



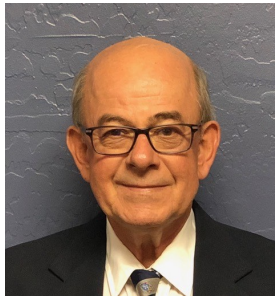
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State Deputy's Message



Brothers,

Easter is in our rearview mirror and Pentecost is upon us. In 1st Corinthians 12:3, Paul writes, **No one can say, "Jesus is Lord, except by the Holy Spirit.** There are different kinds of spiritual gifts but the same Spirit; there are different forms of service but the same Lord; there are different workings but the same God who produces all of them in everyone. Then in the Gospel of John 20:19-23, it is written, "As the Father has sent me, so I send you." And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them, and whose sins you retain are retained." So, this Pentecost, remember the gifts given to us by the Holy Spirit to use to help our fellow man and how we haven been sent out to proclaim the Gospel of Jesus Christ to the world.

Venerable Fr. Michael J. McGivney Advances in Cause of Sainthood

A few days ago, we had some great news. The Vatican announced that Pope Francis has approved the promulgation of a decree recognizing a miracle attributed to the intercession of the founder of the Knights of Columbus, Venerable Father Michael J. McGivney, who incidentally, died during the pandemic of 1890, after becoming ill and dying of pneumonia.

The Pope's action means that Father McGivney can be declared **Blessed**, the step just prior to sainthood. An additional miracle attributed to Father McGivney's intercession will be required for

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A Missionary "Spring" in the Church

That the breath of the Holy Spirit engender a new missionary "spring" in the Church.



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his canonization as a saint. Brothers this is great news. I could not be prouder to be a Knight of Columbus and to serve my fellow men in an organization founded by a saintly person such as Father McGivney today than I was when I first joined. The scope of our mission today is so much greater than his original vision of helping the destitute widows and orphans of his time. Join me in saying thank you, Blessed Father McGivney.

A date will soon be set for the beatification Mass, which will take place in Connecticut. It will include the reading of an apostolic letter from the Holy Father and the bestowing of the title **Blessed** on Father McGivney.

Donation for Our Lady of the Desert and Redemptorist, Renewal & Retreat Center

Speaking of miracles, we have had a couple of our own locally. One in Tucson in particular. The Redemptorist, Renewal, and Retreat Center (RRC) in Tucson, AZ, was found to have suffered personnel and monetary losses during the pandemic after complying with orders cancelling public gatherings. This order caused the cancellation by the sponsoring organizations of all scheduled retreats for the months of April, May, and June. With no retreats, there was no income for the center and the parish, Our Lady of the Desert. The parish and the RRC are both located in Northwest Tucson, a few miles West of Interstate 10 and South of Ina Road on Picture Rocks Road. Seeing this great need, the Knights of Our Lady of the Desert Council 15704 responded by raising funds to offset the retreat center's losses using the principles of Charity, Unity, and Fraternity. Through their efforts and the generosity of one member who matched the council's donations, and the donations of other council members, they raised in total, over \$46,000 for the retreat center and parish. This is an outstanding story of a small council stepping up and performing extraordinary things. My many thanks to the Council, it's leaders, members, and extraordinary donors.

First Virtual State Convention

On Saturday, May 16, 2020 at 3:30 p.m., we held the 113th Arizona Knights of Columbus



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State Convention, which was the 1st ever Arizona Virtual State Convention. We were honored and privileged to have Supreme Secretary Michael O'Connor as our Supreme Representative and also to have Past State Deputy and current Supreme Director Sean Halpain with us as well. I am greatly humbled that the 170 delegates attending the meeting re-elected me as State Deputy for a second term. I am also greatly pleased that all State Officers were also re-elected for a second term. Together we will continue to dedicate our time, energy, and effort to grow our Order, help our Bishops in our dioceses, our Pastors at our various parishes and the needy and poor around our great state of Arizona.

The convention was conducted through a telephonic service chosen by the Supreme Office during the 90-minute time slot allotted in advance of the meeting. State Chaplain Gary Regula said in his remarks, *"We go forward because Christ is our hope and our guide and we seek with our lives to share his love and compassion with others and the convention was a way to bring us together to remind us of our call as Knights."*

State Raffle

The State Raffle was held May 16 at Corpus Christi Parish in Ahwatukee. The State Treasurer, State Raffle Chairman and crew met to pick the winning tickets. Fr. Chad, Pastor of Corpus Christi was on hand to draw the tickets. Winners have been posted on the state website.

Membership

I am very proud of our membership commitment to strengthen our Order for the future. As of today, the Arizona jurisdiction is the largest it has ever been in its 113-year history, approaching 17,300 members in 154 Councils and 33 Districts. As a matter of fact, so far, this fraternal year, our net-net membership has grown by 235 members. Due to the outstanding and relentless efforts of our Worthy State Membership Director Bobby Nielsen, we have had excellent growth in most of the councils in Arizona. As of Friday May 29, 2020, we are only 97 members short of our Circle of Honor goal. I am confident that, if we continue this effort,



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we will meet or surpass our Supreme quota.

We have the opportunity to have a record number of Star Councils this year. Please remember that councils need to submit ALL required forms and be Safe Environment compliant. If you have questions, please ask your DD or our State Membership Chairman Bobby Nielsen.

To help you out with your recruitment efforts, our Worthy State Membership Director has provided you with an ad both in English and Spanish. These ads can be found on our State Council Facebook Page. Please, if you haven't done so already, get the approval of your Pastor to post this ad in the parish's bulletin, website and FB page from now until June 30. Remember, for each member you bring into the Council from May 1 until June 30 2020, the Council will receive \$10 from the State Council. If your Council qualifies for Star Council, you will get \$4.50 for each active member. In addition, the three Councils with the highest number of new members recruited during these two months will receive \$300, \$200 and \$100 in awards. This can turn into a windfall for a council especially those strapped for cash. Keep up the great work! There are similar awards for the three District Deputies with the highest new members recruited in their district. In addition, two Arizona Councils can win a custom 10' x 10' Knights of Columbus canopy (please read our State Membership Director's article for more details). Together we can do it.

My thanks to our Worthy State Retention Chairman Len Rheaume who has done an awesome job at working with our councils and District Deputies as they identify potential members to suspend or withdraw from the Order. Through his efforts we have kept a substantial number of members active in our Order.

Programs

Many of our programs touch the Culture of Life. We did a fantastic job in this area! I'd like to thank our Worthy State Culture of Life Chairman Brother Ed Eick for all he did to help promote



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this program throughout the state. Perhaps one of our greatest achievements this year was joining together to raise funds for three 4-D Ultrasound machines that were donated to the Hope Crisis Pregnancy Center in Flagstaff, CareNet Pregnancy Center in Sierra Vista and Choices Pregnancy Center in Tempe. Thanks to the efforts of our State Programs Director Larry Powers and the State 4-D Ultrasound Initiative Chairman FDD Joe Kramer, we were able to raise almost \$60,000.00 in 10 months. We also had a huge presence at the Marches for Life held last January in Tucson and Phoenix and at the one held in Casa Grande.

One of the things I highly recommend to councils as parishes are allowed to hold in-person masses is to help your pastors. I have reached out to both Bishop Weisenburger in Tucson and Bishop Olmsted in Phoenix and offered them all the manpower they need. They immediately notified the pastors of your availability to assist. Don't wait for them to ask, reach out to them and ask how you can help. Many councils are assisting with sanitizing after masses for instance. Make sure you finish strong in all the program areas so you may qualify for Star Council.

Insurance Program

We have an excellent relationship with the Knights of Columbus Insurance Agency and General Agent, Nate Raso. There have been several top Supreme level honors won by our Arizona agents. We are very proud of them and thank them for all they are doing to keep our families secure.

Physical Versus Virtual Meetings

I have received many questions about when we will return to in-person meetings. The directives issued by our Supreme Knight in March on in-person business meetings still stand. Therefore, I am still not allowing such meetings until Supreme issues new directives. Please continue using technology to do your meetings. I will let you know immediately when new directives are issued. The State Deputies Organization Meeting held each year the first week



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of June in New Haven Connecticut will be held virtually this year.

State Disaster Fund

The State Council has set up a Disaster Fund to be used to send donations to organizations in dire need of funds during this crisis and to purchase and deliver vital food items to brother nights suffering from financial hardships. Donations may be sent to State Secretary Luigi Baratta with checks made payable to **Arizona Knights of Columbus** with ***Disaster Fund*** in the memo section.

Please stay safe and may God bless you all.

Vivat Jesus!

Mario Vassallo
State Deputy



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State Secretary Luigi Baratta's Message

Dear Brother Knights,

I want to say **Thank you** to all the delegates for participating in the first online State Convention. All of my fellow State officers are pleased to serve you. The following Councils still have not paid there Per Capita. Councils (17005-6858-7646-11858-3824-14583-1784). Is your Council on this list? **Please check with your Financial Secretary after reading this monthly KOCCOA if he mailed the payment to me.** If you did not receive a statement send me an email ASAP. Please remember, any assessments paid to the Arizona state council or Supreme **DOES NOT REQUIRE A VOTE.** So please send your payment along with the invoice. The check needs to be written to AZ Knights of Columbus not STATE SECRETARY. Has your Council met their membership quota? Do you know that online membership can join for \$15 for a year? That's right \$15.00. What a great gift **YOU** can give to a Catholic gentlemen. Think about all your friends, co-workers, and of course your family members. For more information contact your Grand Knight, District Deputy, Membership Director or any State Officer. We are here for you!!

May God bless you and your families,

Luigi Baratta
 State Secretary
 Arizona State Council
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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/M. Falcioni.

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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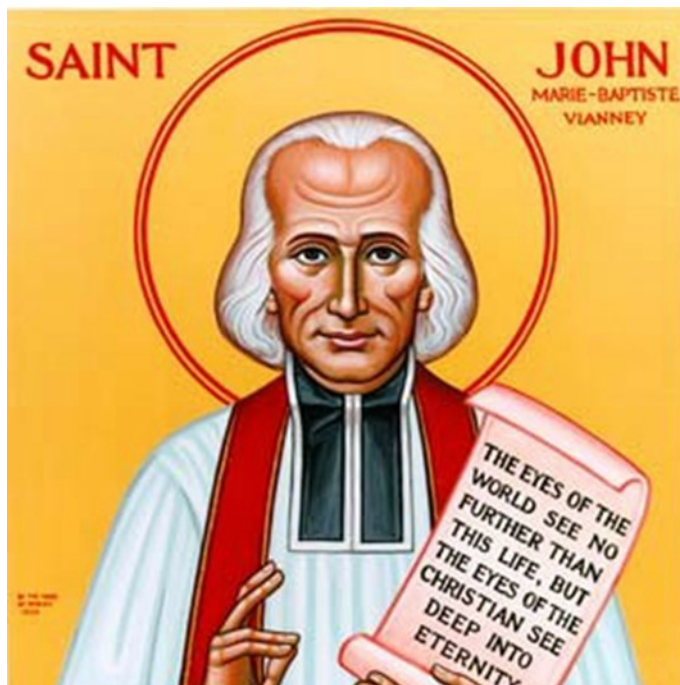
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Prayer for Vocations

Lord, You told us that "The harvest indeed is great, but the laborers are few. Pray, therefore, the Lord of the harvest to send laborers into His fields." We ask You to strengthen us as we follow the vocation to which You have called us. We pray particularly for those called to serve as priests, sisters, brothers, and deacons: Those whom You have called, Those You are calling now, Those You will call in the future. May they be open and responsive to the call of serving Your people. We ask this through Christ Our Lord. Amen.



*Patron of Priests,
pray for us!*

Prayer for Our Priests

Mary, Mother of Jesus, throw your mantle of purity over our priests. Protect them, guide them, and keep them in your heart.

Be a Mother to them, especially in times of discouragement and loneliness. Love them and keep them belonging completely to Jesus.

Like Jesus, they, too, are your sons, so keep their hearts pure and virginal. Keep their minds filled with Jesus, and put Jesus always on their lips, so that he is the one they offer to sinner and to all they meet.

Mary, Mother of Jesus, be their Mother, loving them and bringing them joy. Take special care of sick and dying priests, and the ones most tempted. Remember how they spent their youth and old age, their entire lives serving and giving all to Jesus.

Mary, bless them and keep a special place for them in your heart. Give them a piece of your heart, so beautiful and pure and immaculate, so full of love and humility, so that they, too, can grow in the likeness of Christ. Dear Mary, make them humble like you, and holy like Jesus. Amen.



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State Chaplain – Fr. Gary Regula

Dear Brother Knights,

As you read this we are still in the depth of this pandemic, and depending whom you listen to we are either almost through this or we still have a long way to go. There are no cut and dry answers, but one thing that we should continue to do at this time is to think of others. We have all seen the images of people disregarding any directives of social distancing. We have heard the tragic stories of people who were told to wear a mask, and instead of complying they shot the person who told them to put a mask on. Whether we are through this or we have to wait for a vaccine to arrive and be distributed to say that we have made it through a pandemic should not stop us from being respectful, compassionate and caring to those around us.

If we are living out the ideal to **leave no neighbor behind** then we should do all that we can to protect our neighbors. I will say that masks are confining, claustrophobic (a word someone shared with me), and they heat up our face, but they may be able to stop the spread of this disease. Thus, even if we are not comfortable wearing one and we think that it is our right to be able to stop wearing one if we so choose, then I would ask you to think of a group of people to help you make a better choice.

When the virus first overtook our medical system in this country we didn't have enough of the protective gear for our doctors and nurses and those that were needed to attend to the sick. Because of this they wore their mask for 10-12 hours without taking it off. They had to label the masks and equipment with their name, as they needed to wear the same item for days and at times weeks until new supplies arrived. They did so because they knew that they would protect the patients they served and also they would protect one another and their families as well.

We cannot become complacent at this time when so many are disregarding any, and at times all, directives, we must think of the other first and foremost if we want to be servants following in the footsteps of Jesus Christ.



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This is not a command, nor is this berating anyone that may not want to listen to these words, but this is an invitation to please think of the other when you continue to make decisions at this moment. This is not a time to think of the individual rights that we may have by living in this country, but it is a time to think that before we are citizens of a particular place we are Christians first. We can ask the question **what would Jesus do?** if that will help our discernment so that we do think of everyone as our neighbor and act in service to them.

Vivat Jesus,

Fr. Gary

State Chaplain



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State Treasurer Tom Kato's Message —

Brother Knights,

Monday May 25, we celebrated Memorial Day. Unlike celebrations in the past, we were not able to participate in call outs to the cemetery to honor those who gave their life to serve their country. However, at 3:00 PM, thanks to the leadership of Assembly 2152 and Council 10762, we were able to observe a moment of silence, listen to taps as played by Sir Knight Dan Pinda (a member of Bugles Across America), and pray the Rosary. Members from Assembly 2152 lead the decades of the rosary while Deacon Dennis Ranke announced each Glorious Mystery.

Since gatherings at the cemetery may conflict with the state wide order to social distance, this was a great tribute to honor our military. Members across the state were able to participate live through GoTo Meeting in order to pray together as Knights of Columbus.

We thank SK Fred Falgiano, SK Dan Pinda, SK Pete Karculias, SK Anthony Penisi, and SK Chris Rod for thinking outside the box to coordinate this event. Yes, brothers, even though we may be socially distanced, there are many activities we can do as Arizona Knights of Columbus to be **Knights Serving God, Serving the Community – This is who we are, this is what we do.**

Blood Drives

Brothers,

The Knights of Columbus were the pioneers for blood donations back in the 1940's.

<http://www.kofc.org/en/news-room/articles/blood-drive-programs.html>

The national blood supply during summer drops to critical levels. With the opening of elective surgeries, the need for blood is still great.



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State Treasurer Tom Kato's Message —

If your parish can host a mobile drive on the campus in a spare room, please consider doing this. This will allow the staff on site to set up the room with social distancing in mind. This allows for both staff and donors to be safe during the donation process.

If your council/parish cannot host a drive, please consider going to a fixed site location throughout the area:

<https://www.vitalant.org/Donate/Blood-Donation/Locations.aspx>

<https://www.redcross.org/give-blood.html>

If you do host a blood drive, please notify State Blood Chairman Brandon Olson at sk_bmolson4708@outlook.com with the dates, number of participants, and units collected.

Vivat Jesus!

Tom Kato

State Treasurer



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State Membership Director – Bobby Nielsen

My Brother Knights,

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Arizona Knights of Columbus continue to be leaders during the Covid-19 pandemic, assisting with food drives, organizing blood drives and raising money for the less fortunate. During a time when many would think recruiting new men into the Order would be tough if not impossible, you have proven them wrong. Arizona has recruited over 150 men into the Order since we learned the terms **social distancing** and bought our first facemask. That is outstanding.

Almost 50 councils have qualified for the Father McGivney Award for membership and several more are within 2 new members of that goal. With 1 month left in the fraternal year, there is time for many councils to complete the requirements for the Star Council award.

A prestigious award for all Knights is the Circle of Honor. Arizona is in a position to be recognized as one of the top recruiting jurisdictions in the world. With a goal of 812 new members we are less than 100 new men away from this award. As Knights of Columbus we can't allow this opportunity to pass us by. Now is the time to recruit a new man into the Order. It is good for the man, good for the Order and great for the State!

Growing the Order is reason enough to recruit, but there are also incentives that will benefit your council. On the following page you will find information on the "Made In The Shade" council incentive. **Two Arizona Councils will win a custom 10' x 10' Knights of Columbus canopy.** Each comes with a deluxe rolling storage bag and is valued at \$450. If you bring in two new members, you have one chance to win. If you bring in four new members, you will have two chances to win and so on. There is no limit as to how many chances you can earn. Remember, two canopies will be awarded.

During the months of May and June your council will receive \$10 for every new member recruited. When signing up a man online you can use the promo code **AZKOFC** for a



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State Membership Director – Bobby Nielsen

50% discount. That makes the first year membership cost \$15! Make sure the new member lists your council number as his desired council.

I am proud to call you my Brothers. Your State Officers, District Deputies and myself are available to help in reaching these goals. Contact us with any questions, concerns or needs. We can't let the opportunity to earn these awards pass us by. Stay safe, recruit a new member and Vivat Jesus!

Bobby Nielsen

State Membership Director

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State Membership Director – Bobby Nielsen (continued)



Arizona Knights of Columbus Have It Made In The Shade



With the year-round sunshine we enjoy in Arizona, we spend a lot of time outside. Having a shade canopy is a must.

Two Arizona Councils can win a custom 10' x 10' Knights of Columbus canopy. Each canopy has "KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS" printed on two opposite sides in English and the other two sides in Spanish. Each come with a deluxe rolling storage bag and is valued at \$450.

For every two new members brought into Arizona, your council will be entered into a drawing for one of these canopies. They will benefit your programs, activities and recruiting for years to come.

If you bring in two new members, you have one chance to win. If you bring in four new members you will have two chances to win and so on. There is no limit as to how many chances you can earn. Remember, two canopies will be awarded.

A council can only win one canopy; the drawing will be at the Organizational Meeting in July.



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State Ceremonial Chairman—Skip Hopler

The Arizona State Council of the Knights of Columbus will be hosting a live, completely online Charity-Unity-Fraternity (CUF) Exemplification on **Saturday, June 13, 2020 at 10:00 AM**. This ceremony will be hosted on the WebEx Online Meeting service.

Please reach out to all new candidates that you have as well as all current First and Second Degree Knights and encourage them to register for this exemplification. All new candidates and First and Second Degree Knights who attend this presentation of the CUF Exemplification will become Third Degree Knights with full privileges of holding office. This also qualifies the new members to apply to take their Fourth Degree.

If you have a Candidate or Brother Knight interested in participating in this completely online presentation of the CUF Degree, please send his **name, phone number, email address and Council number** to Jim Walsh, Jim.Walsh.KofC.District8@gmail.com or 480-772-3094. Please send candidate information to Jim by 6:00 PM Friday, June 12, 2020. Grand Knights and District Deputies who wish to log in must also send their information to the same address.

Jim will send an email invite to each person who registers but bandwidth is limited so please limit sign-in to candidates, Grand Knights and District Deputies of the candidates. The candidates may have family or friends in the same room with them to observe the ceremony. The limit only applies to the number of people who actually sign into the meeting.

It is appropriate for candidates to wear at least a collared shirt to the presentation as they will appear live on the video before the live audience.

Specific Guidelines for the June 13th Degree:

1. Call in to register with DD Jim Walsh prior to the ceremony.
2. Candidates must be able to log into the meeting on a computer and be able to view and listen to the degree online. A video self-image of the candidate (e.g., laptop or phone with camera) is highly encouraged also.
3. Info required:
 - Candidate's name, phone number, email address and Council number
 - New candidates - Form 100 or other evidence of acceptance by the Council (GK can vouch)
 - E-members – Grand Knight certification that the gaining Council has accepted the candidate as a transfer into that Council.



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- Advancing Members – no requirements before the degree. Fin Secs will adjust the advancing member's status after the degree.
 - GKs and DDs attending the ceremony should send Jim their name and email address to receive the access link.
4. All who register will receive an email from DD Jim Walsh (from the email address above) with a link to log into the meeting. No download is required; simply click on the link **Join the Meeting** and when you check in ensure that your video and audio are turned on. Unless you are a candidate, do not check in before 10:00 AM.
 5. Candidates will be asked to join the meeting at 09:45 AM. Only registered candidates will be admitted into the meeting room before 10:00 AM. Others will be held in the electronic "lobby" until 10:00 AM.
 - There will be a 15 minute preparation period (starting at 9:45 AM) during which the candidates will be asked to **read and acknowledge** their acceptance of the Constitutional Roll and will be shown the promises that will be asked of them during the ceremony.
 6. The Degree Exemplification will start at 10:00 AM and will be completed in approximately 30 mins.
 7. After the degree is complete there will be some short introductions and welcomes (no more than 15 minutes). The total meeting time will not exceed 1 hour.
 8. Post-degree. All candidates will be reported to their GKs as having attended the degree.
 9. GKs should arrange a future time, place, method to present each candidate with the rosary, pin and booklet **These Men They Call Knights**. Certificates are also encouraged and can be ordered from Supreme supply.

We are excited about the opportunity to continue to welcome new members to our ranks, especially during this difficult time of national emergency. It has never been easier to get candidates to a Degree than this online exemplification. As of May 29, 2020 the Arizona jurisdiction is only 97 new members away from making Circle of Honor. Please take advantage of this opportunity to get new candidates into our Order so they can reap the benefits of membership of being engaged with Fellow Catholics and their families in our Church.

Vivat Jesus,

Skip Hopler, State Ceremonial Chairman



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General Agent—Nate Raso

Assuring financial security for your loved ones requires careful planning.



JOIN US! BENEFIT EVENT

Join us for our statewide Fraternal Benefits Event on ZOOM at 10:00am on June 20th! Come learn about YOUR Catholic company – the Knights of Columbus! We will discuss life insurance, long term care insurance, retirement income annuities, and disability insurance.

We have limited space for only the first 300 people, so please get in early! Stay through the end, you will fill out a 2 min survey and get your council credit for their Star Council requirements.

Click here to get  [Fraternal Benefit Event](#)
Meeting ID: 480 422 8452

This presentation is available to anyone that would like to learn more about the Knights of Columbus, so if you know of someone who is interested in joining the Knights, please invite them to the event. Vivat Jesus!



**Saturday,
June 20th
10AM**

All Are Encouraged!

Drawing at the end of event for a \$100 Amazon Gift Card!

We look forward to seeing you on this call!

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Council Activities during the COVID-19 Pandemic

Eusebio Francisco Kino Council 14583 of Rio Rico, St Francis Xavier Council 16856 of Tubac and San Felipe de Jesús Council 1564 of Nogales.

These councils have kept very busy serving their parishes and communities during this COVID-19 Pandemic.

Back in mid-April the Santa Cruz County Managers ordered their County Emergency Manager, Raymond Sayre, to organize and carryout a food distribution effort in two locations in the Nogales/Rio Rico area. During the winter months, 80% of the fresh produce consumed by the United States and Canada comes up from Mexico and enters the United States through the port of entry in Nogales. Due to the COVID-19 Pandemic none of the usual customers and recipients of the produce were open for business. The produce is ordered and paid for in advance, so it came to the border and had nowhere further to go.

This created a crisis as if it was not distributed somewhere, the produce companies would have to dispose of it. While it would be a terrible shame to waste tons of food, it also was going to cost the companies about \$1000 per truck load to dump. Due to the magnitude of this problem, the Santa Cruz County Emergency Manager approached the Knights for help.



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FRESH PRODUCE DISTRIBUTION



KGUN9 Interviews Dave Alvarez of Council 14583



Community volunteers assisting the Knights with food distribution

This gives you an idea of the size of the boxes



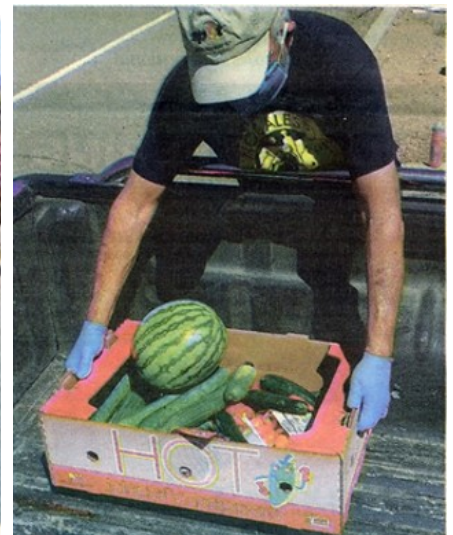
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Knights with local volunteers expeditiously distribute the produce. Received many adulations for a job well done.





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The Knights set up an extremely efficient distribution system that earned us the praise and adulation of the County Managers.

Members from the three councils along with several dozen volunteers from the community distributed fresh produce from two locations: Oasis Movie Theater parking lot in Nogales, and at the Rio Rico High School football field parking lot.

Saturday April 25th

Oasis Movie Theater: distributed 1200 boxes of fresh produce from 8AM to Noon.

Rio Rico High School: distributed 960 boxes of fresh produce from 8AM to Noon

Friday May 8th

Oasis Movie Theater: distributed 800 boxes of fresh produce from 8AM to Noon.

Rio Rico High School: distributed 800 boxes of fresh produce from 8AM to Noon

Friday May 22nd

Rio Rico High School: distributed 800 boxes of fresh produce from 7AM to 11AM



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While each council is aiding and assisting their pastor at their parish, I can attest to some specific activities we engaged in by council #14583 here in Rio Rico.



Most Holy Nativity Rio Rico Parish

Catholic Church



Wednesday 1 Hour Adoration

Every Wednesday, at first in the mornings but as the summer heat arrived in the evenings, the Knights of Council 14583 setup the parking lot altar and then directed traffic to bring about an inspiring but safe event.

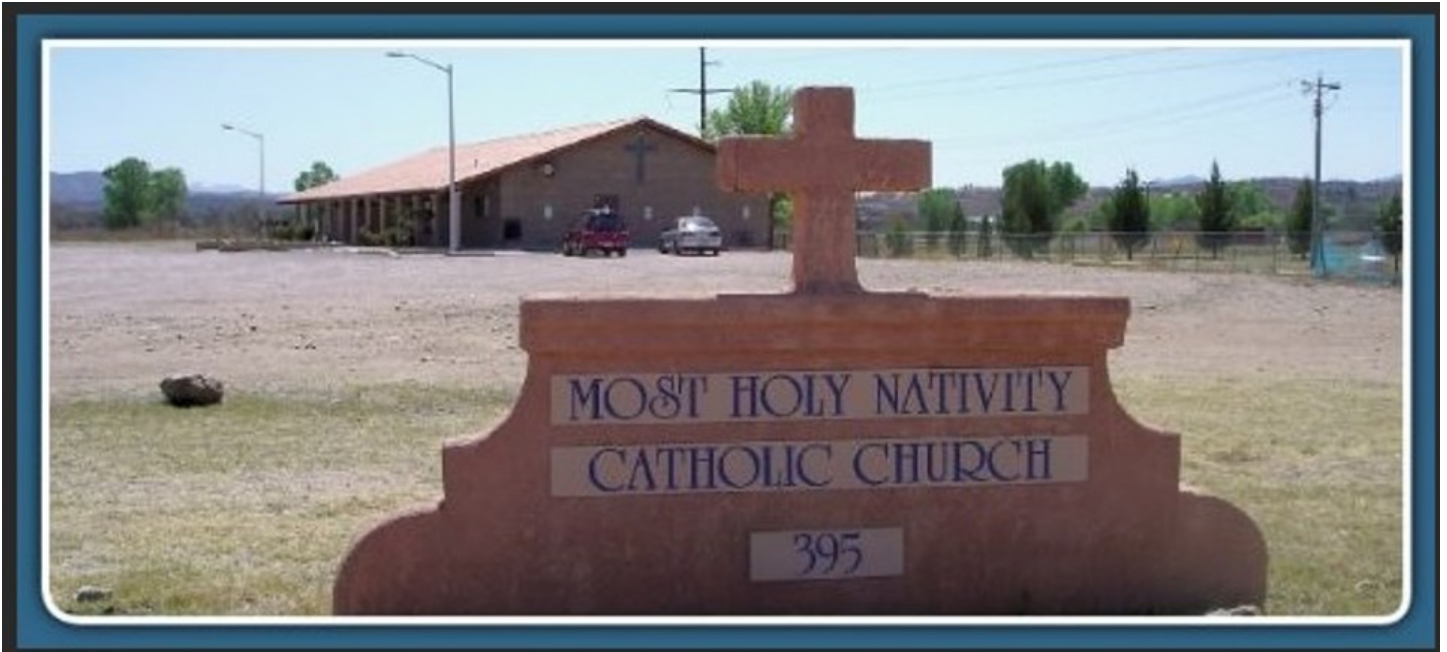
Douglas Cook & Javier Barajas helping setup altar for adoration.



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The Knights of 14583 also setup and conducted traffic control of parking lot Eucharist ceremonies so parishners can finally receive the Lord again after two months of being deprived of this wonderful gift.



Eucharist resumed for parishners starting Sunday May 24th and Mass resumes celebration under strict guidelines from the Bishop starting Weekend of 30-31st of May.

David Alvarez with his two boys along with Eddie Castillo and Javier Barajas pause for a group picture while performing traffic control.



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Council Activities during the COVID-19 Pandemic (cont.)

St. Andrew The Apostle Council 9482 in Chandler and the State Young Adult Leadership Board

On Saturday, May 23rd, Council 9482 at Saint Andrew the Apostle in Chandler posted a Food Drive to help with the *No Neighbor Left Behind* initiative. They partnered with the United Food Bank; under the guidance of Brother Frank Saavedra, PGK. Brother Frank asked the Young Adult Leadership Board to spread the word of the Food Drive to encourage other Councils to come and donate. The Food Drive was a big success, Council 9482 was able to fill 48 boxes when the United Food Bank expected that they would fill 5 – 10 boxes. Council 9482 also collected \$1,000 from random donations that will buy 5,000 meals. Thank you Brothers for all the hard work you put into the Food Drive that made it a great success!





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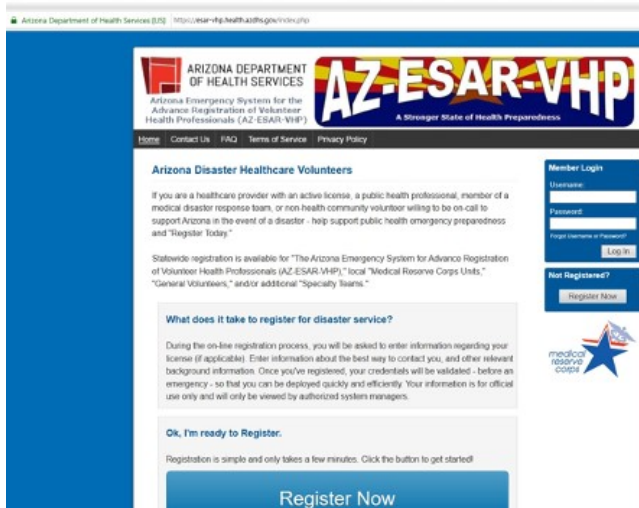


State Disaster Relief Chairman— FDD

Since the State of Arizona Emergency Agencies launched Pandemic containment and prevention efforts using faith based organizations; I, as the Knights Emergency Response Coordinator, have attended weekly and monthly telephone conferences to prepare against the worst.

One of the most critical aspects of dealing with a crisis or disaster is Emergency Managers dealing with the flood of well meaning volunteers who show up at a Recovery Site to help. Both logic and law makes it essential to vet all volunteers before letting them access to traumatized survivors. These victims need and deserve complete safety and security at the site. It makes a big difference when volunteers have been pre-vetted. State Emergency Managers implore the faith based community to register at their website so when their help is needed they can be immediately admitted to the recovery site.

<https://esar-vhp.health.azdhs.gov/index.php>



During a crisis every minute counts. Delay in vetting can cost lives.

Pre-vetting makes a big difference to Safety Personnel.



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

Prayer to Our Lady of Guadalupe

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

AMEN

Knights’ Prayer

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

Canonization of Venerable Fr. Michael J. McGivney

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



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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*

Prayer to Our Lady of Guadalupe

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