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**Monthly Intention - November  
For the Pope**  
We pray for the Holy Father; as he fulfills his mission, may he continue to accompany the flock entrusted to him, with the help of the Holy Spirit.



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**Knights of Columbus of Arizona**

**November 2023**

Brother Knights,

We are heading into the cooler months throughout the state. It is also a time where we start welcoming in our visitors from up north.

I would like to thank the men who have recruited at least one man to join the Knights of Columbus. I encourage you to be persistent and keep asking men to join us in living out fully our Catholic faith.

Why do we recruit? Let's go back to the Baltimore Catechism Lesson 1, Question 6:

Why did God make you?

God made me to know Him, to love Him, and to serve Him in this world, and to be happy with Him for ever in Heaven.

How does joining the Knights of Columbus fulfil this?

**Know Him** – Our Cor Initiative is a great way for men to know God through the person of Jesus. By participating in a Cor activity, you are bringing yourself closer to Him

**Love Him** – We show our love for God by showing our love for those who are made in the image and likeness of God.

**Serve Him** - How do we serve God? By doing works of charity here on earth. Blessed McGivney set up the Knights of Columbus to care for the widow and orphan along with those less fortunate than ourselves.

The conflict in Israel with Hamas has affected all of us. Let us pray for peace in the region and for those affected. Let us also pray that those who were on pilgrimage to the Holy Land are safe and are allowed safe passage back to their home countries.

We are heading into a beautiful part of the year with November having the feast of All Saints on November 1 and All Souls on November 2, Christ the King on November 26, Advent shortly thereafter, Our Lady of Guadalupe Dec 12, and the birth of our Lord, Jesus, on December 25. There is so much richness in our faith that we can celebrate and share with others. And they should be celebrations and joyous occasions calling all to prayer and fraternal gathering with our parishes!

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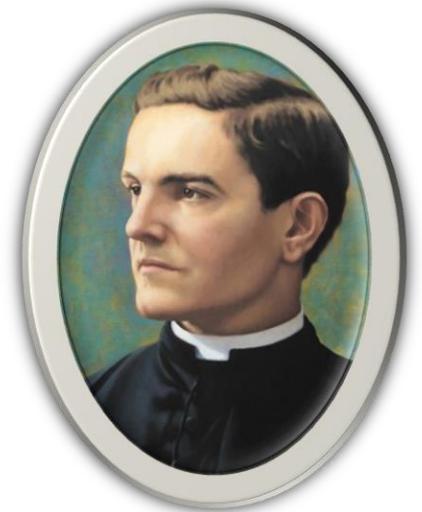
Brothers,

Over the past few weeks, we have been blessed to have with us a first-class relic of Blessed Michael McGivney. Hundreds of people in each of the diocese in Arizona have been able to attend Mass and venerate the relic.

I would like to express my sincere gratitude to the Supreme Knight for helping Arizona get the Blessed McGivney relic. Here is where Fr. McGivney has toured around Arizona.

**Corpus Christi Catholic Church, Phoenix**

**August 12** – *Fr. McGivney’s Birthday* - We had a Mass to celebrate his birthday along with inviting the parishioners at Mass to attend an Italian dinner on behalf of the council. We had about 120 in attendance who stayed for dinner with about the same number venerating the relic.



**Ss. Simon and Jude, Diocese of Phoenix**

**August 13** – *Fr. McGivney’s Feast Day* — Mass was celebrated by Fr. Camou, the rector of the cathedral. The homily was given by our State Chaplain, Fr. Greg Adolf. There were 36 men in uniform to honor Fr. McGivney. We had veneration of the relic after the Mass with a social in the hall.



White Mountains Men's' Conference, Diocese of Gallup

**August 19** — We had about 80 men in attendance, and all were able to venerate the relic. After the conference, we held a CUF degree with 3 men joining the knights. After the degree, we had Mass celebrated by Fr. Block. We had veneration of the relic after the Mass.



**August 20** – St. Rita, Show Low – Fr. Dan Kassis is a big Knights of Columbus supporter and was thrilled to have the relic there. This was incorporated into the council membership drive.

St Elizabeth Ann Seton, Diocese of Tucson

**August 26** – Bishop Weisenburger celebrated Mass and did a great homily talking about the virtues of Fr. McGivney and how that tied into Peter recognizing Jesus as the Son of God. Knights from the diocese along with 10 men in the honor guard, including 3 former District Masters, attended the Mass.



**August 27** — Fr. Edward Lucero, the Vicar General and Pastor of SEAS, celebrated Mass giving a great homily about the Knights of Columbus and Fr. McGivney. He was honored and thrilled to have the relic for the weekend. Everyone was happy to see a long line going to the back pews for veneration after Mass.



**August 30** – A special request was made to have the relic visit a young lady, Dominique, who has cancer. The request came from her uncle, Doran, who is a knight in Kalamazoo, MI and is on the final steps to be ordained a deacon. At one of his classes, Doran was told by a young priest to pray through the intercession of someone who is blessed in order that they could get the next miracle to get them to sainthood. Doran chose both Blessed Solanus Casey (from Michigan) and Blessed Michael McGivney.

Doran found out that the relic was present at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton in Tucson through his sister Cindy, who is Dominique's mother. Her and her husband, Dan Shinkel, a past grand knight of Our Lady of the Rosary Council 13272 from St Mark's, attended the Mass on Sunday. Cindy asked Doran to contact Doran's brother-in-law, Dan Huerta, a new knight at Roy Champeau Council 8077. Doran asked Dan for the grand knight of council 8077, Mike Foster, contact information. Doran then contacted Mike to find someone from the state council to assist at getting the relic up to Dominique. Fortunately for Mike, St. Elizabeth Ann Seton has a couple of state officers, Worthy State Warden Rich Tracy and Worthy State Advocate Bobby Nielsen, as part of their council. Both then contacted me.

On Wednesday, after finding out the location where to meet Dominique (New River/Anthem), I asked Field Agent Wes Casaus to accompany me on the visit. Dan, Diane, and Dominique's grandmother Doreen, greeted us at the house and showed us to Dominique's room.

When we met Dominique, we explained to her who Fr. McGivney was and his cause for canonization. Dominique lovingly held the relic of Blessed McGivney and prayed for a cure. We all prayed the prayer for the Canonization of Blessed McGivney together and for the intention we asked for a complete healing from her cancer. We ask that you keep Dominique in your prayers and ask Blessed Michael McGivney to intercede for a cure for her. Also, please keep her husband Dustin in your prayers as they were just married in June 2023 prior to the diagnosis of cancer.

As you can gather, from a timeline perspective, the initial finding out about the relic to getting everything organized with all the contacts made occurred from Sunday afternoon to Tuesday evening with the relic eventually being in her hands on Wednesday afternoon. From the complexity of all the people who needed to be contacted, there was only one way this could happen: through the intercession of Blessed McGivney, a small miracle in itself!

The relic then traveled to St. Andrew the Apostle where State Chaplain Fr. Greg Adolf celebrated mass with the Sierra Vista Knights of Columbus.



Fr. Greg and State Treasurer Larry Powers was also able to bring the relic to the mother council, Bisbee Council 863 at St. Patrick's Catholic Church.



Sacred Heart Catholic Church was established in 1887 and is the oldest church in Tombstone.



The relic was then brought back to Sierra Vista where there was a youth mass celebrated for young men discerning the priesthood.



There have been other places where the relic has made a tremendous impact on peoples lives, including some homebound knights along with a young mother in hospice with stage 4 cancer.

For those who were unable to make it to any of the events, we do have prayer cards for the Canonization of Blessed McGivney that were touched to the relic that we will have with us at future events.

On behalf of the state officers, I would like to thank Bishop Dolan from the Diocese of Phoenix, Bishop Weisenburger from the Diocese of Tucson, and Bishop Wall from the Diocese of Gallup for the privilege to have the relic at Masses celebrated in each of their diocese! It has truly been a blessing to be able to have a first-class relic of, hopefully, a soon to be saint! And not only any saint, but the first American born priest to become a saint!

I would like to also thank our Worthy District Master Stan Schroeder and all the honor guard who answered the call out to be a part of something special with Fr. McGivney! It has been an honor to process with the relic with swords raised to honor this saintly priest. As I was walking down the aisle of Ss. Simon and Jude with the 36 Sir Knights swords raised high to honor Blessed McGivney, I felt a sense of awe and wonder along with a feeling that Blessed McGivney was smiling from heaven and a sense of gratification with the Knights in Arizona living out his dream. From the basement of St. Mary's in New Haven all the way to Arizona, the Knights have, and continue to answer his goal of caring for the widows and orphans, the needy and outcast along with living our Faith over Culture!

Vivat Jesus!

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Greetings, Brothers All!

As your State Secretary, one of my duties is to manage the State Per Capita. On behalf of the State Council, I'd like to sincerely thank the 116 councils that have made their first-half Per Capita payments.

The State Council is funded by Per Capita, and these payments cover the expenses of the State Convention, including the cost of the event and per diem for the delegates. In addition, Per Capita also funds the annual Organizational and Mid-Year meetings, Programs and Membership Promotion, our important new COR initiative, travel on behalf of the State Council across the state, and other State Council operations. These funds are essential to enable the State Council to function and to support your councils.

16 Active councils have not yet paid their first half Per Capita. I encourage these councils to pay, and as a reminder, it is a requirement to be current on Per Capita to seat your delegates at the State Convention next May. Payment of your Per Capita obligation does not require a council vote.

If you have any questions or need a copy of your first-half statement, feel free to contact me at [kmccarthy.kofc@gmail.com](mailto:kmccarthy.kofc@gmail.com) <mailto:kmccarthy.kofc@gmail.com> .

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Brothers All,

By this time of the year District Deputies and Grand Knights are typically able to see reports in Officers Online that detail who is in compliance with Supreme Safe Environment Training and who is not. As in past years, the Grand Knight and Program Director are required to do online training and the Family and Community Directors need to do the online training and a background check. The company that Knights of Columbus Supreme Council contracts with to complete this process is Praesidium Academy. Due to software changes with Praesidium Academy, these reports are not currently available. The most recent information is that the reports will be available at the end of November.

In the first week of September, Praesidium Academy mailed out training invitations to all men who were assigned one of the 4 above listed roles. This email contained instructions on how to create a login and complete the required training. Without the normal Supreme Officers Online reports being available, it is important that all Grand Knights take it upon themselves to contact their Program, Family and Community Directors to confirm the training and if needed background checks have been completed. If the email invitation was not received, please have the man look in his Spam and Trash folders for emails from Praesidium Academy.

If there is any question that the training has been completed or the email invitation was not received, you can contact the Office of Youth Protection at (203) 800-4940 or email them at [oyp@kofc.org](mailto:oyp@kofc.org). If you have any other questions, you can contact myself or view the Office of Youth Protection website at: [Office of Youth Protection](#)

Many Arizona Councils still have not completed the needed Form 185 or Form 365 to initiate Safe Environment Training. These forms take a few minutes to complete. A step by step video showing how to complete these forms can be seen at: [Completing Forms 185 and 365](#).

Fraternally,

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Worthy Brothers All,

We still have too many councils that don't know the basics of a Fraternal Benefit Event. I hear that some are still sending their attendees lists to the GA's. As we all know this isn't the new method of reporting. So, I created the attached FAQ sheet that can be sent to your councils that didn't get trained or haven't heard about the new reporting and attendance requirements. Thank you for your help in getting this news out to the councils.



### Fraternal Benefit Events (frequently asked questions)

How does a Council qualify for the "Founders Award"?

- To qualify for the "Founders' Award" a council must promote and host two (2) Fraternal Benefit Events (virtual or in person). The Founders Award remains one of the requirements for Star Council.

What are the attendance requirements?

- For Councils with 99 or fewer members, the sum of both events must equal or exceed 10 eligible attendees.
- For Councils with 100 or more members, the sum of both events must equal or exceed 14 eligible attendees.
- Eligible attendees must be "unique members". Meaning, you can't count the same person twice.
- Eligible attendees must be a member or membership eligible. Meaning, they must be male, 18 or older and a practical Catholic. Others (ladies and children) can still be present; they just aren't eligible to be reported as attending.

If a council has 23 eligible attendees at their first FBE, must they still have a second?

- Yes, a council must host a second FBE, even though they exceeded the attendee requirement.

Who can present or run our "In-person" FBE?

- Your local Field Agent and/or General Agent presents a FBE to the families of the Council and/or Parish. Work with your Priest and Field Agent to select a date and location. Advertise the event in the parish bulletin, fliers, posters, etc. The Council hosts the event. The Agent presents the FBE. The Council can provide refreshments for the attendees. Provide a signup sheet for all attendees.

How do we organize a "Virtual" FBE?

- You should organize a virtual FBE much like the in-person FBE. Your State and/or Supreme will notify you in advance of all virtual events so you can plan for them. You should still advertise the event in the parish bulletin, fliers, posters, etc. The Council hosts the event. The FBE presenter will be virtual. Be sure to have a computer, workable internet, large screen, projector, and speakers (much like a movie night). The Council can provide refreshments for the attendees. Provide a signup sheet for all attendees.

Why do we need a signup sheet?

- You need to track who is attending. You will need their name, email, and phone number of all those that qualify for reporting later to Supreme. Only report eligible attendees (see above).

How do we report our FBE?

- The GK or FS can now report the results of their FBE directly to Supreme. This can only be done using the online Form #11077. DO NOT SEND MANUALLY AND DO NOT SEND TO YOUR GENERAL AGENT.
- When you complete and submit your form-11077, the GA will automatically be sent a copy and he has the option to review and dispute your reporting.

Where do we find Form #11077?

- Open Supreme's website, pick on the red "FOR MEMBERS" box.
- Scroll down and pick the blue "FORMS" box.
- Go to Council Forms.
- Scroll down and pick Form #11077 "Fraternal Benefit Event Council Report".
- Complete the "Online preferred method".
- At the bottom of the form, you must now verify your eligible attendees. You can pick the circle for "I will load an image" where you must upload your signup sheet. Or pick the circle "I will manually enter" and then enter all eligible attendees name, email, and phone number.
- Pick the blue "SUBMIT" box and you're done.

Hello Brothers Knights,

Thank you to the Councils who have scheduled and hosted Recruitment Drives, especially those that have added their drives to the State Events Calendar. There are several drives scheduled in the last two weeks of October and the first couple of weeks of November. Please schedule your drives for November and December and have them added to the State Events calendar at <https://kofc-az.org/events-calendar>. When adding your events to the calendar, please add any specific requests in the Other Notes section.

Please prepare for your drives by ordering recruitment pamphlets from Supreme 2-3 weeks prior to your events. The suggested pamphlets to order are listed below. It is also a good idea to have several old Columbian magazines.

**Why Join (10537, 10537S)**

**Faith in Action (10831, 10831-S)**

**Blessed Michael McGivney Canonization Prayer Card (10502-A, 10502-S)**

**24 Hour Can Change Your Life (10099E, 10099S)**

**I Am a Knight (10919, 10919S)**

I would like to extend a huge thank you to all of our Brother Knights who have successfully invited a man to join us and become a Knight of Columbus. Thank you for helping men grow in their relationships with our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, by inviting them to learn about and live their lives by the pillars of the Knights of Columbus, Charity, Unity, Fraternity and Patriotism.

We had a few incentives for recruiting. Here are the winners for the first quarter:

**World War 1 Battle Bead Rosary from Rugged Rosary (Monthly Recruitment, Individual)**

July – Scott Robert, Fr. John Borley, OFM, Council 17036, Florence

August – Drew Porro, St. Joan of Arc, Council 14357, Phoenix

September – Frank Hoene, Verde, Council 2493, Cottonwood

**Knights of Columbus Watch (Quarterly Recruitment, Individual)**

Martin Cazares Vasquez, Ss Simon and Jude, Council 12708, Phoenix

**Knights of Columbus Canopy (First Quarter, Council)**

Mary Queen of the Knights, Council 8386, Prescott Valley

**Knights of Columbus 14 Foot Feather Flag (First Quarter, Council)**

Fr. Louis Anthony Sigman, Council 16277, Chandler

Congratulations to our Membership Incentive Raffle winners!

If you did not win one of the raffle drawings, not to worry, there will be more drawings throughout the year.

**Congratulations to the following councils, who have met their membership goal:**

Pope Pius XII Council 4737 in Goodyear

Our Lady of Guadalupe Council 14101 in Queen Creek

Ss Simon and Jude Cathedral Council 12708 in Phoenix

San Martin de Porres Council 10070 in Sahuarita

Remember, always be positive, always be recruiting!

Vivat Jesus!

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# Arizona Knights of Columbus Membership Recruitment Incentives Fraternal Year 2023-2024



## Council Incentives

<p>Quarterly Drawing for Custom Knights of Columbus Canopy</p>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Councils earn a Point for recruiting 25% of their quota – All Councils that recruit 25% of their quota in a quarter get a Point for 1 chance to win the canopy for that quarter.</li> <li>For every 25% of their quota recruited in a FY quarter, that council will earn another Point.</li> <li>New members must complete a CUF Degree and be transferred into the Council roster to qualify.</li> </ul>
<p>Quarterly Drawing for Custom Knights of Columbus Feather Flag</p>	 <p style="text-align: center;">Custom Council 14 foot Feather Flag Package</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>FRUIT ON DEMAND - 2 WEEKS DELIVERY TIME</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Knights of Columbus or Caballeros de Colon</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Large 14' Spike Base Feather Flag Package to publicize the good works of your Council! (X-BASE Sold Separately)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(1) Single-Sided Graphic Print</li> <li>(1) Pole #1</li> <li>(1) Pole #2</li> <li>(1) Pole #3</li> <li>(1) Pole #4</li> <li>(1) Spike Base to stick in ground</li> <li>(1) Carry Bag</li> </ul> <p style="text-align: center;">Graphic Dimensions: 24.25" x 140"</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Graphic Material: Mesh Fabric</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Print Process: Dye-Sublimation</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Warranty: One (1) year on Graphic Banner; Lifetime on Hardware</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Councils earn a Point for recruiting 25% of their quota – All Councils that recruit 25% of their quota in a quarter get a Point for 1 chance to win the canopy for that quarter.</li> <li>For every 25% of their quota recruited in a FY quarter, that council will earn another Point.</li> <li>New members must complete a CUF Degree and be transferred into the Council roster to qualify.</li> </ul>

## Recruiter Incentives

<p>Monthly Drawing for Rugged Rosary, Knights of Columbus WWI Battle Beads Rosary</p>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>For every new member that a Recruiter signs up on a month, the Recruiter will receive 1 entry onto Monthly Drawing for a Rugged Rosary, Knights of Columbus WWI Battle Beads Rosary</li> </ul>
<p>Quarterly Drawing for Knights of Columbus Men's Watch with Silver accents, blue dial and leather band</p>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>For every new member that a Recruiter signs up in a quarter, the Recruiter will receive 1 entry onto Quarterly Drawing for a Knights of Columbus watch</li> </ul>

## District Deputy Incentive

<p>Q1 and Q2 District Stretch/Fast Start Incentive – Buck Bantam Blue Lockback Knife</p>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>All DDs that achieve at least 50% of their District Quota in Q1, or 75% of their District Quota in Q2 will receive a Knights of Columbus pocketknife.</li> </ul>
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May God bless each of you and those you love.

What is Cor? It is the latin word for heart.

What is a Cor dialog? It is a way for Catholic men of our parishes to gather together and learn more about their faith, to strengthen their relationship with God, to fill their hearts with the joy of knowing Christ, and many other meanings that are known to each man.

Why can't women participate in Cor dialogs? One reason is that men don't share as easily when their wives or significant others are with them. Another reason is that parishes have many different ministries that are specific for women and the Knights of Columbus want to encourage men to share openly about their faith.

How can I participate in Cor? Each Grand Knight is to appoint a Director for Evangelization and Faith Formation (formerly called Faith Director). When a director is appointed the GK should contact their DD and let them know who the director is. The DD will contact the State Director of Evangelization and Faith Formation who will arrange training for the district.

Do we have to wait for training to implement Cor? No. There is a great guide-book online at <https://www.kofc.org/en/who-we-are/our-faith/cor.html> . By using this guide-book each council can begin Cor dialogs at their parish.

Do we need pastor approval? Yes, the pastor needs to allow the dialogs to run at their parish.

How often should we meet? That will depend on the parish and the needs of the men. Supreme, nor the State, have designated when these need to occur. The councils that are already participating are running the dialogs once a month.

If your council would like to have a training session, please let your DD know or contact me directly at [dcnbruce.bennett.kofcaz@gmail.com](mailto:dcnbruce.bennett.kofcaz@gmail.com)

Vivat Jesus

Deacon Bruce Bennett

Brother Knights,

Thank you to many councils for your Program involvement this first quarter. Forty-eight councils have submitted 10784s. A combined total of eighty-seven forms were received from Councils 16277 (Chandler), 8077 (Tucson), and 3419 (Mesa). To date, 8800 Knights have volunteered 6700 hours with our Faith in Action Programs. Councils, please submit your 10784's! The work is being done, please send them in.

Congratulations! The winner of the incentive drawing for a box of **Coats for Kids** for the month of September is Council 5221, Florence, AZ. They, along with eleven other councils submitted their 10784's, participating in Food for Families. Thank you to all who participated in this Community program. After the totals come in, I will be announcing the October winner.

The November featured Faith program is the **Into the Breach** video series. Councils that participate can submit their 10784 and be placed in the incentive drawing for a \$200 State donation to **Special Olympics**. So, for your Columbian Award, you get two points for a featured program under Faith and if you win the incentive, two points for Life/Special Olympics.

Remember that the Solemnity of Christ the King mass is on November 26. District Deputies, encourage your Grand Knights to meet with their pastors to arrange a Eucharistic Procession. Districts may team up for one large procession with their councils and an Honor Guard. This would be a great success. Please send in your photographs. Many council 10784s for one big event would be impressive!

Districts can also team up to promote a fundraising event for the Ultrasound Initiative. Spread the workaround and relieve the stress of one council doing it all. What an enormous success this could be. Please contact Ultrasound Chairman, DD Dominic Conn for advice, [dconn4@cox.net](mailto:dconn4@cox.net)

A huge thank you to State Faith Director, Roger Molieri for organizing the Silver Rose last month. Twelve councils took part in presenting the Silver Rose at their parishes and it was present at both Arizona Rosary Celebrations. One more time, 10784!

Many councils participated in the Soccer Challenge recently. The State competition will be held in December. Those participating in the Catholic Citizenship Essay Contest, please send your entries to your District Deputies. They must be turned in by December 5 for State judging.

**A look ahead for next year's Programs of the Month and Incentives.**

January: March for Life or Novena for Life- State Council donation of \$100 to the Ultrasound Initiative

February: Pilgrim Icon Program - State Council donation of Sacramental Gifts

March: Good Friday Family Promotion or Eucharistic Procession - State Council donation of \$200 to RSVP

April: Spiritual Reflection – Building the Domestic Church Kiosk

May: Mass for People with Special Needs - \$100 State Donation to St. Joseph's Youth Camp

June: Family of the Month - \$100 State Council donation for Global Wheelchair Mission

Thank you, Brother Knights, for all your efforts and success.

Please contact me with questions at (520) 904-0524 or [programs@kofc-az.org](mailto:programs@kofc-az.org)

Vivat Jesus,  
Benjamin Jimenez  
State Program Director

Dear Worthy Officers, Sir Knights and Brothers All,

This article comes after a very busy first half of October. The month started with two Fourth Degree Exemplifications inducting a total of forty-nine new Sir Knights. With October being the Month to Pray the Rosary, Arizona and its Sir Knights celebrated the month with the annual Arizona Rosary Celebration. Finally, efforts are ongoing to prepare for the next Fourth Degree Exemplification honoring our Veterans on November 11, 2023, in Sun Lakes.

The September 30<sup>th</sup> Fourth Degree Exemplification is completed and on the books as a very successful Exemplification. The final class size was 41 new Sir Knights. This impressive class included a new Priest and a highly decorated active Green Beret. This Green Beret Sir Knight with wife and two young daughters was invited to bring up the gifts at mass. The main Celebrate of the Mass was Fr. Arthur Nave, Jr, the Arizona District Friar. This was truly a Knights of Columbus represented mass. The mass was followed with a dinner with about 125 attending. The Class Honoree, Past State Deputy Maria Vassallo provided some encouraging words to the Sir Knights and their Families. Sir Knight Vassallo and his wife Mary Ann are always together at Knights of Columbus social events. Thus, it was very fitting to present to them a Holy Family statue. In addition, a Flag was flown over the US Capital on September 30<sup>th</sup>, 2023 on his behalf. The thank you from the Class Honoree Vassallo noted how their day was made so special by being the Class Honoree!



As stated at the start of this Fraternal year, the goal is to re-establish Assemblies in the more rural areas of Arizona. This goal was taken seriously by District Deputy Fred Martinez. He asked how a Fourth Degree Exemplification could be managed in the Globe and Miami area, located in the mountains east of the Phoenix Metro. With the permission and approval of the Vice Supreme Master, this Exemplification was delivered in person, with the aid of pre-recorded video Exemplification to eight new Sir Knights on October 8<sup>th</sup>. Following the Exemplification, the Pastor of Blessed Sacrament Parish in Miami held a Mass for the Knights of Columbus and Families. After mass, a dinner was held in the Parish Hall and with several introductions of the local Knights of Columbus Leadership.

Arizona has a unique event celebrated in October known as the Arizona Rosary Celebration. The 2023 Arizona Rosary Celebration marked the 48<sup>th</sup> anniversary for this annual program that originally started in a Catholic High School Chapel. The 48<sup>th</sup> Arizona Rosary Celebration was celebrated on the weekend of October 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> throughout the State of Arizona. The locations included Tucson, Phoenix, Bullhead City, Flagstaff, and Yuma. Also, the Phoenix Rosary Celebration was livestreamed on YouTube to be viewed by over 1,000 people worldwide. Yes, this event is a demonstration of Parish Ministries coming together, raising awareness and funds to offer up a special Rosary Celebration to the Blessed Virgin Mary. The Knights of Columbus takes the lead in the planning and execution of this event. Thus, it is a prime event for the Fourth Degree Sir Knights. In regalia they displayed the Colors, leading the opening procession and most important leading the Eucharistic Procession. In total, there were 58 Sir Knights in Regalia, twelve Sir Knights in Tucson and 46 Sir Knights in Phoenix leading the processions. I am sure there were Sir Knights in Flagstaff as well.

The next Fourth Degree Exemplification is planned for November 11, 2023, at St. Steven Catholic Church in Sun Lakes. The Class Honoree for this Exemplification is a Marine Veteran, a Sir Knight, and the current Immediate Past State Deputy of Arizona. Yes, Sir Knight Luigi Baratta is said to be honored to accept the invitation as the class honoree for this Exemplification. As State Deputy, Sir Knight Baratta led the Arizona Knights of Columbus for two years of outstanding membership growth as well as obtaining the Pinnacle Circle of Honor Award both years. The first time such a prestigious award to be achieved in Arizona.

For the last several months, the subject "The Decline of Patriotism" has been a very important message of mine. I conclude this topic by encouraging Assemblies to look at the parishes that are served by your Assembly. What is the condition of the parish flags? Does the Parish have flags flown on the outer premises? If not, ask the Parish if the Knights of Columbus can take on the project to add flag poles and flags if necessary. Once completed, have a ceremony that notes, "The Patriotic Arm of the Knights of Columbus proudly present these flags." And once again, protect Patriotism by recruiting your men into the Knights of Columbus!

The Arizona Knights of Columbus, the Patriotic arm of the Order continues to shine in the presence of the Eucharist. The excitement witnessed at the recent two Exemplification demonstrates the effectiveness of the lesson of Patriotism. Many thanks to the District Marshals and the fine Exemplification Teams. This team of Sir Knights continues to Shine Break for the sake of adding new Sir Knights to our ranks, THANK YOU SIR KNIGHTS.

**GOD BLESS AMERICA AND GOD BLESS THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS!**

VIVAT JESUS!

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### The Definition of Culture Is:

the customs, arts, social institutions, and achievements of a particular nation, people, or other social group.”

Custom is defined as: "long-established practice considered as unwritten law”

However, culture is not static. It evolves over time and is influenced by various factors such as **politics, media, technology, and globalization**. What was once considered acceptable in a particular culture may no longer be deemed so in another era.

This ever-changing nature of culture highlights the importance of prioritizing faith over culture. Catholicism teaches that our **faith** should shape our actions and worldview, not the other way around. Our faith must take precedence over cultural norms when there is a conflict between the two.

As Knights of Columbus, following Blessed McGivney’s vision, let us ensure that we choose Faith over Culture!

### The Complete Knight

**God** is the center of all that a knight does, his **family** comes second, and self third. God drives all that we do.

In order to be successful, he needs to:

- Recruit
- Engage
- Motivate
- Evangelize
- Retain

The areas of focus are:

- Membership
- Programs
- Cor
- Insurance

