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Fourth Edition

THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF THE ARIZONA STATE COUNCIL

State Deputy's Message

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Brother Knights,

When you watch or read the news, do you feel anxious or a little afraid? I do. Be it storm devastation in North Carolina, abortions on demand, Supreme Court Nominee drama, upcoming elections, homelessness, education issues, mass shootings, violence, hatred, or any other number of crises or actions that threaten life and property. In many of these examples we know in our heart that the hand of the "Evil One" is clearly at work. Aren't you glad that you joined an organization that is engaged in a daily battle with the devil: to protect life at all stages; respond to emergencies and help those effected by disaster; and work in our communities to bring about change to improve our neighbors' living conditions? I am, and I'm certain that you are as well.

Knights from around the country went to the aid of their neighbors in North Carolina to help them recover from the devastation of Hurricane Florence. Knights actively work to put an end to abortion both by physically praying, and by using the power of the ballot box. Knights help feed and clothe the homeless and the impoverished. Knights help those with intellectual and physical disabilities. Knights are in the pew, in the parish, and in the Church, aiding the pastor and fellow parishioners. Knights are dedicated to supporting our religious, priests, bishops, and our Supreme Pontiff.

To continue in our ministry to be the strong right arm of the church, we need to continuously inform ourselves on all issues Catholic and most importantly continue to grow our ranks.

Speaking of membership growth, so far this year, our state has done well at bringing in new members, but it needs to do better in order to meet our goal of 1,000 new members by June 30, 2019. As of September 29, 2018, 195 new members have received the Admissions Degree. Over the next nine months we will recruit 805 more; just 89 new members each month. This goal is very attainable, we just need to focus and recruit one new member at a time.

I know we can do this. In this first quarter alone, five of our brothers have been identified and recognized by the Supreme Council as being in the Top 25 list of Recruiters, Grand Knights and District Deputies. Look at their accomplishments and know that you can join them. They are:

- Albert Ustaszewski, DD #18 – Top 25 Recruiter and Top 25 District Deputy
- Dennis Sullivan, DD #26 – Top 25 District Deputy
- James Reynolds, DD #14 – Top 25 District Deputy
- Gary Kluthe, GK #17036 – Top 25 Recruiter and Top 25 Grand Knight
- Javier Negrete, GK #1806 – Top 25 Grand Knight



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District Deputy Ustaszewski district is at 81% of its recruitment goal and he has personally recruited 16 new members. Albert successfully led the development of a new council in Somerton, which will be called Immaculate Heart of Mary Council. Grand Knight, Javier Negrete's Council #1806 has added 189% of his council's fraternal year goal for new members. District Deputy Reynolds' District has recruited 50% of their goal. District Deputy Sullivan's district has recruited 43% of its goal for the year. Grand Knight Kluthe's council in Florence has recruited 175% of their membership goal. He was personally responsible for signing up 10 new members on his own. These few Knights have accomplished great things. These men are Knights who will help lead us to recruitment success this year. I ask each Knight in the State to make it you goal to get your name added to the Supreme Council's Top 25 rolls.

In last month's message I described an incentive, saying that the top 10 recruiters would be sent to Minneapolis to attend the Supreme Convention next August. To clarify, I was describing the Supreme Top 25 incentive program. It will send the top 10 Recruiters *Order-wide* and their spouses to the Supreme Convention in Minneapolis, Minnesota and will sit at the Supreme Knight's reserved tables during the State Dinner. The top recruiter *Order-wide* will receive the Top Recruiter Plaque during the Awards Session. I apologize for any misunderstanding. Please check out the

membership page for all available Arizona State Council membership incentives, or ask Ken White, Membership Director at membership@kofc-az.org.

This past month an exemplification of the Foundation and Knighthood Degrees was held at Fray Garces Council #3855 in Glendale. It was an honor to bestow Knighthood upon 32 men that day. It was also a great honor to recognize Past State Deputy Larry Costanzo as the Class Honoree for the degree.

Lawrence "Larry" Costanzo is originally from New York State. In his youth, he earned a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Biology and received a Master of Arts Degree in Public Administration. In 1962, he was commissioned a second lieutenant in the United States Air Force. During his long and distinguished military career, he was stationed in various places in the United States and abroad. He retired June 1, 1988, after more than 26 years of active duty. In retirement, he worked as a consultant and as a Materials Manager for Arizona State University West.

Larry is active in his parish, serving as President of the Parish Council, Chairman of the Finance Committee, Eucharistic Minister, and Minister of the Word. He has served as a board member and Vice President of the Arizona Fraternal Congress, and as a board member and President of Arizona Radio Family Rosary. He is currently State Chairman for the Arizona Rosary Celebration.



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He joined the Knights of Columbus in 1959 and has belonged to several different councils over the years. After moving to Arizona, he joined Council 7114 in Glendale. Over the years, he has served in council, assembly, state, regional, and supreme offices including: Grand Knight, Faithful Navigator, Vice-Supreme Master of the John H. Reddin Province, District Deputy, State Deputy, Supreme Warden, Supreme Master of the Fourth Degree. He has been a member of all four degree teams and is a Conferring Officer for the Third Degree. In October 2010 he was invested in the Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulcher of Jerusalem.

Larry Costanzo exemplifies every precept of the Knights of Columbus: patriotism; service to the church; a husband and father to his family; and is a fraternal example to his brother Knights of Columbus. For these and many other reasons he was named as class honoree for this group of newly installed Knights.

On the September 11, I had the honor to represent the Arizona State Council at a 9-11 memorial mass and event in Nogales. It was well attended by local Knights and members of several branches of the military, and many local civic leaders. On 9-11 we know that many of the victims had little choice, but personal sacrifices of those first responders who had a choice, yet still went into the crippled buildings hoping to save

just one life, and the many who ultimately lost their own in the process they are the heroes of our time. To them, we should say thank you and God Bless you.

I mentioned before that Knights can influence public policy at the ballot box. This November there will be an election. How you vote is up to you. However, as Catholics we have an obligation to uphold the sanctity of life, the sacrament of marriage, and true family values. On October 13, 2018 from 8 a.m. to Noon at the Phoenix Diocesan Pastoral Center, the Diocese of Phoenix, several lay organizations, and the Knights of Columbus will sponsor *Catholics in the Public Square*. This event is designed to help us understand our civic and Catholic obligations and how best to promote them so that those we elect to office will mirror our values and represent our constituency in public office. Remember, the Knights of Columbus does not support any particular political position or party affiliation. As Knights, however, we can and must publicly support the "Five Non-negotiables." They are: abortion, euthanasia, fetal stem cell research, human cloning, and the redefinition of marriage. As you study the candidates for office and the issues, see which measure up to our standard, then vote your conscience. As Knights of Columbus, we will always support our priests and our Bishops. We will always uphold the sanctity of life. We will always support the Sacrament of Marriage between one man and one woman. We will always lead and guide our families in accordance with Church doctrine.



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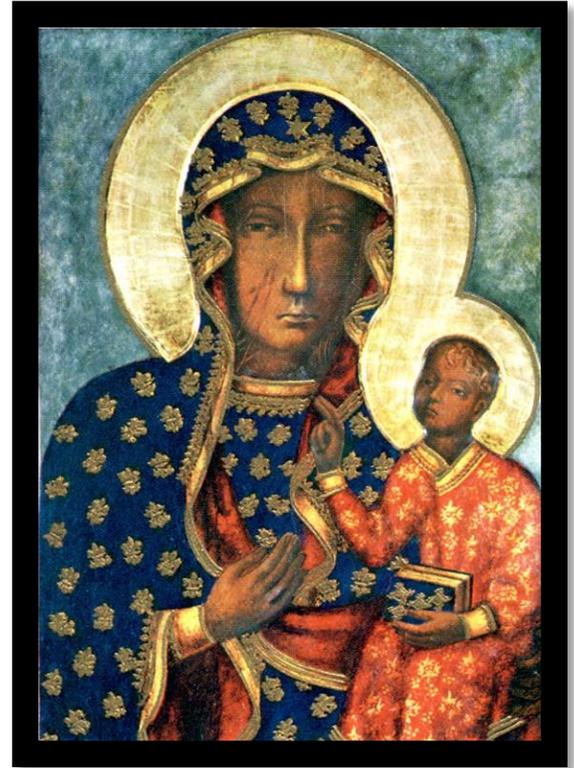
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Looking at our programs, please remember that the Arizona Rosary Celebration will take place October 20 and 21 in Tucson and Phoenix. I expect that every Knight and his family will attend. Starting October 1, the Arizona State Council will begin the Marian Holy Hour Program. This year Arizona has been given four copies of the icon of Our Lady of Persecuted Christians. Two will be available for Phoenix and Northern Arizona, and two will be available for Tucson and Southern Arizona. These are available to each Council or District to conduct a Holy Hour of Prayer with the icon. Let us all be mindful of the suffering of our Christian brothers and sisters in the Middle East as they are openly persecuted for being Catholic or another Christian denomination and pray for their redemption.

Thank you brothers for all you do. When one of us is called to the Lord, we are there for his family. When the parish needs us, we are there to support our pastors. When our community needs help, we are there. When Special Olympics calls, we respond. When a life needs protection, we are there. This is what we do. This is who we are. We are Knights of Columbus!

Vivat Jesus!

Tom Kalisz
 State Deputy
 Arizona Knights of Columbus



Arizona Rosary Celebration Prayer Campaign

This year we pray for the Beatification of:

Servant of God Frank Duff
 Venerable Father Michael J. McGivney
 Venerable Father Patrick Peyton

We ask that if it be in accordance with Your will, grant the holiness of their lives be acknowledged by the Church for the glory of your name, through Christ Our Lord,
 Amen.



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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



Prayer for Vocations

Loving God, you call all who believe in you to grow perfect in love by following in the footsteps of Christ your Son.

Call from among us more men and women who will serve you as religious.

By their way of life, may they provide a convincing sign of your Kingdom for the Church and the whole world.

We ask this in Jesus' name. Amen.

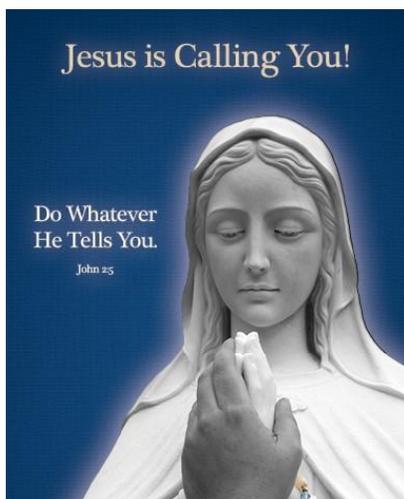
Gracious and loving God, help the men and women of our parish to hear the call to serve in the Archdiocese of Phoenix, Tucson and Gallup.

Our needs are great and our people thirst for your presence.

Open the hearts of many, raise up faithful servants of the Gospel, dedicated, holy priests, sisters, brothers and deacons, who will spend themselves for your people and their needs.

Bless those who are serving now with courage and perseverance. Grant that many will be inspired by their example and faith.

We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.



Prayer for Our Priests

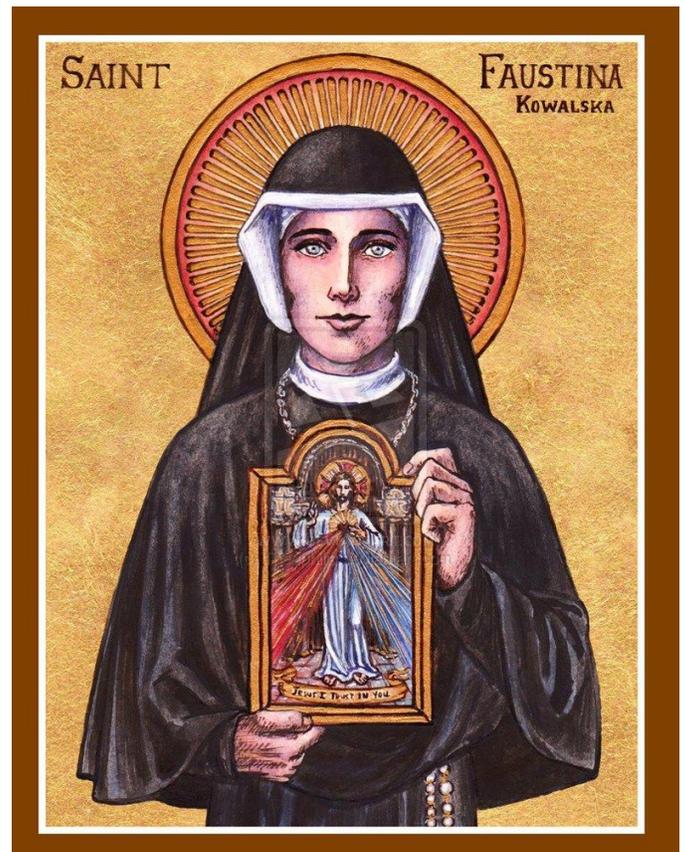
O my Jesus, I beg you on behalf of the whole Church:

Grant it love and the light of your Spirit, and give power to the words of priests so that hardened hearts might be brought to repentance and return to you, O Lord. Lord, give us holy priests; you yourself maintain them in holiness.

O Divine and Great High Priest, may the power of your mercy accompany them everywhere and protect them from the devil's traps and snares which are continually being set for the souls of priests.

May the power of your mercy, O Lord, shatter and bring to naught all that might tarnish the sanctity of priests, for you can do all things.

From the Diary of St. Faustina, 1052





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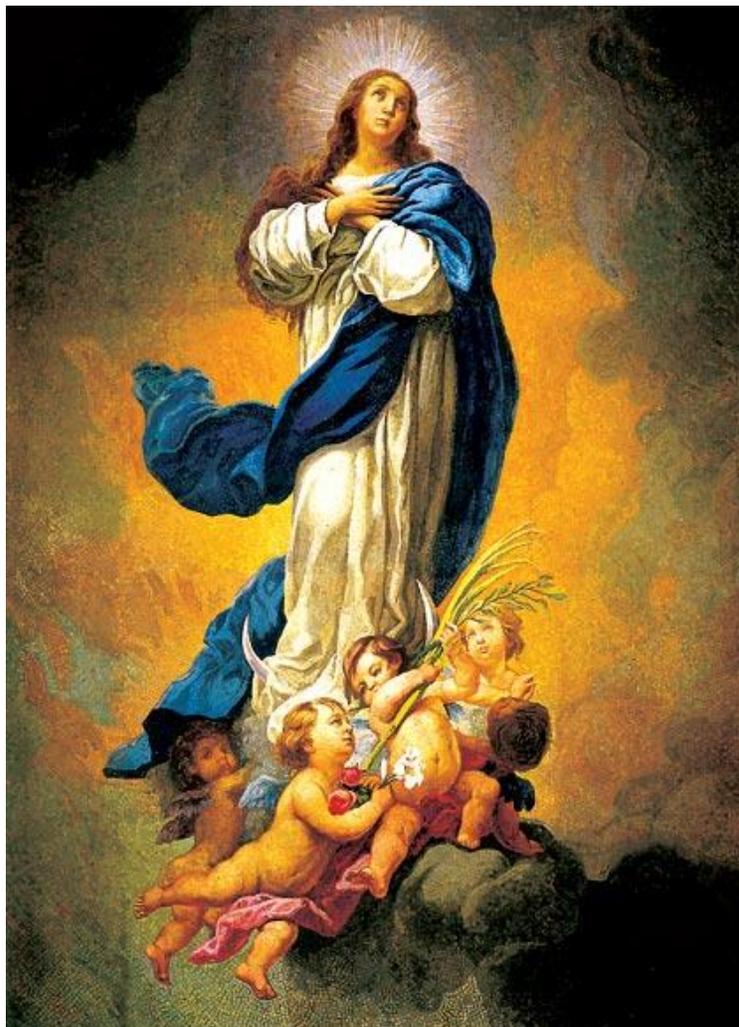
Novena Prayer – Pray once for nine consecutive days

O Immaculate Virgin Mary, Mother of Our Lord Jesus and our Mother, penetrated with the most lively confidence in your all-powerful and never-failing intercession, manifested so often through the Miraculous Medal, we your loving and trustful children implore you to obtain for us the graces and favors we ask during this Novena, if they be beneficial to our immortal souls, and the souls for whom we pray.

(Here privately form your petitions.)

You know, O Mary, how often our souls have been the sanctuaries of your Son who hates iniquity. Obtain for us, then, a deep hatred of sin and that purity of heart which will attach us to God alone, so that our every thought, word and deed may tend to His greater glory. Obtain for us also a spirit of prayer and self-denial, that we may recover by penance what we have lost by sin and at length attain to that blessed abode where you are the Queen of angels and of men.

Amen.





State Advocate – Tom Kato

UKnight Inquiries

If any Financial Secretary has received a letter from the UKnight Lawyers regarding their lawsuit, this is a valid letter asking for information.

When filling out, please ensure that the ONLY information provided is what is asked and that the data is membership counts as of July 1, 2017. Do not provide counts from this fraternal year.

If you have any questions, please let me know.

Tom Kato

State Advocate

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AZ Membership Director – Kenneth White (membership@kofc-az.org)

Brother Knights of Arizona,

Let me be the first to congratulate you for maintaining your Top Ten Ranking in the Order for Recruitment Intake. Thanks to your “Activity brings Success” attitude and work ethic, the Arizona Jurisdiction is still holding down the number eight spot for New Recruits, and there is no reason to think it won’t continue or even improve. ABR, Church Drives, and Priest supported “Faith In Action” Programs are key to our continued growth and success as a State Council.

Does your Parish have a new Priest? Many Parishes in the jurisdiction have recently welcomed new Priests to their Communities. If your Parish is one of them, is that Priest a Knight? Will you be the one to step up and ask when the opportunity presents itself? Councils in this situation are positioned to make an immediate impact in a Priest’s life. If you are one of these Councils, please do the honor of making the first gesture of solidarity with your New Priest.

There have been many Admission Degrees held throughout the State, again many thanks for that. This is one big reason we have been able to welcome in so many new Knights. To those Districts who are hosting these ceremonials we say, please keep up the good work. If your Council has a steady schedule of Admission Degrees, please be sure to submit them to the Webmaster (hotrodtiki@aol.com) for posting to the State Website Calendar.

Vivat Jesus and ABR!

Kenneth White, AZ Membership Director 2018-2019
membership@kofc-az.org



Arizona State Silver Rose Chairman – Robert Julien

Worthy Brother Knights,

As State Silver Rose Chairman it was my honor to represent the Arizona Knights of Columbus yesterday (Sunday September 16, 2018) at St. John Neumann Catholic Church in Yuma, AZ to receive the Silver Rose from the State of California.

In attendance representing California were Silver Rose Chairman Jerry Fong, DD Gary Hayes from Imperial Valley, CA., FDD Sean Hayes, FDD Art Barros and Past Chapter President Frank Contreras. Representing Arizona were DD#18 Albert Ustaszewski and Silver Rose Chairman Robert Julien.

Our thanks to Fr. John Friel for including the Knights of Columbus and the Silver Rose as part of the procession into mass. And, introducing the Silver Rose to the parish and permitting the physical transfer of the Silver Rose at the beginning of the mass.

Vivat Jesus,

Robert Julien PGK, PFN, FDD
Arizona State Silver Rose Chairman





Arizona Rosary Celebration Executive Committee Chairman – Larry Costanzo (azrosary.net)

For twenty years the Legion of Mary was the sole sponsor of Rosary Sunday with the cooperation of many organizations such as the Knights of Columbus, Catholic Daughters of the Americas, Charismatic Renewal Ministries, and several others. In 1985, the Knights of Columbus joined the Legion of Mary as primary co-sponsors to Rosary Sunday; with the continued cooperation of many organizations. In 2006, the Knights of Columbus became sole primary sponsor with the close cooperation and assistance of the Legion of Mary.

An impressive and colorful highlight of the annual Rosary event is the Blessing Procession, which includes over 1,000 participants from organizations, families and ethnic groups throughout the Diocese. Bishops, priests and religious have played a vital role in the yearly October Rosary event. The encouragement and support of Most Reverend Thomas J. O'Brien and Most Reverend Thomas J. Olmsted, the former and current Bishops of the Diocese of Phoenix, have been essential to the event's growth in popularity and success. A debt of gratitude is also owed to the late Bishop William Gomes, the late Rev. Darrell Finnegan, S.J., the late Rev. Edmond Smyth, S.J., and to countless other priests and religious who have played instrumental roles in the growth of Rosary Sunday.

So many individuals, organizations and groups have contributed greatly in making Rosary Sunday the largest, longest continuous annual Rosary event held in a public venue in the United States. It is the largest annual gathering of Catholics in Arizona. In 2011, a new chapter in the history of Rosary Sunday was written as this wonderful spiritual event was held in both the Diocese of Tucson and the Diocese of Phoenix, making it truly a statewide event. In fitting recognition of this transformation, the name of the annual rosary celebration was christened the Arizona Rosary Celebration.

Through the centuries, the power of the Rosary has changed the course of history. May Our Lady of the Rosary continue to guide this event in Arizona and multiply its fruits.

Tucson Rosary Celebration will be held on October 20th, 2018, 10:00am to 12:15pm
Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church
8650 North Shannon Road, Tucson, AZ 85742

Phoenix Rosary Celebration will be held on October 21st, 2018, 2:00pm to 4:15pm
Phoenix Convention Center, Halls F & G
33 S. 3rd Street, Phoenix, AZ 85004

For more information on schedule of events, please go www.AZRosary.net.



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

The message below and attached photos provided by the Worthy Vice Supreme Master Michael Kingman. Email: KINGMAN_M@msn.com

Brothers,

The first annual Operation Restoring Veteran Hope was a complete success and we all look forward in continuing our "Serving Those That Served." This was collaboration at its finest. We are already in the planning stages for the 2nd Annual Operation Restoring Veteran Hope event that presently is scheduled for Oct 4-6, 2019

Operation Restoring Veteran Hope could not have been possible without the combined efforts of the Knights of Columbus, St. Joseph's Youth Camp, Stop, Drop and Push Campaign, VAREP (Veterans Association of Real Estate Professionals). Special thanks to Tyson Gentz, former President of St. Joseph's Youth Camp and his crew.

Together, we created an incredible 3 day retreat where 73 Veterans came together to heal, share stories of hope around the camp fire and enjoy the comradery that is so unique to those that have worn the uniform. We had Veterans ages 29 to 72 that participated in horseback riding, kayaking, card competitions and relaxation in nature.

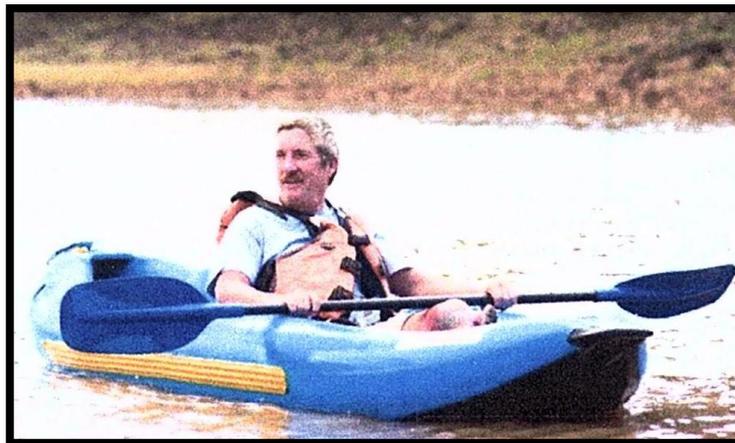
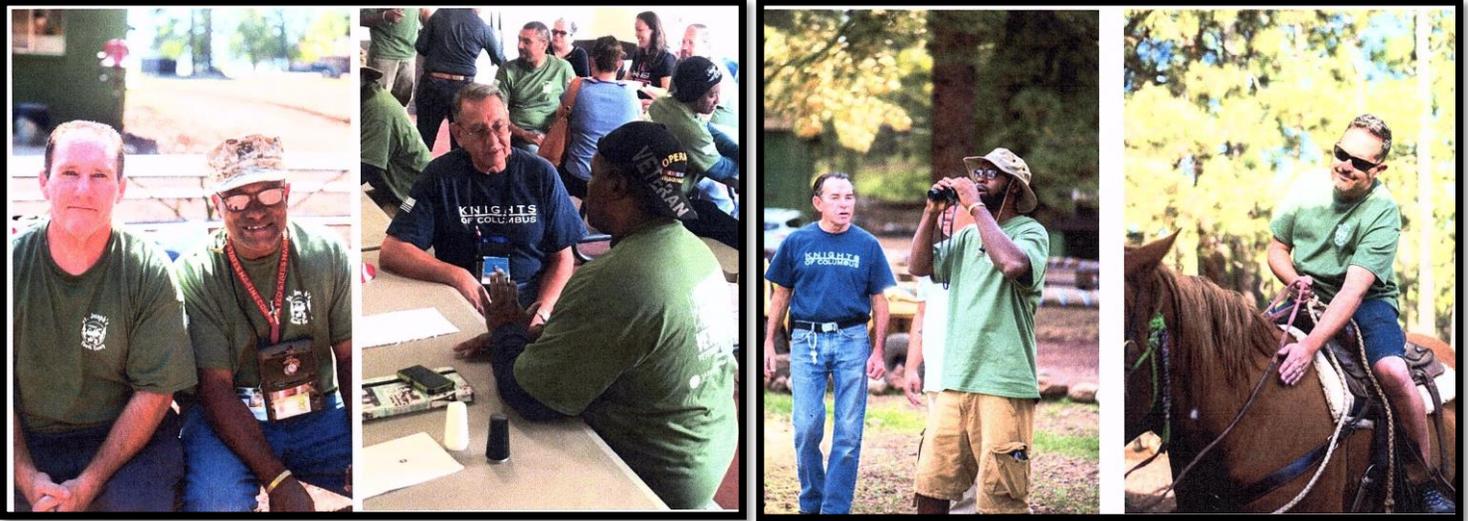




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Vice Supreme Master – Michael H. Kingman - John H. Reddin Province



Thank you to everyone that has donated and continues to support our mission that allow us to offer alternative/holistic therapy options.

I am asking all of our councils and assemblies to consider participating in this worthy cause this coming year of 2019, especially all of our assemblies in the Patriotic Degree of the Order.

Yours in Christ

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



State eMembership Chairman – Larry Becker

Worthy Grand Knight and Worthy Financial Secretary,

Please be aware that you may have one or more eMembers looking to join your council. You can find their contact information on the Supreme website’s Officers On-Line page. Look for the tab marked “View Assigned Prospects” in the area of your council reports.

You can now find, track and transfer Online Members in Officers Online. If your council accepts that member’s application for transfer, they can complete the transfer process without submitting a Form 100. After the eMember attends his Admissions Degree, all you have to do enter the member’s first degree date in Officers Online. If men who join online say they want to join a council, please don’t make them wait! Let’s make sure we make it happen. Remember you council will receive credit and count towards Star Council goals for a new member when transferring an eMember in to your council. Please contact the eMember(s) as soon as possible and invite them to join your council!

Finding and Assigning Online Members All Online Members who express interest in joining a local council will appear under the new “Prospect” tab in Officers Online.


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State eMembership Chairman – Larry Becker

Transferring Online Members

Online Members “assigned” as prospects to councils will appear in the council’s Prospect tab in Officers Online. This tab will only be seen by grand knights and financial secretaries. Councils will not have an “Unassigned” tab.

Once the council has gone through the admissions process, and the member has taken his First Degree, they can transfer him by simply adding the date read in the “Grand Knight Approval (Date Read)” section, and the First Degree date in the “Financial Secretary (Ceremonial Date)” section, and clicking the update button. These two dates can be added separately, but once the First Degree date is added, the transfer will be processed.

Once the update is submitted, the member will be automatically transferred into his new council. The council will not need to submit a Form 100. Remember: councils will receive a +1 membership quota credit when an Online Member converts into their council. If the Online Member is an insurance client, the council will also receive a +1 insurance quota credit for member.

Rejecting Transfers

If, for some reason, the Online Member is not going to transfer into the assigned council, the council may “reject” the member by clicking “reject” and selecting a reason from the drop-down menu.

Please feel free to reach out to me if you have any questions or concerns.

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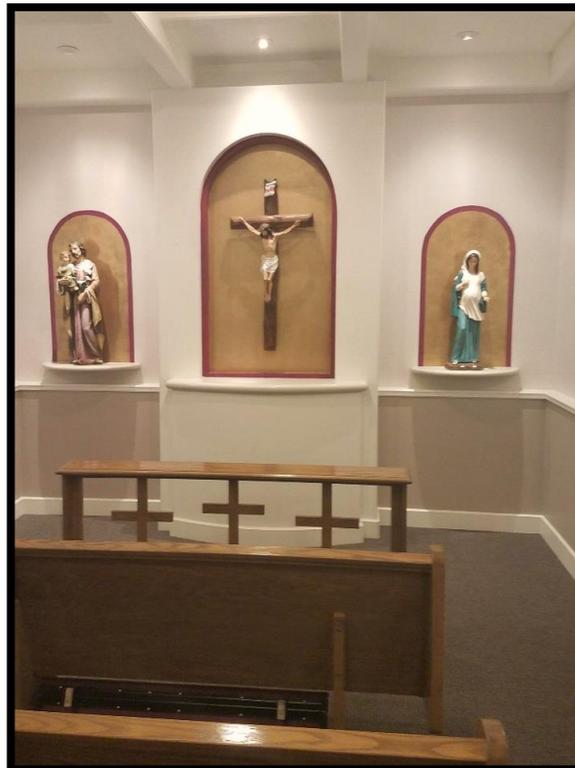


State Program Director – Lawrence Powers

Happy October Brothers.

I am really excited about the work Councils have been putting into their programs in particular the Ultrasound Initiative. We have been given permission to raise the necessary funds to purchase an ultrasound machine for the Aid to Women Center in Tempe, AZ. The attached picture was taken in the center's Chapel. The wall behind the Crucifix is the surgery room where Plan Parenthoods conducts abortions. We are very close to having the money needed to purchase their new ultrasound machine and we need your Councils support in making it happen. We also need your Councils to consider sponsoring a Novena for Life at your home Parish during the time abortions are taking place at the Center, currently on Mondays, Wednesday and Saturday Mornings. I would love to see all of the Councils throughout the state, coordinate their Novenas, to coincide with the Novenas Councils local to the Aid to Women Center will be holding there. If you need additional information about the Novena for Life, please contact me at Programs@kofc-az.org, (702) 827-8135. If your Council has funds to support the Ultrasound Initiative or you need ideas for fundraising, please contact the State Ultrasound Initiative Chairman Joe Kramer at pgkjoe@gmail.com, (702) 468-5035.

Lawrence Powers,
Program Director
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State Retention Chairman – Leonard Rheaume – NCDVD Attendee Transport Report

The 2018 National Conference of Diocesan Vocation Directors was hosted by the Phoenix Diocese.

Attendees were scheduled to arrive between Thursday September 13 and Tuesday September 18, 2018.

Fr. Paul Sullivan, Vocations Director for the Phoenix Diocese, with Bishop Olmstead's blessing, requested assistance from the Knights of Columbus with transportation of the attendees from Phoenix Sky Harbor Airport to the Hyatt Regency in Scottsdale, which would include Priests, Deacons, Nuns and Lay persons from the entire United States, Canada and Mexico. The one-way distance was 18 miles.

After an initial meeting with Fr. Sullivan, SD Tom Kalisz, IPSD Sean Halpain and myself, a plan was formed, and a request was sent out through the appropriate District Deputies in the Phoenix area.

The request was for drivers and escorts from various councils in the Phoenix area. The idea being that a two-person team could, after being advised to come to the terminal for pickup, drop the escort in the baggage claim area while the driver would wait in the designated cell phone parking lot. Once the escort had collected the passengers, there may be one, two, three or in a few cases four passengers to be collected for a run to the conference site. The driver would drop the passengers at the conference and return for another load, approximately a one-hour roundtrip. The plan was to have a coordinator (myself) in the terminals, as well as an assistant which would allow us to cover two terminals simultaneously. The attendees were instructed to text the coordinator upon arrival in Phoenix. With two knights in the terminals to direct the attendees to the baggage claim area, the passengers could be collected in a common area to minimize delays in their transport.

The Diocese Vocations office, particularly Ms. Margo Gonzalez, was instrumental in making a list of attendees that included the date of arrival, airline flight number, arrival time, name, cell phone, email address and home city. This allowed us to judge when and which terminal they would arrive at and group the arrivals, so the drivers could be scheduled properly.

Through a six-day period, the knights transported nearly 150 attendees by making approximately 70 round trips which totals a staggering 2500 miles, and over 250-man hours not counting commuting from home to the airport.

A total of 35 knights and their wives participated in this mission. They represented the following councils; 4339, 11738, 9312, 16277, 10062, 15497, 13836, 13286, 13779, and 11675.



State Retention Chairman – Leonard Rheume – NCDVD Attendee Transport Report

Feedback from the vocation's office has been positive, I will attempt to get feedback from the drivers and escorts to look for ways to improve the operation for those who would like to perform a similar mission.

Respectfully submitted,

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For more information, go to www.kofc-az.org under State News – National Conference.



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Planning the Month's Ahead

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Formation and Knighthood Degree Schedule

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

Saturday, October 13, 2018, Immaculate Heart of Mary, 310 W. Spring Street, Somerton, AZ 85350

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:

Tentative Schedule: Saturday, December 6, 2018, Tucson, AZ

Please check website for additional information at kofc-az.org under state info – patriotic degree.



Special Events – November 2018

Diaconate Ordination - November 3, 2018, Ss Simon and Jude Cathedral, 10:00am
(see kofc-az.org calendar more information)

Catholic Men's Conference Tucson – Iron Sharpens Iron – November 3, 2018, St. Elizabeth Seton Parish, Tucson
8:00am – 4:00pm
<http://www.tucsonmensconference.com/>



October 2018 – Program Spotlight: *Marian Icon Prayer Program (KOF.C.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 Fully Alive (KOF.C-AZ.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.

January 2019 – Program Spotlight: *Ultrasound Initiative(KOFCAZ.ORG – Programs – Faith In Action)*

A Higher Purpose

Save lives by help each abortion-minded woman to choose life by viewing their unborn children on ultrasound machines at pro-life pregnancy centers. This initiative is funded by Knights of Columbus state and local councils with matching grants from the Supreme Council's Culture of Life Fund.

Overview

The Knights of Columbus works together as an organization to purchase ultrasound machines for qualifying pregnancy centers. After the state and/or local council raises 50% of the cost, the Knights of Columbus Supreme Council will provide the other 50% to complete funding for purchase of an ultrasound. Or, if the council raises 100% of the cost of a vehicle outfitted to serve as a mobile medical unit for a pregnancy center, the Supreme Council will provide 100% of the funds for an ultrasound machine to be used in that vehicle.

Featured Program Requirements

Councils are required to identify a Pregnancy Center in need of an ultrasound machine that meets the requirements listed on the [Diocesan Evaluation \(#10715\)](#). Upon approval from the Supreme Council, a council raises 50% of the cost of the ultrasound machine. The council must then follow the published guidelines for obtaining the remaining 50% from the Supreme Council. Qualification for this program will be determined from the information provided on both the [Diocesan Evaluation \(#10715\)](#) and the [Ultrasound Application \(#10716\)](#).



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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.