

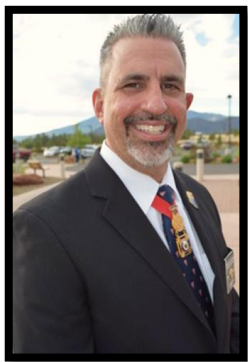


Brother's All,

It's almost time to Celebrate as we are fast approaching the State Convention, and Sonja and I hope to see all of you. We are so proud and honored in serving Arizona. As we approach the final chapter in this fraternal year, I need your help! We need as many as possible to make Star Council. It may be that you are shy 1-2 members to make your membership quota or even as simple as a form that needs to be turned in. Don't forget your Safe Environment Training (SET). If you need any assistance, please contact me directly!

This month many men are preparing to go off to college, the military, or into the job market. Once there, they will be challenged on what they believe in and will be encouraged to change their faith to conform. A parish, college or military council can be the place where you don't have to bend to fit in.

Recruit a man now and give him and his family a place where they can be Catholic, and have mutual support.



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During Sunday's Regina Coeli, Pope Francis said his thoughts turn to the Ukrainian city of Mariupol, the "City of Mary", which has been "barbarously bombed and destroyed." He remembered, too, all those suffering in Ukraine, especially the children and elderly. He invites the faithful to pray a daily Rosary for peace.

"I suffer and weep, thinking of the suffering of the Ukrainian people and in particular of the weakest, the elderly and children. There are even terrible reports of children being expelled and deported."

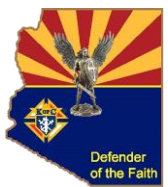


May 2022
Pope Francis Intention
Faith-Filled Young People
We pray for all young people, called to live life to the fullest; may they see in Mary's life the way to listen, the depth of discernment, the courage that faith generates, and the dedication to service.



K O C O A

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS OF ARIZONA



State Membership Director – Keith Baker

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My Brother Knights,

We are now into the final stretch of our Fraternal Year and with our State Convention a mere 20 Days away, we could really use ALL HANDS-ON DECK with the Councils that are so close to making Star Award.

Star Council is not just Membership, it's a culmination of specific items that need to be in place prior to the June 30, 2022. There are 19 Councils in the State that need just ONE OR TWO NEW MEMBERS to get their 100% of goal. You know who you are, and it would be tragic if the Council were to get so close to their goal and not make it. Again, Membership is a major part of Star Council but there are other requirements that are needed as well. Insurance (Founders Award) is also needed. We have an incredible opportunity for EVERY COUNCIL TO MAKE FOUNDERS AWARD. Supreme has established 2 dates for the State of Arizona in which to accomplish this. PLEASE contact your Council Field Agent to obtain more information on registration for those Insurance seminars online. The other requirement is having your Council compliant with ALL required positions to have their Supreme SET Training completed and submitted into Supreme. Again, your District Deputy should be your go to contact on this requirement.

Last but certainly not least is the submission of the Council SP7 report. The Columbian Award is again attainable by EVERY COUNCIL and if you have been following the road map of Programs that our State Programs Director Tom White has been asking Councils to participate in, this again should be attainable.

This will be the last KOCO A prior to the State Convention and I would like to thank all DD's, GK's, DGK's, and Membership Directors for their hard work and willingness to do what's needed to build the ranks of their Councils, our State, and our Order.

See you all in Tucson,

Vivat Jesus,

Keith / SMD

Run this in your Church Bulletin

Your decision to join the Knights could define your year. Join Catholic men just like you striving to strengthen their faith, their families, and their communities as members of the Knights of Columbus.

Every Knight makes a difference. Each man brings a unique story, a particular set of skills, and a heart that is ready to serve. We invite you to take this exciting step and join us today.

It's an opportunity that could define your year and change your life.

KofC.org/JoinUs



K O C O A

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS OF ARIZONA



St Rita in the Desert, 14230, is pleased to host the 115th Annual Knights of Columbus State Convention. This year's convention will be held May 20th – 21st, 2022 at the El Conquistador Tucson located at: 10000 North Oracle Road, Tucson, Arizona, 85704.

Registration for the convention is required for all who attend (**YOU MUST BE A 3RD DEGREE KNIGHT TO ATTEND ANY PORTION OF THE CONVENTION**). In addition, if you are attending the convention as a Delegate or Alternate, your Council must submit the Delegate Form to the State Secretary no later than **April 2, 2022**. **IMPORTANT NOTE FOR DELEGATES: If you are a Delegate or Alternate you still MUST register for the Convention in addition to submitting the Delegate form from your Council. Your Council DOES NOT register for you!**

All registrations and payments must be received by **Friday, May 6, 2022**. Registrations received later than this date will be assessed an additional \$10.00 fee for late processing. Late registrations place an additional burden on the host Council and the hotel to ensure that there are sufficient seating and meals for all in attendance. Credit card payments must be made directly on the website.

The website for the State Convention on May 20-21, 2022, is active and can be found at <https://www.azkofcstateconvention.org/>. **Please register by Friday, May 6, 2022.**

For the first time in Arizona Knights of Columbus History, we will be conducting a LIVE CUF ceremony for any New Member or advancing First Degree Member at the Arizona State Convention!

It will take place on Friday May 20 at 12:30PM. This will allow our new 3rd members into the chambers and enjoy the State Convention.

All candidates registered for the CUF will have the cost of convention registration and Saturday Lunch covered by the State Council of Arizona. We will also have a class picture with our Beloved Bishop.

We encourage our District Deputies to work with their respective Grand Knights especially those who are so close making Star Council. Spread the word!!

This very special incentive for all new members who want to JOIN US!

Save the Date!

St. Simon and Jude Council 12708, is pleased to host the 2022-2023 Organizational Meeting. It will take place on June 24-25, 2022. POC: Thomas Barr, Grand Knight. Everyone is welcome and encouraged to attend. Stay tuned for more information to come!



As we get closer to the end of this fraternal year, it is critical that every council be on track. Do you know where you stand today? If not, contact your District Deputy for help. Below is a list of the items that you will need accomplished for Star Council.

Reach your membership goal

Complete two Fraternal Benefit Nights

Check for accuracy the following forms:

185 – Officers Chosen

365 – Program Personnel Report

1728 – Fraternal Survey

SP-7 - Columbian Award

SET Compliance for the key positions of Program Director, Grand Knight, Family Director and Community Director

If you have fulfilled those requirements, you are on your way to **STAR Council**. Congratulations!

What does it mean to be a Brother?
*A person who is there when you need him,
 Someone who picks you up when you fall,
 A brother is always a friend.*

*“The relationship between young and old
 helps restore hope”*
 Pope Francis

Join the Knights of Columbus for FREE!
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******1 year FREE online membership******

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Western Territory Supreme Webinar Training Schedule – May 2022

THE DELTA CHURCH DRIVE SYSTEM

Attendees will be guided through a much warmer, friendlier, and easier way to host a Church Recruitment Drive. The Delta Church Drive System is made up of...

ONLINE MEMBERSHIP BASIC TRAINING

Online Membership is still misunderstood and underutilized. This short and simple "refresher" lesson will clear up all the myths and misgivings when it comes to Online Membership. If you want to grow your Council...

DISTRICT DEPUTY BASIC TRAINING

This training is designed to help you be a successful leader. As District Deputy, you need to...

GRAND KNIGHT BASIC TRAINING

This Training is designed to help you be a successful leader. As a Grand Knight, you will be expected to...

COUNCIL OFFICER BASIC TRAINING

Are you ready to become an Officer in your Council? Are you wanting more information before making the commitment? This training is designed to inform you before making the decision to step "Into the Breach" and...

SATURDAY WITH SUPREME

An Open Discussion/Brainstorming Session with the ARGTD (Associate Regional Growth & Training Director) of the Western Territory. Please join in to share some of your successes and best practices experienced this past Fraternal Year.

Rapid Registration Tip:

Click on the Topic Link to Register for your chosen Webinar and view full course description. Once registered you will be emailed the link to access the webinar you wish to attend.

DATE	PACIFIC TIME	WEBINAR TOPIC & REGISTRATION LINK
Tuesday, May 10, 2022	7:00pm	The Delta Church Drive System
Wednesday, May 11, 2022	7:00pm	The Delta Church Drive System
Thursday, May 12, 2022	7:00pm	Online Membership Basic Training
Saturday, May 14, 2022	9:00am	Saturday With Supreme
Tuesday, May 17, 2022	7:00pm	District Deputy Basic Training
Wednesday, May 18, 2022	7:00pm	Grand Knight Basic Training
Thursday, May 19, 2022	7:00pm	Council Officer Basic Training
Saturday, May 21, 2022	9:00am	Saturday With Supreme

For more Information: ken.white@kofc.org





Supreme District Deputy Quarterly Incentives for 2021-22

- **July–September: Building the Foundation**
 - District Deputies who attain 30%+ of District Intake Goal by September 30
 - Custom Knights of Columbus Polo Shirt/Coin or Medallion depicting Charity
- **October-December: Knights for Christmas**
 - District Deputies who attain 70%+ of District Intake Goal by December 31
 - Custom Knights of Columbus Jacket/Coin or Medallion depicting Unity
- **January-March: Dress for Spring**
 - District Deputies who attain 100% of District Intake Goal by March 31
 - Custom Knights of Columbus Dress Shirt/Tie/Coin or Medallion depicting Fraternity
- **April-June: Star District**
 - District Deputy who achieves Star District
 - Custom Knights of Columbus Watch/Coin or Medallion depicting Patriotism



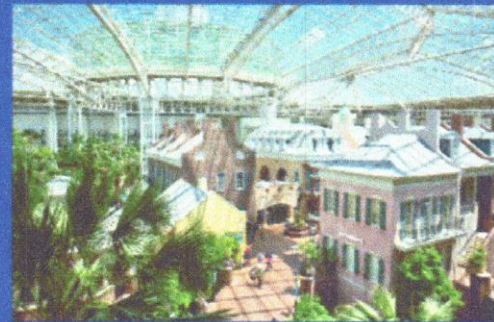
Actual Items Not Shown



Supreme District Deputy Yearly Incentive for 2021-22

District Deputy who achieves all four awards

- Display Box containing 4 Coins or Medallions depicting Charity, Unity, Fraternity & Patriotism with a commemorative Blessed Michael McGivney Coin or Medallion in the Center
- Entered in drawing for travel, lodging, and tickets for he and his wife to 2022 Supreme Convention in Nashville, TN





Brothers,

Can you believe it is May already? Only two months left in the fraternal year. How have your councils performed so far?

As of today, 18 councils have submitted the SP7 to earn the Columbian Award. Thank you to those councils for the great work your councils have done throughout this year; and thanks to the GKs, Fin Secs, and others for taking the time to fill out the form...your councils deserve the recognition for jobs well done.

I am certain that many more councils have done the work, or are close to having the points, to earn the Columbian Award. You have until June 30th to perform the programs needed to earn the award. Really take a look at the programs your council has completed... if your council has been active all year, I bet you either have the points already or are a program or two away from earning the Columbian Award. Supreme WANTS to award councils for their volunteer time. While we are not in it just for recognition, your council still deserves recognition for being there for your parish and communities. I am happy to look at the programs you have done and plan to do to help with completing your SP7.

Send the form in now, Supreme is responding in 7 to 10 days. Good luck.

Tom White
State Program Director

The **Supreme Council** is always looking for **outstanding council programs** that can serve as examples for other councils and for prospective Knights of the good that a committed group of Catholic men can accomplish.

An “after action” report completed with good action photos is always appreciated. What’s even better, though, is if we know about the program before it happens. With that knowledge, Supreme can assist in several ways, such as:

- Arranging to capture professional photos or video of the program that might be used in *Columbia* or *Knightline*, on kofc.org, or in future video productions.
- Helping to publicize the program among the general public and/or local media.
- Offering insight into how to best leverage the program as a membership recruitment opportunity.

In addition to programs, we’d also like to know about outstanding Knights. Think of members who might have a uniquely inspiring story to tell, and Supreme might be able to provide the venue through which they can tell it.

Working together, we can highlight the good things happening every day throughout the Order, and help the Order grow.

Vivat Jesus!

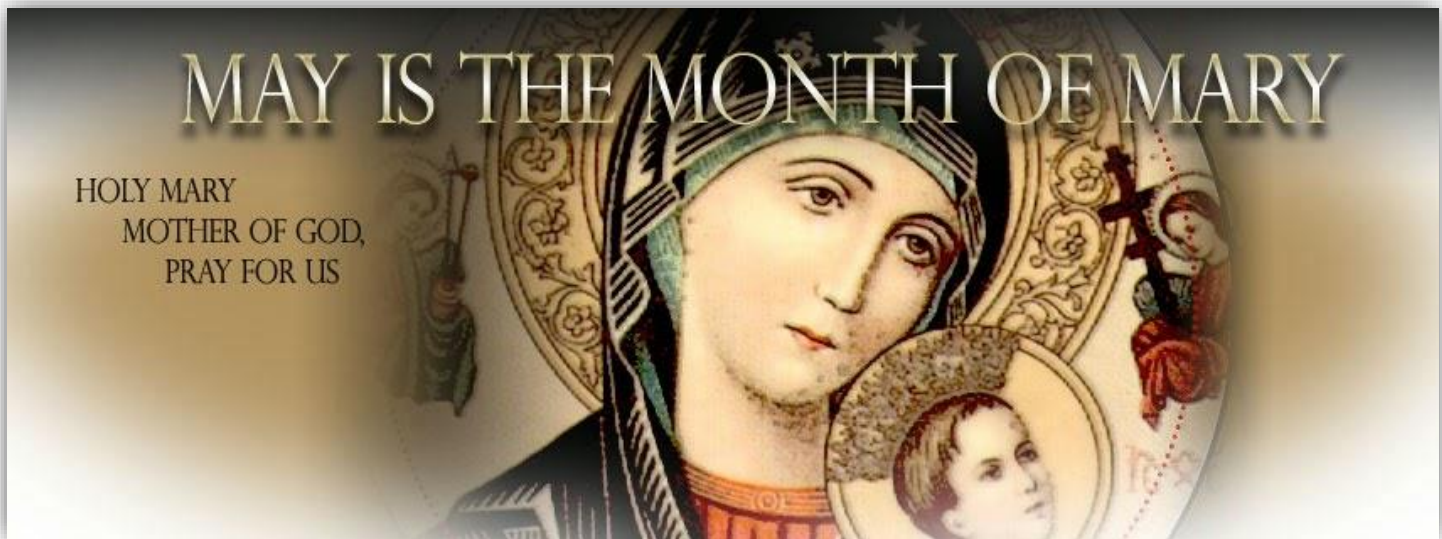
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The month of May is traditionally dedicated to the Blessed Virgin Mary. May is a month of growth, when nature is reborn. This month normally belongs to the Easter season, between Easter and Pentecost. Many Catholics may be aware that May is consecrated to Mary, but it may be unclear why this month was selected for this particular distinction. Other months have more important feasts dedicated to Our Lady, such as August (Feast of the Assumption) and December (Feast of the Immaculate Conception). What is it about this month that makes it a fitting time to reflect on the Virgin Mary’s role in salvation and to honor her as the Mother of God?

In classic western culture, both Greek and Roman, May was connected with the beginning of new life. This ancient belief led to May being associated with the motherhood of Mother Earth and thus to motherhood in general. It is for this reason that Mother’s Day is celebrated in May in many countries. This connection between May and motherhood led Christians to adopt May as the month of our Lady, the Mother of God and our heavenly Mother. She brought life into the world by giving birth to her Son, Jesus, who brought about a new spring.

The Blessed Virgin Mary offered the disciples her prayers, motherly care, and witness. She continues to offer us her motherly love and intercession. During this month of May, let us rediscover her maternal role in each of our lives. Let us offer our spiritual mother our sincere prayers, that just as she aided the first Apostles with her prayers, she may also guide and intercede for us in our journey of faith. Let us learn from her how to love and trust God completely and how to be faithful witnesses of the risen Lord.



Virtual Marian Icon Prayer Program Our Lady Help of Persecuted Christians

Marian Icon Prayer Chair John McNulty jmkrealty1@gmail.com 602-568-7047

<https://youtu.be/cClzc6sUmSU>

This video is available as a resource to run virtual Marian Icon Prayer Services.

Pilgrim Icon Prayer Program

Saint Joseph Icons

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The Knights of Columbus-produced documentary, St. Joseph: Our Spiritual Father is available to stream free of charge, on [ST. JOSEPH: Our Spiritual Father | Knights of Columbus \(kofc.org\)](https://www.kofc.org) . We encourage you, as a man of faith, to watch this important feature.

As Catholic men, we need the intercession of St. Joseph, protector of families and Patriot of the Universal Church now more than ever.



Support Seminarians and Religious Knights of Columbus Stand in Solidarity with our Priests and Religious

Keep the faith alive by supporting our seminarians and postulants. As the strong right arm of the church, Knights of Columbus are committed to providing moral, financial and spiritual support to our future priests and religious at all stages of their formation.

Save the Dates

Transitional Diaconate Ordination

May 29th, 2022 9:00am – 10:30am
St Simon & Jude Cathedral
6351 N 27th Ave, Phoenix

Ordination to the Priesthood

June 4th, 2022 10:00am – 12:00pm
St Simon & Jude Cathedral
6351 N 27th Ave, Phoenix

Gabriel Sabado St Clare of Assisi
Miguel Solis St Matthew Catholic Church

Deacon Anthony Dang Resurrection
Deacon Marvin Soto SS Jude
Deacon Harold Escarcega St Joan of Arc.
St Bernadette
Brother John of the Cross Costantino, F.H.S.

Remember, we need to support our seminarians. They are the future of the Catholic Church here in Arizona. Councils, please sponsor at least one seminarian through the RSVP program. It can be comforting to know that God has a plan for our lives, but sometimes that plan is not quite what we expect. Behind every priest, and every married man, is a story of discernment – seeking God’s plan and making it a reality. We want you to be a part of that process! Check out the great resources we have here and let us know how you can help. [Adopt a Priest - The Roman Catholic Diocese of Phoenix \(dphx.org\)](http://dphx.org). Don’t forget to provide your “adopted” seminarians or religious aspirants with moral support and prayers for their success. Any other questions, please contact:

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Family of the Month

Congratulations to the Salazar Family
of Fr. Patrick J. Murphy Council 3136

Choose a Family of the Month every month. Honor your council’s families and parish parishioners, show them their dedication and the example they set is greatly appreciated. Present with a Family of the Month certificate! [Layout 1 \(kofc.org\)](http://kofc.org) . Enter them into Supremes' contest!

Submissions must be completed online using Fraternal Programs Report # 10784. [Form Invitation \(kofc.org\)](http://kofc.org) .

Choose a
Knight of the
Month Each &
Every Month!



Select a Knight to honor each month. Publish it in your council newsletter and present him with a Knight of the Month certificate.

Dial a Knight Birthday Initiative

Each Knight should receive a Call on his Birthday from his Grand Knight to check in and wish him Happy Birthday.

WHY????

Promotes Fraternity

Keeps Council Records Up-to-date

Let’s each Brother know how important he is to the Council

Advertising Can Help Your Council

Advertising comes in many forms, and when done right, your council gets in the spotlight. Email upcoming council events with subject line “My Council Events” to have them promoted by me.

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Fr. Michael Joseph McGivney Guild

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Please join the Fr. McGivney Guild, and support his cause for canonization. To sign up, please visit: [Register to join the guild-Father McGivney | Knights of Columbus](#)



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