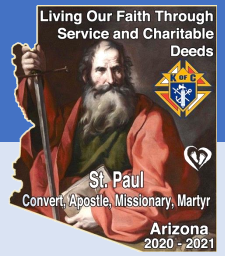




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KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS OF ARIZONA
"LIVING OUR FAITH THROUGH
SERVICE AND CHARITABLE DEEDS"



State Deputy's Message



My dear Brothers,

Recently, there has been a surge of interest in finding out if there are any plans to return to our pre-pandemic ways of conducting business. It is good that you are hopeful. I certainly am. It has been observed that our Bishops are beginning to allow limited openings of parishes based on a designated safe allowable percentage of the building's capacity and ability to maintain optimum safe physical distancing for Masses. This is a promising first step. Since March, when meetings and events in-person were disallowed, many councils adapted very nicely to the use of web-based video conferencing tools to hold meetings, installation of officers and prayer events such as Rosary recitals. Unfortunately, many other councils have not for one reason or another. We have councils that are currently stagnant, have not had any meetings, haven't had election of officers and have not recruited. This situation is of major concern to me and I am studying the positive and negative impact of relaxing our current policy. Please watch for a memo that I intend to send out on this issue in the next week or two.

This year's Supreme Convention was held virtually. This was sad for many who did not get to travel to our nation's capital Washington, D.C. this year. But, as a side-effect of the pandemic, so many Brother Knights, who would not normally get to attend this or any Supreme Convention, were afforded opportunities to experience this great annual event virtually. Several watch parties of small groups (following physical distance guidelines) met for part of the convention activities. Many watched as Arizona received two Supreme Awards, one for New Council Development and one for entry into the Circle of Honor for exceeding our membership quota for last year. Thank you, brothers, for your hard work in recruiting new members into the order and retaining existing members. These are your awards. You earned them.

Congratulations to all the councils who received Supreme Awards such as the Columbian for programs, McGivney for membership quota, Founders' for insurance quota, and Star for all three. We ended last year with 84 of our councils (more than 60% of all active councils) receiving an award. This is great! Of those councils getting awards, 33 received Star Council. I am so incredibly pleased to announce to you

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Respect for the Planet's Resources

We pray that the planet's resources will not be plundered, but shared in a just and respectful manner.



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that two councils happen to be overachievers. In Phoenix, Pope John XXIII, Council 7159, is an Eight-Star Council and St. Philip Council 9995 in Payson is a Six-Star Council. Wow! We also had three Triple-star councils, and seven Double-star councils. On the district level, five of our districts received distinction as Star Districts. Congratulations to all for your efforts and achievements. Thank you.

The date has been set for the Beatification ceremony of Father McGivney. It will be held at the Cathedral of Saint Joseph in Hartford Connecticut on October 31, 2020. The exact time and program details have not been released but should be soon. I strongly encourage councils to plan an event to coincide with the Beatification, such as a special mass, Holy Hour, or other prayer function, in their parishes to commemorate this extremely memorable event. This is a great time to honor our founder, to publicize our Order, and to potentially recruit new members. More information will be posted on the state website and Facebook page as they become available.

On the subject of membership, it appears as if we will end the second month of this fraternal year with just over 110 new members. While this is a very good number, unfortunately this effort has come from a minority of councils and districts. Far too many councils have not yet recruited one new member, even with the free membership offer. Brothers, we need to step up our efforts. Yes, it has been a very hot summer and even with some parishes opening their doors to a limited number of Sunday Mass attendees, people just don't stick around very long after the service. I understand. We don't have coffee and doughnuts, or pancake breakfasts. I understand. Remember to wear your Council shirts and name badges. Be creative. Help with post-Mass sanitizing, or pre-Mass seating. Be visible. Be creative. Father and your parish need you. If you need help or recruiting ideas contact our State Membership Director Bobby Nielsen. Pick up the pace!

The Arizona Rosary Celebration is just seven weeks away. The pieces for the Arizona Rosary Celebration 2020 are falling into place. This is a new experience for all of us as we must adapt to different formats, different locations, and different media presentations. Before the pandemic struck, the Executive Committee, with guidance from the Bishops, selected the title under which we would honor Mary this year. *Our Lady Undoer of Knots* was chosen. Little did anyone know what we would face during the year to come. This is certainly a year of knots. We need to have confidence that Mary will undo the knots so that this event will take place. Even though the program will be conducted virtually, there are still exceptional costs that must be met. There will be a program book. It will be made available from the website and advertising space is being sold. Since it is not being printed, the book is in color this year. Every council should purchase advertising to help defray costs of the program. Advertising and donation forms can be found at www.azrosary.net.

In the Second Chapter of his First Letter to the Corinthians, Saint Paul attempts to draw the divided members of the church in Corinth into a deeper self-examination of who they are as followers of Christ.



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“Among human beings, who knows what pertains to a person except the spirit of the person that is within? Similarly, no one knows what pertains to God except the Spirit of God. We have not received the spirit of the world but the Spirit that is from God, so that we may understand the things freely given us by God. And we speak about them not with words taught by human wisdom, but with words taught by the Spirit, describing spiritual realities in spiritual terms. Now the natural person does not accept what pertains to the Spirit of God, for to him it is foolishness, and he cannot understand it, because it is judged spiritually. The spiritual person, however, can judge everything but is not subject to judgment by anyone. “who has known the mind of the Lord, so as to counsel him?” But we have the mind of Christ.” *1 Corinthians 2:11-16*

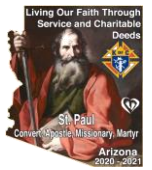
Saint Paul's advice is just as important for us today as it was 2000 years ago for the early divided church in Corinth. Do not lose sight that it is the mind of Christ Jesus that we have put on. It is not through the words of human wisdom that we are taught, but through the Spirit that is from God. We do not follow Facebook, nor Twitter, nor Instagram, nor this news channel, nor the other. We follow God.

Vivat Jesus!

Mario Vassallo
State Deputy



The prayers of Paul for God's people are a fascinating study. It's interesting to observe the requests Paul makes. His prayers focused on hearts and minds being conformed to Christ.



Prayer for Vocations

He said to them "Come and See."
They came and saw where he was staying
(John 1:39).

God of all nations, we are most grateful
for the first Catholic missionaries and
explorers who came.

As strangers in a strange land they brought
with them countless skills, talents and
traditions, but their greatest treasure was
their faith.

May the good News of Jesus Christ, which
molded and shaped their lives, continue to
mold and shape our lives today.

Bless our diocese with men and women
who will follow in their footsteps to serve
the Church as religious brothers, sisters,
priests, and deacons.

Lord Jesus Christ, help to hear your call to
"Come and See."



Prayer for Our Priests

Prayer by Pope Benedict XVI

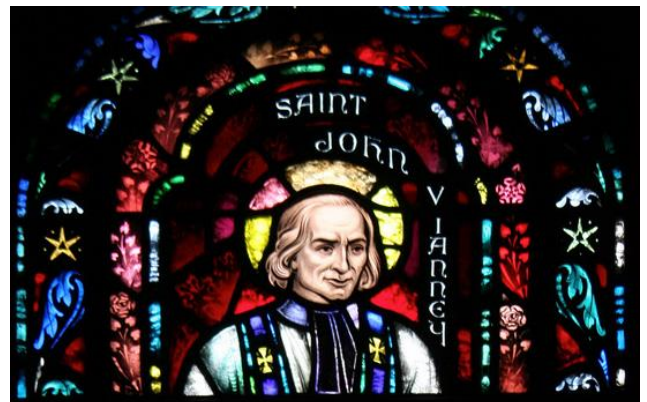
Lord Jesus Christ, eternal High Priest,
you offered yourself to the Father on the altar
of the cross and through the outpouring of
the Holy Spirit gave your priestly people a
share in your redeeming sacrifice.

Hear our prayer for the sanctification of our
priests. Grant that all who are ordained to the
ministerial priesthood may be ever more
conformed to you, the Divine Master.

May they preach the Gospel with pure heart
and clear conscience. Let them be shepherds
according to your own heart, single-minded in
service to you and to the Church,
and shining examples of a holy, simple, and
joyful life.

Through the prayers of the Blessed Virgin
Mary, your Mother and ours,
draw all priests and the flocks entrusted to
their care to the fullness of eternal life where
you live and reign with the Father and the
Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

Amen.





A PRAYER FOR PROTECTION IN TIME OF PANDEMIC



The ancient fresco of Madonna del Soccorso (Our Lady of Help) in St. Peter's Basilica was restored with the support of the Knights of Columbus to mark the Year of Faith (2012-2013). Photo courtesy of Fabbrica di San Pietro, Vatican.

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.*

Adapted from the prayer of Pope Francis



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State Chaplain – Father Gary Regula

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Dear Brother Knights,

Last month (August 14) the church celebrated St. Maximilian Kolbe. One may love his deep devotion to our Blessed Mother. Others may be drawn to his missionary zeal going to a land that was not his own, so that he could proclaim the Gospel of Christ. For me though I am drawn to the manner of his death. Maximilian Kolbe was willing to give his life literally so that another might live. He did this while he was a prisoner at Auschwitz during World War II.

Maybe this draw to his death is because a number of years ago I had the privilege to visit the remnants of the death camp at Auschwitz and its sister camp a few kilometers away Birkenau. During the tour one could see the cell that held Maximilian Kolbe and the other atrocities perpetrated by the Nazi regime. Hearing what he and so many others had to put up with and how they were treated fill my thoughts with disgust that such a thing could happen in our world.

Sadly, there are still traces of such evil alive in our world today and even in the United States. There are people who vilify and demonize others simply because they are of a different race, culture, or religion. Some still hide in the shadows, but others blatantly come out in front of others and say such hateful things that one's stomach is turned. When we encounter people like that hopefully we do not just let them spew hatred. As Catholic Christians and Knights we should do everything to educate others and even if they are not transformed at least they will know that such words and actions will not be tolerated by us.

We must stand up and say bigotry and prejudice will not be allowed within our families, our councils, and our country. If we say we are tired of hearing about BlackLivesMatter, we should ask God to grant us the grace to work tirelessly to eliminate racism from our hearts and our world. If we are not bothered by the violence that is disproportionately heaped upon people of color then we should ask God for the eyes to imagine the world from their perspective. If we are adding to the polarization that is evident in our government at this time, then we should ask ourselves if we would have the love of Christ within us that St. Maximilian Kolbe had to be willing to extend our hands to bridge a divide instead of adding to the chasm between us.

Many have said 2020 is a year we want to get through and put it behind us. How many cried out those same words while subjected to life in a concentration camp? How many had their blood spilled saying that maybe next year we will be closer to civil rights legislation? How many still believe that there is a superior race and all others should be subjected to their rule or eliminated from the face of the earth. The answer is too many, and we should not be comfortable with that. We, as Knights, who hold up the cross of Christ should be willing to give our lives in service to Christ present in all our sisters and brothers. We should stand in front of those who are chosen to be mocked and abused and say I stand with this person and if need be I stand for this person. God-willing we will not be called to show the ultimate witness of our faith as was asked of Maximilian Kolbe and countless other martyrs. However, we should be willing to stand as a witness against hatred wherever it wages its ugly and vicious head. For Knights stand up to a challenge so that our lives may be a witness to the love of Christ that fills us to overflowing. St. Maximilian Kolbe pray for us and for our world.

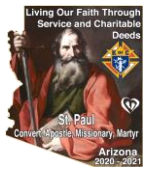
Vivat Jesus,

Fr. Gary Regula
Arizona State Chaplain



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State Secretary – Luigi Baratta

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Brother Knights,

I mailed out the second notices to all the council who have not paid their per capita for the 2020-2021 fraternal year. I want to say “Thank you” to those 104 councils who mailed out their payments already. This means 30 councils have not paid. 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. Please make checks written out to the Arizona State Council, not Luigi Baratta. 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. On another note, I want everyone to do me a great favor by praying a special rosary to end the violence in our streets and to pray for religious freedom this election year. Remember, your vote counts!

Thank you and God Bless

Luigi Baratta, State Secretary

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State Treasurer – Tom Kato

Worthy Grand Knights and Financial Secretaries,

I hope and pray that you and your family are doing well during this pandemic. Please keep praying the “Prayer for Protection in Time of Pandemic” daily with your family!

Since January 1, we have about \$23,000 of checks that have not been sent to charities from both PWID and State Raffle. These checks were sent to the Financial Secretary on record with our Worthy State Executive Secretary.

If you have not received the check, please let me know. If you are sitting on the check for a photo op, please send to the charity and a photo op later. These charities are desperate for funds and really could use it now. Your councils worked hard at securing the funds for these organizations, please ensure that the organizations can benefit from the fruits of your labor.

Vivat Jesus!

Tom Kato, State Treasurer

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State Faith Director – Ivan Garcia-Hernandez

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Brothers in Christ,

This month, we are given the opportunity to celebrate many beautiful eucharistic celebrations, the feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross, the feast of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary and even the feast of the Archangels Michael, Gabriel and Rafael. All these celebrations are a reminder of the love that comes to us through the Cross and the journey we are to endure with the saints, angels, and archangels. Feast, Memorials, Solemnities, etc. have an important part to play in the spiritual journey of each and everyone of us. We are called to be saints, to follow in the footsteps of those holy men and women before us, to spread the Gospel throughout the world.

Let us submerge ourselves into these eucharistic celebrations and give thanks to almighty God for the abundant blessings he has bestowed on to us even during these trying times; we continue to pray for our Holy Father, Bishops, Priests, Deacons and the Religious; for they continue to sacrifice there ministry so that we may continue to partake in these celebrations. We also continue to ask for the intercession of our Blessed Mother, to guide us with her light in all we do, that she may continue to protect and watch over our communities and families.

Hermanos en Cristo,

Este mes, se nos da la oportunidad de celebrar muchas hermosas celebraciones eucarísticas, la fiesta de la Exaltación de la Santa Cruz, la fiesta de la Natividad de la Santísima Virgen María e incluso la fiesta de los Arcángeles Miguel, Gabriel y Rafael. Todas estas celebraciones son un recordatorio del amor que nos llega a través de la Cruz y del camino que debemos soportar con los santos, ángeles y arcángeles. Fiesta, Memoriales, Solemnidades, etc. tienen un papel importante que desempeñar en el camino espiritual de todos y cada uno de nosotros. Estamos llamados a ser santos, a seguir los pasos de esos santos hombres y mujeres que tenemos ante nosotros, a difundir el Evangelio por todo el mundo.

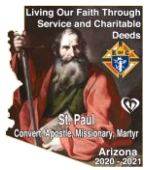
Sumémonos en estas celebraciones eucarísticas y demos gracias a Dios todopoderoso por las abundantes bendiciones que nos ha concedido incluso durante estos tiempos difíciles; seguimos orando por nuestro Santo Padre, obispos, sacerdotes, diáconos y religiosos; porque siguen sacrificando allí ministerio para que podamos seguir participando en estas celebraciones. También seguimos pidiendo la intercesión de nuestra Santísima Madre, que nos guíe con su luz en todo lo que hacemos, para que siga protegiendo y velando por nuestras comunidades y familias.

SK Ivan-Henandez
State Faith Director



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Miracle Approved! – Father Michael Joseph McGivney to be Beatified!

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Brother Knights,

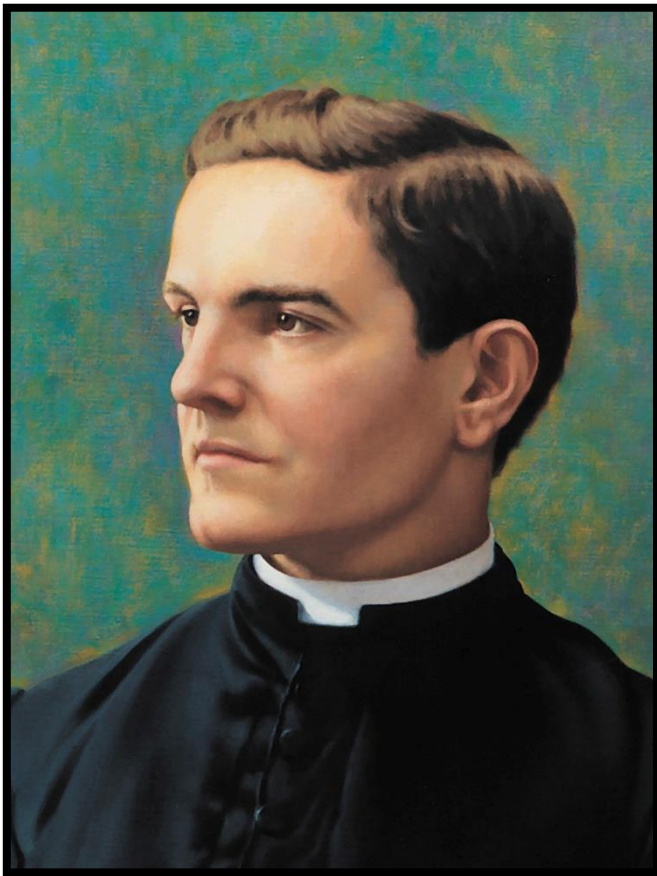
On May 27, The Vatican announced that Pope Francis approved promulgation of a decree recognizing a miracle attributed to the intercession of the founder of the Knights of Columbus, Father Michael J. McGivney, a Connecticut priest who served his flock during the pandemic of 1890, before himself becoming ill and dying of pneumonia. Read about it at:

<https://www.fathermcgivney.org/en/index.html>

A date has been set for the Beatification Mass, October 31, 2020.

If you are not a member of the McGivney Guild, now is the time! There is no cost or obligation. Visit the Guild at <https://www.fathermcgivney.org/en/index.html> and join today! Invite your friends and family members to join as well.

Read about Michael's Miracle, the Tennessee boy whose miraculous survival is the miracle recognized by the Vatican <https://www.ncronline.org/news/people/beatification-father-mcgivney-take-place-oct-31-hartford-conn> .



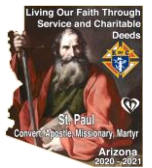
God, our Father, protector of the poor and defender of the widow and orphan, you called your priest, Father Michael J. McGivney, to be an apostle of Christian family life and to lead the young to the generous service of their neighbor. Through the example of his life and virtue may we follow your Son, 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 venerable 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.

Pete Karculias
Father McGivney Guild Chairman
skpeter@cox.net



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State Executive Secretary – Rick Garrison

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Brother Knights,

This is a reminder that all Councils and Assemblies should complete the Directory Information Form on or Before July 1st. You can use the fillable forms located at: <https://kofc-az.org/state-forms%2Freports> . Below is information for the method of sending in your reports and how to contact the Arizona State Council.

Contact Information Arizona State Council Website: www.KofC-AZ.org

**For all “State Deputy” copy, send to the State Executive Secretary
Reports can be sent by Email - USPS Mail - Fax
(Preferred Method is Email)**

Email Address:
AzKnights@Q.com
Fax: 1-877-899-7505

Mailing Address:
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14175 W Indian School Rd
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Goodyear, AZ 85395-8369

Some of the Report Forms Are:

- State Directory Information Form *Jul 15, 2020!!!!*
- Form 1295-1** - Council Audit *Jun 30, 2020*
- Form 185** - Report of Officers Chosen for Term *Jul 1, 2020*
- Form 365** - Service Programs Personnel *Aug 1, 2020*
- Form 1295-2** - Council Audit *Dec 31, 2020*
- Form 1728** - Annual Survey Fraternal Activities *Jan 31, 2021*
- Form SP-7** - Columbian Award Application *Jun 30, 2021*
- AND ALL Other Reports



Reports or letters which require the State Deputy signature such as Expense Reports, Financial Secretary Evaluation, etc. should be submitted by email (preferred) or mail to points below:

Email Address:
StateDeputy@kofc-az.org

Mailing Address:
Mario Vassallo
State Deputy
PO Box 1562
Sahuarita, AZ 85629



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State Program Director – Thomas White

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Brother Knights,

Incredibly here we are in the month of September. As Knights, our council schedules are up in the air; many of us are not performing the programs and events we usually would be doing at this time. But now is not the time to sit on our hands and wait for things to get better... there are many programs that can be done, right now, even with the restrictions we are experiencing. This month I will just touch on the many Faith programs we can still perform. All program information can be found at:

<https://www.kofc.org/en/what-we-do/faith-in-action-programs/faith/index.html>

Every program is listed, with program guides, instruction, and requirements to complete each program as well as all necessary forms.

BDC KIOSK

This takes no effort other than to set up the kiosk and keep it full of books. This was and is extremely popular in my home church. The council paid for the book supply, and books were free to any who wanted them. Trust me, my council finally had to pull the kiosk out for awhile because we couldn't keep it stocked.

HOLY HOUR

This can really be anything you want it to be; any type of group prayer that lasts one hour at least quarterly. This can be done virtually using your council platform! Just make it available to your fellow parishioners. Advertise it on your council and parish FB page, parish website, flocknote, etc. Set a date and pray with your brother Knights and fellow parishioners. This is a featured program.

ITB VIDEO SERIES

I went over this last month, so I won't cover it in depth. All councils should be making plans to perform this program. You do not need to wait until we can meet live; this can be performed in small groups virtually. Again, make it available to all. This is also a featured program. Please go to:

<https://www.kofc.org/en/campaigns/into-the-breach.html> for information on this program.

MARIAN ICON

We are fortunate in Arizona to have many icons to use for Marian prayer. Our WDM and PSD Bryant Sayers is chairman and can be contacted at: "aziconprogram@gmail.com" All program and reservation information is on the state website under PROGRAMS. Bryant is working on recording the many versions of prayer used with each icon to use virtually in the future, but all icons are available for in person prayer in your church.

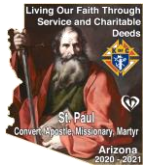
ROSARY PROGRAM

This one is pretty simple... group prayer of the rosary at least 4 times per year. Many councils were praying the rosary before their business meetings but may have discontinued the practice. Why not pray the rosary a half hour before your virtual meetings? How about praying the rosary monthly online with your fellow parishioners? Just set a monthly date, in advance and get the information out to the parish that they are invited to join us in praying the rosary.



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State Program Director – Thomas White - continued

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RSVP

As the K of C are huge supporters of our clergy, if it all possible financially, every council should be supporting at least one seminarian. If you donate \$500, your council receives \$100 back from Supreme. The donation must be to a specific seminarian; and the council is mandated to support him in other ways. Keep in contact, follow his progress through seminary, invite him to speak to your council when he is available. Please contact the diocesan vocations director if you are searching for a seminarian to support. This is a featured program.

SACRAMENTAL GIFTS

This only requires financial support from the council. Plan ahead to purchase a small sacramental gift for RE and RCIA students being baptized or receiving their first communion.

SPIRITUAL REFLECTION

This was a required program in the past but is not any longer. It is still a featured program. Any day long retreat or other spiritual reflection that is attended by 10% of your council or at least 10 council members will qualify. It does not need to be K of C specific; it can be any type of retreat or approved spiritual program.

These Faith programs are just a few of the programs we can continue to perform, right now. Many lend themselves to being done very easily online... we may actually have the opportunity to reach more people this way than live. The important thing is for councils to stay active, there is still plenty for us to do.

UPCOMING PROGRAMS

Catholic Citizenship Essay Contest – articles need to be completed in September

ARC – will be a much smaller live event this year but will be sent out online. Donations are still needed to put on this event. Every council should support this Arizona Knights of Columbus program. Find information on how to donate at the event website.

Ultrasound Initiative – we are always looking for any donation your council can afford for this worthy cause.

Hoping you all have a safe September

Vivat Jesus!

Tom White



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State Membership Director – Bobby Nielsen

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My Brother Knights,

Congratulations Arizona Knights of Columbus! After recruiting 130 new men in June it would have been easy to take some time off and slow down our recruiting efforts. But we are in a pandemic, our Catholic brothers and their families are in need, and our faith is being tested. So, the Knights of Columbus have stepped up and helped wherever needed, and we have recruited over 110 new men in July and August. This is a fantastic start for the new fraternal year, and with the *Dog Days of Summer* winding down, things will only get better.

When we look at the total number of men brought into the Order this fraternal year, it is impressive. But when we look at the number of councils that have not recruited anyone this year, it's alarming. We have 136 active councils in Arizona and 93 have yet to add a man to their roster. With the restrictions on meetings, councils have relied on online membership. Once the new Knight joins online it is important to transfer him into your council. This is accomplished when the online member attends a Charity, Unity and Fraternity Exemplification. This ceremony is available online through Supreme and also online through our State Degree Team. We currently have over 120 online members assigned to a council. After being voted on by the council, these men attend a CUF and are transferred to the council roster. The council then receives credit towards their intake goal. Every Grand Knight needs to look at the Prospect Tab on Officers Online and help the online members move through the process.

Arizona has an incredibly diverse population, and our Order reflects that diversity. Three of the four new councils, that were formed in Arizona last year, were Spanish speaking. Our growth in the Hispanic community has been well received by our Bishops and Priests. In the words of our Hispanic Growth Coordinator, Luis Leyva, we are just getting started! Take a look around your parish and speak to your Pastor. Is there a need for a Hispanic Round Table? Is there enough interest to form a Hispanic Council? There was a time when English and Spanish speaking Councils in the same parish presented a problem. Those days are gone. We have found that councils not only work together but build off each other in their programs and service.

Council recruiting often becomes the responsibility of the Grand Knight or another officer. The Council Membership Director is a resource that is often underutilized. This director has one job; to grow the Council. Make sure your council has a man in this position that enjoys talking to our Catholic brothers and isn't afraid to ask, "Are you a Knight of Columbus?"

We all hope that we are able to fill our parish pews soon, but until that happens make sure your parish's electronic bulletin has information about our Order. This and other recruiting tools are available for you to use at <https://kofc-az.org/> in the Membership/Recruiting area.



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State Membership Director – Bobby Nielsen - continued

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There has never been a better time to be a Knight. Let's go out and share our order by recruiting a new member!

Vivat Jesus!

Bobby Nielsen
State Membership Director
Membership@kofc-az.org

Recruiter Incentives

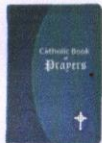
July 1, 2020 - June 30, 2021

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

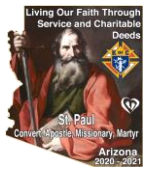
- The Council with the highest percentage of membership growth during the incentive period will receive a GK 2021 State Convention VIP package, Star Council Recruiter plaque and \$100

*Actual awards may appear different than shown



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Hispanic Recruiting Coordinator – Luis L. Leyva

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"Jesus said to them," Follow me and I will make you fishers of men. "" Mark 1:17

Brothers may the peace of Christ Jesus be with you. Again, I address myself through this instrument to comment on the events at hand that we are experiencing. As we can see, the Pandemic continues to claim victims and once again, as Knights of Columbus we are committed to reaching out to all our brothers in unfavorable situations.

As Catholic men, we are committed to responding to the call of our King and Lord Jesus Christ: "Follow me and I will make you fishers of men." "Mark 1:17 and to respond with all that this leads us to spread his word, his doctrine, his gospel.

How can we respond to this beautiful call? Our Fraternal Order gives us the necessary resources to do so. Sharing our faith, we are going to attract faithful to our Church, this is the first step to gather a great army of servants, which, we must offer membership to the Knights of Columbus and teach them our Faith in Action program.

WE ARE 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.

With this evangelizing power we cannot fail and fall into the hands of evil, this is what puts us in a different position than our non-Catholic brothers. Let us be those disciples as our Lord chose us and call us to be.

Once again Brothers, I invite each one of you to contact a Catholic man and invite him to be part of our Order. As I have commented previously, we will not be honoring the name and legacy of our founder, Blessed Rev. Michael J. McGivney if we do not offer them the same opportunity that was given to each of us to be part of the Order of Knights of Columbus, to another man.

We have this MORAL commitment as members of this order, to grow our fraternity, to attract and recruit new members, with each new recruit that we invite, we are giving him and his family the opportunity to grow in faith and practice charity, unity and fraternity within their communities and parishes.

Let us take advantage of every moment to invite our brothers, family, friends to join us now that little by little, our temples-churches are once again celebrating Holy Mass.

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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"Jesús les dijo: «Sígueme y yo los haré pescadores de hombres.»" Marcos 1:17

Hermanos, que la paz de Cristo Jesús este con ustedes. Nuevamente me dirijo por medio de este instrumento para comentar sobre los sucesos a mano que estamos viviendo. Como podemos ver, la Pandemia sigue cobrando victimas y de nuevo, como Caballeros de Colon estamos comprometidos a tender una mano a todos nuestros hermanos en posiciones desfavorables.

Como hombres católicos, tenemos el compromiso de responder al llamado de nuestro Rey y Señor Cristo Jesús: «Sígueme y yo los haré pescadores de hombres.»" Marcos 1:17 y responder con todo lo que esto nos lleva a propagar su palabra, su doctrina, su evangelio.

¿Como podemos responder a este hermoso llamado? Nuestra Orden Fraternal nos da los recursos necesarios para hacerlo. Compartiendo nuestra fe, vamos a atraer fieles a nuestra Iglesia, este es el primer paso para congregar un gran ejercito de servidores, los cuales, debemos de ofrecerle membrecía a Caballeros de Colon y enseñarles nuestro programa de Fe en Acción.

SOMOS 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.

Con este poder evangelizador no podemos fallar y caer en las manos del mal, esto es lo que nos pone en una posición diferente a nuestros hermanos acatólicos. Seamos esos discípulos tal y como nos eligió y llamo a ser nuestro Señor.

Una vez más Hermanos, les invito a cada uno de ustedes a contactar a un hombre católico e invitarlo a formar parte de nuestra Orden. Como lo he comentado anteriormente, no estaremos honrando el nombre y legado de nuestro fundador, el Beato Rev. Michael J. McGivney si no le ofrecemos esta misma oportunidad que fue brindada a cada uno de nosotros de formar parte de la Orden de Caballeros de Colon a otro hombre.

Tenemos este compromiso MORAL como miembros de esta orden, de crecer nuestra fraternidad, de atraer y reclutar nuevos miembros, con cada nuevo recluta que invitamos, les estamos brindando a el y su familia la oportunidad de crecer en la fe y practicar la caridad, unidad y fraternidad dentro de sus comunidades y parroquias.

Aprovechemos cada momento para invitar a nuestros hermanos, familiares, amigos a unirse a nosotros ahora que poco a poco, nuestros templos-iglesias están volviendo a celebrar la Santa Misa.

Recuerden, que SOMOS HOMBRES CATOLICOS CAMBIANDO VIDAS.

Vivat Jesus!

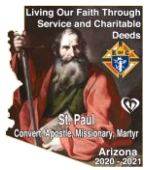
Luis L. Leyva

Coordinador de Membrecía Hispana



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State Family Director – Joseph Shanks

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Brother Knights,

September is the end of our first quarter. There is so much to do to get your council plans in place for the second quarter. Labor Day 2020 will occur on Monday, September 7. Labor Day pays tribute to the contributions and achievements of American workers and is traditionally observed on the first Monday in September. It was created by the labor movement in the late 19th century and became a federal holiday in 1894. Labor Day weekend also symbolizes the end of summer for many Americans, and we should say a prayer:

“Almighty God, whose Son Jesus Christ in his earthly life shared our toil and hallowed our labor: Be present with your people where they work...”

“The family that prays together stays together.” Pope St. John Paul II repeated this phrase in his encyclical on the Rosary: “As a prayer for peace, the Rosary is also, and always has been, a prayer of and for the family. At one time this prayer was particularly dear to Christian families, and it certainly brought them closer together. It is important not to lose this precious inheritance. We need to return to the practice of family prayer and prayer for families, continuing to use the Rosary... The family that prays together stays together. The Holy Rosary, by age-old tradition, has shown itself particularly effective as a prayer which brings the family together. Individual family members, in turning their eyes towards JESUS, also regain the ability to look one another in the eye, to communicate, to show solidarity, to forgive one another and to see their covenant of love renewed in the Spirit of God.” (*Rosarium Virginis Mariae*, February 2, 2002, No. 41)

In light of attacks against the family, life, and true love, we must return to this prayer, as Saint John Paul II asked us to do: “A prayer so easy and yet so rich truly deserves to be rediscovered by the Christian community... I look to all of you, brothers and sisters of every state of life, to you, Christian families, to you, the sick and elderly, and to you, young people: confidently take up the Rosary once again. Rediscover the Rosary in the light of Scripture, in harmony with the Liturgy, and in the context of your daily lives. May this appeal of mine not go unheard!” (*Ibid.*, No. 43).

'The Christian family is the first place of education in prayer. Based on the Sacraments of marriage, the family is the 'domestic Church' where God's children learn to pray 'as the Church', and to persevere in prayer. For young children in particular, daily family prayer is the first witness of the Church's living memory as awakened patiently by the Holy Spirit' (CCC 2685).

Family prayer is important because it encourages expressions of faith in the parish and in the community. Children growing up in a home where there is regular prayer are often spurred to express their Catholic beliefs and values outside the home by becoming an altar server, by volunteering in charity drives at school or in the neighborhood, and by engaging in other activities inspired by the Gospel. Also, family prayer provides spiritual support to those young people who are considering a vocation to the priesthood or religious life.



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A Prayer for Your Family

Lord, bless my family and children. Give them hearts that follow after you. Give my family the strength to not be afraid. Give them the courage to stand up to what is right. Produce within them an attitude of integrity, giving their lives to giving you glory. Protect each family member under the shadow of your wings. Lord, help us to find our strength in you. Increase our unity and peace as we seek to follow after you. Amen

Psalm 127: 3-5

3 Children are a heritage from the LORD, offspring a reward from him.

4 Like arrows in the hands of a warrior are children born in one’s youth.

5 Blessed is the man whose quiver is full of them. They will not be put to shame when they contend with their opponents in court.



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 multiple entries this month which were both Knights of Columbus and parishioners of a parish. We thank you for your submissions. We would like to have more Councils contributing to this program.

The winner of Family of the Month for July 2020 for the Arizona State Council is Matthew and Cynthia Scheller. Matthew is from Holy Family Council 11675 at St. Thomas Aquinas. Congratulations!

(Picture of Matthew and Cynthia Scheller not available at this time)

The Citation Reads as follows:

Matthew has served as GK for the last two years and has raised the bar as GK for this council. Under Matthews leadership, this council has earned Star Council Award for two years. Last year 2019/20, Council 11675 has attained 115.28% of our membership quota. Many of our programs have seen great success under his leadership.

Mrs. Cynthia Scheller is the principal of St. Thomas Aquinas elementary school and has embraced our Keep Christ in Christmas poster contest. She has helped the council with refreshments during our Parish drive thru confessions which we Knights directed traffic for this last spring during the initial reaction to this pandemic.

Matthews father, Deacon Al Scheller has passed away and Matthew established a scholarship in his name to help graduates of St. Thomas Aquinas Elementary School with tuition to Catholic High School of their choice.

Both Mr. & Mrs. Scheller are active in our Parish as Eucharistic ministers and have shown great leadership during this pandemic with their attendance at Mass and serving in this capacity weekly observing the policies of masking and social distancing to combat the spread of this Covid virus.



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State Family Director – Joseph Shanks - continued

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September already. Coming to the end of the first quarter of the year. It's that time to submit your Fraternal Program Report. This report should be submitted each time you complete an event. The submission can only be done online at the link below:

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

From there go to Faith In Action Forms and click on *Enter Online* for the #10784. You will then see this screen: and last name see the screen want to report submit. Supreme report to each those activities submitted.

<https://www.kofc.org/en/forms/spa/invite.html?lang=en&form=10784C.01>

When you enter your Member# and click Proceed you will then below. Click on the program you on, fill in the information and is going to submit a quarterly jurisdiction once a quarter on that activities that were



FRATERNAL PROGRAMS REPORT FORM

Reporting Officer Name : Joseph Shanks

Membership Number : 4847265

Council Number : 11809

State / Province : AZ

Faith	Family	Community	Life
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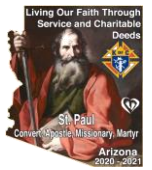
This is also the month to finalize your Council Church Drive Plans. Continue talks with your Pastor and get bulletin announcements ready. If you need help, contact the State Membership Director for assistance.

Conducting a Fraternal Benefits Night helps your council; earn the Founders' Award. Continue discussions with your General Agent to help support membership growth. Using the templates in your Fraternal Planner on pages 11 and 12 can assist you in these efforts.



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Arizona Rosary Chairman – Larry Costanzo

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The pieces for the Arizona Rosary Celebration 2020 are falling into place. This is new experience for all of us as we must adapt to different formats, different locations, different media presentations. The Executive Committee is working to make this Celebration to honor Our Lady, Undoer of Knots one to remember. It is challenging in view of the current restriction as far as meetings, social distancing, masks, hand sanitizers etc. We need to have confidence that Mary will undo the knots so that this event will take place.

With the help of the Parish Representatives to disseminate information, we will be able to have a successful Rosary celebration. Continue to check our web site for the latest information.

Our committee meetings in both Tucson and Phoenix will be held in a virtual mode until it is safe to meet in groups. The co-chairs in Tucson and Phoenix will post information on the web site, email, or other media.

In the midst of the changes that we are anticipating, we do have a number of events that we know will take place, so keep these points in mind.

Tucson: The Rosary celebration will be live-streamed (You Tube) on Saturday, October 17, 2020 with Bishop Weisenburger as the presider and a recorded homily by guest speaker Auxiliary Bishop Rodriguez of the Archdiocese of Denver. The program will be centered on the guest speaker presentation, recitation of the rosary followed by Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.

Phoenix: the celebration will be live-streamed (You Tube) on Sunday, October 18, 2020 with Bishop Olmsted presiding and will include the recorded message from Bishop Rodriguez. The venue is changed to St. Juan Diego Church in Chandler. As in Tucson, the event will be centered on the presentation by the guest speaker, recitation of the rosary and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.

Both programs will be shorter due to the absence of the blessing processions, and overall participation at the churches will be limited to the minimum number of participants required to perform the Liturgy. Strict COVID-19 precautions will be exercised. However, this is an opportunity to greatly expand the participation of Catholics throughout Arizona via the convenience of personal media resources. Many of our Church's faithful will be able to participate from afar when they could not participate in the past except by viewing recordings after the fact. We need to advertise this great opportunity to pray the rosary publicly for our nation and our world in this period of great tribulation. There are over 3 million Catholics in Arizona and we have the chance to unite them all under our Mother's protection on that October weekend. So even if your ministry participation has been cut short by the restrictions this year, we still need you to help us bring the word to others. We will not let COVID-19 keep us from celebrating our 45th year of praying the rosary together.



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Arizona Rosary Chairman – Larry Costanzo - continued

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We will publish a Program book for 2020, but it will be posted on the web site for download. There are several reasons for this; We will not have as many advertisers to support the cost of printing; we will not be meeting in the normal fashion to be able to pass out the books. As we prepare for AZ Rosary Celebration 2020, please contact friends, relatives, businesses etc. for donations to defray the cost of this event. It is an expensive program and is only funded by donations and advertising from many, many individuals, and enterprises.

We all wonder what the future will bring, but with the help of Mary, Undoer of Knots, we will rise to the occasion to honor Jesus through his Mother in this Rosary Celebration. Please pray for a successful event.

Vivat Jesus.

Larry Costanzo, General Chairman

Our Lady, Mary Undoer of Knots Pray for Us

We each have knots in our life: emotional wounds, fractured relationships, deaths of loved ones, personal problems that we cannot overcome, addictions, habitual sins, fears, sickness, and so many more.

These knots build up over time and can lead us to feel helpless, powerless, and hopeless about ever overcoming them.

This is where Mary Undoer of Knots comes in, to pray for us as only she can, with intercession that is unfailing, so that our Lord can heal us from these knots.

Our Lady knows the struggles and pains that we face. She is our Mother, given to us by God, and for her honor and God's glory she will obtain for us the untying of all our knots, if we but approach her faithfully, believing that God can and will deliver us.



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State Culture of Life Chair Couple – Ed and Mary Jo Eick

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Brother Knights,

So what's next in our quest for the sanctity of life in the name of the Lord Jesus and His Mother Mary? Later this month beginning on Wednesday, September 23rd, is the fall 40 Days for Life prayer vigil at the major abortion centers. They continue through Sunday, November 1st.

This is where we save babies... literally.

Would you like to save a baby who will become a child of God growing to adulthood? There will be 40 Days for Life vigils in Flagstaff, central Phoenix, Glendale, Tempe, and Tucson. Go to <https://www.40daysforlife.com/> followed by name of city after the slash / for specific information and the leader to contact. Each website has a schedule for volunteers, Knights and their families, to pick a day and time to pray at the abortion site.

We encourage your K of C Council to select several days or a day of the week for several weeks to staff the prayer site. Saying the rosary in public converts people just as several peacemakers of our time like Mother Theresa and Rev. Martin Luther King used peaceful means in public.

This is something the Life Director of your Council should organize to promote what St John Paul II called the Culture of Life, superseding today's Culture of Death.

And by the way, we're looking for leaders for 40 Days for Life at three more sites in the Phoenix area. Please let us know if you or someone you know would like to volunteer. We'll put interested parties in touch with leaders who have done it.

Vivat Jesus!

Ed and Mary Jo Eick, Culture of Life Co-chairs

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Silver Rose Chairman – Bob Julien

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Brother Knights,

Through the Silver Rose program, we ask the Blessed Mother to guide us as we step into the breach and fight against the culture of death that grips our society.

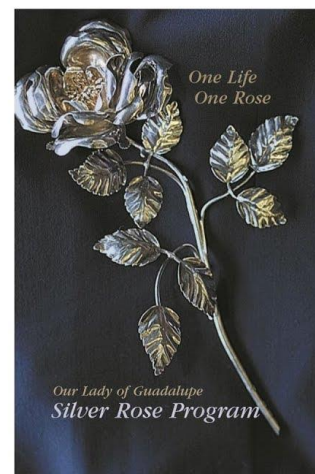
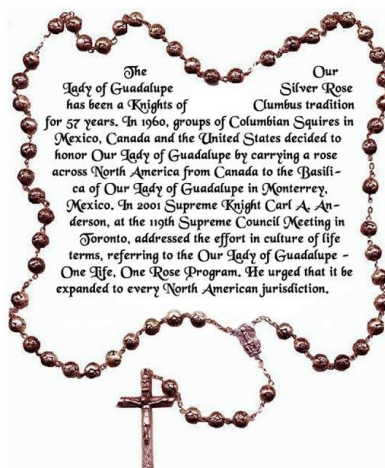
Each year, silver roses journey along routes across North America including Canada, the United States, and Mexico. Along the way, the roses are handed off from jurisdiction to jurisdiction, and council to council (click [here](#) for a map and list of the current route schedules, as well as other program resources). With these silver roses, we honor Our Lady of Guadalupe and affirm our dedication to the sanctity of human life.

As you may know, some of this year’s routes were limited due to COVID-19. **To offer everyone the opportunity to participate, on July 29th at 5pm MST, Supreme will be streaming a Virtual Silver Rose Prayer Service. The link to the stream can be found here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FiKTwKw-3Y4>**

The rose used in the service was blessed by Pope Francis in commemoration of the 60th anniversary of the program during a February 2020 meeting between the Holy Father, Supreme Knight Carl Anderson, and Supreme Chaplain Archbishop William Lori at the Vatican. I encourage you and the members of your council to open the link and pray together. Councils that promote and coordinate participation in this streamed event can claim one program credit toward the Columbian Award.

If you cannot participate on the 29th, you are also welcome to host a virtual event with your council at a future date using the link to the prayer service from YouTube above (recording available after July 29th). To do this, simply access the link, share your screen, and stream the video from a video-conferencing site. For a list of tools available to stream the prayer service, either open the attached “Virtual Silver Rose Prayer Service Tools” .PDF file, or visit this resource on [Tools for Remote Meetings](#).

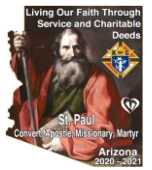
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Charity, Unity, Fraternity Ceremonials – Skip Hopler

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Brother Knights,

Degree news.

Roll on 2020!! I find myself focusing so much on all the bad aspects of the COVID-19 restrictions that I forget to keep in mind that I need to do my part to help us recover. That means re-focusing on getting back to as close to normal as possible (whatever that will turn out to be) while protecting each other from as much risk as possible. That further means to me that we need to continue to have degrees, installations, business meetings and officer meetings but innovatively use our electronic resources to accomplish these online. We are still under Supreme and State guidance to avoid in-person KofC business and social meetings. This link <https://kofc-az.org/exemplification-schedules> will take you to the State website which has the schedule of degrees and a downloadable letter on other type of ceremonials to include “On Demand” CUF degrees and scripts for virtual installations. Call or e-mail me if you want some help or just want to discuss/share your ideas or get ideas from other Councils.

We have now formed four Regional teams (and growing) to present CUF Degrees online on every 2nd and 4th Saturday morning for any Council in the state to access and exemplify new or advancing members. I know you are working hard to recruit under the “new normal” and using innovative ways to reach new prospects. Remember that recruiting doesn’t end until the candidate has taken his degrees and joins a Council. As Supreme winds down its program of weekly online CUF degrees, replacing it with the “On Demand” degree, the AZ teams are stepping up to continue the more enriching experience of exemplifying new members live (online), with presenters that the candidates will recognize as AZ Knights. The candidates also get to meet our State leaders. For the near future at least, this is the “new normal” for ceremonials. Let’s make it work to our advantage.

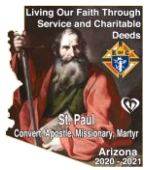
Members, please continue to check with your Grand Knight to offer your help in forming a CUF degree team in your Council. Our long-term goal is still to have a team in every Council able to provide an exemplification “On Demand” in their own Council.

Grand Knights, please continue to conduct your Council business meetings online until we get further guidance from our State Deputy. Work to start a Council CUF team or offer to help your District Deputy start a District team. If you want or need help in starting a team reach out to me and I will put you in touch with a Regional Team Captain who will be glad to assist and get your team going. We will teach your team about presenting the degree and provide tips on how best to run the electronic meeting software. This constrictive atmosphere we are struggling with will ease eventually and when we are able to gather in person once more, your team will be ready to go fully live. So, forming the teams now is both a short and long term solution. Keep in mind that Grand Knights can put on a CUF Degree with their own Council team, online for now, anytime they need one.



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District Deputies, I encourage you to get your Councils forming their own teams or form a District team. Select a team captain to recruit team members then have him contact me for help. That way you can oversee the formation of the team but still leave the details of execution to the team captain. Remember to contact me for help if you need it.

Upcoming Degrees.

The next CUF Degree will be presented online on September 12th at 9:00 AM. There will be a virtual Fourth Degree that same day at 1:00 PM. The District Master has adapted the live presentation for online exemplification and this will be the first virtual Fourth degree in AZ. These two events together will allow a unique experience for new candidates to advance through all four degrees in one day. See the State website for details and registration instructions for both of these events.

The State Deputy designates an Honoree of the Month for CUF degrees. Here is his Honoree for September. (see next page)

Charity, Unity and Fraternity (CUF) Degree – Honoree for September 2020

Most Reverend Thomas J. Olmsted

Bishop of Phoenix

There is no greater supporter of the Knights of Columbus than the Most Reverend Thomas J. Olmsted, Bishop of Phoenix.

Born and raised in rural Kansas, the future Bishop Olmsted attended a single-room grade school and a small rural high school. He attended St. Thomas Seminary College in Denver, Colorado from which he graduated in 1969 with a degree in philosophy. Ordained to the priesthood on July 2, 1973, he served as Associate Pastor at the Cathedral of the Risen Christ in Lincoln, Nebraska until 1976. He was called to Rome to complete his Doctoral studies in Canon law then was assigned as an Assistant at the Secretariat of State of the Holy See and Assistant Spiritual Director at Pontifical North American College. In 1989, Bishop Olmsted returned to Nebraska as the Pastor of St. Vincent DePaul Parish. From 1993 to 1999 he served at the Pontifical College Josephinum and became its Rector/President. In 1999, he was consecrated a Bishop and served as the Coadjutor for the Diocese of Wichita, Kansas and in 2001 was appointed Bishop for that Diocese. On December 20, 2003 Bishop Olmsted became the fourth Bishop of Phoenix.

Bishop Olmsted has been a member of the Jesus Caritas fraternity of priests since 1974. As a Fourth Degree Knight of Columbus he has supported our work for the Church and encouraged Catholic men to join our Order to help them strengthen their faith and commitment to our Church. His published exhortation “Into the Breach” was adopted by the Supreme Council and inspired the series of internationally available videos that encourage men to follow Bishop Olmsted’s call to action in defense of manhood and their role in the Church, family and community. He is a true shepherd boldly defending our Catholic faith in the public square. It is our distinct privilege to honor him as our CUF Degree Honoree for the month of September 2020.





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State Treasurer Tom Kato and District Deputy 27/ SPD Tom White received a \$1500 donation for the Ultrasound Initiative from Holy Cross Council 7904 GK Mike Grimes. Also pictured is brother Ed Padilla of council 7904 and the Holy Cross Right to Life ministry. The donation is a combination of funds raised by the council and ministry group.



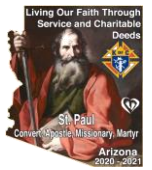
New Grotto for Statue of Mary

Knights of Council # 11738 in Glendale, Arizona built and dedicated a new metal grotto for the Statue of Mary in the St. Helen Parish courtyard. Local artist and Council Brother – John Guinsler designed and supervised the construction done by members of the council. In the pictures, Father John Ssegawa, Pastor and Council Grand Knight, Dennis Taylor are standing in front of the new grotto. Shown also is the grotto display lighted at night. A heart rosary was also made and mounted on the wall behind the Grand Knight.



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“Leave No Neighbor Behind”
Food Drive
August 22, 2020
Knights of Columbus Council 11809



All proceeds went to Valley View Community Food Bank
Totals were: 5,136lbs of food donated, \$850.00 cash donations,
180 people donated in four (4) hours,
with 143 Knights of Columbus Man-Hours

Present were: Mike Hug (GK), John Melcarek (DGK), Ron Rinder (FS), Joseph Kowolkowski (Warden), Dennis Dionne (Advocate), Mike Ward (Treasurer), Joseph Shanks (Recorder), Albert Dailey (Guard), Donald King (Trustee), Robert Conen (Trustee), Jake Kluch, Rick Mahan, Dave Lara, Roger Lipp and Dick Eisenmenger

Survey for August KO COA Newsletter

There were only two Brother Knights that responded to the Newsletter Survey. Unfortunately there is no winner this month.

The correct answers to the KO COA Survey for August are:

1. To earn the Founders Award, see page 26, ***The Insurance & Financial Forum.***
2. To earn two credits towards the Columbian Award, see page 11, ***“Into the Breach.”***
3. CUF Class Honoree is Bishop Weisenburger, see page 23.
4. The special event is Father McGivney’s Birthday and Memorial, see page 16.

Survey for September KO COA Newsletter will be out next. Please take a few minutes to answer the questions and get a one-year only challenge coin.



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Events for September

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Prayer Events for Our Country

5-Day Rosary Novena for Our Nation

<https://dphx.org/event/join-bishop-olmsted-in-praying-a-54-day-rosary-novena-for-our-nation/>

September 5th we celebrate St. Teresa of Calcutta

<https://anastpaul.com/2017/09/05/saint-of-the-day-5-september-st-mother-teresa-of-calcutta-mc/#:~:text=Saint%20of%20the%20Day%20%E2%80%93%205%20September%20%E2%80%93,Canonised%20on%204%20September%202016%20by%20Pope%20>

September 8th is the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

<https://www.loyolapress.com/catholic-resources/saints/saints-stories-for-all-ages/birth-of-mary/>

A day of prayer and fasting on September 24th

<https://youtu.be/AxfhmfBNkzU>

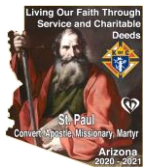
September 29th is the Feast of the Archangels

<https://www.catholicculture.org/culture/liturgicalyear/calendar/day.cfm?date=2020-09-29>



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Other Significant Events

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Catholic Men’s Conference - Tucson Goes Virtual → Adapts to COVID-19

As COVID-19 concerns continue to impact our lives, the Catholic Men’s Conference- Tucson vows to keep its commitment to the Men of Southern Arizona. The 7th Annual Men’s Conference will be held as announced on Nov 7 but in a modified form. This year’s conference will be held as a Virtual, online half-day event—part Webinar and part Live Q&A roundtable.

Theme for the Conference is **Be a Man...Be a Saint..** from St. Josemaria Escriva, founder of Opus Dei and the one who promoted the sanctity of everyday life.

Location: Online via a web-based video conferencing tool

Date: Saturday Nov 7, 2020

Time: Tentatively scheduled 0900-12:30pm – To Be Confirmed

The Knights of Columbus are founders and major sponsors of the event. State Deputy Mario Vassallo encourages all Knights to register and attend this very worthwhile event. It will also count as a Spiritual Reflection for Faith in Action work. Keynote speakers are:



Matthew Leonard, a Catholic author, speaker, filmmaker, and founder of Next Level Catholic Academy, an online platform designed to help Catholics transform their spiritual lives and grow toward sainthood. Matthew also hosts a podcast on which is listened to in on iTunes at: <https://matthewsleonard.com/podcast-2/> over 180 countries...and counting. He is a frequenter on EWTN, Relevant Radio, CBS, SiriusXM, among others.



John Sablan, dubbed the Man on Fire, co-founder of the World Ablaze Incorporated, a Catholic apostolate focused on evangelization and discipleship. Answering the call to evangelize, John’s goal is to inspire others to come to a deeper love and knowledge of our Catholic faith in order to better serve God, the Church and the world. He is a featured speaker in That Man is You! men’s program from Paradisus Dei.

In addition to the Keynote talks, there will be also be a live Q&A roundtable with the speakers and Bishop Weisenburger. The roundtable is a unique and popular feature of the Tucson conference.

More information and Registration instruction to follow as details are finalized. Watch for it in the Diocesan Outlook, Facebook page and our website tucsonmensconference.org
Contact: Bill Breen, Catholic Men’s Conference Planning Committee, bill.breen@gmail.com , 520-329-7744

Links to Promotion Videos:

Matthew Leonard: <https://www.youtube.com/user/MatthewSLeonard>

John Sablan: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCK1ed3oWnYb9-adIsTDdxVw/videos>





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Raso Insurance Agency – Nate Raso

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Brother Knights,

On Saturday August 1st @ 10:00AM, the Raso Insurance Agency conducted our first live “Insurance & Financial Forum”. We had some minor technical issues, but we worked those through, and the Forum went on. My sincere thanks to those who took the time out of their Saturday morning to attend. I hope it was enlightening and informative, because that’s what we are aiming to achieve.

This program is intended to run every first Saturday of the month for the Fraternal Year. It will start @ 10:00AM and run for 1 hour. By entering the following Facebook page link into your browser you will be brought into the Agency page and be able to then view the Forum: <http://www.facebook.com/RasoAgencyKofC>

We will be providing a mix of Fraternal and Insurance related topics. We will have interviews with Field Agents, Fraternal Leadership, and special guests from the Financial, Legal, and Long-Term Care communities.

These Forums will count towards the Insurance Goal for Councils during this Fraternal Year. Registration for the Forum and attendance duration on the Forum will be recorded to earn this credit for the individual Councils of those attending.

We want to give you a Big Heads Up for the first Saturday in October – October 3rd we will be having a registration only Zoom Meeting (Zoom is the platform of the speaker, not us). We said that we would have special guests on our Insurance Forums, and I am very excited to tell you that we have one of the Industry’s Top Experts in the Annuity, Long Term Care, Life Insurance and Disability field. He’s a sought-out speaker at the Insurance Industry’s Leading National and World Conferences; he’s a Best-Selling Author and we are extremely fortunate that he calls Arizona his home. We have prepared the following flyer for you to mark the date on your calendar for what will be the most informative, dynamic, and exciting Saturday morning to date! We only have 500 spots available so register early and your Field Agent will be available to get you pre-registered for this event, please reach out to him ASAP or he will be calling you! If you don’t know who your agent is, please visit our new and ever evolving website AZKnights.com and click on Find An Agent.

Look forward to having you join us!

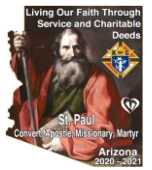
“May Blessed Fr. Michael J McGivney be our intercessor to our Lord & Savior Jesus Christ, Amen”.


Nate Raso / General Agent / Raso Insurance Agency / Phoenix, AZ



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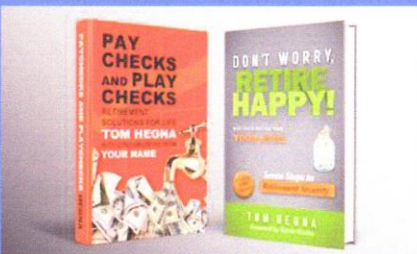
Don't Worry Retire Happy!

**Saturday
October 3rd**
10AM - 11AM PST Arizona
11AM - 12PM MST Colorado
UT, WY

Pre-registration is necessary to reserve your spot!

[**Click Here to Register**](#)

Tom Hegna: CLU, ChFC, CASL
Tom Hegna is an economist, author, and retirement expert.

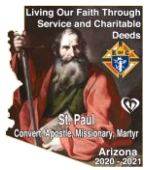


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Keep Christ In Christmas Chairman – Dennis Schauer

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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>

Vivat Jesus!


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KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS

PROGRAM GUIDEBOOK



FAITH IN ACTION FAMILY

Living Our Faith Through Service and Charitable Deeds



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Youth Director – Jeffrey Schneider

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Brothers Knights,

As Knights, we have the opportunity to give students the chance to define the role of a Catholic citizen, and to strengthen the bond between the Knights of Columbus and local schools. Our goal is to give students the opportunity to share this role in many different scenarios.

This year's theme, as given by Supreme is *"Living Our Faith Through Service and Charitable Deeds."*

In an essay of 500-750 words, the student should write how trusting in God during a difficult time has helped them, or someone they know, find the strength and hope to endure. They should especially consider those times when it was a challenge to understand why something was happening. Considering also, any lessons about faith and hope learned from this experience.

I encourage Councils to use the Catholic Citizenship Essay Contest Kit and Guidebook found on the Supreme web page under Faith in Action / Community. This kit contains everything your Council will need to run a successful program. This contest is open to grades 8-12 and is for public, private and home school students.

Each Council should identify an Essay Director to administer the program with assistants to help run the contest. The Council may award a gift card to the winner of each grade, if they so desire, in addition to the winner's certificates provided in the kit.

The timetable for this contest is follows:

- August: Council identifies a director and orders the kit from Supreme. Contact schools and teachers about the program. Put information in the Parish bulletin about the program.
- September: Distribute the kits and have students write their essays.
- October: Council judges review essays, winners are selected, and certificates/gift cards are distributed.
- November: Council winners advance to District level judging. The District level winner is announced and advances to State level.
- December: Statewide judging is conducted, awards distributed, and the State winners advance to Supreme level.
- January: Essays are due to Supreme by January 31, 2021 for international judging.
- March: International Essay winners announced.



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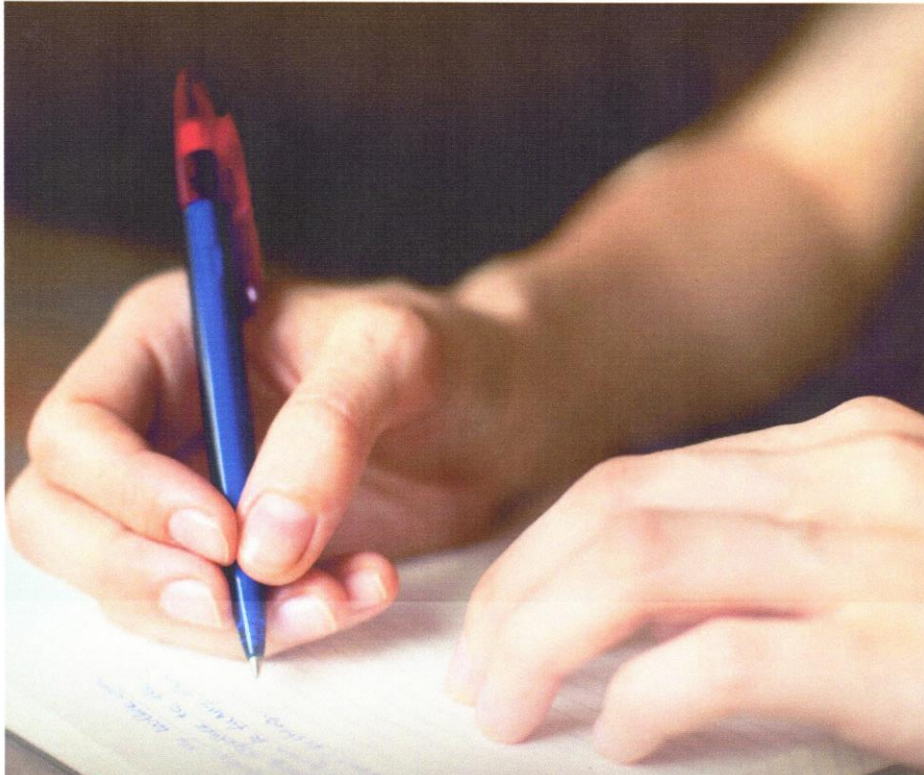
Youth Director – Jeffrey Schneider - continued

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Remember, in addition to serving the community, this program counts towards your Columbian Award and should be documented on the Council SP-7. Please feel free to contact me and give any suggestions or comments on our program.

Fraternally,


Jeffrey Schneider
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CATHOLIC CITIZENSHIP

ESSAY CONTEST



FAITH IN ACTION

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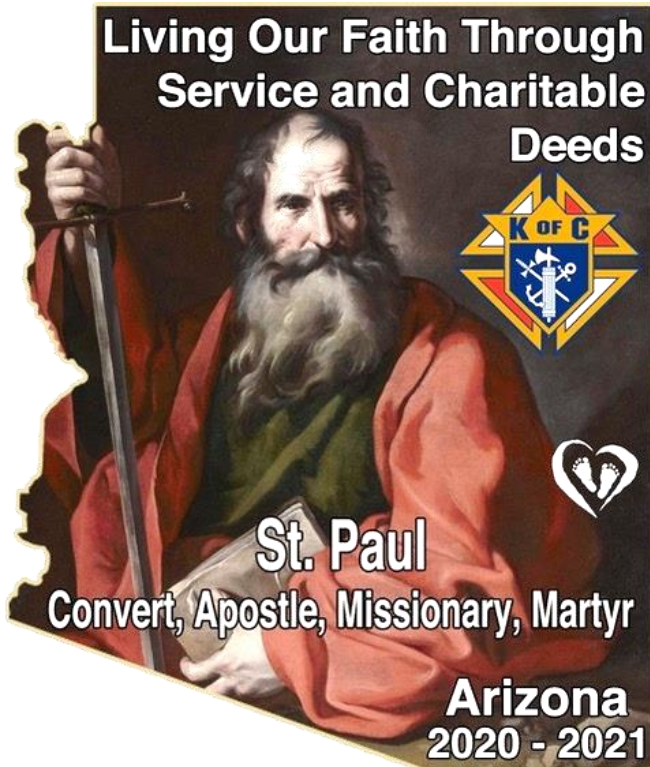
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2020-2021 Arizona State Pin and Theme



Arizona Knight of Columbus “LIVING OUR FAITH THROUGH SERVICE AND CHARITABLE DEEDS”

At the start of every fraternal year, it has become customary in Arizona that the State Deputy introduces a new State Pin and theme. While introducing the 2020-2021 State Pin, State Deputy Mario Vassallo said, “The State Pin this year depicts part of the religious heritage that I brought with me from Malta, the island where I was born and raised. St. Paul is one of the patron saints of Malta. I would like St. Paul to be a role model to us brother knights in Arizona during this fraternal year.”

The State Pin has the outline of the State of Arizona and shows the picture of St. Paul who is one of the greatest apostles but also was a convert, a missionary and a martyr. The pin also shows the logo of the Knights of Columbus and two small baby’s feet which are included to remind us that we must always fight to preserve the sanctity of life from natural conception to natural death. At the top of the pin is this year’s theme *Living Our Faith Through Service and Charitable Deeds*. Our theme is an expression of what the goal of every Knight of Columbus should be. We are men of faith who demonstrate our faith by being of service to our priests, parishioners and neighbors and perform charity with those members in our community who are in need.

This is the story of how the Maltese people converted to Christianity and fell in love with the great apostle St. Paul.

In the year 60 A.D. St. Paul was taken prisoner and transported to Rome to be tried in court as a Roman for being a Christian. St. Luke was also on the same ship that travelled through the Mediterranean Sea. This is how St. Luke describes the shipwreck close to the island of Malta in the Acts of the Apostles (27:39 – 28:10):

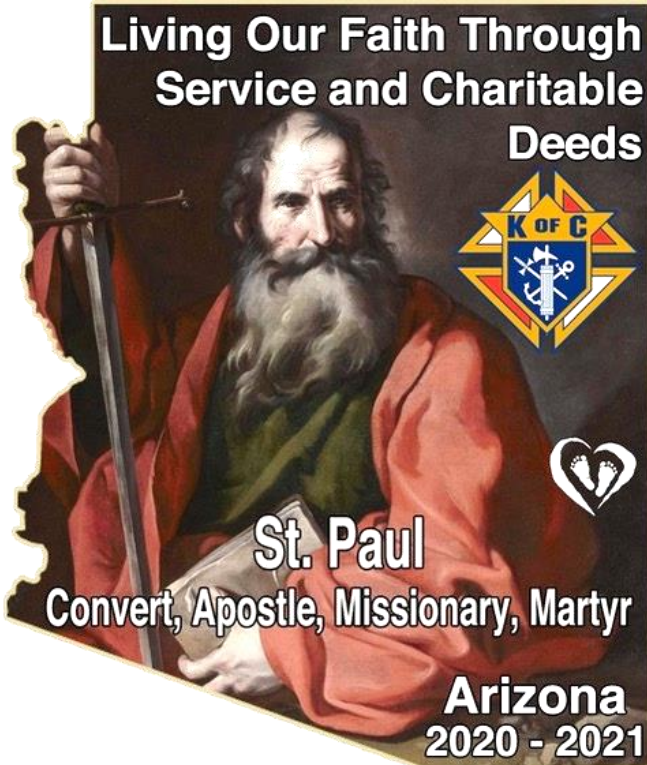
³⁹ When daylight came, they did not recognize the land, but they saw a bay with a sandy beach, where they decided to run the ship aground if they could. ⁴⁰ Cutting loose the anchors, they left them in the sea and at the same time untied the ropes that held the rudders. Then they hoisted the foresail to the wind and made for the beach. ⁴¹ But the ship struck a sandbar and ran aground. The bow stuck fast and would not move, and the stern was broken to pieces by the pounding of the surf.

⁴² The soldiers planned to kill the prisoners to prevent any of them from swimming away and escaping. ⁴³ But the centurion wanted to spare Paul's life and kept them from carrying out their plan. He ordered those who could swim to jump overboard first and get to land. ⁴⁴ The rest were to get there on planks or on other pieces of the ship. In this way everyone reached land safely.

28 Once safely on shore, we found out that the island was called Malta. ² The islanders showed us unusual kindness. They built a fire and welcomed us all because it was raining and cold. ³ Paul gathered a pile of brushwood and, as he put it on the fire, a viper, driven out by the heat, fastened itself on his hand. ⁴ When the islanders saw the snake hanging from his hand, they said to each other, "This man must be a murderer; for though he escaped from the sea, the goddess Justice has not allowed him to live." ⁵ But Paul shook the snake off into the fire and suffered no ill effects. ⁶ The people expected him to swell up or suddenly fall dead; but after waiting a long time and seeing nothing unusual happen to him, they changed their minds and said he was a god.

⁷ There was an estate nearby that belonged to Publius, the chief official of the island. He welcomed us to his home and showed us generous hospitality for three days. ⁸ His father was sick in bed, suffering from fever and dysentery. Paul went in to see him and, after prayer, placed his hands on him and healed him. ⁹ When this had happened, the rest of the sick on the island came and were cured. ¹⁰ They honored us in many ways; and when we were ready to sail, they furnished us with the supplies we needed.

2020-2021 Broche de solapa y Lema del Consejo Estatal de Arizona



Caballeros de Colón de Arizona

**“Viviendo nuestra fe a Través de Servicio y
Obras de Caridad”**

Al comienzo de cada año fraterno, se ha convertido una tradición en Arizona que el Diputado de Estado presente un nuevo broche de solapa y lema para el Consejo Estatal. Al presentar el broche de solapa estatal 2020-2021, el diputado estatal Mario Vassallo dijo: "El broche de solapa estatal de este año representa parte de la herencia religiosa que traje conmigo desde Malta, la isla donde nací y crecí. San Pablo es uno de los santos patronos de Malta. Me gustaría que San Pablo fuera un modelo a seguir para nosotros los hermanos Caballeros en Arizona durante este año fraternal".

El broche del Estado tiene el bosquejo del Estado de Arizona y muestra la imagen de San Pablo, uno de los más grandes Apóstoles, pero también converso, misionero y mártir. El broche también muestra el logotipo de Caballeros de Colón y dos pies de bebé pequeños que se incluyen para recordarnos que siempre debemos luchar para preservar la santidad de la vida desde su concepción natural hasta la muerte natural. El lema principal de este año es **Vivir nuestra fe a través del servicio y las obras de caridad**. Nuestro lema es una expresión de cuál debería ser el objetivo de cada Caballero de Colón. Somos hombres de fe que la demostramos al servir a nuestros sacerdotes, feligreses y vecinos, y hacemos caridad con los miembros de nuestra comunidad que están en necesidad.

Esta es la historia de cómo el pueblo maltés se convirtió al cristianismo y se enamoró del gran apóstol San Pablo.

En el año 60 D.C., San Pablo fue hecho prisionero y trasladado a Roma para ser juzgado en la corte como romano por ser cristiano. San Lucas también iba en el mismo barco que viajaba por el mar Mediterráneo. Así es como San Lucas describe el naufragio cerca de la isla de Malta en los Hechos de los Apóstoles (27:39 - 28:10):

Hechos de los Apóstoles versión Biblia Latinoamericana

"27: 39-44"

39. Cuando amaneció no reconocieron la tierra, pero divisaron una bahía con su playa, y acordaron hacer lo posible por encallar en ella el barco. 40. Soltaron las anclas y las dejaron caer al mar mientras aflojaron las cuerdas de los timones; izaron al viento la vela delantera y se dejaron arrastrar hacia la playa. 41. Pero chocaron contra un banco de arena y el barco quedó encallado: la proa se clavó y quedó inmóvil, mientras la popa se iba destrozando por los golpes violentos de las olas.

42. Entonces los soldados pensaron en dar muerte a los presos por temor a que alguno se escapara nadando. 43. Pero el capitán, que quería salvar a Pablo, no se lo permitió. Ordenó que los que supieran nadar se tiraran los primeros al agua y se dirigieran a la playa; 44. Los demás se agarrarían a tablones o a restos de la nave. Así todos llegamos sanos y salvos a tierra."

"28:1-10" 1. Una vez a salvo, supimos que la isla se llamaba Malta. 2. Los nativos nos trataron con una cordialidad poco común, encendieron una gran hoguera y nos cuidaron a todos, ya que llovía y hacía frío. 3. Pablo había juntado una brazada de ramas secas y, al echarlas al fuego, una víbora que escapaba del calor se le enroscó en la mano. 4. Al ver los nativos a la víbora colgando de la mano de Pablo, se dijeron unos a otros: «Sin duda éste es un asesino. Aunque se haya salvado del mar, la justicia divina no lo deja vivir.» 5. Pero Pablo sacudió la víbora echándola al fuego y no sufrió daño alguno. 6. Pensaban que se iba a hinchar o caer muerto de repente, pero después de esperar largo rato, vieron que no le pasaba nada. Entonces cambiaron de parecer y decían que era un dios.

7. Los terrenos cercanos pertenecían al hombre principal de la isla, llamado Publio, quien nos recibió y hospedó amigablemente tres días. 8. Precisamente el padre de Publio estaba en cama con fiebre y disentería. Pablo entró a verlo, oró, le impuso las manos y lo sanó. 9. A consecuencia de esto todos los enfermos de la isla acudieron a él y fueron sanados; 10. luego nos colmaron de atenciones y, al marchar, nos proveyeron de todo lo necesario."

Honoring Mary Under Her Title Our Lady Undoer of Knots



Devotion to Mary, Undoer Knots began over 300 years ago. Pope Francis spoke about while he was Archbishop of Buenos Aires, Argentina, and continues to promote it during his papacy. Pope Francis said: Through Mary, “All the knots of our heart, every knot of our conscience can be undone.”

The story behind this particular title of Mary comes not as an apparition, but rather as a request for intercession.

In the early 1600s there was a German Nobleman Wolfgang Langenmantel and his wife, Sophie. they were having marital problems and were considering divorce. Wolfgang, being troubled and fearful of such a drastic action, went to a Jesuit priest Fr. Jakob Rem for advice.

During their counseling sessions, they prayed to the Blessed Virgin Mary for Wolfgang’s marriage. On September 28, 1615, the last time he was to meet with Fr. Rem, Wolfgang provided the priest with the ribbon used during his wedding ceremony to tie the couple together as a symbol of unity.

Fr. Rem took the ribbon, placed it on an image of Our Lady of the Snows, and asked Mary to “untie the knots” of Wolfgang’s marriage. The ribbon loosened and became completely untied and became brilliantly white. The story does not end with the dissolution of their marriage. Rather, Wolfgang and Sophie reconciled after this happened. The knots that were untied by the Blessed Mother were the ones that creating the problems that were driving them apart.

Hieronimus Langenmantel, the grandson of Wolfgang and Sophie, became a priest and commissioned a painting to be done in memory of the story. The painting shows Mary untying the knots of marriage. In it, one angel gives her the knotted ribbon and another angel holds the unknotted side and presents it to the viewer.

This image also shows Mary crushing Satan’s head, as in the Immaculate Conception. There is also a dove above her head symbolizing the Holy Spirit. It also depicts St. Raphael the Archangel accompanying Wolfgang towards a monastery.

The image of Mary, Undoer of Knots, was painted by Johann Melchior Georg Schmittner about the year 1700. It is currently on display at St. Peter am Perlach-Church in Augsburg, Bavaria in Germany.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS OF ARIZONA

“LIVING OUR FAITH THROUGH SERVICE AND CHARITABLE DEEDS”

The Knot Prayer

Dear God,

Please untie the knots that are in my mind, my heart, and my life.

Remove the have nots, cannots, and the do nots.

Erase the will nots, may nots, might nots that may find a home in my heart.

Release me from the could nots, would nots, and should nots that obstruct my life.

And most of all, dear God, I ask that you remove from my mind, my heart, and my life all of the “am nots” that I have allowed to hold me back.

Especially the thought that I am not good enough.

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 Columbus.

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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Pope Francis's Prayer to Our Lady Undoer of Knots

Holy Mary, full of God's presence during the day of your life, you accepted with full humility the Father's will, and the devil was never capable of tying you up with his confusion.

Once with your Son you interceded for our difficulties, and full of kindness and patience, you gave us example of how to untie the knots in our life. By remaining forever Our Mother, you put in order and make more clear the ties that link us to the Lord.

Holy Mother, Mother of God and our Mother, to you who untie with a motherly heart the knots of our life, we pray to you to receive in your hands (the name of the person), and to free him/her of the knots and confusion with which our enemy attacks.

Through your grace, your intercession and your example deliver us from all evil, Our Lady, and untie the knots that prevent us from being united with God, so that we, free from sin and error, may find Him in all things, may have our hearts placed in Him, and may serve Him always in our brothers and sisters. Amen.

At Roman Noon on May 26, 2020, the Holy See announced the formal recognition of a miracle attributed to our founder, Venerable Father Michael McGivney.

With this announcement, a Mass of Beatification will soon be scheduled. This joyful news is the culmination of many years of determined effort. I ask for your continued and increased prayers as we prepare for the day when our founder will be known as Blessed Michael McGivney.