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THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF THE ARIZONA STATE COUNCIL

## State Deputy's Message

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Brothers,

It is my great pleasure to announce the appointment of the new Worthy Associate State Chaplain, Reverend Gary Regula. Fr. Gary is the Pastor of St. Jerome Catholic Church in Phoenix. Father will work closely with the Worthy State Chaplain, Reverend Patrick Crino, to provide the State Council with spiritual guidance and support. You will find the press release about his appointment elsewhere in this edition of the KOCO A. My thanks to Fr. Regula for saying yes to Our Lord to become a priest, for saying yes to the Knights of Columbus, and for saying yes to me to be our Associate State Chaplain.

In my message to you last month we were just beginning our Advent Journey. A month has gone by and we have just witnessed the birth of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. There are several supporting themes that are found in the Christmas season. First and foremost is the birth of Christ. But before Jesus could be born, Mary had to say YES and accept a gift from the Holy Spirit so that God could become man. While Jesus was still in Mary's womb her sister Elizabeth gave birth to John the Baptist who would go before Christ and baptize in His name.

Our society likes to think of Christmas as the Season for giving. No, I do not speak of the commercialization of Christmas that tells society that they must buy stuff so they can feel good about giving things away to friends and family. That's nice and it partially right,

but not totally. First, Mary gave freely of Herself as a gift to God. God, in turn, gave her a gift, a son who was destined to save humanity. Joseph said yes to God so that Jesus would have a proper family. God gave to Mary's sister Elizabeth a son so that he could prepare the way for the coming of the Christ. God gave us his only son Jesus to take on the pain and suffering of all of our collective sin through his life, teachings, miracles, betrayal, crucifixion, and death. Finally, Christ said yes to God and through his suffering, death, and resurrection gave us the gift of eternal salvation. Yes, Christmas is a time for giving.

Yes, brothers, there is a lot of gift giving going on. God was teaching by example. He says, this is all I want, for you to love each other unconditionally. Give freely of yourself to those in need. Forgive those who have harmed you. Be humble, but rich in spirit. Do not demand to be served, but rather serve others first before you. Is this not the principal commandment, to Love the Lord your God with all your heart, all your soul, and all your mind and love your neighbor as yourself?

The Knights of Columbus was founded on the principles of: Charity, Unity, Fraternity, and Patriotism. The Venerable Fr. Michael J. McGivney, our founder, said yes to God and gave himself freely to the Church. Without that gift there would not be a Knights of Columbus with nearly 2 Million members worldwide, with members who donated



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\$185.6 million and 75.6 million hours of service worldwide. Our organization takes to heart that overriding commandment to love without hesitation, without limit, without string, and to give to others who are in need.

At our recent mid-year training session in Sierra Vista we touched on many of these same points. Without good solid programs we cannot attract new members and without new members we cannot expand programs that help those in need, nor to protect life.

There are three things we need to do in order to continue our good works: support the Altar, provide Programs and grow Membership. This is the essence of the AMP Philosophy: Altar Support + Solid Programs = Membership Growth. Supporting our priests and parishes is the first and vital step in the growth of our ranks. By wholeheartedly supporting the Domestic Church we gain the support and assistance of the pastor. Next, we must have good quality programs that support our faith, families, the community, and protect life at all stages. When we follow the AMP philosophy we will attract more men to our ranks.

At the mid-year meeting we distributed tickets and posters so that you can promote the State Charitable Raffle. Through the sale of raffle tickets, you raise funds for the State and local councils to support everything from Special Olympics to vocations. This is

one of the most important programs that deserves your generous support.

Once we help men to join the Order we must keep them. Our goal is to retain members, not lose them. Yes, follow the membership dues protocol, but also work with each member to identify what they need to stay a Knight. Some of the tools that can be used to grow membership include: increased communication such as the State website [www.kofc-az.org](http://www.kofc-az.org), the KOCOA, @KofCMembership at Twitter, State Directory, Facebook, and of course, increased DD participation. I highly recommend that each District should build a membership team. Promote e-Membership.

Let's look at the Supreme Council's goals for Arizona and where we are currently: goal of 950 new members, we have 391; goal of 26 Star Councils, we have 1 Qualifier (#17036 at 325% Membership & 100% Insurance); goal of 2 new councils, we have 2; goal of 3 reactivations, we have 1. All these goals are easily attainable. All we need is you. Why are there are over 60 councils not having recorded any membership growth so far? All we ask is that is you Always Be Recruiting-ABR.

There are programs and subjects that also need your immediate attention. First is the Arizona Rosary Celebration. This program needs financial support NOW for next year's program to succeed. Councils, Assemblies, and parishes need to purchase ads today.



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Next Year, Our Lady of Guadalupe will be honored October 19-20 in Tucson and Phoenix.

Of high importance is compliance with Supreme and Diocesan Youth Protection guidelines. Every Council officer and member who is in a position involving contact with youth must comply with the Supreme Guidelines or will be relieved of their responsibility until they comply. Additionally, every Knight should comply with their diocesan safe environment or call to protect guidelines and training requirements. These are not options, but mandatory to keep our children safe.

Finally, the Knights of Columbus must comply with the respective IRS revenue laws for registering and receiving a Tax Identification Number or Employer Identification Number and submitting the appropriate IRS Form 990.

At our Formation and Knighthood Degree this past month in Carefree, I was pleased to name our Worthy State Executive Secretary, SK Rick Garrison, as the Class Honoree for the exemplification of these degrees. Without Rick, the State Council could not function. My thanks to Rick for all his help and patience. You can read more farther on in this newsletter.

My prayers and wishes to each of you and your families for a blessed and healthy New Year!

Vivat Jesus!

Tom Kalisz  
State Deputy

**This Year**

- Hang on to your truth and respect the truth of others
- Choose to be happy
- Forgive those that you can forgive and seek the forgiveness of someone who deserves it
- Do something outside of your comfort zone
- Be the voice for someone who has no voice
- Be quiet strength
- Be the type of kindness that is strength
- Remember that love is a verb
- Choose healthy foods, activities, and people.
- Fall six times, get up again seven, persevere
- Wish people a lovely day
- Live honestly, truly, and with integrity



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**Class Honoree – Saturday, December 15<sup>th</sup>, 2018**

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## **Class Honoree – Formation and Knighthood Degrees**

Saturday, December 15, 2018 – Carefree, AZ

**Rick Garrison, PGK, FDD, State Executive Secretary**

The Knights of Columbus is founded on the principles of Charity, Unity, Fraternity, and Patriotism. When you joined the Order, you took place in the Admission Degree and the principle of Charity was exemplified for you. Today, you received lessons that exemplify the principles of Unity and Fraternity and have been bestowed with the Honors of the Formation Degree and full Knighthood in the Order. In the future we encourage you to continue your formation and enter the patriotic degree of the Order as a Fourth Degree Knight.

At each major degree exemplification, we select a brother Knight who embodies the principles of the order. The Brother who was selected as the Class Honoree for today's ceremonies is a Charter Member of the Ss. Simon and Jude Council 12708. Within that Council he has served as Grand Knight and Financial Secretary. He has served the Arizona State Council with distinction as a District Deputy. He has honors as Knight of the Year for Arizona. As a Fourth Degree Knight he is the Comptroller for the Bishop William Z. Gomes Assembly #1805. He is a member of the annual Arizona Rosary Celebration executive committee. For more years than I can count he continues to serve with great distinction as the Executive Secretary for the Arizona State Council. Without his daily commitment to the Order and the State Council we would not enjoy the high-quality levels of communication and organization that we have today. There is not a job within the Order for which he will not stand up and volunteer. Any task he takes on, he completes, and it is done right.

Therefore, it is with great pleasure that I give you the Class Honoree for today's exemplification, Sir Knight and Arizona State Executive Secretary, Rick Garrison. Rick, on behalf of a grateful State Council, thank you for all you have done and continue to do for us.

These degrees were exemplified as an expression of appreciation for your service in the Knights of Columbus.





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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 Mother, Our Lady of Guadalupe,  
You asked Juan Diego to help build a  
Church that would serve a new people in  
a new land.

You left your image upon his cloak as a  
visible sign of your love for us, so that we  
may come to believe in your Son Jesus,  
the Christ.

Our Lady of Guadalupe and St. Juan  
Diego help us to respond to God's call to  
build your Son's Church today.

Help us to recognize our personal  
vocation to serve God as married or  
single persons or priests, brothers, or  
sisters as our way to help extend the  
Reign of God here on earth.

Help us to pay attention to the  
prompting of the Holy Spirit.  
May all of us have the courage of Juan  
Diego to say "Yes" to our personal call.  
May we always encourage one another  
to follow Jesus, no matter where that  
path takes us.

Amen.

## Prayer for Our Priests

O Father, raise up among Christians  
abundant and holy vocations to the  
priesthood, who keep the faith alive  
and guard the blessed memory of your  
Son Jesus through the preaching of his  
Word and the administration of the  
sacraments, with which you continually  
renew the faithful.

Grant us holy ministers of your altar,  
who are careful and fervent guardians  
of the Eucharist, the Sacrament of the  
supreme gift of Christ for the  
redemption of the World,

Call ministers of your mercy, who  
through the Sacrament of  
Reconciliation spread the joy of your  
forgiveness.

Grant, O Father, that the Church may  
welcome with joy the numerous  
inspirations of the Spirit of your Son  
and, docile to the teachings, may she  
care for vocations to the ministerial  
priesthood and consecrated life.

Sustain the bishops, priests, and  
deacons, consecrated men and women,  
and all the baptized in Christ, so that  
they may faithfully fulfill their mission  
at the service of the Gospel.

This we pray through Christ our Lord.  
Amen.

Mary, Queen of Apostles, pray for us.

-Pope Benedict XVI, World Day of  
Prayer for Vocations



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## Arizona Rosary Celebration 2019 – Honoring Mary under her title of Our Lady of Guadalupe

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### AZ ROSARY CELEBRATION 2019

Planning is underway for the 2019 AZ Rosary Celebration (ARC) when we will honor Mary under her title of Our Lady of Guadalupe on the weekend of October 18 – 20, 2019.

We have some changes coming this time. In Tucson, the Celebration will take place at St. Augustine Cathedral starting at 9:00 A.M on October 19, 2019 instead of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church. We also welcome DD #3 Frank Islas as co-chair with Karen McEwen. Al Tucker, who has served as co-chair with Karen these past few years is taking a sabbatical. In Phoenix, the event will take place on October 20, 2019, at the Phoenix Convention Center.

As you know, ARC is expensive and is only funded by advertising in our Program Book and by donations. We are forming an advisory group to help us solicit and secure the necessary funds to support the effort. Joe Shanks, DD #13 will head that committee. To help us in that endeavor to fund ARC, we ask that every council and assembly have an item in their annual budget to purchase an ad in the Program Book. The ads range from \$50.00 for a quarter page to \$400.00 for full a page. In addition, it would be helpful to the Tucson and Phoenix Committees if each council and assembly would appoint a contact for ARC. Submit the names by email: [azrosary@yahoo.com](mailto:azrosary@yahoo.com).

Our Co-chairs: Karen McEwen and Frank Islas in Tucson and Danny Haywood and Greg Mattingly in Phoenix, and I are working closely with the Bishops to make this a memorable event.

We are looking forward to another successful Rosary Celebration, but it will not happen without the support of every Knight of Columbus in the State of Arizona. Remember, Brothers, that this is an Arizona Knights of Columbus sponsored event and we need everyone's help.

More information will follow in future KOKOA Newsletters. Also, check our website: [azrosary.net](http://azrosary.net).

Pray for the success of Rosary Celebration.

Larry Costanzo  
Chairman, AZ Rosary Celebration



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## State Program Director – Lawrence Powers

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Brother Knights,

We are half way through the Fraternal year. Is your Council on track for the Columbian Award? There are four required programs that each Council must complete to qualify. Over the next four months I will be featuring one of these programs. This month is Spiritual Reflection.

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 offered to students and youth. Working with their pastors, Knights of Columbus councils can hold low-cost retreats of their own. These events might be held for 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.

### **Guidelines for the Spiritual Reflection Program**

The definition of a “reflection” is broad but should be a day-long event at minimum and could possibly encompass an entire weekend.

Councils can attend religious retreats and days of reflection organized by other groups. However, if they are attending a reflection and not planning it themselves, council attendance should be significant with at least 10 percent of the council or a minimum of 10 members participating.

Reflections and retreats can be held at the council level but councils could also collaborate with other councils in the area to host a Spiritual Reflection.

If planning a retreat for the council, consider holding it on church property and have volunteers pack lunch or provide their own meals to defer costs.

Be creative! Make a pilgrimage to a nearby basilica, monastery or convent. Celebrate Mass with the religious or your chaplain/pastor.

It is strongly encouraged that councils incorporate Mass within their program, celebrating the liturgy with your chaplain/pastor. Also, incorporate opportunities for other sacramental and liturgical activities such as confession, Eucharistic adoration, a rosary or all of these.

Vivat Jesus!

Lawrence A. Powers  
Program Director  
AZ State Council



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## State Membership Director – Kevin McCarthy

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My Brother Knights,

I am honored to once again be serving as your State Membership Director. I look forward to working with you all as we grow the Order in Arizona. Remember, our Supreme knight has told us often that we have a Moral Obligation to offer the benefits of membership in the Knights of Columbus to every eligible Catholic Gentleman. Growing the Order is our number one responsibility since nothing else we do is possible without a vibrant growing membership. Including e-Members, we are right about where we were last year, and remain 14<sup>th</sup> in the order as a percent of our membership intake goal.

I spent today representing the Knights of Columbus at the annual Diocese of Phoenix Young Men's Conference along with General Agent Nate Raso, and Field Agents Wes Casaus, and Chuck Garcia. Hundreds of young men from the Diocese gathered at St. Bernadette Parish to pray, play, and engage in a powerful and inspirational program. One of the things that struck me while speaking to several of the young men at the conference was their lack of knowledge about the Knights. While the majority of these young men were less than or just 18 years old, and I would not expect them to have a strong working knowledge of the Knights, it was a bit disappointing nonetheless. I expect that most of these young Catholic Gentlemen, who gave up a day of their Christmas Vacation to attend the conference come from Catholic families with parents including a Catholic father. Lack of knowledge about the Knights evident in these young men probably means their dads don't know the Knights either and are surely not members.

Why is it that many of these young men and probably their fathers as well don't know about the Knights? They don't know who we are, or what we do or stand for. It indicates that we need to do more to promote the Order and the fine work we do. Every parish deserves an Knights of Columbus council with visible, relevant programs and an active plan to promote those programs and membership in the Knights.

Previous Membership Director Ken White spoke often of "AMPing it up". **A** stands for Altar support, working hard to earn and obtain support from the Pastor and priests of the parish. Supporting our priests is our duty. Support from our priests is priceless. **M** stands for Membership (and I'd also include Marketing), working hard to Inform every eligible Catholic Gentleman of the benefits of membership in our Order and promoting – marketing our programs, showing how indispensable our councils are to the parish. **P** stands for Programs.



## State Membership Director – Kevin McCarthy

This is especially important with our new “Faith in Action” model which has a strong spiritual and faith-based component in addition to our more traditional programs. Make sure your Council is doing all it can to “AMP It Up” for the remainder of the Fraternal year.

Brothers, we are at just under 40% of our State new member intake goal for this fraternal year with 398 new members. We have a lot of work to do to meet our goal of 1000 new members. It’s time to be planning your next membership drive. Church Drives work! Yours can too. Remember to invite your District Deputy, Field Agent, State Officers and the membership team to your Church Drives. Growing the Order is our number one job too, and we’re all there to help!

Remember, *Always Be Recruiting!*

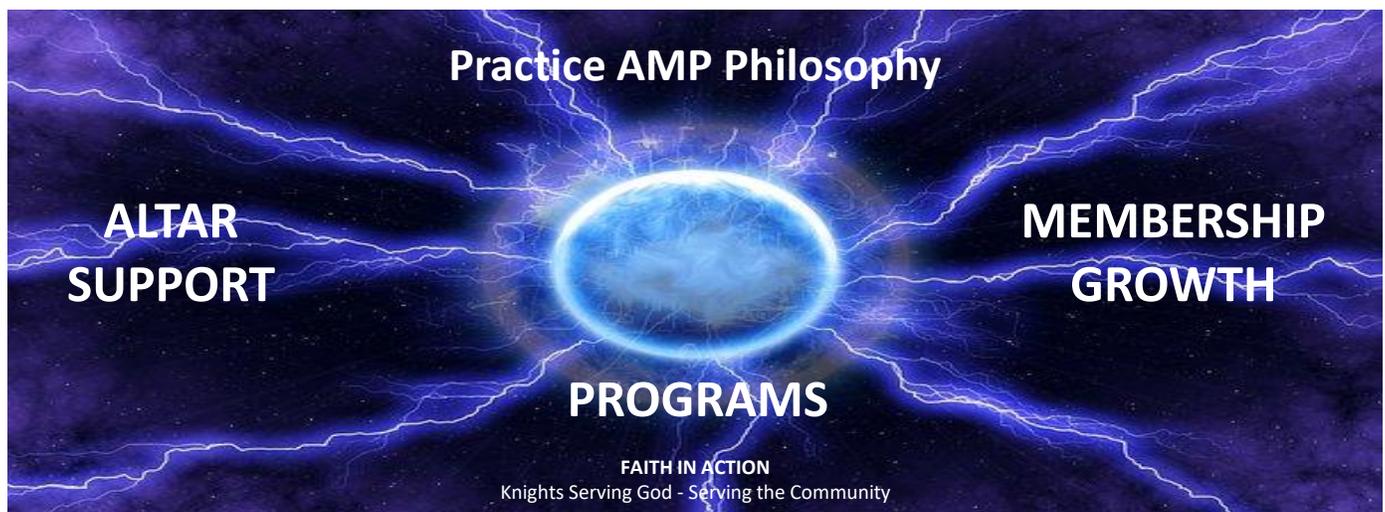
Vivat Jesus!

**Kevin McCarthy**

State Warden

State Membership Director

Knights of Columbus Arizona State Council





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In Solidarity with our Bishops and Priests – Priest Appreciation Dinner – February 15, 2019

## Knights of Columbus

SS Simon & Jude Cathedral Council #12708

Worthy State Officers, Grand Knights and Faithful Navigators:

The Annual Knights of Columbus Priest Appreciation Dinner for the Diocese of Phoenix will be hosted by SS Simon and Jude Cathedral Council #12708.

**Friday, February 15, 2019**

SS Simon and Jude Cathedral, Our Lady of Loreto Center

6351 N. 27<sup>th</sup> Ave. Phoenix, AZ 85017

Cocktails at 6:00 P.M. (No Host) Dinner will be served at 7:00 P.M.

Dinner Catered by “Sharko’s”

The cost will be \$35.00 in advance,

or \$45.00 at the door (Walk-ups Also Require Advance Reservations).

Please RSVP by Friday, January 18, 2019 to:



Knights of Columbus

14175 W Indian School Rd

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Goodyear, AZ 85395-8369



Each Knight is encouraged to donate the price of a ticket to sponsor a Priest in the Diocese. Invitations have been sent to almost 300 Priests. Please remember not only must your Parish Priests, Council Chaplains and Faithful Friars receive our appreciation but all the other Priests in the Diocese as well. In past years over one third of the Priests in attendance were not associated with a Parish, Council or Assembly. This is our chance to show ALL our priests our appreciation, they ALL deserve our gratitude.

Please show your support by attending and sponsoring a Priest. If you cannot be there yourself, it is still fitting to subsidize a Priest's dinner.

Pre-Reservations are not only appreciated, but a must for a successful dinner. When you RSVP please send your Council or Assembly Number and Name of each Knight attending, along with a Check to cover dinner for each Knight. Also indicate how many of our Priests you wish to sponsor.

Make checks payable to, *“Knights of Columbus 12708.”*

You may contact Rick Garrison at (480) 522-7064, [KofCRick@Q.com](mailto:KofCRick@Q.com), for further information.

Fraternally yours,  
JC Sherrin, Grand Knight

***This Dinner is for Priests and Knights only in the Diocese of Phoenix***



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## Next Two Months Challenges – January – 2019 and February - 2019

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### January 2019

#### Things to Accomplish

- Annual Survey of Fraternal Activity(#1728) DUE 1/31
- District Mid-Year Membership Meetings
- March for Life
- Free Throw Championship

#### Key Dates

- January 1 – January 15 – Family of the Month Entries Due
- January 1 – Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God (Holy Day of Obligation)
- January 17<sup>th</sup> – Order Church Drive Kits
- January 31<sup>st</sup> – Free Throw Report (#FT-1) DUE
- January 31<sup>st</sup> – Christmas Poster Report Form DUE
- January 31<sup>st</sup> – Fraternal Survey Form DUE
- January 31<sup>st</sup> – Special Olympics Partnership (#4584 Form) DUE

The New Year is upon us. How many resolutions were made to be a better servant of God? As we move through this year, we have programs that ask us to be involved in our councils, assemblies and parishes. Ask yourself to make another resolution. ***Be involved*** with your fellow Brother Knights and support your council, assembly and parish programs. Act now to make sure you have enough help for the work ahead.

### February 2019

#### Things to Accomplish

- Council Audit (#1295) DUE 2/15
- Free Throw District Championship Report
- Complete your State Council Service Program Awards Entry Form (#STSP)
- Council Retention Drive

#### Key Dates

- February 15, 2019 – **Priest Appreciation Dinner.** The Knights of Columbus have long supported the priesthood and religious life. Take this opportunity to “sponsor” one or more priests for this celebration.

*Lord, grant us many and holy priests. Grant us holy priests to console those who suffer, to remind all that we are brothers, to bless our homes, our work, our fields so that your kingdom may extend to all souls.*

*Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, grant your Church many and holy priests. Queen of the Apostles, pray for us.  
Amen.*



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## Formation and Knighthood Degree Schedule – [kofc-az.org](http://kofc-az.org) exemplification schedule

**Sunday, January 13, 2019**, at Council Hall, 601 S. Tucson Blvd, Tucson, AZ 85716

POC: DD Hector Tellez, 502-305-6538 Host Council #1200

**Saturday, February 9, 2019**, at Corpus Christi Parish, 3550 E Knox Road, Phoenix, AZ 85044

POC: Dennis Sullivan 480-201-5556 Host Council #10062

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.

More information available on State Calendar as to times, etc.



## Patriotic Degree Schedule (<http://www.kofc-az.org>) under Patriotic Degree or <http://az4thdegree.org>

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

Saturday, February 16, 2019, at St. Anne's Catholic Church, Gilbert, AZ.

POC: Bill Neer, 4<sup>th</sup> Degree Arizona Executive Secretary, P.O. Box 31684, Tucson, AZ 85751

Email: [azjhrpexecsec@gmail.com](mailto:azjhrpexecsec@gmail.com)

Please check website for additional information at [kofc-az.org](http://kofc-az.org) under state info – patriotic degree, or [az4thdegree.org](http://az4thdegree.org) for more details.

*Exemplification packet and registration form available on the website at [kofc-az.org](http://kofc-az.org) under state info – patriotic degree*



## Special Events – 2019

Saturday, February 2, 2019 New Knighthood 2019 Men's Conference

Friday, February 15, 2019 Priest Appreciation Dinner for Phoenix Diocese  
St Simon and Jude, Our Lady of Loreto Center, 6:00pm

POC: Rick Garrison



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***Our Lady of Czestochowa** also known as the **Black Madonna of Czestochowa** is a revered icon of the Blessed Virgin Mary. The original image is housed at a monastery in [Jasna Gora, Poland](#). The monastery has been a pilgrimage destination for hundreds of years. The Polish people have a great devotion to Our Lady and her Son. They continue to honor this miraculous image. The **Feast of Our Lady of Czestochowa** is celebrated on **August 26th**. Here is a beautiful Prayer to Our Lady of Czestochowa to be said each day upon rising.*

## **Prayer to Our Lady of Czestochowa**

"We fly to your patronage, O holy Mother of God;  
do not reject our petitions in our necessities,  
but deliver us always from all dangers,  
O glorious and blessed Virgin.

Our Lady, our Patroness, our Mediatrix, our Joy!  
Reconcile us to your Son, commend us to your Son, present us to your Son"