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# Arizona State Council Knights of Columbus



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The Arizona State Council of the Knights of Columbus learned this morning that the Most Reverend Thomas J. O'Brien, retired Bishop of Phoenix, has died from ongoing health complications related to Parkinson's disease. He was 82.

Upon learning of his death, State Deputy Tom Kalisz said, "The Knights of Columbus are saddened by Bishop Obrien's death. Please pray for the repose of his soul and that he rests in peace."

The Knights of Columbus is the World's largest Catholic family fraternal service organization. It was founded by Father Michael J. McGivney, an Irish Priest, in 1882. Working under its founding principles of charity, unity, fraternity, and patriotism, the Knights boast nearly 2 Million members worldwide. Last year K of C members donated \$185.6 million in donations and 75.6 million hours of service provided worldwide. Arizona ranks in the top ten in charitable works among the Knights of Columbus.

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