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Arizona District Master and Past State Deputy Recognized for Sierra Vista Environmental Efforts

Arizona District Master Bryant Sayers, PSD, Recipient of Environmental Merit Award
Presented by Sierra Vista Environmental Affairs Commission

SIERRA VISTA, AZ - Early this month, the City of Sierra Vista honored a longtime member of the Knight of Columbus for his leadership in addressing a serious environmental problem in the Southeastern Arizona city's West End. According to the city's press release issued January 4, 2019, Bryant Sayers noticed that trash was piling up in the area around his residence. Realizing the serious impact to the environment, District Master Sayers brought together members of his local Knights of Columbus Council, Fourth Degree Assembly, and other concerned citizens, to form the Neighborhood Response Team.

The response team, organized by Sayers, is attributed by the City Environmental Affairs Commission with conducting regular cleanups since their formation in early 2016. Not only did they clean up the initial area, but they have continued to target other areas throughout the area in need of attention. Over 50 tons of trash no longer clogs various streets, alleys, and washes due to the Neighborhood Response Team's efforts. On behalf of the Neighborhood Response Team, Sayers will receive the award during the Sierra Vista City Council on Thursday, Jan. 10, at 5 p.m. in the Council Chambers at City Hall.

"The leadership of Worthy Master Sayers and the hard work of the Knights who comprise the Neighborhood Response Team exemplify the highest ideals of the Knights of Columbus," said State Deputy Tom Kalisz," chief executive of the Knights of Columbus in Arizona. "My congratulations to Brother Sayers and his team for a job well done," said State Deputy Kalisz.

The Knights of Columbus is the World's largest Catholic family fraternal service organization. It was founded by Father Michael J. McGivney, an Irish Priest, in 1882. Working under its founding principles of charity, unity, fraternity, and patriotism, the Knights boast nearly 2 Million members worldwide. Last year K of C members donated \$185.6 million in donations and 75.6 million hours of service provided worldwide. Arizona ranks in the top ten, in charitable works among the Knights of Columbus.

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