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THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF THE ARIZONA STATE COUNCIL

State Deputy's Message

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Worthy Grand Knights and Brothers,

Welcome to the 2018-2019 fraternal year. In May, during the State Convention, we had the election of new State Officers. They are: myself, Tom Kalisz, State Deputy; Mario Vassallo, State Secretary; Luigi Baratta, State Treasurer; Tom Kato, State Advocate; Kevin McCarthy, State Warden; and Sean Halpain, Immediate Past State Deputy. Reverend Patrick Crino, will continue as our State Chaplain. I want to also acknowledge Nate Rasso, General Agent; Bryant Sayers, PSD, District Master of the Fourth Degree; and Michael Kingman, PSD, FDM, Vice-Supreme Master for the John H. Redden Province, of which Arizona is a part. The leadership team includes: our 32 District Deputies; Larry Powers, State Program Director; Ken White, State Membership Director; and all the Program Directors and Chairmen. My thanks and appreciation to each for agreeing to help lead our State Council to abundant success.

This weekend, we held the State Organizational meeting for this fraternal year. There was much information shared with our District Deputies, Grand Knights, Financial Secretaries, and Faithful Comptrollers. This year there will be many changes in our program model, membership techniques, and goals. We are counting on each council and assembly officer and each brother Knight to do his part to help the Knights of Columbus in Arizona grow.

Going into the future, we have to ask these questions, what is at stake in being a Knight? What is at stake in the future of this organization? Why is it so important that the organization grows? When in need, who can the parish pastor turn to? Who will the seminarians on their journey to the priesthood turn to for aid and support? How can our church grow if we don't grow?

Brothers, the answers are simple: the Knights of Columbus are the ones that have to grow. The Knights of Columbus will stand firm and say things are going to get better, because we're going to make things better. That's what Fr. McGivney did. That's what we will do. We will build up the Domestic Church ourselves. We will be charitable. We will stand together in unity and fraternity. We will be the leaders. We will clearly communicate who we are; why we stand for faith, marriage, life, family, youth; why we do the programs and activities we do; and why it is us who they can turn to and count on. Remember, it is not what you say, by what you do, and by who you are.

I recently returned from the Supreme offices in New Haven. During the visit, I was given our Supreme Goals for the state for this year. They have asked us to recruit 950 new members. They want us to produce 30 Star Councils. We've been asked to add two New Councils, to reactivate three, and to establish 25 Round Tables. Brothers, I know we can do this. I am so confident that we can achieve our Supreme Goals, that I set higher goals for this year. These are the Arizona State Council Goals for the 2018-2019 fraternal year: 1,000 New Members, 50 Star Councils, 10 Star Districts, 3 All Star Districts, 11 New Councils, and 30 Round Tables. I know it won't be easy, but they are attainable with some effort, but it is what we need to do to ensure that the Knights in Arizona continue to grow and flourish.

To accomplish our goals, we will continue to do what we do and know best. We will work to increase our faith life, we will engage in activities to strengthen our family bonds, we will support and build up our communities, and we will defend life at all stages.



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To help us achieve this, Supreme has introduced a new program model that replaces the Surge with Service model. Instead of six program areas: church, community, family, youth, council, and life, we will operate under four expanded areas of: Faith, Family, Community, and Life. This new model is called Faith in Action.

As part of our program focus for the coming year, we will include programs that will "Build up the Domestic Church" at the parish level. We need to turn attention to our parishes and work with our Bishops and priests to strengthen local churches. This is where we will continue to grow our membership using traditional and e-membership tools to attract men to the order and its programs. Our Supreme Knight, Carl Anderson said this is about the new program model, "... the new programs are designed to give men in the first half of their life the tools they need to protect their marriages, protect their family, and protect their kids. And, they're not getting it anywhere else. And, we can offer it to them. And, when we offer it to them in a way that makes sense and a way they understand it, we can draw a lot of men. What they desperately need is someone to help them to protect their kids. And, that's what Fr. McGivney was trying to do, protect these families."

This year, I have dedicated our good works to Our Lady of Czestochowa because the image of the "Black Madonna" represents Mary's hope and protection from evil and persecution, not just for Polish people, but for all people. I introduced a new State pin for this year (seen here). A detailed



description of the pin will be found in the KOCO A newsletter. Our theme this year incorporates the new Supreme program model: "Faith in Action." This theme fits perfectly with the

State Motto: "Faith in Action – Knights Serving

God, Serving the Community." As I mentioned before, this is who we are, this is what we do, and we do it all for the glory of God.

Exceptional communication, quality information, and readily accessible resources, are needed so that all Knights throughout the state can have the tools they need to help them get the job done. That is why this year we will say goodbye to our old website that has served us well for many years: www.azknightsofcolumbus.com. We are launching a new website with a fresh look containing information, forms, tools, and useful resources. Two designs were introduced at the State Convention, many good comments and suggestions were received, and the final version has been designed. The new address is www.kofc-az.org. This site will evolve as our State Council grows and changes. To help with communication, we are bringing back the State Newsletter KOCO A. This will be published monthly and sent out via e-mail. A link will be found on the website so we can gather your contact information and ensure you receive your copy. Finally, I have asked my fellow state officers, district deputies, directors and chairmen to respond quickly to any request from brother knights. I expect that this new communication and resource platform will help us attain our goals.

As Knights, we know what it means to be a member of a community of Catholic Brothers. We're not just friends, not just social contacts, not just business associates, not just neighbors, but Catholic brothers. We have a firm sense of brotherhood that has to do with Charity and Unity. As Catholics, we understand that the source of that charity and the source of that unity is the Eucharist. It transcends anything that any secular association could offer. As Knights of Columbus, let us lead the charge, "Into the Breach!"

Vivat Jesus! Tom Kalisz – State Deputy



JULY

“Let us all as Knights redouble our efforts as men of faith – and men of action based on that faith.” Carl Anderson, Supreme Knight.

Support your council’s newly elected officers and appointed program chairmen and directors as the fraternal year begins.

Celebrate Independence Day with Masses of thanksgiving and reflections on the importance of religious freedom.

Mark the 50th Anniversary of *Humanae Vitae*, July 25. Consider hosting a parish-based study group of *Humanae Vitae* to discuss why this encyclical is still vitally important decades after its publication.

Report of Officers Chosen (#185) should have been turned in, Service Program Personnel Report (#165) is due 8/1. Discussion on Installation of Officers and District Organizational Meetings should take place this month. Council Audit (#1295) is due 8/15.

AUGUST

“Families are the first place in which we are formed as persons and, and at the same time, the ‘bricks’ for the building up of society.” Pope Francis

Pray for the Holy Spirit’s guidance during this year’s Supreme Convention to be held in Baltimore. You can keep up with the K of C Supreme Convention by following the hashtag #KofC or by tuning in to EWTN and more.

Celebrate special Masses on the anniversaries of our founder’s birth, August 12, and death, August 14. Also, distribute *prayer cards* (#10502A) to all the members of your parish.

Support Knights as they prepare for events in the fraternal year, including K of C Family Week.

Council First Degree Week, August 20-26.

SEPTEMBER

“It is not simply that what we give helps free people from hunger, cold, homelessness and poverty. Charity is essential to the very idea of freedom, because charity creates a bond among us that makes freedom possible.”

Carl Anderson, Supreme Knight.

This month finalize your Council Church Drive Plans. Prepare for Catholic Citizenship Essay Contest. Most importantly, conduct your Council Retention Drive to revitalize your council membership.



Formation and Knighthood Degree Schedule (<http://www.kofc-az.org>)

The next 2nd and 3rd Degree Exemplification are as follows:

Sunday, July 22, 2018 KofC Hall, 644 E Chandler Blvd, Chandler, AZ 85225
Host Council #3121, Contact

Saturday August 18, 2018 St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, 8650 N Shannon Rd., Tucson, AZ 85742-9331
Host Council #8077, Contact

Sunday, September 16, 2018 KofC Hall 8066 N 49th Avenue, Glendale, AZ 85302-6339
Host Council #3855, Contact

In most cases registration begins at 9:00am.

To see a full schedule of exemplifications, check the website under State News – Degree Schedule Information on the schedules will be updated as the information is received.

Patriotic Degree Schedule (<http://www.kofc-az.org>) under Patriotic Degree

The next 4th Degree Exemplification are as follows:

Saturday, September 8, 2018 Location to be determined
Host Council to be determined, Contact

Please check website for additional information.

Note Worthy Happenings

We have the opportunity on the 14th – 16th September 2018 to host a group of Veterans at St. Joseph Youth Camp. The Camp has offered their facilities to us to put on an event to get some of our Veterans out into the open. I want to reach out to the different VFW groups in Arizona as well as the DAV and our representatives at the Tucson, Phoenix and Prescott Valley VA hospitals to open this up. I will be asking for a monetary donation from all Assemblies to help send these Veterans for a weekend at St. Joseph Youth Camp.

Bryant Sayers
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Join the Arizona Rosary Celebration this year on October 20-21 in Tucson and Phoenix. This year we will be honoring Mary under her title Our Lady of Czestochowa. For information on times and locations go to: (www.azrosary.net)



Membership Director – Kenneth White (<https://www.kofc-az.org>) under membership – membership directors page

Wow. How did we get here? Brother Knights, this is our call to duty. We all took an Oath to live out the tenants of Charity, Unity, and Fraternity. We cannot defend our Faith or live the tenants of Knighthood year after year unless we continually ask others to join in the cause. Membership Recruitment is elegantly simple, if we don't ask, they won't join us. Many of you have already answered this call, and that is a beautiful thing. Now the challenge is to get more among our ranks to do the same.

We have big Membership Shoes to fill and we need a plan to get it done. Growth of the Order is the responsibility of every Knight, and that will not change. District Deputies number one charge is to grow membership in their District. The highest honor a District Deputy can achieve is to start a New Council. The plan we have put into place will help at least three District Deputies start New Councils. Ten District Deputies will achieve Star District, and fifty Councils will achieve some level of Star Council. Bottom line, we have the opportunity to make an impact from day one by "Stepping into the Breach" as Knights.

The State Council has an aggressive, strategic, and easy to follow Membership Plan for the upcoming Fraternal Year. The plan is aggressive in the sense that it is structured to provide a fast-moving train from day one. It is strategic in the sense that it is basic and all encompassing. It is easy for the fact that it is simply a different way to look at the same concept. As the old cliché goes, we are "changing the Membership Recruitment Paradigm."

Program Director – Lawrence Powers

Faith in Action arrives July 1 to bring a new focus on **Faith, Family, Community and Life** to councils worldwide. The first change of this kind since 1971, the model more fully integrates Christ-centered family programs into daily council activities.

Faith in Action is straightforward and easy to implement. It provides all Knights the opportunity to do what they do best: stand shoulder to shoulder as a force for good in their home, parish, community and the world.

Go to <https://www.kofc.org/en/programs/index.html> to get all the details on these programs.

Arizona District Master – Bryant Sayers

Sir Knights all, we need to assemble and recruit more of our brother Knights to join the Fourth Degree. Not just for the Color Corp, but for strength in numbers. With more brothers in the order, more can get done within our order and community. I urge you all to talk to fellow brothers at council meetings and make an honest attempt to recruit some new Fourth Degree Members.

We will be hosting a group (less than 60) Veterans for a weekend at St Joseph Youth Camp. The weekend will be 14-16 September 2018. I am looking for donations from our Assemblies to help with the cost. I would like to thank Assemblies 2736 for their \$500.00 Donation, Assembly 2126 for its \$500.00 pledge and Assembly 19 for its \$250.00 pledge. PLEASE consider making a donation to this event. We will also be looking for donations of sleeping bags, or bedding material (sheets, and blankets).



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Prayer to Our Lady of Czestochowa

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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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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.

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.