

## State Deputy's Message August 2018

Dear Brother Knights,

I am preparing this message as we quickly approach the end of the first month of this new fraternal year. My congratulations to Worthy Immediate Past State Deputy Sean Halpain for completing the past fraternal year on a high note. Also, many thanks to Worthy State Warden (former Membership Director) Kevin McCarthy for his successes in increasing membership last fraternal year.

Our first month of "Always Be Recruiting (ABR)" is over. Many of you have been out there living the concept of ABR to grow your Councils and Districts. We have had a great response with the New Shepherd Program too. There were ten Admission Degrees and a Formation and Knighthood Degree held in July. There are two New Councils on the verge of being chartered, and Councils who have not recruited in recent years are out there getting the job done! Our "Fast Start" is a bit slow out of the gate, but we still have two more months to take advantage of the "Fast Start" Recruiting Incentive and reach our goal of 375 new Members in the First Quarter of the Fraternal Year.

Is your Council focused on "cleaning up" the Roster? We all have issues with inactive and non-dues paying Council Members that impact the Councils Per Capita payment. Did you know that you can have your Per Capita paid for by being a Star Council? It's true. Councils who qualify as a Star Council receive a \$4.50 refund for each man on the roster. Many councils in Arizona have not had to make a Per Capita payment in several years by being repeat Star Councils. Purging the roster will not help a Council to become a Star Council. Star Council is a sign that a Council is growing and active. Instead of purging your rosters, why not ask the inactive Knights if they want to help build a perennial Star Council? You might be surprised at how many accept the challenge. All you need to do is ask. Remember: Always Be Recruiting!

To help us in our membership growth goals, we utilize our programs to build up our candidate pools. There are a couple of great opportunities coming up that can be great recruitment opportunities. The first is the Knights at the Ballpark, to be held September 22, 2018 at 5:10 p.m. The Diamondbacks will be playing the Rockies. Tickets are only \$30 for the lower level and \$18 for the upper level. Invite potential candidates from your parish, men's group members, co-workers, and friends. Remind them that the proceeds benefit Special Olympics, and then invite them to join. Ticket order forms can be found at: <https://kofc-az.org/knights-at-the-ball-park>.

If you live in the White Mountains, then the upcoming White Mountains Catholic Men's Conference presents a great opportunity for you to invite potential candidates to join you and your brother Knights for a day of spirituality and brotherhood. The event will be held Saturday, August 11, from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., at Our Lady of the Snows in Snowflake. Yes, it will be cooler there. Register at this website: <https://wmcmconference.com/>.

Starting this year, our program model has changed. The Surge with Service model, which has been in use for over 40 years, has been replaced with Faith in Action. When the "Building the Domestic Church While Strengthening Our Parishes" initiative was implemented, we committed ourselves to enhance our service to our local parishes and our families so that our work might become even more relevant and effective, especially to today's generation. Faith in Action reflects this shift with a strong call to action and a focus on quality, faith-filled, family programs. Increased support of local parishes by Knights is a major

component. It also simplifies the requirements for the Columbian Award and gives a new home to all of our Supreme Council-recommended programs. The new program categories for Faith in Action are: Faith, Family, Community, and Life. We have reduced the number of categories from six to four and merged the Youth and Council programs among the new categories.

Another Program coming up is the drive to collect donations for Persons With Intellectual Disabilities (PWID), or as it's been called, the "Tootsie Roll Drive." This year, the dates for the program are September 28-30, 2018. Check the new state website [www.kofc-az.org/pwid-2018](http://www.kofc-az.org/pwid-2018) for more information. Well you're at it, invite your buddies from church to come and help out, let them bring their family, and use it as another great recruiting opportunity.

On October 20-21, 2018, the Arizona Rosary Celebration will be held in Tucson, Phoenix, Yuma, and other towns around the state. Put these dates on your calendar, visit the website: [www.azrosary.net](http://www.azrosary.net) to get more information. Tucson and Phoenix are the primary venues and the cost to produce the celebration in these two places is nearly \$80,000. This money does not come from the Dioceses, nor does it come from the Knights. It comes solely from the sale of advertisements in the program book. Do not be mistaken, this is a Knights sponsored program, and as Knights we will ensure its continued success. To help pay for the celebration, I expect every council and assembly in our state to take out an advertisement for the program book. I also ask every council to contact the companies and organizations who advertise in your parish bulletins and encourage them to take out an ad in the program book. This is the only way we can pay for this annual celebration attended by about 8,000 Catholics. Advertising forms are found on the website <https://www.azrosary.net/donations-and-advertising>.

Additionally, to help make the Arizona Rosary Celebration run smoothly, Knights are needed to make sure there are parish representatives from each parish in the Tucson and Phoenix dioceses. If there is not one, then step into the breach and let your pastor know, the Knights have it covered. Send an e-mail to [azrosary@yahoo.com](mailto:azrosary@yahoo.com) and let them know you're taking care of it. Then, attend the planning meetings to pick up resources and information. Meeting dates can be found on the website at: <https://www.azrosary.net/newsletters>. Rent a bus, take your parish, and give the riders a membership talk on the way to the celebration. Additionally, Phoenix and Tucson are in need of ushers, they can be Knights, or other Catholic adults. Don't be afraid to volunteer.

Please take a few minutes to familiarize yourself with the state website ([www.kofc-az.org](http://www.kofc-az.org)). It contains many great resources, forms, guidebooks, and links to even more information. Remember; if you need help, don't be afraid to ask. Every Council has a District Deputy who can assist; we have a great membership team lead by Ken White; an experienced State Program Director in Larry Powers, and an exceptional Fraternal Benefits team led by Nate Raso. You have a great team of specialists at your back to support you as you go into the breach.

Vivat Jesus!

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