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## State Deputy's Message

Brothers,

As this letter to you is prepared, we celebrate the Feast of Christ the King on the last Sunday of the liturgical year. Next Sunday we celebrate the First Sunday of Advent. Soon we will find ourselves dining with friends and family as we count our blessings for the bounty that God provides for us. We will gather to say thanks to God, our family, and our friends. Please remember those who are less fortunate, have little to eat, may not have adequate shelter, nor may have a coat or blanket. Help them in any way possible. May Ann and I wish you and yours a very Happy Thanksgiving.

I'm excited to report that the Supreme Communications Department has released a new video regarding the Arizona Rosary Celebration. They have sent us a link to the video and ask that we disseminate it widely. It is an excellent description of this beautiful annual program honoring Mary. Please watch this video. It can be found on the State website, on the AZRosary.net website, and on the State council Facebook page. Or, just click on this link or cut and paste into your browser: <https://youtu.be/2O5vLOepFts>.

This past month, the Arizona State Council was host to the Supreme Vietnamese Membership Recruiter Le Nguyen, who is also the State Treasurer from Washington D.C. He came to Arizona on my invitation to help plan and support recruitment drives and the establishment of councils at our two Vietnamese parishes. His visit took place Friday November 15 to Sunday November 17. During these days, we visited Vietnamese Martyrs Parish in Phoenix and Our Lady of Lavang Parish in Tucson. At Our Lady of Lavang, Father Francis Tran, pastor, approved and spearheaded a church membership drive resulting in the collection of 28 prospect cards.

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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's Message (continued)

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I am very happy to announce that seven of these prospects have already taken their Admission Degree. We are planning a church membership drive at the Vietnamese Martyrs parish in Phoenix to be held soon.

Mary Ann and I have recently returned from the Supreme State Deputies Mid-Year meeting, held in Orlando Florida, where we met with the Supreme Knight, Supreme Officers and Supreme Directors. We both had a wonderful time in the company of fellow State Deputies and their wives and had very good conversations with them. The topics discussed at the meeting were very interesting and inspiring. The main focus of the meeting was Membership Growth and a new combined degree. The new degree will combine the admissions, formation and knighthood degrees into one and will be open to the general public. It is about 30-35 minutes in length. Both State Deputies and wives attended a live performance of this degree. For more information on this new combined degree please read the article written by our Worthy State Ceremonial Chairman Skip Hopler elsewhere in this newsletter.

Our own Arizona State Council Mid-Year meeting is quickly approaching. It is being held in Casa Grande from Friday, January 10 to Sunday January 12, 2020. Tentative agendas and registration materials can be found on the State website, [www.kofc-az.org](http://www.kofc-az.org). Training sessions for District Deputies will be held on each of the three days. District Wardens, Grand Knights, Financial Secretaries, and Council officers will have the opportunity to attend training sessions on Saturday from 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Three different sessions will be offered, one for District Wardens; one for Grand Knights and other council officers, and one for Financial Secretaries.

At the beginning of this message I mentioned that Advent will have started by the time you receive this edition of the KOCCOA. A short 25 days later we will celebrate the birth of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Christ's birth was preceded nine months before when Mary was greeted by an angel and told that God had chosen her to conceive by the power of the Holy Spirit and give birth to a male child who she would name Jesus, son of God the Most High. To which she said, "Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord. May it be done to me according to your word." In this short sentence, Mary not only said yes, but she totally gave herself 100 percent to God.



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## State Deputy's Message (continued)

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Fast forward about 33 years later. The very same Jesus knelt before God His Father and knowing what was to happen to him over the course of a day, prayed that this cup would pass him by. Knowing the importance of his sacrifice, death and resurrection, Jesus also gave himself totally to the Lord when he said, "Father, if you are willing, take this cup away from me; still, not my will but yours be done."

Without Mary's yes, we would not have had Jesus and without Jesus's yes, we would not have forgiveness for our sins. This Christmas, take a moment to thank Mary for her yes and for giving birth to Jesus who also said yes to suffer, die for our sins, and to return from the dead. This Christmas, we have much to be merry for. When God asks you, just say yes.

Vivat Jesus!

Mario Vassallo  
State Deputy



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## State Secretary's Message

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Dear Brother Knights,

Have you paid your State and Supreme Per Capita yet? Please check with your Financial Secretaries to ensure your council is in good standing. I hope all of you had a good PWID drive but remember all funds need to be mailed by December 31st 2019. Get those checks in! As we approach the holiday season on giving thanks to Our Lord, what about giving thanks of Charity to a special Catholic gentleman in your life by purchasing their membership in the Knights? Maybe it could be your own son, grandson or a young man you see at Mass. What a wonderful gift for them and our order. I personally want to say Happy Thanksgiving to all my Brother Knights in Arizona

Vivat Jesus,

Luigi Baratta

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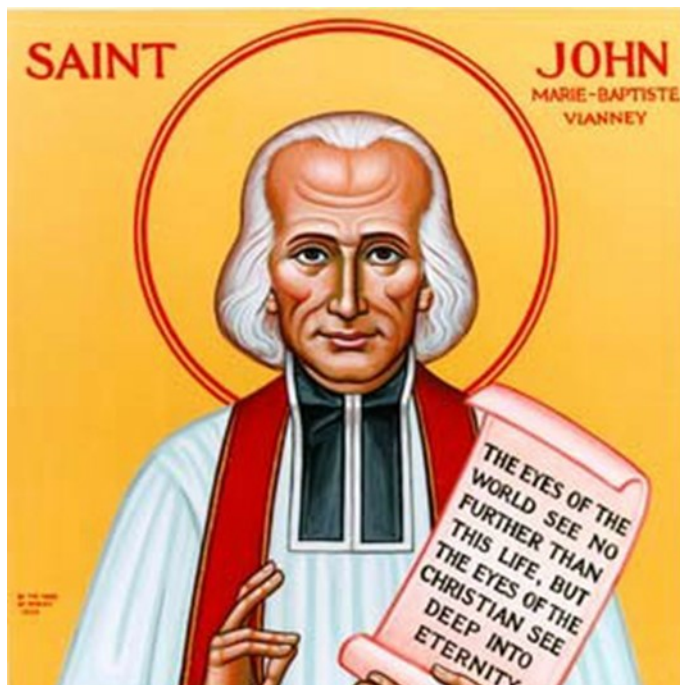
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## Prayer for Vocations

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 Chaplain – Fr. Gary Regula

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Brother Knights,

As we enter December we will be hearing about the **Keep Christ in Christmas** program of our order; however, I would ask all of us to embrace the beautiful time of Advent. Let us keep Christ in Advent as well. So much of the time of Advent is spent decorating, shopping, baking, going to parties, attending children's concerts and plays and a number of other things that sometimes we do not take time for Christ. Now all of the above activities are a wonderful way to get into a festive mood and be with our families, and that is all good, but we should be mindful of the Holy Family and why we are celebrating.

Yes, we go to mass each week and maybe we are there for 75 minutes depending on how long it takes for us to drive out of the parking lot. Then during the week we are rushing around to get things ready, make the decorations perfect, bake all the cookies that we probably shouldn't be eating anyway and we are not taking time preparing for the great gift of a child that comes to lead us.

Have we put together or even bought an Advent wreath for our homes to light each day? Even though it is a busy time will we dedicate one meal each week when the whole family comes together to pray, eat and maybe talk about the what this season is all about (and hopefully it will be around a table where all devices are banned)? Will we search out ways to give of our time and maybe some resources to serve those who may not have a Merry Christmas without someone reaching out?

There are so many things that we can do, so let's not wait to keep Christ in Christmas, let's start by dedicating time to keep Christ in Advent. May everyone have a blessed and joyful time in preparing for the coming of Our Savior during this coming Advent season. May we also go out and proclaim loudly the good news of great joy that Jesus has been born for us and the salvation of the world.

Happy Advent and Merry Christmas!

Vivat Jesus!

Fr. Gary Regula



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**State Warden / State Program Director – Lawrence Powers**

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Brother Knights,

We are rapidly approaching Advent and the Joy of the Christmas Season, a perfect time to focus on what the Knights can do to help families to focus on the Reason for the Season. Plan Now for the **CONSECRATION TO THE HOLY FAMILY**. This program guides families in consecrating themselves under the protection of Jesus Christ, his mother, Mary, and her husband, St. Joseph. Your council's role is to help your parish and community understand the importance of this prayer: The Consecration to the Holy Family is not limited to a single event. Through this consecration, each participant is consciously choosing to be a beacon of God's love throughout their lives. Serious and mindful preparation is a major aspect of this program. To ensure that all members of your parish are properly prepared, check out the guidelines and materials at [kofc.org/consecration](http://kofc.org/consecration). Consecration to the Holy Family is a required program. **A council must conduct this program to be eligible to receive the Columbian Award.**

This consecration is the perfect way to celebrate the feast of the Holy Family on Sunday, December 29. Coordinate with your pastor and don't forget to order prayer cards for the event. Visit <https://www.kofc.org/en/programs/family/consecration-to-the-holy-family.html#/> for details.

On the chosen day, distribute Consecration to the Holy Family Prayer Cards (#10371) once again. Under the direction of your pastor, recite the Consecration to the Holy Family Prayer together as a parish family at all Sunday Masses. If he is willing, ask your pastor to also incorporate themes relating to the consecration and the Holy Family in his homily.

Following the consecration, host an event in the parish or council hall for all parish families to celebrate the consecration together! Have family-friendly games ready for everyone to enjoy. Remind all present that this consecration holds lasting impacts. Although the time of preparation has ended and the consecration has occurred, devotion to the Holy Family continues, and we should always strive to resemble their ideal model of a loving family.



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**State Warden / State Program Director – Lawrence Powers (continued)**

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At the celebration event, be sure to wear Knights of Columbus-branded apparel and have the council membership director set up a table with brochures and membership documents (including Prospect Cards #921A). Do not forget that this event is a recruiting opportunity!

Enlist a fellow Knight or community member to photograph the event.

Following the consecration and celebration, update the community on the success of your program by distributing an announcement to local media, along with energizing photographs from the event.

To gain credit for your program, complete the associated reporting forms and submit them to the Supreme Council Department of Fraternal Mission. Remember to retain copies for your council records.

If you have any questions or need additional information please do not hesitate to contact me.

Vivat Jesus!

Lawrence Powers

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## State Membership Director – Bobby Nielsen

My Brother Knights,

As we enter the Advent Season, it's a great time to reflect on what we are thankful for. We all have our individual thoughts, but all likely include Faith, family and friends. The Knights of Columbus brings all of these blessings we have together. Faith, family and friends are what the Knights are all about. Being a member of the Knights of Columbus is a big part of many of our lives, never miss the opportunity to share that gift with others. Bringing a Catholic Brother into the Order is one of the greatest gifts you can give to a man and his family.

In the last month we have recruited at parishes that have primarily Vietnamese parishioners. Worthy State Deputy Mario Vassallo along with Worthy Washington DC Treasurer / Vietnamese Liaison Le Nguyen worked with several Brother Knights in the Phoenix and Tucson areas with the goal of starting new councils in each city and growing councils that have Vietnamese parishioners. One of these parishes was Our Lady of La Vang in Tucson. After a meeting with Father Francis Tran at the church, we were able to recruit at the Saturday and Sunday Masses. Brothers from other councils in Tucson and Sierra Vista came together for this event. We had 29 men showing interest in our Order. After two Admission Degrees later in the week, 7 men have joined the Knights of Columbus. One of the Degrees was held at the Vietnamese Parish on a Sunday between Masses. It was this Degree that reminded me why we need to grow. We recruit for our local councils, to start new councils and to give a parish like Our Lady of La Vang the Knights of Columbus. These men now have the opportunity to join 17,000 Arizona Knights and 2 million Knights around the world in serving their church, communities and families.

During the next month you will probably attend gatherings at work, with family and at your church. These are a great time to find that man that needs the Knights. Take the opportunity to tell them what we do, and what we can do for them. Our core principles of Charity, Unity, Fraternity and Patriotism will get the attention of any Catholic Man; it's your goal to help that man take the next step and join. Use the Online Membership site to get him immediately involved and excited about this opportunity. If that option doesn't work, invite him to a council activity with his family to see what we do.



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**State Membership Director – Bobby Nielsen**

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If your council has grown this fraternal year its time to build on that. If your council hasn't recruited any new members this year, now is the time. Every council should have a recruiting drive planned followed by an Admission Degree. If you need assistance in any way contact your District Deputy, any State Officer or myself.

Vivat Jesus!

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State Membership Director  
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**State Pro-Life Co-Chairman — Ed Eick**

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## Culture of Life Activities

Thanks to all the Knights who helped with the 40 Days for Life vigils at abortion clinics. We have 454 confirmed reports so far of babies saved from abortion. There are many heart-rending stories of mothers who changed their mind about having an abortion because of the 40 Days for Life vigils.

Our next Culture of Life opportunity for Knights is the March for Life. The big one is the bi-annual March in Phoenix on January 18, 2020, beginning with assembly at 11 AM in downtown Phoenix near Cesar Chavez Park.

The other marches are annual events in several areas including Tucson on Saturday, January 11, 2020, beginning with assembly at 10 AM at St. Augustine Cathedral.

St. Anthony's Council in Casa Grande will hold their March for Life on January 11, at Peart Park on Florence Blvd. The March will start around 10:30 AM. They will be joined by K of C State Officers and District Deputies from around the state. It will be one mile each way, closing out with the Laying of the Rose on the grave marker for aborted children at St. Anthony of Padua Church.

San Filipe de Jesus Council in Nogales will hold their March on a Saturday in March, 2020. More details will be available later and posted in a future Newsletter edition.

If Councils in any other cities are involved in a March for Life, please advise the State Pro-Life Director ([ArizonaEick@gmail.com](mailto:ArizonaEick@gmail.com)) so we can promote it in your area. Council Pro-Life Directors please begin promoting participation of Knights and their families in the nearest March for Life. If any Council is lacking a Pro-Life Director, WGKs should recruit a Knight to take on this role.

Marches, demonstrations, and protests have been proven to have a favorable impact on the causes they address. An important Pro-Life mission as Knights is to participate in the Marches for Life to increase the impact on Pro-Life issues.



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## **State Pro-Life Life Co-Chairman — Ed Eick (continued)**

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And finally, the really big March for Life in Washington D.C. takes place on January 24, 2020. We encourage you to gather a few friends, travel to D.C., and take part. To learn more about it and to make plans go to Washington D.C. visit their website at: <https://marchforlife.org/mfl-2020/rally-march-info/>.

More information is available for the March for Life in your area. If there is none in your area please consider car pooling to the nearest one. We need big numbers!

Ed Eick

State Pro-Life Co-Chairman



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## State Ceremonial Chairman Skip Hopler

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My Brother Knights,

**Degree news.** Many of you have heard that a resolution was submitted by the State of Illinois at the Supreme Convention recommending that the Order review and consolidate the Admission, Formation and Knighthood degrees into a single degree that is shorter but still presented our lessons of Charity, Unity and Fraternity to candidates. The Board of Directors was given the task to develop such a degree for Supreme approval and implementation. Given the long shadow of our ceremonial history, it was a daunting task.

The roots of our degrees trace all the way back to Fr. McGivney who, with the early first members, developed the First and Second degrees to present the lessons of Charity and Unity in one lesson. Later, the lesson on Fraternity was added by the Member Leaders. The culture during the late 19<sup>th</sup> century and much of the 20<sup>th</sup> century drove the Knights to refine their ceremonials to incorporate the idea of progressive development (successive degrees) and secrecy. After Vatican II, as the Church revived many of its earlier liturgies and adjusted its approach to more effectively serve the current culture of its members, the Knights needed to adjust to those same pressures from the emerging generations. Our younger members, the future of our Order, felt that the progressive degree sessions were too long and could be shortened and still teach the lessons of Charity, Unity and Fraternity. A major result was that more and more of our new members never progressed beyond the First Degree. They also objected to the secrecy associated with our degrees and in fact some saw it as an impediment to their joining the Knights of Columbus and that hindered our growth. These issues have been reviewed and discussed at the Supreme level for the last few years and this year the effort to reform our ceremonials is ready for release. Across the Order, we have witnessed a number of changes over the last few years to attract new members. These have included revisions to existing degree presentations, increased use of electronic media for communication, more dynamic and mediated advertising videos, electronic membership and revision of our Faith in Action campaigns. All of our recent Pontiffs have relied on the Knights to help in the evangelization efforts of the Church, especially in these trying times. The Church is struggling and needs committed Catholic men to defend her and evangelize others.





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## State Ceremonial Chairman Skip Hopler (continued)

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This is a vital mission of the Knights of Columbus and we need more informed and committed Catholic men to join our ranks. All these actions are geared to reaching out more effectively to new eligible candidates and building the “strong right arm of the Catholic Church”.

With that in mind, our new ceremonial is geared to presenting the lessons of Charity, Unity and Fraternity in one degree (much like Fr. McGivney did when he founded the Order) so that our candidates see the whole picture of what we are about in one session. There is no secrecy – this ceremonial can and should be given to members with their families in the audience, preferably in Church after Mass. The lessons have not changed, only the presentation style has changed and the secrecy has been deleted. After this degree the candidate is a full 3<sup>rd</sup> degree member.

Just as society changes, so our institutions (our Church and our Order) must adapt without compromising our beliefs or principles. This new ceremonial does that. The new degree is the work of many ceremonial specialists at the Supreme level who have been working on this for the last few years taking inputs from brother Knights, studying cultural changes in society and in our Church, and being sensitive to the needs of our upcoming younger candidates who are the future of our Order.

This New Degree will be presented to the members and their spouses at the Mid-Year Meeting on January 11, 2020 in Casa Grande. It is approximately 30 minutes long.

The progressive implementation of the new degree is left to the State Deputy in each jurisdiction and the old ceremonials can still be used during the transition. The new ceremonial was written to be delivered in person but will be available on a DVD which can be used much like we use the DVD for the First Degree.

We will have much more information at the Mid-Year Meeting. District Deputies will have an important role in helping the Arizona Jurisdiction make a smooth transition to the new degree.



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## State Ceremonial Chairman Skip Hopler (continued)

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Grand Knights are encouraged to attend since the new degree will eventually be the responsibility of individual Councils just as it is for the First degree.

This is such an exciting yet challenging time to be a Knight of Columbus! We need your active support more than ever in growing our Order through effective ceremonials. Be such men!

**Council Meetings.** Keeping up with Church teachings is important to our evangelization efforts. Here are some thoughts and ideas:

The Council Chaplain is an excellent source of this faith update at Council Meetings. Encourage him to attend Business Meetings and offer him the opportunity to speak. The Lecturer is also good resource for this type of continuation training – There are a number of Councils who take advantage of their Lecturer to present meaningful lessons on our Order or our Faith. This is his primary responsibility. But many other Councils miss out on the benefits if they do not have an active Lecturer or have one but do not encourage him to prepare and deliver lessons on Faith or the Order. One positive example I would like to share is Tom Bieger, the Lecturer for St. Helen's Council #11738. Tom is also a sacristan at his parish and at last month's Council Meeting, for example, he taught a lesson on the parts of the Mass and their meaning. Tom diligently prepares a short lesson for each Business Meeting and is really faithful in fulfilling his Lecturer duties for his brothers. His lessons are an outstanding way to refresh his Council members' knowledge and it is fun to learn. If you have a similar story about your Lecturer, please share it with me.

Newsletter articles can serve this purpose also. Ed Mattina, Grand Knight of Bishop Granjon Council # 4339, includes an article on the Catechism or some other faith-related topic in each issue of the monthly newsletter. This is another great source of continuing education.



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## State Ceremonial Chairman Skip Hopler (continued)

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Read “Into the Breach” by Bishop Olmsted. Our Phoenix Bishop’s book has become a Knights’ best-seller across the Order and excerpts are featured in Supreme’s periodic recruiting videos. You can find the publication at this address:

<http://www.kofc.org/un/en/resources/college/into-breach-study-guide-10458.pdf>

I strongly recommend that you attend the next degrees in your area and renew your knowledge of our principles. Refresh your commitment to our lessons. Our next three 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Degrees are as follows:

Sat, November 30, 2019, Our Lady of the Valley Council #6842, 505 La Canada Drive, Green Valley

Sun, December 15, 2019, Fray Francisco Garces Council #3855, 8066 N 49th Ave, Glendale

Sat, January 4, 2020, Immaculate Heart of Mary Council #1729, 310 W Spring Street, Somerton

Sat, February 8, 2020, St. Andrew the Apostle, Council #9482, 3450 W. Ray Rd., Chandler

Our next Fourth Degree will be held on Saturday, February 15, 2020, at Corpus Christi Church in Ahwatukee, 3550 E Knox Road, Phoenix, AZ 85044. Please start letting your Councils know about this Degree so that they can prepare their 3<sup>rd</sup> degree members to take their 4<sup>th</sup> degree.

As I mentioned last month, these Degrees are at the height of the holiday season and we are (rightfully) focused on family, but with a little bit of planning and commitment we can also support our brothers who are progressing through the Degrees as they pursue full knighthood in our Order. Plan ahead and spare a few hours to help us bring new members through these Degrees. They need our support and you will be happy that you attended, especially if you bring a candidate. Please remember to dress appropriately for the Degree. Trousers, collared shirt (Council shirt, if you have one), shoes (not flip flops). Let your candidates know this also.

Vivat Jesus,

Skip Hopler - AZ State Ceremonial Chairman

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## Formation & Knighthood Degrees — Green Valley — Council 6842

Saturday November 30, 2019

### Honoree: PSW Len Zimmerman

SK Leonard Zimmerman was born to Leo and Rosella Zimmerman on March 14, 1926 in Butler PA. He served In the Army Air Corps from 1944 to 1946. He was a member of the forces who occupied Japan after the war. He worked for Mountain States Telephone Company from 1949 until his retirement in the late 1980's.

Brother Len was a very active member of Our Mother of Sorrows Catholic Church in Tucson and was one of its founding members. He also served on the Parish Council. He became a Knight of Columbus on November 1, 1964. As a member of Regina Cleri Council 5133 he served in all council officer positions, including financial secretary and Grand Knight. Brother Len was elected on the Arizona State Council in 1979 and serves as State Warden during the 1979-1980 fraternal year.

He was a man who was always making others laugh and smile because of his sense of humor. He was very grounded in the Catholic faith which lead to a strong sense of serving others. Sir Knight Leonard Zimmerman passed away on November 13, 2019.



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## Planning the Month's Ahead

### DECEMBER 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT	2	3	4	5	6	7
8 SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT	9 IMMACULATE CONCEPTION	10	11	12 Our Lady of Guadalupe	13	14
15 THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT	16	17	18	19	20	21
22 FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT	23	24 Christmas Eve	25 CHRISTMAS	26 Boxing Day (CANADA)	27	28
29 THE HOLY FAMILY	30	31 New Year's Eve	1	2	3	4

Council Activity Tracker

ACTIVITY	# OF NEW CONTACTS	\$ DONATED	# OF VOLUNTEERS	HOURS OF SERVICE	TOTAL HOURS OF SERVICE

- Forms or Event Deadlines
- Important Dates
- Membership Activities
- Supreme Office Events
- Programming Activities

Things to Accomplish:	
	Journey to the Inn / La Posada
	Christmas Poster Contest
	Attend your district's Mid-Year Membership Meeting

Plan Ahead:	
	Assemble and prepare the information needed to complete your Annual Survey of Fraternal Activity (#1728) and to submit by the deadline (1/31/2020)
	March for Life (Washington, D.C.) & Walk for Life (West Coast)
	Free Throw Championship
	9 Days for Life
	Which prospects will you be inviting to the next activity your council holds?
	Plan ahead for programs taking place this winter

#### Reminders:

1. Check-in with your pastor and pastoral staff to make sure your council's program dates are on the parish calendar.
2. Ask someone to join your council.

## Other Publications of Interest

### Columbia Magazine

<http://www.kofc.org/en/columbia/index.html>

### Chaplains Report

<http://www.kofc.org/en/members/resources/leadership-communications/chaplain-report.html>

### District Deputy Reminder

<http://www.kofc.org/en/members/resources/leadership-communications/district-deputy-reminder.html>

### Fathers For Good

<http://www.fathersforgood.org/en/index.html>





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## Planning the Month's Ahead

### Formation and Knighthood Degree Schedule

The link below will provide you with the schedule of degrees, degree letters and also a link to the State Calendar for Admissions Degrees.

<https://kofc-az.org/exemplification-schedules>

The next two Formation and Knighthood Degree are:

Sun, December 15, 2019, Fray Francisco Garces Columbian Hall, 8066 N 49th Avenue, Glendale AZ Host Council #3855.

Sat, January 4, 2020, Immaculate Heart of Mary 310 W Spring Street, Somerton, AZ 85350 Host Council #1729

**Exemplification instructions may be found on the State website [www.kofc-az.org](http://www.kofc-az.org). In most cases registration begins at 9:00am. Information on the schedules will be updated as the information is received.**



### Patriotic Degree Schedule

The next 4<sup>th</sup> Degree Exemplifications are as follows:

Exemplification and Entry Forms on State Website

<https://kofc-az.org/patriotic-degree>

Date: Saturday, February 15, 2020

Assembly: San Xavier del Bac, Assembly 14

Location: 3550 E. Knox Road, Phoenix AZ 85044

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Location TBD





## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS OF ARIZONA

### KNIGHTS SERVING GOD SERVING THE COMMUNITY

### THIS IS WHO WE ARE, THIS IS WHAT WE DO

At the start of every fraternal year, it has become a long-standing custom in Arizona that the State Deputy introduces a new State Pin and logo design. During the organizational meeting last June, the Worthy State Deputy told the attendees, “This year’s pin design is meant to be a visual, daily reminder, of what we stand for and the depth of our commitment to serve God, our parishes, and our neighbors.”

Around the outer edge of the pin and logo design we find the guiding principles of the Order: Charity, Unity, Fraternity, and Patriotism. They remind us of who we are as Knights of Columbus and what we do.

Within the circle, an image of the State of Arizona is found at the center, emblazoned with the Emblem of the Order. This represents the Arizona State Council and its jurisdictional responsibility for all of the State of Arizona.

This year, the Worthy State Deputy has dedicated his administration to Our Lady of Guadalupe. 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 Guadalupe*** because they recognize her motherly concern for them.

Working under our theme of ***“Knights Serving God, Serving The Community, This Is Who We Are, This Is What We Do”***, the cross is included so that we are reminded that we are all children of God – Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. The cross also symbolizes the gift we received through the death of Jesus Christ – forgiveness of sin and a path to everlasting life.

Finally, included in the lower right portion of the logo are two small baby’s feet. These are included to remind us that we must always fight to preserve the sanctity of life from natural conception to natural death.

The Worthy State Deputy says that he hopes that the pin and logo will keep us focused on unity and fraternity as we perform works of charity in service to all.



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### 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

#### 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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**"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"**