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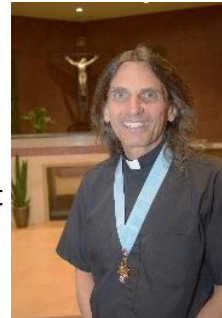
THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF THE ARIZONA STATE COUNCIL

State Deputy's Message

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Brothers,

Welcome to the 2019-2020 Fraternal Year. This past weekend, we held the State Organizational Meeting. Much was discussed. Plans were made, information exchanged, and lessons learned shared. My thanks to Father Gary Regula, Pastor of St. Jerome's Catholic Church in Phoenix, for accepting an appointment as our State Chaplain. Father Gary will provide the State Council with spiritual guidance and support. I am grateful that Fr. Regula said yes to Our Lord and became a priest, that he said yes to the Knights of Columbus, and that he said yes to me to be our new State Chaplain.



Our world is hurting. There is a cancer that is dark, malignant, and growing within. The prognosis may seem bleak, even critical, maybe terminal. The symptoms include crimes by people against people: murders, assaults, robberies, thefts, drug and alcohol related car crashes, child and elder abuse, abortions, and restrictions to religious freedoms. Society no longer trusts and respects law enforcement, firefighters and first responders. Political parties no longer advocate for their constituents, instead they answer to party platforms and to their financial backers who make their money killing babies.

Who can stop the growth of this darkness that seems to be consuming us? Our priests and bishops are doing all they can to evangelize for life. Can they cure these ills by themselves? No. Who, then, should they turn to for help? Our bishops and priests turn to the Knights of Columbus, because they know the Knights will fight to the last man to turn the culture of death into one of life. That is who we are – this is what we do. We are the Knights of Columbus. We serve God. We serve the community.

As Knights, we take the long view in all that we do. The battle will not be won in a day, or a year, but it will be won. It will take all of us working together. We will support pro-life organizations in our Dioceses. We will gather at abortion centers to pray. We will work with our pastors to evangelize for life in our parishes. We will raise funds for ultrasound machines. We will participate in annual pro-life marches in our communities. We will erect monuments to the unborn. At the ballot box, we will vote for life. That is who we are – this is what we do.

During the Saturday night banquet, I was overwhelmed by the hard work and generosity of one Tucson Council. Grand Knight Dave Chohon of the Roy Champeau Council #8077 presented the State Council with a check for \$19,000 to go toward the purchase of an ultrasound machine for a crisis pregnancy center in Arizona. Not only did the members of this council, at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton parish in



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Universal – Justice

That those who administer justice may work with integrity and that the injustice which prevails in the world may not have the last word.



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Tucson, conduct a highly successful fund raiser, they did it with the help of every parish organization, the complete support of their pastor, and Diocese of Tucson's Bishop Weisenburger.

They specifically chose Mother's Day to hold a special dinner. Mothers are life givers and a day dedicated to motherhood is quite appropriate for a fund raiser to save a baby's life. During the dinner, they held a silent auction for various items of different minimum values. The big prize was a dinner with the Bishop. The winning bid was \$1,000 for this prize. Many other donors either bid or donated to the cause at the same \$1,000 level. Even after the event the donations kept coming. They also invited several mothers to speak about their near-death experience that was prevented by an ultrasound.

Brothers, people do respect life and want to help. This is a great example of what can be done when a council and an entire parish come together for the perfect cause. The money raised will ultimately be matched by the Supreme Council dollar-for-dollar so that an ultrasound can be purchased, and lives saved from abortion. I want to see more councils do the same. This is what we do – this is who we are.

What else can we as Knight do to save our world from this cancer? As Knights, we need to serve God, grow our faith, and give all that we do for the honor and glory of God, His son Jesus Christ, and the power of the Holy Spirit. We will build up our families and not allow our children to become victim to the empty promises of the secular culture. Armed with faith, we will take our programs out into the community to help those in need. We will use our faith and beliefs to defend the sanctity of life and protect marriage and family life.

The Knights of Columbus is the strong right arm of the Catholic Church. Each parish community and its pastor are the firm foundation upon which the Catholic Church is built. With faith as our foundation, everything else falls into place, and put our Faith in Action. As Knights, we serve God. As Knights we serve our community. As Knights this is what we do because it is who we are.



Every year, the State Deputy introduces a new logo and State Pin. This year's 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, our order, the most vulnerable, and our Blessed Mother. The element of this year's logo and pin are encircled by the principles of the Order: Charity, Unity, Fraternity, and Patriotism. Within this circle, the State of Arizona is found emblazoned with the Emblem of the Order representing the Arizona State Council.

An image of Our Lady of Guadalupe represents Mary as patroness of the Order and of the Diocese of Phoenix. Through Her apparition to Juan Diego in 1531, Mary brought millions into the Church to worship her Holy Son. She embodies hope and protection from evil and persecution. The cross is included to remind us that we are all children of God – Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Our theme, motto and pin will keep us focused in unity and fraternity to perform works of charity in service to all.

During the Organizational Meeting, Past State Deputy Larry Costanzo reported on the Arizona Rosary Celebration. This year the celebration will be held over the weekend of October 19-20, 2019 in Tucson and Phoenix. Raising funds for the event is the first and most important task. The program needs to raise \$80,000 as soon as possible to ensure the event in both venues can take place. I ask every Council and Assembly to purchase advertising right away. I ask that Knights make donations or collect funds through Booster Ads. During the event itself. I want to see each council in the blessing procession waving their banner. The deadline for Advertising is September 7, 2019. Don't delay. Public prayer is needed to help kill the cancer. Go to www.azrosary.net for more information.



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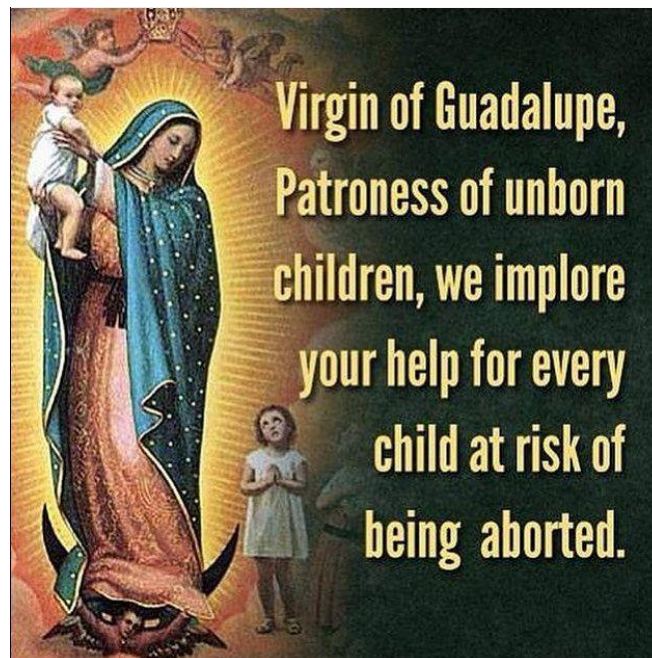
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What else we can do? Grow our order. The more Knights in our ranks, the greater impact we will have in bringing the light of faith to the world and combatting the culture of death. We will offer membership in the Knights of Columbus to every eligible Catholic man. We will recruit so that we can protect the Faith, the Family, our Communities, and Life. Remember, retention begins at the time a new member is recruited and continues throughout his membership in the Knights. ***This Is Who We Are – This is What We Do!***

I wish every Knight in our Order the best fraternal year possible. Together, we can win the battle over the culture of death. We can evangelize for life, love, peace, and freedom. As State Chaplain Fr. Gary told us, tear down some walls and fences and get to know your neighbors.

Vivat Jesus!

Tom Kalisz
State Deputy





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Prayer for Vocations

O Lord, my God, You renew the Church in every age by raising up priests outstanding in holiness, living witnesses of Your unchanging Love. In Your Plan for our salvation You provide shepherds for your people.

Fill the hearts of young men with the spirit of courage and love that they may answer Your call generously. Give parents the grace to encourage vocations in their family by prayer and good example.

Raise up worthy priests for Your Altars and ardent, but gentle servants of the Gospel. Give the Church more priests and keep them faithful in their love and service. May many young men choose to serve You by devoting themselves to the service of your people.

Amen.

"Lord of the Harvest, call forth vocations to the priesthood and consecrated life from our diocese and our families..."

PRAY FOR VOCATIONS

...Inspire the faithful to support them with prayer and sacrifice."

Prayer for Our Priests

O my God, pour out in abundance Thy spirit of sacrifice upon Thy priests. It is both their glory and duty to become victims, to be burnt up for souls, to live without ordinary joys, to be often the objects of distrust, injustice and persecution. The words they say every day at the altar, "This is my Body, this is my Blood", grant them to apply to themselves, "I am no longer myself, I am Jesus, Jesus crucified. I am, like the bread and wine, a substance no longer itself but by consecration another". O my God, I burn with the desire for the sanctification of Thy priests. I wish all the priestly hands which touch Thee were hands whose touch is gentle and pleasing to Thee, that all the mouths uttering such sublime words at the altar should never descend to speaking trivialities. Let priests in all their person stay at the level of their lofty functions, let every man find them simple and great, like the Holy Eucharist, accessible to all yet above the rest of men. O my God, grant them to carry with them from the Mass of today a thirst for the Mass of tomorrow, and grant them, laden themselves with gifts, to share these abundantly with their fellow-men.

Amen.

A prayer for priests

"O Jesus, our great High Priest, hear my humble prayers on behalf of your priests. Give them a deep faith, a bright and firm hope and a burning love which will ever increase in the course of their priestly life..."



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State Chaplain – Father Gary Regula

Brother Knights,

July calls to mind different things for everyone. Some may think that we have journeyed through one half of the year and depending on how the year has gone thus far they may look forward to better things ahead. Others may think that we are in the midst of summer and hope that monsoon rains will come soon to water the parched earth here in Arizona. Others may look at July in a patriotic way as we begin this month with a celebration of this country's independence.

July can also bring to mind our duty to renew our safe environment training. I speak from experience in the Diocese of Phoenix and apologize if my brother Knights in the Diocese of Tucson are on a different schedule. Hopefully, we do not see this simply as an obligation to complete like jumping through a hoop. Rather, it is an opportunity to learn more about the sad reality of abuse in our world today and continue to keep ourselves apprised of grooming tactics of those who would abuse. With this knowledge we can keep our church communities, homes and schools safe from the evil that is wrought by those who would abuse the most vulnerable amongst us, the children.

Let us step up and be examples in our parishes and renew our training so that we can continue to volunteer and inspire others in our spiritual homes to do the same. It is by our example that we will invite other men to join us in becoming a Knight of Columbus. May Christ continue to inspire us to always be attuned to God's call everyday to care for all those that we meet in our journey of faith.

Fr. Gary Regula
State Chaplain
Arizona Knights of Columbus



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State Secretary – Mario Vassallo

Brothers,

One of the first tasks that a State Secretary need to work on at the start of a new Fraternal Year is to generate the first half-year Per Capita assessment of each Council in the Arizona Jurisdiction. These assessments are based on active and inactive membership information provided on the Supreme Officer Online website as of July 1.

For a six-month period, the State Council assesses a Council \$3.50 for each of its active members and \$2.25 for each of its inactive member. A rebate of \$0.10 per active member is awarded if a Council submits payment prior to a set date.

Donations to St. Joe's Youth Camp and the Navarrete Vocation fund is also recommended in the assessment. The recommended rates are \$1 per active member for St. Joe's Youth Camp and a penny per day per active member for the Navarrete Vocation fund. A Council may decide to donate the full amounts or partial amounts, depending on how much a Council can afford.

Councils should expect to receive their Per Capita assessments in early July. Copies will be sent to the Grand Knight, Financial Secretary and District Deputy.

I wish you all a very productive Fraternal Year and a great Fourth of July.

Vivat Jesus!

Mario Vassallo

State Secretary

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State Treasurer – Luigi Baratta

Bothers

I hope you're enjoying the cool weather so far, by now your council should have received the State raffle checks and those councils who earned a bonus, Congratulations! Let's start the year out right and keep in mind, We are the Knight of Columbus, soldiers of the Catholic faith and our mother Church. We stand in unity with men throughout the world, united by faith and guided by the principles of charity, unity, and fraternity. During this time of heinous attacks on Christianity and on the Catholic Church, we want to publicly declare to the world, We are faithful Catholics in full solidarity with our Priests, Bishops and with the Holy See. Whether we are Americans, Mexicans, Filipinos, or Vietnamese, we are proud of our faith and of our devotion to God. Whether it's in public or private, the Knights remind the world that we support our religious brothers and sisters and are amongst the greatest citizens of our Nations!

Brothers, go out and spread the word of Jesus Christ and tell them the story our great Founder Fr. Michael McGivney! All men are welcome in the great order that you and I belong!

Vivat Jesus,
Luigi Baratta
State Treasurer
Arizona State Knights of Columbus



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State Advocate – Tom Kato

Brothers,

We are entering upon the next Fraternal Year, 2019-2020. Preparation is the key to success! Outgoing Grand Knights: meet with your Incoming Grand Knight to mentor him on ways to be successful. Outgoing Financial Secretaries: Explain the duties of the position in order that there is no disruption to the council financials during the time of transition.

Incoming Grand Knights and Financial Secretaries: take the necessary training offered to you through Supreme and at the Organization meeting in order that you may be successful during your administration.

Part of the keys to success is to get the necessary forms filled out and submitted to both Supreme and the State Executive Secretary. This is in order to keep you in the loop of all the important communications. There was Forms training classes held in June and they will be offered again in July.

One of my goals for the next fraternal year is compliance for all councils with the Supreme Praesidium Armatus Safe Environment training. A reminder: The training taken is good for 3 years! So, if your Program Director, Community Director, or Family Director has already completed the training, ask them to fill those positions again! In order for your council to achieve Star Council, all positions must be compliant!

If you do have questions concerning the training, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Vivat Jesus!

Tom Kato

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State Executive Secretary – Rick Garrison

Brothers All

This is a reminder that all Councils and Assemblies should complete the Directory Information Form on or Before July 1st. You can use the fillable forms located at:

<https://kofc-az.org/state-forms%2Freports> . Below is information for the method of sending in your reports and how to contact the Arizona State Council.

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

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

Email Address:

AzKnights@Q.com

Fax: 1-877-899-7505

Mailing Address:

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

Some of the Report Forms Are:

State Directory Information Form *Jul 15, 2019!!!!*

Form 1295-1 - Council Audit *Jun 30, 2019*

Form 185 - Report of Officers Chosen for Term *Jul 1, 2019*

Form 365 - Service Programs Personnel *Aug 1, 2019*

Form 1295-2 - Council Audit *Dec 31, 2019*

Form 1728 - Annual Survey Fraternal Activities *Jan 31, 2020*

Form SP-7 - Columbian Award Application *Jun 30, 2020*

AND ALL Other Reports

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

Email Address:

StateDeputy@kofc-az.org

Mailing Address:

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State Deputy
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State Membership Director – Bobby Nielsen

My Brother Knights,

July brings a new fraternal year, which is the time when many Councils are feeling excited about the installation of officers, Meetings often have a different feel and individuals take some time to come together. This, combined with summer vacations, can put recruiting on hold, with the thought that there is plenty of time later in the year to recruit new members. It's easy to forget that growth is a 365-day a year task. Unfortunately, we know that our Brother Knights leave us for many reasons and this never takes a break, so neither should our efforts to recruit, to keep our Councils strong.

The tools we have to accomplish this are effective and simple to use. Prospect Landing Pages give 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! "You are born a Man, You become a Knight" cards have proven successful and there should be one in every Knights 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.

In the next week you will find this fraternal years recruiting incentives listed on the Arizona K of C website. There are several individual incentives along with Council incentives. Please take some time to look them over and share the information with all our Brother Knights. One incentive that will touch every Knights heart is "Fast Start Recruit a Knight". In addition to the Star Recruiter Pin the first 200 Knights that bring a new member into the Order will be mailed a Solidarity Cross. This cross should be familiar to you; it is made available by the Knights of Columbus to raise money for the support of persecuted Christians in the Middle East. What could be better than growing the Order with a new Knight and supporting our Christian families at the same time!

Brothers, we have a lot of work to do in the next year to meet our membership goals. You should have a Membership Drive and Admissions Degree scheduled. Membership growth in your Council is needed today and every Knight in your Council needs to help. We all have that fellow parishioner that is active in the Church but isn't a Knight. We all know he needs the Knights of Columbus and we need him. Why isn't he a Knight? There's a good chance it is because he's never been asked! Ask him my Brother.

Remember to invite your State Officers, District Deputy, Field Agent and State Membership Team to your DELTA Church Drives. We are all here to assist you; together we are a team that will succeed.

Vivat Jesus!

Bobby Nielsen

State Membership Director

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Arizona Rosary Chairman – Larry Costanzo

The 2019 AZ Rosary Celebration (ARC) is rapidly approaching when we will honor Mary under her title of Our Lady of Guadalupe on the weekend of October 18 – 20, 2019. Bishop Olmsted will dedicate the diocese to the protection of Our Lady of Guadalupe.

The honoring of Our Lady of Guadalupe goes back to the 16th century. Chronicles of that period tell us the story. A poor Indian named Cuauhtlatohuac was baptized and given the name Juan Diego. He was a 57-year-old widower and lived in a small village near Mexico City. On Saturday morning December 9, 1531, he was on his way to a nearby barrio to attend Mass in honor of Our Lady.

Juan was walking by a hill called Tepeyac when he heard beautiful music like the warbling of birds. A radiant cloud appeared, and within it stood an Indian maiden dressed like an Aztec princess. The lady spoke to him in his own language and sent him to the bishop of Mexico, a Franciscan named Juan de Zumarraga. The bishop was to build a chapel in the place where the lady appeared.

Eventually the bishop told Juan to have the lady give him a sign. About this same time Juan's uncle became seriously ill. This led poor Juan to try to avoid the lady. Nevertheless, the lady found Juan, assured him that his uncle would recover, and provided roses for Juan to carry to the bishop in his cape or tilma.

On December 12, when Juan Diego opened his tilma in the bishop's presence, the roses fell to the ground, and the bishop sank to his knees. On the tilma where the roses had been appeared an image of Mary exactly as she had appeared at the hill of Tepeyac.

Our Guest Speaker this year is Fr. Robert A. Gonzalez. Fr Gonzalez and is currently serving as parochial vicar at St. John the Evangelist parish in Tucson, Arizona; a dynamic parish well-known for its catechesis on the Virgin of Guadalupe; and well as its Guadalupe pastoral praxis.

After several assignments over the years, Fr. Gonzalez has returned to the Diocese of Tucson and is currently serving as parochial vicar at St. John the Evangelist parish in Tucson, Arizona; a dynamic parish well-known for its catechesis on the Virgin of Guadalupe; and well as its Guadalupe pastoral praxis. Father Gonzalez is concluding studies on the Nican Mopohua and on the image of the Virgin of Guadalupe.

As you know, ARC is expensive and is only funded by advertising in our Program Book and by donations. We have formed an advisory group to help us solicit and secure the necessary funds to support the effort. Joe Shanks, DD #13 will head that committee. To help us in that endeavor to fund ARC, we ask that every council and assembly have an item in their annual budget to purchase an ad in the Program Book. The ads range from \$50.00 for a quarter page to \$400.00 for full a page. In addition, it would be helpful to the Tucson and Phoenix Committees if each council and assembly would appoint a contact for ARC. Submit the names by email: azrosary@yahoo.com.

Our Co-chairs: Karen McEwen and Al Tucker in Tucson and Danny Haywood and Greg Mattingly in Phoenix, are currently working to firm chairperson assignments and provide guidance as to actions needed. We are looking forward to another successful Rosary Celebration, but it will not happen without the support of every Knight of Columbus in the State of Arizona. Remember, Brothers, that this is an Arizona Knights of Columbus sponsored event and we need everyone's help.

More information will follow in future KOKOA Newsletters. Also, check our website: azrosary.net.

Pray for the success of Rosary Celebration.

Larry Costanzo
Chairman, AZ Rosary Celebration



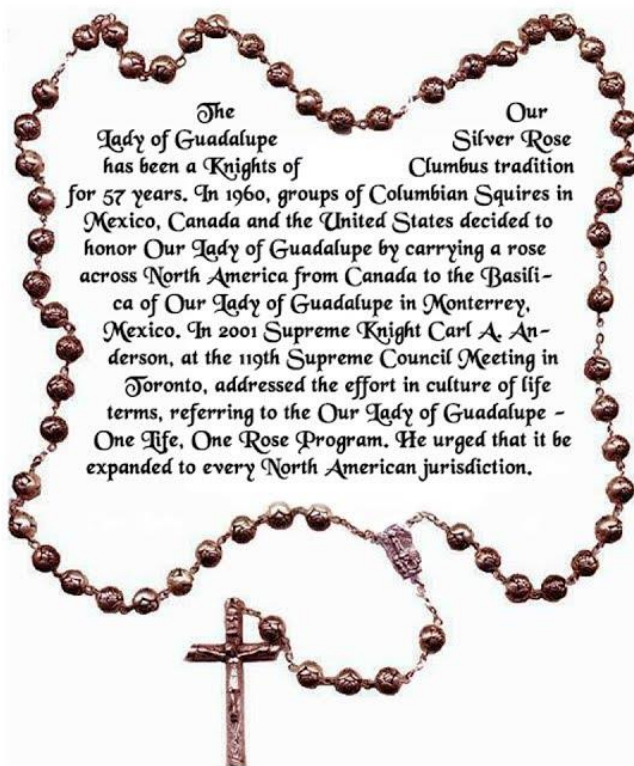
Silver Rose Chairman – Bob Julien



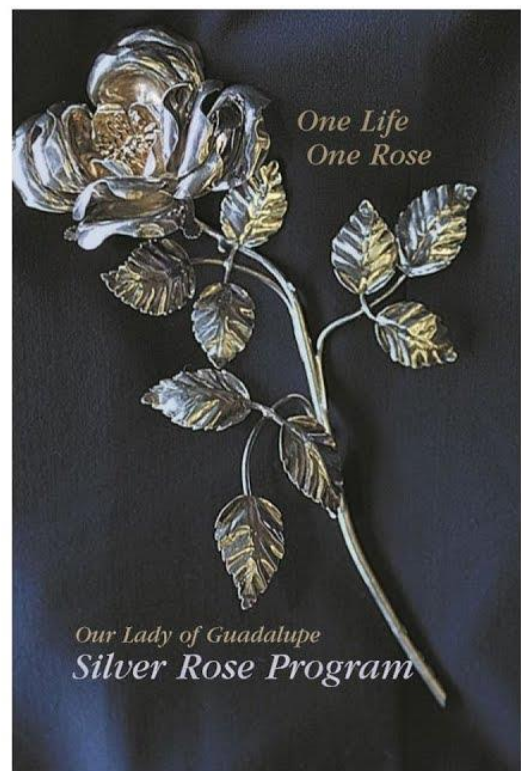
Brother Knights,

Each year, from early March through mid-December, Silver Roses are stewarded by Knights of Columbus councils along routes from Canada to Mexico. Every stop the Silver Rose makes throughout the pilgrimage is a rosary-centered occasion for Knights, parishioners and community members to pray for respect for life, for the spiritual renewal of each nation, and for the advancement of the message of Our Lady of Guadalupe.

This year Arizona will have the Silver Rose from October 1 – November 15 tentatively. A schedule for the Dioceses' of Arizona will be released soon. As in past year's the Silver Rose availability will be on a first come first serve basis. If there is particular date that you wish to receive the Silver Rose for your Parish, please email me at: rajulien@cox.net.



The Lady of Guadalupe has been a Knights of Columbus tradition for 57 years. In 1960, groups of Columbian Squires in Mexico, Canada and the United States decided to honor Our Lady of Guadalupe by carrying a rose across North America from Canada to the Basilica of Our Lady of Guadalupe in Monterrey, Mexico. In 2001 Supreme Knight Carl A. Anderson, at the 119th Supreme Council Meeting in Toronto, addressed the effort in culture of life terms, referring to the Our Lady of Guadalupe - One Life, One Rose Program. He urged that it be expanded to every North American jurisdiction.



One Life
One Rose

Our Lady of Guadalupe
Silver Rose Program



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Arizona District Master – Bryant Sayers

Worthy Brothers,

The Patriotic Degree of the Knights of Columbus in conjunction with St. Joseph's Youth Camp and Operation Restoring Veteran Hope, will be hosting a free event for our Veterans at St. Joseph's Youth Camp on October 4th, 5th and 6th, 2019. St. Joseph's Youth Camp is located by Mormon Lake just south of Flagstaff.

PBS Link: <https://azpbs.org/horizon/2018/11/operation-restoring-veteran-hope/>

We are seeking donations to help support this event. Some of these items that will be needed are as follows:

- Food and water for three days

- Round trip bus transportation from Phoenix VA Hospital to St. Joseph's Youth Camp (Approx. 130 miles each way)

- Backpacks filled with toiletry and bath items needed for the weekend

- Sleeping bags

- T-shirts for each veteran as well as camp volunteers

- All activities such as horseback riding, kayaking and 4-wheel drive tours of the area

- Counseling and spiritual guidance activities and much more

Please talk to you Assemblies and Councils about honoring our veterans by supporting the items or by making a monetary donation to St. Joseph's Youth Camp.

Bryant Sayers

Arizona District Master

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FRATERNAL QUICK START TO-DO LIST

2018-2019 Fraternal Year REview

Be sure to review your 2018-2019 fraternal year in June. Hold a joint-session of incoming and outgoing officers and discuss what lessons were learned this past year. What can be done better for next year? Strive to increase membership and programming activities in the new fraternal year.

2019-2020 Fraternal Year PREview

Finalize your council's calendar of events for the 2019-2020 fraternal year. Meet with your pastor and pastoral staff to set all these program dates on the parish calendar. Aim to increase membership and programming activities to attract new members. Keep asking yourself:

- Which prospects will I be inviting to our council's next activity?
- What new program(s) does our council plan to institute this year?
- Have I personally asked someone to join my council?

SWOT Analysis (Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities, Threats)

SWOT stands for: Strength, Weakness, Opportunity, Threat. A SWOT analysis guides you to identify your organization's strengths and weaknesses (S-W) as well as broader opportunities and threats (O-T). Developing a fuller awareness of the situation helps with both strategic planning and decision-making. Use this as an opportunity to assess your council and your parish to help build your fraternal year.

	STRENGTHS	WEAKNESSES
OPPORTUNITIES	1. 2. 3. 4.	1. 2. 3. 4.
THREATS	1. 2. 3. 4.	1. 2. 3. 4.

Council Assessment Grid

INCLUSIVE COUNCIL OPEN, WARM, KIND, PROACTIVE, CHARITABLE & ENGAGING	SILENT COUNCIL KEEPS LOW PROFILE, REACTIVE, CHARITY ONLY THROUGH DONATIONS, MINIMAL PROGRAMS	EXCLUSIVE COUNCIL CLOSED SOCIETY, A FEW OFFICERS RUN COUNCIL, NO EXTERNAL ACTIVITY, INFREQUENT CHARITABLE DONATIONS
VIBRANT FOCUS COUNCIL WITH CATHOLIC IDENTITY, WITH ACTIVE MISSION FOCUS, GROWING & ACTIVE	STATUS QUO COUNCIL SHOWS UP SOMETIMES, SOME PROGRAMS, MARGINAL SUPPORT OFF & ON	COUNCIL IN DECLINE SIMPLE PROGRAMS, TOO DIFFICULT TO DO, DECLINES HELP, IGNORES ADVICE
CENTER OF PARISH CHARITY SWIFT REACTION, GOALS CLEARLY ALIGNED	AMBIVALENT TO MISSION AND PURPOSE HOPING FOR LEADERSHIP, GUIDANCE AND DIRECTION	NO IDENTITY LITTLE PARISH CONNECTION, LITTLE FRATERNITY, NEEDS HOPE AND INSPIRATION



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Formation and Knighthood Degree Schedule (<http://www.kofc-az.org>) Exemplification Schedules

The next 2nd and 3rd Degree Exemplification are a follows:

Sunday, July 21st, 2019 KofC Hall, 644 E. Chandler Blvd, Chandler, AZ 85225

Host Council #3121, Host DD Jim Walsh

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



Saturday, August 17th, 2019 St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, 8650 N. Shannon Rd., Tucson, AZ 85742

Host Council #8077, Host DD Ben Jimenez

No letter of invitation posted.



In most cases registration begins at 9:00am.

To see a full schedule of exemplifications, check the website under State News – Degree Schedule Information on the schedules will be updated as the information is received.

Patriotic Degree Schedule (<http://www.kofc-az.org>) under Patriotic Degree

The next 4th Degree Exemplifications are a follows:

Saturday, September 28, 2019 Location TBD

Saturday, November 16, 2019 Location TBD

Saturday, February 15, 2020 Location TBD

Saturday, June 6, 2020 Location TBD



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KNIGHTS SERVING GOD SERVING THE COMMUNITY

THIS IS WHO WE ARE, THIS IS WHAT WE DO

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

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

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

This year, the Worthy State Deputy has dedicated his administration to Our Lady of Guadalupe. The image of Mary on the cloak is known as ***Our Lady of Guadalupe*** for an interesting reason. On that same day, Mary appeared to Juan’s uncle and cured him, giving him a message for the bishop, saying that she would “crush the serpent’s head.” The bishop did not understand the Indians’ language. The Indian word for “crush the serpent” sounded to him like “Guadalupe,” the name of Mary’s shrine in Spain. Thinking that the Virgin wanted the new shrine to have the same name, the bishop called her ***Our Lady of Guadalupe***.

Mary’s visit to Guadalupe is a reminder that God will remember his mercy for all people. In Mary’s song of joy, the Magnificat, she praised God because he has put down the mighty, exalted the lowly, filled the hungry, and sent the rich away empty. People honor ***Our Lady of Guadalupe*** because they recognize her motherly concern for them.

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

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

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



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Prayer to Our Lady of Guadalupe

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

AMEN

Knight's Prayer

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

Canonization of Venerable Fr. Michael J. McGivney

God, our Father, protector of the poor and defender of the widow and orphan, you called your priest, Father Michael J. McGivney, to be an apostle of Christian family life and to lead the young to the generous service of their neighbor. Through the example of his life and virtue may we follow your Son, Jesus Christ, more closely, fulfilling his commandment of charity and building up his Body which is the Church. Let the inspiration of your servant prompt us to greater confidence in your love so that we may continue his work of caring for the needy and the outcast. We humbly ask that you glorify your servant Father Michael J. McGivney on earth according to the design of your holy will. Through his intercession, grant the favor I now present (here make your request). Through Christ our Lord. Amen. Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory be.



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**"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"**

AMEN