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



## State Deputy's Message

December 2021



Dear Brother Knights,

I hope you had a blessed Thanksgiving as Sonja and I did with our families in Phoenix. It was nice to be in warmer weather. We are so thankful for all of you who support the entire State Council in our year of **Defenders of the Faith**, and I can't believe we are halfway through the fraternal year! Our programs continue to thrive in our Parishes and communities, our membership continues to thrive in the Order. This is a true sign of **UNITY** in Arizona. The Knights of Columbus should be a sign of unity in this age of uncertainly and chaos. It is a time for us to be courageous and answer the call for the love for Christ and his church.

As your State Deputy, I have implemented new ideas and have taken more risks to change the tone in our state. This is not about Me, it's about US. We need to be more empathetic, have more patience and evangelize the word of Jesus Christ. I truly believe that this will be our success, our story. This is the way to be true Catholic man. Our growth depends on empowering men to be better fathers and husbands. It's harder than ever to bring men into the faith which is why we push forward as never before to recruit, evangelize, and pray to bring new men into our order.

We are excited and look forward seeing all of you at the Mid-year meeting taking place December 3-4 at St. Andrews Catholic Church in Chandler. If you haven't registered, please visit the State website for more details.

The liturgical season of Christmas begins with the vigil Mass on Christmas Eve and concludes on the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord. During this season, we celebrate the birth of Christ into our world and into our hearts and reflect the gift of salvation born within him... including the fact that he was born to die for us.

Every Knight, regardless of their circumstances, deserves the dignity and consideration afforded by our Order, our faith and Christian charity and belief in the Holy Catholic Church. It is important that every Brother feels he is a **NEEDED, IMPORTANT, INVOLVED** and a **CONTRIBUTING** Knight of our brotherhood. Through our united efforts to retain current members as well as recruiting new ones, we will keep our Order strong and growing.

We are all Catholic Gentlemen who have sworn oaths to our God, our Pope, our Bishops, Priests and Religious orders to remain the Strong Right Arm of Holy Mother Church. We acclaim our Fealty to Her; we seek through the power of the Rosary and prayer the strength to remain true and loyal sons.

God Bless and Have a Very Merry Christmas  
Luigi Baratta, Arizona State Deputy

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### The message of the Angel. (Matt. 1:20)

*But while he thought on these things, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, "Do not be afraid, Joseph, son of David, to take to you Mary your wife, for that which is begotten in her is of the Holy Spirit.*



### December Intention Pope Francis

#### Intention for Evangelization - Catechists

Let us pray for the catechists, summoned to announce the Word of God: may they be its witnesses, with courage and creativity and in the power of the Holy Spirit.



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**State Chaplain – Father Gary Regula**

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Dear Brother Knights,

By the time you read this newsletter we will be through at least half of the first week of Advent. While that doesn't seem like much we know that this season seems to fly by, as there are so many events that vie for our attention. There are children's (and in some cases grandchildren's) pageants to attend. Some of us still take the time and write out and personalize Christmas cards to family and friends. There are those that find joy in baking, so they pull out the recipes handed down from generation to generation to ensure our sweet tooth is filled with sugary delights. We need to (that is if we have not already done so) put up the decorations and light displays in which we take great pride to show off our ingenuity to our families and neighbors who will see them.

So much to do, so much to plan and so little time to complete everything. However, we must ensure that we take the time we need to slow down and enjoy this season of awe and wonder. While we might not remember the first time we saw a Christmas tree, or heard the choir at church at midnight Mass (and if we are old enough, we will at least remember that was the first Mass of Christmas), the child in us opens our eyes wide when we see a beautifully decorated house or an exquisite Nativity set we have not seen before.

This is a season not of magic, but of miracles. It is the season in which we celebrate how our God loved, and loves us, so much that humanity was given the gift of a child. We know this child as Wonder-Counselor, Father-forever, Emmanuel (God-with-us). This child Jesus, is the Messiah long awaited by numerous generations. The one who would come and save the world from sin and death. Jesus is the reason that we say put Christ back into Christmas. However, if we just spend our time running around doing all types of things and do not prepare ourselves and our families during this Advent season then a magnet on the back of our car is just window dressing.

We need to take the time to prepare to give birth to Christ each and every day through our words and actions. As we do we prepare ourselves to welcome Christ when he will come again in glory. As we look back at the moment that the divine broke into time and space we remember how we are gifted and how a child will lead us. Let us share this story with our children and grandchildren and others. Let us tell everyone the joyful and glorious story of how God so loved the world that the Son of God was sent to us. Let us cry out with glad tidings to all we meet and be willing to serve Christ in all that are in our paths this year. They are not there to get in our way, but to slow us down and to recognize Christ in our midst each and every day. Let us prepare the way of the Lord with the greatest of all gifts, love, for what better way to celebrate the One who is love than being His love to the world. May all of us have a blessed Advent season and a Merry Christmas.

Vivat Jesus,  
Fr. Gary Regula



## Arizona Jurisdiction Star Councils 2020-2021

1032 ROBERT S. DRESSLER  
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 1806 TIMOTHY R. AVILA  
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 4339 EDWARD P. MATTINA  
 4737 JOE M. ARISMENDEZ  
 7159 ANTHONY GRUBBS  
 7243 MATTHEW J. CAMPBELL  
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 8077 BOBBY D. NIELSEN  
 8305 VINCENT DE PAUL MAYFIELD  
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 9838 MICHAEL S. HASTERT  
 10540 JOHN J. ROJAS  
 10832 KEVIN J. ANDERSON  
 11440 JOSE T. CERNA SR.  
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 12164 MARTIN C. PEREZ  
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 13272 MICHAEL J. STREFF  
 13278 CHARLES R. KOLESAR  
 13779 CARL E. NINK  
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 15576 JUDE M. FERNANDO  
 16277 SHAWN T. LYNCH  
 17036 GARY R. CLARK

For the 2020-2021 fraternal year, 1725 councils earned the Star Council Award, which recognizes outstanding achievement in membership, insurance and programming.

Here is a complete list of our Arizona Jurisdiction Star Councils. Entries in **RED** indicated Double Star Council Award, while those in **BLUE** represent Triple Star Council Awards.

### DD Q1 INCENTIVE – BUILDING THE FOUNDATION

Every district deputy whose district has an intake of 30% or more of the annual district quota will receive a Custom Knights of Columbus Polo Shirt and a coin or medallion depicting Charity. Similar contests will be run in each quarter and district deputies who qualify in all four quarters will earn the prizes for the [Year Long DD Incentive](#).

[1st-quarter-dd-Incentive-10-1-21-leaderboard.pdf \(kofc.org\)](#)

*Are You A Defender of the Faith?*

It's the beginning of a new fraternal year for the Arizona Knights of Columbus! Come celebrate with us by joining the Knights of Columbus online for **FREE!!**

1 year **FREE** Online Membership  
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 PromoCode: MCGIVNEY2020



Limited time offer, expires 12/31/2021

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**Defender of the Faith**



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## Supreme District Deputy Quarterly Incentives for 2021-22

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



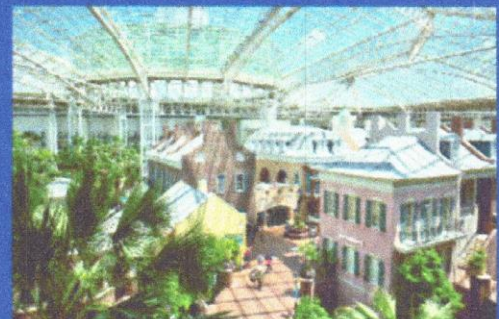
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## Supreme District Deputy Yearly Incentive for 2021-22

### District Deputy who achieves all four awards

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





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State Secretary – Tom Kato

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TO: Grand Knights, Financial Secretaries

FROM: Patrick T. Mason, Supreme Secretary

DATE: November 24, 2021

SUBJECT: January 1, 2022 Assessments

Given the gradual return to normalcy in council operations, the Board of Directors voted to reinstate the assessment process beginning January 1, 2022, which had until now been waived during the COVID-19 pandemic. The standard assessments are as follows:

- **Per Capita** assessment in the amount of \$1.75 will be levied on the membership of record as of January 1, 2022 (excluding honorary and exempt members).
- **Catholic Advertising** assessment in the amount of \$0.50 will be levied on the membership of record as of January 1, 2022 (excluding honorary and exempt members).
- **Culture of Life** assessment in the amount of \$1.00 will be levied on the membership of record in the United States and Canada as of January 1, 2022 (excluding honorary, honorary life, exempt and inactive insurance members).

Thank you.

cc: Board of Directors  
State Deputies  
District Deputies



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State Program Director – Tom White

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Brothers,

Sunday, November 28<sup>th</sup> was the beginning of Advent. The beginning of the new Liturgical year. We anticipate the birth of Jesus in the stable in Bethlehem and also anticipate an exciting month of preparing for Christmas celebrations with our families.

As Knights, we are nearing the halfway point of our fraternal year. Have you been an active volunteer with your council? Has your council been active within the parish and community? Are you helping your pastor in getting your parish “back to normal”?

If the answer to those questions is YES, thank you. If any of those can be answered NO...why is that? Our order’s working model is Faith in Action... to evangelize our faith through serving our communities. Did you become a Knight to serve your communities with your brother Knights; or just to pay annual dues and go to a monthly meeting?

If your council is active, jump in and help. Volunteer for council programs; help out. Get to know your brother Knights. If your council is not active, be the guy that leads. Volunteer to chair a program; recruit others to help. Be a leader. It often only takes one or two men to get a council back on track. Active councils are visible in their parish and will recruit new members.

## **RSVP Program**

A big thank you to St Juan Diego Council 16277 and GK Mike Rimbey. The council held a fundraiser that collected \$8000. The council donated the entire amount to the RSVP program, giving 16 seminarians \$500 each. This is a very worthy program; our seminarians benefit from whatever amount they receive. Thank you brothers for your generosity.

## **DECEMBER PROGRAM OF THE MONTH**

The December POM is Keep Christ in Christmas. There are many ways for your council to participate in this program. Once you’ve completed a program in this category, please submit a form 10784 to Supreme then send me a copy. Thank you.



## **SOCCER CHALLENGE**

The state soccer challenge was held on Sunday, November 28<sup>th</sup> in Tucson. There were 9 competitors in all. Great job by State Youth Chairman Jeff Nielsen and members from his council in organizing a site for the competition then helping set up the goals and tracking shots and points.

My wife Jan and I wish all of you a very Merry Christmas!

Vivat Jesus

Tom White

State Program Director

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The resort hotel in Rio Rico is in the process of totally remodeling. The owner has offered to give all the old furniture to our Knights of Columbus Council. The amount of furniture is enormous. We cannot possibly sell it all. It would be a shame for all this handcrafted pine furniture taken to the dump and crushed.

Currently there are 92 entertainment centers (about 6 feet tall). There are 40 three drawer dressers. And about 16 end stands. We have been selling a four-piece set (one entertainment center, one three drawer dresser, and two end stands for \$100. We of course sell individual pieces for a proportional price. If one of our councils were willing to take a significant number of pieces, we would be glad to work out a donation amount.

We really would hate to take any of this to the dump. Would love to find a home for every piece. Think about contacting us.

Contact: Douglas J Cook Grand Knight Council 14583

Douglas Cook PO Box 4137 Rio Rico AZ 85648 [dougirenecook@mediacombb.net](mailto:dougirenecook@mediacombb.net)

(520) 603-0247 cell

(520) 281-2318 home





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## Mission: Make a Difference

- Brother Knights, Ladies and Friends:
  - We all can be part of this mission.
  - Councils can hold Suitcase Drives
  - Brother Knights can ask friends, neighbors, or just GO SHOPPING!
  - Individuals can collect like new Suitcase or organize drives
- Potential Centers
  - OCJ Foster Kids (602) 439-2171
  - Catholic Charities (Accept New Suitcases ONLY)
  - New Leaf (480) 969-1691
  - New Hope (623) 628-3453
  - Helen's Hope Chest for Fosters (480) 969-5411
  - AZ Helping Hand (480) 889-0604
  - U-turn: Foster housing / rehoming outlet in Mesa (480) 600-7673
- Contact us, Dave and Carol Kasper
  - They have collected and distributed about 350 suitcases in the last 8 months

Phone: (847) 769-1195

Email: [cdkasper65@sbcglobal.net](mailto:cdkasper65@sbcglobal.net)

*Scottsdale*  
**FIESTAS**  
**NAVIDEÑAS**

At The Old Adobe Mission

<p><b>Saturday</b> <b>December 11</b> Fiestas Navideñas Festival 6:30pm - 11:30pm <small>Live Performances, Music &amp; Las Mañanitas a la Virgen de Guadalupe</small></p>	<p><b>Sunday</b> <b>December 12</b> Miracle of the Roses Reenactment 2pm - 3pm <small>Followed by a devotional celebration til 6pm</small></p>
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ARIZONA *life* COALITION

Join  
*Evangelist Alveda King*  
at the  
The Arizona For Life March and Rally

*Saturday*  
**January 15th, 2022**

Gather at 10:30 am  
Downtown Phoenix

[www.azliferally2022.org](http://www.azliferally2022.org)  
QR Code



**2022 March for Life**  
**January 22, 2022**  
**48<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the devastating Roe v. Wade**  
**decision**

Event details

**9:00 AM MASS AT ST. AUGUSTINE CATHEDRAL**  
**192 S. STONE**

**10:00 MARCH FOR LIFE BEGINS AT CATHEDRAL**  
**MARCH 4.2 MILES TO HOLY HOPE CEMETERY**  
**355 N. ORACLE RD**

**12:00 MEMORIAL SERVICE FOR THE UNBORN**



In response to a number of questions on presenting the Charity, Unity and Fraternity (CUF) degree this outline will help you get your candidates through the CUF degree process.

- **Script:** download it at the Supreme\_website under red “**For Members**” action link > **Ceremonials**. (No login req’d) Link: [For Members - General Members | Knights of Columbus \(kofc.org\)](#) Download scripts, video, “Guidelines for Conducting Exemplifications” and Form 450 (Degree Exemplification Report Form ). Here is the preferred order of precedence for exemplifying new or advancing candidates.
  - 1. Council teams presenting live (back up is to use the online video with members in the audience to support the candidates).
  - 2. Regional teams – live and virtual. First Saturday of each month. Must register (see schedule and contact info below)
  - 3. “On Demand” – candidate signs in, registers, then views the video virtually on Supreme website. Available 24/7, no login req’d but invite is available to send to your candidate (English or Spanish). Notification is sent to the gaining Council.

- **Council Teams**

This is the preferred method of exemplifying candidates. Candidates learn and feel welcome when accompanied by fellow Knights. Key points:

- Grand Knights form teams using good speakers/readers
- The degree is presented strictly in accordance with the rules and dress code in the Supreme script.
- Reading the parts is acceptable. Practice as you would for being a Lector
- No certification required. However, the Grand Knight is the team captain and is responsible for the quality of the degree presentation.
- GKs: take responsibility for putting on their own degrees whenever they need them.
- When other councils attend degrees outside their own council, the host council should insure that the visiting council is documented on the Form 450.

- **District Teams**

DDs can form teams from multiple councils and are encouraged to do this especially if their councils are having difficulty fielding a whole team. Some key points to remember:

- DDs are responsible for the quality and fidelity of all degrees in their district.
- Use Regional Teams to help grow local District teams
- Insure that all degrees in the District are reported on Form 450.



- Regional Teams**

Regional teams are sponsored by the State Council and serve two functions:

1. Present virtual CUF degrees (with a live attendance option) each month under the supervision of the Team Captain. The host council is that of the Team Captain. However, Councils sending candidates are responsible for supplying the New Candidate kits (rosary, pin, “These Men They Call Knights”) to their new members.
2. Assist GKs and DDs in training council teams within their local area. This can include putting on degrees at the request of a local council to help in training the new council team.

- Pick a degree option**

So, what choices do I have for offering a CUF degree to someone I want to bring into my council? Here are some options for you:

1. Get your Council or District team to put on a degree in your parish.
2. Bring your candidate to another council that is putting on a live degree in your area.
3. Attend a Regional Degree (in person or online) on one of the dates below. Register on the State website under State News > Exemplifications [Exemplification Schedules \(kofo-az.org\)](http://kofo-az.org)

<b>Online CUF Schedule – Regional Teams 2021 – 2022</b>					
<i>DATE</i>	<i>DAY</i>	<i>Team</i>	<i>Team Captain</i>	<i>Producer</i>	<i>Host Contact</i>
8/7/21	Sat	#10540	Jim Walsh	Jim Walsh	Jim Walsh
9/4/21	Sat	#3855	Eric Barna	Jim Walsh	Eric Barna
10/2/21	Sat	#10762	Pete Karculias	Pete Karculias	Pete Karculias
11/6/21	Sat	#11738	Len Rheaume	George Dusold	Len Rheaume
12/4/21	Sat	DD #18	Larry Lickfelt	Larry Lickfelt	Larry Lickfelt
1/8/22	Sat	#10540	Jim Walsh	Jim Walsh	Jim Walsh
2/5/22	Sat	#3855	Eric Barna	Jim Walsh	Eric Barna
3/5/22	Sat	#10762	Pete Karculias	Pete Karculias	Pete Karculias
4/2/22	Sat	#11738	Len Rheaume	George Dusold	Len Rheaume
5/7/22	Sat	DD #18	Larry Lickfelt	Larry Lickfelt	Larry Lickfelt
6/4/22	Sat	#10540	Jim Walsh	Jim Walsh	Jim Walsh

St. Anne's #10540 Chandler	Fray Garces #3855 Glendale	Frank Perri #10762 Tucson	St. Helen's #11738 Glendale	Yuma District #18 Yuma	Fr. Novaha #1229 Flagstaff
DD Jim Walsh 480-772- 3094	GK Eric Barna 401- 474- 4285	PGK Pete Karculias 520- 975- 7362	FDD Len Rheaume 602-738- 5608	DD Larry Lickfelt 712-223-2907	FDD Pete Kloeber 928-890-7500



1. Ask a nearby Regional team to come to your parish and put on a degree.
2. In your parish, set up a group screening of the Supreme website video (you can download it onto a “jump drive”) and present it on a big screen TV with candidates, members and observers in attendance.
3. Sit down with a candidate one-on-one and watch the video together. Report completion to the Fin Sec.
4. Send an e-invitation to the candidate to register and watch the “On Demand” degree. Completion will be automatically reported by Supreme Ceremonials to the GK and Fin Sec.

- **Follow -up**

Once your candidate has completed his degree you must make sure that the follow up paperwork is submitted so that the State gets credit and the candidate is properly advanced on the Supreme rolls.

1. Once your candidate completes his degree (by any of the above methods) a Form 450, ***Degree Exemplification Report Form***, must be submitted. Usually the District Deputy or the GK submits this to Supreme, the State Deputy and the State Ceremonial Chairman. However, if a candidate receives his degree in a one-on-one setting this must be reported on a Form 450 also. Ask your GK to submit this for you. This is even more important than before because now, there is a minimum number of exemplifications required in the State to qualify for “Circle of Honor” status at the end of the fraternal year. The Form 450 is the record of those exemplifications.
2. The candidate’s status must be officially updated by the Fin Sec either through a Form 100 (new candidates) or by documenting in Membership Services (e-members and advancing members).

Please remember that candidates deserve to be offered their CUF degree as soon as possible after they are recruited. Depending on the circumstances and urgency of the need, the above choices should provide this opportunity for every new candidate.

As usual, please reach out to me with any questions or concerns. I am here to help your ceremonials be successful.

**Skip**

E. “Skip” Hopler

Ceremonial Chairman

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State Family Director – Joseph Shanks – [hotrodtiki@aol.com](mailto:hotrodtiki@aol.com)

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## Family of the Month Program

- 👑 All Submissions will be entered using the online Form #10784
- 👑 Due date for all submissions is still the 15<sup>th</sup> of each month to Supreme
- 👑 Once submitted you will receive an email from Supreme
- 👑 Print out the information for your records
- 👑 Also email a copy of the information to [hotrodtiki@aol.com](mailto:hotrodtiki@aol.com)
- 👑 This will used for the Arizona State Family of the Month Program
- 👑 ***I would like to get over 100 of these submissions every month***
- 👑 Remember, it *does not* have to be a Knights of Columbus Family

## Supreme Family of the Month Council Participation for the Month of October 2021

Councils Participating were:    1229                    8077                    10832

**Council Winner for Arizona Jurisdiction was Council 8077 – William McEwen**

## Arizona State Family of the Month Council Participation for the Month of September/October 2021

Councils Participating were:    0

**Council Winner for Arizona State – None submitted**



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Dear Brothers,

What special celebrations we have in the month of December! Our Lady's feast, the feast of the Immaculate Conception when we honor Mary as having been conceived without original sin. What an honor, too, for her mother, St. Anne, and father, St. Joachim, to have that blessing, literally the grandparents of our Lord! Then we celebrate Christmas and the Word made flesh who dwelled among us. "For a child is born to us, a son is given to us; upon his shoulder dominion rests. They name him Wonder-Counselor, God-Hero, Father-Forever, Prince of Peace." (Isa 9:5)

I'm sure your family, like mine, has its traditions at Christmas. There is decorating a tree and the house both inside and out, shopping for that perfect gift, and the preparation of the special meal. Maybe you start the real celebration by attending Midnight Mass. And perhaps this year it will mean a return to a houseful of relatives around your Christmas dinner table. I hope and pray that you and your family find peace and joy during this season!

As we approach the end of the year I want to thank each of you for the trust you've placed in the agency. We have been able to help so many brother Knights and their families with the services and products that the Order has available to protect Catholic families. We consider it an honor to be able to serve you as your agents. One way we may be able to serve you better is to make sure you respond to the survey that was sent from the Supreme Office recently. While some snail mail is still delayed, you should have received it. Answering the survey will help me serve you better. If you like convenience you may want to complete the survey online. Please be sure to check your contact information and make sure it is correct. If you have not yet received your survey, please let your agent know.

Have a very Merry Christmas! Let's be thankful for all the graces and gifts that God has blessed us with, especially the gift of his Son!

Vivat Jesus!



The Raso Agency







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After 76 years, remains of 19 year old Sergeant First Class Frank Vejar were returned home to Douglas, Arizona for burial November 17.

Arizona District Master Drew Mansager and Former District Marshal Tony Otero provided an Honor Guard for his Mass and burial.

SFC Vejar was listed Missing in Action in November 1950 after the Battle of Chosin Reservoir. Two Douglas friends, with whom he enlisted after high school, are still MIA from the same battle.

"As members of the Patriotic Degree we started following SFC Vejar's story back in September," Mansager said. "Having his services in the middle of the week made it difficult for more Sir Knights to attend, but the family and pastor were very thankful for the Knights' Honor Guard."

The Fort Huachuca Honor Guard provided Full Military Honors at the Cemetery.



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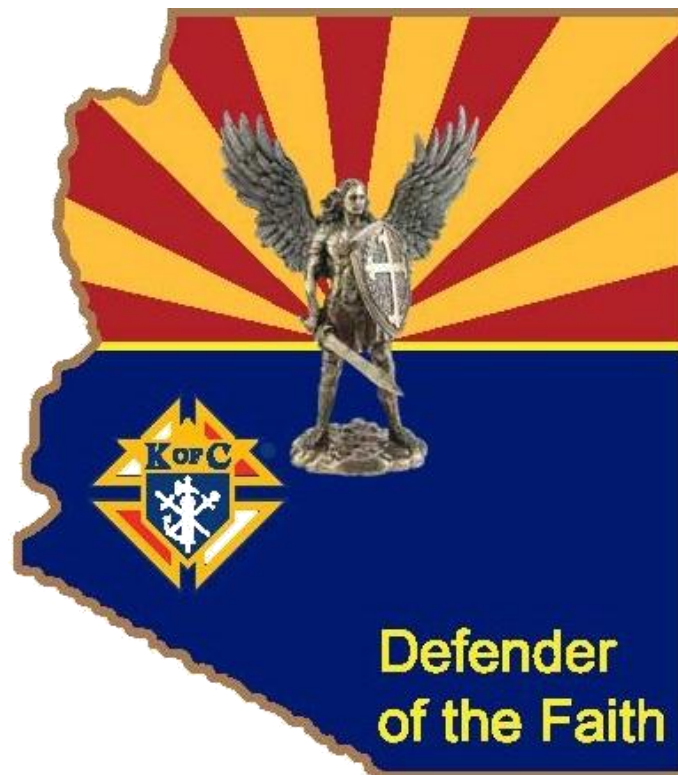
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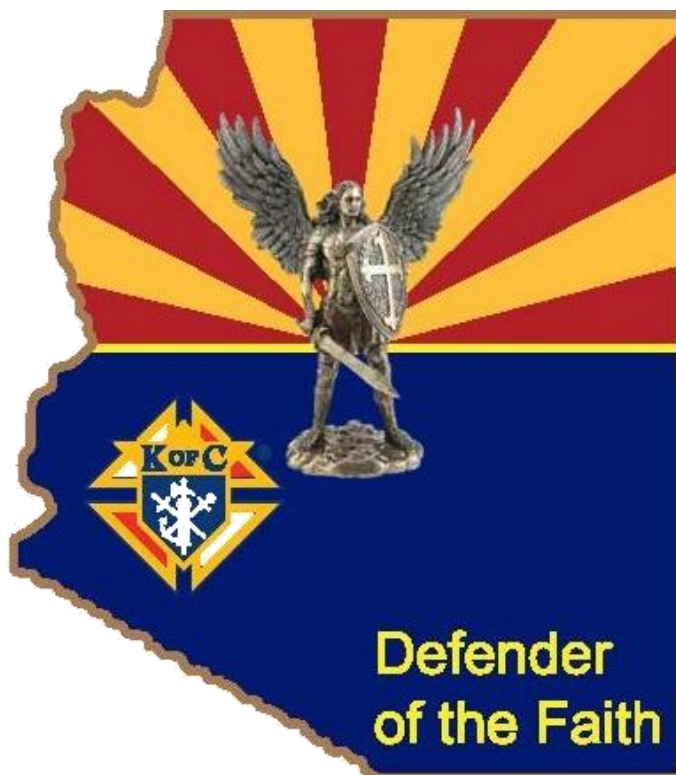
In Roman Catholicism Saint Michael has four distinct roles. First, he is the *Enemy of Satan* and the fallen angels. He defeated Satan and ejected him from Paradise and will achieve victory at the hour of the final battle with Satan. Secondly, he is the *Christian angel of death*: at the hour of death, Saint Michael descends and gives each person the chance to redeem oneself before passing. Saint Michael's third role is *weighing peoples' merits* (hence the saint is often depicted holding scales) on Judgment Day. And finally, Saint Michael is the *Guardian of the Church*.

Saint Michael is viewed as the commander of the Army of God. From the time of the apostles, he has been invoked and honored as the protector of the Church. Scripture describes him as "one of the chief princes" and the leader of heaven's forces in their triumph over the powers of hell.

Saint Michael defeats Satan two times, first when he ejects Satan from Paradise, and then in the final battle of the end times when the Antichrist will be defeated by him. Noted hagiographer Alban Butler, defined the role of Saint Michael: "Who is like God?" was the cry of Archangel Michael when he smote the rebel Lucifer in the conflict of the heavenly hosts. And when Antichrist shall have set up his kingdom on earth, it is St Michael who will unfurl once more the standard of the cross, sound the last trumpet, bind together the false prophet and the beast and hurl them for all eternity into the burning pool.

Saint Michael is the traditional prototype of the *spiritual warrior*, a paradigm extended to other warrior saints. This conflict against evil may at times be viewed as an interior battle. The concept of the warrior saint has extended to other Catholic saints, beginning with examples such as Saint George and Saint Theodore of Amasea.

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Saint Michael is one of the angels presumed present at the hour of death. Traditionally, he is charged to assist the dying and accompany them to their particular judgment, where he serves as an advocate. Cemetery chapels are often dedicated to him, where Masses are offered in his honor on behalf of the departed.

In Catholic tradition, on Judgment Day Saint Michael weighs souls based on their deeds during their life on earth. Saint Michael is often portrayed in art with scales. This role of Saint Michael was depicted by Michelangelo on the ceiling of the Sistine Chapel. In this depiction, angels hold up two books: the smaller book held by Saint Michael records the names of the blessed, while the larger book is a list of the damned.

The tradition of Michael as prince-protector of the Jewish people was adopted by the Christian Church. Saint Michael has long been recognized as the protector and guardian of the Church itself and the angel of the Blessed Sacrament. In a 2007 address Pope Benedict XVI urged the bishops he was ordaining to take Michael as a model in making room in the world for God, countering denials of him and thus defending humankind's greatness, and in acting as "true guardian angels" of the Church. Saint Michael is also the guardian angel of the pope and has been invoked as the patron and guardian angel of many countries as well as specific professions.

The Prayer to Saint Michael reads:

*"Saint Michael the archangel, defend us in battle. Be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the Devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray, and do thou, O Prince of the Heavenly hosts, by the power of God, cast into Hell Satan, and all the evil spirits who prowl about the world, seeking the ruin of souls."*

Amen