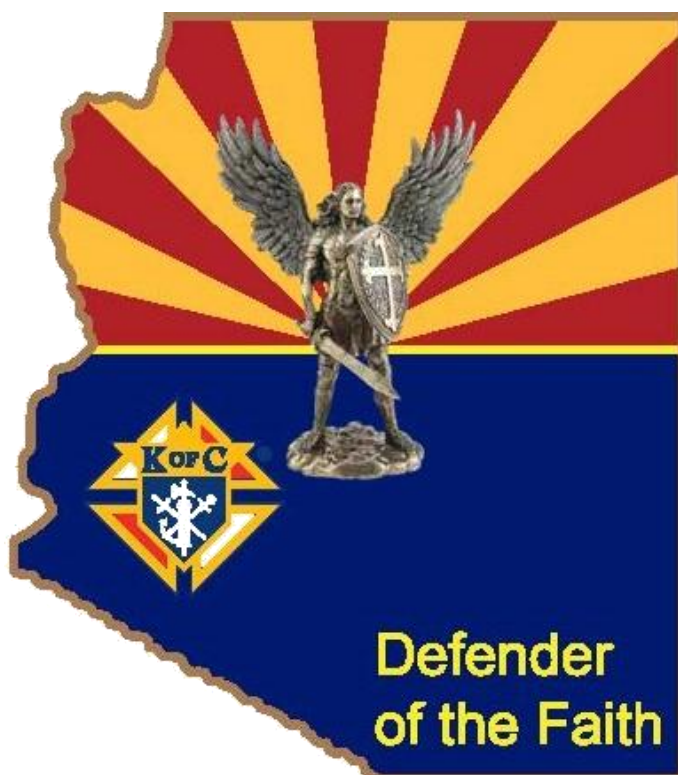
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Saint Michael is one of the angels presumed present at the hour of death. Traditionally, he is charged to assist the dying and accompany them to their particular judgment, where he serves as an advocate. Cemetery chapels are often dedicated to him, where Masses are offered in his honor on behalf of the departed.

In Catholic tradition, on Judgment Day Saint Michael weighs souls based on their deeds during their life on earth. Saint Michael is often portrayed in art with scales. This role of Saint Michael was depicted by Michelangelo on the ceiling of the Sistine Chapel. In this depiction, angels hold up two books: the smaller book held by Saint Michael records the names of the blessed, while the larger book is a list of the damned.

The tradition of Michael as prince-protector of the Jewish people was adopted by the Christian Church. Saint Michael has long been recognized as the protector and guardian of the Church itself and the angel of the Blessed Sacrament. In a 2007 address Pope Benedict XVI urged the bishops he was ordaining to take Michael as a model in making room in the world for God, countering denials of him and thus defending humankind's greatness, and in acting as "true guardian angels" of the Church. Saint Michael is also the guardian angel of the pope and has been invoked as the patron and guardian angel of many countries as well as specific professions.

The Prayer to Saint Michael reads:

"Saint Michael the archangel, defend us in battle. Be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the Devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray, and do thou, O Prince of the Heavenly hosts, by the power of God, cast into Hell Satan, and all the evil spirits who prowl about the world, seeking the ruin of souls."

Amen