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State Deputy's Message

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Brother Knights,

The Gospel for November 11, 2018, is a good illustration of what it is to be a Knight of Columbus. In Mark 12-38:44, the author described how Jesus and His disciples observed people putting money into the Synagogue's treasury. They saw the rich place large sums of money into the coffers. But, when a poor widow came along, she put in only two small coins worth a few cents. Jesus called His disciples to himself, and said to them, "Amen, I say to you, this poor widow put in more than all the other contributors to the treasury. For they have all contributed from their surplus wealth, but she, from her poverty, has contributed all she had, her whole livelihood." When Knights of Columbus give, they not only give of their treasure, what they have, but they give of their time and talents as well. Knights do not give just on Sunday, but every day of the week.

The poor widow put in her "two cents" that came from her heart. Let her be our example in guiding us on how to give from our heart and place our "two cents" into the treasury, not because of an expectation or mandate, but because it is our sincere desire to support our church, our families, and our community.

This week we begin our Advent journey leading up to the celebration of the birth of Jesus Christ our Savior. This is a time to prepare ourselves for the coming of the Lord. Will you be ready when He comes?

Have you prepared a place in your heart for his birth within you? There are many activities that you can do personally, in your parish, with your family, with your council, and in your community.

Consider making a fraternal day of prayer and reflection as a council. Under the guidance of your council chaplain, Knights can attend a retreat or day of reflection together or perhaps organize an event for men of their parish. Remember that Council participation in Spiritual Reflection is required to qualify for Columbian Award. What a wonderful way to start off the season of Advent. Personally, you can make sure to avail yourself of the sacrament of reconciliation, clear your soul of sin and negative baggage. You can also forgive those who you feel have wronged you in some fashion. These are just a few ideas you can use to prepare your heart for Christ's coming this Christmas.

We are almost half way to the end of the fraternal year, but we are 218 new members away from the mid-point of our membership goal. We cannot allow our recruitment efforts to slowdown when we our goal is within grasp. Achieving our membership goal is all about building up our ranks so that we can grow our parishes, make our families stronger, protect our youth, and ensure that the sanctity of life prevails over the culture of death. Please increase your efforts, use your resources such as: e-membership, traditional recruitment methods, working with a fraternal benefits agent, or enlisting the help of a state



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membership team, to recruit new members. This next month, focus on closing the gap to 50 percent of our goal.

This past month an exemplification of the Foundation and Knighthood Degrees was held at Bishop Salpointe Council in Sierra Vista. It was an honor to bestow Knighthood upon many Knights that day. It was also a great honor to recognize the late Reverend Clement Agamba as the Class Honoree for the degree.

Ordained to the Priesthood on August 11, 1990, Fr. Agamba was an excellent model of what it means to be a Catholic and a good man. Fr. Clement began his ministerial work as an associate pastor for at Martyrs of Uganda Parish in Sirigu, a village in the Upper East Region of Ghana. In January 2007, Fr. Clement met Most Reverend Gerald Kicanas, then, Bishop of Tucson. Afterward, he completed the lengthy process of obtaining his religious work permit and visa for ministry in the Diocese of Tucson. His first assignment was at Our Lady of Fatima Parish. In June of 2008, he was appointed Chaplain for the local Knights of Columbus council. From that point forward he actively supported the Knights in all their activities. In 2009, Bishop Kicanas extended Fr. Clement's stay in the Diocese of Tucson to continue his studies, and for the following five years, he served as an associate pastor at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish. In 2014, Bishop Kicanas appointed Fr. Clement as Administrator of Our Lady of Lourdes Parish in Benson and quickly was named pastor. He was also appointed Vicar for International Priests

and represented the international priest of the Diocese of Tucson and focused on helping newly arrived priests adjust to their new surroundings.

He had a kind heart and his words were always spoken humbly, with thoughtfulness, care for the people, and with the love of Christ in his heart. As Council Chaplain for the Logan de Rosier Council 7521 at Our Lady of Lourdes Parish in Benson, Arizona, he provided spiritual guidance and demonstrated through his actions how a Catholic Man in the Knights of Columbus should lead their families.

It is for these reasons that we posthumously recognized Fr. Clement as honoree for the Reverend Clement Agamba class of November 17, 2018. May he Rest in eternal peace with God, Jesus his son, the Holy Spirit, Mary, the Apostles, and all the Saints.

Another great activity for this Advent would be to host a Holy Hour using the icon of Our Lady Help of Persecuted Christians. Two icons are available for Phoenix and Northern Arizona, and two are available for Tucson and Southern Arizona. Please reach out to Past State Deputy and Worthy District Master Bryant Sayers to schedule a Holy Hour with one of the icons. 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; please pray for their redemption.

This past month, we sponsored the Tucson Catholic Men's Conference – Iron



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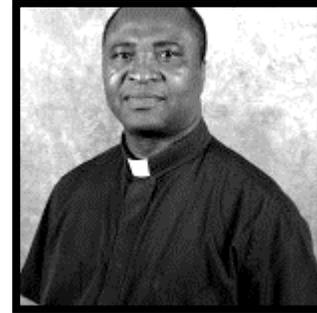
Sharpens Iron at Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church. Over 350 men attended. Our membership team contacted several interested in joining the Knights. My thanks to Immediate Past State Deputy Sean Halpain, State Secretary Mario Vassallo, State Advocate Tom Kato, Membership Director Ken White, and State Public Relations Chairman John Garcia, for representing the State Council.

Coming up in December is an exemplification of the Foundation and Knighthood degrees. It will be held on Saturday, December 15, 2018, with registration starting at 9:00 a.m. It will take place at Our Lady of Joy Catholic Church, 36811 N Pima Rd, Carefree, AZ 85377. More information is available on the State Council calendar found on the website: www.kofc-az.org.

Thank you for all that you do as Knights and as Catholic Men. Like the widow, you give all the you have for the betterment of our Church, your family, your council, the community, and to protect the sanctity of life. Please continue to put in your "two-cents." My sincerest wishes to you and your family for a joy-filled Christmas. May our Lord, Jesus Christ, be born into your hearts and soul. Amen!

Vivat Jesus!

Tom Kalisz
State Deputy



Father Clement Agamba
Honoree for the
Reverend Clement Agamba
Class of November 17, 2018

*May he Rest in eternal peace
With God,
Jesus His Son, the Holy Spirit,
Mary, the Apostles, and all the
Saints.*

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

Lord Jesus Christ, Savior of the world! We humbly beg of Thee to manifest in Thy Church the Spirit Whom Thou didst so abundantly bestow upon Thy Apostles. Call, we pray Thee, very many to Thy priesthood and to the religious life. And may zeal for Thy glory and the salvation of souls inflame those whom Thou hast chosen; may they be saints in Thy likeness, and may Thy Spirit strengthen them. O Jesus, give us priests and religious according to Thine own Heart! O Mary, Mother of Jesus! Obtain for fervent souls the grace to hear and the courage to follow thy Divine Son in the path of religious perfection.

Queen of Apostles, **pray for us.**
Queen of Virgins, **pray for us.**

Prayer for Our Priests

O Jesus, our great High Priest, Hear my humble prayers on behalf of your priest, Father [N]. Give him a deep faith, a bright and firm hope and a burning love which will ever increase in the course of his priestly life.

In his loneliness, comfort him In his sorrows, strengthen him In his frustrations, point out to him that it is through suffering that the soul is purified, and show him that he is needed by the Church, he is needed by souls, he is needed for the work of redemption.

O loving Mother Mary, Mother of Priests, take to your heart your son who is close to you because of his priestly ordination, and because of the power which he has received to carry on the work of Christ in a world which needs him so much.

Be his comfort, be his joy, be his strength, and especially help him to live and to defend the ideals of consecrated celibacy.

Amen.



2018 Arizona State Council Mid-Year Meeting – under state news – mid-year meeting

REMEMBER this is a Mandatory Meeting for all District Deputy's. If you have any questions, please contact me.

Lawrence A. Powers Registration Chairman
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As your State Deputy, I have requested the State Training Coordinator FDD Bob Julien to provide training sessions at the upcoming Mid-Year Meeting on Saturday, December 1, 2018. The training sessions are for all Council Officers, Council Financial Secretary and Assembly Faithful Comptroller. Information regarding the training sessions follows;

Council Officer Training; ▪ For council members currently in, or taking on, leadership roles within your council ▪ Training session conducted by our very own State Council Officers and Past State Deputies ▪ All positions will be discussed with their roles and responsibilities being explained. ▪ All your questions will be answered.

Financial Secretary / Faithful Comptroller Training: ▪ All Financial Secretaries and Faithful Comptrollers are invited – pass the word! ▪ Focusing on Member Billing, especially Dues Assessments, Dues Collection & Recording will be provided. ▪ From novice to expert this session has something for everyone.

Should you have any questions regarding training, please contact our State Training Coordinator Bob Julien. His contact information is rajulien@cox.net or 480-707-9246.

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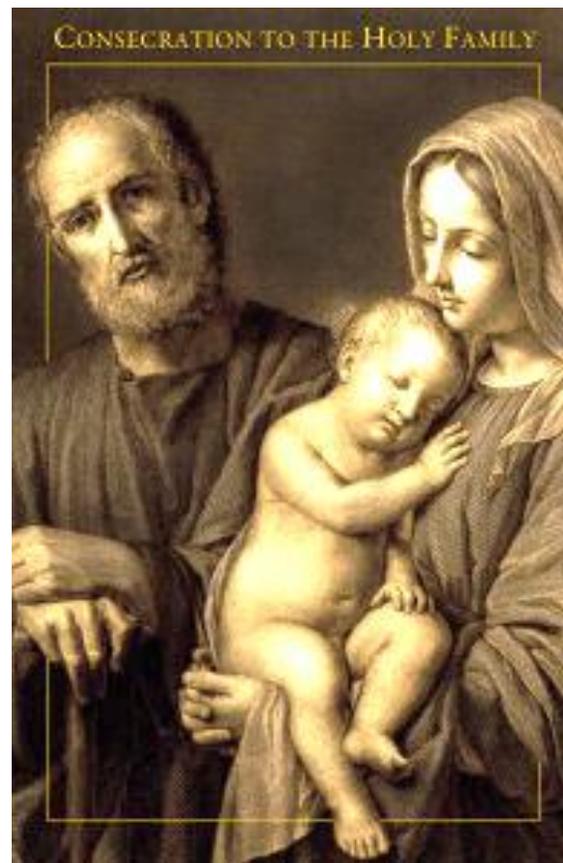
Brother Knights,

We are rapidly approaching Advent and the Joy of the Christmas Season, a perfect time to focus on what the Knights can do to help families to focus on the Reason for the Season. Plan Now for the **CONSECRATION TO THE HOLY FAMILY** This program guides families in consecrating themselves under the protection of Jesus Christ, his mother, Mary, and her husband, St. Joseph. Your council's role is to help your parish and community understand the importance of this prayer: The Consecration to the Holy Family is not limited to a single event. Through this consecration, each participant is consciously choosing to be a beacon of God's love throughout their lives. Serious and mindful preparation is a major aspect of this program. To ensure that all members of your parish are properly prepared, check out the guidelines and materials at kofc.org/consecration. Consecration to the Holy Family is a required program. **A council must conduct this program to be eligible to receive the Columbian Award.**

This consecration is the perfect way to celebrate the feast of the Holy Family on Sunday, Dec. 30. Coordinate with your pastor and don't forget to order prayer cards for the event. Visit kofc.org/consecration for details.

Vivat Jesus!

Lawrence A. Powers





Next Two Months Challenges – December - 2018 and January - 2019

December 2018

Things to Accomplish

- Journey to the Inn
- Christmas Poster Contest
- March for Life + Walk for Life
- Free Throw Championship

Key Dates

- December 1 Soccer Challenge Report DUE
- December 1 Keep Christ in Christmas Campaign Kickoff
- December 2 – 1st Sunday of Advent
- December 8th – Immaculate Conception
- December 12th – Our Lady of Guadalupe
- December 24th – Christmas Eve
- December 25th – Merry Christmas
- December 31st – New Year's Eve
- January 1st, 2019 – Mary Mother of God, Happy New Year

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 17th – Order Church Drive Kits
- January 31st – Free Throw Report DUE
- January 31st – Christmas Poster Report Form DUE
- January 31st – Fraternal Survey Form DUE
- January 31st – Special Olympics Partnership 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.



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Formation and Knighthood Degree Schedule – kofc-az.org exemplification schedule

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

Saturday, December 15, 2018, Carefree, AZ 85377 Hosted by Council #11116

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 or <http://az4thdegree.org>

The next 4th Degree Exemplification are a follows:

Saturday, February 16-17, 2019, Tentative Location, Gilbert, AZ. TBD

Please check website for additional information at kofc-az.org under state info – patriotic degree, Or az4thdegree.org for more details.



Special Events – 2019

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

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



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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"