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August Newsletter 2026-2027

State Deputy

Brothers All,

As we head into the second month of the Fraternal Year, I want to emphasize the importance of your council's Knights of Columbus Safe Environment compliance. As lay leaders in our parishes, we have a moral and ethical obligation to be compliant and well-trained in protecting our youth and vulnerable adults.

Key to becoming compliant is submitting your Form 185 (offices Chosen for Term) and Form 365 (Program Personnel Report). These two forms, in addition to registering your officers, directors and chairmen with Supreme, will trigger the Office of Youth Protection to invite Grand Knights, and your Program, Family and Community Directors to complete required Safe Environment training for all roles and background checks for the Family and Community directors.

We have a significant number of new brother Knights filling safe Environment roles this Fraternal Year (or have returning brothers needing renewal) and as we publish this, only 21 of 140 active councils are compliant. Your District Deputy, Worthy State Advocate Tracy, and I will be monitoring your progress closely. Thank you to the 21 already-compliant councils (and those whose background checks are pending). I expect the remaining active councils to be compliant by October. Please work hard to get this important obligation completed as soon as possible. Thank you.

First in this month is a message from our State Chaplain, Father David. Thank you for hosting the Organizational Meeting and your generous hospitality.

Second, we'll have a guest column from our Worthy Regional Growth Specialist, Chuck Davlin. He reminds us of the importance of growing the Order in Arizona, inviting men and their families to join us and that "many hands make light work!"



The logo for the 2016 United in Love Arizona event, held on February 26-27. It features a stylized map of Arizona in the background. Overlaid on the map is a large red heart with two hands clasped inside it. To the left of the heart is a green saguaro cactus. Below the heart is a yellow sun with rays. In the bottom right corner is a yellow diamond shape with a blue border, containing a white cross and the letters 'C' and 'C' on either side. The text 'UNITED IN LOVE' is written in a blue arc at the top, and 'ARIZONA 26-27' is written in white at the bottom.



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State Chaplain

Brothers All,

August is full of saintly celebrations and important memorials. We've just celebrated St. John Vianney, patron of parish priests, and honor our Blessed Founder, Fr. Michael McGivney, on his birthday Aug. 12, feast day Aug. 13 and anniversary of death Aug. 14. The following day we will join the Church around the world in celebration of Our Lady's Assumption into Heaven.

In particular, this year, we also remember that the fiercest persecution of the Church ever in the western hemisphere began in August 1926 in Mexico. At our Supreme Convention we were shown the [trailer for a new documentary](#) coming out soon about The Cristiada (also called the Cristero War). It looks very well done and will be an important resource for us in Arizona as we mark 100 years since its beginning. Many of our Brother Knights have Cristero ancestors and all of us are heirs to their fight for Jesus Christ the King.

¡Viva Cristo Rey!

VIVAT JESUS!

Fr. David Halm, C.S.C.



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Regional Growth Specialist

My Brothers in Arizona,

Welcome to 2026-2027!!

We had a GREAT 2025-2026 and you should be proud of the people you have served, the families you have helped to protect thru the promotion of our incredible Fraternal Benefits, the faith you have built and grown by participation in our COR Initiative and the new men and their families you have invited to join us in our activities. A job truly well done!!

But with all good things, we can't be done yet. We still have hungry to feed, naked to clothe, thirsty to satisfy and the sick and imprisoned to visit and console. The need grows every day and so must our efforts.

The old proverb that essentially says 'many hands make light work' is just a profound and relevant now as it ever has been.

Our Members, our Officers, our Councils continue to do great work, but we really need more hands to do more and to accomplish it more easily. The way that happens it to let your light, those actions and activities that you do every day BY THE GRACE OF GOD shine before men so that they can see the good that you do and give glory to GOD.

Then we need to invite the men and their families to join us, to join us in our efforts and actions. Invite them to serve our communities, invite them to explore our Fraternal Benefits, invite them to grow in faith through COR and then invite them to put that faith into action in our programs.

I am looking forward to seeing your great progress this year and looking even more forward to helping in any way that I can.

Fraternally,

Chuck Davlin

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State Membership Director

Brother Knights,

Thank you for your continued commitment to growing the Order across Arizona.

July was an outstanding month for membership. We welcomed 60 new members, our second-highest membership total for July Arizona history. This is especially impressive because no church drives were held during the month. We grew with the power of personal invitation. Great work, brothers. Let's carry this momentum into August.

I encourage every council to adopt the new Culture of Invitation format for church drives, introduced at last month's Organization Meeting. Councils may certainly continue conducting drives as they have in the past, but this new approach is strongly encouraged. This method has shown proven success during the trial period last year.

We are very fortunate here in Arizona to have a Fraternal Trainer, Ken White, in our state. Ken is available to provide training and support for councils that request it. If you would like to have Ken provide training and support for your drive, please plan ahead, as advance scheduling is needed to get on his calendar.

I strongly recommend that council's use the state events calendar to ensure your membership drives and ceremonies are visible to the membership team, state officers, and field agents:

<https://kofc-az.org/events-calendar>

Culture of Invitation drive kits can be ordered at no cost through the Supplies Online link in Officers Online.

- English kit order code: DRIVE-KITE
- Spanish kit order code: DRIVE-KITS
- Councils may order up to two kits (ea.) on the same order.



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The kits might be backordered, but Supreme is filling orders as quickly as possible. If your council has an upcoming drive and needs a kit, please contact me. I have a limited number on hand and additional kits on order.

Keep up the great work, and please contact me with any questions, concerns, or assistance your council may need.

Vivat Jesus!

¡Viva Cristo Rey!

Ken Gallagher

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State Program Director

Brothers Knights,

Thank you to all who attended the **Organizational Meeting** last month at St. John Vianney parish in Goodyear. I hope the Programs Presentation was informative, particularly regarding the new changes to the SP 7 Columbian Award application. This much simpler form should enable many councils to complete the application and obtain the award. With only three basic requirements, councils should have no difficulty completing this step toward achieving Star Council.

Reminder: The deadline for the **Coats for Kids BOGO** (Buy One Get One) is approaching quickly. Please submit your application to me by **August 26**, so I may complete the order and send it to Supreme by **September 1**. You must fill out the Calculator form with the total number of cases you are requesting. Complete the Proposal form to the best of your ability; I will finalize it for all councils participating in the offer.

Please remember: the coats must be designated for lower economic communities, such as Native American reservations and schools in poverty affected areas. **Do not pay for the coats.** The State Council will cover the entire order and will bill your council for your half at a later date.

Go to **KofC.org** → **Faith in Action Resources** and click on the Coats for Kids BOGO PDFs for the Calculator and Proposal forms or [CLICK HERE](#)

CONGRATULATIONS – June Program Incentive Winner

Council #11675, Avondale, is the winner of a \$100 St. Joseph's Youth Camp donation. Their council participated in Family of the Month and the Pilgrim Icon Program.

CONGRATULATIONS – June 2026 Family of the Month Winner

The **Bryon Barton Family**, Winslow Council #9801.



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CONGRATULATIONS – July Program Incentive Winner

Council #13272, Our Lady of the Rosary, Oro Valley, AZ, is the winner of a \$50 State Council Donation to a charity of their choosing. Thank you, Council 13272, for your participation in Disaster Preparedness and for your generous \$4,500 donation to Council #6409 in Kerrville, TX, in support of the July flood victims. Your council budgeted \$2,200 for disaster relief last year, and your members graciously contributed an additional \$2,300 to the effort.

The July 2026 floods in Kerr County, TX resulted in greater property damage than those in 2025; the tragic distinction, of course, is that the 2025 floods claimed so many young lives.

As a reminder, there are no featured programs for this fraternal year. Please continue submitting your Form 10784. Preference will be given to the eight newly listed programs. All submissions will be placed into the drawing, and cash prizes will be awarded to the winning council, who may designate a charity of their choosing.

10784 - [Form Invitation](#)

Brothers, have a great fraternal year!

Vivat Jesus!

¡Viva Cristo Rey!

Benjamin Jimenez

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COR: Uniting us with Christ and our mission

My dear brother Knights,

We have now kicked off our year, and I hope you are excited to begin the great work ahead with holy zeal! How do we keep this zeal going? How do we live up to Charity, Unity, Fraternity and Patriotism we are called to by Blessed Micheal McGivney and our faith?

We have preached COR for the last four years and everyone has heard some form of the pitch. Happily, we have seen COR grow and more importantly the resources and ways you can use COR in your parishes to help men to know Christ and have a forum to share their journey with each other have grown.

This year, the Supreme Council has supported this growth by rolling out *The Heart of the Gospel* - a retreat in a box that you can put on with complete videos and guide. Click [HERE](#). This is an amazing opportunity for a council to grow together as our founder desired, and a fantastic way to launch COR in your parish.

Another great COR option is the *Into the Breach: The Dignity of Work* series that came out recently. Click [HERE](#). This series reminds us of the importance and value of work in our lives as men.

One commitment that Supreme continues, is providing quality material for use in COR and our evangelization programs. We can also partner with existing programs in our parishes to expand our reach if something is already working! We do not compete, we complement... Let us not overlook these valuable opportunities that get sent our way brothers! These can be the seeds of growth, discussion, and discipleship!



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Evangelization and Faith Formation/ Cor

As we continue the great work to which we are called, let us entrust ourselves to the protection of our Blessed Mother and our founder Bl. Michael McGivney.

Peace,

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SAVE THE DATE



ARIZONA DISTRICT PATRIOTIC DEGREE EXEMPLIFICATION

TO BE HELD ON
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 2026,
AT THE CROWNE PLAZA RESORT
IN CHANDLER, ARIZONA.

We would be honored to have you join us
for this special event.

Our **Class Honoree** will be **Bishop James Wall** of the
Diocese of Gallup, making this the first time
Arizona has had a Bishop attend the
new Patriotic Degree Exemplification.



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DD's - Send expense reports to the State Deputy



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United in Love — Arizona State Pin 26–27

- Shaped in the outline of our desert home, this pin carries the heart of our mission.
- A heart formed by joined hands reflects Charity-the love of Christ alive in us, and the love we share through every act of service.
- Beneath it, tiny footprints proclaim our unwavering commitment to the right to life, honoring every child whose dignity we defend.
- The steadfast saguaro stands for Fraternity, reminding us that brotherhood shelters, strengthens, and endures.
- Arizona's rays and copper tones speak to Patriotism, a love for our state expressed through faithful citizenship and service.
- The Emblem of the Order stands proudly.



Together, these symbols call us to walk as one, a light in the desert, **United in Love**.

The Council Success 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.

A successful Council does each of the activities to keep that flywheel going: We Invite men into the Order and then Engage, Motivate, Evangelize and Retain. The areas of focus for each of those activities are around Membership, Programs, EFF/Cor, and Fraternal Benefits.

God is the center of all that we do, others come second, and self, third. Remember, Love **God** with all your heart, soul and mind and love your **neighbor as yourself**.

