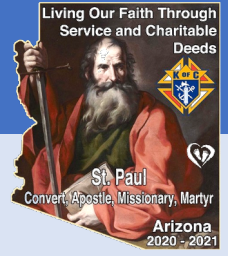




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KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS OF ARIZONA
"LIVING OUR FAITH THROUGH
SERVICE AND CHARITABLE DEEDS"



State Deputy's Message



Brothers,
Mary Ann and I hope that you and your family had a safe and enjoyable Thanksgiving and were able to spend it with close family. This time last year we were not concerned with physical distancing, wearing face masks, frequent washing hands, virtual gatherings, and all manner of changes to our daily routine due to the pandemic. I have hope that if we remain strong in our faith and steadfast in our beliefs, we can endure these tribulations.

This past Sunday we crossed into the liturgical season of Advent that will take us through a transformative time of preparation that leads us to the birth of Jesus Christ on Christmas. There is so much we can do during this time. Yes, despite Covid-19, we can prepare our families for Christ's coming. There are ways that we can safely expand our Advent practices to include family, friends, neighbors, and fellow Knights. Think about conducting weekly family prayer services around the Advent candle and broadcast it through social media to your virtual sphere of influence.

Let's take the lead in utilizing the current situation to our benefit in terms of evangelizing our faith and the good works of our Order. In many regards we have a rare opportunity to provide the "world" a glimpse of a Christ-centric life based on love, hope, faith, and mercy. As the song goes, "And they'll know we are Christians by our love..." So, my brothers, let us keep Christ in Christmas. Be safe and share your faith and love with others using the tools and gifts the Lord has given us during this time of difficulty.

On October 31, 2020, the Venerable Father Michael J. McGivney was Beatified by Pope Francis. A beautiful liturgy of Beatification was celebrated at Saint Joseph's Cathedral in Hartford, CT. The Mass was presided by His Eminence, Joseph William Cardinal Tobin, Archbishop of Newark, NJ., the official representative of the Holy Father, Pope Francis. During the service, Supreme Knight Carl Anderson spoke of how Fr. McGivney saw the need for greater lay participation in the mission of the Church. Further, he described how the Knights of Columbus not only sought to protect the family experiencing the loss of the bread winner, but also to create a model of fraternalism for laymen, "...a model that was directed toward, not away from, parish life." The Supreme Knight observed how Blessed Fr. McGivney embodied the Order's principles of charity, unity, and fraternity, and how his example guides the 2 million members of the Knights of Columbus today.

This past month, I had the pleasure of attending the State Deputies Mid-Year Meeting. It was held virtually from Thursday, November 19 through Saturday, November 21. There were many interesting topics discussed. One topic that will be covered in more detail during the coming weeks will be about new guidelines for Council Meetings. Stay tuned for more on this subject.

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For a Life of Prayer

We pray that our personal relationship with Jesus Christ be nourished by the Word of God and a life of prayer.



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Good news brothers! During November our recruitment efforts produced good results. However, as we approach the mid-point of the fraternal year, we find ourselves with less than a third of the number of new members we should have by this point. More needs to be done. **Remember, new members can join the Order online for free for the first year when using the promotion code MCGIVNEY2020, but only through December 31st.** Brothers, this is the time to take advantage of the many recruitment incentives that are available this year. One of the great incentives going on until the end of December benefits parishes during this time of pandemic and great financial need. The three councils that recruit the most eMembers from November 1st till December 31st will earn cash for their parish. The top council's parish receives \$500, the second receives \$300 and the third \$200. We are in the middle of the contest with several councils vying for the three prizes. The contest is very tight and all councils, even those who have not yet recruited, have an opportunity to earn a prize for their parish. I greatly encourage you to increase your online recruitment efforts during this month. It is a win-win for State, Councils, and winning parishes.

Saint Paul had dispatched Timothy to Thessalonica to make sure that they had not reverted to their former ways. Because they were physically separated, St. Paul was concerned that the devil would tempt them and cause them to break away from Christ. It almost seems to be a warning to us during this pandemic where many find themselves physically separated from the Eucharist that we do not fall to temptation. In the third Chapter of his First Letter to the Thessalonians, Saint Paul writes,

We, "...sent Timothy, our brother and co-worker for God in the gospel of Christ, to strengthen and encourage you in your faith, so that no one be disturbed in these afflictions. For you yourselves know that we are destined for this. For even when we were among you, we used to warn you in advance that we would undergo affliction, just as has happened... (1 Thes. 3:2-4)"

Upon learning from Timothy that his fears were unfounded, St. Paul wrote, "...Timothy has returned to us from you, bringing us the good news of your faith and love, and that you always think kindly of us and long to see us as we long to see you. Because of this, we have been reassured about you, brothers, in our every distress and affliction, through your faith. For we now live, if you stand firm in the Lord (1 Thes. 3:6-7)."

Brothers, even though we find ourselves physically distant from each other, or even from the Eucharist, stay firm in your faith and love so you may continue to live in Him. Mary Ann and I wish each of you the Merriest of Christmases. Be safe and look out for your friends, neighbors, and brother Knights. Blessed Fr. McGivney, pray for us!

Vivat Jesus,

Mario Vassallo
State Deputy



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State Chaplain – Father Gary Regula

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Dear Brother Knights,

Happy Advent!

That greeting doesn't seem to flow off the tongue as when we say Happy Easter or Merry Christmas; however, this is truly a season of immense joy. We should be shouting from the rooftops that Our Savior, Jesus Christ is coming to us. We should have the awe and wonder of this moment as when we were younger children of God (as no matter our age we are still children of God). Remember when we may have opened up the door on the Advent calendar each morning and saw a picture or some brief saying to inspire us on that day? Do we remember the ways our eyes opened wide gazing at all the lights and decorations going up in our homes and in the neighborhood around us?

We should look back and re-embrace that awestruck wonderment of this season. We can all sing the words to *O Come, O Come Emmanuel* and we should not only on Sunday, but throughout the week. It doesn't matter if we have a good singing voice or not, we should want to sing out in joy with the angelic choirs as we prepare for the glorious coming of Christ and also his birth as a little baby. We should want to do something each day and the Knights have given us our little Advent calendar, so that we awaken each day jumping up to be inspired.

And inspired we will be as if we take up the challenge beginning December 1 to read one chapter a day from the Gospel of Luke. Doing so we will be drawn to that most beautiful of images beginning with Christ's birth. Then the evangelist will teach us through some of the most beautiful parables that we have heard of how we are supposed to act as disciples of Jesus. We will also be invited to partake of the image of Christ crucified, which for many of us seems out of place at this time of year. However, it has no better place in our celebration than during this Advent season.

We can never take the cross away from our mind. When we see the image of the Christ child in the manger we are in awe. We are humbled that the Son of God would humble himself to take human form. We are amazed that this child will teach us that to be like God all we have to do is be the gift of love and mercy to one another. We will be saddened that this child in order to teach us the depths of God's unconditional love would be crucified for our salvation.

We say that this season is one that reminds us of how thankful we are for our blessings. If that indeed is the case, then we should not waste a minute of this Advent season. We should be alert and watchful as we were taught on the First Sunday of Advent. We should prepare our homes for the customs and traditions that are special to our families even while still in the grip of a pandemic. We should, first and foremost, prepare our hearts to receive Christ Our King when he comes to us. Let us not wait any longer, the time is nigh to prepare ourselves, and through us, prepare the world for the wonderful coming of Christ this Christmas. May you, and your families, and all those you will encounter on your journey of faith, have a Blessed and Happy Advent and a Merry Christmas!

Vivat Jesus!

Father Gary Regula
Arizona State Chaplain



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State Secretary – Luigi Baratta

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Brother Knights,

I hope all my Brothers and their families had a blessed Thanksgiving. I need you help! The following Councils still have not paid their Per Capita. Councils **(3848-15497-6858-11007-15164-15325-17005-7306-11858-7646-13004-14621-1882)**. Is your Council on this list? **Please check with your Financial Secretary after reading this monthly KOCOA if he mailed the payment to me.** If you did not receive a statement send me an email ASAP. Please remember, any assessments paid to the Arizona state council or Supreme **DOESN'T NOT REQUIRE A VOTE.** So please send your payment along with the invoice. The check needs to be written to AZ Knights of Columbus not STATE SECRETARY. We need to grow the order in our state. our precepts of Charity, Unity, Fraternity, and Patriotism stand at the heart of our religious and civil duties. Brothers, like you need to reach out to all Catholic men who have similar beliefs, similar ideals, and similar love for our Catholic religion and have them join the Knight of Columbus!

Please remember to pray an extra Rosary for those who have passed and those who are suffering during the epidemic. Reach out to those elderly Brothers and their families who may need our help or who are lonely sitting at home. Sometimes a simple phone can cheer them up.

May God bless you and your families,

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State Treasurer – Tom Kato

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Let's get social!!!

Brothers,

As we are moving into the year 2021, we still have a lot of activities we are doing whether through online meetings or socially distanced.

We need to let the world know that the Knights of Columbus in Arizona truly believe in the Leave No Neighbor Behind program! The best way to do that is through pictures!

Facebook is still the social media platform of choice, but a picture is worth 1000 words!

To post something, of course, you will need an Instagram account. A suggestion for the name of the account: azkofc_councilnumber

Take a picture of your event

Post to Instagram

Put a short description and at the end put @azkofc along with your own council tag. You can add in more stuff like #leavenoneighborbehind

A sample post is here: (copy and paste this sample and instructions)

<https://www.instagram.com/p/CH8V7TCH80x/>

Here are some detailed instructions:

<https://later.com/blog/how-to-post-on-instagram/>

<https://www.businessinsider.com/how-to-post-on-instagram>

If you don't have an account, you can send pictures of your events along with a short writeup to: stateweb.kofc@gmail.com

We would love to start advertising all the good works your council is doing!

Vivat Jesus!

Tom Kato

State Treasurer

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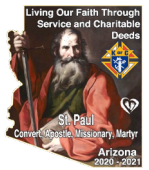
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State Program Director – Tom White

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Brothers,

Thanksgiving is over, and we are in Advent season as you read this. We are still in the midst of the pandemic, and much will be different this Christmas season. Our councils may not be able to perform our traditional Christmas programs this year, but there is still much that can be done as individual knights and as.

KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS

Christ's birth IS the reason for Christmas. As we, hopefully, gather with our families to exchange presents and enjoy meals and our families, let's not forget what the holiday is truly about. Pray as a family regularly this month leading up to Christmas Day. As councils, set up an online prayer session before Christmas... invite your fellow parishioners to join you. Advertise it on your parish website and flocknote. I cannot think of a year in my lifetime where prayer was more important or needed. My wife found the following Christmas idea on facebook yesterday. It's simple and will help bring Christ into Christmas for us all:

Beginning December 1st, each evening read one chapter of the Book of Luke in the Bible. There are 24 chapters; on Christmas Eve you will have read the whole account of Jesus' life and will wake up on Christmas morning knowing Who and Why we celebrate Christmas.

COATS FOR KIDS

It's not too late to get involved in this program. There will be a great need to clothe kids this winter. Collect them from your members, have a member chair the program and be responsible for buying the coats, participate in the Supreme program... there are unlimited ways to get involved and help some needy kids. For questions contact SYPD Jeff Schneider at: bronte1@mindspring.com

WELCOME BACK NOVENA

Hopefully many of you have begun the Welcome Home Brothers and Sisters 54 day novena. This novena is aimed specifically at our own family members that have drifted away from the Faith. We will pray as a group for them, that they may receive the Holy Spirit's urging to come back to our Catholic Church family.

COUNCIL MEETINGS

It's pretty late in the game to bring this up, but it's absolutely necessary for your councils to be meeting every month, in some manner. Live meetings are now allowed but many of our members will not feel comfortable attending these meetings. GKs MUST ensure that council business is being done. Programs MUST be in place even if they are limited... we have to keep our members engaged or we will lose them. If your council is having a problem with online meetings, please contact your DDs or neighboring GKs for help. If you are having trouble formulating safe programs, contact me and we can discuss programs that your council can be safely performing.

FRATERNAL PROGRAMS REPORT 10748

In a meeting with the Supreme Program Director last week, he stated that this form is being greatly under – utilized. Supreme had hoped for a greater response from councils but they are receiving very few of these reports. Form 10748 should be completed and submitted upon completion of each council program. Supreme wants to see which FIA programs are working or not working... are councils following the program model or not? What changes need to be made to bring all councils onboard with this program? Do they need to remove or add programs in the future?

The form is pretty easy to use. It can be found on the Faith in Action resources page at: www.fiaresources@kofc.org Scroll down to Overview Resources; then down to form 10748. It is an online form only. PDF emails are stuck in the system for weeks; these online forms go directly to the Supreme Program Director. Be aware there is no way to copy the form once completed. Click SUBMIT, and the form will be sent to Supreme, the person completing the form, and to the Grand Knight. I ask that the GK send me a copy as well. The form can be completed by any council member; it does not require the GK's signature. Save the completed forms, and when it comes time to submit your SP7 you'll have the complete record of your council's programs to use.

My wife Jan and I wish all of you a healthy holiday season and a Merry Christmas!

VIVAT JESUS!



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State Membership Director – Bobby Nielsen

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In the November membership article, you were challenged to set aside the obstacles that have been placed upon us and recruit new men into the Order. I am happy to say that Arizona Knights of Columbus came through. Arizona recruited over 70 new men into the Order in November, and this was done one man at a time. That is how we are adapting to growing the Order during a pandemic. With a limited ability to meet, or have “normal” recruiting drives, the days of bringing in several men at one time are gone.

Many councils have the opportunity to recruit at Mass. This may be a smaller recruiting drive than in the past, but a pulpit announcement and being available for questions after Mass has shown to be successful. In the last month new ads for the electronic and paper Sunday Mass bulletins have been sent out, along with a new eMembers sign-up sheet. This sheet gives a man the opportunity to provide all of the needed information to join the Knights. You can then enter the information online at a later time. This simplifies the process for the prospect and recruiter. These items along with other recruiting tools, are available on the state website page in the Membership/Recruiting area.

We are halfway through one of the most exciting incentives we have ever had. The top 3 online recruiting councils in the state will win a cash prize (\$500/\$300/\$200) for their parish. The incentive ends on December 31, 2020. Councils 3145 and 7904 are out to an early lead with 4 new eMembers each and Council 1806 is right behind them with 3 new members. There are several councils with 2 new eMembers that can easily take the top prize. What makes this incentive truly exciting is that every council in the state can still win the top prize. Use this opportunity to sign up new members online and give your council the chance to win big money for your parish.

December 31, 2020 also marks the end to many Council and District Deputy incentives. A copy of Arizona’s 2020-2021 incentives information will follow this article. Councils should use the next month to recruit and earn these prizes. Somebody needs to win. Why can’t it be your parish! Many councils have all of the new men that they need to qualify for incentive prizes, but these men are eMembers on the council prospect tab. Arizona has almost 200 men that have joined the Order and asked to join a specific council. Every District Deputy, Grand Knight and Financial Secretary has access to this information. Invite these Knights to attend a live or video CUF and get them on the council roster and involved.

Recruiting is an important part of being a Knight. There are many tools to help in this process. If you ever feel you need help attracting new members, remember Faith in Action Programs, our award-winning insurance agents and the recruiting tool that never fails; **JUST ASK!** As always, you can contact me if you need any assistance.

Vivat Jesus!

Bobby Nielsen
State Membership Director
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Recruiter Incentives

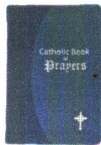
July 1, 2020 - June 30, 2021

The Star Recruiter pin and Arizona Knights challenge coin will be awarded throughout the year; all other awards will be presented at the 2021 State Convention

- Those recruiting a new member will receive a Star Recruiter pin. The first 200 will receive an Arizona Knights challenge coin



- Any member who recruits 5 to 10 new members by the end of the fraternal year will receive a Catholic prayer book



- Any member who recruits 11 or more new members will receive a K of C WWI Battle Beads Rosary



- The top three recruiters in the state will receive a Knights watch



*Recruiters must be listed as proposer
*All end dates are final

Fast Start Incentives

July 1, 2020 - December 31, 2020

Awarded to the Council at the mid-year meeting

- Any Council that obtains 75% of their goal will receive a Knights table cover



- Any Council that obtains 100% of their goal will receive a Knights table cover and a beanbag toss game



- Additionally, Council that obtains 75% or more of their goal will be entered into a drawing for a Knights canopy with a rolling storage bag



Membership Director Incentives

July 1, 2020 - December 31, 2020

Awarded to the Council Membership Director at the mid-year meeting

- Any Membership Director that obtains 100% or more of goal will receive a KofC computer briefcase



*Membership intakes are based on Supreme Daily Progress Report

District Deputy 1st Half Incentive

July 1, 2020 - December 31, 2020

Awarded to the DD at the mid-year meeting

- Any DD whose active Councils are current on Forms 185 & 365, are safe environment compliant and have obtained 50% of his District intake goal will receive \$150
- Any DD whose active Councils are current on Forms 185 & 365, are safe environment compliant and have obtained 100% of his District intake goal will receive \$250

Star Recruiter Incentive

July 1, 2020 - May 1, 2021

Award to be presented at the 2021 State Convention

- The member who recruits the most new members during the incentive period will receive a 2021 State Convention VIP package, a Star Recruiter plaque and \$100

Star Council Recruiter Incentive

July 1, 2020 - May 1, 2021

Awards to be presented at the 2021 State Convention

- The Council with the highest percentage of membership growth during the incentive period will receive a GK 2021 State Convention VIP package, Star Council Recruiter plaque and \$100

*Actual awards may appear different than shown



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Culture of Life Chairman – Ed Eick

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Good news: Planned Parenthood quietly withdrew its suit against several Arizona laws that protect pregnant mothers and their pre-born babies. Arizona is one of the leading states with such laws although our changing political climate may put us at risk in the future. The withdrawal may be due to the changing climate in the Supreme Court that would make it very difficult for Planned Parenthood to prevail.

Another Planned Parenthood action saw the removal of the abortion doctor from their staff, a doctor that has been prominent in Tucson and Phoenix in the abortion business. Several other staff members were let go, but at this point we don't know exactly why. Pro-life vigils at abortion sites, especially 40 Days for Life, and the presence of pro-life pregnancy centers close to abortion centers, have together figured prominently in the closure of abortion centers.

These are great victories that should hearten all pro-life warriors including the many Knights who have been active in our Culture of Life battle against Culture of Death advocates.

Currently we ask any Council without a Life Director to appoint one, then send contact information to us for News Alerts to go directly to them and the Grand Knight.

Going forward and in support of our front-line advocates and baby life savers, we ask that any K of C Council without a working relationship with a Pro-life Pregnancy Center in their city introduce themselves to the executive director of a PPC and offer to assist them in any of a number of ways. A number of Councils have been very active in this support effort for many years, but some pregnancy centers are without the offer of assistance. To identify pregnancy centers in your area, some which you may not be aware of, call us and we can identify nearby centers, names of Executive Directors and contact information. We'd love to talk to you and help you find opportunities.

Vivat Jesus!

Ed and Mary Jo Eick

Culture of Life Chair Couple

Arizona State Council

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Hispanic Recruiting Coordinator – Luis L. Leyva

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“For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.” Isaiah 9:6

Brothers, I greet you with the Peace of Christ our Lord. With the latest events that we are experiencing, where once again the pandemic is on the rise, we must continue to work for the Kingdom of our Lord under his blessing and protection, but, following all security measures to protect ourselves and everyone who is around us.

We are living a social stage that we would never have imagined we would go through due to the scientific advances of our time. We have adapted to a new cybernetic social coexistence and even when we feel that we lose personal contact, God continues to fill us with his love and spirit.

As it was written, according to the Prophet Isaiah, God has sent us a redeemer, his only son for the salvation of Man. Today, we see Christmas as a commercial holiday without reflecting on the great event of the Nativity of Jesus, our KING.

“After hearing the king, they went their way; and the star, which they had seen in the east, went on before them until it came and stood over *the place* where the Child was. When they saw the star, they rejoiced exceedingly with great joy. After coming into the house, they saw the Child with Mary His mother; and they fell to the ground and worshiped Him. Then, opening their treasures, they presented to Him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.” Matthew 2: 9-11

I often reflect on this scripture of the Gospel of Matthew, where we see how complete strangers show us how fortunate we have been to have received Jesus among the people of God for our redemption.

It is our duty and moral commitment to bring this beautiful news to all our brothers. Let's celebrate the Nativity of our King and Lord by spreading his gospel and converting our brothers to our faith. Show them what it is to be a committed Catholic to his Church.

BROTHERS, AS KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS:

WE BELIEVE - Living our faith boldly makes a difference

WE CHOOSE - To live according to the gospel, which is different from the narrative offered by secular society.

WE AVOID - Each and every activity that separates us from God.

Brothers, now again I invite each of you to recruit a Catholic man to join our Order. It is our MORAL commitment to honor the legacy of Blessed Father McGivney by growing our Fraternal Order by offering every Catholic man the opportunity to join the Knights of Columbus to support our Families, Parishes, Communities and, at the same time, help them grow spiritually with Jesus Christ. and under the maternal mantle of Santa María de Guadalupe.

Remember, WE ARE CATHOLIC MEN CHANGING LIVES.

Vivat Jesus!

Luis L. Leyva

Hispanic Membership Coordinator



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Coordinador de Membrecía Hispana - **Luis L. Leyva**

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“Porque un niño nos es nacido, hijo nos es dado, y el principado sobre su hombro; y se llamara su nombre Admirable, Consejero, Dios Fuerte, Padre Eterno, Príncipe de Paz.” Isaías 9:6

Hermanos, les saludo extendiendo un saludo con la Paz de Cristo Jesús. Con los últimos acontecimientos que estamos experimentando, donde una vez más la pandemia va en aumento, debemos continuar trabajando por el Reino de nuestro Señor bajo su bendición y protección, pero siguiendo todas las medidas de seguridad para protegernos y proteger a todos los que no rodean.

Estamos viviendo una etapa social que nunca nos hubiéramos imaginado pasaríamos debido a los adelantos científicos de nuestro tiempo. Nos hemos adaptado a una nueva convivencia social cibernética y aun cuando sentimos que perdemos el contacto personal, Dios continúa llenándonos con su amor y espíritu.

Como estaba escrito, según el Profeta Isaías, Dios nos ha enviado a un redentor, su hijo único para la salvación del Hombre. Hoy en día, vemos Navidad como una festividad comercial sin reflexionar en el magno evento de la Natividad de Jesús, nuestro REY.

“Ellos, habiendo oído al rey, se fueron; y he aquí la estrella que habían visto en el oriente iba delante de ellos, hasta que llegando, se detuvo sobre donde estaba el niño. Y al ver la estrella, se regocijaron con muy grande gozo. Y al entrar en la casa, vieron al niño con su madre María, y postrándose, lo adoraron; y abriendo sus tesoros, le ofrecieron presentes: oro, incienso y mirra.”

Mateo 2 9-11

Seguido reflexiono en esta escritura del evangelio de Mateo, donde vemos como unos completos extraños, nos muestran lo afortunados que hemos sido de haber recibido a Jesús entre el pueblo de Dios para nuestra redención.

Es nuestro deber y compromiso moral de llevar esta hermosa noticia a todos nuestros hermanos. Celebremos la Natividad de nuestro Rey y Señor propagando su evangelio y convirtiendo a nuestros hermanos a nuestra fe. Mostrarles lo que es ser un Católico comprometido con su Iglesia.

HERMANOS LOS CABALLEROS DE COLON:

CREEMOS – Que vivir nuestra fe con valentía hace una diferencia

ELIGIMOS – Vivir de acuerdo con el evangelio, que es diferente a la narrativa que ofrece la sociedad secular.

EVITAMOS – Todas y cada una de las actividades que nos separan de Dios.

Hermanos, ahora nuevamente les invito a cada uno de ustedes a reclutar a un hombre católico a formar parte de nuestra Orden. Es nuestro compromiso MORAL de honrar el legado del Beato Padre McGivney haciendo crecer nuestra Orden Fraternal ofreciéndole a **todo hombre católico** la oportunidad de unirse a Caballeros de Colon para apoyar a nuestras Familia, Parroquias, Comunidades y a la vez, ayudarles a crecer espiritualmente con Cristo Jesús y bajo el manto maternal de Santa María de Guadalupe.

Recuerden, que SOMOS HOMBRES CATOLICOS CAMBIANDO VIDAS.

Vivat Jesus!

Luis L. Leyva

Coordinador de Membrecía Hispana



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State Family Director – Joseph Shanks

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Brother Knights,

December 2020, who thought it would come so soon. Half-way through our fraternal year, let's continue to strive to be the best we can be. What do we need to accomplish for the month of December?

Journey to the Inn, Christmas Poster Contest, attend your District's Mid-Year Meeting, Consecration of the Holy Family (12/27), submit Fraternal Program Report for Quarter, District Deputy should submit Semi-Annual Report (#944) – Due 12/31

It's that time to submit your Fraternal Program Report Forms (#10784). This report should be submitted each time you complete an event. The submission can only be done online. Each quarter the State Deputy receives a report of activities completed. This will also help in preparation of your SP-7 at the end of the Fraternal Year.

<https://www.kofc.org/en/what-we-do/faith-in-action-programs/resources/index.html?1tab=1tab5> .

When you go to the link above, go down to Forms and then click on the 10784 On-Line Form and follow the instructions.

December continues Advent Season - Advent season is a time of preparation that directs our hearts and minds to Christ's second coming at the end of time and also to the anniversary of the Lord's birth on Christmas. The final days of **Advent**, from December 17 to December 24, focus particularly on our preparation for the celebrations of the Nativity of our Lord (Christmas).

December 8 – Immaculate Conception

December 12 – Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe

December 24 – Christmas Eve

December 25 – Christmas

December 31 – New Years Eve

Family of the Month Program

The Arizona State Council this Fraternal Year further enhanced this program by presenting to the Family of the Month an award recognizing their contributions to the Catholic Faith, their Parish and their Community. There were two entries submitted this month. We thank you for your submission. We would like to have more Councils contributing to this program.

The winner of Family of the Month for October 2020 for the Arizona State Council is Gene and Karla Arvizu. The Arvizu Family attend St. Bernadette Parish in Scottsdale. Gene has been a Knight of Columbus for 14 years and the family is very active in their parish and the community. Congratulations!



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Keep Christ In Christmas Chairman – Dennis Schauer

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Brother Knights,

Please find attached my information for the KCIC Programs for 2020-2021. Attached is the resource tab describing the programs, the brochure for the Christmas cards and products, the council form for orders, a special offer, and information on Spanish products. The current files will be on the state website under the tab "More" and 'Keep Christ In Christmas' with these files. The link below is included because it goes to the Supreme FAI Family page where the Supreme links reside for the individual program details and applicable forms. Let me know if you have any questions.

<http://www.kofc.org/en/what-we-do/faith-in-action-programs/resources/index.html?1tab=1tab2>

or at

<https://kofc-az.org/keep-christ-in-christmas>

Vivat Jesus!

Dennis J. Schauer

District Deputy #10

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Youth Director – Jeffrey Schneider

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Catholic Citizenship Essay Program

Brother Knights,

The Catholic Essay Contest is coming to a close for 2020. The deadline for submitting entries for State judging will be December 9th. I have had some entries already and would like to thank the Councils who participated in the program. If your Council has not submitted your winners to your District Deputy, please do this now. The District Deputy need to submit all entries to me by the deadline. I need to have the entries judged and winners selected prior to sending them to Supreme.

Please contact me if you have any questions.

Fraternally,

Jeffrey Schneider

Arizona Knights of Columbus

Youth Director

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Soccer Challenge and Free Throw Championship

Brother Knights,

The virus has been a challenge scheduling the Soccer Challenge and Free Throw Championship. There are different restrictions for holding these events depending on where you live in the state. At this time, I am not comfortable setting a date and time for at State Level competition. If a Council can do their competition and can do so under safe conditions, they can do so. Be advised, there may be parents who do not want their child to do this. I know we are all interested in holding their events but we need to do this under conditions our church and Order require us.

Please contact me if you have any questions or suggestions.

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Knights of Columbus Insurance – Nate Raso Agency

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We seem to say it every year, “It’s almost Christmas, where has the year gone?” As we look back, we measure the passing of the seasons, from one holiday to the next, and see how our lives have changed over that time. Christmas and the end of the year mark a milestone for most of us. The season gives us pause to thank God for sending his only begotten Son to redeem us and it is a time to reflect on all the gifts we’ve received from him. God’s gift to us inspires the gift-giving so many of us enjoy at Christmas time. We certainly enjoy receiving those gifts but reflect for a moment of what the giving of gifts does for the gift-giver.

As I look back at 2020, a year that many will not soon forget, I can’t help but think of all the selfless members of the Order who gave of themselves to help others. Knights are known for their generosity and service. We are, indeed, Knights of Charity, Unity, and Fraternity.

But let us not forget about your own family...and I’m not talking about gifts that you’ll put under the tree. This holiday season as we think of giving and receiving, when we think of all the good gifts we have been given and all we are able to give, make sure you give your family the gift of peace of mind. Secure in the knowledge that whatever challenges they may face, you have protected them.

The Knights of Columbus has the products that will do just that: Provide financially for your family if you aren’t here, make sure you have enough for a comfortable retirement, give the care needed if you can’t care for yourself and make sure all of this comes to pass if you are sick or hurt and can’t work. It’s painless to sit down with your Field Agent to analyze your situation.

As we prepare to celebrate Christmas, let us be thankful for all the graces God has showered on us, especially the gift of his Son, our Savior! As Isaiah 9:5 says: For a child is born to us, a son is given to us; upon his shoulder dominion rests. They name him Wonder-Counselor, God-Hero, Father-Forever, Prince of Peace. (New American Bible, Revised Edition)

Vivat Jesus!

Nate Raso / General Agent for Arizona & Utah



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Knights in Action – Council 11809 Our Lady of Lourdes/Prince of Peace, Sun City West

Our Thanksgiving Turkey Drive was a tremendous success. Held on November 18-19, 2020, the council in conjunction with the Food for the Hungry Ministry at Prince of Peace collected the following:

- 258 Turkeys for a total of 3961.92 pounds
- 31 Hams for a total of 285 pounds
- 868 pounds of assorted food products
- \$2750.00 in cash and checks

All proceeds went to Valley View Community Services Food Bank in El Mirage. Jesse Ramirez was extremely surprised at the amount of food and cash they received.

We would like to take the opportunity to thank all those who participated. From the ministry were: Kathy Long, Betty Stone, Jim Steedle, Janet Hartley, Larry Hartley, Jim Peterson and Kathi Peterson.

From the Knights of Columbus Council and the Ladies Auxiliary were: Joseph Shanks(State Family Director), Mike Hug(GK), Joseph Kowalkowski(W) & Harriet Kowalkowski & his daughter Kim Hees, Mike Ward(T) & Sue Ward, Don King, Ron Rinder(FS), Michael DiBiletto, Albert Dailey(IG) & Jean Dailey, Will Wright, Dave Lara and Charles Beccaria.

A Prayer for Protection in Time of Pandemic

O Mary, you always brighten our path as a sign of salvation and of hope. We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick, who, at the Cross, took part in Jesus' pain while remaining steadfast in faith. O loving Mother, you know what we need, and we are confident you will provide for us as at Cana in Galilee. Intercede for us with your Son Jesus, the Divine Physician, for those who have fallen ill, for those who are vulnerable, and for those who have died. Intercede also for those charged with protecting the health and safety of others and for those who are tending to the sick and seeking a cure. Help us, O Mother of Divine Love, to conform to the will of the Father and to do as we are told by Jesus, who took upon himself our sufferings and carried our sorrows, so as to lead us, through the Cross, to the glory of the Resurrection. Amen. Under thy protection we seek refuge, O Holy Mother of God. In our needs, despise not our petitions, but deliver us always from all dangers, O glorious and blessed Virgin.

Amen.

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Adapted from the prayer of Pope Francis