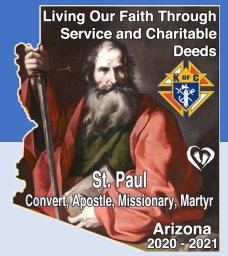




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KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS OF ARIZONA
"LIVING OUR FAITH THROUGH
SERVICE AND CHARITABLE DEEDS"



State Deputy's Message

August 2020



Brothers,

First, let me start by congratulating all the newly installed State Officers and District Deputies for the 2020-2021

fraternal year. They were installed during the first virtual State Organizational Meeting held a couple of weeks ago. The meeting itself was organized in four sessions and ended with mass celebrated by Bishop Wiesenburger of Tucson in memory of all deceased Arizona Knights of Columbus. Mass was followed by the Installation of State Officers and District Deputies.

There is one thing about Arizona attaining Circle of Honor that I would like you to know. We would not have been able to achieve this prestigious award if it was not for the outstanding work of our General Agency, the Raso Agency. During the month of June, General Agent Nate Raso and his team of Field Agents recruited the majority of the 130 new members brought into the Order. During that month, Supreme organized a challenge on recruitment among all the agencies in the Order. I am extremely proud to let you know that among hundreds of agencies, the Raso Agency placed first among all the United States agencies and second in the Order. What an accomplishment! Our congratulations go to General Agent Nate Raso and his great team of Field Agents on such an incredible accomplishment. Thank you for helping Arizona achieve Circle of Honor.

Worthy Grand Knights and Financial Secretaries, if you did not submit your Form 185 that was due July 1 or Form 365 that was due August 1, you must submit them immediately. Also, State Directory information needs to be submitted to the Worthy State Executive Secretary so he can publish the state directory as quickly as possible. Our state communication depends on this information.

The Supreme Council, with the help of technology, has made it easy for District Deputies to install council officers in a manner that is dignified and in keeping with the ideals of the ceremonials of the Order. Grand Knights, if you have not scheduled the installation of your council officers with your District Deputy, please do so as soon as possible.

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The Maritime World

We pray for all those who work and live from the sea, among them sailors, fishermen and their families.



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Do not forget to invite me and your Assigned State Officer. I hope to be able to visit many councils during this year and congratulate each of you personally. God willing, we can meet face-to-face.

Grand Knights, you should be conducting your monthly officer's business meetings and council membership meetings online. If you need help on how to run online meeting please contact your District Deputy.

The Arizona Rosary Celebration this year will be conducted virtually on Saturday October 17, 2020 from Tucson and the following day from Phoenix. Due to the change to a virtual livestream format via YouTube, we will be able to reach every Catholic in the state and beyond. Please help get the word out. Let's plan virtual watch parties in local parishes wherever practical in accordance with physical distancing restrictions. This year we honor Mary under Her title Undoer of Knots. Councils, there are still many costs, and we ask that you donate towards this event as in year's past. A program book will be prepared, and it will be on-line and in color at black and white prices.

Brothers, this year the Supreme Convention will be conducted virtually. This will be the last year for Supreme Knight Carl Anderson as he must retire after attaining the age of 70 in accordance with Supreme Statute.

In St. Paul's Letter to the Romans 5: 1-11, St. Paul wrote, "Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have gained access [by faith] to this grace in which we stand, and we boast in hope of the glory of God.

Not only that, but we even boast of our afflictions, knowing that affliction produces endurance, and endurance, proven character, and proven character, hope, and hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.

For Christ, while we were still helpless, yet died at the appointed time for the ungodly. Indeed, only with difficulty does one die for a just person, though perhaps for a good person one might even find courage to die.

But God proves his love for us in that while we were still sinners Christ died for us. How much more then, since we are now justified by his blood, will we be saved through him from the wrath. Indeed, if, while we were enemies, we were reconciled to God through the death of his Son, how much more, once reconciled, will we be saved by his life. Not only that, but we also boast of God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation."



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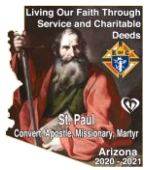
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Brothers, Faith, Hope, and Love, all go together. They are in the rosary. They can be found in many passages in the Bible. They are at the heart of our beliefs and what we do as Knights. Remember Love and charity are synonymous. If we look closely at faith and hope you can find similarities with unity and fraternity.

Let's go out there and love our neighbors, work together, take care of each other, and be safe out there.

Vivat Jesus!

Mario Vassallo
State Deputy



Prayer for Vocations

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God our Father, You made each of us to use our gifts in the Body of Christ.

We ask that You inspire young people whom you call to priesthood and consecrated life to courageously follow Your will.

Send workers into Your great harvest so that the Gospel is preached, the poor are served with love, the suffering are comforted, and Your people are strengthened by the sacraments.

We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.



Oración por las Vocaciones

Dios Padre Nuestro, nos has hecho para que usemos nuestros dones en el Cuerpo de Cristo.

Te pedimos que a la gente joven que llamas al sacerdocio y a la vida consagrada, los inspires para que, con valor, cumplan Tu voluntad.

Envía obreros a tu gran cosecha para que se predique el Evangelio, se sirva a los pobres con amor, se consuele a los afligidos, y Tu gente se fortalezca con los sacramentos.

Te lo pedimos por Cristo Nuestro Señor, Amén.



Prayer for Our Priests



POPE FRANCIS

ON AUTHENTIC PRIESTHOOD

“A strong priestly heart is able to leap with joy when he contemplates, for example, how his catechists give classes to children, or when he sees his youth group going out at night to take care of those who are homeless.

“A priestly heart is strong if he has the ability to be full of joy before the prodigal son returning, when he is patiently waiting in the confessional.

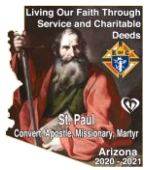
“A priestly heart is strong if it allows his happiness to increase with the word of the hidden Jesus, who walks with us, just as on the road to Emmaus.”

Cardinal Jorge Bergoglio, Chrism Mass, April 20, 2000



LORD, LIFT UP YOUR HOLY PRIESTS. GRANT THEM THE GRACES THEY NEED TO ADMINISTER YOUR PEOPLE. KEEP THEM PURE AND STRONG IN YOUR LOVE. GIVE THEM COURAGE WHEN THINGS ARE DIFFICULT, AND ACCOMPANY THEM WHEN THEY ARE LONELY. STRENGTHEN THEM IN TIMES OF WEAKNESS. **AMEN**

PRAY FOR OUR PRIESTS



A PRAYER FOR PROTECTION IN TIME OF PANDEMIC



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

O Mary,
 you always brighten our path
 as a sign of salvation and of hope.
 We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick,
 who, at the Cross, took part in Jesus' pain
 while remaining steadfast in faith.
 O loving Mother,
 you know what we need,
 and we are confident you will provide for us
 as at Cana in Galilee.
 Intercede for us with your Son Jesus,
 the Divine Physician,
 for those who have fallen ill,
 for those who are vulnerable,
 and for those who have died.
 Intercede also for those charged with
 protecting the health and safety of others
 and for those who are tending to the sick
 and seeking a cure.
 Help us, O Mother of Divine Love,
 to conform to the will of the Father
 and to do as we are told by Jesus,
 who took upon himself our
 sufferings and carried our sorrows,
 so as to lead us, through the Cross,
 to the glory of the Resurrection. Amen.

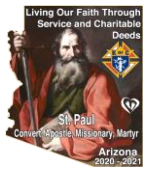
*Under thy protection we seek refuge,
 O Holy Mother of God.
 In our needs, despise not our petitions,
 but deliver us always from all dangers,
 O glorious and blessed Virgin. Amen.*

Adapted from the prayer of Pope Francis



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State Chaplain – Father Gary Regula

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Dear Brother Knights,

As I write this Rep. John Lewis is lying in state in our nation's capitol. To me it has been moving watching the honors bestowed on him as his life on this earth ended. One touching and moving moment was watching the horse-drawn caisson as it guided the body of John Lewis across a bridge he had traversed numerous times in his life. How ironic it was that on each side of the expanse state police officers were saluting him as he took that last journey of freedom.

Hopefully, we all have taken some time to learn more about this icon of the civil rights movement and as we do may we offer a prayer of thanksgiving to God for this good and faithful servant. May we also pray for ourselves that like John Lewis we will seek to make "good trouble" as he put it to further the cause of justice in our nation. As we know there is still so much work to be done in our nation and in our world, and with Mr. Lewis's passing we must now pick up the torch and continue the march.

While we may not have to feel the force and pressure of a fire hose's rushing stream of water against our bodies, may we be willing to stir up the waters of our own baptism to be the prophetic voice of Christ's message of love. Although we may not have a dog unleashed on us for walking arm and arm in the pursuit of justice, may the power of the Holy Spirit that has anointed us impel us onward to work ceaselessly for justice for all. Even though we may never have our head or any body part for that matter fractured as we try to speak for the voiceless, may we be willing to take up our cross each day so that we follow in the footsteps of Christ and cry out for all the oppressed in the world.

Sadly, as this pandemic has made us grow weary in our journey through 2020, we should never stop proclaiming the Good News of Jesus Christ. We should not think someone else will come and take up the mission for each of us must play a part to bring Christ and be Christ to one another. As Knights we should always look to make "good trouble" as we seek to bring about the reign of God here on earth. May we see this new month, as a new dawn for us to step up into service, and let us not be afraid of a little good trouble as we preach the love of Christ.

Vivat Jesus,

Fr. Gary Regula
State Chaplain



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State Secretary – Luigi Baratta

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Brother Knights,

I hope all of you are staying cool in these hot summer days. I mailed out the first half assessments for the 2020-2021 fraternal year. I want to say “Thank you” to those 60 councils who mailed out their payments already. Please check with your Financial Secretary after reading this monthly KOCO A if he mailed the payment to me. If you did not receive a statement send me an email ASAP.

Please remember, any assessments paid to the Arizona state council or Supreme DOESN'T NOT REQUIRE A VOTE. Please make checks written out to the Arizona State Council, not Luigi Baratta. The State runs on a very tight budget and we need all Councils to pay their assessment so we can keep our operation costs down.

Thank you for your coordination,

Luigi Baratta
State Secretary
Arizona State Council
602-326-8511

State Treasurer – Tom Kato

Worthy Grand Knights and Worthy Financial Secretaries,

I pray and hope that you, your families, your council, and your parish are doing well during these rough times. By now, the council Financial Secretaries have received the State Raffle checks to be presented to your charity of choice. Please remember that they are in need of the money raised and holding on to the check for a “photo op” is not prudent during these times. Many of the charities chosen are struggling financially and each and every donation counts to help them out. Please make sure that the check gets into their hands expeditiously. You can schedule the “photo op” as the state starts to open.

The State Council thanks you and your council for your generosity in these times of need. Your example is truly living out our state motto for this year of “Living our faith through service and charitable deeds!”

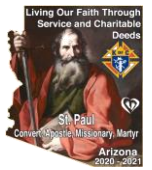
Vivat Jesus!!!

Tom Kato
State Treasurer



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State Faith Director – Ivan Garcia-Hernandez

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Brothers in Christ Jesus,

We continue to pray for all those who have been affected during this pandemic. Also, let us pray for our holy father, Pope Francis, our bishops, priests, and religious; because through them, we can continue receiving the sacraments of our Holy Mother Church.

This month, we celebrate the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary; we know that she is the door to serenity and calmness for our hearts. Let's make time to pray with our families and loved ones. Our Mother, the wisest of all flowers, is always at the foot of our doors, ready to receive any fear or concern that we have in our minds or in our hearts.

In her name, "Le Virgin de Guadalupe", she reminds us that we must continue to be strong in any difficulty that comes into our lives, always keeping our eyes on the cross, the cross that reminds us of the greatest love in the universe, given by the son of God, Jesus Christ, King of the Universe.

Brothers, let us continue to be strong in faith, and also in strength. Let us put our hands on the cross, and let us continue walking together in this valley, this valley of hope and love.

Hermanos en Cristo Jesús,

Seguimos orando por todos los que han sido afectados durante esta pandemia. También, pongamos en oración a nuestro santo padre, Papa Francisco, nuestros obispos, sacerdotes, y religiosos; porque por medio de ellos, podemos seguir recibiendo los sacramentos de nuestra Madre Iglesia.

Este mes, celebramos la Asuncion de la Santísima Virgen Maria; sabemos que ella, es la puerta hacia la serenidad y la calma para nuestros corazones. Hagamos tiempo de orar con nuestras familias y seres queridos. Nuestra Madre, la mas sabia de todas las flores, siempre esta al pie de nuestras puertas, lista para recibir cualquier temor o preocupación que tengamos en nuestras mentes o en nuestros corazones.

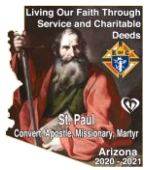
En su nombre, "La Virgen de Guadalupe", ella nos recuerda que tenemos que seguir siendo fuertes en cualquier dificultad que llegue en nuestras vidas, siempre manteniendo la mirada hacia la cruz, la cruz que nos recuerda el amor mas grande del universo, dado por el hijo de Dios, Jesucristo, Rey del Universo.

Hermanos, sigamos siendo fuertes de fe, y también de fuerza. Pongamos nuestras manos en la cruz, y sigamos caminando juntos este valle, este valle de esperanza y de amor.



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State Executive Secretary – Rick Garrison

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Brothers All

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

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

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

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

Mailing Address:
Knights of Columbus
14175 W Indian School Rd
Suite B4-626
Goodyear, AZ 85395-8369

Some of the Report Forms Are:

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



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

Email Address:
StateDeputy@kofc-az.org

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



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State Program Director – Thomas White

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Brothers,

I hope you are all well and taking care of yourselves.

This pandemic has forced us as Knights to find different ways to serve. We are used to providing service in large groups while performing our charitable works, and usually doing most of those works on our church property. But for now, that is not possible. In the early days of the pandemic, churches were closed – mass was discontinued, and parishioners were missing receiving Our Lord in communion. But one pastor came up with a unique idea. Our WSD Mario Vassallo became aware of this program because he was contacted by this pastor; the pastor wanted to acknowledge the service the Knights of his parish performed, and our WSD asked me to tell the story in my article this month.

The pastor of St. Mary Magdalene parish in Gilbert, Fr. Chris Axline (a 4th degree Knight himself) came up with an idea – he would take the Eucharist to the people! He discussed his idea with the parish faith director, SK Roger Molieri, and a plan was formulated to bring the Eucharist to the people using a “Eucharistic caravan”.

Four teams were formed with Fr. Chris, Fr. Ed Gilbert, Fr. Steve Peterson, and Deacon Rick Nevins bringing the exposed host to parishioner’s homes. They would pray with those present, bless them and their homes. They were escorted by teams of Knights from Council 13779 who served as drivers and navigators. SK Dave Smith set up a travel app for the teams to use and brother Roger managed the logistics. GK Paul Teeple, DGK Carl Nink, FS Mike Brown, and Warden Paul Porter were the team leads.

The event was advertised in the church website, and a group flocknote was sent to all subscribers, explaining the plan and how to register for a visit. Parishioners were to use a Google sign up to request a visit and visits were to be 5 minutes long. A logistic app was used to optimize routes for the visits.

What transpired exceeded Fr. Chris’ expectations – the response was overwhelming. Beginning on Easter Sunday, the teams began their visits. Over the next four days they covered almost 480 miles, completed 218 stops, and provided over 40 hours of volunteer time as well as logging 50 hours of program implementation and dispatching. The group stated they easily visited with over 1000 parishioners and their families as there were always at least 4 to 5 people present at each stop.

Everybody that I’ve spoken with that was involved with this program felt a great deal of pride and fulfillment to have helped so many people visit with Our Lord during a very trying time. I am proud to say that this is my home council and I am proud to call these men my brother Knights. They truly lived their Faith in Action while providing this service to our parish.



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State Program Director – Thomas White (cont.)

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FEATURED PROGRAM

This month’s featured program is the new ‘Into the Breach’ video series. We are all familiar with Bishop Olmstead’s exhortation in book form. The video series came out on Ash Wednesday and consists of 12 videos, each approximately 12 minutes long. These videos feature Catholic men from all walks of life, speaking about what their Catholic faith means to them and how they live that faith on a daily basis. This series is the focus of this fraternal year – every program in the Faith in Action guidebook is an opportunity for Knights to put their faith into action!

Every council is strongly encouraged to participate in this program this fraternal year; and the earlier, the better. The program calls for small group study and discussion of the series. This program is not solely for knights – councils are encouraged to open this study to all men in the parish. It can be done virtually so there is no need to wait until we can hold live meetings. I liken this series to a team getting a great pep talk prior to running onto the field. These videos will fire your members up and prepare them to be ready to live their faith every day. All of the materials that you will need – videos, download information, and the ITB video study guides - can be found at:

www.kofc.org/intothebreach

Completing this program will earn your council 2 points towards earning the Columbian Award.

Vivat Jesus

Tom White

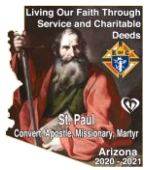
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State Membership Director – Bobby Nielsen

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My Brother Knights,

In Arizona we have over 130 active councils. Why are some councils successful in recruiting? Why do some councils struggle to sign up new members? The reasons that we hear from councils that don't recruit, are typically the same: "We aren't allowed to recruit at the Parish"; "All of the men are already Knights or have already been asked to join several times"; "Men don't have the time to be active in the Knights". Do these excuses sound familiar? Have you used them in the past? One thing that is clear in Arizona is that our successful councils have active, enthusiastic leaders that have a recruiting plan.

Successful councils have a District Deputy that teaches and encourages them to grow. The council is focused on recruiting quality Catholic men, they have a strong retention committee that uses Faith in Action Programs to keep members involved, and they use their field agent as a resource at all events. Our fraternal benefits are one of the best recruiting tools available. When used as a foundation, these basics always lead to growth in a council.

Once the foundation is in place you have many tools to help the council grow. Make sure your council is using these tools:

- Online Membership, using discount promo codes when available
- DELTA Church Drives as allowed by the Diocese and Church Pastor
- Pulpit announcements, using Bishop Thomas Olmsted's recorded message (Diocese of Phoenix only) promoting the Order when appropriate
- Parish online bulletin ads in English and Spanish
- Online Prospect Forms in English and Spanish
- Charity Unity and Fraternity Exemplifications hosted by Supreme and Arizona Degree teams
- Born a Man/Become a Knight recruiting cards
- Young Adult Leadership Board's free membership promotion to men 30 years of age and younger

Downloadable files and information on all of these tools are available at: <https://kofc-az.org/recruiting> in the Membership/Recruiting area, or on Officers Online.

Our world is going through a difficult time. Many ministries in the Catholic Church are not able to do their work. The Knights of Columbus are different. We were built for this situation. Charity, Unity, Fraternity and Patriotism, these are the cornerstones of our Order. In many ways our Church is under attack and our Catholic Brothers are looking for a way to show their faith. Now is the time to offer the Knights of Columbus to every Catholic man and give him to opportunity to serve.

Remember, all you need to do is ask. You will be surprised at the positive responses that you receive.

Vivat Jesus!

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



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Recruiter Incentives

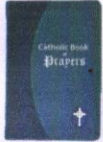
July 1, 2020 - June 30, 2021

The Star Recruiter pin and Arizona Knights challenge coin will be awarded throughout the year; all other awards will be presented at the 2021 State Convention

- Those recruiting a new member will receive a Star Recruiter pin. The first 200 will receive an Arizona Knights challenge coin



- Any member who recruits 5 to 10 new members by the end of the fraternal year will receive a Catholic prayer book



- Any member who recruits 11 or more new members will receive a K of C WWI Battle Beads Rosary



- The top three recruiters in the state will receive a Knights watch



*Recruiters must be listed as proposer
*All end dates are final

Fast Start Incentives

July 1, 2020 - December 31, 2020

Awarded to the Council at the mid-year meeting

- Any Council that obtains 75% of their goal will receive a Knights table cover



- Any Council that obtains 100% of their goal will receive a Knights table cover and a beanbag toss game



- Additionally, Council that obtains 75% or more of their goal will be entered into a drawing for a Knights canopy with a rolling storage bag



Membership Director Incentives

July 1, 2020 - December 31, 2020

Awarded to the Council Membership Director at the mid-year meeting

- Any Membership Director that obtains 100% or more of goal will receive a KofC computer briefcase



*Membership intakes are based on Supreme Daily Progress Report

District Deputy 1st Half Incentive

July 1, 2020 - December 31, 2020

Awarded to the DD at the mid-year meeting

- Any DD whose active Councils are current on Forms 185 & 365, are safe environment compliant and have obtained 50% of his District intake goal will receive \$150
- Any DD whose active Councils are current on Forms 185 & 365, are safe environment compliant and have obtained 100% of his District intake goal will receive \$250

Star Recruiter Incentive

July 1, 2020 - May 1, 2021

Award to be presented at the 2021 State Convention

- The member who recruits the most new members during the incentive period will receive a 2021 State Convention VIP package, a Star Recruiter plaque and \$100

Star Council Recruiter Incentive

July 1, 2020 - May 1, 2021

Awards to be presented at the 2021 State Convention

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

*Actual awards may appear different than shown



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Hispanic Recruiting Coordinator – Luis L. Leyva

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"Go into the world and announce the new good to all creation" Mark 16:15

Brethren, I greet you all with the peace of Christ Jesus... in these difficult times for our Catholic Church, where we cannot come together to praise and worship the Blessed Sacrament in our temples, gives us the opportunity to seek within each of us that way of doing so in absentia.

Today, it is a challenge to bring the good news of our Lord to others, but not impossible. as Knights of Colon "We are all called to look beyond our immediate concerns and help others" Archbishop William E. Lori, Supreme Chaplain.

Today I invite you to reflect on the message of our Supreme Chaplain to leave our Comfort Zone and extend that hand of help, of assistance to our brothers in need of our charity but above all, of our faith.

To achieve this, we have to look at the resources we have and like you, I think I just can't achieve it. To combat this time of uncertainty in which everyone's faith is fragile, we must count on not only a fraternal group, but an army at the service of our King and Lord Christ Jesus.

I invite each of you my brethren to contact a Catholic man and invite him to be part of our Order. We will not be honoring the name and legacy of our founder, Blessed Rev. Michael J. McGivney if we don't offer you the same opportunity we are given to each of us to belong to the Knights of Columbus to another man.

As members of this order, we are committed to growing our order, recruiting new members to belong to our fraternity, every new recruit we invite, we are giving them the opportunity to grow in faith and practice charity, unity, and fraternity within their families, communities, and parishes.

We are experiencing a population increase in Hispanics in the State of Arizona, we cannot pass up this opportunity to create strong bonds among our Hispanic families.

Remember, we are CATHOLIC MEN CHANGING LIVES.

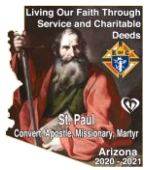
Vivat Jesus!

Luis L. Leyva
Hispanic Membership Coordinator



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

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“Vayan por el mundo y anuncien la nueva buena a toda la creación” Marcos 16:15

Hermanos, les saludo a todos con la paz de Cristo Jesus... en estos momentos tan difíciles para nuestra Iglesia Católica, en donde no podemos reunirnos a alabar y adorar al Santísimo Sacramento en nuestros templos, nos da la oportunidad de buscar dentro de cada uno de nosotros esa forma de hacerlo en ausencia.

Hoy en día, es un reto llevar la buena nueva de nuestro Señor a otros, pero no imposible... como Caballeros de Colon “Todos Estamos llamados a mirar más allá de nuestra preocupaciones inmediatas y ayudar a los demás” Arzobispo William E. Lori, Capellán Supremo.

Hoy le invito a reflexionar en el mensaje de nuestro Capellán Supremo de salir de nuestra Zona de Confort y extender esa mano de ayuda, de asistencia a nuestros hermanos más necesitados de nuestra caridad pero sobre todo, de nuestra fe.

Para lograr esto, tenemos que ver los recursos con los que contamos y al igual que ustedes, creo que solo no puedo lograrlo. Para combatir este tiempo de incertidumbre en el cual la fe de todos es frágil, debemos de contar con, no solo un grupo fraterno, pero un ejército al servicio de nuestro Rey y Señor Cristo Jesus.

Les invito a cada uno de ustedes mis hermanos a contactar a un hombre católico e invitarlo a formar parte de nuestra Orden. No estaremos honrando el nombre y legado de nuestro fundador, el Beato Rev. Michael J. McGivney si no le ofrecemos la misma oportunidad que se nos brindo a cada uno de nosotros de pertenecer a Caballeros de Colon a otro hombre.

Como miembros de esta orden, tenemos ese compromiso de hacer crecer nuestra orden, de reclutar nuevos miembros a pertenecer a nuestra fraternidad, cada nuevo recluta que invitamos, les estamos brindando la oportunidad de crecer en la fe y practicar la caridad, unidad y fraternidad dentro de su familias, comunidades y parroquias.

Estamos experimentando un incremento demográfico de Hispanos en el Estado de Arizona, no podemos dejar pasar esta oportunidad de crear fuertes lazos entre nuestras familias Hispanas.

Recuerden, que SOMOS HOMBRES CATOLICOS CAMBIANDO VIDAS.

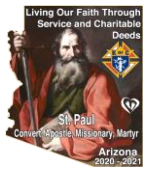
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Luis L. Leyva
Coordinador de Membrecía Hispana



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KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS OF ARIZONA



State Family Director – Joseph Shanks

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Brothers All,

August is the month set aside to dedicate a special week of the year to recognize the vital importance of families as the foundation of our domestic church and to promote Catholic family values. When choosing a week, councils should consider factors that might affect parishioner schedules such as school vacations, holidays, and other local events. Though traditionally celebrated in the summer to commemorate the birth and death of our founder, Venerable Michael J. McGivney, this program can take place anytime during the year. Given the current COVID outbreak, please be safe when scheduling these events. For Family Week Resources, visit:

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

Specific Days to be aware of are:

August 12 – Fr. Michael McGivney's Birthday

August 14 – Fr. Michael McGivney's Memorial

August 15 – Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Read verses that give the biblical perspective on subjects relating to families, such as love, difficult relationships, family values, raising children, facing loss and death, and more. God created humans to live as a family unit. He knew that we would have many ups and downs in our family relationships, and He provided guidance and wisdom for every situation. No matter what you're facing as a family, God is ready to protect and bless you.

Turn to Scripture for encouragement and inspiration for parenting, sibling dynamics, and extending family relationships. Share these Bible verses with your family to encourage each other and remind them of how much God loves them.

A Prayer for Your Family

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

Increase our unity and peace as we seek to follow after you.

Amen

1 Corinthians 13:4-7

4 Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud.

5 It does not dishonor others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs.

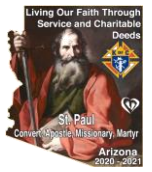
6 Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth.

7 It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres.



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St. Paul first taught about the mystery of the Church in reference to marriage and family when he wrote his Letter to the Ephesians, in which he urges that the relationship between husbands and wives imitate the self-sacrificing love of Christ for the Church. The family has a high vocation in the Church. The Catechism says that because it is a “communion of persons,” it is “a sign and image of the communion of the Father and the Son in the Holy Spirit.” In addition to this Trinitarian image, “in the procreation and education of children it reflects the Father’s work of creation.” Moreover, the Christian family “is called to partake of the prayer and sacrifice of Christ,” and it “has an evangelizing and missionary task” (2205).

Living out the vocation of a “domestic church” is surely no easy task. But for this reason, I want to suggest that the Catechism can be a most useful tool for the family in accomplishing its vocation and mission.

The Catechism in the family can help every member in it realize that primary vocation that each human person has: “to know, love and serve God in this life, and to be happy with Him forever in the next. This vocation as Jesus spoke it are the words with which the Catechism begins, and sum up its whole purpose: “Father,... this is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent” (Jn 17:3).

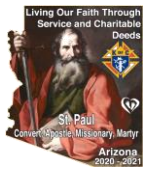
*God, our Father, protector of the poor and defender of the widow and orphan, you called your priest, Father Michael J. McGivney, to be an apostle of Christian family life and to lead the young to the generous service of their neighbor. Through the example of his life and virtue may we follow your Son,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

*Almighty God,
You gave a humble Virgin
the privilege of being
mother of your Son,
and crowned her
with the glory of heaven.
May the prayers of the Virgin Mary
bring us to the salvation of Christ
and raise us up to eternal life.
We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ
your Son who lives and reigns
with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, forever and ever. Amen.*



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Arizona Rosary Chairman – Larry Costanzo

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Brothers,

The Rosary Celebration Committee has been receiving many questions about Arizona Rosary Celebration 2020 and be assured, it will take place. The Executive Committee is working to make this Celebration to honor Our Lady, Undoer of Knots one to remember. You are probably wondering - “How can these people think this event is going to happen”? With Mary’s help, we are going to make it happen.

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

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

Tucson: The Rosary celebration will be live-streamed (You Tube) on Saturday, October 17, 2020, at St. Augustine Cathedral, at 10:000 A. M. with Bishop Weisenburger as the presider and a recorded homily by guest speaker Auxiliary Bishop Rodriguez of the Archdiocese of Denver. The program will be centered on the guest speaker presentation, recitation of the rosary followed by Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.

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

Both programs will be shorter due to the absence of the blessing processions, and overall participation at the churches will be limited to the minimum number of participants required to perform the Liturgy. Strict COVID-19 precautions will be exercised. However, this is an opportunity to greatly expand the participation of Catholics throughout Arizona via the convenience of personal media resources. Many of our Church’s faithful will be able to participate from afar when they could not participate in the past except by viewing recordings after the fact. We need to advertise this great opportunity to pray the rosary publicly for our nation and our world in this period of great tribulation. There are almost 2 million Catholics in Arizona and we have the chance to unite them all under our Mother’s protection on that October weekend. So even if your ministry participation has been cut short by the restrictions this year, we still need you to help us bring the word to others. We will not let COVID-19 keep us from celebrating our 45th year of praying the rosary together.



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Arizona Rosary Chairman – Larry Costanzo

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We have had many questions about the Annual Program Book. It will be posted on the web site for download, because we will not have as many advertisers to support the cost of printing; we will not be meeting in the normal fashion to be able to pass out the books. As we prepare for AZ Rosary Celebration 2020, please contact friends, relatives, businesses etc. for donations to defray the cost of this event.

The Committee has been working hard Celebration to try to make this an event one to be remembered. We don't know what the future will bring, but with the help of Mary, Undoer of Knots, we will rise to the occasion to honor Jesus through his Mother in this Rosary Celebration.

Please pray for a successful event.

Larry Costanzo, General Chairman

Our Lady, Mary Undoer of Knots Pray for Us

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

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

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

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



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

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Brothers All,

It's a new fraternal year and God Almighty is still looking for us to move from a Culture of Death to a Culture of Life. So let's get going.

Every Council needs a Life Director to carry the ball. Grand Knights need to recruit and appoint one. And the Arizona Culture of Life Committee wants to know who it is if it is different from last year. Please let us know ASAP so we can communicate.

Our first priority is the upcoming primary election on Tuesday, August 4th. The choices are stark: pro-life or pro-abortion/euthanasia. In Arizona we choose which party ballot we prefer. Keep in mind that one party emphasizes abortions. So use the Voters' Guide published by the Center for Arizona Policy at: <https://www.azvoterguide.com/>.

Ballotpedia at https://www.ballotpedia.org/Arizona_elections_2020 gives specific backgrounds of candidates. Websites of political parties usually show endorsements, e.g. Planned Parenthood, the abortion giant.

If you would like to be better informed about abortion issues, we suggest you go to Americans United for Life at <https://aul.org/> and learn about the current issues and what AUL is doing for Life. Frequent news of attacks on Life are found at <https://www.lifenews.com/>. You can get on their email list for regular news updates.

The deadline for voter registration for the general election is only one month away, October 5th. That's also where you go if you want to change your party affiliation.

Please send us your Culture of Life Director's name, email, and telephone number ASAP so we can begin communicating directly.

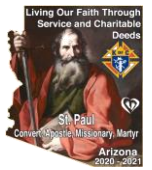
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Silver Rose Chairman – Bob Julien

Brother Knights,

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

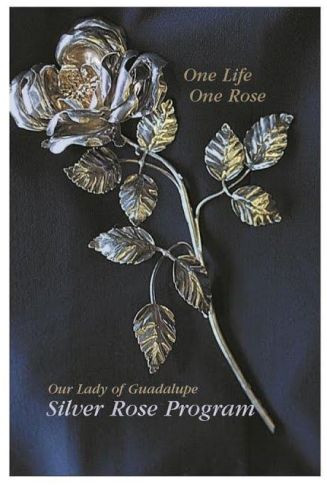
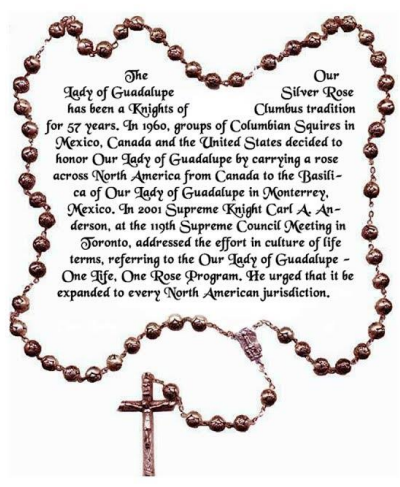
Each year, silver roses journey along routes across North America including Canada, the United States, and Mexico. Along the way, the roses are handed off from jurisdiction to jurisdiction, and council to council (click [here](#) for a map and list of the current route schedules, as well as other program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

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

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

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

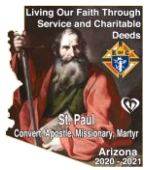
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Charity, Unity, Fraternity Ceremonials – Skip Hopler

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Brothers All,

Degree news.

As we enter the second month of this Fraternal Year we find ourselves still constrained by the restrictions in place to reduce our risk of spreading the COVID-19. We continue to follow Supreme and State guidance to conduct all meetings and ceremonials virtually. Our Grand Knights, District Deputies, and State Officers and Chairmen have been making this transition with promising results. Indications are that we will be in this situation for many more months so I encourage all of you to “take the plunge” and explore the ways you can best benefit from the online resources.

One way to start is to explore the Supreme and AZ State websites and see what information is available. For ceremonials, for example, go to this link:

<https://kofc-az.org/exemplification-schedules> and download the latest update to the ceremonials. New information includes online CUF degrees schedules, business meeting help and a script for a virtual council installations. There is also a short update on virtual Fourth Degree exemplification expectations.

Keep in mind that Grand Knights can put on a CUF Degree with their own Council team, online for now, anytime they need one. We should be working to establish a council team in every council.

Please contact me for any questions about these ceremonials.

Vivat Jesus,

Skip Hopler
Ceremonial Chairman, Arizona State Council
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Charity, Unity, Fraternity Ceremonials – Skip Hopler - continued

The State Deputy designates an Honoree of the Month for CUF degrees. Here is his Honoree for August.

Degree Honoree – Charity, Unity, Fraternity Month of August 2020

Most Rev. Edward Weisenburger, Bishop of Tucson

Most Reverend Edward Weisenburger is the Bishop of Tucson and a brother Knight of Columbus. Born in Illinois and raised mostly in Oklahoma, Bishop Weisenburger graduated with honors from Conception Seminary College in Missouri and then went on to earn a Pontifical S.T.B. in Theology, an M.A. in Religious Studies, and a Masters in Moral and Religious Sciences from the Catholic University of Louvain in Leuven, Belgium. On Dec. 19, 1987 he was ordained to the priesthood for the Archdiocese of Oklahoma. He then attended the University of St. Paul in Ottawa, Canada graduating with a JCL degree in canon law. Upon his return home he was appointed Vice Chancellor and Adjutant Judicial Vicar. In addition, he served in local parishes and was an on-site chaplain for the rescue workers after the bombing of the Murrah Federal Building in 1995. During the next 17 years he served on the Council of Priests and the College of Consulters, and in addition, in June of 1996 he was appointed Vicar General of the Oklahoma Archdiocese. Bishop Weisenburger served for almost 20 years, and was the Archdiocesan Tribunal Promoter of Justice for the cause of canonization of Blessed Stanley Francis Rother. On Oct 2, 2009, Pope Benedict XVI awarded him the title of Reverend Monsignor. While serving as pastor for two parishes in Oklahoma, then-Monsignor Weisenburger was appointed Bishop of Salina, Kansas, by His Holiness, Pope Benedict XVI on Feb 6, 2012. Pope Francis appointed Bishop Weisenburger to lead the Diocese of Tucson on Oct 3, 2017. We are extremely pleased to have Bishop Weisenburger as our spiritual leader and brother Knight and are proud to name him Degree Honoree for the Jurisdiction of Arizona for the month of August 2020.





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State Retention Chairman – Bryant Sayers

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Worthy Grand Knights,

The first and perhaps most important step in setting up a successful membership program is organizing your membership committees. The key is to ensure that these important positions are filled, and appointees are dedicated and enthusiastic Knights.

Keys to organizing your Membership Committees:

- The Grand Knight appoints a **membership director** to oversee all membership programs and recruitment activities.
- Upon recommendation of the membership director, the Grand Knight appoints a **membership committee** of three or more Knights. Select successful recruiters or sales-oriented members.
- The membership director and recruitment committee members form two-man recruitment teams.
- The Grand Knight, upon recommendation of the membership director, appoints a **retention chairman** and committee.
- The membership director, committee chairmen and committees set goals and plan specific recruitment, retention and insurance promotion activities for the entire year.
- Plan a full schedule of CUF Degree exemplifications
- Identify and schedule recruitment methods that best suit the council's needs and goals; Membership Blitz, DELTA Church Drives, open houses, team recruiting, etc.
- Set membership goals (exceed quota, achieve Star Council, break previous council recruitment record, etc.). Refer to the Membership Growth section in the *Fraternal Leadership Advisory* monthly email from Supreme.
- Get the ENTIRE council involved. Those who don't recruit directly can identify/suggest prospects.

Fraternally,

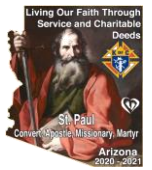
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SK Joseph Shanks, SK Joseph Kowalkowski delivering Subway sandwiches, chips, cookies, Pepsi and water to the Emergency Department and Observation Units of Banner Boswell to Cindy Clark Administrative Assistant 10401 W. Thunderbird Blvd., Sun City, Arizona 85351

Delivering Subway sandwiches, chips, cookies, Pepsi and water to the Emergency Department at Banner Del E Webb to Zetha Voget 14502 W. Meeker Blvd., Sun City West, Arizona 85375

Good morning Mr. Kowalkowski,

We would like to personally thank you and your organization for the donation of the face shields for our surgery center located at 14416 W Meeker Blvd Unit 103 Sun City West, AZ 85375. These are very useful for our center as we process endoscopes and work very closely with patients and doctors to provide patient care. So please accept our heart felt thanks and please remain safe.

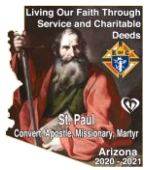
All the very best,
Robin Dixon, CEO
Sun City West Banner Surgerv Center

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Raso Insurance Agency – Nate Raso

Brothers All,

Starting Saturday August 1st @ 10:00AM, the Raso Insurance Agency will be live streaming our first “Insurance & Financial Forum”.

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

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

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

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

Join us Live!

Facebook Live Event

Saturday August 1st at 10AM

[CLICK HERE To Join](#)

Come learn the history of the Knights of Columbus. We will discuss how we went from a humble Catholic Fraternal Benefit Society to a Fortune 1000 Company and what that means for you, your Faith, and our Country.

**Attendance Counts towards Founders Award*



Why Columbus Sailed

Columbia, 5/24/2014

Carol Delaney, a cultural anthropologist and long-time professor at Stanford University, had little knowledge or interest in Columbus — that is, until she was teaching a course called “Millennial Fever” at Stanford in 1999 and came across a reference to the explorer’s apocalyptic beliefs.

Delaney was intrigued and set out to research Columbus at Brown University in the summer of 2003. Two years later, she retired from Stanford to devote herself to research, which launched a remarkable journey in the footsteps of the explorer.

*Columbia spoke to Delaney about the fruits of her research, published in her book titled *Columbus and the Quest for Jerusalem* (Free Press, 2011).*

Columbia: You argue that most people misunderstand the purpose of Columbus’ voyage. According to your research, what were his motivations?

Carol Delaney: Everybody knows that Columbus was trying to find gold, but they don’t know what the gold was for: to fund a crusade to take Jerusalem back from the Muslims before the end of the world. A lot of people at the time thought that the apocalypse was coming because of all the signs: the plague, famine, earthquakes and so forth. And it was believed that before the end, Jerusalem had to be back in Christian hands so that Christ could return in judgment. Columbus actually calculated how many years were left before the end of the world. He seemed to think of his whole voyage as a mission, which was part of this apocalyptic scenario.

Columbia: In addition to funding the crusade, did Columbus intend to evangelize the New World?

Carol Delaney: He was very much interested in evangelizing. He wrote against the idea that the natives could just be baptized and automatically become Christian. Rather, they really needed to be instructed about the Christian faith before being converted. He wrote to the pope requesting that good priests be sent to provide this instruction and even left money in his will for it.

Believing he was traveling to Asia, Columbus particularly wanted to convince the Grand Khan of China, who had already expressed interest in Christianity, to convert. He thought that the Grand Khan could help with the crusade to take Jerusalem by marching from the east, while the Europeans marched from the west — an interesting idea.

Columbia: Why don’t more people recognize and accept your claims about Columbus’ intentions?

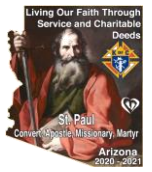
Carol Delaney: Scholars have written articles about Columbus’ religious motivations, but they were published in very arcane journals.

In the 19th and early 20th centuries, historians wrote about Columbus as the first modern man, who used science and reason as an explorer and discoverer. But I don’t think that was his motivation. He was a medieval man in a very religious context. He was very close to the Franciscans, who were involved in proselytizing before the end of the world.



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Christopher Columbus (cont.)

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Columbia: The popular view today is that Columbus is responsible for countless atrocities against the native peoples. In your opinion, is this a fair assessment?

Carol Delaney: No, not at all. The late 20th century brought a lot of critique about him from the perspective of the natives, and Columbus has become a symbol for everything that went wrong. But the more I read of his own writings and that of his contemporaries, my understanding of him totally changed. His relations with the natives tended to be benign. He liked the natives and found them to be very intelligent. He also described them as “natural Christians” because they had no other “sect,” or false faith, and believed that they could easily become Christians if they had instruction.

Columbus strictly told the crew not to do things like marauder or rape, and instead to treat the native people with respect. There are many examples in his writings where he gave instructions to this effect. Most of the time when injustices occurred, Columbus wasn't even there. There were terrible diseases that got communicated to the natives, but he can't be blamed for that.

A lot of the crewmembers didn't like all of the restrictions and rebelled. In his writings, Columbus notes that the crew assumed that they could have slaves, that they could pick gold off of the trees, and that they didn't have to work.

Columbia: What was Columbus' view toward slavery?

Carol Delaney: As far as I can tell, Columbus never had any slaves, nor did he intend to get slaves when he went across the ocean. There was no possibility of enslaving the Grand Khan and his people. And [Columbus] believed the natives would become subjects of the Spanish sovereigns.

When they later met a different group of natives, whom they believed to be cannibals, Columbus' brother sent some of these people back to Europe after their second voyage. It was considered morally acceptable at that time to enslave people who acted against their nature, with the hope that they would become good Christians. Slavery was common, even among people in the Caribbean. People ignore that fact and seem to think that Columbus instituted slavery.

Meanwhile, Bartolomé de Las Casas, an admirer of Columbus, is remembered for writing in defense of the Indians. But unlike Columbus, Las Casas owned slaves and operated encomiendas in the beginning. He didn't have a change of heart until long after Columbus' death, and even as late as the mid-16th century, he proposed slavery of African blacks as a substitute for the Indians.

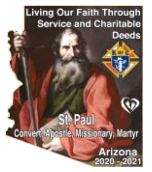
Columbia: In your research, what did you find most significant about Columbus' own writings?

Carol Delaney: I read all of Columbus' writings that are extant. Columbus' original diary does not exist. Las Casas and Columbus' son, Ferdinand, each had a copy, and a lot of the story coincides in their redactions. Many of Columbus' writings express respect for the natives and concern about his crew.



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Christopher Columbus (cont.)

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Before I began my research, I didn't know Columbus had written anything. I liked the tone of his letters, and I enjoyed reading them. His devotion to his sons comes across, and he took care of the women in his life, which really helped change my opinion of him.

Columbia: In addition to his faith, what were some of Columbus' most notable personal qualities, and what role did they play in his quest?

Carol Delaney: I think he was very patient. He waited more than 10 years before his first voyage came about. He petitioned the Portuguese first, then the Spanish. The council rejected his proposal three times, yet he continued to persist. He really believed he could do it. He showed tremendous courage in going across the ocean in tiny wooden ships, with basically a compass to guide his way.

Also, when the crew was grounded on Jamaica during the fourth voyage, Columbus kept trying to negotiate with the rebels and expressed forgiveness.

Columbia: To what extent can Columbus' exploration be considered a failure or a success?

Carol Delaney: I think he went to the grave thinking that he had not accomplished what he wanted to do. He was angry with King Ferdinand for not pursuing the crusade, and he recognized that terrible crimes had been committed. From this point of view, he felt the quest was a failure. In reality, it was a major accomplishment. Columbus went across the ocean four times in small wooden ships, without the use of modern instruments. In the process, he discovered the New World, even though he thought that he had found only the periphery of Asia.

Article provided by Peter Kloeber, FS, Council 1229



Christopher Columbus, Italian **Cristoforo Colombo**, Spanish Cristóbal Colón, (born between August 26 and October 31?, 1451, Genoa [Italy]—died May 20, 1506, Valladolid, Spain), master navigator and admiral whose four transatlantic voyages (1492–93, 1493–96, 1498–1500, and 1502–04) opened the way for European exploration, exploitation, and colonization of the Americas.

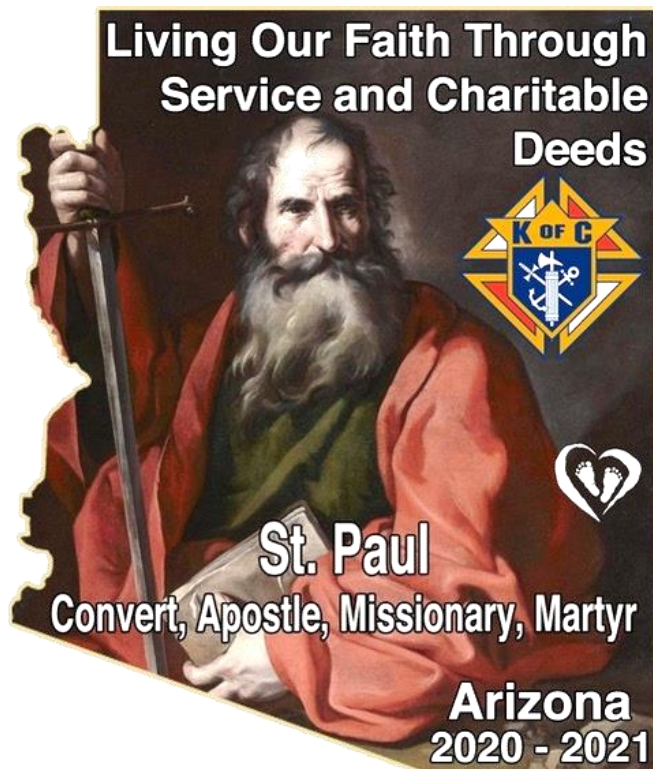
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2020-2021 Arizona State Pin and Theme



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

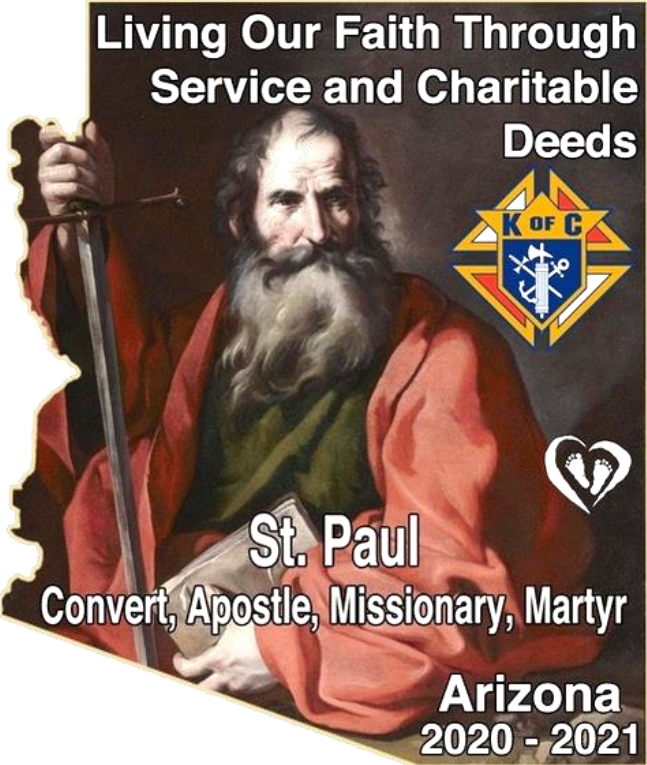
28 Once safely on shore, we found out that the island was called Malta. ² The islanders showed us unusual kindness. They built a fire and welcomed us all because it was raining and cold. ³ Paul gathered a pile of brushwood and, as he put it on the fire, a viper, driven out by the heat, fastened itself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

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

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

Caballeros de Colón de Arizona

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



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

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

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

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

Hechos de los Apóstoles versión Biblia Latinoamericana

"27: 39-44"

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

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

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

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

Honoring Mary Under Her Title Our Lady Undoer of Knots



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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