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## **Knights of Columbus of Arizona**

First Quarter Newsletter 2025-2026

State Deputy

My Brother Knights,

Congratulations to all for a fantastic 2024-2025 fraternal year! **1180** new Brother Knights joined our order with **55** Star Councils, **15** Star Districts, and **5** All Star Districts! We reached Pinnacle Award Status! With our charitable works and increase in COR participation we truly showed Arizona that our Faith can Transform our Culture!

This year will be challenging, but I'm confident that ***With Rejoicing Hearts*** inspired by the Holy Spirit and continuing with the momentum we built in the year just concluded, we'll rise to those challenges.

Our first challenge is to invite more men to join us. I challenge each council to hold **at least two** church drives this year. (You know you can do more!) Catholic gentlemen are just waiting to be asked. A personal invitation, tailored to their interests, --whether faith, service, or brotherhood-- can make all the difference.

Our second challenge is to do this now! The theme of our Western Region is "*Early is Easy.*" Don't wait or let our summer heat postpone inviting men to join us. Our most loyal local church goers are here during all months of the year. Think about how much more your council can accomplish during the summer months with those men helping!

Our third challenge is, in partnership with our Pastors, to increase our councils' participation in COR. Jesus is at the center of all we do. The opportunities for Faith, Formation and Fraternity in COR not only help us grow in our faith but are a compelling reason for men to join us in our work.

During the fraternal year, you do a lot of great work for your council, parish, and community. Take pictures! Send them to us! We want to keep promoting all the good works that we do. When people see all the good works that you are doing, and



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they see the joy in which you are performing these, they want to be a part of it! Send your pictures to our State Advocate Rich Tracy at [rich.tracyazkofc@icloud.com](mailto:rich.tracyazkofc@icloud.com).

Recall the enduring wisdom of Blessed Michael McGivney, whose vision and compassion gave birth to the Knights of Columbus. Blessed McGivney recognized, even in his own day, that true lay leadership in the Church and in the world demands more than adherence to custom and “what we always did”; it requires a continual openness to the promptings of the Holy Spirit, and a willingness to meet the needs of the present with courage, innovation, and creativity.

Brothers, the people we help will keep changing. Each new generation brings fresh hopes, new challenges, and different ways of looking for God. Blessed McGivney’s true gift wasn’t just creating an organization—it was inspiring regular men to recognize and use their God-given talents to serve others. Our brother Knights have many different strengths, and each one plays an important part in the mission of our Order.

Thank you for all the hard work you did last year! Continue your tradition of service, dedication, and growth. Aim to help your members become authentic Catholic Gentlemen—devoted husbands and fathers, whose lives exemplify faith-filled service. Let every initiative you undertake reflect not only the compassion and creative spirit of our Founder but also the unique skills of your members and the changing needs of those who rely on you. In doing so, the Knights of Columbus will remain more than a brotherhood; we will be a living sign of God’s enduring love, equipped to meet the challenges and opportunities of each new day.

Together, We Serve With Rejoicing  
Hearts!

Vivat Jesus!

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## State Chaplain

Brother Knights,

Even though in many places August is a time of vacations, we Knights are particularly busy this month celebrating our Blessed Mother's Assumption into Heaven and our Blessed Founder's Birthday and Feast Day. As well, thousands of Knights will gather in Washington, D.C. the first week of August for the Supreme Convention. Let's pray for all in our Order, especially the Supreme Knight and our State Deputy during these important meetings.

As we gather in our councils this month I suggest we spend a few moments - before or after a rosary or even just after a decade together - reflecting on Mary's Assumption. We believe that God exalted her by assuming her Body & Soul into Heaven at the end of her earthly life. Of course, this is because Her Body bore and nursed the Savior - and so would never be permitted to experience earthly decay. This is also a real and wonderful promise of our own destiny at the Resurrection of the Body. At death our souls leave our body and, we pray, enter Eternal Life - but God will raise our earthly bodies, too on that Glorious Day!

Mary, Queen of the Knights and Our Lady of Guadalupe, Assumed into Heaven, pray for us!

Vivat Jesus!

Fr. David Halm, C.S.C.  
State Chaplain



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Greetings Brothers,

Three words from the Organizational Meeting ring true:

**“Early is Easy!”**

Please begin working on Supreme Safe Environment and Diocesan Compliance requirements as soon as possible. Remember, by submitting multiple Form 365s, you can add additional members as Family/Community Directors. This will prompt invitations from Supreme to complete SET training/background checks, providing flexibility in having fully compliant Brothers at KofC events. Contact me with questions.

Remember the incentive: All District Deputies who have districts in full compliance by October 31<sup>st</sup> will receive \$100 Knights Gear gift cards

In addition to Safe Environment/Compliance issues, please reach out to me for assistance with any of the following:

- Tax Questions / 501(c)(8) Reinstatement
- Council / Assembly Election Issues
- Bylaw Interpretation: Supreme / State / Council / Assembly
- Cemetery Headstone Emblem Approval
- Member Issues

Serving with a Rejoicing Heart!

Vivat Jesus,

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My Brother Knights,

I am honored to serve as both State Membership Director and State Warden for Arizona for the 2025-2026 Fraternal Year. Last year, Arizona achieved record membership growth and Star Councils, earning the Pinnacle Award from Supreme for the third time in four years—the top membership honor a jurisdiction can receive. These accomplishments were made possible by the dedication of our councils and District Deputies. Thank you for helping welcome 1180 new members and their families across Arizona.

As Knights of Columbus, we know firsthand the many opportunities the Order offers to help men grow in their faith, serve their parishes and communities, and protect their families through our insurance and financial products. But how do we convey all that we love about the Knights of Columbus to others?

It all starts with YOU! The most effective way to get men to join the Order is by sharing your stories and experiences with others. Introduce yourself to a man that sits near you at Mass. Serve as a Hospitality Minister and greet fellow parishioners as they come to church. Proudly wear your K of C council shirt and name badge at Mass and all other parish functions. Planting these small seeds now (does anyone remember the parable of the mustard seed?) will always bear fruit. The key is to consistently show others who we are as Knights and what we stand for every day.

The State Team is here to assist you and your councils in any way possible in recruiting new members this year. Please start planning your Church Membership Drives now and post them on our state calendar. Our State Team will be glad to attend as many drives as possible, but we must know about them to do so! [www.kofc-az.org/events-calendar](http://www.kofc-az.org/events-calendar)

Please reach out with any questions or needs you might have. I look forward to working closely with you all again this year. Together, we can make 2025-2026 another banner year for the Arizona Knights of Columbus!!

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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
- 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!!



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### ***The Following Sunday***

- Host A C-U-F Degree Ceremony Immediately After The Last Mass Of The Day
- Have The Ceremony In The Church If Possible
- Host A Luncheon/Desserts & Coffee/Social Event Immediately After Ceremony Ends
- 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.



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## **2025-2026 Recruiting Incentives**

### **Quarterly-All Members**

***K of C Hat, Backpack, and Pin***

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

### **Quarterly-District Deputies**

***K of C Tie, McGivney Plaque & Pin***

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

### **1<sup>st</sup> Quarter-Councils**

***\$200 for Coats for Kids***

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

### **2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter-Councils**

***\$300 for Sleep in Heavenly Peace***

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

### **3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter-Councils**

***\$500 for Ultrasound Initiative***

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

### **4th Quarter-Councils**

***\$500 for Global Wheelchair Mission***

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

### **Monthly Prize-All Councils**

***Council Pizza Party Hosted By State Membership Team***

- Councils Are Eligible After Hosting A Church Drive During That Month. 1 Entry for Each Drive Held.**

**One Winner Drawn Each Month**

### **End of Year Prize-All Councils**

***Knights of Columbus Personalized Canopy***

- Councils Are Eligible After Hosting A Church Drive During The Year. 1 Entry for Each Drive Held.**

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

**One Winner Drawn**





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Caballeros de Colón!*



*¡Juntos servimos  
Con Corazones  
Jubilosos!*



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<https://www.kofc.org/secure/es/join/join-kofc.html>  
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These are the Ads for July and August. Ask this to be put in bulletins, social media, website, wherever someone can get to it.



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Hello Brothers Knights,

Welcome to the new fraternal year. It was great to see everyone at the Organizational Meeting in Tempe. What a great way to start the year off. Our State Deputy's message was inspiring for all to continue the good works of our order. So, let's do it, Brothers, and continue our success in recruiting men into our order and providing our Faith in Action programs to better serve our parishes and community. [Overview Resources - Faith in Action | Knights of Columbus](#)

The information below is a look ahead to the next Fraternal Year's Monthly Featured Programs and Incentives. Grand Knights and Council Program Directors may plan now to participate in the monthly programs. Get your Form 10784s in at the end of the month to be included in the incentives program. The increase in monthly submissions last year was exceptional, compared to the year before, with many new councils winning the monthly incentive.

**July** Community/Water Drives, Food for Families  
**Bright Futures** \$100 Donation

**August** **Bright Futures**/McGivney Holy Hour/Rosary  
\$150 Global Wheelchair Donation

**Sept** Soccer Challenge, Citizen Essay Contest  
Coats for Kids \$250 Donation

**October** Silver Rose/Coats/**Catholic Heritage**  
RSVP \$200 Donation

**November** Into the Breach/Global Wheelchair/Coats  
Ultrasound \$100 Donation

**December** KCIC Poster/Advent/**Catholic Heritage**  
SJYC \$100 Donation

Programs



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<b>January</b>	Life – March, ASAP, Novena RSVP \$200 Donation
<b>February</b>	Pilgrim Icon Program/Novena/Rosary Sacramental Gifts Donation
<b>March</b>	Spiritual Reflection/Lenten Activity Special Olympics \$100 Donation
<b>April</b>	Good Friday Family Promotion/Eucharistic Procession Global Wheelchair \$150 Donation
<b>May</b>	<b>Catholic Heritage</b> /May Crowning/Adoration RSVP \$200 Donation
<b>June</b>	Family of the Month/Icon/Eucharistic Procession St. Joe's Youth Camp \$100 Donation

**Two new programs have been added to Faith in Action.**

### **Bright Futures**

- The Bright Futures program invites councils to support students and schools in their communities. Too often, youth face significant barriers to their educational success. Councils can help by providing funding and resources to those most in need.
- Councils can contact schools, teachers, and parishioners with school-aged children and ask what they need. The following projects are popular ways to provide support: fundraising for tuition or items, run a book drive for a youth library, or participate in beautification projects for the schools in the area.

Suggested Program Dates: Back-to-School Week, Black Friday, Boxing Day, 3 King's Day (Jan. 6), and Catholic Schools Week (last week of January).



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Those councils that have schools in their parishes, please meet with your school administration now to plan ahead. The school principals can direct you as to what assistance they may need.

### **Celebrating Our Catholic Heritage**

- The Celebrating Our Catholic Heritage program encourages councils to celebrate the cultures and traditions of their parish communities. This program aims to educate, inspire, and unite the community while celebrating the deep-rooted faith and cultural heritage of its members.
- A parish festival is a fun, family-friendly event that can draw attendees from throughout the community. These events can celebrate the cultural heritage and devotions of the members of their parish communities. Parish festivals and other events can feature the food, music, art, and Catholic devotions of the countries or cultures represented in their areas.
- Many councils and parishes are already celebrating their Catholic Heritage with the church fiestas they hold. Examples: Hispanic Independence, Las Posadas at Christmas, Cinco De Mayo, Polish Dinners, Oktoberfest, Hawaiian Luau, St. Patrick Day Dinners, etc.

***Any Bright Futures or Celebrating Our Catholic Heritage 10784 submitted during any month will enter you for the incentive drawing.***

### **IMPORTANT REMINDERS**

- **Catholic Citizen Essay Contact** - This year's essay prompt is:  
In an essay of 500-700 words, out of the 267 popes that have led the Catholic Church, who are your three favorite popes and why?

July/August - order kits

September – students write the essays

October – council level judging

Nov/Dec – district and state-level judging

January – state winners to Supreme

March – national winners announced



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*Councils, please contact your school principals now to have this program placed in their lesson planning for September. A few Knights mentioned last year that their schools could not participate due to the last-minute changes to their established school plans.*

- **McGivney Holy Hour – August**
- **Soccer Challenge**  
September – Council Championship  
October – District Championship  
October-November – State Championship
- **Basketball Free Throw**  
Council Championship – January  
District Championship – February  
State Championship - March

- **Coats for Kids BOGO**

The Knights of Columbus has worked closely with our supplier, Knights Gear, to secure high-quality coats at an affordable price for this year's Coats for Kids program. As in previous years, the final cost of coats reflects several external factors. Due to increased costs for the programs, prices for coats have increased by \$3 per coat (\$36 per case of 12 coats) for toddler, child, youth, teen, and adult size coats. Lightweight coats have increased by \$1.50 per coat (\$36 per case of 24 coats). Please visit the Coats for Kids pages on [Knights Gear](#).

*Councils that wish to apply for the BOGO, must submit their proposals so the State Deputy can forward to Supreme by September 15. For example, find a specific group in need of coats. The last two years, the Florence council has purchased coats for school children in the Native American Indian areas of the state. In year one, the council purchased all the coats. Last year, they teamed with other councils and proposed the BOGO for Schools in San Carlos, Globe, Sacaton, Bapchule, and Window Rock. Councils, please team up with other councils or districts and take advantage of the BOGO.*



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**\*\*\*Send me an email with an attached document with your proposal. Your proposal should include:**

- Participating Council or Councils and contact information of Knight(s) leading distribution
- Date of Distribution
- School/Church or Organization receiving the coats and their need
- Funding/Recruiting (Ex: Coats will be purchased by local councils, fundraising and promoting Coats for Kids. Utilizing pulpit announcements, fundraising at FIA program events, and after Mass. Of course, always mention opportunities to recruit new men to the order.
- Area Demographics (Ex. The St. Michael Mission School area consists of one out of every 3.9 residents lives under the poverty line. Low-income families living in a poverty area.)

**\*\*\*I will need your email request by August 31.**

### **CONGRATULATIONS – May & June Program Incentive Winners**

May – **Council 3855, Fray Francisco Garces**, Glendale, the winner of a \$100 Special Olympics Donation for the May Crowning they held. They, along with 28 other councils, submitted Faith 10784s. A total of **303** forms were submitted in May. (110 Faith, 89 Community, 63 Family, and 41 Life)



June – **Council 8854, St. John the Evangelist**, Tucson, the winner of a \$100 St. Joseph's Youth Camp Donation for the Sacred Heart of Jesus Program Icon. They, along with 11 councils, submitted Faith and Family 10784s. A total of 235 forms were submitted in June. (105 Faith, 66 Community, 39 Family, and 25 Life)





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**The Program of the Month in July** is the Water Drive and Food for Families. Councils can collect water bottles to donate to their parish, St. Vincent de Paul, Rescue Missions, Salvation Army, Casa Maria, Sister Jose, and other Catholic Homeless and Women Shelters.

**CONGRATULATIONS** – May Family of the Month - The **James Hesseman Family**, Council 11809, Our Lady of Lourdes, Sun City

Thank you all again who participated in our Faith in Action programs last year. ***With Rejoicing Hearts***, let us continue to put our Faith in Action and grow our order.

10784 - [Form Invitation](#)

Vivat Jesus!

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## Evangelization and Faith Formation / Cor

"The Knights of Columbus in Arizona have embraced the **Cor Initiative**, a Christ-centered program designed to deepen the faith and fraternity of Catholic men. COR, Latin for "heart," focuses on prayer, formation, and brotherhood, aiming to form men into missionary disciples with the heart of a father."

"At St. Thomas the Apostle Parish in Phoenix, Council #9287 has launched a monthly COR gathering, led by Deacon Matt Murphy. These meetings, held every third Thursday at 7:00 PM, provide a space for men to grow spiritually and build strong bonds of brotherhood."

"Cor dialogs are gaining momentum across the state, with councils adopting various formats to suit their communities. Some councils integrate Cor with existing programs like "That Man Is You!" or "Into the Breach," offering a flexible approach to men's ministry."

The previous quotations are from numerous sources throughout Arizona.

To close, this is what the Supreme website says about Cor: "The world needs courageous men to witness and develop a relationship with Jesus. Cor exists to form and strengthen Catholic men in faith and virtue as missionary disciples by drawing them into a deeper relationship with Jesus Christ through prayer, formation, and fraternity."

Has your council appointed a Director for Evangelization and Faith Formation? This role is different from the Faith Director; however, the two roles could work together. Do you have questions about how to start? Are your Cor dialogs needing revitalizing? Contact Deacon Bruce Bennett or Fr. Arthur Nave, Jr. for more information. Drop us a note that tells us what your councils Cor dialogs look like.

God bless you and those you love,

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## Silver Rose

The Silver Rose will once again be traveling through Arizona. This time the Rose will travel through the Northern part of the state to include Phoenix and surrounding areas up to the white mountains. The dates are **September 28 – October 25. Please email me your preferred dates at your earliest convenience.**

**I am currently attempting to get a 3rd Rose to meet the demand.**

**Peace and blessings,**

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## Arizona Rosary Celebration

[www.azrosary.net](http://www.azrosary.net)

Join thousands of Catholics at the **Arizona Rosary Celebration**, October 18th - 19th, when we will honor our Blessed Mother under her title, Our Lady of Guadalupe.

Come pray the Rosary before the Blessed Sacrament, in the presence of the relics of six Knights of Columbus priests who are Cristeros and martyrs of Mexico canonized in 2000 by Pope John Paul II.

> **Saturday, October 18 at 10:00 a.m. in Tucson**, Bishop Gerald F. Kicanas presides at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church. Our guest speaker is Fr. Emanuel Franco Gomez, a priest and scholar, known for his extensive study and devotion of Our Lady of Guadalupe.

> **Sunday, October 19 at 2:00 p.m. in Phoenix**, Bishop John P. Dolan presides at the Phoenix Convention Center south building. Our guest speaker is Fr. John Nahrgang. When he saw St. Juan Diego's tilma in Mexico City, he converted to Catholicism and became a priest for the Diocese of Phoenix. Currently, Fr. Nahrgang is working on a PhD in Mariology at the Vatican.

Please bring your family, invite your friends, and consider supporting this event with **prayer, advertising, and donation**. Thank you. God bless you.

Let's pray the Rosary, Arizona!

Gregory Mattingly, Chairman  
Arizona Rosary Celebration  
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*Our Lady of Guadalupe,  
Pray for Us*

# Arizona Rosary Celebration



*If you desire peace in your hearts, in your  
homes, and in your country...recite the rosary.*  
— Pope Pius XI

## TUCSON

**October 18, 2025**

**Saturday, 10:00 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.**



GUEST SPEAKER

**Fr. Emanuel Franco Gomez**

**St. Elizabeth Ann Seton**

8650 N. Shannon Rd.  
Tucson, AZ 85742

## PHOENIX

**October 19, 2025**

**Sunday, 2:00 p.m. - 4:15 p.m.**

Doors open at noon for adoration, confession, exhibits.



GUEST SPEAKER

**Fr. John Nahrgang**

**Phoenix Convention  
Center**

South Building, 33 S. 3rd St.  
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## Life Director's Message

Greetings Brothers,

We begin a new fraternal year with the challenge to support and defend life still before us. We must stand up for life and actively show with our faith and actions the love that will change hearts to the cause. It is in living faithfully what we believe that others come to know God's love and plan for us.

I am committed to help with your council's Life Programs and make them successful. Just drop me a note and we can discuss ways you or your council can get involved in supporting Life in AZ.

There are several programs the Knights sponsor to help you, and your councils make a difference. Please make as many of these programs as part of your planning and execution for the year.

**1. Aid and Support After Pregnancy (ASAP):** Adopt a pregnancy center and support them. Supreme will add \$100 for every \$500 up to \$2000 per center you support. <https://www.kofc.org/en/contact/asap.html> .

**2. Walking With Moms In Need (WWMIN):** This is a Diocesan program by the USCCB that you can get involved in to increase the Church's outreach and assistance to pregnant and parenting women in need. Let women know that we have a list of resources available to help them find the support they need and will walk with them through this process. Let them know that they are never alone. For more information go to <https://dphx.org/walking-with-moms-in-need/> and <https://www.usccb.org/prolife/walking-moms-need> .

**3. 40 Days for Life:** This organization marches prays in front of abortion clinics to show women there is an alternative to abortion and help in their despair and fear. The next 40 day period kicks off Sept 24th with an opening mass at St Mary's Basilica. <https://www.40daysforlife.com/en/phoenix> . There are other locations in Tempe, Tucson, and Flagstaff on the website. There may be other opportunities to sponsor one in your area if you step up and take the initiative.

**4. Ultrasound Initiative:** The Ultrasound Initiative saves lives by allowing women and men to see the child developing in the mother's womb. This has been a very





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effective tool in helping these women and men understand what is really happening. When the mothers see their child, studies show that better than 70% carry the child to birth. Many who can't get the ultrasound seek other options. With the rise in chemical abortions, we must get to them sooner and many times the baby can still be saved.

With this program your council raises money to purchase ultrasound machines for Crisis Pregnancy Centers in AZ. Every dollar you raise is matched by Supreme. The State Council purchases annually about four machines. These machines are expensive, and your council does not need to raise all the money for a machine. Do what you can, and the State Council pools the donations to make the purchases with the approved centers. Make checks out to AZ Knights of Columbus Charity Inc. Put Ultrasound in the memo line and send them to Dominic Conn, 606 E Broadmor Dr, Tempe, AZ 85282. If you know of a pregnancy center in need of a machine, send me a note and I will contact to see what can be done to help them and then will work through the application process with them.

There are many opportunities you can take to make a difference in supporting Life in AZ. The key is to get involved, pick a program and do it. Most importantly we all must pray to Mary and Jesus to intercede for us to change the hearts and minds of first those who are so in despair that they might seek an abortion and second to those who are so callous that they would be involved in performing and supporting this evil. We must not stand by idle while the abortion industry destroys the God's gift of Life and the future of humanity, our children.

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**SACRED HEART**

# 6TH ANNUAL MENS RETREAT

Come celebrate with us the Year  
of Hope!

**AUG. 8 – AUG. 10**

167 NM-602, Gallup, NM 87301

**For more information: [skrogerm@gmail.com](mailto:skrogerm@gmail.com)  
RSVP by Aug 1, 2025 | Payable to Sacred Heart Retreat Center**

Thurs-Sun: \$280 (Private or Semi-private room/bath,  
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Fri-Sunday: \$210 (Includes private or semi private  
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Thursday meals and weekend lunch not included





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# Knights of Columbus 2025 Men's Retreat



***"Come...follow me"***

Join us for a powerful weekend of fellowship, prayer, reflection, and brotherhood in the beauty of the pines.



## Great Food



## Nature



## Inspiring Talks



## Fellowship



**When:** August 15th – 17th. Friday 5pm to Sunday 11 am

**Where:** St Joseph's Youth Camp 4860 Mormon Lake Rd, Mormon Lake, AZ 86038

**Cost:** \$100 **Who:** Open to Catholic men ages 18 and up

**Host:** Arizona Knights of Columbus

**Register:** "Eventbrite". Knights of Columbus Men's Retreat 2025

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/knights-of-columbus-mens-retreat-2025-tickets-1316898562049>

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## 8<sup>th</sup> Annual White Mountain Catholic Men's Conference



### Jubilee Year – Pilgrims of Hope

Our Lady of the Snow Catholic Church  
Snowflake, Arizona

Saturday August 23, 2025

8:00 AM.- 3:00 PM, 5:00 PM Mass

***Keynote Speaker:***

**Bishop James S. Wall**



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### ***Featured Speakers***



**Fr. Dan Kassis**  
Pastor St. Rita



**Tom Kato**  
Immediate Past  
State Deputy  
Arizona Knights of Columbus



**Michael Porier**  
Composer Musician



**Tickets: \$25 in advance  
\$30 at the door**

**Registration Link** [bit.ly/40B3oGG](https://bit.ly/40B3oGG)

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# BE A MAN BE A SAINT



**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 2025**

**SAINT ELIZABETH ANN SETON PARISH**

8650 N Shannon Rd, Tucson, AZ 85742

**PAUL GEORGE**

Author of *Holy Grit*  
and National Youth  
Ministry Speaker

KEYNOTE  
SPEAKERS

**SAM BLAIR**

Former Navy SEAL,  
TMIY Speaker, and CEO  
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Registration site coming soon.

For more details, please contact Bill Breen at [bill.breen@gmail.com](mailto:bill.breen@gmail.com)



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# Building Our Future

## St. Anthony School begins construction

St. Anthony Catholic just completed its 19th school year and has broken ground on a new 26,000 square foot Pre-K through 8th Grade school facility. The new facility will include larger classrooms, a gymnasium, stage, restrooms, administrative offices and a new soccer field.

St. Anthony School was started in 2006 and has been operating on the St. Rita Catholic Church site since 2009. The new school facility is being built on just under three acres that adjoin St. Rita's. The project will take 12 months to complete, and we are hopeful to move into our new facility by the 2026-2027 school year.

Thanks to our many friends and generous supporters over the years we have raised over \$4 million dollars in our building fund. Our original estimate in 2019 to build was \$4 million but since covid, our building costs have increased to over \$6.5 million!

If needed, we have an approved construction loan from Notre Dame Federal Credit Union to allow us to complete construction, however, our goal is to minimize our debt or if possible, remain debt free. We are asking for your help and support to help us fund the remaining 10,000 square feet of unfunded building costs.

Each tax-deductible donation of \$250 helps fund one square foot of the remaining 10,000 square feet of unfunded building space. Please consider donating the cost of one square foot or more of the remaining unfunded building space and help us remain debt free and financially strong – PLEASE go to our website at [stantschool.org](http://stantschool.org) to donate to our capital campaign or mail a check to St. Anthony Catholic School, P.O.Box 4009, Show Low, Arizona 85902.

### More about St. Anthony Catholic School:

- Our Mission is to educate each child academically, physically, socially, and spiritually in a Catholic context.
- St. Anthony School started in 2006 with 37 students. Our enrollment for the 2024 -2025 school year was 155 students.
- St. Anthony Catholic School is part of the poorest Catholic Mission Diocese in the United States, the Diocese of Gallup, and operates under the diocese of Gallup as an independent school

and is 100% self-funded by tuition, fundraising and donations.

- Our diverse student body comes from all over the White Mountain Communities as far south as Fort Apache and Whiteriver and as far north as Snowflake.
- St. Anthony School received accreditation status from the Western Catholic Educational Association in 2019 and is the only accredited private school in the White Mountains.



**Scholarships  
available for  
ALL students!**

St. Anthony Catholic School

**NOW ENROLLING**

PRE-K thru 8th

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## **With Rejoicing Hearts – The Design**

The Arizona Knights of Columbus State Pin has a copper background reminding us of the rich natural resources of our State.

The imagery on the pin

- Raised hands in rejoicing
- Our hearts
- The Knights of Columbus emblem
- The dove representing the Holy Spirit
- Baby footprints symbolizing the Right to Life

serves as a visual testament to our mission.

It reminds us that we are called to serve, uplift, and walk in faith, defending the dignity of life from conception to natural death and bringing Christ's kingdom to light. **We serve With Rejoicing Hearts!**



## **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.

A successful knight does 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.

