



## **KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS OF ARIZONA**

### **FAITH IN ACTION**

### **KNIGHTS SERVING GOD**

### **SERVING THE COMMUNITY**

At the start of every fraternal year, it has become a long-standing custom in Arizona that the State Deputy introduces a new State Pin and logo design. During the recent organizational meeting, State Deputy Tom Kalisz told the attendees, "This year's pin design is meant to be a visual, daily reminder, of what we stand for and the depth of our commitment to serve God, our parishes, and our neighbors."

Around the outer edge of the pin and logo design we find the guiding principles of the Order: Charity, Unity, Fraternity, and Patriotism. They remind us of who we are as Knights of Columbus and what we do.

Within the circle, an image of the State of Arizona is found at the center, emblazoned with the Emblem of the Order. This represents the Arizona State Council and its jurisdictional responsibility for all of the State of Arizona.

This year, the Worthy State Deputy has dedicated his administration to Our Lady of Czestochowa. Her image, painted on a wooden plank, can be traced back to the time just after Christ's death. It eventually found a home in Czestochowa at Jasna Gora ("bright hill") in Poland. It and the people of the region survived strife, marauders, religious persecution, and war. Mary was always there protecting her children. State Deputy Kalisz says that he chose this particular Marion symbol because Our Lady of Czestochowa represents hope and protection from evil and persecution, not just for Polish people, but for all people. Her image is seen above the State of Arizona, showing that we are all under the loving protection of her mantel.

Working under the theme of Faith in Action, the cross is included so that we are reminded that we are all children of God – Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. The cross also symbolizes the gift we received through the death of Jesus Christ – forgiveness of sin and a path to everlasting life.

Finally, included in the lower right portion of the logo are two small baby's feet. These are included to remind us that we must always fight to preserve the sanctity of life from natural conception to natural death.

The Worthy State Deputy says that he hopes that the pin and logo will keep us focused on unity and fraternity as we perform works of charity in service to all.



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*Our Lady of Czestochowa also known as the **Black Madonna of Czestochowa** is a revered icon of the Blessed Virgin Mary. The original image is housed at a monastery in [Jasna Gora, Poland](#). The monastery has been a pilgrimage destination for hundreds of years. The Polish people have a great devotion to Our Lady and her Son. They continue to honor this miraculous image. The **Feast of Our Lady of Czestochowa** is celebrated on **August 26th**. Here is a beautiful Prayer to Our Lady of Czestochowa to be said each day upon rising.*

### **Prayer to Our Lady of Czestochowa**

"We fly to your patronage, O holy Mother of God;  
do not reject our petitions in our necessities,  
but deliver us always from all dangers,  
O glorious and blessed Virgin.

Our Lady, our Patroness, our Mediatrix, our Joy!

Reconcile us to your Son, commend us to your Son, present us to your Son"

### Canonization of Venerable Fr. Michael J. McGivney

God, our Father, protector of the poor and defender of the widow and orphan, you called your priest, Father Michael J. McGivney, to be an apostle of Christian family life and to lead the young to the generous service of their neighbor. Through the example of his life and virtue may we follow your Son, Jesus Christ, more closely, fulfilling his commandment of charity and building up his Body which is the Church. Let the inspiration of your servant prompt us to greater confidence in your love so that we may continue his work of caring for the needy and the outcast. We humbly ask that you glorify your servant Father Michael J. McGivney on earth according to the design of your holy will. Through his intercession, grant the favor I now present (here make your request). Through Christ our Lord. Amen. Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory be.

### **Knight's Prayer**

Our Lady, Queen of the Knights, bless all the activities of our Order. Keep us true to our pledge, to extend the kingship of thy divine son on earth. Through thine intercession, win for us the grace, ever to exemplify in our public and private lives, the virtues that should characterize those especially dedicated to the service of the heavenly court. Make us always aware that as your Knights, we are constantly observed, our faith judged, and our Order appreciated. Accept, O Mary, this renewed pledge of fealty and devotion, of Thy Servants, the Knights of Columbus.