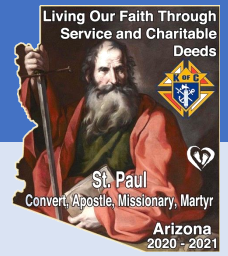




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KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS OF ARIZONA
"LIVING OUR FAITH THROUGH
SERVICE AND CHARITABLE DEEDS"



State Deputy's Message

July 2020



Brothers,

Welcome to the new fraternal year! At the start of every fraternal year, the State Deputy introduces a new State Pin and theme and I wanted the State Pin for this year to depict part of the religious heritage that I brought with me from Malta, the island where I was born and raised. Additionally, as St. Paul is one of the patron saints of Malta, I would like St. Paul to be a role model to us brother knights in Arizona during this fraternal year.

The State Pin is shaped in the outline of the State of Arizona and depicts St. Paul who is one of the greatest apostles but also was a convert, a missionary and a martyr. The pin also includes the logo of the Emblem of the Order. As part of the pin are two small baby's feet, included to remind us that we must always fight to preserve the sanctity of life from natural conception to natural death. At the top of the pin is this year's theme "**Living Our Faith Through Service and Charitable Deeds.**" Our theme is an expression of what the goal of every Knight of Columbus should be. We are men of faith who demonstrate our faith by being of service to our priests, parishioners and neighbors and perform charity with those members in our community who are in need.

In recent weeks our founder, Fr. McGivney was advanced in the cause of sainthood and will be beatified in the coming months during a celebration to be held at St. Mary's Church in New Haven, Connecticut. During this fraternal year, it is my intention that we return to our charitable and fraternal roots. Seek out opportunities to help those in need. Reach out to and care for your brother knights who may be in need or be grieving a loss. Phone calls and e-mails are great lifelines even when we are socially distant. Remember to leave no neighbor or brother knight behind. Of course, we need to grow our numbers and not deprive Catholic men the opportunity to become knights. These are the things that honor the vision of Fr. McGivney in this year of his beatification.

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Our Families

We pray that today's families may be accompanied with love, respect and guidance.



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My brothers, I am happy to say that we finished last year strong, despite the Corona Virus. I recently learned that we have achieved the Circle of Honor for reaching our state's membership goal. Much hard work by many brother knights across the state was done to help our state achieve this great Supreme Award recognition. At this writing, I am aware of at least 25 councils that qualify for Star Council awards. I am expecting several others to submit their paperwork before the deadline to qualify. Congratulations on achieving this level of Columbianism.

I am especially thankful to the many individuals who stepped up especially our Worthy State Membership Director Bobby Nielsen; Worthy General Agent Nate Raso and his team of Field Agents, who recruited new members and organized Insurance Benefit Events; Worthy Ceremonial Chairman Skip Hopley and CUF Degree teams for the 3 State CUF Online degrees; the Bishops of the Dioceses in Arizona for sending memorandums to their priests; and Bishop Thomas Olmsted of the Diocese of Phoenix for recording a recruiting advertisement now playing on Relevant Radio. This is what Unity in action looks like. We worked together and we got it done. Thank you.

It is July 1, 2020. There are 365 days remaining until the end of the fraternal year. We cannot waste one day. We must start strong. The situation with the Corona Virus and the social unrest will create challenges for us as we go forward. However, we will turn these challenges into opportunities. We will adapt to these situations and overcome the obstacles. For those of you with military experience you have probably heard these words before. In the business world the term used today is call pivot, like in basketball. We pivot one way or the other to find the open man. So, when confronted with a wall, we must look for a way around, over, or under it. We do not. I repeat, we do not, lose sight of our goals. Brothers It is our duty to serve those in need, to serve our church, to be leaders in our families, and to be protectors and guardians of life. We need more members to help us in our mission. Therefore, we must recruit every day like it is the last month of the fraternal year. Our quota for the year is 940 which is an average of 78 new members per month. I know that with unified action we can accomplish anything we set out to do.

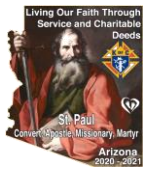
On June 6, 2020 in the Diocese of Tucson and Phoenix five young men, all Knights of Columbus, received the sacrament of Holy Orders and were ordained into the priesthood. Our congratulations go out to each and I am sure that wherever they serve there will be a local council nearby to assist them in any manner possible.

In Tucson, after his ordination, Fr. Peter Pedrasa was assigned as the Parochial Vicar for St. Anthony of Padua parish in Casa Grande. I am sure the members of Fr. Patrick Murphy Council #3136 will take good care of our brother knight and priest.



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In Phoenix, Fr. Nathaniel Glenn from Corpus Christi parish and council, has been assigned as Parochial Vicar to St. Daniel the Prophet in Scottsdale, home of council #9312. He is also serving as the chaplain to Xavier High School. Fr. Kevin Penkalaski of St. Rose Philippine Duchesne parish and council in Anthem, has been assigned as Parochial Vicar of St. Henry's parish in Buckeye, home to council #9467. Fr. Gabriel Terrill of St. Mary Magdalene parish and council in Gilbert, has been assigned as Parochial Vicar to Queen of Peace parish in Mesa, home to council #9446. Fr. Estevan Wetzel, of Most Holy Trinity parish and council, has been assigned as Formator to the new Nazareth House seminary for the Diocese of Phoenix. He will also serve as the chaplain for his alma mater St. Mary's High School. Both Fr. Glenn and Fr. Wetzel were Squires in Circle 5000 at St. Mary's and graduated with honors from this great institution of Catholic education. Fr. Wetzel's father was SK Charles Wetzel of Council 7306 and Assembly 1805, who died a few years back.

Because I have dedicated this year to St. Paul, I would like to end with a verse of the Letter of St. Paul to the Romans, 5:1-8:

"Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have gained access [by faith] to this grace in which we stand, and we boast in hope of the glory of God. Not only that, but we even boast of our afflictions, knowing that affliction produces endurance, and endurance, proven character, and proven character, hope, and hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out into our hearts through the holy Spirit that has been given to us. For Christ, while we were still helpless, yet died at the appointed time for the ungodly. Indeed, only with difficulty does one die for a just person, though perhaps for a good person one might even find courage to die. But God proves his love for us in that while we were still sinners Christ died for us."

Vivat Jesus!

Mario Vassallo
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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Meet our New Ordinandi for the Diocese of Phoenix & Diocese of Tucson



Nathaniel Glenn

Home Parish: **Corpus Christi**
Assignment: **Parochial Vicar at St. Daniel the Prophet, Chaplain at Xavier High School**
First Mass of Thanksgiving: **June 7, 5 p.m. Corpus Christi**



Kevin Penkalski

Home Parish: **St. Rose Philippine Duchesne**
Assignment: **Parochial Vicar at St. Henry**
First Mass of Thanksgiving: **June 21, time TBD**
St. Rose Philippine Duchesne



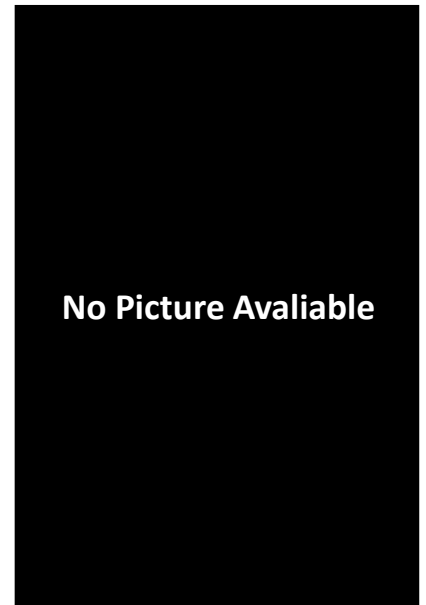
Gabriel Terrill

Home Parish: **St. Mary Magdalene**
Assignment: **Parochial Vicar at Queen of Peace**
First Mass of Thanksgiving: **June 7, 11:30 a.m.**
St. Mary Magdalene



Estevan Wetzel

Home Parish: **Most Holy Trinity**
Assignment: **Formator at Nazareth House Seminary, Chaplain at St. Mary's High School**
First Mass of Thanksgiving: **June 7, 11 a.m.**
Most Holy Trinity



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Peter John Pedrasa

Home Parish:
Assignment: **Parochial Vicar at St Anthony of Padua, Casa Grande**



A PRAYER FOR PROTECTION IN TIME OF PANDEMIC



The ancient fresco of Madonna del Soccorso (Our Lady of Help) in St. Peter's Basilica was restored with the support of the Knights of Columbus to mark the Year of Faith (2012-2013). Photo courtesy of Fabbrica di San Pietro, Vatican.

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.

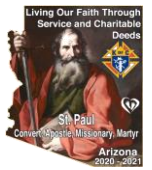
*Under thy protection we seek refuge,
 O Holy Mother of God.
 In our needs, despise not our petitions,
 but deliver us always from all dangers,
 O glorious and blessed Virgin. Amen.*

Adapted from the prayer of Pope Francis



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State Chaplain – Father Gary Regula

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Dear Brother Knights,

“And it is no longer I that live, but Christ lives in me.” (Galatians 2:20)

I decided to start with words from St. Paul since the new state pin for Arizona has the image of this missionary saint emblazoned upon it. We are all familiar with the words Paul has given to us and that have been handed down through the centuries. Probably most of us have been to a wedding at some point and heard the beautiful description of what ‘love’ is from the First Letter to the Corinthians. Many of us have possibly been at the funeral of a loved one or friend and the familiar words from the Letter to the Romans remind us we have been baptized into Christ’s death. Even throughout the liturgical year on Sundays we hear a proclamation from one of the Pauline Epistles.

We may hear the words and even be able to repeat them, but have we come to know the person of Paul. We can say he was a missionary in that he made numerous trips throughout the region in the Middle East to proclaim God’s Word and share of the person Jesus the Christ. What stamina and courage that must have taken. Not only was most of the journey on foot, but he oftentimes was headed into territory that were not followers of Christ. Yet he didn’t care if he even faced persecution or imprisonment for what he believed in the words that opened up this letter.

Paul was a preacher that was not going to sugar coat the message. He was not afraid to call out people for their actions when they were not living in accord with the teachings of Jesus. He at times would have been thrown out of a place because people did not want to hear such a message, but that didn’t stop the prophetic mission that was bestowed upon him.

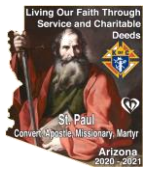
For us this coming year, are we willing to be like Paul and become missionaries? Are we willing to go not simply to a place where we are comfortable, but to a place we have been called to, so that we can carry on the mission of Jesus Christ? This can be as simply as praying before meals at a restaurant (although that is even on hold until we find ourselves through this pandemic and places are open again). Will we witness to our faith despite the fact that others may not want to hear about it. It is easier to preach to those who have the same beliefs, but as a missionary that will not always be the case.

This coming year will we live up to our baptism in Jesus and be a prophetic witness? The situation our country finds itself in, being torn apart by racism, provides us with an opportunity to proclaim the message of Christ and the dignity and respect that all God’s children deserve. As we know some may not see their actions as racist, but the privileges many of us reading this come not by our actions, but because we are looked at differently because of the color of our skin. We should care to bring the message of Christ to others, but that message also has to change us first so that we can live and believe like St. Paul. May this coming year allow us to come to know the person of Paul, and may Paul intercede for all of us



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State Chaplain – Father Gary Regula - continued

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and our families and all God's children. May Christ and his love, compassion and mercy truly live in us. May we face each day, and the challenges that come with it, with a resolve to preach the Good News, and may we never stop until the following words of Paul ring true.

“For all of you who were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free person, there is neither male nor female; for you are all one in Christ Jesus.” (Galatians 3:27-28).

Vivat Jesus,
Fr. Gary Regula

State Secretary – Luigi Baratta

Brother Knights,

Congratulations to all the newly elected officers! All of my fellow State officers are pleased to serve you this Fraternal year. This year's theme is **“Living Our Faith Through Service and Charitable Deeds”**. We encourage all our Brothers to live by the motto by reaching out to your parishes and communities with helping hand.

One of my roles as State Secretary is to send out the State Per Capita assessments in July. If you do not receive a statement send me an email ASAP. Please remember, any assessments paid to the Arizona state council or Supreme **DOES NOT REQUIRE A VOTE**. Those Councils that pay their per capita by August 1, 2020 will receive a rebate. The check needs to be written to AZ Knights of Columbus not STATE SECRETARY.

As you may know, The Arizona State Council has received the Circle of Honor award! We want to Thank all our Brothers in Arizona for helping achieve this great award. Let's not stop the momentum. Start recruiting today! Think about all your friends, co-workers, and of course your family members. If you need help on the “How's” and “Why's” of recruiting contact your Grand Knight, District Deputy, Membership Director or any State Officer. We are here for you!!

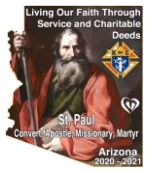
May God bless you!

Luigi Baratta
State Secretary
Arizona State Council
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State Treasurer – Tom Kato

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Worthy Grand Knights,

Welcome to the 2020-2021 Fraternal Year!!! If you are incoming new this year, congratulations on your election! if you are serving another term, thank you for your dedication and service to your council and parish!!

This is a reminder that the State Raffle checks have been sent out to the Financial Secretary on record for the 2019-2020 Fraternal year. As per procedure, the Financial Secretary is the one who receives incoming funds.

Please ensure that these checks get delivered to the designated charities as soon as possible. As you know, this pandemic has hit everyone hard, including charitable organizations. The money designated to the charity will definitely help during this difficult time.

I hope and pray that you, your council, and your parishes are doing well and keeping safe.

Vivat Jesus!!

Tom Kato
State Treasurer
Arizona State Council
Knights of Columbus



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State Faith Director – Ivan Garcia-Hernandez

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Brothers in the faith, we have entered a new chapter in this nation; and I believe it is a proper time for us to turn to our new State of Arizona 2020-2021 State Pin and theme, which was graciously designed by our Worthy State Deputy Sir Knight Mario Vassallo.

In this new state and theme, we find the image of the apostle Saint Paul. Saint Paul reminds us to follow the Word of God wherever it may be present in today's society. Saint Paul also reminds us to always remember the humility within us, to be humble of heart and defenders of the Word. As faithful Knights of Columbus, let us hold firm in our faith, as Saint Paul did.

This new theme, “Living Our Faith Through Service and Charitable Deeds”, is the true mission of our service and ministry as men of the faith, always looking towards the most in need and lowliest among us. To guide those who are blinded by sin and to bring fulfillment to other hearts, for the Good Lord always brings fulfillment to those who desire His love and compassion.

Brothers, let us lean on our new theme and wear our state pin with pride and honor, for we as men of the one true faith, uplift other men to rise up and carry their Cross with dignity and love. Love that only comes from the Holy Cross, on which our Savior gave to us the greatest love in the entire universe as Christ the King.

Vivat Jesus!

Sir Knight Ivan Garcia-Hernandez

State Faith Director

Venerable Father Michael McGivney, pray for us.

Saint Paul, pray for us.

All Holy men and women, pray for us.



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State Executive Secretary – Rick Garrison

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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)

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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, 2020!!!!*
- Form 1295-1** - Council Audit *Jun 30, 2020*
- Form 185** - Report of Officers Chosen for Term *Jul 1, 2020*
- Form 365** - Service Programs Personnel *Aug 1, 2020*
- Form 1295-2** - Council Audit *Dec 31, 2020*
- Form 1728** - Annual Survey Fraternal Activities *Jan 31, 2021*
- Form SP-7** - Columbian Award Application *Jun 30, 2021*
- 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:

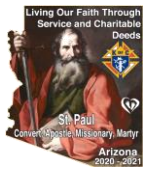
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State Program Director – Thomas White

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Brothers,

I would like to start by introducing myself. My name is Tom White and our WSD has asked me to serve as the State Program Director this year. I also will continue to serve as District Deputy of District 27.

The past few months has put a strain on all of us, for certain. As Knights, our Councils usually have a set routine coming sown the stretch and that routine was stopped in its tracks this year. It is usually a time for some of our most intense fundraising and recruiting and for most of us that pretty much came crashing to a halt in March.

But not for all. The State actually did very well in recruiting new members and having those members enter councils; as well as have many 1st degree knights advance to the 3rd degree. Congratulations to our new brother knights and to those attaining the 3rd degree.

Many councils also were successful in implementing the 'No Brother / Neighbor Left Behind' initiative requested by Supreme. Many councils jumped on this and contacted every knight they could reach, to ask if they needed help in any way. This was extended to fellow parishioners as well. Now with masses returning, Knights are playing an even bigger role in weekend masses, helping our Pastors in many ways. A great job of getting back to Fr. McGivney's original goal of the Knights. It was so successful, that this year "Leave No Neighbor Behind" (LNNB) will be a featured program.

There are some minor tweaks and changes to the Faith In Action Programs. Over the past two years, there were four required programs that needed to be completed to earn the Columbian Award. While those four programs remain as suggested programs, they are no required. The number of featured programs has increased. Featured programs earn two points instead of one point. To earn the Columbian Award a council needs to earn four points in each of the four categories. A council that earns this award is truly performing a variety of different and important programs. A council that performs strong programs will attract men looking to serve; conversely, involved membership makes for strong programs.

If you council has not yet initiated any of these new programs, why not? You can certainly continue to do what you have been doing but maybe it is time to try something new. If your recruiting is down, or you are just not getting members out to help with your current programs, look to see if there is not something your council would have success performing.

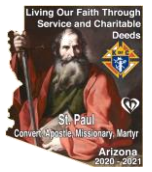
In finishing, start planning your fraternal year programs now. Ask your Pastor what he would like to have done. Use the SP7 and FIA Guidebook as guides to what your councils will do this year. Good Luck and Stay Safe.

Vivat Jesus



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State Membership Director – Bobby Nielsen

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My Brother Knights,

As we start a new fraternal year, we need to take a moment to celebrate the accomplishments of our Order in Arizona. In the last 2 months of the fraternal year, Arizona recruited over 165 new members. And if giving these men and their families the benefits of the Knights isn't enough, this helped to earn many councils Star, Double Star, Triple Star and more! Arizona is one of the few states to earn the Circle of Honor Award from Supreme. This was a true team effort! Members were recruited by State Officers, Field Agents, District Deputies and Councils. This was all done during a pandemic. What a great accomplishment.

As we move into July and a new fraternal year, one thing is clear. No matter what the circumstances are, we have the ability to serve our parishes, our Brother Knights and our communities. We also have the ability to recruit and grow the Order. The pandemic has taught us how to use technology for our meetings and ceremonies. Men can now join the Order online and can attend an online CUF Ceremony, to be brought into a local council and participate in meetings. Continue to use the tools that are given to us, and let's make July is a month of growth for your council!

Arizona will offer incentives for recruiting to individuals, councils, Council Membership Directors, District Deputies and Grand Knights. A detailed list of these incentives is included in this newsletter. Supreme Council will be offering recruiting incentives this year. That information will be sent out when it is released by Supreme.

Arizona held its convention this year virtually, with a limited number of attendees. Because of this, the recruiting awards could not be presented at that time. This year's winners have been mailed their prizes. Thank you to all of our Knights that recruited a new member this year. Here are a few of the highlights from this year's award winners:

Star Council Recruiter Award – Grand Knight Francis Janisch Council 7159

District Deputy Recruiter of the Year - Thomas White District 27

Star Recruiter of the Year - James Pergo Council 7904

This year's Organization Meeting will be educational and informative. Although it will be virtual, and we will be kept apart, this will be an opportunity to touch base with our brothers. It will be a great start to a fantastic year for the Knights of Columbus! If you need any assistance, or ideas for recruiting, you can always call, text or email me.

Vivat Jesus!

Bobby Nielsen
State Membership Director
Membership@kofc-az.org



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Recruiter Incentives

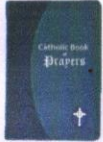
July 1, 2020 - June 30, 2021

The Star Recruiter pin and Arizona Knights challenge coin will be awarded throughout the year; all other awards will be presented at the 2021 State Convention

- Those recruiting a new member will receive a Star Recruiter pin. The first 200 will receive an Arizona Knights challenge coin



- Any member who recruits 5 to 10 new members by the end of the fraternal year will receive a Catholic prayer book



- Any member who recruits 11 or more new members will receive a K of C WWI Battle Beads Rosary



- The top three recruiters in the state will receive a Knights watch



*Recruiters must be listed as proposer
*All end dates are final

Fast Start Incentives

July 1, 2020 - December 31, 2020

Awarded to the Council at the mid-year meeting

- Any Council that obtains 75% of their goal will receive a Knights table cover



- Any Council that obtains 100% of their goal will receive a Knights table cover and a beanbag toss game



- Additionally, Council that obtains 75% or more of their goal will be entered into a drawing for a Knights canopy with a rolling storage bag



Membership Director Incentives

July 1, 2020 - December 31, 2020

Awarded to the Council Membership Director at the mid-year meeting

- Any Membership Director that obtains 100% or more of goal will receive a KofC computer briefcase



*Membership intakes are based on Supreme Daily Progress Report

District Deputy 1st Half Incentive

July 1, 2020 - December 31, 2020

Awarded to the DD at the mid-year meeting

- Any DD whose active Councils are current on Forms 185 & 365, are safe environment compliant and have obtained 50% of his District intake goal will receive \$150
- Any DD whose active Councils are current on Forms 185 & 365, are safe environment compliant and have obtained 100% of his District intake goal will receive \$250

Star Recruiter Incentive

July 1, 2020 - May 1, 2021

Award to be presented at the 2021 State Convention

- The member who recruits the most new members during the incentive period will receive a 2021 State Convention VIP package, a Star Recruiter plaque and \$100

Star Council Recruiter Incentive

July 1, 2020 - May 1, 2021

Awards to be presented at the 2021 State Convention

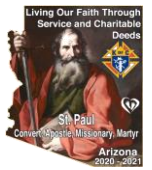
- The Council with the highest percentage of membership growth during the incentive period will receive a GK 2021 State Convention VIP package, Star Council Recruiter plaque and \$100

*Actual awards may appear different than shown



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State Family Director – Joseph Shanks

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Brothers,

Families are the foundation of society and we are at the core of the Knights of Columbus. With this in mind, councils' regularly sponsor activities, faith initiatives, and social events. In addition, the Knights of Columbus regularly recognizes the importance of family and outstanding families. In addition, since its beginnings, the Order has always stood ready to help protect the widows and orphans of its members.

Throughout the year, councils should work to strengthen families by encouraging wholesome home life. Urge families to make time to enjoy each other's company, talk and be active together. Encourage members and their families to choose the Holy Family as their model of independence, sharing and respect each other.

Councils regularly sponsor groups of new parents, scholarships, fundraisers for families in need, pro-life activities, and family recognition programs. The Food for Families program can bring joy to a family in these difficult economic times when there is no food to put on the table.

Knights of Columbus Family Week is a special opportunity for Councils to celebrate and emphasize the importance of family through programs that support the Church, the parish, and unite Knights with their family and the community at large. These programs should be fun and enjoyable for all.

I also suggest that all councils submit a Family of the Month every month. I am sure that many of the families in your councils are deserving of this recognition. If choosing a family is difficult then have a monthly drawing and have some enjoyment in choosing a family. There should be incentives offered to councils participating in the Family of the Month program. Something to think about!

The special Synod of Bishops on Family released a final document clearly grounded in traditional Catholic Family teaching.

The Synod of Bishops on the Family approved and released a message expressing solidarity with Christian families around the world. It focused on the challenges and virtues of traditional families. It stated, "Christ wanted his Church to be a house with doors always open to welcome everyone."

How can our council's encourage strong father figures, and renewed emphasis on family life? How can we encourage the involvement of the Knight's Lady and children in our commitment in the life of Catholic knighthood?

Vivat Jesus!

Joseph Shanks
State Family Director



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Arizona Rosary Chairman – Larry Costanzo

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Brothers,

Yes, we are still planning for Rosary Celebration 2020. The Executive Committee is working to make this Celebration to honor Our Lady, Undoer of Knots one to remember. It is challenging in view of the current restriction as far as meetings, social distancing, masks, hand sanitizers etc. You are probably wondering - "How can these people think this event is going to happen"? I lay awake nights thinking about it.

Look at the Marian title that we have chosen for this year. We need to have confidence that Mary will undo the knots, so that this event will take place.

Our co-chairs in Phoenix and Tucson are working with their respective committees to get the myriad number of tasks assigned and completed. Parish Representatives are being contacted to pass out information. The venues in Phoenix – Convention Center and in St Augustine Cathedral in Tucson, at least as of this writing, are set. But the situation is dynamic and may change. Continue to check our web site for the latest information.

If circumstances dictate that we cannot meet as the Faithful in groups at these venues, we are looking at possible alternatives to try to get the program to all in some virtual mode. Our committee meetings will be held, but at what venue remains the question. In the Phoenix Diocese, as of this writing, we are planning to have the parish Rep. Meeting at the Knights of Columbus Hall, 8066 N 49th Ave, Glendale on July 11, 2020. Masks WILL be required. Karen and Bill McEwen are planning the meetings for the Tucson Diocese and will issue guidance as needed. We must ALL be mindful of protecting one another from the virus as we go about our planning efforts to make this a successful event.

As we prepare for AZ Rosary Celebration 2020, please contact friends, relatives, businesses etc. for donations to defray the cost of this event. It is an expensive program and is only funded by donations and advertising from many, many individuals, and enterprises.

Please continue to pray to Our Lady Undoer of Knots that our Rosary Celebration will be successful and that a cure for this pandemic will come soon.

Vivat Jesus.

Larry Costanzo, General Chairman



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State Culture of Life Chair Couple – Ed and Mary Jo Eick

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AMERICA IS AT A TURNING POINT: Pro-life or pro-abortion. This fall's elections give us a stark choice for national leaders and for state representatives. Arizona has been strongly pro-life, but, has elected pro-abortion senators and representatives in many recent races.

Of course there are many other important issues to consider when voting. However Right to Life is the most fundamental liberty for every pre-born infant at the moment of conception, each a separate human being created by God in His image. We know this morally and we know it scientifically. As Knights of Columbus we are committed to standing for God-created human life from the moment of conception.

The Culture of Life Committee will have more information in the coming months. Now, as every K of C Council begins a new year, we need to make sure each Council has a Culture of Life Director who will “run with the ball”, leading the promotion for a Culture of Life in your Council.

Only seventy percent of Councils in Arizona had a Culture of Life Director during this past year. The State Culture of Life Committee will communicate directly with Council Culture of Life Directors as well as Grand Knights to support them in their pro-life advocacy. By also going directly to the Council of Life Directors we hope to take some of the burden off Grand Knights.

What is a Culture of Life Director to do? He strives to promote programs that support and encourage the advancement of:

- the pro-life movement
- people with intellectual disabilities
- persecuted Christians

How to do this? By civic involvement, pro-life education, and especially supporting/helping individual pro-life pregnancy centers and spotting opportunities for placing ultra-sound machines to encourage birthing, not abortion, with the financial help of K of C Supreme Council.

Please send me your Culture of Life Director's name, email, and telephone number by mid-July, if possible, so we can begin communicating immediately.

Vivat Jesus!

Ed and Mary Jo Eick

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Silver Rose Chairman – Bob Julien

Brother Knights,

Each year, from early March through mid-December, eight Silver Roses are escorted by Knights of Columbus Councils and Assemblies along their 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 the respect for life, for the spiritual renewal of each nation, and for the advancement of the message of Our Lady of Guadalupe.

This year, 2020, is not like every other year! Supreme honored Arizona with the opportunity to host the Silver Rose twice. First visit will be, in June beginning June 7th and ending July 1st. Second, Arizona will again host the Silver Rose from September 27th to November 1st. Lastly COVID-19! The coronavirus pandemic wreaks havoc on the world. It stopped our country from functioning.

From the very onset of the COVID-19 pandemic in mid-March, all 2020 Silver Rose Tours were ordered to halt transfers of the Silver Rose “until further notice”. At the time the halt was issued, the Silver Rose scheduled for Arizona was in Hawaii.

On June 1st Supreme informed all jurisdictions the suspension of transfers of the Silver Roses from jurisdiction to jurisdiction has been lifted. Next on the schedule would have been California before proceeding to here to Arizona, New Mexico and lastly Texas. The original Silver Rose Tour calendar dictated where the Silver Rose would begin the continuation of the tour.

It is expected that on or about June 7th the Silver Rose will be received in Yuma by DD#18 Larry Lickfelt. However, suggested forms of display and presentation of the Silver Rose may impair normal widespread viewing as in previous years. Once again, the Silver Rose will be on its path to the Basilica of Our Lady of Guadalupe in Mexico. Once the Silver Rose arrives in Yuma, the Diocese of Tucson will be the host of the Silver Rose for the entire month of June then transferring it to New Mexico on or about July 1st.

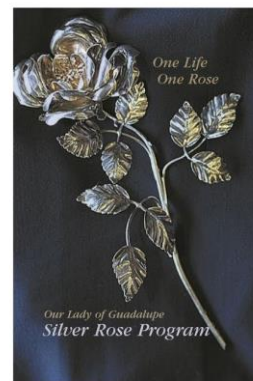
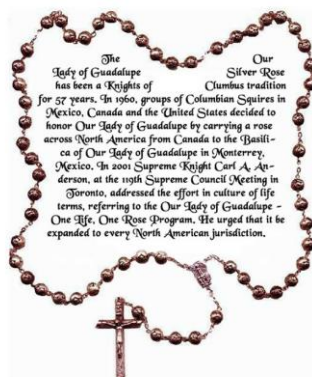
New for 2020, the Silver Rose will be assigned to District Deputies who in-turn will coordinate its travels with his own district. And, coordinate the transfer of the Silver Rose to the next district.

The Silver Rose will return to Arizona, September 27th, for a month long visit touring the Dioceses of Phoenix and Gallup. This swing of the 2020 Silver Rose Tour the Silver Rose will be received from California in Northwestern Arizona potentially in Kingman. I am working with the Silver Rose Chairman from California to finalize a location convenient for both jurisdictions. On or about November 1st the Silver Rose will be transferred to New Mexico and the Diocese of Gallup.

Should your district or council be selected to host the Silver Rose, whether it’s in June or October, our state officers, program director and I expect the best. When receiving the Silver Rose it’s treated with honor, dignity, respect and enthusiasm. You have always done this in the past so I would expect nothing less.

<https://www.kofc.org/en/what-we-do/faith-in-action-programs/life/silver-rose.html?1tab=1tab0#gsc.tab=0>

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Charity, Unity, Fraternity Ceremonials – Skip Hopler

Brother Knights,

As we start the new fraternal year, we are still faced with the ravages of the COVID-19 pandemic and we must strictly follow the sanitization protocols set forth by the Center for Disease Control (CDC), our state and local authorities and our Order. Our State Deputy has amplified the Supreme restrictions for our jurisdiction as outlined in his weekly newsletter. This applies especially to our ceremonials to include exemplifications, business meetings, officer meetings and installations. With the recent increase in the number of COVID -19 infections in Arizona the prospect of our Order returning to fully open in-person meetings in the near future looks dim. Therefore, I want to encourage all the GKs and DDs to embrace the electronic alternatives that are available to us and spread the knowledge of how to become comfortable with these tools among our membership. There are those among us who are comfortably familiar with electronic communications and in the spirit of “leave no one behind” let’s include training for our less experienced membership on how to stay connected with the Council activities through webinars, online meetings and online exemplifications. Our Church is already offering online Masses, so the Knights need to follow that example too. It may be an extended period of time before we can resume the in-person meetings that we all miss.

As newly-re-elected State Deputy Mario Vassallo leads us into Fraternal Year 2020 – 2021 you can expect that we will be encouraging and helping Councils to form their own CUF teams and perfecting the online live option for as long as it is needed. As we see restrictions being lifted for public gatherings (with the appropriate prescribed health cautions) we will return to Councils putting on degrees in Churches and halls. Your local pastor will set the timetable for resuming Church activities. The State Deputy will set the timetable for resuming in-person Knights Meetings. We ask that you work with your pastor and support him during this difficult time. He is under a lot of pressure from many groups, some wanting to open up sooner or some later than the conventional wisdom. We know you will stand by your priests and accept their decisions for their parishes.



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Charity, Unity, Fraternity Ceremonials – Skip Hopler - continued

CUF Degree Options. There are currently three options for bringing in new and advancing members to a council:

1. In-person CUF degree. Normally done in Church or a hall by the Council or District team. This option is currently on hold until Supreme issues changes to their March 2020 restrictions.
2. Online CUF degree. There are two sub-options:
 - a. Supreme online degrees (available in either English or Spanish) and are scheduled 4-5 times per week. Currently the schedule stretches through the end of June but by the time you read this we should have the July schedule. GKs and DDs have gotten notices of this schedule via email and it is posted on the State website.
 - b. Arizona jurisdiction-sponsored online CUF degrees. These are performed by our former State teams and District/Council teams and will continue into the new fraternal year as necessary. This schedule is also on the State website.
3. “On Demand” CUF degrees. GKs and DDs have received a letter explaining the Supreme Degree programs and it includes a link to the “On Demand” degree option which is available 24/7 on the Supreme website and therefore needs no scheduling (see also, para 4 below). GKs or DDs can use the link to send a prospective candidate an invitation to join the Knights (new candidates that are vetted) or advancing (E-members or 1st/2nd degree members). Once the candidate receives the letter (via email) he visits the registration page link and completes the application process. Note that both English and Spanish exemplifications are available through this link. The registration process includes an auto advance to the degree video (attendance is tracked to completion) and the candidate/member is accepted as a Third-Degree Knight at Supreme. The council is then notified of the candidate’s completion of the degree (as with E-members). This is an opportunity to combine E-membership and CUF degree completion in one easy session. The whole process takes less than 40 minutes. I would suggest that the GK/FS stay involved in the new Brother’s advancement and guide him through the process. Use this option as a backup method in case the candidate just can’t make an online live presentation (option #2).

4. Here is a link to the “On Demand” registration page (candidates get this link when you send the separate invite email):
<https://event.on24.com/eventRegistration/EventLobbyServlet?target=reg20.jsp&partnerref=ENUOE12&eventid=2406521&sessionid=1&key=BCC733CD980E359DF0FDB1688C8B4CB2®Tag=&sourcepage=register>



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Other ceremonials. Many councils have now conducted monthly business meetings online and it seems to work very well. Check out these resources for conducting Council business meetings and also review the slides from the latest Supreme webinar for further help with meetings, ceremonials and a host of other council activities. For DDs there is an online resource for the Installation ceremony available also.

[Fraternal Operations During COVID-19 Resources Presentation Slides – PDF](#)

At the Organizational Meeting we will be discussing the formation of degree teams and answering questions about the upcoming ideas for online and in-person degrees. Please contact me for any questions about these ceremonials even if you just want to vent about changes. All feedback is valuable.

Vivat Jesus,

Skip Hopler
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On-Demand Charity, Unity, Fraternity Ceremonials – Supreme Online Ceremony

English

[Thurs., July 2 7:00 PM EDT](#)
[Thurs., July 2 10:00 PM EDT](#)

Spanish

[Wed., July 8 9:00 PM EDT](#)

French

[Tues., July 7 8:00 PM EDT](#)



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Knights In Action During COVID-19 Pandemic

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Knights of Columbus Council 11827 and St. Catherine Laboure and the Salvation Army. We use our church parking lot on Tuesday evenings and pass out food from Farmers Supporting America. One case of Dairy and one case of Produce goes to each person who comes to receive help. We also have people taking food to people in need.



Brother Knight Matthew Sharp on the refrigerated truck tail gate keeping the tent full of Dairy boxes.



Brother Knight Bob Molina with the Salvation Army volunteers stocking the cart.



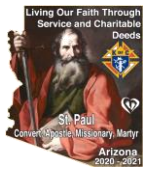
Brother Knights Paul Diemer and Bob Molina with the Salvation Army volunteers awaiting the next car.

Knights not pictured: Grand Knight Len Rechichar and Deputy Grand Knight Butch Arinevez in the parking lot on traffic duty. We have helped for the last 2 weeks and will be helping again this Tuesday the 23rd. Last Tuesday June 16, 2020, GK and DGK again were on traffic duty. Brother Knights Matthew Sharp, Paul Diemer, Joe Merkley and Joe Delgado were also in attendance.



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Raso Insurance Agency – Nate Raso

The world is slowly beginning its return to the way things were - at least as much as it can. It'll likely be months before we know what normal looks like now.

You've probably heard the saying attributed to an unsavory (to say the least!) historical figure that "there are decades where nothing happens, and there are weeks where decades happen." It certainly feels that way now. We have crammed decades of changes into these last several weeks, and it's hard to know what change is permanent, and what changes will prove temporary.

Not everything is fluid though. I am struck by the resilience of the permanent things - our faith, our fraternity, our families. I'm sure you've seen the tremendous ways in which the Knights of Columbus in particular has proven itself equal yet again to this current challenge. Whether it was the establishment of the Leave No Neighbor Behind Initiative, or the launch of the diocesan loan fund, or just the every-day, every-city response of councils across the globe, we have responded as we always do: swiftly, powerfully.

Sure we've had to cancel some things. We've had to have some virtual meetings. We've had to stay a safe distance apart. But our distance hasn't diminished our unity, nor has it changed our impact. I continue to be proud to be a part of this great organization - especially in moments like this. And I know you are too.

That's why, for me, being financially committed to the Knights is such a point of pride. We all need life insurance. We all need to plan for retirement. We all need to think about and prepare for life's what-ifs.

But when it comes time to decide who to make those preparations with, and who to choose to buy those products from, we can choose to spend our money with the company who establishes a multi-million dollar loan funds for Catholic dioceses in their most desperate time of need, or we can go another route. We can choose to buy our insurance from a company who leaves no neighbor behind, or a company who has no real concept of who their neighbor is. We can prepare for our retirement with a company whose members are - once again - setting an example of true Christian charity for all to follow, or we can go in a different direction.

I would challenge you, whether you've never inquired or it's been a long time - to take a fresh look at the Knights of Columbus as a trusted financial partner, and see what products and services we may have that might help you and your family. As we all start to get back to things, our Field Agents can meet with you in person or by video, whichever you prefer, and we can have stress-free, no-commitment conversation about the possibilities.

It's a way to further your commitment to all that we stand for, and - at the same time - obtain some much-needed peace of mind in times like these.

If you would like to speak with your Field Agent, please contact Nate Raso @ (480) 422-8452 or by email at Nate.raso@kofc.org or go to www.azknights.com

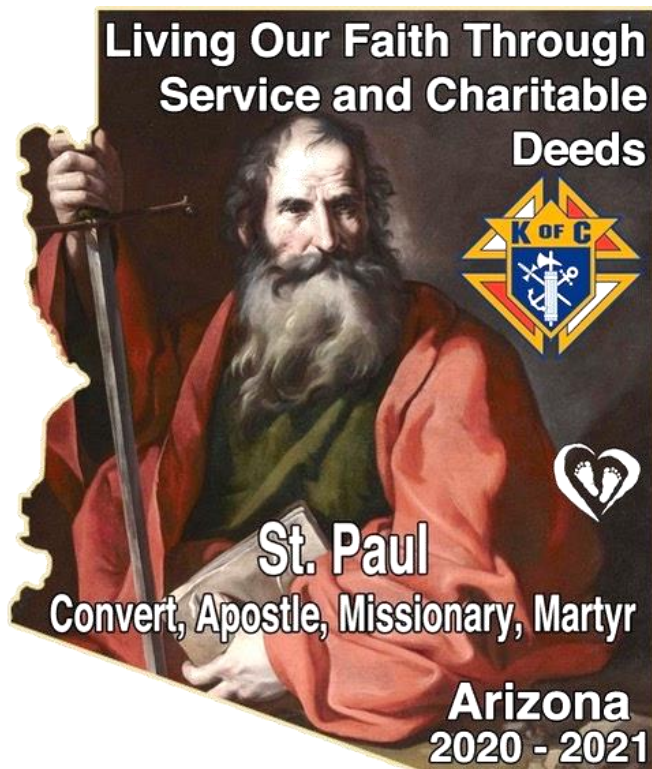
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2020-2021 Arizona State Pin and Theme



Arizona Knight of Columbus “LIVING OUR FAITH THROUGH SERVICE AND CHARITABLE DEEDS”

At the start of every fraternal year, it has become customary in Arizona that the State Deputy introduces a new State Pin and theme. While introducing the 2020-2021 State Pin, State Deputy Mario Vassallo said, “The State Pin this year depicts part of the religious heritage that I brought with me from Malta, the island where I was born and raised. St. Paul is one of the patron saints of Malta. I would like St. Paul to be a role model to us brother knights in Arizona during this fraternal year.”

The State Pin has the outline of the State of Arizona and shows the picture of St. Paul who is one of the greatest apostles but also was a convert, a missionary and a martyr. The pin also shows the logo of the Knights of Columbus and two small baby’s feet which are included to remind us that we must always fight to preserve the sanctity of life from natural conception to natural death. At the top of the pin is this year’s theme *Living Our Faith Through Service and Charitable Deeds*. Our theme is an expression of what the goal of every Knight of Columbus should be. We are men of faith who demonstrate our faith by being of service to our priests, parishioners and neighbors and perform charity with those members in our community who are in need.

This is the story of how the Maltese people converted to Christianity and fell in love with the great apostle St. Paul.

In the year 60 A.D. St. Paul was taken prisoner and transported to Rome to be tried in court as a Roman for being a Christian. St. Luke was also on the same ship that travelled through the Mediterranean Sea. This is how St. Luke describes the shipwreck close to the island of Malta in the Acts of the Apostles (27:39 – 28:10):

³⁹ When daylight came, they did not recognize the land, but they saw a bay with a sandy beach, where they decided to run the ship aground if they could. ⁴⁰ Cutting loose the anchors, they left them in the sea and at the same time untied the ropes that held the rudders. Then they hoisted the foresail to the wind and made for the beach. ⁴¹ But the ship struck a sandbar and ran aground. The bow stuck fast and would not move, and the stern was broken to pieces by the pounding of the surf.

⁴² The soldiers planned to kill the prisoners to prevent any of them from swimming away and escaping. ⁴³ But the centurion wanted to spare Paul's life and kept them from carrying out their plan. He ordered those who could swim to jump overboard first and get to land. ⁴⁴ The rest were to get there on planks or on other pieces of the ship. In this way everyone reached land safely.

28 *Once safely on shore, we found out that the island was called Malta. ² The islanders showed us unusual kindness. They built a fire and welcomed us all because it was raining and cold. ³ Paul gathered a pile of brushwood and, as he put it on the fire, a viper, driven out by the heat, fastened itself on his hand. ⁴ When the islanders saw the snake hanging from his hand, they said to each other, "This man must be a murderer; for though he escaped from the sea, the goddess Justice has not allowed him to live." ⁵ But Paul shook the snake off into the fire and suffered no ill effects. ⁶ The people expected him to swell up or suddenly fall dead; but after waiting a long time and seeing nothing unusual happen to him, they changed their minds and said he was a god.*

⁷ There was an estate nearby that belonged to Publius, the chief official of the island. He welcomed us to his home and showed us generous hospitality for three days. ⁸ His father was sick in bed, suffering from fever and dysentery. Paul went in to see him and, after prayer, placed his hands on him and healed him. ⁹ When this had happened, the rest of the sick on the island came and were cured. ¹⁰ They honored us in many ways; and when we were ready to sail, they furnished us with the supplies we needed.

Honoring Mary Under Her Title Our Lady Undoer of Knots



Devotion to Mary, Undoer Knots began over 300 years ago. Pope Francis spoke about while he was Archbishop of Buenos Aires, Argentina, and continues to promote it during his papacy. Pope Francis said: Through Mary, “All the knots of our heart, every knot of our conscience can be undone.”

The story behind this particular title of Mary comes not as an apparition, but rather as a request for intercession.

In the early 1600s there was a German Nobleman Wolfgang Langenmantel and his wife, Sophie. they were having marital problems and were considering divorce. Wolfgang, being troubled and fearful of such a drastic action, went to a Jesuit priest Fr. Jakob Rem for advice.

During their counseling sessions, they prayed to the Blessed Virgin Mary for Wolfgang’s marriage. On September 28, 1615, the last time he was to meet with Fr. Rem, Wolfgang provided the priest with the ribbon used during his wedding ceremony to tie the couple together as a symbol of unity.

Fr. Rem took the ribbon, placed it on an image of Our Lady of the Snows, and asked Mary to “untie the knots” of Wolfgang’s marriage. The ribbon loosened and became completely untied and became brilliantly white. The story does not end with the dissolution of their marriage. Rather, Wolfgang and Sophie reconciled after this happened. The knots that were untied by the Blessed Mother were the ones that creating the problems that were driving them apart.

Hieronimus Langenmantel, the grandson of Wolfgang and Sophie, became a priest and commissioned a painting to be done in memory of the story. The painting shows Mary untying the knots of marriage. In it, one angel gives her the knotted ribbon and another angel holds the unknotted side and presents it to the viewer.

This image also shows Mary crushing Satan’s head, as in the Immaculate Conception. There is also a dove above her head symbolizing the Holy Spirit. It also depicts St. Raphael the Archangel accompanying Wolfgang towards a monastery.

The image of Mary, Undoer of Knots, was painted by Johann Melchior Georg Schmittner about the year 1700. It is currently on display at St. Peter am Perlach-Church in Augsburg, Bavaria in Germany.

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The Knot Prayer

Dear God,

Please untie the knots that are in my mind, my heart, and my life.

Remove the have nots, cannots, and the do nots.

Erase the will nots, may nots, might nots that may find a home in my heart.

Release me from the could nots, would nots, and should nots that obstruct my life.

And most of all, dear God, I ask that you remove from my mind, my heart, and my life all of the “am nots” that I have allowed to hold me back.

Especially the thought that I am not good enough.

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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Pope Francis's Prayer to Our Lady Undoer of Knots

Holy Mary, full of God's presence during the day of your life, you accepted with full humility the Father's will, and the devil was never capable of tying you up with his confusion.

Once with your Son you interceded for our difficulties, and full of kindness and patience, you gave us example of how to untie the knots in our life. By remaining forever Our Mother, you put in order and make more clear the ties that link us to the Lord.

Holy Mother, Mother of God and our Mother, to you who untie with a motherly heart the knots of our life, we pray to you to receive in your hands (the name of the person), and to free him/her of the knots and confusion with which our enemy attacks.

Through your grace, your intercession and your example deliver us from all evil, Our Lady, and untie the knots that prevent us from being united with God, so that we, free from sin and error, may find Him in all things, may have our hearts placed in Him, and may serve Him always in our brothers and sisters. Amen.

At Roman Noon on May 26, 2020, the Holy See announced the formal recognition of a miracle attributed to our founder, Venerable Father Michael McGivney.

With this announcement, a Mass of Beatification will soon be scheduled. This joyful news is the culmination of many years of determined effort. I ask for your continued and increased prayers as we prepare for the day when our founder will be known as Blessed Michael McGivney.