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## State Deputy's Message

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 very high note. Also, many thanks to Worthy State Warden (former Membership Director) Kevin McCarthy for his successes in increasing membership this 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 payed 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.

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



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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. 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. While 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.azrosay.net](http://www.azrosay.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 advertisement 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 need every council and assembly in our state to take out an advertisement for the program book. I need 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://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. 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. 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!

Tom Kalisz

Arizona State Deputy - Knights of Columbus



### State Advocate – Tom Kato

Brother Knights,

By now, you should have your Report of Officers for Chosen Term (Form 185) and your Service Program Personnel Form (Form 365) completed either online (preferred method) or in PDF and sent to supreme. If you have not done so, please do so as quickly as possible! The Service Program Personnel Form is **required** for councils to be eligible to receive Star Council. It is also a requirement for you to have the following slots filled:

- Program Director
- Family Director
- Community Director

Each of those directors, along with the Grand Knight, will have to take the Praesidium's Armatus Safe Environment training. The Family Director and Community Director will also have to complete a background check due to the nature of working with youth. All the positions have 30 days after the email is sent to them from Praesidium to complete the training. If the training is not completed, those directors will be removed. An email will be coming with Armatus as the name with praesidiuminc.com as the sender. If you did not receive this, please check your junk or spam mail for this message.

Remember also to follow your parish guidelines for Safe Environment training. While the Knights of Columbus are considered an outside organization to the parish, it is still the Pastor's decision on who is required to have Safe Environment Training through the diocese. It is recommended that all Knights go through a form of Safe Environment. Supreme offers a Members version of Safe Environment. All of the pertinent information can be found on Supremes' website at: [www.kofc.org/safe](http://www.kofc.org/safe)

Thank you for your commitment to your parish and to help safeguard our children by creating and maintaining a safe environment!

Vivat Jesus!

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Brother Knights,

Is your District or Council off to a “Fast Start” with Recruiting? Have you heard the Call to Duty made by your State Deputy? We set very ambitious Recruiting Goals at our State Organizational Meeting. Have those goals been communicated? Thanks to those District Deputies and Councils who have been out there putting the ABR (Always Be Recruiting) Concept into practice. These men are setting the example and living out “Faith in Action.”

District Deputy #1-Robert H. Bridges, Jr. and Councils 1858 and 4584

District Deputy #6-Rich Robinson, and Council 13272

District Deputy #12-Ronald M. Stevens and Council 11738

District Deputy #14-James Reynolds and Council 12313

District Deputy #15-Raul M. Chavez Aguilar and Councils 3855 and 12851

District Deputy #18-Albert Ustaszewski and Councils 1806 and 8305

District Deputy #19-Jon Martinez and Council 2493

District Deputy #24-Gary DeClue and Councils 9287 and 11675

District Deputy #29-Hector Tellez and Councils 1200 and 15376

A special Congratulations and Thank You to District Deputy #18 Albert Ustaszewski and his District. Worthy District Deputy Albert and Worthy Grand Knight Javier Negrete beat the heat (115 Degrees!) and held three consecutive weekend Church Drives at Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish in Somerton with the Blessing of Fr. Bart and his Staff. Thanks to their work the Parish needs only 5 more new members to form a New Council. Council 1806 is also the first “3 in 3 Church Drive” Winner. We welcome our New Brother Knights!

Thanks also to District Deputy #2 Luis Leyva for submitting the initial paper work to Form a New Council in Patagonia. This will be the third New Council started in his District in the last calendar year. Worthy District Deputy Luis is on a mission, and his team’s hard work is yielding positive results. Blessings and Prayers to District #2 as they move forward with their work.

It is our duty as Knights of Columbus to Grow the Order. This is one of the first charges given to us by our Supreme Knight Carl Anderson. Are each of you asking the Catholic Men in your Parish and Community if they want to be a Knight of Columbus? We cannot get more men to join us in defending the Breach unless we ask them to. Will you meet the challenge each of us accepted as Knights? Will you ask others to step “Into the Breach” with you?

Vivat Jesus

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A place for youth in Faith in Action. The Knights of Columbus Faith in Action program model is designed around Faith, Family, Community and Life. Each of these four categories include opportunities for youth involvement. The vision for this program model is for our brother Knights to serve in an inclusive way, to strengthen the bonds between faith and family, to grow deeper in parish life and to be a beacon for our community. Youth are an essential part of our mission. To serve the youth of our community, we must move beyond the Columbian Squire Circle and instead offer your council's leadership and skills to an existing parish-based youth group. If a parish-based youth group does not exist, consider working with your Pastor to start a new group sponsored by the parish and supported by the Knights of Columbus.

- Working with your Pastor, obtain permission and recommendations on working with a youth group in concert with parish life.
- Check with your Pastor about safe environment training such as VIRTUS training. It's vital that all adults, Knights or otherwise, be aware of best practices when working with youth.

The Faith in Action program model has many programs that can be adapted for youth moving through parish life. Below are several examples of how Faith in Action can work within the context of church-based youth groups.

- Food for Families – Kids can help gather canned goods for your Food for Families program.
- Special Olympics – Children in the youth program can volunteer for Special Olympics event(s) in your area.
- Habitat for Humanity – Volunteering for Habitat for Humanity is both an opportunity to help your community and also a chance for youth to learn practical skills for home ownership.
- Rosary Program – This program provides an opportunity for youth to serve directly as leaders in the parish.

Please visit [kofc.org/faithinaction](http://kofc.org/faithinaction) or [kofc-az.org](http://kofc-az.org) under Programs – Faith in Action for a more comprehensive look at Faith in Action and to see other programs that might work in your parish-based youth group.

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### Faith in Action Required Programs

One of the new requirements for the Columbian Award is participation in the following four programs:

#### *Helping Hands*

Put your faith into action and help those less fortunate in your community. In the spirit of our founder, Venerable Michael J. McGivney, councils will lead efforts to assist those most in need. Guidelines for this program are broad and can include forming partnerships with local aid organizations or independently planning unique activities. The Helping Hands Program is designed to recognize the important work many councils already do to care for the most disadvantaged members of our communities – the homeless, the addicted, the elderly who may feel isolated and abandoned, and many others. Through this program, councils will aid the needy through the activities they feel best suit their community, such as serving at or running a soup kitchen, repairing the facilities of a local service organization or something entirely unique. The requirements for this program are very broad in order to allow councils to serve their community in whatever way is most needed.

#### *Consecration to the Holy Family (Prayer Card #10371 2/16)*

Invite each family in your parish to consecrate themselves to the Holy Family. Revitalize our parishes by urging our parish families to devote themselves to the ideal model of familial love set by Jesus, Mary and Joseph. To help families live out the joy of Christ, Supreme Chaplain Archbishop William Lori has composed a prayer through which families will come together to consecrate themselves under the protection of the Holy Family. In this prayer, we ask for the aid or intercession of the perfect son Jesus Christ, Mary the perfect mother, and Joseph who is a model for every father. Councils will guide their parishes and community to understand and offer this important and impactful prayer, which also gains a plenary indulgence for all who participate. Preparing for the Consecration to the Holy Family is not a single event. It is choosing a way of life for your family. Through this consecration, each participant is consciously choosing to be a beacon of God's love through His Church.

#### *Spiritual Reflection*

Create annual opportunities for prayer and reflection together as a fraternity. Under the guidance of their Chaplain, councils can attend a retreat or day of reflection together or perhaps organize their own event for the men of their parish. Many Catholic young people can attest that religious retreats are radically rejuvenating spiritual events that often leave a lasting impact on participants' relationship to their faith. Yet, so often, retreats seem only to be open to students and youth. In conjunction with Pastors, councils and jurisdictions can hold low-cost retreats of their own. These events might be open only to council members or men of the parish



– or may be open to entire families. If councils are unable to organize these events themselves, they could go as a group and attend a retreat in their area to satisfy the requirement.

### *Novena for Life*

Lead your community in the spiritual fight to establish a culture of life in our nations. Knights and their families will come together in both public and private acts of prayer to promote the protection of life. The protection of life is a sustained prayer intention of the Church, and in particular of the Knights of Columbus. Knights remain firmly committed to defending the right to life of every human being – from the moment of conception to natural death. To commemorate and bolster this important cause, councils will promote a novena, nine days of sustained prayer, to build up a culture of life in our parishes, homes and wider community.

Additional information about these programs can be found at:

<https://www.kofc.org/uns/en/programs/index.html>

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### **Larry Costanzo Arizona Rosary Celebration – (azrosary.net)**

For over 42 years, the faithful in the dioceses of Phoenix and Tucson have experienced the beautiful and spiritually gratifying event each year that is the Arizona Rosary Celebration. Over 8,000 people in Tucson and Phoenix raise their voices to heaven as they ask for Mary's intercession in prayer during this event each year.

This year, we honor Mary under her title Our Lady of Czestochowa. Her intercession has helped many overcome their adversities and come closer to God.

We need the help of every Knight to help fill the halls of the Phoenix Convention Center and St. Elizabeth Seton Church in Tucson on the weekend of October 20, 21, 2018 by encouraging your members and neighbors to attend the event. Place articles in your council/assembly newsletters. If your parish does not have a representative to core planning groups, please appoint one of your members to attend the planning meetings. It is also important that your council/assembly support the event by purchasing an ad in the AZ Rosary Celebration Program Book. The costs to produce this event each year exceed \$80,000 and it is only through advertising and donations that the event is financed.

Encourage your membership to attend the celebration in Tucson or Phoenix. They will be edified by its beauty, spirituality, and prayerful gathering of the faithful.

Larry Costanzo PSD, FSM Arizona rosary Celebration Chairman

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### Formation and Knighthood Degree Schedule

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The next 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree Exemplification are as follows:

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

Sunday, September 16, 2018 St Helen's Church, 5510 W Cholla St., Glendale, AZ 85304-3322  
Host Council #11738, Contact

In most cases registration begins at 9:00am.

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

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

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The next 4<sup>th</sup> Degree Exemplification are as follows:

Saturday, September 8, 2018, San Francisco de Asis Catholic Church  
1600 E. Route 66, Flagstaff, AZ 86001

Please check website for additional information at [kofc-az.org](http://kofc-az.org) under state info – patriotic degree.

### **Arizona District Master – Bryant Sayers**

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We have the opportunity on the 14<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup> 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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### August

Support Knights as they prepare for events in the fraternal year, including K of C Family Week, August 7-13.

Celebrate special Masses on the anniversaries of our founder's birth, August 12, and death, August 14. Also, distribute *prayer cards* (#10115) and copies of *A Model For Our Times* (#5044 – available in limited quantities of 50) to all the members of your parish.

### September

Encourage devotion among your brother Knights by observing the World Day of Prayer for Peace, September 11; the feast of St. Pio of Pietrelcina, September 23; the feast of the Archangels, September 29. A *prayer card* (#9484) for the prayer of peace is available at [kofc.org](http://kofc.org) and can be ordered for your parish's use.

Bear witness to Father McGivney's active involvement in the community by holding a youth Mass to welcome local students starting a new school year. The Mass could be followed by confession, as well as a Q&A discussion led by a local Catholic speaker. Be sure to ask your council's youth leader to help assist with planning the event.

### October

Celebrate St. John Pauls II's legacy by leading a parish novena to end on his feast day, October 22. During each day of the novena, distribute *prayer cards* (#4983, available in packs 100 for \$3). Also, share other resources that proclaim John Paul II's

message for families, such as *Building the Domestic Church: The Family Full Alive Booklet* (#10162).

Ask your brother Knights to assist you in organizing a White Mass to ask intercessory blessings for those in the medical field on October 18, the feast of St. Luke, patron of physicians.

### Supreme Chaplin's Challenge for August

This month I challenge you to make a daily examination of conscience, probing your heart to find the false "masters" (e.g., comfort, power, appearance) to whom you go. Take a few minutes before bed to review the day, including both your blessings and sins. Second, I challenge you to eliminate one of your vices and, when you are tempted to participate in that vice, pray, "Jesus, I trust you."

"Come, Holy Spirit. We thank you for guiding our lives and pray that we may have the courage exemplified by Venerable Father McGivney to live out our faith to the fullest through council, our families and in society. May our words today give glory to your Sacred Heart and if we struggled this past month in living our faith, help us to never stop turning to you and always try again."

*Jesus said to the Twelve,  
"Do you also want to leave?"*

*Simon Peter answered him,  
"Master, to whom shall we go?*

*You have the words of eternal life.*

*We have come to believe and are convinced  
That you are the Holy One of God."*

- Gospel for Aug. 30 (Jn 6:67-69)



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## **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 Marian 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 mantle.

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.