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Knights of Columbus of Arizona

March 2025 Advisory

State Deputy

Brothers Knights,

February was a month of ups and downs. Some of the highlights was the programs that were completed for your councils, the recruitment drives across the state to bring men closer to Christ, and the Priest Appreciation Dinner in Phoenix, Tucson, and Religious Appreciation Dinner in Yuma! What we are doing to honor our priests and religious is wonderful and we need to thank them every time we see them for all they do for us to bring Jesus to us in the Blessed Sacrament every week.

And February was also had its downs with Pope Francis being admitted to the hospital for double pneumonia and other ailments. I ask that you keep Pope Francis in your prayers daily for a quick recovery, if it be God's will, or for a holy death, if it be God's will.

And we also learned that Bishop Edward Weisenburger from Tucson Diocese was promoted to Archbishop of Detroit! For those who don't know, Bishop Weisenburger has been a big support of the Knights of Columbus. I ask that you keep him in your prayers for his new assignment.

As stated in the last advisory, you should have filed your Form 1728, the Annual Survey of Fraternal Activities. This is a required form for Star Council. If you haven't filed, you can still do so. Make sure you complete this as soon as possible.

Did you also fill out the 1295 Semiannual Council Audit due February 15. Please send copies to ses@kofc-az.org.

A couple of reminders regarding the State Convention May 2-3, 2025 at the Wildhorse Resort and Casino! Here are some quick bullet points for reminders:

- Register for the Convention at <https://kofc-az.org/state-convention>
- Register for your Hotel Room at <https://bookings.travelclick.com/75936?groupID=3911846>
- Register as a Delegate at <https://www.cognitofrms.com/statewebarizona/delegateformv2>
- Make sure you submit for a State Award at <https://kofc-az.org/state-forms>
- Sell Raffle Tickets! It is a shorter selling time, as the convention is a couple weeks earlier than normal.



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Have you reserved the The Sacred Heart of Jesus Pilgrim Icon? The Pilgrim Icon for this year is a beautiful image of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. We have 4 images available for your council.

The image is from the Sacred Heart Chapel of the Church of the Gesu in Rome. It was painted by Pompeo Batoni in 1767. The program that goes along with the icon is something that every parish should do.
<https://kofc-az.org/pilgrim-icon-program>



The State Free Throw Challenge will be March 29, 2025 at Notre Dame Prep in Scottsdale from 11:00 AM – 3:00 PM. We may have a film crew from Supreme at the event!

Thank you for all that you are doing to invite men into the Knights of Columbus, get them closer in their faith with Cor, and all the programs that you do modeling what Jesus has taught us. Together, we will have our Faith Transform the Culture!

Vivat Jesus!

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My Brother Knights,

Congratulations to **Regina Cleri, Council #5133**, Tucson! They are the January winner incentive for a \$200 RSVP Donation. They along with 33 councils submitted 10784s for Life Programs. Again, a record breaker for participation in the monthly incentive. Council 5133 participated in the Tucson March for Life. Many of their council members and family attended mass at the Cathedral and then processed with the large crowd to Holy Hope Cemetery for a service by Bishop Weisenburger.



In next month's advisory, I will announce the winner of the February Pilgrim Icon Program. Many councils have been reserving the new Sacred Heart of Jesus Icon.

The featured program for **March** is **Spiritual Reflection**. The incentive winner will receive a \$100 Special Olympics donation. Last year's winner held a mini-retreat on a Saturday morning that their Chaplain led with Knights and their wives.

Thank you to the councils that sent in their 10784s. In January, **283** forms were received. Faith Programs led the month with 105 turned in.

Reminders:

- The State Free Throw Competition is set for March 29 in Scottsdale at Notre Dame Prep, 9701 E. Bell Rd. DD's make sure to follow up with your councils and get all score sheets to Rick Garrison, kofcrick.garrison@gmail.com



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Program Director

- Remember to contact our Pilgrim Icon Program Director, Bryant Sayers, and sign up to present the new Sacred Heart of Jesus Icon at your Holy Hours and Cor meetings. (azprogram01@gmail.com)
- March 1 is the National Global Wheelchair Mission Day. Help change the lives of people with disabilities by having your council donate \$150 for a wheelchair. Or go in together with other councils and assemblies to purchase a large container of wheelchairs.
- March 15, AZ March for Life, Phoenix Wesley Bolin Plaza in front of the Capitol Building, <https://www.chooselifeaz.org/azmarchforlife>

Form 10784! Please continue to send them in. [Form Invitation \(kofc.org\)](http://www.kofc.org)

Thank you, Councils for your continual impact on your parishes and communities

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Brothers,

It's hard to believe that we are in the home stretch of the 2024-2025 Fraternal Year! With only 4 months to go, now is a great time to evaluate where your council stands related to Membership, Programs, and Fraternal Benefit Events:

- Have you achieved your goal for membership to qualify for the Father McGivney Award? Are Double, Triple, are even more Stars within reach?
- Has your council hosted enough programs to complete the SP-7 and earn the Columbian Award? If not, have you scheduled events to fill in the missing pieces needed to do so?
- Have we offered both our Members and our Parishes the opportunity to attend a Fraternal Benefits Event, allowing them to take advantage of the great insurance and financial offerings of the Order? 2 events are needed to earn the Founder' Award. Talk to your Field Agent soon to schedule your event!

Don't wait until the last minute!! By assessing your progress now, you allow your council ample time to put plans in place to earn Star Council for your members and your parish!!

Quest for 20,000

We continue to have an amazingly strong year when it comes to recruiting. We are well ahead of last year's pace, but we need every council's help to finish the year strong! As we begin March, the State of Arizona needs a little over 300 more men to hit the 20,000 member mark. If each council recruits just 3 new members in the next 4 months, we can eclipse that mark before the end of the Fraternal Year. The key will be to get as many new recruits and existing prospects through a C-U-F Degree. Our goal is to have every prospect transferred into a council before June 20th. This will ensure that your councils get the correct membership credit before the books close for the Fraternal Year on Monday June 30th. If you need assistance with a C-U-F, let me know. We can make it happen!

Lenten Church Drives

As we enter the season of Lent, there is no better time to offer the gift of Membership to every Catholic man in your Parish! Lent is a time for us to examine ourselves and make the necessary changes to bring us closer to God. By hosting a Church Drive during Lent, we can offer those men the faith formation

Membership Director



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they may be seeking. We should not only invite these men to join the Order, but also invite them to your Cor Dialogue! Founder’s Day Weekend (March 29th and 30th) would be an excellent time to host a drive. Combine a Church Drive with State Raffle Ticket Sales. Offer Free Membership to any man buying a ticket!! If his wife buys the tickets, talk to him about membership while she is filling out the raffle stubs!!!

➤ **Schedule a Church Drive and Post It on the State Calendar**

www.kofc-az.org/events-calendar

- **Host an In-Person C-U-F Degree Within a Week of the Church Drive**
- **Contact All Prospects For Your Council and Get Them To Attend the C-U-F**
- **Transfer All New Members Via Officers On-Line That Day**

Thanks again to all for your tireless efforts to grow the Order in Arizona. Please let me know what I can do to assist your councils exceed your goals. God Bless!

Vivat Jesus! Viva Cristo Rey!
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Church Membership Drive Playbook

2-3 Weeks Prior

- Post dates of church drive on state calendar
- Run ads in church bulletin every week
- Organize teams of 6-8 brother knights for each mass
- Invite the Field Agent to help out
- Ask pastor/priests to promote the knights and encourage men to join

Day Of Event

- Greet parishioners before each mass
- Hand out K of C info to men and prayers cards to the ladies & children
- With Pastor's permission, give a 2-3 minute pulpit speech (note: have your best speaker do it, not always the GK)
- Conclude pulpit announcement by reciting prayer on prayer card handed out (members distribute more during speech)
- Cover all exits after mass. Greet everyone but identify men that might be interested
- Funnel prospects to the "closers" on your team. Have agent code and team membership numbers available.
- Assist candidates with completing on-line membership ***and*** have candidate confirm while standing there
- Congratulate and welcome your new brother knight (and his family) with a smile and firm handshake!!

The Following Sunday

- Host A C-U-F Degree Ceremony immediately after the last mass of the day
 - Have The Ceremony in the church, of possible
 - Host a luncheon/desserts & coffee/social event immediately after ceremony ends.
- This will give you a chance to meet and learn about the new member and allow him to meet and greet his new brother knights!
- Ask new brothers to introduce themselves and their families before eating
 - Have FinSec hand out membership cards before new members depart

We are finding that by following this playbook (with modifications unique to each council), we are having more success at not only getting members to join, but also getting them engaged early, providing the council with an influx of active members looking for programs to participate in.



Monthly Incentives!

Monthly-All Members

Knights of Columbus Books

- One Entry For Each New Member
- One Winner Each Month

Quarterly-All Members

K of C Silver Watch

- One Entry For Each New Member Recruited That Quarter
- One Winner Each Quarter

1st Quarter-Councils

\$200 for Coats for Kids

- Achieve 25% of Goal for Q1
- One Winner Drawn

3rd Quarter-Councils

\$500 for ASAP

- Achieve 75% of Goal for Q3
- One Winner Drawn

Monthly-District Deputies

K of C Cooler Bag

- One Entry For Each Council That Recruits A New Member
- One Winner Each Month

Quarterly-District Deputies

K of C Duffel Bag

- One Entry For Each Council That Meets Quarterly Membership Goal
- One Winner Each Quarter

2nd Quarter-Councils

\$300 for Sleep in Heavenly Peace

- Achieve 50% of Goal for Q2
- One Winner Drawn

4th Quarter-Councils

\$500 for Global Wheelchair Mission

- Achieve 100% of Goal by 5/31/25
- One Winner Drawn

Quarterly-All Councils

Knights of Columbus Personalized Canopy

- Councils Are Eligible After Hosting a Church Membership Drive During The Quarter

- Council ***MUST*** Post The Church Drive On The State Drive Calendar At Least Two Weeks Prior To The Event

- One Winner Drawn Each Quarter



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Worthy Grand Knights and Deputy Grand Knights,

On behalf of St. Joseph's Youth Camp I would like to wish you a Happy New Year!
Please note that our PO Box has changed.

As we conclude this Christmas season and enter into the second half of the fraternal year I would like to make a request for all councils to contribute to St. Joseph's in the upcoming Per Capita Assessment.

I would also request that you discuss in your council meetings and enter into your budget contributions to St. Joseph's for the upcoming State Convention in May. Every year St. Joseph's receives requests for financial aid in sending children to camp. The number of requests last year increased, and largely due to the generosity of the councils we were able to accommodate many of the requests. This includes sending 10 children of struggling veterans to camp for free!

Thank you for your overwhelming generosity.

Vivat Jesus!

S.K. James Mead
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Faith Transforms Culture – The Design

The Eucharist is the center of the state. We need to keep Christ at the center of everything we do.

The word “Transforms” extends out from the Eucharist and wraps around the state. This transformation happens internally in each one of us so that we can transform those we encounter.

The rays coming from the Eucharist are symbolic of the colors of the State of Arizona.

- The Gold is the color of Jesus' Divinity. He is True God.
- The Red is the color of Jesus' blood: He is truly Human.

Blue is the color of Mary. We need to ask for Mary’s intercession to her Son by praying the Rosary often.

The baby feet are white to signify the pure innocence lost with every abortion that occurs. We will continue to support Life from Conception to Natural Death.



The Complete Knight Flywheel

From a mechanical side, the flywheel is a very heavy wheel that is used to generate and transfer energy to other parts of a machine. Once it starts spinning, it's hard to stop.

God is the center of all that he does, his **family** comes second, and self third

Each knight has to do each of the activities to keep that flywheel going: Recruitment, Engagement, Motivation, Evangelization, and Retention. The areas of focus for each of those activities are around Membership, Programs, Cor, and Insurance.