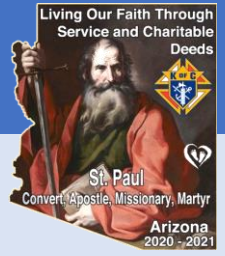




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KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS OF ARIZONA
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State Deputy's Message

February 2021



Brothers,

I Hope all of you are doing well and staying safe. There is some hope on the horizon as vaccinations against the Covid-19 virus are distributed. Let us pray that in about a month or two we will be in a situation in which we might be able to start meeting in-person again.

This past month we witnessed the inauguration of a new president. No matter your personal feelings nor your political stance, we have new representative leadership in Washington D. C. I call on you to join me in prayer for all our elected leaders that they uphold the sanctity of life and support religious freedom. I also pray for conversion of the hearts of those who do not choose life.

Also, this past month we commemorated the 48th anniversary of the Supreme Court ruling of Roe v. Wade that legalized the abortion of babies in the womb up to the time of birth. Since this ruling in 1973, there have been approximately 62 million people killed through abortion. Let us pray for their souls. Please also pray for those who work in the abortion industry so that their hearts be converted to support life not death. We must continue to actively engage in our pro-life activities and pray for an end to the killing of babies.

On January 7-9, we held our annual Mid-Year Meeting in a virtual format. It was well attended by District Deputies, State Directors and Chairmen, Grand Knights, and Brother Knights. The information we shared with those in attendance was well received and will help us complete this fraternal year strong.

One of the topics we discussed was the state of our membership Intake. We are past the halfway point of the year and we are currently at about 40 percent of our goal. We have five months in which to attain our intake goal. We need to do better in order to meet our COH goals. To help in our recruiting efforts, the first-year emembership dues are still being waived through June by using the code MCGIVNEY2020. In addition, we have added several new incentives.

The Council Per Capita Incentive will waive State Per Capita dues for councils with the highest percentage gain in membership during the second half of the fraternal year. The Grand Knight Growth Incentive

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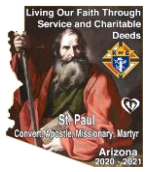
Violence Against Women

We pray for women who are victims of violence, that they may be protected by society and have their sufferings considered and heeded.



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cash award will go to the top ten recruiting Council Grand Knights. They will also receive the book on the history of the Knights of Columbus and a Father McGivney medal. These incentives will supplement the State Recruiter incentives, Star Recruiter Incentive, and Star Council Recruiter. More information on the incentives can be found in the Membership tab of the state website. To sweeten the pot a little more, the Supreme Council introduced a new award for the top recruiters during the months of January and February. The top recruiter for each jurisdiction will receive a \$100 Visa gift card. Let's finish strong Brothers.

We propose an enhancement to the Leave No Neighbor Behind program by adding to it a recruitment component. Through this addition to the successful Leave No Neighbor Behind program, Grand Knights can partner with parish pastors and offer Council Knights to check on his parishioners' wellbeing. These phone calls are a great tool for inviting men to join the council. Not only can we check on the needs of fellow parishioners, our neighbors, but we can have a conversation with them about membership in the Knights. What a great way to introduce them to the Knights, then by showing them how this one program works to connect with each other during these times of physical separation.

Brothers, it's never too early to start making plans for our 2021 State Convention. Saint Anne Council 10540 will be hosting the 114th Annual Arizona Knights of Columbus State Convention. The dates for the convention are May 21-22, 2021. The location for this year's convention is the Embassy Suites by Hilton in Scottsdale. Information about the convention, how to register, and how to book a room at the hotel can be found on the convention website: www.azkofcstateconvention.org. The website is up and running. You can also get to the site from the State Council website. Make your plans to attend, in person, God willing.

Lent is approaching and will begin February 17 on Ash Wednesday. For the 40 days that follow, we will, like Jesus Christ, brave the desert wilderness and prepare ourselves for the Passion, Death, and Resurrection of the Lord. This is a time of examination, of penance, and of alms giving. Focus on those behaviors, habits, and thoughts that prevent you from a better relationship with God. What sacrifice will you make this Lent? The physical world offers so many distractions and opportunities to sin. Don't give in my brothers. Be strong. God wants you to be with Him. We are not of this world; we are part of the Kingdom of God.

In the 9th Chapter of Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians, Saint Paul uses a sports analogy to drive home his point. The point, I believe he was trying to make is that if we are not preparing ourselves for eternal salvation as an athlete would prepare for a race, we are likely to have the prize of salvation taken from us. He said,

"Do you not know that the runners in the stadium all run in the race, but only one wins the prize? Run so as to win. Every athlete exercises discipline in every way. They do it to win a perishable crown, but we, an imperishable one. Thus, I do not run aimlessly; I do not fight as if I were shadowboxing. No, I drive my body and train it, for fear that, after having preached to others, I myself should be disqualified (1 Corinthians 9:24-27)."



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Brothers, let us go forth to train our thoughts, words, and deeds, to not only preach the Gospel of Jesus Christ, but to live our lives in such a manner as to be a shining example of God's love, to ensure we finish the race in good stead.

Please, everyone, stay healthy, be safe, take good care of your families, friends, neighbors, and brother Knights. Blessed Michael McGivney, pray for us!

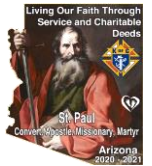
Vivat Jesus!

Mario Vassallo
State Deputy



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State Chaplain – Father Gary Regula

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Brother Knights,

“Sir my concern is not whether God is on our side; my greatest concern is to be on God’s side, for God is always right.”

The above is a response that Abraham Lincoln gave to one of his advisors during the course of the Civil War. The advisor was stating that he was grateful that God was on the side of the Union during the war. As we can see Lincoln did not miss an opportunity to set the advisor straight, and I wonder if his words should also set us straight at this time in history. What a challenge it can be for us who at times may have assumed that God is there to support our plans, our perspectives, our decisions and our desires.

Just a few weeks after our country has celebrated the inauguration of the 46th President of these United States of America, lines of division have been drawn up. With those lines people on both sides are saying yet again that God is on their side so they must be right. How sad it is that we still think like that advisor, and do not just simply seek to be on God’s side.

We may or may not like the people who have been elected to serve our country, but shouldn’t we be focused on ourselves first and foremost? Yes, we may judge a person (and oh how easy that is to do), but if we are on God’s side shouldn’t we let only God be the judge? If we push this point further, should we even judge a person who is still living, for doesn’t even God wait until we are dead to judge us? We may seek to only associate with people that have the same opinion (yes, battle lines are drawn with the media that we turn into for our news coverage), but didn’t Christ go to the homes of even those who were plotting against him? Did Christ not listen to what their perspective was when he asked the question, “what are you thinking in your hearts?” No doubt he pointed out the error of their way, but he always listened first to those who had a different opinion. Do we listen first to what others may say, for there is the possibility that they may teach us something as well, or do we believe we know what they will say and do not listen? Which side is the side of God?

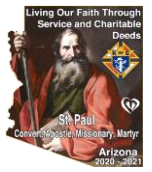
Do we talk as if we have all the answers and that we know the mind of God? If so, we should listen to the advice of St. Augustine and let it go as what we are holding onto is not God, but the spirit of the evil one. Our country and our church are in need of people who are not self-righteous, who look down upon others. We need to ensure that our words and actions show that we are not on this side or that side, with the us or them group, we need to strive to ensure that we are on God’s side. While Lincoln’s sage advice is a beckon call, we should seek the wisdom given to us by Jesus himself. “Repent and believe in the Gospel.” His words call us to look at ourselves and instead of pulling out the splinter in our sister’s or brother’s eye, we need first to pull out the wooden beam from ours. Then we can see clearly that our concern should first and foremost be that we are on God’s side and not simply assume he may be on ours.

Vivat Jesus,
Fr. Gary Regula



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State Secretary – Luigi Baratta

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Dear Brother Knights,

I wish all my Brothers and their families a Happy New Year! Let's all pray 2021 will be a better year and let's pray an extra Rosary to the end of the Covid-19 pandemic. I sent out the 2nd half Per Capita and many of our Councils have submitted payment. **Did your Council? Please check with your Financial Secretary after reading this monthly KOCO A to ask 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 **DO NOT REQUIRE A VOTE.** So please send your payment along with the invoice. The check needs to be written to AZ Knights of Columbus not STATE SECRETARY or Luigi Baratta.

Don't forget St. Valentines Day is coming around the corner. No man wants flowers or candy, they want a membership into the Knights! The love of being a Knight will last forever. Our precepts of Charity, Unity, Fraternity, and Patriotism stand at the heart of our religious and civil duties. Brothers, like you need to reach out to all Catholic men who have similar beliefs, similar ideals, and similar love for our Catholic religion and have them join the Knight of Columbus!

Please remember to pray an extra Rosary for those who have passed and those who are suffering during the epidemic. Currently, we have many Brothers and their loves ones affected by Covid! Reach out to those elderly Brothers and their families who may need our help. Sometimes a simple phone can cheer them up.

May God bless you and your families,

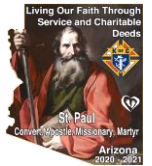
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State Treasurer – Tom Kato

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Listening....Are our ears open?

Brother Knights,

Fr. Rey Clutario from Corpus Christi Catholic Church in Phoenix said in his homily on January 17: God gave us 2 ears and 1 mouth in order to listen more than we talk.

The question that popped into my head: who and what are we listening to? In this time of COVID, we have been listening to a lot lately: to the news and to the politicians. And we have also been reading a lot (another form of “listening”) of news stories on the internet, Facebook, or other sources. Some have become angry, annoyed, unforgiving. Some have become discouraged and depressed at what the media is throwing at us. Is it what we should be “hearing”?

At the Transfiguration, MT 17:5, God says to Peter, James, and John: This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; *listen* to Him.

Do we heed God’s message? In this time of pandemic, when we seem to be more isolated than ever before, let us open our hearts, our minds, and our souls to “listen” to the Word of God. This can be done in a multitude of ways.

- 1) **Bible in a Year** - Ascension Press has a free plan to read through the Bible In a Year! Fr. Mike Schmitz walks you through how to do this through a podcast or through reading yourself! <https://ascensionpress.com/pages/biy-registration>
- 2) **Works of Mercy** - How is this listening? Jesus tells us the true guides to happiness at the Sermon on the Mount with the Beatitudes. These closely tie to the Corporal and Spiritual Works of Mercy. In your council, you perform a lot of these already! We need to continue to do this, especially now! There are 14 ways we can go down this path of “listening”.
- 3) **Adoration** - There are many slots open for adoration at Corpus Christi and other parishes. Can’t commit to once a week? Find a partner or 3 and commit to once a month, switch into weeks with your partners. Spend an hour with Jesus in the true presence of Him in the Eucharist! Clear your mind and open your ears to hear what He is telling you!

Brothers, it may be time to turn off the nightly news and limit your time on social media. This may be a good time to open the “Good Book”! This may be a good time to put aside all distractions and listen to God’s message!

Vivat Jesus!

Tom Kato
Arizona State Treasurer



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State Program Director – Tom White

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Brothers,

It is February and we are more than half way through the fraternal year... how are your councils progressing? How many points have you accumulated towards earning the Columbian Award? How many new members have joined your council?

Hopefully, the answer to both questions is at least 50% of the total your council needs in both categories. There is a definite correlation between adding new members/ programs being performed. We have more than a few councils that have reached and/or surpassed their membership goals already. A few councils have almost earned enough points to achieve the Columbian Award this year.

If your council has had difficulty recruiting, has had difficulty getting programs done, Supreme has sent help your way. The Faith in Action guide has multiple suggested programs in the four required categories. The folks at Supreme have sent out a Remote Programming Supplement, in which they describe multiple options to perform the suggested programs either remotely or safely in small group settings. The supplement was emailed this week to every DD and GK in the state. It was attached to an email from our WSES Rick Garrison. If you don't remember receiving this email, go back to check your spam or unread emails. Every GK and council program director needs to study this supplement.

Councils that have remained active may be running out of ideas; or they are heavy with programs in one category and light in other categories... this supplement should help to stimulate some new programming ideas. Remember, to earn the Columbian Award you must have 4 points in EACH category. If your council has remained stagnant so far, take a hard look at this guide, there are definitely programs that can be done by everybody. Active councils recruit new members; if any year has ever proven that statement it is this year.

If you cannot find the email, this supplement can be found on the FIA resources page at: kofc.org/fiaresources (form 11139 Remote Programming Supplement)

UPCOMING EVENTS

40 Days for Life - runs from February 17th through March 28th

Free Throw Contest – these may be held at the council level as long as it can be done following covid guidelines. Order kits in preparation for the contest. District and State level contests are pending based on future covid conditions.

State Raffle – there will be a state raffle this year. Tickets are out to the DDs. GKs please coordinate with your DD to receive your council's allotment.

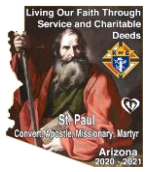
VIVAT JESUS!

Tom White



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SANDWICH SQUAD

Our Lady of the Rosary Council 13272 in Oro Valley started “The Sandwich Squad” after a few Knights were thinking of additional ways to assist Casa Maria Soup Kitchen. These thoughts were shared with a representative of Casa Maria and the Regent of the Court Mother of Mercy #2709 at St Mark Catholic Church. We were told of another parish in Tucson that had been preparing and delivering meals to Casa Maria. The idea was taken to our pastor about preparing and delivering meals. The pastor approved of the idea and Sandwich Squad was born.

At first it was one weekend a month, but soon after COVID hit, it went to every weekend. The parish had been handling the donations and the expenses for supplies, but because of COVID, our pastor asked that the Knights take over and thus it has been mostly a Knights run program. We say mostly, because the Catholic Daughters are still a part of it as are some parish parishioners.

Supplies are purchased late in the work week and then Saturday mornings, starting about 8am, the assembly of the meals takes place and when completed they are taken to Casa Maria.

GETTING THE STATE VACCINATED

Councils 14583 in Rio Rico and 16856 in Tubac along with Councils 15164 and 17005 both from Nogales, were asked to assist at Covid-19 vaccination locations in Rio Rico to distribute shots at the city community center in Nogales. The Knights have been asked to run the registration table at the front door and then conduct sanitation of all furniture where patients have sat. Knights were also asked to monitor post vaccination patients for 30 minutes looking for any reaction to the shot. This operation could last for two months or more. Knights are also taking names of volunteers and scheduling them.



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START A CONVERSATION

St. Mary Magdalene Council 13779’s Grand Knight asked the council members to engage men, have a conversation with them... ASK THEM TO JOIN! The Council has brought in 3 sons of current members, including the Grand Knights! Additionally, the Grand Knight has created a K of C interest packet and has asked the parish office to give this packet to all new men in the parish as well as to current male parishioners who have asked about the Knights.

SERVING YOUR PARISH

Holy Cross Council 7904 in Mesa has many Knights helping St. Vincent De Paul. Knights make food donations each month as well as volunteer manpower in the food pantry. Additionally, Knights coordinated a Food for Families and Coats for Kids drive. As if that wasn’t enough, Knights coordinated a showing of the movie Unplanned with the parish Family Life group.

OUTDOOR MASS DUTY

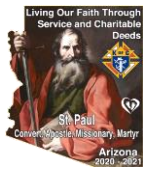
Roy Champeau Council 8077 in Tucson saw a need for live outdoor Masses to be offered when the Diocese of Tucson paused all indoor Masses in January due to Covid concerns. Working with their pastor and the parish staff, Knights assist in setting up and putting away chairs for 4 masses each weekend. The job required over a hundred chairs to be set up in a properly socially distanced environment. This was the first-time regular Mass was held outside at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton.

Does your Council have a Faith in Action Program that you would like to share with others? Send the information to Arizona Programs Director Tom White at: programs@kofc-az.org



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State Membership Director – Bobby Nielsen

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My Brother Knights,

What is the name of your parish pastor? What is the name of your associate pastor? Do you have a seminarian serving at your parish? I'm sure you know the answers to these questions. You are a Knight of Columbus, in service to one, in service to all. And we are always there to serve our clergy. This need will continue well beyond our lifetimes, so who will be there when the call comes from our church leaders in the future? Recruiting is the responsibility of every Knight. The men we recruit today will serve in the future as we do today. Are you doing your part? Have you offered membership in the Order to a Brother Catholic? This is the challenge we face, not for a prize or recognition, but to make sure our church has the help it needs for future generations.

Over 75 Arizona Councils have added at least one man to their roster this fraternal year. But there are over 160 eMembers that are on the Officers Online Prospect Tab. These are Knights of Columbus that want to join a specific local council. We must do a better job of getting these Knights to attend a Charity, Unity and Fraternity Exemplification. Your council may need to get creative to accomplish this. You have several options; the first is the live Arizona online CUF that is offered twice a month. Also available is the Supreme scheduled or on demand CUF. Maybe a couple of Knights can sit with the eMember and watch the exemplification on a laptop. It can be that simple and will take less than 45 minutes. Just like recruiting, take care of these brothers one at a time. Don't look for the big exemplification we would see prior to Covid. Do what you can do. Don't worry about what you can't do.

For the month of February, every council needs to have a recruiting plan. Focus on what you can do within the rules of your parish. A picture is worth a thousand words, so the images below should answer the question "How do I recruit new men?". Use the tools that we are given, and remember, when all else fails, **start a conversation!**

The collage features several recruitment tools:

- Arizona State Knights of Columbus flyer:** "The Worker, Patron of Fathers, Zealous defender of Christ." It includes text about Pope Francis declaring 2020 the Year of St. Joseph and a call to join for free.
- Spanish flyer (Caballeros de Colon):** "Somos hombres de acción, seguimos nuestra fe y hermandad para ayudar a los demás." It encourages men to help others and join the organization.
- Portrait of a man:** A central oval portrait of a man in clerical attire.
- Blue box:** "YOU ARE BORN A MAN. YOU BECOME A KNIGHT. Join today. Visit KofC.org/JoinUs"
- Membership Form:** "JOIN THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS TODAY!" with fields for name, email, date of birth, and address. It includes checkboxes for baptism status and practicing Catholicism.



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Keep Christ in Christmas Chairman – Dennis Schauer

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Brother Knights,

A special thanks to the councils, schools, and children who participated in the 2020 Keep Christ In Christmas Poster Contest. The winners at the state level are:

Ages 5 - 7

1st Place	Thaddeus Bird	Council 9312
2nd Place	Karissa Rueda	Council 10799
3rd Place	Luci Agar	Council 9312

Ages 8 - 10

1st Place	Christain Paz-Gil	Council 12708
2nd Place	Isaac Agar	Council 9312
3rd Place	Abigail Bird	Council 9312

Ages 11 - 14

1st Place	Monseratt Castillo	Council 9312
2nd Place	Keyla Rueda	Council 10799
3rd Place	Nadia Rodriguez Espinoza	Council 9312

The 1st place winning posters are being forwarded to Supreme for judging in the national contest.

Vivat Jesus!

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Culture of Life Chairman – Ed Eick

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Brother Knights,

Get ready! This is the last big opportunity during this fraternal year to serve God by assisting in God's creative work. It's the 40 Days for Life campaign during Lent in which we help mothers and fathers chose life for their babies.

How much better is it to get out of your comfort zone and do something for Lent rather than give up something?

The campaign runs from Ash Wednesday, February 17th to Palm Sunday, March 28th in five cities: Flagstaff, Phoenix, Glendale, Tempe, Tucson.

Please join us to pray on the sidewalks at abortion centers. We are non-confrontational. We gain converts, mothers who come to the abortion centers then change their minds after seeing us, and abortion workers who quit their jobs in the abortion centers.

If asked we refer them to nearby caring, pro-life pregnancy centers to help them through their troubled time at no charge.

Go to [40 Days for Life](#) select Arizona for the state, then choose a site for the vigil. Each website has a schedule for volunteers, individuals, or Knights and their families. Pick your days and times to pray at the abortion site.

Here's an idea: Your K of C Council selects several days, or a day of the week for several weeks to staff one vigil site all day. Life Directors can organize this!

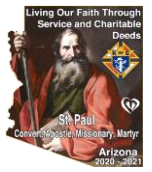
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Hispanic Recruiting Coordinator – Luis L. Leyva

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As we reach our fraternal mid-year we can only look up, at all the havoc that Covid-19 has inflicted into our society, our communities are struggling. We the Knights of Columbus are striving to mitigate the suffering of our Brothers and Sister, we are giving a continue support to our Church, our Priest. This is who we are... for us to keep doing this, is by increasing our Order membership.

We need to focus on reaching out the Hispanic Community and other Ethnic groups that attend our Parishes and work in our communities. For consecutive years, the State of Arizona continues to grow with Hispanics moving from other States to settle here, most of them from neighboring California. Communities near around Yuma and Phoenix are experiencing the most growth.

Due to this migration, we are experiencing a greater number of Hispanics attending mass at our Churches and this bring the potential of us growing in numbers each of the Councils where these new parishioners are worshipping. Most of these families are more comfortable speaking Spanish, therefore, if we break the language barrier by making them feel inclusive, we will enrich not only our Councils, but also our Parishes and communities.

We can always point out that we have Spanish Speaking Councils but also, let start promoting Council round-tables. We are currently working in a few possible sites in the Metro Area of Phoenix on establishing new Spanish Councils. In Tucson, at Our Lady of La Vang we are working on establishing a Vietnamese Round-table possible a Council with the help of a few brothers that speak the language.

As District Deputies we have the obligation and duty to identify those Parishes within your District that may have the possibility of starting new Councils, specially those that may have greater number of Hispanics of any other Ethnic group.

The State Hispanic Membership Recruitment team it's at your disposal to assist you with any projects that you may develop.

If you have any questions or requests, please reach out to me.

BROTHERS, AS KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS:

WE BELIEVE - Living our faith boldly makes a difference

WE CHOOSE - To live according to the gospel, which is different from the narrative offered by secular society.

WE AVOID - Each and every activity that separates us from God.

We start a new year, and this marks the half of our fraternal year, as per Supreme Council our jurisdiction is in 27th place with only 40.64% of our recruiting quota. The state of Arizona continues to receive Hispanics who are migrating from California in large numbers, we can see it in our parishes where more and more Hispanics attend Holy Masses.

Brothers, once again I invite each one of you to recruit a Catholic man to join our Order. If only each Council of the 154 that we have in Arizona, recruited 4 (four) new members, we would have 616 new Knights of the 558 that we need to complete our quota for this fraternal year. It is our great MORAL commitment to honor the legacy of Blessed Father McGivney by growing our Order by offering every Catholic man the opportunity to join the Knights of Columbus to support our Families, Parishes, Communities and at the same time, help them grow spiritually with Jesus Christ. and under the maternal mantle of Our Lady Santa María de Guadalupe.

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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Llegando a la mitad del año fraternal solo podemos ver hacia el pasado, vemos todos los estragos que Covid-19 ha infligido en nuestra sociedad, nuestras comunidades continúan luchando contra esta nueva normalidad. Los Caballeros de Colón nos esforzamos por mitigar el sufrimiento de nuestros hermanos y hermanas, estamos brindando un apoyo continuo a nuestra Iglesia, nuestro Sacerdote. Esto es lo quienes somos y para poder continuar haciendo esto, debemos aumentar nuestra membresía en nuestra Orden.

Debemos enfocarnos en llegar a la comunidad Hispana y otros grupos Étnicos que asisten a nuestras parroquias y trabajan en nuestras comunidades. Durante años consecutivos, el Estado de Arizona continúa creciendo con Hispanos que se mudan de otros estados para establecerse aquí, la mayoría de ellos del vecino Estado de California. Las comunidades cercanas a Yuma y Phoenix están sintiendo este crecimiento de mudanza.

Debido a esta migración, estamos viendo a un mayor número de hispanos que asisten a misa en nuestras iglesias y esto trae el potencial de que crezcamos en número en cada uno de los Consejos donde estos nuevos feligreses están adorando. La mayoría de estas familias se sienten más cómodas hablando español, por lo tanto, si rompemos la barrera del idioma haciéndoles sentir inclusivos, enriqueceremos no solo a nuestros Consejos, sino también a nuestras Parroquias y comunidades.

Siempre podemos indicarles que tenemos Consejos de habla Hispana pero también, debemos promover las Mesas Redondas de los Consejos. Actualmente estamos trabajando en algunos posibles sitios en el área metropolitana de Phoenix para establecer nuevos Consejos en español. En Tucson, en Our Lady of La Vang, estamos trabajando para establecer una mesa redonda Vietnamita, posible un consejo con la ayuda de algunos hermanos que hablan el idioma.

Como Diputados de Distrito tenemos la obligación y el deber de identificar aquellas Parroquias dentro de su Distrito que puedan tener la posibilidad de iniciar nuevos Consejos, especialmente aquellos que puedan tener mayor número de Hispanos o de cualquier otra Etnia.

El equipo Estatal de reclutamiento Hispano está a su disposición para asistir con cualquier proyecto que pueda desarrollar.

Si tiene alguna pregunta o solicitud, comuníquese conmigo a su mayor conveniencia.

HERMANOS LOS CABALLEROS DE COLON:

CREEMOS – Que vivir nuestra fe con valentía hace una diferencia

ELIGIMOS – Vivir de acuerdo con el evangelio, que es diferente a la narrativa que ofrece la sociedad secular.

EVITAMOS – Todas y cada una de las actividades que nos separan de Dios.

Empezamos un nuevo año y esto marca la mitad de nuestro año fraternal, a nivel Supremo nuestra jurisdicción se encuentra en el lugar 27 con solo el 40.64% de nuestra cuota de reclutamiento. EL estado de Arizona sigue recibiendo hispanos que están migrando de California en grandes cantidades, lo podemos ver en nuestras parroquias donde cada vez asisten mas Hispanos a las Santas Misas.

Hermanos, una vez más les invito a cada uno de ustedes a reclutar a un hombre católico a formar parte de nuestra Orden. Si tan solo cada Consejo de los 154 que tenemos en Arizona, reclutara 4 (cuatro) miembros nuevos, tendríamos 616 nuevos Caballeros de los 558 que necesitamos para completar nuestra cuota de este año fraternal. Es nuestro gran compromiso MORAL de honrar el legado del Beato Padre McGivney haciendo crecer nuestra Orden ofreciéndole a **todo hombre católico** la oportunidad de unirse a Caballeros de Colon para apoyar a nuestras Familia, Parroquias, Comunidades y a la vez, ayudarles a crecer espiritualmente con Cristo Jesús y bajo el manto maternal de Santa María de Guadalupe.

Recuerden, que **SOMOS HOMBRES CATOLICOS CAMBIANDO VIDAS.**

Vivat Jesus! Luis L. Leyva Coordinador de Membrecía Hispana



Brother Knights,

February, we turn to the entire Holy Family—Jesus, Mary and Joseph.

The special devotion which proposes the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph as the model of virtue of all Christian households began in the 17th century. It started almost in France – the Association of the Holy Family was founded by the Daughters of the Holy Family in Paris in 1674.

This devotion soon spread and in 1893 Pope Leo XIII expressed his approval of a feast under this title and himself composed part of the Office. On account of the flight into Egypt this feast has been observed by the Copts from early times.

The feast was welcomed by succeeding Pontiffs as an efficacious means for bringing home to the Christian people the example of the Holy Family at Nazareth and by the restoration of the true spirit of family life, stemming, in some measure, the evils of present-day society.

In the words of His Holiness Pope Leo XIII, ***“Nothing truly can be more salutary or efficacious for Christian families to meditate upon than the example of this Holy Family, which embraces the perfection and completeness of all domestic virtues.”***

February 14th – Valentines Day

Let’s begin by examining what little is known about the life of St. Valentine, the namesake of Valentine’s Day. St. Valentine of Rome lived and ministered as a priest during the reign of the Roman Emperor Claudius, in the early 200s. Claudius began to understand that single soldiers fought more vigorously and valiantly than married soldiers, that is, they were willing to die more readily for the Empire. So, he made it illegal for young men to get married. In direct violation of the Emperor’s edict, Valentine performed clandestine marriage rites for the young couples. That’s how he came to be a patron of young lovers. For these illegal, but Christ-centered acts, Valentine was martyred in about the year A.D. 269.

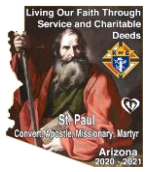
Take note, though, that St. Valentine was not simply a patron of *romance* in the way we think of it today. He was committed to uniting young men and women in the Christian understanding of marriage: one man and one woman, until death do they part. He was a priest of the Catholic Church, and he was martyred for his faith in the Lord, and for his commitment to Christian love and marriage. Even if we are to celebrate St. Valentine, we should do so from this angle.





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State Family Director – Joseph Shanks - continued

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The Virtual Catholic Conference is offering two free conference opportunities coming in the months of February and March. Register today for free and learn how to share these events with your parish and diocese. Register free today to take advantage of special events.



[2021 National Catholic Mens Conference \(virtualcatholicconference.com\)](http://virtualcatholicconference.com)



[2021 National Catholic Womens Conference \(virtualcatholicconference.com\)](http://virtualcatholicconference.com)

A Pastoral Letter from the Office of Bishop Thomas J. Olmsted

[O Sacred Feast - A Pastoral Letter from Bishop Olmsted To all the Faithful of the Diocese of Phoenix - The Roman Catholic Diocese of Phoenix \(dphx.org\)](http://dphx.org)

[O Sagrado Banquete - Una Carta Pastoral del Obispo Olmsted - The Roman Catholic Diocese of Phoenix \(dphx.org\)](http://dphx.org)

Family of the Month Program

The Arizona State Council this Fraternal Year further enhanced this program by presenting to the Family of the Month an award recognizing their contributions to the Catholic Faith, their Parish and their Community. We would like to have more Councils contributing to this program.

The winners of Family of the Month for January 2021 for the Arizona State Council are SK "Major" Michael Armstrong and his wife Cathy. Mike has recently gone to the Lord on January 9, 2021. Mike had served in several areas in Council 11809 and Assembly 1673. Mike had also served on the Pastoral Council Building Committee. Both him and Cathy have served the Parish of Our Lady of Lourdes in various groups including the Ladies Auxiliary, Catholic Daughters, Ladies Guild, etc. Mike was one of the major reasons for our success with Club 25 and the sales of Arizona State Raffle Tickets. May we keep Mike and Cathy in our prayers.



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State Blessed McGivney Guild Chairman – Pete Karculias

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Worthy Brothers,

Have you joined the Father McGivney Guild? The purpose of the guild is to promote the cause of Canonization of our founder, Blessed Michael McGivney. Father McGivney was declared Blessed on October 31, 2020 at a special mass after a proclamation was made by the Holy Father confirming a miracle attributed to his intervention. You can view all the details including videos of the Mass, the story of the miracle and much more on www.kofc.org.

Did you know?

As of January 1, the Order has about 1.8 million members. The McGivney guild has about 177,000 members which represents about 9.8% of our membership (realize that not all Guild members are Knights).

In Arizona, we have about 17,149 members and there are 5,082 Guild members which represents about 29.5%. We can take pride in Arizona that our Guild participation is well ahead of the Order's we can certainly do better.

Join Today

Membership in the Guild is free, there is no cost or obligation. Upon joining you will receive a periodic newsletter from the guild discussing Blessed Michael McGivney and the progress of his cause for canonization. The Father McGivney web site provides more information, and you can post requests for favors and report any favors received.

Joining is easy: simply visit www.fathermcgivney.org and click "Join the Guild" near the top of the page. You can enroll your spouse at the same time.

Pete Karculias
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State Ceremonial Chairman – Skip Hopler

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Brothers, as we continue to invest our new candidates and advancing members into the Third Degree we continue to use the online resources until we can once again meet in person. It is, sadly, an impersonal way to induct our new members with virtual exemplifications, but we must continue to grow our membership and advance our First and Second Degree members to full Third Degree membership. Right now, the COVID-19 danger outweighs the desire to return to live presentations too soon. The risk of a deadly outcome from the virus for even just one of our candidates or attending members is too much to risk when we have plausible alternatives.

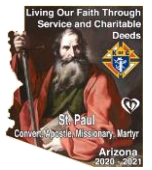
Last month we reviewed the online resources for attending a CUF Degree online and I had an interesting question from a DD at the Mid-year meeting, and it was a great one. He asked why don't we use the Supreme virtual exemplification video or the "On Demand" video for all our exemplifications instead of the semi-monthly online Degrees by our Arizona Regional Teams? The Supreme videos are available anytime and that makes them more convenient to use. Well, in my opinion, there are a few reasons why I prefer to have our new candidates attend our AZ online (or a Council generated online) Degree. First of all, the Supreme videos were originally made for training Council teams and the presentation is directed primarily to the audience in the video. That makes it somewhat impersonal. Our AZ Team presentations are conducted by local brother Knights who might already be familiar to the new candidates or may become familiar to them as their involvement expands in their Councils and Districts. In addition, during local AZ presentations, the candidates are actively engaged in signing the Constitutional Roll, responding online (in front of their brother Knights and families) to the promises of a Knight and interacting (in real time) with the Team Presenters. Secondly, in our AZ Exemplifications the new members are welcomed by a local Grand Knight and our State Deputy (or his representative) who deliver messages that address AZ programs and opportunities. This includes the introduction of the AZ Degree Honoree's biography and story. Finally, the AZ Degree allows for online socialization and introductions and an opportunity for our Field Agent to interact with the candidates. Bringing in a new member with a local Council Team presentation is always the preferred method of inducting new members. However, many Councils do not yet have their teams formed and rely on other virtual ways to bring in new members. Given the advantages of using our local State degree resources (over the Supreme resources) I strongly encourage you to bring candidates to the semi-monthly degrees as a better option than just asking a candidate to "go watch the Supreme video".

Here are the remaining AZ State Degrees for the remainder of this Fraternal Year.



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<i>DATE</i>	<i>DAY</i>	<i>Team</i>	<i>Team Captain</i>
2/13/21	Sat	#10540	Jim Walsh
2/27/21	Sat	DD #18	Larry Lickfelt
3/13/21	Sat	#3855	Eric Barna
3/27/21	Sat	#11738	Len Rheaume
4/10/21	Sat	#10762	Pete Karculias
4/24/21	Sat	#1229 ?	Pete Kloeber
5/8/21	Sat	DD #18	Larry Lickfelt
5/22/21	Sat	#3855	Eric Barna
6/12/21	Sat	#10540	Jim Walsh
6/26/21	Sat	#10762	Pete Karculias

You can also access this schedule on the State website under the drop down “State News” >> “Exemplification Schedules”. The candidates and members wishing to attend can register and sign up for the link to the degree at this same location. One-stop shopping.

For those Grand Knights who are forming your own teams, you can download the latest Charity, Unity and Fraternity script on the Supreme website under “for Members” (no logon required). This script is new and contains the latest updates including references to now “Blessed Michael McGivney”.

Some of the local Councils and Districts are now performing their own CUF degrees (online or using the Supreme video) and we need to keep track of those Exemplifications, so please remember to send in your completed Form 450 to Supreme, the State Deputy and the State Executive Secretary. Send copies to the State Ceremonial Chairman (ehopler@cox.net) and the State Membership Chairman (membership@kofc-az.org). See you at the next AZ CUF Degree.

As usual, for any Ceremonial questions please reach out to me. I like hearing from you.
Vivat Jesus,

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Silver Rose Chairman – Robert Julien

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Silver Rose Tour 2020

Brothers, the Silver Rose is an outward symbol of our Blessed Mother's devotion for the sanctity of human life. As Knights of Columbus, it is our responsibility to bring this message to all of her people.

This year, 2020, Arizona was honored to host the Silver Rose twice. Little did we know a pandemic was about to rock the world. The COVID-19 pandemic forced Supreme to halt the start of the Silver Rose tour in mid-March just as it was getting underway. After more than two months and with wisdom and hope from the Supreme Council, the Silver Rose was released to continue its tour in early June. This was our time! Unfortunately, Arizona would have it for a shorter than predicted period. Yuma DD#18 Larry Lickfelt could only receive the Silver Rose and immediately transferred it to Tucson.

Because of the pandemic, directives from Supreme were for virtual tours where possible. This was not part of our plans. Despite these restrictions, the Arizona Knights of Columbus made it work with more than 1,200 venerating the Silver Rose and Our Lady of Guadalupe in the Diocese of Tucson.

The second Silver Rose tour began September 27, 2020 at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Kingman. The Silver Rose was officially transferred from California to Arizona with a Columbia magazine photographer capturing the transfer. Present for the transfer were; California PSD Joseph Salaiz, Silver Rose Chairman Jerry Fong, Arizona DD#17 Wes Hawkins, Fr Victor Yakubu and myself. The photograph and brief story of the transfer are published in the January 2021 Columbia Magazine.

This second tour brought the Silver Rose to the northeast part of our state. A location the Silver Rose has not traveled to in several years. It moved from Kingman to Williams, Seligman, Ash Fork and Flagstaff before heading south to Prescott Valley. Finally, the Silver Rose entered the Phoenix valley before heading to White Mountains, then on to New Mexico.

The results for the 2020 Arizona Silver Rose Tour placed Arizona "among the largest turnout for any jurisdiction" according to Supreme Life Program Manager Drew Dillingham. 13,000+ (in-person and virtual) believers prayed to Our Lady of Guadalupe, traveling nearly 1,100 miles. Support of this program by the Arizona Knights of Columbus strengthens the belief of the sanctity of Human Life and message Our Lady of Guadalupe brings to her people.

My thanks to all the district deputies, grand knights, parishes and councils that participated in the 2020 Silver Rose Tour.



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Silver Rose Chairman – Robert Julien

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Silver Rose Tour 2021

Arizona will once again host the Silver Rose – twice.

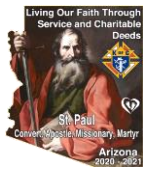
1. First, May 24th through June 20th ,2021 arriving in Yuma
2. Second, October 12th through October 31st ,2021 arriving in Kingman

The Silver Rose tours are successful only because of the support of you, my brother knights. I urge you to begin now talking with your council leadership and your priests, urge them to get involved.

Because of the limited dates, especially in the Diocese of Phoenix, let me know the dates you would like to reserve. Please keep in mind the Arizona Rosary Celebration has already reserved Friday October 15th through Sunday October 17th.

Please contact me should you have any questions please contact me.

AZ Knights of Columbus State Silver Rose Chairman
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Catholic Citizenship Essay Program

2020 Arizona Knights of Columbus Catholic Citizenship Essay Contest

I would like to thank all the entries for the Catholic Essay Contest. At the State level, we had 10 entries representing 7 Councils. We had entries for each of the 5 grade levels (8th to 12th).

A special thanks to the judges of the contest. They provided the difficult job of grading the essays.

Congratulations to the State winners.

Grade	Name	Council	District
8 th	Monica Massell	4208	11
9 th	Sasha Loghe	12164	14
10 th	Garrett Beem	8077	4
11 th	Hannah Lichtenwalter	10540	8
12 th	Sarah Lopez	10540	8

Soccer Challenge and Free Throw Championship

Brother Knights,

The virus has been a challenge scheduling the Soccer Challenge and Free Throw Chamionship.

At this time, I am not comforable setting a date and time for at State Level competition. If a Council can do their compitition and can do so under safe conditions, they can do so. I know we are all interested in holding their events, but we need to do this under conditions established by our church and our Order.

Please contact me if you have any questions or suggestions.

Fraternally,

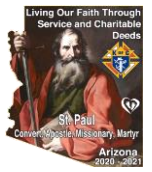
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Brother Knights,

Planning for AZ Rosary Celebration (ARC) is beginning. We will honor Mary under her title, Our Lady of Sorrows.

We will soon begin to have meetings with Tucson and Phoenix Steering Committees to lay the plans for this year's celebration. We are expecting (praying and hoping) that we will be able to have these events in person rather than virtual. Only time will tell. It takes many of the faithful to make these events successful. If you are interested in serving on one of the many committees associated with ARC, please let us know. It takes many people to make it all happen. Contact us at: azrosary.net.

A Prayer for Protection in Time of Pandemic

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.

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