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## State Deputy's Message

Brothers,

### Passing of Past Supreme Knight Virgil C. Dechant

We mourn the passing of Virgil C. Dechant, PSK, who died in his sleep at age 89 on February 15, 2020, in his hometown of Leawood, Kansas. He was the longest-serving Supreme Knight of the Knights of Columbus, having held the office from 1977 to 2000.



PSK Dechant was a great man, with substantially more influence on the Church than his resume and honors bestowed suggest.

“God has called home a good man and one of the Knights’ great leaders,” said Supreme Knight Carl Anderson, who succeeded Dechant in the top post. “Virgil Dechant used to say that his goal was to leave the Knights better than he found it, and in myriad ways, he accomplished that.”

Dechant, “leaves a lasting legacy and an excellent example of what it means to be a Knight and a fraternalist,” added Anderson in a statement on February 17.

Mary Ann and I had the privilege of meeting Past Supreme Knight Dechant in August, 2019 at Minneapolis during the 137<sup>th</sup> Supreme



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### A Missionary "Spring" in the Church

That the breath of the Holy Spirit engender a new missionary "spring" in the Church.



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## State Deputy's Message (continued)

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Convention. His contribution to the growth of the Knights of Columbus will follow him into the annals of the Order's history books. He will be sorely missed.

### Passing of Reverend Raul Valencia, Pastor of Santa Monica Parish in Tucson

Reverend Raul Valencia, pastor at Santa Monica parish, a south-side Catholic church, died Friday, February 8, 2020 in a crash near Sahuarita, south of Tucson. Father Valencia was on his way to Nogales to visit family, according to the Diocese of Tucson.

Valencia, 60, was born in Nogales, Sonora, and had been the pastor of St. Monica, located near West Valencia Road and South 12th Avenue, since 2011. Over the course of many years, Fr. Valencia, a Knight himself, has worked with the State Council to establish a council in his parish. His wish was to have a Spanish Council in his parish. I am very pleased to report that on February 25, District Deputy Frank Islas instituted Padre Raul A. Valencia Council 17491 in the Parish of St. Monica. O Lord, eternal rest grant unto him, and let perpetual light shine upon him. May he rest in peace.

### Another new Council was instituted at St. Stephen Byzantine Cathedral Parish in Phoenix

Over the past couple of years, we have worked with the bishop of the Holy Protection of Mary Byzantine Catholic eparchy of Phoenix and pastor at St. Stephen's Byzantine Catholic Cathedral in North Phoenix to establish a Council at the Cathedral. Worthy District Deputy Frank Atherton reported that ten new members entered into full Knighthood through a Charity, Unity, and Fraternity degree exemplification on February 16, 2020. These new members helped getting the necessary number of members required to start a council. It has been decided to name the new council Saint Stephen's. We are waiting on Supreme to assign a Council number. This is the third new council instituted this fraternal year in Arizona.

Bishop Pzak, leader of the eparchy, states that this is the first Knights of Columbus council in his entire eparchy. Currently, Holy Protection of Mary Eparchy has 19 parishes and one mission under its canonical territorial jurisdiction across thirteen Western States. Congratulations to our Byzantine Catholic brother Knights!



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## State Deputy's Message (continued)

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### March - Important month for recruitment

Progress toward our state membership goal is not going as well as desired. Currently, we are at 555 new members, 58.12% of our goal and we should be at 66% at this point. Brother's we're at a pivotal point in the fraternal year with just four months remaining. There are so many great opportunities for you to recruit new members and put us over the top by the end of June. There are at least four state membership incentive programs still active till the end of June for Knights, Councils, Grand Knights, and District Deputies. Every tool and resource is open to you, just visit the website at [www.kofc-az.org](http://www.kofc-az.org) and click on the Membership tab.

District Deputies, State Officers, membership team members, Insurance Agents, are all willing to help. Please ask! Once you have a member recruited, get him through the next CUF degree exemplification as quickly as possible. Yes, brothers, March Madness is on!

### State Convention is around the corner

St. Rita in the Desert Council, #14230, is host for the 113th Annual Arizona State Knights of Columbus Convention. This year's convention will be held May 15 - 16, 2020 at the El Conquistador Tucson located at 10000 North Oracle Road, Tucson, AZ 85704. Hotel reservations can only be made once you register with the host council. In order to reserve a room, go the state website, [www.azkofcstateconvention.org](http://www.azkofcstateconvention.org) and click on **Registration**. Once you register, a link will be provided to you to make your hotel reservation. Room rates, starting at \$125 per couple, are guaranteed through April 25, 2020 at 5:00 p.m. and are applicable three days before and three days after the convention based on availability. Reservations made after this date will be accepted on a space-available basis at a non-discounted rate. Additionally, Councils need to submit a delegate list as instructed under prior communication sent out. Also, Grand Knights and District Deputies must submit award nominations by **April 15, 2020**. Mary Ann and I look forward to seeing you at the convention. In the meantime, let's grow the order through our recruiting efforts.

Keep up the great work!

Vivat Jesus!

Mario Vassallo,  
State Deputy



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## State Secretary Luigi Baratta's Message

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Dear Brother Knights,

I want to say "Thank you" to those councils who mailed out their payments. We have over 50 councils who did not pay. **Please check with your Financial Secretary after reading this monthly KOCCOA 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. The State runs on a very tight budget and we need all Councils to pay their assessment so we can keep our operation costs down.

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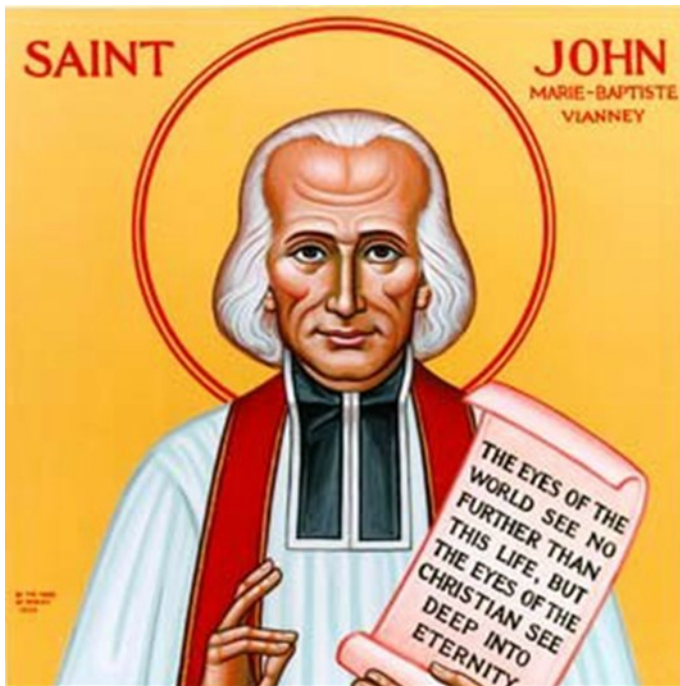
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## Prayer for Vocations

Lord, You told us that "The harvest indeed is great, but the laborers are few. Pray, therefore, the Lord of the harvest to send laborers into His fields." We ask You to strengthen us as we follow the vocation to which You have called us. We pray particularly for those called to serve as priests, sisters, brothers, and deacons: Those whom You have called, Those You are calling now, Those You will call in the future. May they be open and responsive to the call of serving Your people. We ask this through Christ Our Lord. Amen.



*Patron of Priests,  
 pray for us!*

## Prayer for Our Priests

Mary, Mother of Jesus, throw your mantle of purity over our priests. Protect them, guide them, and keep them in your heart.

Be a Mother to them, especially in times of discouragement and loneliness. Love them and keep them belonging completely to Jesus.

Like Jesus, they, too, are your sons, so keep their hearts pure and virginal. Keep their minds filled with Jesus, and put Jesus always on their lips, so that he is the one they offer to sinner and to all they meet.

Mary, Mother of Jesus, be their Mother, loving them and bringing them joy. Take special care of sick and dying priests, and the ones most tempted. Remember how they spent their youth and old age, their entire lives serving and giving all to Jesus.

Mary, bless them and keep a special place for them in your heart. Give them a piece of your heart, so beautiful and pure and immaculate, so full of love and humility, so that they, too, can grow in the likeness of Christ. Dear Mary, make them humble like you, and holy like Jesus.

Amen.



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## State Chaplain – Fr. Gary Regula

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Dear Brother Knights,

As you read this, we have begun our Lenten journey. Hopefully these first few days have been grace-filled, as this is a time to draw nearer to Christ. As children we were taught to give up something during these forty days. Probably for many of us it was a hard decision, as our parents would not allow us to give up vegetables or doing our chores. Rather we were instructed we should give something up that we enjoyed and liked. Thus, chocolate and candy and soda sales fell during the Lenten season as many Catholics gave up and still do give up such items.

However, as we say that we are Men for Christ, we should embrace this season as an adult. We should not give up those childish things like the items mentioned above (and yes coffee should be included in that list). If we want to be examples for our families, our church communities and the world around us we should give up that, which will truly, bring us closer to Christ.

Let us give up talking about people behind their backs. We should respect all of our brothers and sisters and if we are giving ourselves over to the polarization that already grips our country and church then we are being disrespectful. For we must remember that when we disrespect a person we do not only disrespect them, but we show that same disrespect to Christ present in them. We are all created in the image and likeness of God and if there are some that we just cannot say anything nice about, then let us follow the advice that we learned as children from parents or grandparents or godparents. 'If we cannot say anything nice about someone, let us not say anything at all.'

Maybe we should give up passing judgment on others. So easily when people zoom past us as we are driving, or when someone says or does something we judge them. We do not know the whole story. Maybe they heard some bad news and they are rushing to the hospital to be with a loved one, but maybe they are just in a rush and being disrespectful of other around them on the road.

Even if it is the latter we should not judge them as we are supposed to become more like Christ and not simply responding in kind to the way others treat us.



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We are to love others as Christ loves us. If we judge others while they are alive then we do something that God does not do, for God waits until we are dead to judge us.

These are only some ideas, and please add your own ideas to this list and pass them around as they may inspire others. Whatever we do give up let our words and actions show that we are men of faith. May we all have a blessed Lenten journey as we seek to turn back to God this season.

Vivat Jesus,

Fr. Gary Regula



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## State Treasurer Tom Kato's Message — The Year of the Man

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### Faith in Action Lenten Programs

Brothers,

Lent is a great time for councils to get all the Programs completed!!! They can knock off more than  $\frac{3}{4}$  of all required programs in the next 46 days!!!

Consider completing these programs to help support your councils, parishes, community.

### FAITH

Spiritual Reflection

Into the Breach – NEW VIDEO SERIES - <https://www.kofc.org/en/campaigns/into-the-breach.html>

Marian Prayer Program – NEED TO PROMOTE THIS MORE!

Rosary Prayer

### FAMILY

Good Friday Family Promotion

Family Prayer Night – Ask Families to attend Stations of the Cross then a Fish Fry/Meatless Friday!

Family Fully Alive

### COMMUNITY

Helping Hands

Free Throw Championship





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## State Treasurer Tom Kato's Message — The Year of the Man

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### LIFE

Novena for Life

Christian Refugee Relief

Pregnancy Center Support – We are putting Ultrasounds in centers. They still need supplies and maintenance for the machines. Ask councils to help a pregnancy center with financial support

If you haven't chosen your Lenten sacrifice, consider either leading up or participating in these programs!

Vivat Jesus!

### Tom Kato

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**State Warden / State Program Director – Lawrence Powers**

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## *Our Call to Calvary*

If we want to really “get” Easter, we need Good Friday. Our kids need it. Our neighbors need it. The world needs it. As Archbishop Fulton Sheen put it, “Unless there is a Good Friday in your life, there can be no Easter Sunday.” As we enter the Lenten season, every single Knight of Columbus should plan to attend his parish’s liturgy on Good Friday, April 10th. Knights who are married, bring your wives and kids of all ages, and welcome them to bring their friends.



## *Three Practices to successfully Grow Your Parish and Council This Easter*

Easter is a time when we welcome converts to their new home in the Church. They also have a home in the Order as well — and it’s up to you to invite them in! Don’t wait until Easter to mention the Knights. Personally, invite the RCIA candidates in your parish to attend and assist with your other Lenten programs. Familiarize catechumens with the K of C now and they will be excited when you invite them to join after Easter . The Sacramental Gifts program at <https://www.kofc.org/en/what-we-do/faith-in-action-programs/faith/sacramental-gifts.html> can be a guide to welcoming them into the Church. Offer to teach the rosary to catechumens. After you pray with the RCIA candidates, invite them to a meal served by your brother Knights and their families — there’s nothing like a homemade meal to make a person feel loved and at home in their new parish community. Host a party to celebrate new parishioners.



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## State Warden / State Program Director – Lawrence Powers (continued)

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Host a “Welcome to Family” celebration a week or two after Easter after your parish’s most popular Mass. Not all parishioners are able to attend the Easter Vigil, and your celebration will allow everyone to meet and welcome the newest members of your parish family.

### ***FOUR WAYS COUNCILS CAN PROMOTE ATTENDANCE AT GOOD FRIDAY LITURGY***

1. Display the “By Your Holy Cross” poster (#10573) in the church vestibule and at other gathering spots around the parish. Be sure to get your pastor’s permission to do this. A copy of this poster was mailed to grand knights in the U.S. and Canada. If you haven’t yet received your poster, email [supply@kofc.org](mailto:supply@kofc.org).
2. Spread the word! Print out an 8.5x11 version of the poster, available at [kofc.org/goodfriday](http://kofc.org/goodfriday). Then, insert it in your parish bulletin or hand it directly to parishioners.
3. Partner with the parish to help lead the Stations of the Cross on Good Friday before or after the Liturgy of the Lord’s Passion and Death. The prayers, meditations and hymns for the devotion can be found in *The Way of the Cross: Traditional and Modern Meditations* (#363), available online at [kofc.org/cis](http://kofc.org/cis). Copies can be ordered at [knightsgear.com](http://knightsgear.com).
4. Share the booklets *Jesus Christ* (#105) and *Christ: Lord and Savior* (#358) with your council members and fellow parishioners. These booklets can be ordered by visiting [kofc.org/cis](http://kofc.org/cis), or they may be downloaded as PDFs at no cost. *Jesus Christ* (#105) is also available as an MP3 audio file.

Lawrence A. Powers

State Warden



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## State Membership Director – Bobby Nielsen

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My Brother Knights,

On Thursday, March 29, 2020, the Knights of Columbus will celebrate Founder's Day, marking the 138th anniversary of the reception of its charter from the state of Connecticut. Knights of Columbus councils throughout the world will be joining in this commemoration of 138 years of charity, unity and fraternity.

Recruiting is a year round effort, but March brings an added incentive to our membership drives. We grow the Order to celebrate Father McGivney, whose goal was to help Catholic men remain steadfast in their faith through mutual encouragement while establishing an elementary system of insurance. This gave hope that the widows and children of members who might die would not find themselves in dire financial straits.

Arizona is doing a great job of bringing new men into the Order. In January and February we had over 130 men join the Knights of Columbus. With a new council at St. Stephen's Byzantine Cathedral in Phoenix, and new Spanish councils at St Monica Roman Parish and Our Lady of Fatima Parish in Tucson, it is an exciting time to be a Knight.

Every council should have a recruiting drive on their March calendar, with a degree scheduled soon thereafter. Remember, all of the State Officers, myself and any chairman on the Membership team are willing to help with your membership drives. If you have questions, need equipment, or paperwork or if you need manpower, all you need to do is ask. Every effort will be made to assist you.

For the last year we have asked every council to have an Online Prospect Landing Form. For 2020, Supreme has created a generic form that allows all councils to go to a link and enter the prospects information. The last 2 lines of the form are for your council number and your email. This allows the prospect to receive information about the Knights of Columbus and for you to have his information for future contact. Check out the new form at:

<https://info.kofc.org/pagerequest>

One of the benefits of being the Membership Director in Arizona is that I get to socialize and work with many outstanding Council Officers. Another group of men I get to work with are our District Deputies.



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**State Membership Director – Bobby Nielsen (continued)**

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These men work tirelessly, guiding their councils. Their knowledge and dedication is often overlooked. Take a minute to send your District Deputy a message or give him a call to remind him that he is appreciated.

The fraternal year has 4 months left; now is the time to recruit at every opportunity that presents itself. With RCIA classes finishing, and our Lenten season upon us, make it a personal mission to find that Catholic man that needs our Order. Evangelize and guide that man on his path to being a Knight of Columbus.

Vivat Jesus!

Bobby Nielsen

State Membership Director

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## State Culture of Life Director-Ed Erick

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### Culture of Life Activities

Here's a Lenten Resolution idea:

Instead of denying yourself something you like, do something positive.

**Work to save the life of pre-born babies.**

The Lord Jesus and His Mother Mary would really love you for that!

### **40 DAYS FOR LIFE IS SPONSORING PRAYERFUL VIGILS AT PLANNED PARENTHOOD SITES**

A LENTEN ACTION OPPORTUNITY FOR KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FAMILIES  
THE CAMPAIGN NEEDS PRO-LIFE PEOPLE OUTSIDE ABORTION SITES IN  
FLAGSTAFF, TEMPE, DOWNTOWN PHOENIX, GLENDALE, TUCSON

JOIN THE CAMPAIGN, SAVE THE UNBORN

FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT EACH SITE AND TO SIGN UP FOR A VIGIL TIME GO TO:

In Flagstaff: <https://www.40daysforlife.com/flagstaff>

In Tempe: <https://www.40daysforlife.com/Tempe>

In downtown Phoenix: <https://www.40daysforlife.com/phoenix/>

In Glendale: <https://www.40daysforlife.com/glendale/>

In Tucson: <https://www.40daysforlife.com/tucson/>

And bring your rosaries. It's our favorite prayer and meditation. God is listening!

You can also pray at home. Try a nine day novena, saying the rosary each day!

Vivat Jesus!

Ed Eick



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## State Ceremonial Chairman – Skip Hopler

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### CUF Degree Honoree for March 2020 – Father Raul Valencia Garcia



Father Valencia Garcia, a native of Nogales, Sonora, Mexico, was born on July 28, 1959. He attended school at Colegio Fray Pedro de Gante School in Nogales, Sonora

and went on to attend the Instituto Tecnológico de Nogales, (Sonora) from 1976 to 1979. He then attended the Universidad Autónoma de Guadalajara in Guadalajara, Jalisco, Mexico, and studied there from 1980 to 1985. He also received his Doctor of Dental Surgery, (DDS) from the Universidad Autónoma de Guadalajara and operated his own general dentistry practice for 11 years in Nogales, Sonora, Mexico, from 1986 to 1997.

From September 1997 to July 1998 he attended the Seminario Juan Navarrete y Guerrero, also referred to as the Seminario de Hermosillo. In 1998, he began attending Assumption Seminary in the Archdiocese of San Antonio, Texas, and completed his studies there in 2002. He served an internship through Assumption and the Oblate School of Theology and under the supervision of the Diocese of Tucson Vocations Office.

Father Valencia Garcia was ordained to the priesthood for ministry in the Diocese of Tucson on June 7, 2003. Then Bishop Gerald F. Kicanas appointed Father Valencia as liaison with the Encuentros Matrimoniales for a three-year term beginning in April 2007.

Father Valencia Garcia became a Knight of Columbus on January 23, 2006. He was a fourth-degree knight. He had been pastor at St. Monica Parish since July 1, 2011. It was his second assignment to the parish. St. Monica's had been his first assignment as a newly-ordained priest in July 2003. That lasted until Oct. 14, 2004 when he was assigned to St. Jude Thaddeus in San Luis, Arizona. He ministered at St. Jude from November 2004 until he was assigned to St. Monica Parish in 2011.

Father Valencia Garcia was killed in a tragic accident on February 7, 2020.

Vivat Jesus,

Skip Hopler

Ceremonial Chairman  
 Arizona State Council



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## Associate State Membership Director — Danny Cerrito

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Dear Brother Knights, Councils, and Assemblies,

I am pleased to introduce you to and welcome the new AZ State Young Adult Leadership Board (the YALB)! The YALB will lead the young adult programs in the state and provide a voice for our college councils. We are here to help and provide advice to Councils who are looking to attract more young adult membership. If your Council could use our help attracting new members please feel free to reach out to me directly (dmcerrito18@gmail.com). In addition, we are still accepting applicants from Young Adult Knights from all 3 regions (Northern, Central, and Southern), if you know someone who may be interested please contact me. This is the time Brothers, be that voice and invite fellow young folk to join our ranks!

As we continue to grow our Order here are a few trends I would like to bring to our attention. The goal of a Council when welcoming any new member needs to revolve around who we are as Knights, welcoming and inviting, not cliquy or burning valuable meeting time on non-applicable topics. It is also recommended that we keep our business meetings in balance with our fun events and that the business meetings to 1 hour. This way, we stay focused on what needs our attention while being conscientious of everyone's time.

So once we have our members how do we get them involved and help them grow in our council? It is important to be grooming our new Knights for ALL leadership positions. Not everyone wants to be Grand Knight, and learning how to be a great Chancellor or Warden for example is awesome too. However, **the big key to welcoming new Knights is putting on that personal touch.** Take the time to have that personal invitation and have someone follow up personally (by phone) in the beginning to help your new member adjust/get involved.

As we welcome new individuals I stress the importance of examining your Council and seeing what you can do to welcome in new Brothers to the Order. We are all destined for great things Brothers and our journey is something that needs to be celebrated together with others. Please, take that time to talk to the gentleman next to you, offer him that same chance to be part of our wonderful Brotherhood.

God bless you all and VIVAT JESUS,  
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## Regional Training Sessions

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### MARK YOUR CALENDARS

This month, Supreme Regional Growth Director Ray Lopez will be in Arizona to provide training on the topics of Star Council Achievement Strategies, Growing the Order and Officer roles within our councils. State Officers and Directors will also be available for a question and answer period. This is an opportunity for you to expand your knowledge to assist your council this fraternal year and next. Pizza and refreshments will be served. All Knights of Columbus are welcome to attend. No need to RSVP, please see the schedule below.

All trainings are 6:30 - 8:30 pm.

March 10 – TUCSON — St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Gym 8650 N Shannon Rd Tucson AZ 85742

March 11 – CHANDLER — Council 3121 Hall, 644 E Chandler Blvd Chandler AZ 85225

March 12 - GLENDALE — Council 3855 Hall, 8066 N 49<sup>th</sup> Ave, Glendale AZ 85302

We hope to see a lot of you there.

# State Council Awards Applications

The Deadline for submission of complete State Council Award Applications is Sunday, April 15, 2020. Please plan wisely and submit your completed applications before the deadline. Application received after April 15, 2020 will not be considered. Remember that all winners at the State Council level will be submitted to the Supreme Council for their consideration of winners at the Supreme level

## DISTRICT DEPUTIES

Last year only 6 District Deputy submitted entries. And most of them had only one submission. This year you must do better. Some of you have councils and Grand Knights who do an outstanding job. It is your responsibility to see that they are recognized for their hard work. Every District Deputy should start working on their entries as soon as possible. -Thank you

### 2019 - 2020 DISTRICT DEPUTY AWARDS APPLICATIONS INSTRUCTION SHEET

#### District Deputy's:

May submit award applications for:

- 1) Council-of-the-year – **Form COUNCIL-YEAR**
- 2) Grand Knight-of-the-year – **Form GK-YEAR 19-20**
- 3) Raul Navarrete Vocations Award – **Form RAUL-NAV 19-20**

#### **IMPORTANT NOTE**

Each application has a heading, which lists:

Title of Award

The District Deputy submitting the application

The name Nominee.

Nominee Council Number

Once you have completed the heading, please **DO NOT** use the council name, parish name, nominee's name, city or any wording that could identify the person, council or their location. If you do, these references will be redacted (be blacked-out). This will make your document difficult to read and lessen your chances of its being selected. We suggest that you write what you wish to say and then go back over your draft and remove any references in the write-up which could identify your nominee. Liberally use the pronouns like he, him, his, them, they, or the parish, the church, or this family, they, them, or Father, the priest, etc.

Applications do not have to be typed, BUT keep in mind that the applications do need to be neat, clear, concise, and readable. The best way of assuring this is obviously, that they be typed. If additional pages or attachments are provided, please make certain that they are identified as a continuation page for a particular award.

# State Council Awards Applications (cont.)

## COUNCILS

Last year only 14 out of 132 Councils made submissions. Many of you have many hard-working Knights and Families, as well as taken part in tremendous council activities and they need to be recognized. Please consider making application and getting well-deserved recognition for your efforts.

### 2019 – 2020 COUNCIL AWARDS APPLICATIONS INSTRUCTION SHEET

#### GRAND KNIGHT / COUNCIL:

May submit award applications for:

- 1) Chaplain-of-the-year – **Form CLHP-YEAR 19-20**
- 2) Family-of-the-year – **Supreme Form 10680 6/18**
- 3) Knight-of-the-year – **Form KNGT-YEAR 19-20**
- 4) Service Program (Faith) Awards – **Supreme Form STSP 11/18**
- 5) Service Program (Family) Awards – **Supreme Form STSP 11/18**
- 6) Service Program (Community) Awards – **Supreme Form STSP 11/18**
- 7) Service Program (Life) Awards – **Supreme Form STSP 11/18**

For the Service Program Awards: there are 4 categories: **Faith, Family, Community and Life**. The same application is used for all 4 categories. We will be using the same application as you will find on the Supreme website. Be sure to submit a separate original form **for each category** for which you apply.

For the **Family & Knight-of-the-Year**: Please select one Knight and Family you have submitted in the past Fraternal Year as Family and Knight-of-the-Year. Also, this year for **Family-of-the-Year** we will be using the application on the Supreme website (Form10680 6/18). **Before completing Family of Year please review Guide Sheet (Form 10607)**. This application and the **Service Programs Applications** can be downloaded from the Supreme Website, or it can be found on the State Website along with all other award application at

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

#### IMPORTANT NOTE

**For the Service Program Awards**, be sure all information in sections 1 & 2 is complete.

Once you have entered this information **DO NOT** use the council name, parish name, nominee's name, city or any wording that could identify the person, council or your location. If you do these references will be redacted (be blacked-out). This will make your document difficult to read and lessen its chances of being selected. We suggest that you write what you wish to say and then go back over your draft and remove any references in the write-up which could identify your nominee or council location. Liberally use the pronouns like he, him, his, them, they, or the parish, the church, or this family, they, them, or Father, the priest, etc.

## State Council Awards Applications (cont.)

Applications do not have to be typed, however please keep in mind that the applications do need to be neat, clear, concise, and readable. The best way of assuring this is if they are typed. It is a *FILL-ABLE* Form. If additional pages or attachments are provided, please make certain that they are identified as a continuation page for a particular award.

Only one activity may be submitted per category. To qualify all Service Projects must have taken place during the 2019-2020 Fraternal Year.

### DISTRICT DEPUTIES & COUNCILS

Please complete/ edit submissions on your computer before submitting.

ALL Award Applications can be found on the State Website at: [\\_https://kofc-az.org/](https://kofc-az.org/)

We can also email you a copy in WORD or as a PDF; send an email request to [AzKnights@Q.com](mailto:AzKnights@Q.com).

The **preferred method** for submitting application documents is email. Send the documents to: [AZKnights@Q.com](mailto:AZKnights@Q.com)

Or you may mail the complete applications to your State Awards Chairman.

**Knights of Columbus**

**State Awards Chairman**

**14175 W Indian School Rd**

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**Goodyear AZ 85395-8369**

Thank you for all you do for the good of the order and for your cooperation.

Vivat Jesus!

Rick Garrison

State Awards Chairman

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**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS OF ARIZONA**  
**KNIGHTS SERVING GOD**  
**SERVING THE COMMUNITY**  
**THIS IS WHO WE ARE, THIS IS WHAT WE DO**

**Our Lady of Guadalupe** (*Spanish: Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe*), also known as the *Virgin of Guadalupe* (*Spanish: Virgen de Guadalupe*), is a Catholic title of the Blessed Virgin Mary associated with a venerated image enshrined within the Minor Basilica of Our Lady of Guadalupe in Mexico City. The basilica is the most visited Catholic pilgrimage site in the world, and the world’s third most-visited sacred site. Pope Leo XIII granted the venerated image a Canonical Coronation on October 12, 1895.

**Prayer to Our Lady of Guadalupe**

**“Our Lady of Guadalupe, Mystical Rose, make intercession for the holy Church, protect the sovereign Pontiff, help all those who invoke you in their necessities, and since you are the ever Virgin Mary and Mother of the true God, obtain for us from your most holy Son the grace of keeping our faith, of sweet hope in the midst of the bitterness of life of burning charity, and the precious gift of final perseverance. AMEN**

**Knights’ Prayer**

Our Lady, Queen of the Knights, bless all the activities of our Order. Keep us true to our pledge, to extend the kingship of thy divine son on earth. Through thine intercession, win for us the grace, ever to exemplify in our public and private lives, the virtues that should characterize those especially dedicated to the service of the heavenly court. Make us always aware that as your Knights, we are constantly observed, our faith judged, and our Order appreciated. Accept, O Mary, this renewed pledge of fealty and devotion, of Thy Servants, the Knights of

**Canonization of Venerable Fr. Michael J. McGivney**

God, our Father, protector of the poor and defender of the widow and orphan, you called your priest, Father Michael J. McGivney, to be an apostle of Christian family life and to lead the young to the generous service of their neighbor. Through the example of his life and virtue may we follow your Son, Jesus Christ, more closely, fulfilling his commandment of charity and building up his Body which is the Church. Let the inspiration of your servant prompt us to greater confidence in your love so that we may continue his work of caring for the needy and the outcast. We humbly ask that you glorify your servant Father Michael J. McGivney on earth according to the design of your holy will. Through his intercession, grant the favor I now present (here make your request). Through Christ our Lord. Amen. Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory be.



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The image of Mary on the cloak is known as *Our Lady of Guadalupe* for an interesting reason. On that same day, Mary appeared to Juan's uncle and cured him, giving him a message for the bishop, saying that she would "crush the serpent's head." The bishop did not understand the Indians' language. The Indian word for "crush the serpent" sounded to him like "Guadalupe," the name of Mary's shrine in Spain. Thinking that the Virgin wanted the new shrine to have the same name, the bishop called her *Our Lady of Guadalupe*.

Mary's visit to Guadalupe is a reminder that God will remember his mercy for all people. In Mary's song of joy, the Magnificat, she praised God because he has put down the mighty, exalted the lowly, filled the hungry, and sent the rich away empty. People honor *Our Lady of*

## Prayer to Our Lady of Guadalupe

**"Remember, O most gracious Virgin Mary, that never was it known that anyone who fled to your protection, implored your help, or sought your intercession was left unaided. Inspired by this confidence, I fly unto you, O Virgin of virgins, my mother; to you do I come, before you I stand, sinful and sorrowful, O Mother of the Word Incarnate, despise not my petitions, but in your clemency hear and answer me"**