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## State Deputy's Message

Brothers,

Mary Ann and I wish you and your families the happiest of New Years as we enter the second decade of this century. We pray that you can build on the accomplishments and challenges of the past year, so that the new year is better and brighter materially and spiritually. Make 2020 about giving to God, family, and community, of yourself, your love, time, talents, and treasure.

We have many great opportunities waiting for us in the coming months. I invite every Knight to make an effort to participate at the parish, council, and/or statewide levels in the months ahead. I ask you to focus on Faith, Family, Community, and Life efforts to grow the Church through evangelization of our faith and the Order by extending a hand to Catholic men who would benefit from membership in the Knights.

This January we have two major events to which I invite every District Deputy, State Director and Chairman, Grand Knight, Financial Secretary, Council Officer, and Council degree team member to attend. This year's State Council Mid-Year meeting will be held January 10-12, 2020, in Casa Grande. The host council for the meeting is Fr. Patrick J. Murphy Council #3136, St. Anthony of Padua Parish in the Diocese of Tucson. The main meeting on Saturday will be held at St. Anthony's Community Center, 150 N. Drylake St., Casa Grande, AZ 85122. Registration packages are found on the state website: [www.kofc-az.org](http://www.kofc-az.org).

District Deputy training will also take place on Friday afternoon and Sunday morning at the Holiday Inn, 777 North Pinal Ave., Casa Grande, AZ 85122.

This year there are several unique activities that will be part of the meeting. District Wardens are highly encouraged to attend for specialized training that will help them be more effective in their roles. A special registration form for District Wardens can be found on the state website for those who want to attend.

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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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During the Saturday meeting we will adjourn at 10:20 A. M. so that Knights and family members can join in Casa Grande's Pro-life March and Rally. This coincides with the Tucson Diocese Pro-Life March and Rally in Tucson. Bring your council banners to process with during the March. Also, don't forget your walking shoes and Rosary beads for a short stroll down the street while praying to end abortion.

Many of you have already heard that the Supreme Council is introducing a new degree format that will provide a new Knight candidate an opportunity to receive all three degrees, Admissions, Formation, and Knighthood, in one exemplification ceremony. Attendees will have an opportunity to learn more about the new degree and observe the ceremony up close and personal during the Mid-Year meeting. Councils are encouraged to bring candidates with them to be some of the first to be exemplified during this new ceremony.

January is also the month in which we remember the 1973 Supreme Court decision that gave way to the legalized murder of nearly 61 million babies through abortion. On or about the anniversary date of the decision, rallies and marches are held to publicly pray that this horrible decision is overturned, that abortion ends, and that workers in the abortion industry experience a conversion of heart and refuse to lift another hand against the unborn.

The March in Tucson will take place January 11, 2020 at 10:30 A. M. starting at St. Augustine Cathedral, 192 S Stone Ave. Following a 9:00 A. M. Mass at the church, marchers will gather in the parking lot and then March 4.2 miles to Holy Hope Cemetery, 3535 N. Oracle Road. Upon arrival at the cemetery, about noon, a Pro-Life rally will be held and is open to the public, including marchers and those who could not march. The march will take place rain or shine. Bishop Weisenburger will be participating and presiding.

On January 18, 2020, in Phoenix, people will gather for the bi-annual Pro-Life March and Rally at 10:30 A. M. on Washington Street, adjacent to Cesar Chavez Memorial Plaza, 201 W. Washington. After a brief address, the march will begin at about 11:30 A. M. The march will proceed West about one mile to Wesley Bolin Plaza at the State Capitol, 17<sup>th</sup> Avenue and Washington/Adams. The Pro-Life Rally, with guest speaker Abbey Johnson, former Planned Parenthood Clinic Director and best-selling author of the movie Unplanned, will begin at 12:30 P. M. The rally will conclude at 2:00 P. M. If you can't march, attend the rally. Support the sanctity of life!

Coming up on February 1st is the Phoenix Catholic Men's Conference. The conference will be held at Xavier College Prep Performing Arts Center, 4710 North Fifth Street, Phoenix. The theme this year is "*Catholic Men Linked as Brothers.*" What a perfect theme for the event this year as our own Supreme Knight Carl Anderson will be a principal guest speaker. I strongly urge every Knight to attend this event designed to spiritually nourish, energize, and uplift. Registration is now open, so do not delay, sign up today as seating is limited. The event website is [www.cmfp.org](http://www.cmfp.org).

Our fraternal year is not over yet, we're just beginning. Get everyone aboard the bus, put it in high gear, and head to the finish line. Let's make it a strong finish! Yes, that means that we need to start preparations for the State Convention in May, begin composing any resolutions to present, start thinking about State Awards submissions, elect your council delegates, sell State Charitable Raffle tickets, and hold elections for your council officers. Also, you have ample time to complete required service programs for Columbian and Star Council eligibility. Speaking of the Star Council Award reminds me to mention membership and insurance.

Seriously brothers, **do not deny** a Catholic man the honor of becoming your brother *by not asking* him to join the Knights of Columbus. For that man's sake, for the sake of his family, for the sake of his parish, for the salvation of his soul, please ask him to join us. Membership in the Knights is not about the numbers, but about answering God's call to evangelize the faith, and to sustain our members' families through excellent insurance programs. Grow the Order, grow the faith. This is who we are. This is what we do.

Vivat Jesus,

Mario Vassallo,  
State Deputy



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## State Secretary's Message

Dear Brother Knights,

I wish all of you a Happy New Year! Let's make 2020 the greatest year for the Arizona jurisdiction by recruiting more Catholic men to preserve our faith and culture. With that said, I personally need your help!! I will be mailing out the second per capita assessment in January. This assessment is paid to the Arizona state council not Supreme. Please keep in mind assessments that are owed to the State council or Supreme do not require a council vote, so please submit payment as soon as possible. The State runs on a very tight budget and we need all Councils to pay their assessment so we can keep our operation costs down. If you do not receive an invoice by February 1st, 2020, please contact me directly.

Vivid Jesus,

May God bless you and your families,

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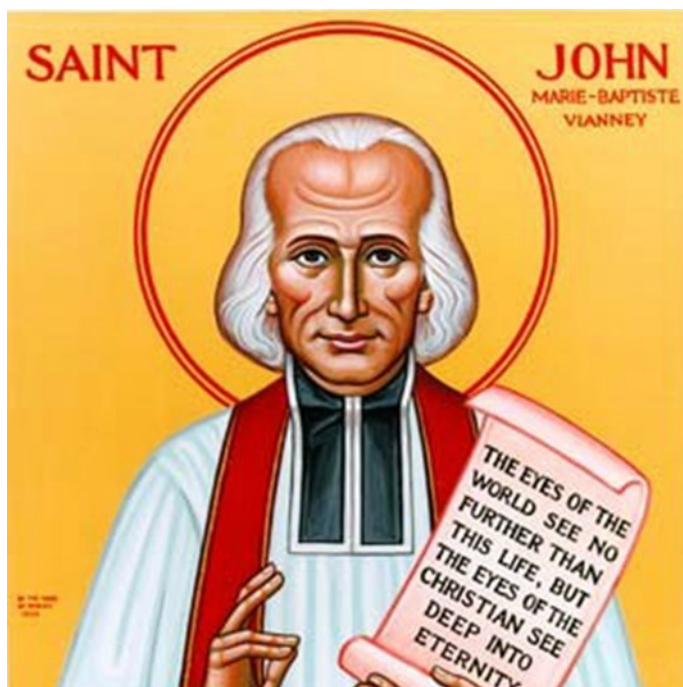
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## Prayer for Vocations

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,

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

As we start a new year some of us may be thinking of resolutions. Those statements of what we are going to do to better ourselves this coming year. Most of the time they are focused on ourselves and do not have to do with our relations with others, such as eating better, doing more exercise, taking up reading or whatever we want to focus on. I would like to provide some ideas for each of the coming months so that we may look beyond ourselves as we resolve to make the world around us better by trying to be Christ to one another.

**January:** I resolve that as I march and pray for life I will open myself to understand that being for life cannot end at the birth of a child.

**February:** I resolve that I will not judge another only by something I see like the color of their skin, but I will get to know them by the quality of their character.

**March:** I resolve that instead of giving up coffee, desserts, candy or some other thing during Lent, I will instead try to eliminate harsh words, judgments and hate from myself.

**April:** I resolve that in celebrating the resurrection of Christ, I will use my words to bring life to others and not use them to destroy or even kill the spirit within others.

**May:** I resolve that I will respect what my mother taught me in how to share, be respectful to others and if I do not have a nice thing to say I will not say anything.

**June:** I resolve that as children are on vacation from school I will try to be childlike for Jesus said they will enter the kingdom of God, and stop being childish in my actions and words.

**July:** I resolve that in celebrating the freedoms we enjoy in this country I will respect those freedoms even when someone believes differently than I do, as many lives were given to ensure everyone has the same freedoms.



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**August:** I resolve that as I tire of the hot weather here, I will not complain as I can't change the weather anyway, and instead I will pray for all those that suffer through worse weather situations and natural disasters.

**September:** I resolve that as school starts I will seek to continue to learn and ask the Holy Spirit for wisdom.

**October:** I resolve that I will not say the rosary, but I will pray it and try to give my life entering into the mysteries of Jesus and trying to be more like Our Lord and Mary, our mother.

**November:** I resolve that I will pray about my vote and that I will not base it on hatred, one-sided politics, one issue, but will vote for what I believe is the common good of all Americans.

**December:** I resolve that I will truly celebrate Advent with the wonder of a child and that I will celebrate not merely Christmas Day but the whole season of Christmas.

May we all have a blessed year ahead.

Vivat Jesus,

Fr. Gary Regula



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

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Brother Knights,

We are halfway through the Fraternal year. Is your Council on track for the Columbian Award? There are four required programs that each Council must complete to qualify. Over the next four months I will be featuring one of these programs. This month is Spiritual Reflection:

Many Catholic young people can attest that religious retreats are radically rejuvenating spiritual events that often leave a lasting impact on participants' relationship to their faith. Yet, so often, retreats seem only to be offered to students and youth. Working with their pastors, Knights of Columbus councils can hold low-cost retreats of their own. These events might be held for council members or men of the parish – or may be open to entire families. If councils are unable to organize these events themselves, they could go as a group and attend a retreat in their area to satisfy the requirement



Guidelines for the Spiritual Reflection Program

The definition of a "reflection" is broad but should be a day-long event at minimum and could possibly encompass an entire weekend.

Councils can attend religious retreats and days of reflection organized by other groups. However, if they are attending a reflection and not planning it themselves, council attendance should be significant with at least 10 percent of the council or a minimum of





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

members participating. Perhaps your Council could attend the Phoenix Men’s Conference on February 1, 2020. Info about the conference can be found at: <http://www.cmfp.org/2020conference>

Reflections and retreats can be held at the council level but councils could also collaborate with other councils in the area to host a Spiritual Reflection.

If planning a retreat for the council, consider holding it on church property and have volunteers pack lunch or provide their own meals to defer costs.

Be creative! Make a pilgrimage to a nearby basilica, monastery or convent. Celebrate Mass with the religious or your chaplain/pastor.

It is strongly encouraged that councils incorporate Mass within their program, celebrating the liturgy with your chaplain/pastor. Also, incorporate opportunities for other sacramental and liturgical activities such confession, Eucharistic adoration, a rosary or all of these.

Vivat Jesus!

Lawrence Powers

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## State Membership Director – Bobby Nielsen

My Brother Knights,

The first half of our fraternal year is over and the mid-year meeting is approaching. For the last 6 months, Arizona has done a fantastic job of recruiting new men into our Order and retaining our current members. We have recruited over 390 new members. That ranks Arizona as 21<sup>st</sup> in intake percentage compared to the other 74 jurisdictions in the world. That is a great accomplishment and puts us in a good position to meet all of this fraternal years local, state and supreme goals.

The 2019 District Deputy Fast Start Incentive concluded recently. District 4 Ben Jimenez (18 new), District 18 Larry Lickfelt (25 new) and District 27 Tom White (17 new) had a minimum of 1 new member in each of their assigned councils for the 4-month period, as outlined in the incentive. They have each received \$100.00, congratulations!

The 2019 Council Fast Start Incentive has also ended. The checks were recently sent out to the councils reaching the required goals. Congratulations to the following councils for achieving the listed percentage of their yearly membership goal:

50% - Councils 10799, 16856, 8077, 7521, 12708, 12078, 9312 and 15164 received \$50.

75% - Councils 14621, 1729 and 10070 received \$75.

100% - Councils 17005, 15325, 17370 and 13895 received \$100.

125% - Councils 9995 and 7159 received \$125.

In addition to the cash prize each council will receive a Star Recruiter pin for the Grand Knight

There is still much work to be done. We have a firm base moving into the second half of the year. We all need to remember to use the tools we have, they are effective and simple to use. Promoting our Faith in Action Programs and putting our award winning insurance program information out to every Catholic man. Using Prospect Landing Pages, giving every member of your Council the ability to start the process of a man joining the Knights, working as an online interest card. Online Membership takes things one step further and brings that man into the Order as a Knight of Columbus. DELTA Church drives are simple and are being utilized throughout the State with great success!



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**State Membership Director – Bobby Nielsen**

You are born a Man, You become a Knight” cards have proven successful and there should be one in every Knight’s wallet. If there are any of these tools that your Council is not using, or that you are not familiar with, please contact me and I can answer your questions or assist you in getting supplies.

Vivat Jesus!

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

## Culture of Life Activities

**Marches for Life need you!** Pick your March in Phoenix, Tucson, Casa Grande, or Nogales on the following dates. Watch for KofC bulletins coming soon with the details.

Phoenix: Saturday, January 18

Tucson: Saturday, January 11

Casa Grande: Saturday, January 11

Nogales: March TBD

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.

**9 Days for Life Novena** January 21- 29 The Novena recognizes the 46<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the infamous Roe v. Wade decision on January 22, 1973, when the killing of unborn children was declared legal by the U.S. Supreme Court.

The Novena can be prayed as a group, in church, in the home, and individually. Recommended daily prayers can be found on the following website:

<https://pro-life-activities.lpages.co/9-days-for-life-2020/>

Alternatively praying five or more decades of the rosary is an ideal prayer, asking the Blessed Virgin to inspire a Respect for Life, while meditating on our Culture of Death becoming a Culture of Life in the tradition of the Holy Family.

As brother Knights, 17,000 strong in Arizona, our prayers will certainly be heard. We know many instances where prayer has had a direct impact on our Right to Life Campaign.

Ed Eick

State Pro-Life Co-Chair



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## State Ceremonial Chairman – Skip Hopler

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My Brother Knights,

**Degree news.** As we start the new civil calendar year we are engaged in New Year Resolutions, the start of the new personal tax year, reset of many of our other annual functions and practices. However, we should also remember that we live by other calendars as well. Our Church calendar started on the first week in December and has already brought us through Our Savior's birth. Our Knights' Fraternal calendar started in July and we are halfway through the Year. During the second half of this FY we will be introducing the new Combined degree called the Charity, Unity, Fraternity (CUF) Degree. As you may have read in last month's KOCCOA, the CUF degree will be presented at the Mid-Year Meeting in Casa Grande on Saturday morning January 11, 2020 and will be open to current members and families as well as candidates for First, Second or Third degrees (and their families). Grand Knights and District Deputies will very shortly receive a Degree Announcement Letter with instructions for this exemplification and what is required to bring a candidate to the Degree. This ceremony will include a 25-minute video presentation by the Supreme Knight introducing the reasons for the new degree, followed by a 30-minute exemplification of the CUF Degree. Follow-on exemplifications of this degree will not include the Supreme Knight's address. At the end of the exemplification, the candidate is a full Third-Degree member of the Order. Since families are welcome to attend the exemplification, this will be a joyous occasion for the entire family and an open demonstration to all of the principles of the Knights of Columbus.

We will be doing all Degrees as CUF degrees in the near future (both old and new degree formats are still acceptable) and the State Deputy will announce that changeover date in the very near future. In the meantime, the State website has the dates and places for the degrees for the remainder of this fraternal year and when we change to the new CUF degree we will still stick to this schedule. However, as more local CUF teams are organized and trained, we will be seeing this new degree done more often by local Councils as it also replaces the current First degrees that the Councils currently perform.





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## **State Ceremonial Chairman – Skip Hopley (continued)**

I still 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 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree will be held as follows:

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

Our next CUF degree will be held as follows:

Sat, February 8, 2020, St. Andrew the Apostle, Council #9482, 3450 W. Ray Rd.  
Chandler AZ 85226

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.

Vivat Jesus,

Skip Hopley

Ceremonial Chairman

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## Planning the Month's Ahead

### Formation and Knighthood/CUF 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 Formation and Knighthood Degree is as follows:  
 Sat, January 4, Immaculate Heart of Mary 310 W Spring Street, Somerton, AZ 85350 Host Council #1729

The next CUF Degree is as follows:  
 Sat, February 8, 2020, St. Andrew the Apostle, Council #9482, 3450 W. Ray Rd., Chandler AZ 85226

Exemplification instructions may be found on the website. 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 a follows:

Exemplification and Entry Forms on State Website

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

Saturday, February 15, 2020    Corpus Christi Church in Ahwatukee, 3550 E Knox Road, Phoenix, AZ 85044.

Saturday, June 6, 2020            Location TBD



**Most Holy Nativity Catholic Parish & the Knights of Council 14583 in Rio Rico conducted their annual Celebration of Our Lady of Guadalupe.**





On the Eve of the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe (Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe is December 12th), Most Holy Nativity and Council 14583 perform a procession through a neighborhood in Rio Rico to the church.



Preparing for the procession. The statue and crowd are transported to a location approximately a mile away.



The Council Knights provide the pallbearers for Our Lady's statue.



The night before members of Council 14583 assembled at the church and built a replica of Mount Tepeyac.

Impressive! I think they could probably land jobs at Hollywood studios doing scenes for movies.

(Right) Pastor Father Maldonado blesses the replication of Mount Tepeyac and our Lady.

A major part of the celebration is our reenactment of Our Lady's appearances to Saint Juan Diego and the miracle of the tilma.





# And of course ...

Father Maldonado celebrates Mass and performs consecration of the Eucharist.





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

**Prayer to Our Lady of Guadalupe**

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

**Knights’ Prayer**

Our Lady, Queen of the Knights, bless all the activities of our Order. Keep us true to our pledge, to extend the kingship of thy divine son on earth. Through thine intercession, win for us the grace, ever to exemplify in our public and private lives, the virtues that should characterize those especially dedicated to the service of the heavenly court. Make us always aware that as your Knights, we are constantly observed, our faith judged, and our Order appreciated. Accept, O Mary, this renewed pledge of fealty and devotion, of Thy Servants, the Knights of

**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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## Prayer to Our Lady of Guadalupe

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