



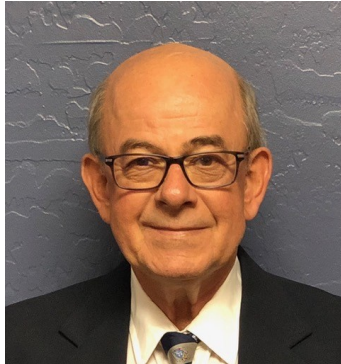
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State Deputy Mario Vassallo's Message



My dear Brothers,

In a few short days we will be celebrating Easter, the resurrection of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. On Palm Sunday we remember the beginning of Christ's Passion as he entered Jerusalem to the praises of people shouting Hosanna and waving palm fronds to honor the entry of the Messiah. By the end of the week Jesus will have been betrayed by one of his disciples, arrested, scourged, beaten, condemned to death by many of the same people who praised Him just mere days before. Then he would be dragged out of the Holy City carrying a cross on his back to the place of the Skull, and there to be crucified. In just one week, Jesus went from victorious King, prophet, and savior, to a condemned man hung on a cross between two criminals. That's not the end. You know there's more to the story.

All this **HAD** to happen in order for us to be free from our sins, to be given the Holy priesthood with Saint Peter at the lead of the Universal Church, to receive the gift of the Bread of Life in the Holy Eucharist, for Jesus Christ to be resurrected from the dead, and for the promise that we too may enjoy eternal life with Him, God the Father and the Holy Spirit.

This year, Easter is different for us. Palm fronds blessed by our priest on Palm Sunday may not be distributed. Gathering at our church on Holy Thursday to commemorate the Last Supper won't take place. We won't be physically able together to pray on Good Friday to recall Christ's death. Saturday evening, we won't crowd around the fire pit as the Paschal Candle is lit and the light of the world enters the darkened church. Many catechumens and candidates will not receive their sacraments that night. Our Easter

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A Missionary "Spring" in the Church

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



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State Deputy Mario Vassallo's Message (continued)

Sunday celebration of Christ's victory over death and His resurrection won't be observed in a crowded church. I know how sad this makes us feel. There is a light at the end of the tunnel, as they say.

During this time of darkness and uncertainty, we must remain confident and steadfast in our belief that Jesus Christ did rise from the dead and with his death he took from us the burden of sin. This does not change whether we are together physically in our church pews or gathered in small family groups in our homes doing our part to prevent the spread of COVID-19. Nothing prevents us from participating spiritually. I ask you to join me this Easter to pray. Pray with your family. Pray virtually. Call your brother knights and pray the Rosary. Pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet. Pray the Stations of the Cross on Friday. Read the different gospel accounts of the Passion in the bible. Do not allow this disease to kill your spirit or extinguish His light in each of you. Jesus, I trust in you!

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

Brothers, it's official, we have instituted a new council at the Holy Protection of Mary Byzantine Catholic eparchy of Phoenix. Saint Stephen's Council #17463 was officially instituted this past month. The Most Rev. John Pazak, bishop of the Byzantine Eparchy, expressed his great joy at the institution of the first Knights of Columbus council in his eparchy. Currently, Holy Protection of Mary Eparchy has 19 parishes and one mission under its canonical territorial jurisdiction across thirteen Western States. Congratulations brother Knights of Council #17463!

State Convention Not Held As Planned

The State Council was faced with a difficult decision as we work through these trying times. We do not know how long we need to curtail gatherings to help prevent the spread of this unrelenting contagion. Therefore, the 113th Annual Arizona State Knights of Columbus Convention will not be held as planned. As I advised in my message of March 21, this is a necessary step to ensure the continued health of our membership, the El Conquistador staff, and the community in general.



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State Deputy Mario Vassallo's Message (continued)

A strategy on how we can conduct a virtual Annual State Convention is in the works. Details will be shared with you soon. In the meantime, we are working with the host council to reimburse those who have already paid their registration fees and meals. If you have not done so, please call the El Conquistador hotel to cancel your reservation. However, if you may decide to keep your reservation, hotel management will gladly honor the group rate available for the Convention.

Important time for recruitment

Even though many of us are quarantined in our homes and we cannot gather physically, we should not slow down our recruitment efforts. Progress toward our state membership goal has slowed its momentum. Currently, we are at about 64% of our goal with three months remaining. In spite of the pandemic, there are still many great opportunities, even in this trying time, for you to recruit new members and put us over the top by the end of June.

Look at what Saint Anne Council #10540 in Gilbert did. Recently, they started an outreach program to check on the welfare of elder brother knights of the council. They expanded the project by connecting with their parish to see how they could help any parishioner in need. That's what the Knights of Columbus are all about. I applaud this effort brothers. If you can engage in projects such as this, and maintain proper protection for yourself and others, you can reach out to those in need and possibly plant the seeds of membership at the same time. While we can't gather in large groups, we can still provide you with access to every tool and resource at our disposal. Visit the website at www.kofc-az.org and click on the Membership tab to learn more. Pick up the phone and call or send an e-mail to your District Deputy or our State Membership Director. I'm sure they would be happy to hear from you. Be safe, be creative, help your neighbor, and help them become a Knight.



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State Deputy Mario Vassallo's Message (continued)

Deadlines for Resolutions, Awards, and End-of-year Reports

Even though we are not going to physically attend our annual state convention this year, we still need to honor our members and those who have made great contributions during the year. We have not changed the April 15 deadline for submission of State Council Award Applications. Please submit your completed applications before the deadline as any application received after April 15, 2020 will not be considered. Remember that all winners at the State Council level will be submitted to the Supreme Council for their consideration of award at the Supreme level.

District Deputies, look at your councils, and recognize them for their accomplishments. Honor the Grand Knights who have shown great leadership. Acknowledge the councils for their support of vocations. This is how you, as an extension of my office, can express our thanks for all they have done.

Grand Knights, last year only 14 out of 132 Councils submitted award applications. I'm sure you have many hard-working Knights, Chaplains, and families who have worked hard to exemplify the principles of our order. Additionally, if your council has completed enough activities to qualify for the McGivney Award, they should be recognized. Please consider submitting applications and getting well-deserved recognition for your efforts. Application materials can be found on the state website <https://kofc-az.org/state-forms>. Read more about this on [page 21](#) of this newsletter.

Setup of an Emergency Fund to be used during dire times like this

The State Council is setting up an Emergency Fund to be used to send donations to organizations in dire need of funds during this crisis and to purchase and deliver vital food items to brother nights suffering from financial hardships. Donations may be sent to State Secretary Luigi Baratta with checks made payable to **Arizona Knights of Columbus with Emergency Fund** in the memo section. More details on this effort will be forthcoming.

Stay safe and keep up the great work!

Vivat Jesus!

Mario Vassallo,
State Deputy



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State Chaplain Father Gary Regula's Message

Dear Brother Knights,

As you read this we are still journeying through Lent, and what a different Lent this has been for everyone. No one in their wildest dreams would have imagined that we, Catholics, would not have been able to come to church to pray a rosary or the Stations of the Cross. More so, it would have almost been incomprehensible to suggest that we could not have daily mass and even our Sunday Mass either. However, we are people of hope and as we have journeyed thus far we will go onward.

Holy Week begins with the Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion. There will be no singing out Hosanna to the one who comes in the name of the Lord at our churches. We will not be waving palms and bringing them into our homes to remind us all year of the holiest of all weeks. Instead of thinking of what we may be missing, let us instead reflect on how this void will inspire us to be better when the churches open again. If we only moved our lips or didn't even sing before maybe the fact that we can't will spur us to sing loudly with all of our sisters and brothers when we gather again in praise to our Lord that gave us our voices. Maybe when we receive palms next year we will not relegate them to the same place we always put them, but display them proudly for all to see and if people ask about them we are willing and ready to teach one and all about our faith in Christ the Lord.

On Holy Thursday we will not receive blessed and consecrated oils from the Bishop as in years past (as the Chrism mass has been postponed). There will be no foot washing as a sign of us to take up the mandatum of Christ to go and wash one another's feet. However, when we participate in baptisms and confirmations in the coming year may the sweet smell of the Chrism Oil fill the church and our hearts with the call to live out our baptism daily and bear fruit of the Holy Spirit of God. When we see the homeless in our midst or the migrants who journey from one place to another, may we not judge but think of the honor it would be for us to stoop down and wash their feet as Christ has washed ours.

Good Friday, the day we remember the death of our Lord, will be different as it always is, but this year we will not be able to come forward and kiss the cross upon which hung our salvation. In our homes we should gather around our crucifix and look at the figure of Christ and remember that before he gave up his last breath, he forgave those who were persecuting him. May we kiss Christ himself by offering others the mercy he so graciously gives to us time and time again.



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State Chaplain Father Gary Regula's Message (continued)

On Holy Saturday and Easter Sunday we won't smell the Easter lilies and we will not see anyone being baptized or confirmed, but our Easter will come. We will celebrate with the whole church the Day of the Lord's Resurrection, and we will celebrate being delivered from death to life as we walk through this pandemic. When will that be? How long will it take? No one can say for sure, but for those who have faith we know death is not the end. We know death is not the last word. Life has won out and eternal life in Christ is the last word. We are a resurrection people, and we will get through this moment. May you and your families have a Holy Week that makes you hunger for Christ and may you have a blessed and peaceful Easter season!

Vivat Jesus,
Fr. Gary Regula
State Chaplain



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Supreme Director Sean Halpain's Message

Supreme Board of Directors – Pilgrimage to Rome 2020

From February 7 – 15, 2020 the Supreme Board of Directors gathered for a Pilgrimage to Rome in celebration of 100 years of our Order's presence in the Eternal City and to conduct Board meetings.

At the end of WWI, the Knights of Columbus had the opportunity to meet with Pope Benedict XV. The Pope acknowledged the Knights efforts in Europe by operating the Hospitality Huts where Everyone Welcome, Everything Free was the motto.

When asked what else the Knights could do, Pope Benedict XV proposed a problem the youth of Rome faced. The youth had no place to go for recreation. In response the Knights established five playgrounds. These became sports complexes and still exist. The Board was able to visit all five of these sports facilities. Many of the events held at these fields are still offered free to the youth of Rome. As part of the visit to Campo Sportivo Pio XI, the Board joined the Filipino Community of Rome for the Dedication of a new Mosaic of St. Michael the Archangel.





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Supreme Director Sean Halpain's Message (continued)

In addition to some secular tours of Rome, the Board and guests celebrated Mass daily, beginning on Saturday at the Papal Basilica of St. Paul outside the Wall. The Mass was celebrated by H.E. James Cardinal Harvey, Archpriest of the Basilica, who then gave us a tour of the excavation of the area just outside the Basilica that is being supported by a grant from the Knights of Columbus. We also visited a city park, Largo Cavalieri di Colombo, that the City of Rome named after and dedicated to the Knights of Columbus.

Sunday Mass was celebrated in the Borghese Chapel before the Marian Icon **Salus Populi Romani** at the Papal Basilica of St. Mary Major. Vatican Museum tour guides accompanied our group and provided small group tours of all the pilgrimage sites we visited. Many of the sites we visited during the pilgrimage included areas where the Knights have provided support for renovation or preservation.

Monday was dedicated to our first of two visits to the Vatican and St. Peters. The tour of St. Peters began with the group taken to the many statues, Mosaics, Frescos and other artwork that the Knights of Columbus has sponsored the restoration efforts over several decades. A morning Rosary was recited at the Gregorian Alter before the **Madonna del Soccorso** in St. Peters. Joining us was Angelo Cardinal Comastri, Archpriest of the Papal Basilica of St. Peter. The Board held a business meeting at a room inside the Vatican.

At midday on Monday we had the honor of a private group audience with His Holiness Pope Francis. Although he was slightly behind schedule, meeting with Bishops from the Southwest United States, he took the time to personally greet everyone in our group. We then celebrated Mass at the Madonna della Guardia Alter in the Vatican Gardens. This is the same location that the Knights celebrated Mass with Pope Benedict XV in 1920. Our group joined the staff of the Knights office in Rome for a reception. Monday evening, we were able to visit the Sistine Chapel and the Vatican Museum.

Our pilgrimage continued Tuesday with a visit to the Papal Basilica of St. John Lateran and Mass at St. Sebastian at the Catacombs. On Tuesday evening the Board and wives attended a reception hosted by The Hon. Calista Gingrich, U.S. Ambassador to the Holy See and her husband Speaker Newt Gingrich at the Ambassador's residence.



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Supreme Director Sean Halpain's Message (continued)

Wednesday was the last official day of the Board Pilgrimage. We had the rare and extreme honor of attending Mass in the Pauline Chapel (Conclave Chapel) in the Apostolic Palace in the Vatican. At the end of the Mass we were asked to stay seated by Supreme Chaplin Archbishop William Lori. Pope Francis joined us to again thank the Knights for all our efforts, not only in Rome, but worldwide. He mentioned our efforts in relief on natural disasters, and especially pointed out our efforts in support of persecuted Christians in the middle east. He asked us to continue these programs, commenting that if the Knights were not there to help, there might be no one helping these brothers and sisters in Christ. He concluded this visit by leading us in prayer, letting us know he would pray for the Knights of Columbus, and asked that we all remember him in our prayers, saying "this is not an easy job".

Brenda and I would like to thank all our Brothers in Arizona for your support. We are humbled and honored to represent Arizona Knights on the Board of Directors.

Sean Halpain
Supreme Director
Immediate Past State Deputy





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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/M. 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

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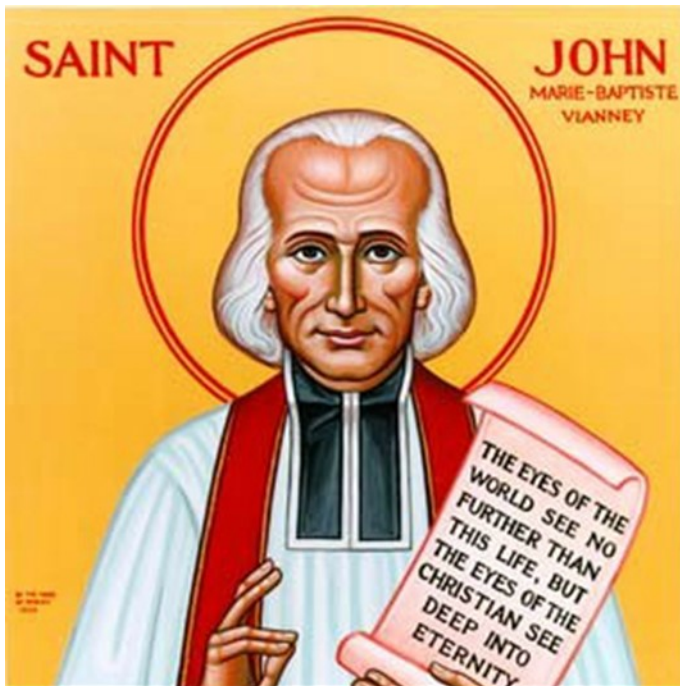
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Prayer for Vocations

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



*Patron of Priests,
pray for us!*

Prayer for Our Priests

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

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

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

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

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

Amen.



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State Secretary Luigi Baratta's Message

Dear Brother Knights,

I hope all my Brothers are safe, healthy and well! We have 18 councils who did not pay the 2nd half Per Capita. Is your Council one of them? **Please check with your Financial Secretary after reading this monthly KOCCOA if he mailed the payment to me.** If you did not receive a statement send me an email ASAP. Please remember, any assessments paid to the Arizona State Council or Supreme **DOES NOT REQUIRE A VOTE.** So please send your payment along with the invoice. The check needs to be written to AZ Knights of Columbus not STATE SECRETARY. My goal is to have all the councils paid up by the end of April. During this Coronavirus epidemic, please remember to pray an extra Rosary for those who have passed and those who are suffering. Ask yourself what would Father Michael do if he was alive. Reach out to those elderly Brothers and their families who may need our help or who are lonely sitting at home. Sometimes a simple phone call can cheer them up.

May God bless you and your families,

Luigi Baratta
State Secretary
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State Treasurer Tom Kato's Message

Worthy Grand Knights,

With the guidance from Supreme and our Worthy State Deputy, you still have the ability to host a virtual meeting online. There are a few tools you can use to help.

Decide on a meeting tool. There are a few out there such as Webex. In order to do this, there may be a cost associated with it. Figure out how many members may potentially attend the meeting virtually. WebEx will allow for online polling along with 100 participants. (<https://www.webex.com/pricing/index.html>)

NOTE: We are asking that you refrain from using Zoom for meetings as they are supporters of Abortion

Email from Supreme's site of the meeting notice – Don't post on your Facebook site or Website the meeting notice. Remember that meetings are still ceremonials. Remember to invite your DD and Field Agent!!! (DD's – Invite your ASO!!!)

Encourage members to attend! This may be good for some of the members to get back into the swing of things!

Follow the meeting guidelines. Of course, there are some things that you have to take into account, such as checking membership cards, etc. However, the structure of the meeting should remain the same.

<https://www.kofc.org/un/en/resources/service/council/method-conducting-council-meetings10318.pdf>

Ask people to mute unless addressing the Grand Knight! Online discussions are difficult because people can be talking over each other. Everyone should remain on mute unless addressing the Grand Knight or council.



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State Treasurer Tom Kato's Message (continued)

When doing a prayer, the leader should be the only one who is speaking with others on mute. There is an inherent delay that occurs.

Use polling for online votes. You still need to follow Roberts Rules: Address GK, Make the motion, Seconded, Acknowledged and repeated by the GK, Discussion, Vote. The polling feature can be used to conduct the vote.

Keep the meeting on topic! Much like regular meetings, keep it on topic and don't drag on. Practice the meeting with your officers!

As our Worthy State Deputy has suggested, there are many things we can do as a council "virtually". Use this time to schedule some of the activities using the tools available to conduct

VIVAT JESUS

Tom Kato

State Treasurer

Knights of Columbus Arizona State Council



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Membership — State Membership Director Bobby Nielsen

My Brother Knights,

It is an honor to be a member of the Knights of Columbus. With over 2 million members around the world, we have invested our time, effort and resources into our values of Charity, Unity, Fraternity and Patriotism since 1882. We are an organization that provides manpower, programs and financial help to Catholics around the world. A month ago not one of us thought we would be in the position we are now. We are tasked with providing assistance, on a daily basis, to thousands of our Brother Knights, right at home.

Now is not the time to think about membership goals and quotas. Our world has important issues to deal with. As Knights of Columbus, it is our time to serve. We have trained for this and no organization is better prepared. Be there for our Brother Knights. Be there for our Catholic brothers.

Our current goal is to care for our Brother Knights and their families. But we also need to reach out to all Catholic men and offer them a place to grow spiritually. Many men are stressed and confused about their future. These men and their families may need to speak to others that have the same Catholic values and beliefs.

As Knights of Columbus we have the opportunity to do what we do best, to serve all Catholic men. This could be financial assistance, assistance with household tasks or just being there for a conversation and supportive listening. If these men are ready, we also should bring them into the Order.

With this in mind, I am asking that you;

1. Contact any man that is on your Council Prospect List. These men have shown interest in the past and may be ready to join now.
2. Every Knight knows a friend, relative, neighbor or fellow parishioner that should be a Knight. Contact that man and have a conversation about the Order. Now may be the time that they need the Knights.
3. Share the link to INTO THE BREACH video series. This is a great time for all men to watch these videos.
4. Ask our Catholic brothers to join the Knights online at www.kofc.org/joinus. This tool immediately brings them into the Order.



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Membership — State Membership Director Bobby Nielsen (continued)

5. Pray with our Knights and Catholic brothers. Whenever possible share a prayer card with them. This gives a powerful message of hope and kindness, especially in these challenging days and weeks ahead.

As Knights we still have the ability to bring new men into our local Council. One or two Knights can meet with a candidate and show the CUF video. This could be an exciting time for a Catholic Brother that is looking to practice his faith with others. The video, along with the Exemplification script, is available on Officers Online.

You are not alone. If you are in need of assistance you can contact your Grand Knight or any Council officer. If those men are not available you can contact your District Deputy or myself. This could be for assistance with life's daily needs or just to talk. If we can't help we will assist in finding someone who will. My Brothers, be there for each other. Care for each other. This is who we are. This is what we do.

Vivat Jesus!

Bobby Nielsen

State Membership Director
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Programs — State Warden/State Program Director Larry Powers

On Friday March 27, 2020 President Trump signed a spending bill approved by Congress that authorized one-time payments of \$1,200 per adult, \$2,400 per couple and \$500 per child. Amounts begin phasing out at \$75,000 for individuals, \$150,000 per couple.

There are many people who need this money, recent news reports indicate 3.3 million people filed for unemployment last week. Many in the service industry are suddenly without work. Many live paycheck to paycheck and suddenly are staring at an inability to pay their rent or utilities let alone pay for groceries. We have single mothers trying to feed their children and wondering how. Suddenly a pregnant mother finds herself in real fear of having the resources to support her unborn child. Spend an hour at a local food bank and you will quickly see how many hungry people are out there. In addition food banks are no longer able to get excess food from stores that have had their shelves stripped. The checks that are coming will certainly help all of these people.

I am not one of the unemployed. I am not in the service industry, and I have plenty of food. I am blessed beyond measure. An extra \$1200 certainly would allow me to buy a new TV or maybe update my laptop; things I would like but certainly do not need.

If you are in a position similar to mine, I am asking you prayerfully consider joining me in donating all or part of your stimulus payment to help others. The State Council has created an Emergency Fund to be used in dire times like this. **Send your donations to our Worthy State Secretary, making your checks payable to Arizona Knights of Columbus and entering Emergency Fund in the memo.** 10 of us banding together to donate \$12,000 to a food bank, homeless shelter, or crisis pregnancy center can have a real immediate positive impact on our community. Let me know if this is something you would like to join me and my wife in making a difference. We are in the process of identifying specific charities that we will be donating to.

Vivat Jesus!

Lawrence A. Powers

State Warden/State Programs Director



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Pro Life — State Culture of Life Chair Couple — Ed & Mary Jo Eick

CULTURE OF LIFE

The 40 Days for Life campaign continues as a pray-at-home program because the vigils at abortion centers has been discontinued as a result of the corona virus.

We have many successes in America in terms of babies saved and abortion workers who have quit their abortion center jobs. We're also seeing more abortion centers closing.

So our prayer vigils are working even as we heed the call to stay at home and minimize contact with others. We have only a short time left during this campaign, until Palm Sunday, to honor our commitment to pray for the conversion of abortion minded people, and to help pregnant mothers, confused and hurting, to find pro-life pregnancy centers to support them in their time of need. If we cannot be on the front line physically, we can ask the Holy Spirit to inspire people to respect life even more.

Please pray daily, especially the rosary, and with your family if possible. Meditate on the Joyful Mysteries with the Angel Gabriel announcing to Virgin Mary that she will bear a son and the Visitation when the baby John the Baptist leapt in his mother Elizabeth's womb at the arrival of the pregnant Virgin Mary.

Vivat Jesus!

Ed and Mary Jo Eick,

Culture of Life Chair Couple



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Ceremonials — State Ceremonials Chairman Skip Hopler

Degree news

I am so excited to report that the new Charity, Unity and Fraternity (CUF) degree is being performed enthusiastically by our council and State teams for candidates and their families as we transition to the new degree across all of Arizona. The feedback has been overwhelmingly positive, and the new degree is fulfilling its promise to encourage more men to join our ranks and to open up our ceremonials to family and friends as witnesses to our candidates' pledges to become stronger Catholics and family men. Since we started using the new CUF degree at the January Mid-Year meeting in Casa Grande we have exemplified 111 new members (7 of them priests) and 140 advancing members for a total of 251 new Third degree Knights! We are now conducting the degrees in both English and Spanish and three new councils have been formed using the new CUF degree. That ensures that all new members in those councils are third degree members from the start of their Knight's journey.

Having said that, the world health problem with the COVID – 19 has seriously impacted our degree exemplification and recruiting efforts. Our first priority is always the health and welfare of our members and families, prospective members and our communities. We have, therefore, suspended all large group degree exemplifications (and other Knights' ceremonial group functions) in accordance with the guidelines issued by our various government agencies, our Church leaders and the Supreme Council. So how are we specifically going to comply with these important rules and guidelines in our ceremonials? Here are the first few steps:

1. Live presentations and in-person video showings: All ceremonials (degrees and business meetings) of groups of 10 or more people are suspended until further notice. Our Governor has mandated that all of us should stay at home as much as possible. He also stressed that if we do have to be around others that we must adhere to the social distancing guidelines. Our Church leaders have fully supported these official guidelines. When it is absolutely necessary to hold ceremonial meetings it will be limited to groups of less than 10 and we will adhere strictly to the rules of social separation (at least 6 feet and no hand shaking, etc.) and sanitary practices (e.g., hand washing, disinfecting meeting areas, etc.). If you are not feeling well, please do not attend. ***For the next 30 days, any in-person presentations of ceremonials, regardless of how few participants, using actual presenters or video, will require advance approval from the State Deputy. Grand Knights should justify this request through their District Deputies.***
2. Revised State Deputy guidelines on conducting CUF degrees using the video for online presentations are being worked on. We are also testing a method of doing a live CUF degree online. More information will be forthcoming soon in a future memo.
3. We are working on solutions for holding electronic (online) meetings so that Councils can have the option of conducting Business Meetings (a ceremonial) via internet. There are some very promising options and we will be sharing those as soon as we complete our testing.



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Ceremonials — State Ceremonials Chairman Skip Hopler (continued)

Please remember that we still want to ensure that every eligible Catholic man has the opportunity to join our Order, but we will also be caring men of God and faithful citizens. We will not let Satan lure us into irresponsible actions in this period of uncertainty and vulnerability. Follow the health guidelines diligently because if not yours, someone else's life may depend on your actions.

Refresher Notes

Please share these Protocol notes with our new members.

When a member wishes to speak, he does so by rising from his seat, addressing the chair by saying "Worthy Grand Knight" or "Worthy Faithful Navigator" and renders the salute. (Representing the tree of the Cross, the member makes a vertical motion, with his arm and vertically opened hand, from top to bottom). The presiding officer recognizes the speaker by announcing his name and rendering the salute in return. (Representing the arms of the Cross, the presiding officer makes a horizontal motion, with his arm and horizontally open hand, from left to right.) (*Protocol Handbook*)

One rap — instructs your assembly to come to order or be seated; a ruling on an action has been concluded. Two raps — instructs assembly officers to stand. Three raps — instructs all to stand. Four raps — instructs all to kneel in prayer. (*Method of Conducting a Meeting*)

Vivat Jesus!

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State Council Awards Applications

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

DISTRICT DEPUTIES

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

2019 - 2020 DISTRICT DEPUTY AWARDS APPLICATIONS INSTRUCTION SHEET

District Deputies may submit award applications for:

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

IMPORTANT NOTE

Each application has a heading, which lists:

- Title of Award
- The District Deputy submitting the application
- The name of the Nominee.
- The Nominee's Council Number

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

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

Please keep write-ups to 500 words or less. The time frame to be considered for all Service Project awards is April 1, 2019 – March 31, 2020.



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State Council Awards Applications (cont.)

COUNCILS

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

2019 – 2020 COUNCIL AWARDS APPLICATIONS INSTRUCTION SHEET

GRAND KNIGHT / COUNCIL:

May submit award applications for:

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

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

For the **Family & Knight-of-the-Year**: Please select one Knight and Family you have submitted in the past Fraternal Year as Family and Knight-of-the-Year. Also, this year for **Family-of-the-Year** we will be using the application on the Supreme website (Form 10680 6/18). **Before completing Family of Year please review Guide Sheet (Form 10607)**. This application and the **Service Programs Applications** can be downloaded from the Supreme Website, or it can be found on the State Website along with all other award application at <https://kofc-az.org/>.

IMPORTANT NOTE

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

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



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State Council Awards Applications (cont.)

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

DISTRICT DEPUTIES & COUNCILS

Please complete/ edit submissions on your computer before submitting.

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

We can also email you a copy in WORD or as a PDF; send an email request to AzKnights@Q.com.

The **preferred method** for submitting application documents is email. Send the documents to: AZKnights@Q.com

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

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

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

Prayer to Our Lady of Guadalupe

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

Knights' Prayer

Our Lady, Queen of the Knights, bless all the activities of our Order. Keep us true to our pledge, to extend the kingship of thy divine son on earth. Through thine intercession, win for us the grace, ever to exemplify in our public and private lives, the virtues that should characterize those especially dedicated to the service of the heavenly court. Make us always aware that as your Knights, we are constantly observed, our faith judged, and our Order appreciated. Accept, O Mary, this renewed pledge of fealty and devotion, of Thy Servants, the Knights of 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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The image of Mary on the cloak is known as ***Our Lady of Guadalupe*** for an interesting reason. On that same day, Mary appeared to Juan's uncle and cured him, giving him a message for the bishop, saying that she would "crush the serpent's head." The bishop did not understand the Indians' language. The Indian word for "crush the serpent" sounded to him like "Guadalupe," the name of Mary's shrine in Spain. Thinking that the Virgin wanted the new shrine to have the same name, the bishop called her ***Our Lady of Guadalupe***.

Mary's visit to Guadalupe is a reminder that God will remember his mercy for all people. In

Mary's song of joy, the Magnificat, she praised God because he has put down the mighty, exalted the lowly, filled the hungry, and sent the rich away empty. People honor ***Our Lady of***

Prayer to Our Lady of Guadalupe

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