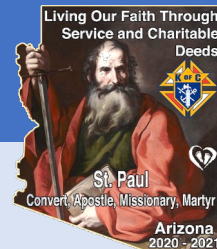




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State Deputy's Message



Brothers,

I do not know about you, but my heart has been much troubled lately. I am concerned about the state of affairs of our country. It seems that there is so much pent up anger and frustration that people become violent over almost any issue. My heart aches when I see the news filled with scenes of cities being set on fire and our law enforcement being ambushed, assaulted, and killed at increasingly high numbers. The very fabric of our civil society is being torn apart. Politically, it is so difficult to discern the truth and determine any given candidate's position and record on an issue. Is all news fake? What do we, as Catholics and Knights do?

The only thing we can, we need to get down on our knees daily and pray for healing, pray for an end to the hatred that is dividing us. We must pray "unceasingly" that the men and women elected this November have the wisdom and ability to bring us together once more as a nation united under one God, where all lives from conception to natural death matter and law and order is respected.

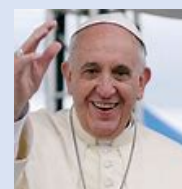
As citizens, it is our duty and responsibility to vote. At the ballot box we must make our decisions with a well-formed conscience. In order to provide the faithful with a better understanding of Catholic Social Teaching, the Arizona Catholic Conference (ACC) has just released a new video entitled *Bishops of the Arizona Catholic Conference Reflect on the 2020 Election*. The video can currently be viewed online at www.azcatholicconference.org. In addition, you may read the 2020 Voter's Guide that has information on all the candidates and issues at <https://www.azcatholicconference.org/voters-guide/acc-2020-voters-guide-online-now/>. If you have a copy of Bishop Olmsted's *Catholic's in the Public Square*, review it to better inform yourself about your responsibility as a citizen and as a Catholic.

Fr. Michael McGivney, the founder of our order will be beatified during a special Mass October 31 at the Cathedral of St. Joseph in Hartford, CT. On May 27, the Vatican announced that Pope Francis had signed the decree recognizing a miracle attributed to the intercession of

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The Laity's Mission in the Church

We pray that by the virtue of baptism, the laity, especially women, may participate more in areas of responsibility in the Church.



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Fr. McGivney to clear the way for his beatification. Once he is beatified, he will be given the title "Blessed." Fr. McGivney will be the first American parish priest to be beatified, he has long been considered a hero of working-class Catholics and can be viewed as a martyr of a pandemic. When he died of pneumonia complications at age 38 in 1890, it was during an outbreak of influenza known as the Russian flu in Thomaston, Connecticut. Some recent evidence, according to the Knights, indicates the outbreak may have been the result of a coronavirus.

In honor of Fr. McGivney's Beatification, Councils are encouraged to organize events the weekend of October 31 to commemorate this memorable event by holding a special Mass, conducting a holy hour, praying a Rosary, or some other church or faith event.

Ask Mother Mary to undo the knots in your life during this year's online Arizona Rosary Celebration, Saturday, October 17, 2020 beginning at 10:00 a.m. or Sunday, October 18, 2020 beginning at 2:00 p.m. Go to AZRosary.net and follow the link to the broadcast. This year we honor Mary under her title Our Lady Undoer of Knots. Join Most Reverends Edward J. Weisenburger, Bishop of Tucson and Thomas J. Olmsted, Bishop of Phoenix, Presiders, and guest speaker, Most Reverend Jorge Rodriguez, Auxiliary Bishop of the Archdiocese of Denver. Tell every brother knight, your friends and family about the Arizona Rosary Celebration and let us make this a worldwide event. Extend an invitation to your friends and family members in town, out of town, out of state, out of country. Let us all connect and pray the Rosary, Arizona!

The Catholic Men's Conference in Tucson will be held virtually this year as it adapts to COVID-19 precautions. As COVID-19 concerns continue to impact our lives, the Tucson Catholic Men's Conference vows to keep its commitment to the Men of Southern Arizona. The 7th Annual Men's Conference will be held as announced on November 7, 2020, but in a modified form. This year's conference will be held as an online half-day event: part webinar and part Live Q & A round table.

The theme for the Conference is *Be a Man...Be a Saint*. This comes from Saint Josemaria Escriva, founder of Opus Dei, and the one who promoted the sanctity of everyday life. Information can be found at: <https://diocesetucson.org/mens-conference>. I encourage all knights to attend. Even though it is online, I am sure that the content will be spiritually impactful.

Brothers, October is normally a membership recruitment month. Now that we are beginning to allow in-person meetings, where practical and permissible in accordance with parish and Diocesan guidelines, we now must turn our attention back to increasing our recruitment efforts. So many councils have not yet recruited any new members for this fraternal year. This is the year when we need to be doubling and tripling our membership



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numbers. Our church and communities need us now more than ever. We need new members. Every knight needs to go out there (physically or virtually) and ask one Catholic man to join.

This year we celebrate the 138th anniversary of the Order's founding. In honor of the beatification of our founder, Fr. Michael J. McGivney, I challenge you brother knights to recruit at least that many new knights this month. I know you can do it.

St. Paul in his letter to the Ephesians, third chapter, said,

"For this reason I kneel before the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named, that he may grant you in accord with the riches of his glory to be strengthened with power through his Spirit in the inner self, and that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith; that you, rooted and grounded in love, may have strength to comprehend with all the holy ones what is the breadth and length and height and depth, and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, so that you may be filled with all the fullness of God. Now to him who is able to accomplish far more than all we ask or imagine, by the power at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen." (Ephesians 3:14-21).

This is my prayer for you my brothers. Be safe.

Vivat Jesus!

Mario Vassallo,
State Deputy



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State Chaplain – Father Gary Regula

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Brother Knights,

In a little over one month people in this country will have either sent their ballots in or be voting in person for the person that will be inaugurated as President of the United States on January 20, 2021. Instead of adding to the many voices out there telling you to vote this way or that (and in my ministerial role it is not appropriate for me to say that anyway), I would simply like to invite you to pray with me over these next few weeks.

Let us pray that the one elected may truly be pro-life as we say from conception to natural death. This means they need to care for the unborn, but it also means they must stop federal executions as capital punishment is a violation of the sacredness of human life as well (thanks to Pope Francis for changing the Catechism of the Catholic Church to reflect that ideal).

Let us pray that after a child is born the President works to enact programs that can help them to grow in a place that is safe for them and their families. If they face poverty or gangs in their neighborhoods then we pray the President will address the systemic racism that dates back decades, and much longer as well, that has placed a redline around where a person of color and his or her family may live.

Let us pray that the one elected will bring comfort to a nation when disaster strikes (for over the coming years there sadly will be at least one, but most probably many more than one), as the country needs a person whose voice is calm and guides us through a difficult moment. May the person who will serve as President realize that he is there to make the correct decision even if it means that he will lose a voter or two. The most powerful office on Earth is not for one who seeks to be the most popular but for one who will make the hard decisions.

Let us pray that the one who serves in the Oval Office will see how the country is torn apart and seek to be a bridge builder with those across the aisle. We pray that in hearing the cries from the citizenry that it will not be dismissed but heard as what it rightly is the voices of people who love to call the United States their home.

Let us pray that in building bridges the one to serve as President will look to other shores and reach out with a diplomatic handshake and a listening ear. May that person know that all people of every country call this planet we are on home and we are interdependent on one another.

Let us pray for ourselves too Brother Knights that we will not become bitter and judgmental of the next president before he is even sworn in. Some of us will vote for the one to occupy the office and some will not but if we hold onto grudges or judge others that didn't think, act or vote like us then are we really able to leave none of our neighbors behind? Are we not called to serve and care for everyone no matter their choice in an election?



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Let us pray for all those men and women over the centuries who have served our country to ensure that we have the right to vote in an election. Let us pray that people will see this as a moral obligation to vote so that in the home of the free the percentage of voters tops 80% instead of hovering around 50%.

Let us pray not simply that God will be on our side, but more importantly, as even Abraham Lincoln said, that we are on God's side. Let us pray that no one uses the God of love to make people afraid of what may happen on November 3rd, but rather reassures us with the words of Jesus who said "do not be afraid." Let us pray that we remember that actions in November of 2020 may have reactions and repercussions that are felt by your great-grandchildren's family.

Let us pray that we remember that while we are proud to be Americans, that we are Catholic Christians first for God knew us before He formed us in the womb. Let us pray that we allow the love and peace of God guide our words and actions over this next month so that it is not us, but God's Holy Spirit that comes forth to renew the face of the earth. Oh God from a wounded and grateful people we pray please hear our prayers.

Vivat Jesus,

Fr. Gary



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State Secretary – Luigi Baratta

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Brother Knights,

I emailed out other notice to all the councils who have not paid their per capita for the 2020-2021 fraternal year. The following councils have not sent in their payment:

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If your council is on this list, please contact your Grand Knight.

I want to say “Thank you” to those 115 councils who mailed out their payments already. 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.

Next month, Father McGivney, founder of the Knights will be Beatified during a special ceremony in New Haven. His cause for Canonization was opened in 1997. He was declared Venerable by Pope Benedict XVI in 2008. Please schedule an event on October 31st to honor our founder. Please keep praying for our country to end this senseless violence and remember all lives matter as we are all God’s children!!

Thank you and God Bless

Luigi Baratta

State Secretary

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

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Father McGivney to be Beatified



Our beloved founder, Venerable Father Michael J. McGivney, will be beatified on October 31, 2020 at Hartford's Cathedral of St. Joseph.

The Beatification Mass will be broadcast live on EWTN and other Catholic networks.

If you are not a member of the Father McGivney Guild, this is a wonderful time to join the Guild which promotes the cause of his sainthood. You can do so simply by visiting this link <https://www.fathermcgivney.org/en/join-the-guild.html>.

Please plan to watch the next two YouTube/Facebook screenings of the Father McGivney video, on Sep. 26 and Oct 25, both 8 PM Eastern. You can use the same link above for more information.

Please pray for the Canonization of Father McGivney. Report any favors received to the Guild. We need one more miracle for our founder to reach Canonization and Sainthood.

Don't be hesitant – join the Guild today.

Prayer for the Canonization of Father 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 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

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State Program Director – Thomas White

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Brothers,

Fall has officially arrived! Though, here in the Phoenix area it certainly does not feel fall like just yet.

Hopefully your councils are continuing to be as active as protocols allow. I've heard inspiring accounts from brother Knights here in the east valley of Phoenix about activities that they and their brothers are performing. Grand Knights are sitting down and having good conversations with their pastors. They are finding out what the pastor needs, and in return are requesting help with getting our fellow parishioners involved in our faith programs. Councils are either performing or planning to perform suggested faith programs online with parishioner participation. Remember, we want to include our fellow parishioners in group prayer. That requires our pastor's cooperation to post events on the parish website, in flocknote and in the online church bulletins. If you are not doing this yet, why not?

CATHOLIC CITIZENSHIP ESSAY CONTEST

This contest is to encourage Catholic youth to be more connected to their community and faith. It is open to all students from 8th grade through 12th grade. Faith in Action is a faith and family based model. This is a great chance for the youth who are the future of our Church to express what being Catholic means to them on a daily basis. Papers are supposed to be completed and submitted by end of September. But your council has the entire month of October to award a council winner; so, it's not too late to start this program... you have time! This program hasn't had much participation in the past. Our State Youth Director, Jeff Schneider, is trying to change that. We are hoping for more councils to get involved in this program. All needed information can be found on the Supreme website. You can also contact Jeff with your questions at: Jeff Schneider bronte1@gmail.com 520 419 4130

COATS FOR KIDS

This is a program that should be getting attention now. It WILL get colder here in Arizona soon, and plenty of kids need a warm coat. There are many ways to perform this program. You can use the Supreme suggested model. Some councils make a one- time donation to a worthy charity to let them buy the coats. Other councils will make a donation and have a chairman that will buy the coats and take them to a designated organization. Others will let individual members buy a coat, or coats, and have a drop off at a designated location. Again, many ways to do it. I'd love to see more councils get involved in this program, especially with the many needy people that have experienced tough financial times this year. SYD Jeff Schneider added this to his plate this year and he has assigned brother John Lohse to chair the Coats for Kids program for the state. For help, contact brother Jeff at the email address posted earlier in this letter.



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40 DAYS FOR LIFE

40 Days for life runs September 23rd through November 1st. There are five locations in Arizona where prayer warriors will be praying for the end of abortion. They are in Flagstaff, Tucson, Glendale, Phoenix, and Tempe. Each location has its own sign up process. To sign up to volunteer, go to: <https://www.40DaysforLife.com> select Arizona, choose a site and time. If you have any questions , contact Ed Eick at: ArizonaEick@gmail.com or 520 664 5752

PWID(CPID)

I've been getting questions concerning this program, and frankly, I don't have many answers. I was notified months ago that PWID was being rebranded to CPID. There are new vests and was told that the tootsie rolls would have a new message. There is no information on the Supreme website. I have attempted to get information from two separate Supreme program directors with no answer back. I have no idea where to get the tootsie rolls. Brother Pete Karculias did track down where to find the vests. But, again, I have heard nothing back from those in the know. As soon as I receive some help from Supreme I will send the information out to all.

The letter I did receive at that time did say that current vests and tootsie rolls could still be used. So, if you have leftover candy and have a way to do this program, I do not see any reason why you cannot do it. If you have questions, or ideas how to perform this program with the limitations we have, please contact our CPID chairman, Roger Molieri at: skrogerm@gmail.com

Please stay safe. Pray for those most affected by this illness and pray it ends soon.

Vivat Jesus

Tom White
State Program Director
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State Membership Director – Bobby Nielsen

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My Brother Knights,

It's an exciting time to be a Knight of Columbus. Our parishes are open, and our councils are starting to have meetings. Councils are recruiting new members and continuing to work on Faith in Action Programs. As Knights, we have adapted to the CDC and Diocese requirements. We are a long way from where we were before the pandemic started, but things are definitely looking up.

October is traditionally a big month for DELTA Church Drives and different types of recruiting activities. October 2020 is shaping up to be a fantastic opportunity for all 135 councils in Arizona to grow. Let's be honest, most councils have not recruited at all in the first 3 months of the fraternal year. 84 councils have not recruited a single new man. There are many reasons for this, but now there are many reasons to recruit. We need to get every one of Arizona's councils on the board!

I'm sure you have heard that Father Michael McGivney, our founder, will be beatified during a special Mass on October 31st at the Cathedral of St. Joseph in Hartford Connecticut. This is a unique time to bring a Catholic Brother into the Order. Every council in Arizona should celebrate this event in some way, sharing our excitement with the entire parish. Let everyone know that our founder is one step closer to sainthood. To celebrate Father McGivney's beatification, Supreme will be sending a commemorative medallion to every recruiter who recruits 5 or more members during the 2020-2021 fraternal year. This is a medallion that any Knight would be honored to carry.

As always, the Knights of Columbus are leading the way in our diocese and parishes. Make sure you and your council are doing your part by recruiting new members and retaining your current men. Your State Officers and I are always available to assist you in your recruiting efforts. Remember, recruiting tools are available at [Arizona Knights of Columbus](#) Website in the Membership/Recruiting area.

Vivat Jesus!

Bobby Nielsen
State Membership Director
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Hispanic Recruiting Coordinator – Luis L. Leyva

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" My brothers, never slacken in doing what is right". 2 Thessalonians 3:13

Brothers, I greet you with the Peace of Christ our Lord and continuing in this time of pandemic, it is of the utmost importance that we do not weaken our fraternal strength by assisting our brothers.

After so many months of social distancing, as human beings, we are reaching an undesirable fatigue that, in turn, is becoming an attitude of indifference. Brothers, we cannot waver in a time where our faith, our principles as Catholic Knights of Columbus must be a living testimony of our Lord's plan of salvation.

"Blessed is anyone who perseveres when trials come. Such a person is of proven worth and will win the prize of life, the crown that the Lord has promised to those who love him."
James 1:12

Undoubtedly, God has a plan for each one of us, a personal call to live his word and exercise his evangelization. We cannot remain indifferent to the needs of our neighbors, no matter how small. Personally, I urge you to go out and assist those who have any need. As long as you'll take all due precautions for personal protection. Let's look at the needs of our neighbors, maybe they need a gardener, someone to do the grocery shopping for them, any repairs in their homes, transporting them to the doctors or perhaps, just an exchange of words, a conversation just to feel accompanied and break the monotony of this, apparently, endless quarantine.

I wonder why our Holy Father has beatified our founder in a time of pandemic? Is it perhaps a message from the Bishop of Rome to our order of what he as well as Christ our Lord expect of us?

AGAIN REMEMBER THAT 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.

Brothers, I invite each of you to contact a Catholic man and invite him to be part of our Order. It is our MORAL commitment to honor the legacy of Father McGivney to grow our Fraternal Order by offering every Catholic man the opportunity to join the Knights of Columbus to support our Families, Parishes, Communities and, at the same time, grow spiritually with Christ Jesus and under the Maternal mantle of Santa María de Guadalupe.

Remember, WE ARE CATHOLIC MEN CHANGING LIVES.

Vivat Jesus!

Luis L. Leyva

Hispanic Membership Coordinator



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

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“Pero vosotros, hermanos, no os canséis de hacer el bien” 2 Tesalonicenses 3:13

Hermanos, les saludo con la Paz de Cristo Jesús y continuando en este tiempo de pandemia, es de suma importancia que no debilitemos nuestra fuerza fraternal asistiendo a nuestros hermanos.

Después de tantos meses de distanciamiento social, como seres humanos, estamos llegando a un indeseable cansancio que, a su vez, se esta convirtiendo en actitud de indiferencia. Hermanos, no podemos flaquear en un tiempo donde nuestra fe, nuestros principios como Católicos Caballeros de Colon deben de ser un testimonio viviente del plan de salvación de nuestro Señor.

“Bienaventurado el hombre que persevera bajo la prueba, porque una vez que ha sido aprobado, recibirá la corona de la vida que {el Señor} ha prometido a los que le aman.” Santiago 1:12

Indudablemente, Dios tiene un plan para cada uno de nosotros, un llamado personal a vivir su palabra y ejercer su evangelización. No podemos permanecer indiferentes a las necesidades de nuestros prójimos, por muy pequeña que sea. Personalmente, les exhorto a salir y asistir aquellos que tengan cualquier necesidad. Siempre y cuando tomen todas las precauciones debidas para la protección personal. Veamos las necesidades de nuestros vecinos, tal vez necesiten un jardinero, alguien que les haga las compras de provisiones, cualquier reparación en sus hogares, transportarlos a los médicos o tal vez, solamente un intercambio de palabras solamente para sentirse acompañados y romper la monotonía de esta, al parecer, interminable cuarentena.

Me pregunto, porque nuestro Santo Padre, ¿ha beatificado a nuestro fundador en un tiempo de pandemia? ¿Es acaso un mensaje del Obispo de Roma a nuestra orden de lo que el al igual que Cristo Jesús esperan de nosotros?

NUEVAMENTE RECORDEMOS QUE 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.

Hermanos, les invito a cada uno de ustedes a contactar a un hombre católico e invitarlo a formar parte de nuestra Orden. Es nuestro compromiso MORAL de honrar el legado de Padre McGivney hacer crecer nuestra Orden Fraterna ofreciéndole a todo hombre Católico la oportunidad de unirse a Caballeros de Colon para apoyar a nuestras Familia, Parroquias, Comunidades y a la vez, crecer espiritualmente con Cristo Jesús y bajo el manto maternal de Santa María de Guadalupe.

Recuerden, que SOMOS HOMBRES CATOLICOS CAMBIANDO VIDAS.

Vivat Jesus!



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State Family Director – Joseph Shanks

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Family Prayer

Family is the closest bond we have as human beings. As such it is always important to say a prayer for family. Family does not always mean blood relatives, it can also be an adoptive family that you share your life with.

We learn the importance of prayer by observing our Heavenly Family, our Lord Jesus taught us how to pray. We should make praying a priority, particularly for our family who are always there for us.

“And they said, “Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, you and your household.” And they spoke the word of the Lord to him and to all who were in his house. And he took them the same hour of the night and washed their wounds, and he was baptized at once, he and all his family. Then he brought them up into his house and set food before them. And he rejoiced along with his entire household that he had believed in God.” – Acts 16:31-34



Family of the Month Program

The Arizona State Council this Fraternal Year further enhanced this program by presenting to the Family of the Month an award recognizing their contributions to the Catholic Faith, their Parish and their Community. There were two entries this submitted this month. 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 August 2020 for the Arizona State Council is Jim and Simone Smith. The Smith Family attend St. Bernadette Parish in Scottsdale. Congratulations!

(Picture of Jim and Simone Smith not available at this time)

The Citation Reads as follows:

The Smith family is a great selection for Family of the Month for August. Jim Smith has spent the last few years building a local medical practice, Inspired Health and Metabolism where he is dedicated to his patients in a Christ centered office.

Jim and Simone help quite a bit each year at St. John XXIII Catholic School's Harvest Fest. Jim and Simone have three sons, Alex, Griffin and Max. Two of the Smith sons, Alex and Griffin, serve the parish at St. Bernadette as altar servers. All boys attend St. John XXIII Catholic School. All attend mass on a weekly basis.

The Smith family do make significant contributions to the parish and community and are great examples to the parish community.

The Smith family are a model of a Catholic family with Catholic values and are great candidates for Family of the Month.



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State Family Director – Joseph Shanks - continued

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Brother Knights,

October maybe one of the busiest months of the year. Let's start with October 7, 2020. The feast of Our Lady of the Rosary was instituted to honor Mary for the Christian victory over the Turks at Lepanto on October 7, 1571. Pope St. Pius V and all Christians had prayed the Rosary for victory. The Rosary, or the Psalter of the Blessed Virgin Mary, is one of the best prayers to Mary, the Mother of God.

Pope Benedict XVI invites all families to pray the Rosary for the intentions of the Pope, the mission of the Church and peace. "It is as if every year Our Lady invited us to rediscover the beauty of this prayer, so simple and profound." The Rosary, a "contemplative and Christocentric prayer, inseparable from the meditation of Sacred Scripture," is "the prayer of the Christian who advances in the pilgrimage of faith, in the following of Jesus, preceded by Mary," said the Pontiff.

October is Council Church Drive Month. Do you have the necessary supplies ordered or on hand for your events? Have you invited the Membership Director, District Deputy and Field Agent?

Columbus Day, October 12, 2020 commemorates the landing of Christopher Columbus in the Americas in 1492, and Columbus Day 2020 is on Monday, October 12. It was unofficially celebrated in a number of cities and states as early as the 18th century, but did not become a federal holiday until 1937. For many, the holiday is a way of both honoring Columbus' achievements and celebrating Italian-American heritage. But throughout its history, Columbus Day and the man who inspired it have generated controversy, and many alternatives to the holiday have proposed since the 1970s including Indigenous Peoples' Day.

October 17 & 18 is the 45th Annual Arizona Rosary Celebration, Honoring Mary under her title of Our Lady Undoer of Knots. Go to page [16](#) for more information.

October 22, 2020, Feast Day of St. John Paul II. John Paul II was beatified in Saint Peter's Square on 1 May 2011 by Pope Benedict XVI, his immediate successor and for many years his valued collaborator as Prefect for the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith.

October 31, 2020, Beatification of our founder Father Michael Joseph McGivney. Go to page [8](#) for more information.

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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RISE is a 30-day challenge for all men. You'll be encouraged to look deep inside to see where change needs to occur, and you'll come out the other side a better man. But none of us can walk this path alone. Like Moses on the mountain, overlooking the battlefield where Israel fought the Amalekites, we need the supporting arms of a brother or two in this interior battle.

So we encourage you in the RISE Challenge to find at least one other brother and commit to this journey together. Below are a few steps to guide you in that daily accountability.

I encourage all our Brother Knights to participate in this 30-Day Challenge. As stated in the Planning Guide "RISE is simply a tool in your hand to awaken and strengthen men to live out their true identity as sons of God. New times require new methods. The typical barriers of entry most men face to be part of a men's group or traditional study have been eliminated. RISE goes right to the man in the busyness of life, and gives him practical tools to live out his Faith every day. The time for men to RISE up and claim our true identity is here. This guide will help you get the most out of this movement at your parish".

"Iron is made sharp with iron, and one man is made sharp by a friend." —Proverbs 27:17

<https://coaching.reallifecatholic.com/rise-affiliate-enroll?ref=https%3A%2F%2Fcoaching.reallifecatholic.com%2Fa%2F34965%2FeHafmKuj>



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Arizona Rosary Chairman – Larry Costanzo

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Parish Reps,

Attached is the AZ Rosary link to parish bulleting notices for all of the Parishes in Arizona. Please be sure these get to the person in your Parish who compiles the parish bulletin. Links to the website where they can join the online Celebration either for Tucson or Phoenix are included on <https://www.azrosary.net/>.

Thank you,

Skip

E. "Skip" Hopler

ARC Assistant State Chairman

<https://www.azrosary.net/bulletin-messages>

<https://www.azrosary.net/post/family-activity-booklet-ready-for-download>

Arizona Rosary Celebration
Invite your friends and family to pray the Rosary together.
NEW in 2020: Online celebration!

Diocese of Tucson	Saturday, October 17, 2020 at 10:00 a.m. Join the celebration online at DioceseTucson.org/Rosary Presiding: Most Reverend Edward J. Weisenburger, Bishop of Tucson
Diocese of Phoenix	Sunday, October 18, 2020 at 2:00 p.m. Join the celebration online at YouTube.com/user/PhoenixDiocese Presiding: Most Reverend Thomas J. Olmsted, Bishop of Phoenix

Our Lady, Undoer of Knots, pray for us.
Pray the Rosary, Arizona!

www.AZRosary.net



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

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Two items this month: 40 Days for Life and Elections.

40 Days for Life has begun and continues to November 1st. Knights and families are needed for vigils in Flagstaff, Phoenix, Glendale, Tempe, and Tucson. Go to <https://www.40daysforlife.com/> then Arizona, then pick a city. Open the schedule and select a day and time to join the vigil at an abortion site. God will bless you!

Elections are November 3rd. Be careful. Arizona state and national impacts hang in the balance between pro-life and pro-abortion. This election is also about freedom of religion and restricting the practice of our Catholic faith in the public square. Some candidates are claiming to be Catholic but in practice are anti-Catholic especially when the issues are abortion, supporting Catholic schools and school choice, and more.

To learn more go to Alliance Defending Freedom <https://www.adflegal.org/>, LifeNews <https://www.lifenews.com/>, and Americans United for Life <https://aul.org/>.

Do your homework. Vote Catholic.

Vivat Jesus!

Ed and Mary Jo Eick
Culture of Life Co-chairs
Arizona State Council



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Charity, Unity, Fraternity Ceremonials – Skip Hopler

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Brother Knights,

Recover with caution! That 's the watchword for this month for ceremonials. The COVID numbers are trending in the right direction in Arizona according to our Governor's advisors but we are still experiencing the spread of the virus. The three Dioceses in the State each have established their own restrictions based on the risk factors in their area. The recent State Deputy letter on the subject of Knights' sponsored meetings (including ceremonials) gives pretty clear guidance and is based on the rules issued by our respective Bishops. Since there are some differences, please make sure you are complying with the rules in your diocese especially as they pertain to business meetings, officers' meetings, installations and degrees.

The Charity, Unity and Fraternity (CUF) degrees can now be done live in the Phoenix and Gallup Dioceses as long as the participants (including guests) comply with the published rules. The Tucson Diocese is still under meeting restriction. The State Deputy 's guidance and links to the diocesan rules can be found here which is on the State website.

<https://kofc-az.org/immediate-press-releases>

DD Jim Walsh and his Team from St. Anne's Council conducted a State-wide CUF Degree on September 26th in which the presenters met together (with precautions) to exemplify candidates who attended online. This is the first step toward having degrees fully live. It must be stressed, however, that if your council wants to put on a live degree with both presenters and candidates attending together you must adhere strictly to the guidelines in the appropriate diocesan and State Deputy instructions. (Remember that in the Tucson diocese this means meetings must still be held remotely.) Grand Knights are charged with enforcing these rules for any ceremonials in which their councils participate. Remember also that the option of doing the degree online is always an acceptable (and safe) option while we are dealing with the pandemic. Finally, keep in mind that the Supreme Council's "On Demand" degree is available 24/7 for those times when you need to get your candidate onboard quickly.

We will continue to conduct our semi-monthly online degrees (second and fourth Saturday) for the foreseeable future. These will soon have live candidates attending also (where and when allowed) but will still be broadcast online. 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. 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.



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Charity, Unity, Fraternity Ceremonials – Skip Hopler - continued

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Upcoming Degrees.

The next State CUF Degrees will be presented online on October 10th and October 24th at 9:00 AM.

Refresher Training.

Here is this month's training refresher tip – this one refers to the Conduct of Meetings:

"The presiding officer should at all times refer to and address the officers by their proper title. He is thus setting a good example for all members to follow.

All members who are not officers should be recognized by name as "Brother" or "Sir Knight" All questions or comments must be directed to the chair (the presiding officer), for example: "Worthy Grand Knight or Worthy Faithful Navigator may I ask the previous speaker to explain. . . ."

The presiding officer always speaks in the third person such as "The chair rules that" or "Your Grand Knight or Faithful Navigator reports that"

Members should speak of the chair in the third person: "Worthy Grand Knight or Worthy Faithful Navigator will the chair please explain the effect of the pending motion?" (Knights of Columbus Protocol Handbook, dated 11/18, page 2-3.)

Please contact me for any questions about these ceremonials.

Vivat Jesus,

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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,

Last month we gave you a heads up to get registered early for the event on the first Saturday in October – October 3rd. Well it's now right around the corner and we only have about 150 seats remaining, and they are going quickly. 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 only have 150 spots available so register ASAP and your Field Agent will also be available to get you registered for this event, please reach out to him NOW!! If you don't know who your agent is, please visit our new and ever evolving website <https://www.azknights.com/> and click on Find an Agent. ***See flyer on next page.***

Please join us and learn more about your Order, your Membership Insurance Benefits, and ways to improve your Financial Health!

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

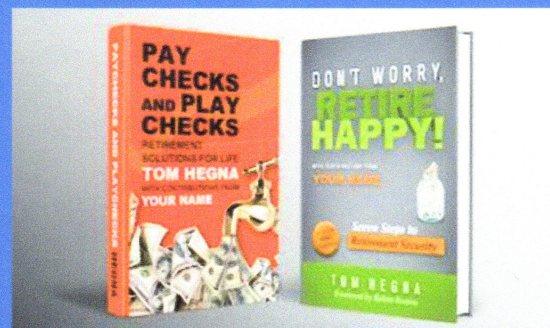
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Pre-registration is necessary to reserve your spot!

[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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Catholic Citizenship Essay Program

Brother Knights,

Last month, information about the Essay Program showed how your Council can put on a successful contest and give students a chance to define the role of a Catholic citizen. Hopefully, your Council has set up a program and started contacting prospective participants. It is important that the essays are completed, judged, and awards given by the end of October. This is necessary in order for the next level of District level judging be done in November. If you have any questions, please contact me.

Faternally,
Jeffrey Schneider
Arizona Knights of Columbus
Youth Director
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Coats for Kids Program

Brother Knights,

It is time again for the Coats for Kids Program. Even though we are still in our “warm season”, soon temperatures will fall, and we need to help children who need good coats and jackets. The Coats for Kids Program provide an important resource to adequately meet this need.

In order to participate in this program, Councils need to use the Coats for Kids Program on the Supreme web page. The web page has program guides and order information for coats. Coats are prepacked based upon 3 categories for coats and a lightweight jacket. Each package has a variety of sizes based on the group and gender. Prepacks come in 12 coats or 24 jackets. I suggest your Council look at the options and decided what Prepack would work for you. Since this is listed as a Community Program, it would go toward your Councils goal under Faith In Action.

Assisting me in this Program will be John Lohse of Council 8077. John works with Catholic Community Services in Tucson. He also has contacts throughout the State of Arizona. Please contact John if you have questions about this program.

Thank you,
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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 RM, Falcioni.

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



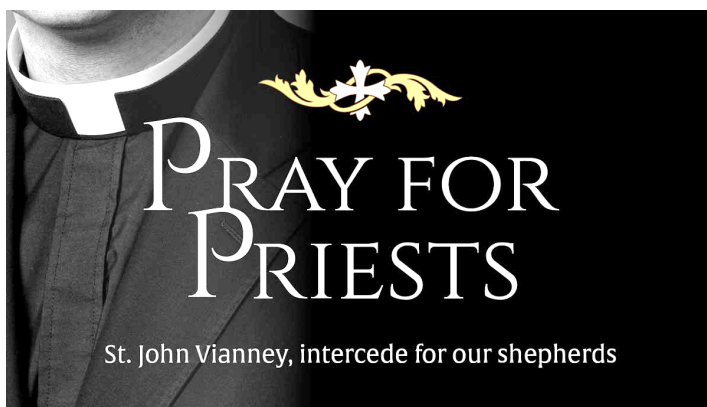
Prayer for Vocations

"Priesthood and consecrated life require courage and perseverance, and without prayer one does not follow this path. I invite everyone to ask the Lord for the gift of good workers for his kingdom who have their hearts and hands open to his love."

Pope Francis

"The harvest is abundant but the laborers are few, so ask the master of the harvest to send out laborers for his harvest."

Gospel of Matthew



Prayer for Our Priests

The Holy Father

Fill him with your grace, Lord

Cardinals, Archbishops and Bishops

Give them your gifts, Lord

Diocesan Priests/Deacons

Never leave them, Lord

Priests in seminary work

Give them your wisdom, Lord

Those in hospital work

Give them constancy, Lord

Those who are ill

Heal them, Lord

Those who are in danger

Deliver them, Lord

Those who are weak

Strengthen them, Lord.

Those who are poor

Relieve them, Lord

Those who are zealous

Help them, Lord.

Those who are worried

Give them peace, Lord

Those who are old

Sustain them, Lord

Those who are young

Impel them for your glory, Lord

Those who are alone

Accompany them, Lord.

Missionary Priests

Protect them, Lord

Those who are preachers

Enlighten them, Lord

Those who direct souls

Instruct them, Lord.

Parish Priests

Give them prudence, Lord.

Religious Priests

Make them perfect, Lord.

On all the Church... Lord, Have Mercy.

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.

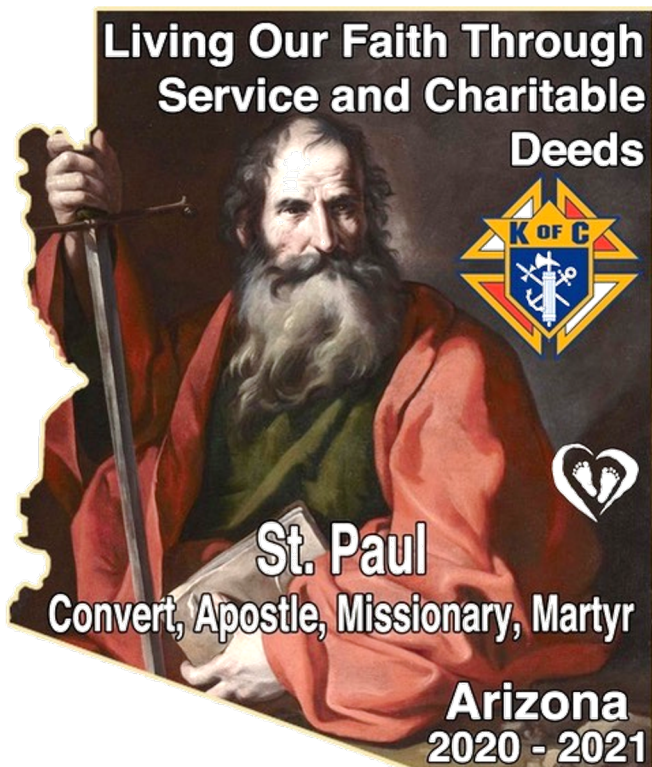
⁴² The soldiers planned to kill the prisoners to prevent any of them from swimming away and escaping. ⁴³ But the centurion wanted to spare Paul's life and kept them from carrying out their plan. He ordered those who could swim to jump overboard first and get to land. ⁴⁴ The rest were to get there on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

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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 Schmittndner 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

Knight's 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 be scheduled for October 31st, 2020. 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.