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Dear Brother Knights,

The Arizona heat and our annual Monsoon, with its rain, dust storms, and humidity, have not managed to slow down the Knights in our state. Recruitment of new members is on track. Our degree teams have been very busy this past month.

Our second month of "Always Be Recruiting (ABR)" is behind us. I'm very impressed that so many of you are living the concept of ABR to grow your Councils and Districts. As of the end of August we have recruited 121 new members. Congratulations Brothers! During August, there were 10 Admission Degrees (one in Spanish) and a Formation and Knighthood Degree held in Tucson last month. District Deputy #18, Albert Ustaszewski, held Church Drives in Somerton at Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish for five straight weeks and now has enough Knights for a New Council. Congratulations to Albert, Fr. Bart, and the New Knights at Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish.

September 30th is the last day to take advantage of the Fast Start Program. Each member needs to recruit five new members by the deadline to win a \$50 Knights Gear Gift Card. So far, we have 21 members in the Fast Start Club. Also, I've made available this year special travel packages for the top 10 recruiters to go to Minneapolis to attend the Supreme Convention next August. From now till June 30, 2019, we need only to recruit 88 new members per month. We can do this!



My congratulations go out to all the Knights from around the Valley who rallied to help St. Gregory and Fr. Andres revive their Council #3510 by attending the 10am Sunday Mass and then holding a Church Drive. I understand that State Treasurer Luigi Baratta gave an outstanding pulpit announcement, and signed up 3 new eMembers.

At each Formation and Knighthood Degree Exemplification, it is my happy duty to pick someone to be the Class Honoree for the degree. On August 18, 2018 in Tucson, Brother Knight Edwin "Skip" Hopler was the Honoree for that particular class. Below are a few of the remarks I made regarding Skip's selection.

Skip joined the Knights of Columbus on October 1, 1990. Today, he is an Honorary Life member of the Fray Francisco Garces Council 3855 and Fray Francisco Garces Assembly 1294. Skip served his country honorably in the United State Air Force as an officer and a fighter pilot. Even though he retired from the Air Force, he has continued on in civilian life training pilots in the latest generation of combat fighters.

Brother Hopler, from day one, has consistently gone the extra mile as a Knight of Columbus. In his 28 years in the order, he has served in various council positions and as Grand Knight,



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and has similarly served his assembly in the same manner and as Faithful Navigator. He quickly found that he had an affinity to completely memorize and participate in the ceremonials of the order. This included the first, second, third, and fourth degrees. His service in the Air Force made him a natural leader in ceremonials, in his council and assembly and the state council.

Over the years, Skip served in various positions in the state council. He began working his way through the state council chairs and eventually reached the position of State Secretary. His family and work demands were so high, that he had to relinquish his office. Did this stop him? No! Skip is the kind of man that continued to focus what time he had to spare as the State Ceremonials Chairman in as a member of the ceremonial teams and as Conferring Officer.

Brother Skip Hopler exemplifies all that we hold true as a brotherhood. He is charitable, he can lead men in unified action, he cares fraternally for his brother Knights, and he is truly patriotic. I can't wait to see what he can accomplish next. These are a few

of the many reasons that I have selected Brother Edwin "Skip" Hopler to be today's Class Honoree. His actions set a high bar, but if you serve the order, its member, your church and family, with a small portion of Skip's commitment, determination, enthusiasm, and character, you will achieve great things.

Strong programs help us reach our membership growth goals. Every program a council holds should include a recruitment component. 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. The deadline for ordering tickets is September 13, 2018 to receive them by mail or, September 21, 2018 to pick them up at Will Call the day of the game. Proceeds benefit Special Olympics. Ticket order forms can be found at: <https://kofc-az.org/knights-at-the-ball-park>. If you have questions, contact Program Chairman Rich Ryan by e-mail at RRyan2708@gmail.com, or by phone at (602) 425-8151.

Also this month, we will hold the Persons With Intellectual Disabilities (PWID) drive, 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



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for more information. Bring your family, or invite your buddies and their families from church to help out. Use it as another great recruiting opportunity.

Coming in October is the 43rd annual Arizona Rosary Celebration. It originated in the Phoenix Diocese as Rosary Sunday. Then, seven years ago, the Tucson Diocese became part of the tradition with its separate celebration. This tradition has now spread to Yuma and other locales where similar Rosary events are held during the same weekend as those conducted in Tucson and Phoenix. Today, it is collectively known as the Arizona Rosary Celebration. This year's dates are Saturday October 20 in Tucson and October 21 in Phoenix.

The Arizona Rosary Celebration is sponsored primarily by the Arizona Knights of Columbus and is considered the largest continuous annual gathering of Catholics anywhere in the United States, with attendance of nearly 7,000 of the faithful each year. The celebrations in Phoenix and Tucson are expensive to produce; about \$80,000 per year. Support comes primarily from funds received through personal donations and Program Book advertising sales. As of this date, the response from councils and assemblies is at an all-time low. The last day to receive advertising contracts is September 8, 2018, and it's fast approaching.

Brothers, the success of the Arizona Rosary Celebration relies on the support of every Knight of Columbus, every Council, and every Assembly; as well as parishes and many other benefactors. Every Council and Assembly is expected to support the event by taking out at least a half page advertisement and to encourage the parish to do the same. If your council, or assembly, has not yet purchased an advertisement, do so immediately. It bears repeating, the cutoff date is September 8, 2018. All the forms you will need to demonstrate your support can be found on the Arizona Rosary Celebration web site, www.AzRosary.net.

Remember, Faith in Action, is about sharpening our beliefs, helping our pastors build up their parishes, supporting and protecting our families, building up our communities, and protecting life at all stages. Programs + Recruiting = New Members. Faith in Action + New Members = a Strong Order and Strong Church. We are Knights of Columbus, we are here to help make our world a better place for all.

Tom Kalisz,
Arizona State Deputy



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Knights of Columbus Marian Prayer Program

Our Lady of Help of Persecuted Christians

Every couple of years, the Knights of Columbus introduces a new Marian Prayer Program. The new Marian image then makes a pilgrimage through each state or jurisdiction, with councils hosting a prayer service at their parish or other venues. The 2018-2019 Marian Prayer Program presents the 18th Marian image sponsored by the Knights of Columbus, this time of Our Lady Help of Persecuted Christians. Since its inception in 1979, the Knights of Columbus' Marian Prayer Program has held more than 166,900 local council and parish prayer services with some 20 million participants. This year, the prayer service is intended to raise awareness of the plight of Christians persecuted for their faith and to stand in prayerful solidarity with them.

Tom Kalisz, State Deputy for the Knights of Columbus in Arizona will provide one of images he has been given for this program to the Arizona Rosary Celebration. The image will be on display in both Tucson and Phoenix during the Rosary celebrations in October. Please join the Knights of Columbus in Praying for the redemption of our persecuted brothers and sisters anywhere in the world.

O god of all the nations, the One God who is and was and always will be, in your providence you willed that your Church be united to the suffering of your Son. Look with mercy on your servants who are persecuted for their faith in you. Grant them perseverance and courage to be worthy imitators of Christ. Bring your wisdom upon leaders of nations to work for peace among all peoples. May your Spirit open conversion for those who contradict your will, that we may live in harmony. Give us the grace to be united in truth and freedom, and to always seek your will in our lives.



Through Christ our Lord. Amen.
Our Lady, Queen of Peace, pray for us.

Prayer composed by Archbishop William E. Lori, Supreme Chaplain



Supreme Chaplain's Challenge for September 2018 – Archbishop William E. Lori

When I was in seminary, I had a roommate who was an early riser. Every morning his loud alarm went off at 5:15, at which point he'd say the same thing: "Gladly, Jesus, gladly!" My comments went in a different direction, let's be honest. In a selfish, me-first world, it's just as hard to hear Jesus say "the first shall be last" as it was to hear my roommate at 5:15. And yet, my brothers, Jesus calls us to be servants of all; to step out of our comfort zone and say "gladly!" as we go to serve others in our lives. "Gladly, Jesus, gladly!"

Your Goal for September This month I challenge you to become even more like Jesus, the "servant of all," by making an act of charity for someone in your life from whom you have been distant, or whom you have wronged. Secondly I challenge you to prayerfully reflect on these words from Scripture: "Beloved, if God so loved us, we also must love one another" (1 Jn 4:11).

Then he sat down, called the Twelve, and said to them, "If anyone wishes to be first, he shall be the last of all and the servant of all." — Gospel for Sept. 22 (Mk 9:35)

Serran Daily Prayer for Vocations

O God, Who will not the death of a sinner but rather that he be converted and live, grant we beseech you, through the intercession of the Blessed Mary ever Virgin, Saint Joseph, her spouse, St. Junipero Serra, and all the saints, an increase of laborers for your Church, fellow laborers with Christ to spend and consume themselves for souls through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, Who lives and reigns with You, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God forever and ever.
Amen.

Prayer for Our Priests

O Jesus, I pray for your faithful and fervent priests; For your unfaithful and tepid priests; For your priests laboring at home or abroad in distant mission fields. For your tempted priests; For your lonely and desolate priests; For your young priests; For your dying priests; For the souls of your priests in Purgatory. But above all, I recommend to you the priests dearest to me: The priest who baptized me; The priests who absolved me from my sins; The priests at whose Masses I assisted and who gave me Your Body and Blood in Holy Communion; The priests who taught and instructed me; All the priests to whom I am indebted in any other way (especially.....). O Jesus, keep them all close to your heart, And bless them abundantly in time and in Eternity.
Amen

By St. Therese of Lisieux



State Advocate – Tom Kato

Fr. John Lankiet provided a homily on August 19, 2018 where he spoke about the recent uncovering of the abuse and cover up from the clergy. He minces no words in calling for accountability not only among his fellow brother priests but also from the bishops. We are called to "make the pursuit of holiness the highest priority of our lives...but holiness as a way of life" The devil comes in many forms. Pope Leo XIII warned us about this. (read about it here: <https://tinyurl.com/yczlcj8h>)

As the Arizona State Advocate this year, this hits closer to home as there is a program put out by Supreme for leadership in the Knights of Columbus to take that helps people recognize the sign of abuse. It pains me greatly when there is violent resistance from brother Knights complaining about taking this training. As Knights, we are called to be protectors and defenders of the church. We need the tools to recognize and protect our youth. Supreme is offering these tools for you to recognize those signs and it takes 1 hour to do this. I don't understand why there is such anger about ways to better ourselves and help our parishes and communities.

Please remember that training must be completed within 30 days of receiving the email from Armatus. An email would have come from Armatus Administrator with the subject similar to:

Welcome to the Knights of Columbus Safe Environment Online Training

If you did not receive the email with your password, please follow the steps below:
Log into your email from the browser version (Yahoo, MSN, Gmail, AOL, Hotmail, etc)
Look in your Junk/Spam folder to see if the email is there.
If it is not there, delete all items in that folder.

Go to <https://armatus2.praesidiuminc.com/armatusUser/login>
Click on the username of "Need your Armatus username or password." Click on username.

Enter your email address and click on Submit.

An email should come in. Check your Spam/Junk folder to see if it goes there if you do not receive within a few hours.

If you do not get it, send an email youthleader@kofc.org stating that you did not receive the email.

After reading about the abuses, it makes me wonder that if this training was available 20-30 years ago, a Knight of Columbus could have stepped up and reported the incidents to the proper authorities because they would have recognized the signs.

I offer my sincere condolences and prayers for those who have been abused, both by clergy and lay people. I also offer my prayers for the clergy that they may remain true to the faith. Please remember to keep our clergy in your prayers that they may resist the temptations of the devil and stay true to their calling to lead the faithful.



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State Advocate – Tom Kato (continued)

*Saint Michael Archangel,
defend us in battle,
be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the devil;
may God rebuke him, we humbly pray;
and do thou, O Prince of the heavenly host,
by the power of God, cast into hell
Satan and all the evil spirits
who prowl through the world seeking the ruin of souls.
Amen.*

Vivat Jesus!

Tom Kato

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Arizona District Master Re-appointment - Sir Knight Bryant Sayers, PSD, FDM

Bryant was selected as the John H. Reddin Province Arizona District Master in 2016. He completed his first two year term and was recently reappointed for an additional two year term. In the Vice Supreme Master's newsletter for the Province, Sir Knight Michael Kingman, PSD, FVSM, welcomed newly appointed Masters for New Mexico, Richard Espinosa, PSD, and for Utah, Frank Carmona and wished the retiring Masters best wishes, "after serving their District with pride and distinction." District Master Sayers will begin his second two-year term September 1, 2018.



Bryant Sayers married his nurse, Connie, whom he met in the Sierra Vista Hospital. They are the very proud grandparents of three. Bryant was welcomed into the Catholic Church on Christmas day of 2000 at St. Andrew the Apostle Catholic Parish, Sierra Vista Arizona.

He served a distinguished career in the United States Army Military Intelligence Corps, retiring in April of 2000 as a Sergeant First Class.

He served over 38 years of government service and recently retired as a Department of Defense instructor at Fort Huachuca, AZ teaching a satellite communications system to deploying soldiers.

Bryant became a member of the Knights of Columbus Bishop Salpointe Council 4584 in July 2001, and joined St. Francis of Assisi Assembly 2058 in November 2002.

Sir Knight and Brother Bryant was elected State Deputy in 2012 after serving one year each as State Secretary, State Treasurer, State Advocate, and State Warden. He also served as District Deputy for District #1 for the fraternal years 2006 - 2008, Grand Knight of Council 4584 from July 2004 – June 2005, and Faithful Navigator for Assembly 2058 July 2004 – June 2005. He was State Round Table Chairman from July 2007 – June 2009. He has served as Marion Hour Chairman from July 2014 to present. He started a mentorship program of PGKs and FFNs in his Council and Assembly to assist elected officers to better understand their duties and responsibilities.



Arizona District Master Re-appointment - **Sir Knight Bryant Sayers, PSD, FDM**

Sir Knight and Brother Bryant was Knight of the Year for his Council and Sir Knight of the year in his Assembly; he was also selected as District Deputy of the year for the State of Arizona and received the Star District Award from the Supreme Council.

He has been involved in the Boy Scouts of America for over 50 years and has served as Cub Master, Scout Master, and Scouting Coordinator, earning the Wood Badge award and the Bronze Pelican award. He was the original coordinator for the Fry Pioneer Cemetery clean-up program in Sierra Vista, AZ. He has been active in his Parishes youth program by serving as a Life Teen and EDGE Core member. He serves as a Eucharistic Minister in his Parish and is a member of the Jail Ministry Team. He is a member of the Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre of Jerusalem - Western USA Lieutenancy.

Bryant leads a group of National and International Captains from the Military Intelligence Captains Career Course (MI-CCC) from Fort Huachuca in a weekly community service project in Sierra Vista, he is also the leader of the Carmichael Neighborhood Response Team (C-NRT) that cleans up the low income Carmichael Community in Sierra Vista.

State Deputy Tom Kalisz said, "Please know that I and all State Officers wish you all the best, and will fully support you and the Fourth Degree in Arizona."





AZ State Retention Chairman – Leonard Rheume

Important Message from AZ State Retention Chairman, Leonard Rheume. Questions or comments contact him at Lrheume@msn.com. Please share this with Council Brothers.

August 25, 2018

Worthy District Deputies,

The Diocese of Phoenix is sponsoring the National Conference of Diocesan Vocation Directors on September 14-21, 2018.

The conference will be held at the Hyatt Regency Resort in Scottsdale.

Fr. Paul Sullivan, Vocations Director of the Diocese, with the blessing of Bishop Olmsted, is requesting the assistance of the Knights of Columbus to transport nearly 300 Priests, Bishops and Cardinals from Phoenix Sky Harbor Airport to the resort.

The plan is to have at least 10 two-man teams to transport the attendees. One driver and one escort, who will stand by near the baggage claims of each terminal while the driver waits in the cell phone lot.

We will also need several knights to greet the attendees near the gate areas direct or escort them to the baggage area.

Staging for the teams will be at Sacred Heart Parish 1421 S. 12th Street Phoenix, AZ. Just North of Buckeye. We will have a coordinator stationed there and refreshments will be available.

Our request to you is that you carry this message to your councils and solicit their involvement. This may be the only time that our members will ever have an opportunity to meet and spend time with a Cardinal.

Peak arrivals are expected to be on Sunday and Monday the 16-17th. We will have a better idea of this once we have the list of attendees and their arrival schedules which should be early September.

Please feel free to contact me or have your Grand Knights contact me with any questions.

Vivat Jesus!

Leonard Rheume

State Retention Chairman

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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



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– 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>

Lawrence Powers,

Program Director

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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

Email: lcostanzo1@cox.net



Formation and Knighthood Degree Schedule

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

Sunday, September 16, 2018 Columbian Hall, 8066 N49th Avenue, Glendale, AZ 85302-6339
Host Council #3855.

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

The next 4th Degree Exemplification are a 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 under state info – patriotic degree.





Vice Supreme Master, John H. Reddin Province– Michael Kingman

A Message from the Vice Supreme Master, John H. Reddin Province, Michael Kingman. Questions or comments contact him at kingman_m@msn.com. (See Flyer at KOFC-AZ.ORG)

Brothers,

The Patriotic Degree of the Knights of Columbus in conjunction with St. Josephs Youth Camp, Veterans Association of Real Estate Professionals, Stop Drop & Push, and Embracing Our Hero's, will be hosting a free event for our Veterans at St Joseph's Youth Camp on September 14th, 15th, and 16th 2018. St. Joseph's Youth Camp is located by Mormon Lake just south of Flagstaff. See flyer at KOFC-AZ.ORG under Patriotic Degree.

The Operation Restoring Veteran Hope Retreat will enable veterans that have struggled or are currently struggling, to focus on their well-being, as well as connect with other veterans. We are hoping to have up to 85 veterans and 15 support staff personnel who will provide counselling sessions as well various activities. We are seeking donations to help support this event As well as workers to help welcome and make the veterans feel at home. Some of the items that will be needed are as follows.

Pay for transportation to and from the Phoenix area

Provided activities such as kayaking and horseback riding

Toiletries, bath towel, hand towel and wash cloth, t-shirt, coffee mug, pillow, sleeping bag, shower shoes, bath soap, shampoo, tooth paste and tooth brush

Any funds left over will be set aside for other veteran supported programs in association with the VA and other groups. If in need of a tax receipt use St. Joseph's Youth Camp 501(c) (3) Tax ID 86-0452558.

We appreciate your support for our military and hope that you may find a way to assist us in honoring our veterans by making a monetary donation or items of need. I am available for any additional information at 602-670-8949, email kingman_m@msn.com.

Mail all funds to the following

St. Joseph's Youth Camp

PO Box 23658

Tempe AZ 85285

Yours in Christ

Michael H. Kingman, Vice Supreme Master, John H. Reddin Province

602-670-8949



Emergency Response Chairman – Douglas Cook

Arizona Knights State Emergency Response Program

Inspired by the actions of Knights of Columbus councils in southern Texas during the recent hurricane disaster in the Houston area, our Supreme Knight Carl Anderson instructed all State Deputies to appoint an Emergency Response Chairman to coordinate Knights efforts to assist in any future crisis around the country.

On June 30th of this year I appointed Past District Deputy and former Grand Knight Douglas J. Cook, from Rio Rico, Arizona, to Chair this program. Sir Knight Cook accepted the position and presented me with a plan to ready Arizona Knights for our participation in the State Emergency Response system.

After his meeting with the Red Cross Southern Arizona Volunteer Coordinator and the Arizona Emergency Manager's Volunteer Coordinator, the first thing we can do to prepare for a future major disaster is have at least one volunteer from each Knight of Columbus Council join the COAD/VOAD closest to them. So, I ask each Grand Knight to appoint a representative to join their local COAD/VOAD. District Deputies will be consulted as to which COAD/VOAD organization is best for each council based on proximity and compatibility.

What is a COAD/VOAD? (Community Organization Active in Disaster/Volunteer Organization Active in Disaster) Throughout the state, the Red Cross in conjunction with local Emergency Managers strives to get volunteers and businesses to commit to provide assistance in disasters where emergency workers and agencies are being overwhelmed by the magnitude of the disaster/crisis. These organizations in conjunction with the Red Cross offer both classroom and online training courses that prepare volunteers for disasters.

When Chairman Doug Cook contacts you in this regard, please give him your full cooperation.

Tom Kalisz
State Deputy



September 2018 – Program Spotlight: *Coats for Kids (see KOFC-AZ.ORG Programs – Faith in Action)*

A Higher Purpose

Councils across North America can purchase new winter coats for children in need at a discount and distribute them in their local communities. A featured program, Coats for Kids counts for two credits toward the Columbian Award.

Overview

Provide warmth for deserving children during cold winter months. Families struggling to make ends meet use their scarce resources to meet the most basic needs and cannot always afford the vital essential of a new winter coat. The goal of the Coats for Kids program is to ensure that no child in North America goes without a coat during the winter season. Through the dedication of councils across the United States and Canada, hundreds of thousands of new winter coats have been distributed to children since program inception.

Chairman Role and Responsibilities

- Contact the state council to inquire about assisting in a Coats for Kids event or coordinating one in your community.
- Organize a Coats for Kids distribution. Set a date, location and time.
- Buy cases of coats for distribution.
- Promote the Coats for Kids drive in the community and to local media.
- Complete and submit all associated reporting forms to the Supreme Council Department of Fraternal Mission.

October 2018 – Program Spotlight: *Marian Icon Prayer Program (KOFC.ORG/marianprogram)*

A Higher Purpose

Spread devotion to Our Lady and pray for our brothers and sisters of faith who are at risk around the world through the Marian Icon Prayer Program. As the new Marian Icon is brought on pilgrimage through the jurisdiction, councils will host the Our Lady Help of Persecuted Christians Icon for a prayer service at their parish.

Overview

The 2018-2019 Marian Icon Prayer Program presents the 18th Marian Icon sponsored by the Knights of Columbus. Like its predecessors, the program features a Marian image, this time of Our Lady Help of Persecuted Christians. Each Knights of Columbus jurisdiction receives several Marian images, which serve as the centerpieces for prayer services conducted in churches and council meeting places throughout the Order for the duration of the initiative. This year, the prayer service is intended to raise awareness of the plight of Christians persecuted for their faith and to stand in prayerful solidarity with them.

Chairman Role and Responsibilities

- Work with your pastor and the jurisdiction Marian Icon Prayer Program chairman to obtain their recommendations and to plan for the event.
- Identify council and parish members to fulfill the various roles required in the service.
- Order supplies through Supplies Online, the supply ordering portal available on Officers Online.
- Promote the event!
- Ensure that the Icon is successfully received by your council and handed to the next council.
- In partnership with your council Christian Refugee Relief chairman, consider planning an event in conjunction with your prayer service.
- Complete and submit all associated reporting forms to the Supreme Council Department of Fraternal Mission.



November 2018 – Program Spotlight: *Family Full Alive (KOFCAZ.ORG – Programs – Faith In Action)*

A Higher Purpose

Help families place God and the Catholic faith at the center of their lives, year-round. Using the Family Fully Alive Booklet as a devotional guide, this program provides monthly themes, reflections, meditations, and group projects.

Overview

During his visit to the Philippines, Pope Francis cited the need for “holy and loving families to protect the beauty and truth of the family in God’s plan and to be an example for other families” (Pope Francis, Address to Families at the Mall of Asia Arena, 2015). The Family Fully Alive monthly devotions are concrete ways that Knights of Columbus, in solidarity with Pope Francis, can support the growth of holy and loving families in the Church.

The Family Fully Alive Program asks families to invite God into their homes and cultivates each family as a miniature domestic church. To this end, the program provides monthly themes, scripture verses and activities. Through prayer and reflection, each family has the opportunity to grow in holiness together. This is a flexible program that can be started at any time of the year and continues year-round. Councils will order physical booklets to distribute or direct parish families to program resources on kofc.org, all available at no cost.

Chairman Role and Responsibilities

- Working with your pastor, obtain his permission and recommendations on promoting Family Fully Alive in your parish and community.
- Plan and carry out an awareness campaign for the Family Fully Alive Program in your parish and community.
- Complete and submit all associated reporting forms to the Supreme Council Department of Fraternal Mission.

December 2018 – Program Spotlight: *Food for Families (KOFCAZ.ORG – Programs – Faith In Action)*

A Higher Purpose

Help end hunger in communities across North America. Many in our communities are struggling through hardship and unable to provide food to their families. The goal of Food for Families is to ensure that as few as possible go to bed hungry each night. A featured program, Food for Families counts for two credits toward the Columbian Award.

Overview

Knights of Columbus are committed to helping end hunger through the Food for Families Program which has donated millions of dollars and millions of pounds of food toward this end. Council and parish families will raise funds to support their local food pantries, food banks and soup kitchens. For every \$500 or 1,000 pounds of food donated, the Supreme Council will refund \$100 back to the council – up to a maximum of \$500 per council per fraternal year. Though in-kind donation of food is valuable, leaders of hunger-relief organizations often comment that financial contributions can be stretched even further and allow nonprofits to procure the exact items needed by the organization and its clients.

Chairman Role and Responsibilities

- Set an annual goal for your Food for Families Program.
- Conduct various events in your parish and community in order to reach your goal!
- Promote each event in your parish and larger community through a variety of efforts.
- Ensure that the proper procedures are followed in order to receive the refund for your council.
- Complete and submit all associated reporting forms to the Supreme Council Department of Fraternal Mission.



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do not reject our petitions in our necessities,
but deliver us always from all dangers,
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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.