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"LIVING OUR FAITH THROUGH
SERVICE AND CHARITABLE DEEDS"



State Deputy's Message

May 2021



Brothers,
Easter greetings my brothers! May our Risen Lord Jesus Christ continue to bless you and your families. God is great! God is merciful! God is Love. Over a year ago we began this journey not-so-fondly called the COVID-19 Pandemic of 2020. It has been a voyage unlike any we have experienced in our lifetimes. It has been a sad time and a time of fear and of great trepidation. Through it we stayed firm in our faith in God, and now we can see the rays of hope grow brighter cutting through the darkness. Millions of our countrymen have been vaccinated; infection rates are decreasing; the number of hospitalizations and deaths are dropping; businesses are opening; and churches are open again serving limited capacities. Where practical, K of C business can be conducted using proper protection and distance protocols. Yes, brothers, we are even planning to hold our State Convention in person. This is very much like a resurrection for us as we come out of this past dark and frightening past year. In the words of the Divine Mercy prayer, "Jesus I trust in you!"

The 114th annual Arizona Knights of Columbus State 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 to register and make your reservations. We are honored to have the Most Reverend Gerald Kicanas, Bishop Emeritus of the Diocese of Tucson, celebrate the Opening Mass Friday morning. The Most Reverend Edward Weisenburger, Bishop of Tucson, and Most Reverend John Pazak Bishop of the Byzantine Eparchy of Phoenix will concelebrate our Memorial Mass on Saturday afternoon. Unfortunately, due to other commitments, Most Reverend Thomas Olmsted, Bishop of Phoenix and Most Reverend James Wall, Bishop of Gallup, will be unable to attend this year due to other commitments. Come, join us, participate, and see your friends and brothers face-to-face. Mary Ann and I look forward to seeing you in person.

I am happy and honored to announce the institution on April 15, 2021 of our newest council Our Lady Undoer of Knots Council 17715 at Saint Melany's Byzantine Catholic parish in Tucson. This will make the second council in the Holy Protection of Mary Byzantine Catholic Eparchy of Phoenix. My thanks to District Deputy #7 Bobby Nielsen, the Grand Knight of the new council Brother Eugene Kinghorn, and all who worked so very hard to make this a reality. I especially want to thank Most Reverend John Pazak, Bishop of the Eparchy of Phoenix and Rev. Robert Rankin, Pastor of Saint Melany's and

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Pope Francis proclaims "Year of St Joseph"

O dearest St. Joseph, I consecrate myself to thy honor and give myself to thee, that thou mayest always be my father, my protector, and my guide in the way of salvation. Obtain for me a great purity of heart and a fervent love of the interior life. After thine example, may I do all my actions for the greater glory of God, in union with the Divine Heart of Jesus and the Immaculate Heart of Mary! And do thou, O Blessed St. Joseph, pray for me that I may share in the peace and joy of thy holy death.
Amen



May Intention The World of Finance

Let us pray that those in charge of finance will work with governments to regulate the financial sphere and protect citizens from its dangers.



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the new council's chaplain. Congratulations to the 26 members of the council and to its continued growth in the Order. In addition to this new council, we are also close to reactivating two councils: San Juan Diego Council 13568 in Phoenix, and Archbishop Oscar Romero Council 7949 in Parker.

Brother's we are so close to meeting our Supreme Council membership goal. I am certain that we will easily achieve it. But don't slow down as much work remains to be done in these last two months of the fraternal year. We need nearly 160 new members to get into the Supreme Circle of Honor for the second year in a row. Let's make it happen.

Recently, I read Saint Paul's stirring letter to Timothy reminding him of the gifts he received from the Holy Spirit. He tells Timothy and us that God has given us spiritual gifts of power, love, and self-control so that we can confidently proclaim the gospel. We are each here at God's own design and grace and entrusted to perform the works to which we are accorded in Jesus' name. Saint Paul writes,

"For this reason, I remind you to stir into flame the gift of God that you have through the imposition of my hands. For God did not give us a spirit of cowardice but rather of power and love and self-control. So do not be ashamed of your testimony to our Lord, nor of me, a prisoner for his sake; but bear your share of hardship for the gospel with the strength that comes from God. He saved us and called us to a holy life, not according to our works but according to his own design and the grace bestowed on us in Christ Jesus before time began, but now made manifest through the appearance of our savior Christ Jesus, who destroyed death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel, for which I was appointed preacher and apostle and teacher. On this account I am suffering these things; but I am not ashamed, for I know him in whom I have believed and am confident that he is able to guard what has been entrusted to me until that day. Take as your norm the sound words that you heard from me, in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. Guard this rich trust with the help of the holy Spirit that dwells within us (Timothy 1:6-14)."

Please, everyone, stay healthy, be safe, take good care of your families, friends, neighbors, and brother Knights. I am looking forward to seeing you at the Convention. Blessed Michael McGivney, pray for us!

Vivat Jesus!

Mario Vassallo
State Deputy



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State Chaplain – Father Gary Regula

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Dear Brother Knights,

Growing up in the Midwest April and May were months that many families would do Spring cleaning. Cold weather clothes were stored in the basement until needed later in the year. Storm windows were taken off so that screens could be put up to begin to let the fresh air into the apartment. This was also the time that we would sort through our clothes and make piles of those that we either didn't wear in the last year or that didn't fit. Since there was only so much room in an apartment you had to get rid of the old to usher in the new.

While Arizona does not have much of a Spring season (as we go from the one day we can wear a jacket to the next turning on the air conditioner, yes I am being sarcastic but not by much), we still can clean out our lives. We can spend the time donating clothes or items that we no longer use or that do not fit; however, maybe the challenge this 'Spring' is to rid ourselves of those things within us that do not fit with us being Christian Catholics.

Let us rid ourselves of hurtful things, as that never is in fashion. Words are so powerful, for Jesus tells us that we can build up the Kingdom of God by our proclamation of the Good News. However, hurtful words and actions have the opposite effect. They actually destroy the Body of Christ and even have the power to kill the spirit of another person. Let us look back and if we have said anything hurtful about anyone (as we must remember from Scripture that we are God's children and so is everyone else), then we should throw it away.

Going even deeper into the closet of our being, we might find hateful words and actions. Listening to the news, I am disillusioned by the way people say that we should treat other people. Priests calling people Godless if they wear a mask. Commentators saying that if we don't like the fact that someone else is wearing a mask then we should tell them they should change. Hateful thoughts, words and actions not only cause divisions and wars, but they can make us feel superior to others that we make ourselves out to be gods ourselves. We are all merely creatures and believe in One True God. Let us clean the hate right out of our lives.

Have we ever made fun of someone because they were different? Maybe they dressed differently, their skin color was not like ours, or even they had some type of disability that people around us made fun of, and sadly we joined in. As children we were told 'sticks and stones may break my bones, but names will never hurt me.' Parents and adults did that to build up our self-esteem as we faced bullies, but the reality is that name calling has a way of leaving a deep scar within a person. Let us clean out those childish ways from our hearts and minds and allow the fresh air of compassion and care to take its place.



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This is only a partial list of what we are able to clean from our lives, and I hope that all of you join with me in doing a little (or a lot) of spring cleaning. When we remove that which does not come from God, then we have room to invite the Holy Spirit of God to enter in and shine the light of love in our hearts and souls and then through us we can shine that light upon others. May this month in which we celebrate Pentecost show to God that we have readied ourselves yet again for the outpouring of the Spirit of love and peace. May we use this time to remember what Christ did to clean us, to bathe us in the Spirit of His love through the waters of baptism. May we as Knights be willing to do some spring cleaning so that we can become more like Christ in what we say and in what we do.

Vivat Jesus,
Fr. Gary Regula
State Chaplain Arizona Knights of Columbus



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State Program Director – Tom White

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Brother Knights,

It is hard to believe that we only have two months remaining in the fraternal year. I hope that you have weathered the pandemic and are healthy and safe. I hope, also, that your councils have managed to remain healthy through this most trying of years.

If your council has been inactive, let's get it back in gear these last two months. There are many programs that can be done using only a few volunteers. Inactive councils need to re-engage their members in May and June so that they can enter fraternal year 2021-2022 on a roll.

Supreme has developed a new program aimed squarely at getting our brothers and councils active and working again. Supreme has developed the Covid Recovery Program. They have spent a lot of time and effort developing a plan to get our inactive councils active again. Performing FIA programs is explained in detail, from initiating talks with your pastor to ideas on how to re-engage your members to volunteer again; to do what we as knights do best, help our parishes and communities.

I ask that not only GKs and DDs read through this guide. I ask that every knight go through it as well. It is especially important that incoming officers, program directors, and DDs make themselves familiar with this guide. The guide is very informative and will be helpful to all. I think it can help get our down councils going again. The guidebook and resources can be found at:

[COVID RECOVERY PROGRAM \(CRP\) | Knights of Columbus \(kofc.org\)](https://www.kofc.org/covid-recovery-program)

One other programming note: GK Carl Nink of Council 13779 St. Mary Magdalene, Gilbert has asked for help to move the wheelchairs that he acquired a few months ago. They are available to any council that needs them. Check with your members and parish office to see if you could use a chair or two. Carl will be present and will have the chairs with him at the State Convention on Saturday. Please contact Carl directly if interested.

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VIVAT JESUS

Tom White

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State Membership Director – Bobby Nielsen

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My Brother Knights,

It is an exciting time as we prepare for the 114th Annual Arizona Knights of Columbus Convention. This will be a great time to celebrate accomplishments of the past and share stories with friends we haven't seen in far too long. We will also make new friends and greet a new council. Members of Mary Undoer of Knots Council 17715 from St. Melany Byzantine Catholic Church will be attending their first convention. Through a great deal of hard work by many Knights, these brothers are now part of the Order and ready to serve.

Arizona has recruited over 630 new members in the last 10 months, and over 200 in the last 2 months! These are great numbers for any year but especially during a pandemic. In March many parishes opened up and councils started recruiting more. These recruiting drives have had great success. It is clear our Catholic brothers are looking for a chance to serve and need the Knights. Has your council recruited new members? Does your council have a recruiting drive planned?

Successful recruiting councils have something in common. They recruit one man at a time. The idea that you need to sign up a large group of men creates unattainable goals. Once a council realizes that they can grow slowly over time, goals are met, and the council is rewarded with new members for the future.

Arizona has over 45 councils that are within two members of reaching their Star Council intake goal. If all of those councils had a Sunday recruiting drive, how many would recruit two new men? I am confident that with a little work, every one of those councils can meet their goal in the next 2 months. When I talk about a recruiting drive, how many recruiters are needed to make this a successful event? The simple answer is one, but the more help you have the better. New members need to be signed up online. To make that an easier process, we have created a form that documents all of the information needed. A copy of this form will follow this article and is available on the state website. Use the form and I am confident you will see its value.

We talk about recruiting for a reason, and sometimes that reason gets lost in the conversation. It's not about the awards or recognition that is received from meeting goals. It is about growing the Order, so it's stronger when we leave than when we got here. So now I ask, have you helped to grow the Order? Do you know a man that needs the Order and should be a part of our future? Sign that man up as an online member and stand with him through his exemplification to full Knighthood.

If you need recruiting tools you can find them at [Arizona Knights of Columbus](#) in the Membership/Recruiting area. If you need assistance recruiting, you can contact your District Deputy or myself. Your State Council is committed to assisting you to recruit quality men into the Order.

I am looking forward to seeing you at the State Convention. Come visit me at the membership canopy. Until then we will continue *Living Our Faith Through Service and Charitable Deeds*.

Vivat Jesus!

Bobby Nielsen

State Membership Director

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KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS ONLINE MEMBERSHIP

- Yes! Please sign me up for free membership (a \$30 value)!
- Yes! I am a baptized Catholic!
- Yes! I am a practicing Catholic!

Full Name: _____

Email Address: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Street Address: _____

City: _____ Zip Code: _____

Date of Birth: _____ Preferred Language: _____

Parish: _____ Former Member of the KofC? Yes NO

Signature _____



CABALLEROS DE COLÓN ESTADO DE ARIZONA MEMBRESÍ EN LINEA

- Si! Por favor regístrate para membresía en línea gratis. (valor de \$30/año)
- Si! Soy un Hombre Católico Bautizado.
- Si! Soy Católico practicante.

Nombre Completo: _____

Correo Electrónico: _____ Telefono Celular: _____

Domicilio: _____

Ciudad: _____ Código postal: _____

Fecha de Nacimiento: _____ Lenguaje Preferido: _____

Parroquia: _____ Soy Ex Miembro de C de C? Si No

Firma: _____



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Hispanic Recruiting Coordinator – Luis L. Leyva

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The Gospel of God ...

Gospel in Greek, means "good news." Jesus is the Gospel, the Good News of the Father. He is the great Evangelizer (Evangelii Nuntiandi No. 7). He is the one who comes to communicate to us that God is a merciful Father, that he has a plan of love for us. That, if we live according to his Gospel, we can enjoy a new life, a life that reaches eternity.

The message of Jesus, the Gospel, is unique and cannot be replaced. He carries with him a wisdom that is not of this world. He is capable of arousing faith by himself, a faith that has its foundation in the power of God.

This message is the truth, it is life. It deserves that the apostle dedicates all his time to him, all his energies and, if necessary, consecrate all his life to him. (Evangelii Nuntiandi No. 5). This message is not something that you have invented or that you can invent. It is a sacred deposit, which you can only carry and transmit if you live in holiness.

Also, you must wear it with devotion, with faith, in a way worthy of God. Because this "Good News" is not yours, it is God's property. He places it in your hands so that you can bring this grace of his love to others. (Article published by the Disciples of Jesus Religious Order).

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 are about to close this fraternal year and we are getting closer to obtaining the Circle of Honor award from our Supreme Council. We only need about 160 more new members to reach our goal. If each Council of the 154 that we have in Arizona, recruited 1-2 new members, we would have the necessary new Knights to achieved this prestigious award.

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 Growth and Membership Coordinator



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Coordinador de Membrecía Hispana - Luis L. Leyva

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El Evangelio de Dios...

Evangelio en griego, significa “buena noticia”. Jesús es el Evangelio, la Buena Noticia del Padre. Él es el gran Evangelizador (Evangelii Nuntiandi Nº 7). Es quien viene a comunicarnos que Dios es un Padre misericordioso, que tiene un plan de amor para nosotros. Que, si vivimos según su Evangelio, podemos gozar de una vida nueva, de una vida que llega a la eternidad.

El mensaje de Jesús, el Evangelio, es único y no puede ser reemplazado. Lleva consigo una sabiduría que no es de este mundo. Es capaz de suscitar por sí mismo la fe, fe que tiene su fundamento en la potencia de Dios.

Este mensaje es la verdad, es vida. Merece que el apóstol le dedique todo su tiempo, todas sus energías y si es necesario, le consagre toda su vida. (Evangelii Nuntiandi Nº 5). Este mensaje no es algo que tú hayas inventado o que puedas inventar. Es un depósito sagrado, que solo puedes llevar y transmitir si vives en santidad.

Además, debes llevarlo con devoción, con fe, de una manera digna de Dios. Porque esta “Buena Noticia” no es tuya, es propiedad de Dios. Él la coloca en tus manos para que tú hagas llegar esta gracia de su amor a los demás. (Artículo publicado por la Orden Religiosa Discípulas de Jesús).

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.

Hermanos, una vez más les invito a cada uno de ustedes a reclutar a un hombre católico a formar parte de nuestra Orden. Estamos por cerrar este año fraternal y nos acercamos nuevamente a obtener el premio de Circulo de Honor de parte de nuestro Consejo Supremo. Nos encontramos a solo 160 nuevos miembros mas para llegar a nuestra meta. Si cada Consejo de los 154 que tenemos en Arizona, reclutara de 1 a 2 miembros nuevos, tendríamos los necesarios nuevos Caballeros para alcanzar este prestigiado reconocimiento.

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 Jesús!

Luis L. Leyva

Coordinador Crecimiento y Membresía Hispana



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State Family Director – Joseph Shanks

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May 9, 2021 – Mother's Day

A celebration honoring the mother of the family, as well as motherhood, maternal bonds, and the influence of mothers in society.



May 13, 2021 – Ascension Day

Ascension Day for the year 2021 is celebrated/ observed on **Thursday, May 13th**. Ascension Day often called [Feast of the Ascension](#) of Jesus Christ, Ascension Thursday and Holy Thursday is held on a Thursday 39 days (40th day of Easter) after Easter Sunday. The day commemorates Jesus Christ's ascension into heaven.



May 20, 2021 - KofC Mexican Martyrs

Missionaries were expelled from the country, Catholic seminaries and schools were closed, and the Church was forbidden to own property. Priests and laymen were told to denounce Jesus and their faith in public; if they refused, they faced not just punishment but torture and death.

During this time of oppression and cruelty, the Knights of Columbus did not retreat in Mexico but grew dramatically, from 400 members in 1918 to 43 councils and 6,000 members just five years later. In the United States at the time, the Knights handed out five million pamphlets that described the brutality of the Mexican government toward Catholics. As a result, the Mexican government greatly feared and eventually outlawed the Order.

Thousands of men, many of whom were Knights, would not bow to these threats or renounce their faith, and they often paid with their lives. They took a stand when that was the most difficult thing they could do, and their courage and devotion have echoed down through the decades.



https://www.kofc.org/un/en/resources/communications/martyrs_booklet.pdf



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May 23, 2021 - Pentecost

Pentecost 2021 Sunday, May 23 **Pentecost** ("the fiftieth day") is a Christian holiday commemorating the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the Apostles on the fiftieth day after the resurrection of Jesus Christ. The Apostles began to speak in many languages and have received other spiritual gifts.



May 30, 2021 – Most Holy Trinity

The fundamental dogma, on which everything in Christianity is based, is that of the Blessed Trinity in whose name all Christians are baptized. The feast of the Blessed Trinity needs to be understood and celebrated as a prolongation of the mysteries of Christ and as the solemn expression of our faith in this triune life of the Divine Persons, to which we have been given access by Baptism and by the Redemption won for us by Christ. Only in heaven shall we properly understand what it means, in union with Christ, to share as sons in the very life of God.



May 31, 2021 – Memorial Day

Memorial Day is an American holiday, observed on the last Monday of May, honoring the men and women who died while serving in the U.S. military. Memorial Day 2021 will occur on Monday, May 31.

Originally known as Decoration Day, it originated in the years following the Civil War and became an official federal holiday in 1971. Many Americans observe Memorial Day by visiting cemeteries or memorials, holding family gatherings and participating in parades. Unofficially, it marks the beginning of the summer season.





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Family of the Month Program

This month we like to honor two families. The first one is for March 2021. They are the Weber family; Brian, Vickie and their 3 children from St. Bernadettes. Brian is a member of Council 12164 and co-chairs the annual Knight of Columbus Parish Men's Retreat. Vickie is the coordinator for the Parish Women's Bible Study program. They love volunteering their time and talents to help the teens grow in their faith.

The second family is for the month of April 2021. They are the Chrisman family; Walter, Cathy and their 3 children. The family has a long history at SS Simon and Jude Cathedral. Walter attended SS Simon and Jude School and was involved in various activities like altar serving, scouts before graduating in 1980. He met Cathy in 1994 and they were married in the Cathedral in 1997. Cathy currently teaches in the preschool program. SS Simon and Jude Cathedral is tremendously grateful to have them as members of our Parish and community.

The Arizona Knights of Columbus wishes to congratulate these families on their dedication and service to their Parishes and communities.

Quote for the Month

Thought for the Day

24 Hours

Don't think about what can happen in a month. Don't think about what can happen in a year. Just focus on the 24 hours in front of you and do what you can to get closer to where you want to be.

If we all do one random act of kindness daily, we just might get the

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in the right direction.

I am a Knight of Columbus



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State Ceremonial Chairman – Skip Hopler

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Worthy Brother Knights,

Upcoming Degree Notes. The end of the Fraternal Year (FY) is approaching and we expect that as the COVID restrictions are being relaxed due to more people being vaccinated there will be more opportunities to go out and ask men to join the Knights of Columbus. Our aim in Ceremonials is to provide our Grand Knights with as many opportunities as possible to bring new members in before the end of June. Our online CUF Degrees allow us the flexibility to bring the degrees directly to the candidates from the convenience of their own homes. For that reason we are adjusting our schedule for May and June. Here is the line up for the rest of the FY:

<i>Date</i>	<i>Day</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Team</i>
5/8/21	Sat	9:00 AM	DD #18
5/22/21	Sat	9:00 AM	CNX
5/29/21	Sat	9:00 AM	TBD
6/12/21	Sat	9:00 AM	#10540
6/19/21	Sat	9:00 AM	#10762
6/28/21	Mon	7:30 PM	TBD

The **May 29th** Degree replaces the Degree that was in conflict with State Convention (May 22nd). There is a Fourth Degree virtual exemplification this day starting at 11:00 AM. Since both of these degrees are online, the CUF degree (40 mins duration) will not conflict with the Fourth Degree ceremonial.

The **June 19th** Degree replaces the Degree that was in conflict with the State Organizational Meeting (June 26th).

The **June 28th** Degree is an add-on to give us one final chance in June to bring in any last-minute candidates.

Details for signing up for the upcoming degree (May 8th) are posted on the State website at this link [CUFDegree | Arizona Knights Columbus \(kofc-az.org\)](https://www.kofc-az.org/degrees/cuf-degree). Subsequent degree registrations will be at the same link.

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) and the State Membership Chairman (membership@kofc-az.org). See you at the next AZ CUF Degree.



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State Ceremonial Chairman – Skip Hopler - continued

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Business Meeting Notes. Now that we are starting to have more in-person meetings let's keep in mind that the protocol norms are still an important part of our ceremonials. Grand Knights should be enforcing proper etiquette at the meetings like saluting, addressing brother officers by their titles, recognizing members properly when they ask to be heard, following Robert's Rules for meetings, etc. During our online meetings some of these protocols were difficult to follow, but now that we are getting back together in person, we need to refresh our habit patterns. Protocols add dignity and order to our proceedings and insure respect for all participants.

Lecturer Sharing Notes: This video is a bit long (28 mins) to show at a business meeting but would be perfect for a social meeting. You may remember that in the news recently we heard that there were some protests in California over the monument to Padre Junipero Serra, the Catholic missionary who started many of the missions in that State that are today major settlements. The protestors tore down the statue but their assertions about Padre Serra were completely in error. He was blamed for many of the abuses that were committed against the native peoples by Spanish conquerors when in fact he championed their cause including travelling from California to Mexico City to confront the Spanish Governor and plead for the native cause. View this fascinating and inspiring video at this link and get the informed story of Padre Serra.

[St. Junípero Serra Documentary | Knights of Columbus \(kofc.org\)](https://www.kofc.org/st-junipero-serra-documentary)

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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Knights of Columbus Fourth Degree John H. Reddin Province

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This is the registration page for the Fourth Degree Exemplification taking place on 5/29/2021.
[FourthDegreeRegistration | Arizona Knights Columbus \(kofc-az.org\)](#)

Please complete the registration form. An email confirmation will be sent to the email address provided.

Instructions on how to log into the degree will be provided by the Fourth Degree Executive Secretary a few days prior to the degree occurring.

For candidates of the degree, please ensure that you have informed your council and assembly about your participation in the degree and that you have the Form 4 filled out and signed by the Financial Secretary of your council.

The packet for the entire degree is located at the email address below:

[Microsoft Word - May 2021 Exemplification Packet Virtual \(4\).docx \(wsimg.com\)](#)

The registration fee for candidates is \$50. Make checks payable to:

Jeffery D. Mansager

Please mail checks or money order to:

SK Charles Everding

Fourth Degree Exemplification

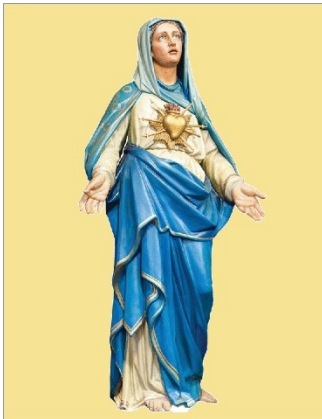
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Arizona Rosary Celebration 2021, honoring Mary under her title “Our Lady of Sorrows” promises to be a memorable event as we implore Our Mother’s help in interceding for us to overcome and recover from this terrible pandemic. She is the most powerful intercessor we can turn to in this time of need. We are making our plans for both the Tucson and the Phoenix events to be live, enabling us to gather in person to honor and pray to Mary. As the State and local agencies progress toward widespread vaccinations we are very hopeful that this will allow us to safely relax the restrictions now in place and permit us to once again gather in public as God’s people. We will be following the progress closely and keeping everyone informed. The

backup plan is still to carry the Celebration online as we did last year. The important thing to remember is that there will be an Arizona Rosary Celebration in 2021, and we are only deciding on how it will be presented. So put the dates on your calendar, spread the word to everyone you know and help us make this year’s event the most memorable Arizona Rosary Celebration ever.

Here is a review of the info we supplied last month with updates for this month.

Update on “What’s the Plan?”

There are no changes to the schedule for Tucson and Phoenix:

- Saturday, October 16th. The Tucson event will be held in the Diocesan Pastoral Center, under the Diocesan participation and health restrictions in force at the time. The first Committee Chairperson meeting for volunteers will be announced soon.

- Sunday, October 17th. The Phoenix event will be held at the Phoenix Convention Center under the Diocesan participation and health restrictions in force at the time. The first Committee Chairperson meeting was held at the Knights of Columbus Hall (49th and Northern Aves, Glendale) on April 8th. The first Parish Representative meeting will be May 8th at the Diocesan Pastoral Center and the schedule of subsequent meetings will be announced and posted on our web site.

The backup plan will be to broadcast the event online as we did last year. We are also looking at the possibility of providing an online option along with the live presentation so we can continue to have those who cannot attend in person still join us virtually. There is a special meaning to attending this in person so, that is the best option, but, as we have learned from the experiences of the last 12 months, the online option will allow those who are unable to travel a chance to pray with all of us together.

Update on “Who’s the Guest Speaker?”

In a return engagement to our Rosary Celebration, Reverend Wilfred Raymond, CSC, President of Holy Cross Family Ministries, headquartered in Easton, MA, will be our guest speaker. Ordained in 1971, he is celebrating 50 years as a Holy Cross priest this year. Our Lady of Sorrows happens to be a patron of the Congregation of the Holy Cross (CSC) priests and religious so it is especially fitting to have Fr. Willy as our guest speaker.



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What to do now.

Bookmark the website www.azrosary.net to get the latest information for this year's celebration and also see pictures from last year's event. You can also download last year's Program Book as a souvenir. The web site is still being updated with this year's info as we conduct our planning meetings so keep checking back for the latest information. You will find venue details, guest speaker info, staff contact info and volunteer opportunities on this website. We need everyone to help us spread the word and share this website address so we can gather as many faithful as we can to Mary as we honor her this year as Our Lady of Sorrows.

Our Program Book is a major source of funding for these events. It is also a beautiful keepsake of the event and a source of information on the businesses that support our efforts. Use it to look up patrons who supply goods or services that you use during the year. Also, we ask that you offer businesses that you frequent the opportunity to advertise with us (as long as they support Catholic values). Hint: download a copy of last year's Program Book to your phone and show prospective advertisers an example of the high quality of our Book. Remind them that the Book will be distributed both in hard copy and online and will reach thousands of Arizonans across the entire State.

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Brothers,

Spring is here, we have a new season and after a blessed Easter and a beautiful Eastertide, it's time to start planning again. With the break in the weather, it's time to get outdoors to do all my spring chores. I don't know about you, but this time of year seems to energize me. After being cooped up all winter, and this year really being cooped up, I've been able to think of all the things I need to get done. Some of that includes physical repairs around the house, getting the lawn and flowerbeds ready to go, maybe even washing some windows.

Now when you get outside to get that work done, please, please be careful! I'm reminded of two acquaintances who were up on ladders in the spring. In both cases, the ladder slipped, and each gentleman sustained two broken arms! Out of commission for quite a while. But there are many hazards that can put you out of commission...and that brings me to the important part of my message this month. Protecting your greatest asset!

Your greatest asset is your ability to work and earn an income! Take your annual income (probably fresh in your mind with tax filing day extended into May) and multiply it times your remaining years of working. A 35-year-old making \$50,000 a year will earn \$1.5 million in the next 30 years.... if he never gets another raise! So, you have lots to protect. But what if you're sick or hurt and can't work. Maybe it's something simple like the gents above...a set of broken arms. But one of my members laid his motorcycle down on his leg...off from work for two years! That's a lot of house payments to miss. Luckily, his disability income policy came to the rescue. It can happen to any one of us.

And disability does not discriminate; man or woman; Black, white, Hispanic or Asian; young or old. A 2014 CDA Long-Term Disability Claims Review had a number of notes: More than 1 in 4 of today's 20-year-olds will become disabled before they retire, 76% of us live paycheck to paycheck; less than 5% of all disabling accidents and illnesses are work related. That means 95% of those are not covered by Worker's Compensation. You are on your own 95% of the time. Turn to Social Security; but Social Security's report on SSDI says that only about 40% of applicants are awarded benefits. Couple that with 69% of the private sector workforce having no long-term disability income insurance and it's no wonder disabilities are the #1 cause of mortgage foreclosures.

So, what to do? Let's get together and find out. Do you need disability income insurance? If so, how much? Maybe you have some at work...is it enough? Is it taxable? Is it the right kind? Let me suggest you put your mind and your family's mind at ease. Life is unpredictable, pandemic or not. Let's plan for the worst...but expect the best. We can't see what the future will bring, I'm here to help you plan for the unexpected. Let's make sure that if you or your spouse are sick or hurt and can't work, that your family can stay in the home you've provided, pay the utilities, buy groceries...make sure the basics are covered.

Meanwhile, stay safe and healthy.

Vivat Jesus!

The Raso Agency

Raso Riddle of the month: What were the names of the Greek goddesses associated with fertility and springtime that predated western culture's "Mother's Day"? (name at least one)



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Brothers All,

Grand Knight John Roffey at Council 11675 has cleaned up their storage locker and decided to give up their degree robes. These are in great shape, and we would like to offer them up to any council who would like to have them.

We are not using them any more with the new CUF ceremony format and we are really not ready to just throw them out.

Thanks, Vivat Jesus

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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.

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Adapted from the prayer of Pope Francis