



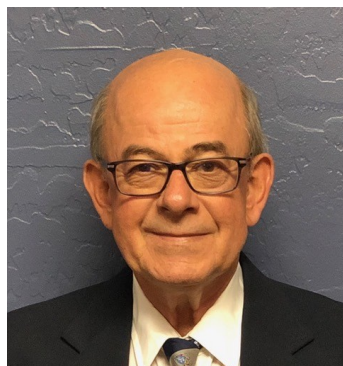
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State Deputy Mario Vassallo's Message



My dear Brothers,

Happy Easter! Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior has Risen!

As I write this message the Church celebrates the Feast of Saint Catherine of Siena. A lay member of the Dominican Order, she is a

Doctor of the Church and patroness against fire and illness. She is considered a mystic, activist, and author who influenced Italian literature and the Catholic Church. She is credited with persuading Pope Gregory XI to move the seat of the papacy to Rome from Avignon, France. She was canonized in 1461. She was born during a time of a great plague that struck the region of Siena, Italy in 1347. Let us pray for St. Catherine's intercession for an end to this pandemic that is gripping the world.

Please remember Elizabeth Crino, mother of our former State Chaplain and friend, Father Patrick Crino. She passed away April 11, 2020. Fr. Crino said this regarding her death, "As she goes before us, we thank God for her. My cousin Cathy said it well, 'Easter is a lovely day to spend in Heaven.'" Our prayers and condolences go out to Fr. Pat and his family as they celebrate the life of Betty, who "will be remembered most for her selfless devotion to her family, the community, her faith, as well as her wonderful laugh!"

On Thursday April 16, 2020, the Supreme Council organized an online Charity, Unity, and Fraternity (CUF) degree exemplification for all states in the US and provinces in Canada. This was the first of its kind in the history of the order. Over 2,100 new brother knights were exemplified, and thousands of other current brother knights moved up to full knighthood. Arizona had 28 new brother knights exemplified and 125 brothers earned the honors of full knighthood.

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A Missionary "Spring" in the Church

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



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State Deputy Mario Vassallo's Message (continued)

The first ever virtual Biennial Meeting of the Fourth Degree Arizona District was held April 18, 2020. In my address to the “assembled” brothers, I spoke of how the Coronavirus epidemic and the seclusion we are going through has forced us to develop new ways of how to conduct the business of the Order. The Order-wide CUF exemplification, held this past month sets the stage for many more similar exemplifications that the State plans to provide. Our Worthy State Ceremonials Chairman Skip Hopler and Worthy State Membership Director Bobby Nielsen have been working hard in laying the groundwork to make this happen.

In order for each jurisdiction to hold its mandatory annual state convention, the Supreme Council has established rules on how these meetings need to be conducted. A phone-based platform has been made available for all jurisdictions to use. Supreme has set a schedule for all the State Conventions, allowing a maximum time of 90 minutes for each convention. Subsequently, our Arizona State Convention will be held on Saturday May 16 from 3:30 p.m. to 5:00 pm. The agenda will be very brief and will include the election of State Officers, election of delegates and alternates to the Supreme Convention, the approval of Resolutions, and approval of our State Council budget. Due to the cost per participant and technical limitations, I will only be inviting delegates, State Officers and Past State Deputies to attend the Convention. A recording of the Convention and a report will be made available a day or two after the Convention is over. The drawing of the State Raffle will take place after the end of the Convention. This will be shown using live video streamed on our State Council Facebook page. Award announcements will be postponed until the State Organizational Meeting, currently scheduled to take place June 26 to 28 at the Tucson Marriott University Park.

During the Biennial Meeting, the delegates proposed four brothers for consideration to become the next Master of the Arizona District. The new Master will take over from Worthy Master Bryant Sayers on September 1st. My thanks to Worthy Master and Past State Deputy Bryant Sayers for his outstanding, distinguished, and well-appreciated service these past four years. I look forward to continuing the great success of the Fourth Degree in Arizona under his leadership and that of the next District Master.

During the past weeks I began sending out Corona Virus updates consisting of information on how we can continue our works in charity, unity, fraternity and patriotism, while complying with federal and state mandates for social distancing and self-quarantine. Highlights from these messages include:



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State Deputy Mario Vassallo's Message (continued)

- Supreme Per Capita has been waived for all councils for the second six-month period of this calendar year.
- State Per Capita will not be waived as this is the only source of operating revenue for the State Council.
- In the absence of Masses at our Churches you should watch Masses on TV or the internet.
 - EWTN TV Channel – Daily Mass at 5:00AM, 9:00AM, 4:00 PM and 9:00 PM
 - Diocese of Phoenix Sunday Mass at 9 am on AZTV Channel 7; youtube.com/phoenixdiocese; or www.facebook.com/phoenixdiocese; In Spanish: Domingo a las 11:30 am <https://youtu.be/djdiqjt6ExM>
 - Diocese of Tucson www.diocesetucson.org
- Recite the prayer for the Protection in Time of Pandemic found on the state website: www.kofc-az.org.
- Recite the Rosary each day.
- Recite the prayer to St. Michael the Archangel.
- MAGNIFICAT is temporarily making their online version available to everyone for free: English at <https://us.magnificat.net/free>, o por en Español at <https://latina.magnificat.net/gratis>
- In the absence of in-person council meetings, councils can hold online meetings instead. In the alternative, voting can be handled through e-mail.
- The State Council has set up an Emergency 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 Emergency Fund in the memo section.
- Participate in the Leave No Neighbor Behind program just launched by the Supreme Council.
- Stay in touch with your Council brothers through email, text or better still an old-fashioned phone call. Find out how each is doing and whether they need any help.
- Partner with the St. Vincent De Paul Chapter in your parish to continue to help those in dire need.



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- Continue to sell tickets for the State Charity Raffle. We need to think outside the box and try different ideas. Find some ideas on the State web site at www.kofc-az.org/az-state-raffle.
- Blood is desperately needed, and donations are at critically low levels. We want to thank all the Knights and families who have donated blood in the past weeks and all the councils who have kept their blood drives. The two blood suppliers are Vitlant at www.bloodhero.com and the American Red Cross – at www.redcross.org/give-blood.html. Remember: One donation can save up to 3 lives!

Past State Deputy and Arizona Rosary Celebration Director, Larry Costanzo, informs me that we will continue with our efforts to hold our annual Arizona Rosary Celebration this October in Tucson and Phoenix. Bishops Olmsted and Weisenburger agree that, God willing, we must have this much needed celebration. This year, we honor Mary under her title of Undoer of Knots. This is an apt title in these times of pandemic, quarantine, and isolation from the Blessed Sacrament. We find ourselves tied and bound up by the ravages of this disease and our inability to fully participate in the sacraments. Please continue to financially support this very worthy program by selling and purchasing advertising in the program book. The website with information on the event is found at www.azrosary.net.

Please continue your recruiting efforts. We are at 655, or 68.6% of our goal. Only 300 new members to go. I know you can get these men into the order.

Keep up the great work!

Vivat Jesus!

Mario Vassallo,
State Deputy



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VIRTUAL STATE CONVENTION INFORMATION

- **Date:** Saturday May 16
- **Time:** 3:30 – 5:00 pm
- **Tentative Agenda:**
 - Opening Prayer
 - Appointment of Committee on Credentials
 - Report of Committee on Credentials
 - Approval of the 2019 State Convention Minutes *(submitted to delegates prior to Convention)*
 - Reports of Committees *(submitted to delegates prior to Convention)*
 - Reports of State Officers *(submitted to delegates prior to Convention)*
 - Supreme Knight’s Message
 - Supreme Representative’s Message
 - State Chaplain’s Message
 - Nomination and Election of State Officers
 - Nomination and Election of Delegates and Alternates to the Supreme Convention
 - Consideration of Resolutions
 - New Business
 - Adoption of the 2020-21 State Council Budget
 - AZ Knights of Columbus Charity Inc. Meeting
 - Closing Prayer
 - Adjournment
- The Supreme Board of Directors has issued Special Rules of Order for all virtual State Conventions that will supersede any conflicting provisions in each State Council bylaws or other rules.
- **Communication platform:** FLS Connect.
- What is FLS Connect? FLS Connect is a phone-based communication system. In order for participants to attend the Convention they need to have provided their email address and the phone number they plan to use to connect.



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VIRTUAL STATE CONVENTION INFORMATION (cont.)

- If you are a delegate or an alternate delegate and have not done so yet make sure to submit your phone number and email address to SES Rick Garrison as soon as possible. Delegates or alternate delegates who replace delegates won't be able to participate if we don't have this information.
- Due to the cost per participant and also certain technical issues I will only be inviting council delegates, State Officers and Past State Deputies to attend the Convention.
- **IMPORTANT INSTRUCTIONS FOR DELEGATES:**
 - Confirmed voting delegates will be called through the number they provided, a few minutes before the Convention starts.
 - The State Deputy's designees may contact them to confirm their status as a delegate, and anyone who is not an official delegate will be removed from the call.
 - It is important that they wait for the call, and not try to call in. That will cause problems. If the call is not received by a designated number of minutes after a designated time, delegates can call a phone line provided by the State Council to join the meeting and they will be screened as an official delegate and allowed to participate. The phone number to call will be provided later.
 - It is important that delegates wait for the call and not call in unless absolutely necessary. Also, they must call from the telephone number that was previously provided. If a delegate tries to call in using a different number, he will probably not be able to participate. This is comparable to a delegate losing his pass or credential at an in-person meeting.
 - Recognition to Speak. To seek recognition to speak, a delegate shall press *3 on his phone. He may be contacted by the State Deputy's designee(s) to verify the intent to speak. The delegate shall not mute his phone. If he needs to address the meeting, he will be put through. This is similar to a radio program where callers are screened and then permitted to speak to listeners.
 - Method of Voting. The voting will be conducted through secret electronic balloting by pressing numbers or symbols on delegates' telephones as instructed by the State Deputy unless, due to technological problems, another voting method is directed by the State Deputy.



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VIRTUAL STATE CONVENTION INFORMATION (cont.)

- A recording of the Convention and a report will be made available a day or two after the Convention is over.
- We will be conducting the drawing of the State Raffle soon after the end of the Convention. This will be shown using live video streamed on our State Council Facebook page.
- Awards normally announced and given during the State Convention will be postponed till the State Organizational Meeting towards the end of June. We are hoping and keeping our fingers crossed that this meeting will take place in a normal fashion. The meeting is currently scheduled to take place at the Tucson Marriott University Park from June 26 till the 28.
- We are planning to replace the State Deputy breakfast with a number of future lunches at our halls in Tucson, Chandler and Glendale and a convenient location in Yuma. More information will be forthcoming.



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State Chaplain Father Gary Regula's Message

Dear Brother Knights,

Happy Easter! Peace be with you!

These are the words that Jesus speaks to his apostles as he appeared to them after his resurrection. What comforting words they must have been as the followers of Jesus were locked into the upper room out of fear that what happened to Jesus might also happen to them. However, he enters in despite the barrier of a locked door and bestows the peace that is not of this world, but is a gift from God.

Hopefully this image from scripture comforts us at this moment, as in a sense our doors are locked to keep out some unseen foe, but Christ wants to enter into our homes and our lives at this moment. We may not be able to rush out of that upper room and bestow the peace of our Lord upon others immediately, but it doesn't stop us from receiving that gift. Then when we break free from this sheltering-in-place we know that we will have a mission ahead of us. A mission that will require us to breathe the Spirit of our God upon one another.

One good thing is that we can use this time to prepare ourselves for the journey ahead. If Christ bestows the gift of peace upon us, are we willing to share that gift with everyone? If that gift of peace is for us to also show God's mercy to all our sisters and brothers, is there anyone with whom we would not want to be merciful? The peace of God is a gift that shows God's love, are we instruments of that love to all around us? If we can come up with just one name (although if we are honest with ourselves we have a number of names we can think of) to whom we are not peaceful, merciful or loving, then we have work to do.

The peace and love of our God is bestowed upon us in its abundance and it is to be shared with all our sisters and brothers. Let us be ready for when the doors are thrown open after this crisis that we want to run out and be sharers in the mission of Christ. Let us run towards those from whom we have kept mercy and shower it down upon them in abundance. Let us seek out those whom we have not loved and wrap them in the loving embrace that Christ gives to us.



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State Chaplain Father Gary Regula's Message (continued)

Yes, this is a time of uncertainty and questions, but it is also the Easter Season for people of faith. Easter didn't end on April 12th, but it just was the beginning of this beautiful season. Let us celebrate everyday. Let us wish Easter happiness upon all that we meet throughout the coming weeks. Let us share the peace of Christ in our homes for starters, so that others see that we are people of faith. Let us be evangelists, sharing the Good News of Christ's resurrection with all the world.

He is Risen! He is truly Risen! Alleluia, Alleluia!!

Vivat Jesus,

Fr. Gary Regula



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State Secretary Luigi Baratta's Message

Dear Brother Knights,

I hope all my Brothers and their families are practicing social distancing and are safe at home. The following Councils still have not paid their Per Capita. Councils (17005-6858-7646-11536-13836-4260-11858-3824-9380-14139-5133-14583-1784). 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 **DOESN'T 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. The State Convention is rapidly approaching and we need the funds. Please remember to pray an extra Rosary for those who have passed and those who are suffering during the epidemic. Reach out to those elderly Brothers and their families who may need our help or who are lonely sitting at home. Sometimes a simple phone can cheer them up. Please tell us what your Council is doing for their community or Parish. We would love to hear from you.

May God bless you and your families,

Luigi Baratta
 State Secretary
 Arizona State Council
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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/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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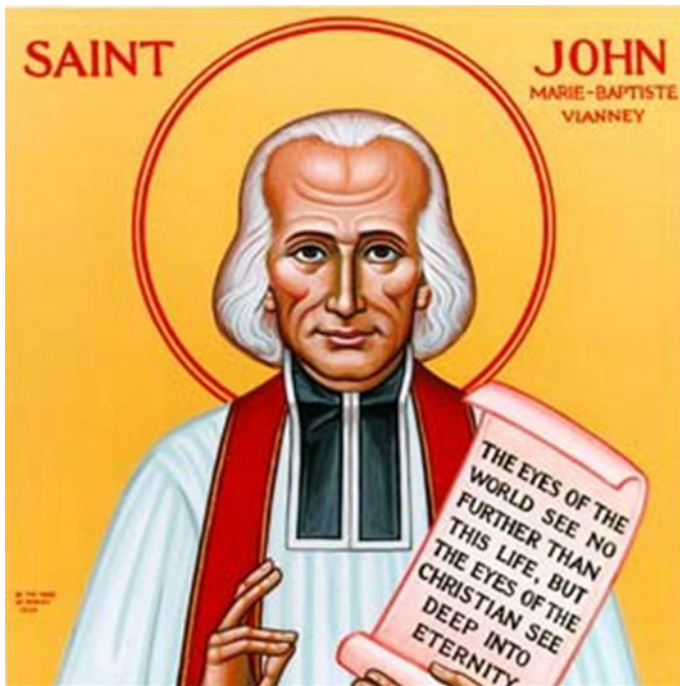
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Prayer for Vocations

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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Membership — State Membership Director Bobby Nielsen

My Brother Knights,

When Covid-19 changed our lives in March, many people thought recruiting new members into the Order would be difficult if not impossible. How would councils vote new members in? How would the exemplification be done? Where would we find men that want to join? After a short time of adjustment, Knights did what Knights do! Councils contacted men on their Prospect Lists, we asked relatives, friends and neighbors to join and we reached out to fellow parishioners. Men were brought into the Order through eMembership and quickly became involved in their local council online meetings.

The next hurdle was holding exemplifications. St. Anne Council 10540 took control of their situation under the guidance of District Deputy Jim Walsh, and a live online CUF Degree was held. With candidates, their families and many Knights watching, the Degree Team did a fantastic job. The ceremony was professionally done and the true message of Charity, Unity and Fraternity was presented to all.

Supreme Council also offered online exemplifications for the United States and Canada. The goal was to bring 1000 new members into the Order. The final numbers far exceeded the goal. At the April 16th exemplification, over 2100 men became Knights, 7000 Knights advanced to the 3rd Degree and 300 eMembers transferred to local councils. Thousands of Knights also attended as observers. Arizona brought 28 new members into the Order and 125 Knights advance to the 3rd Degree. After this overwhelming response, Supreme Council scheduled additional exemplifications for May 7th, 2020. Grand Knights and financial secretaries can invite eligible candidates for admission and advancement to participate by forwarding this [downloadable PDF invitation](#) to them.

Not to be outdone, Arizona Ceremonials Chairman Skip Hopler and his Degree Teams will be offering live CUF Exemplifications in May and June. Check out Skips KOCCOA article for details. These are just a few examples of the great work that continues to be done.



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Membership — State Membership Director Bobby Nielsen (continued)

Due to the Covid-19 virus many councils are not able to fundraise. Many of our churches, councils and families are struggling with finances. For this reason, Supreme will not be collecting Council Per Capita in July of 2020. This is a substantial savings to councils. Arizona will also offer a recruiting incentive that will pay councils \$10 for every new member added to their roster in May and June. Additional cash prizes are available to councils and district deputies that add the most members to their rosters. Consider these incentives and savings from Supreme when dealing with members that are not current on their dues. Helping a brother Knight in these tough times may be what is needed to bring that man back to the church or your council.

Vivat Jesus!

Bobby Nielsen
State Membership Director
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Membership — State Membership Director Bobby Nielsen (continued)



Arizona State Council Knights of Columbus



Arizona Knights of Columbus Membership 2019-2020 Year End Incentives May 1, 2020

Knights of Columbus have provided assistance to those in need for over 138 years. When faced with a worldwide pandemic what have we done? We do what Knights do; we help the needy. Arizona Knights have recruited nearly 100 new members since Covid-19 changed all of our lives. The men recruited need our Order; we have a responsibility to be there for our Catholic brothers that are ready to serve. Using the “No Neighbor Left Behind” theme, reach out to your friends, relatives and fellow parishioners and see what they need. If you find Catholic men that are ready to join, sign them up!

For every new member brought into your council in May and June of 2020, the council will receive \$10.00

There is no maximum on how much money your council can earn with this incentive and there is no need to report your activity. Your recruiting totals will be taken from Supreme Online Roster additions. What is a “New Knight”? Any new member, reinstatement, reactivation, readmission, reapplication or out of state transfer will earn your council \$10.00. Incentive checks will be mailed to councils in July 2020.

Top Recruiting Council

1st Place - \$150 2nd Place \$100 3rd Place \$50

Top Recruiting Districts - District Deputy

1st Place - \$150 2nd Place \$100 3rd Place \$50

The top recruiting Councils and Districts will also be rewarded with the following additional prizes, using the same criteria for new knights: Supreme Council and Arizona State Council are providing several opportunities for Catholic men to join the Order. Supreme Online Exemplifications are scheduled for April 30, 2020 at 4:00 pm and 7:00 pm Arizona time. Supreme has sent emails to councils with registration instructions for those exemplifications. **Arizona Ceremonials Chairman Skip Hopley and his Arizona Degree Teams are also offering LIVE Online Exemplifications Degrees in May and June.** Details on how to participate in these events will be sent out soon. These will be events you do not want to miss!

To further assist in these difficult times Supreme is offering **\$15.00 Online Membership** for new members in Arizona. The promo code is AZKOFCC, use all upper case. Once a man joins online, have him attend one of the Online Exemplification Degrees to transfer into your council before July 1, 2020. This will give you the \$10.00 prize!



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Programs — State Warden/State Program Director Larry Powers



My Brother Knights,

We are all still traveling through uncharted waters. Now is the time for all Knights to step up and work towards helping those in need during this pandemic. I have been receiving many reports that make me proud to be a Knight. Councils are volunteering at food banks, making meals and delivering them to homeless shelters, and hosting blood drives. Many councils are setting up telephone trees; calling Brother Knights just to check in and ensure that they are safe and have what they need. I have found a simple call is all many of them need just to feel connected and loved by their Brothers. Others have been worrying about how they were going to get a need item from a pharmacy or a supermarket and the call is an answered prayer. If your council is looking for a way to help this is a great way to start. Reach out to your Grand Knight and volunteer to start the phone tree.

There are other things we can do. Now is a great time to do a deep cleaning of your Church. Contact your Pastor and see if you can assist in such a project, while maintaining appropriate social distancing. Two or three Knights can certainly spread out to make this happen.



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Programs — State Warden/State Program Director Larry Powers

The accompanying photo was taken at the St. Vincent de Paul Food Bank in Sierra Vista. The Marion program has been suspended by Supreme. We are still sharing the Icons by hanging them in a place where the clients of the food bank can view it while maintain the needed distancing protocols. We are rotating out the Icons weekly.

Pleas share with me what your Councils are doing to help during this crisis. I have never been prodder to be a member of the Knights of Columbus as I watch how you are all responding.

Vivat Jesus!

Larry Powers
State Warden



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Pro Life — State Culture of Life Chair Couple — Ed & Mary Jo Eick

Culture of Life

Good News!

The good news is that, in spite of the corona virus, our 40 Days for Life prayer vigils were successful. For this just ended 40 Days campaign, 343 babies were saved.

For the 16 years that 40 Days has been campaigning at abortion sites, 107 abortion facilities have gone out of business. Plus many workers at abortion facilities have turned to Respect for Life after talking with pro-life campaigners on the sidewalks.

We invite you to view the 41st daily report from the founder of 40 Days for Life. It includes a couple of heart warming stories at: <https://mail.google.com/mail/u/0/?tab=wm&ogbl#search/shawn/FMfcgxwHMjmHbLDfJHwzrnPKWsxXnqjz> And while you're at it, you might like to sign up for Shawn's encouraging emails about saving babies.

Job well done Knights! If you didn't participate in this campaign, get ready to join us for the fall campaign beginning in September. Whether you participate on site, on the sidewalks, or pray for conversions while elsewhere, your help is precious to the babies and their mothers and fathers.

Vivat Jesus!

Ed and Mary Jo Eick

Arizona K of C Culture of Life Couple



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Ceremonials — State Ceremonials Chairman Skip Hopler

Degree news.

We are now approaching the 8th week of “stay home” rules for the State of Arizona. From a personal point of view, I am really missing the opportunity to physically be with my fellow parishioners at Mass. Participating by video feed keeps the messages coming to me, but I have a deep sense of longing for gathering in person as God’s people and being in the presence of the Holy Eucharist with them. So also with ceremonials, I miss the personal contact of being with candidates during exemplifications. But as we find ways to reach out with our formidable electronic tools to keep in contact with our pastors and fellow parishioners, I am heartened by the grace that the Lord gives us to persevere through this difficult time. And in so doing we must still find ways to physically reach out to our less fortunate brothers and sisters in need during this time of extreme difficulty. That is what Knights do!

As we work to continue our efforts to offer the gift of Knighthood to Catholic men to support our Church and its outreach, we need to continue to exemplify new candidates online until we can once again resume our normal social contacts. To that end here are some opportunities for attending the Charity, Unity and Fraternity (CUF) degree for the near-term.

Supreme exemplifications. Many of you attended the first Supreme Online CUF degree on April 16th and maybe even the follow-on CUF degree on April 23rd. They were both very well done. Supreme will continue this initiative with the following CUF degrees online.

Thursday, April 30

[4:00 PM Pacific Standard Time](#)

[7:00 PM Pacific Standard Time](#)

Thursday, May 7

[4:00 AM Pacific Standard Time](#)

[11:00 AM Pacific Standard Time](#)

[4:00 PM Pacific Standard Time](#)

[7:00 PM Pacific Standard Time](#)



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Ceremonials — State Ceremonials Chairman Skip Hopley (continued)

All Grand Knights and District Deputies have received an email with the above dates along with instructions on how to prepare candidates for these exemplifications. There is some advance paperwork to be done and all attendees (candidates, members and guests) must pre-register to gain access. Call your Grand Knight if you have candidates or just want to observe. Remember that candidates include new members, e-members and advancing members.

In addition, we are going ahead with the AZ State Council-sponsored CUF degrees on May 9th and June 14th and doing them online, so stay tuned for email notices on how to participate.

I want to thank Jim Walsh, DD #8, and his CUF degree team from Council #10540 for putting on an all-Arizona pioneer live online CUF degree for candidates from his District. The team presenters did an outstanding job and proved that local teams can successfully make this work. Jim will be facilitating the May and June online degrees also.

Business Meetings Online. My Council, #3855, conducted their meeting last month using the free version of WebEx. It has some limitations but was very useful for us. It has a polling/voting feature that is great for collecting and recording participants voting choices. You can truly hold a working meeting online. There are a number of other apps out there that will work but we have been asked not to use Zoom.

Refresher Notes. The following procedure is generally recognized as good form in making a motion.

1. *A member obtains the floor through the following steps: Stands. (Except in very small or informal meetings, the grand knight should also stand.); Addresses the grand knight as “Worthy Grand Knight” and renders the salute. (Representing the tree of the Cross, the member makes a vertical motion, with his arm and vertically open hand, from top to bottom).*
2. *Grand knight recognizes the speaker by announcing his name and rendering the salute in return. (Representing the arms of the Cross, the grand knight makes a horizontal motion, with his arm and horizontally open hand, from left to right).*



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The speaker may not present the motion until recognized by the grand knight.

3. *Member states the motion carefully. This is usually done by saying “I move that _____” or “I move the adoption of the following resolution.” It is best to have the motion prepared in written form before the meeting.*

4. *If the motion requires a second, it must be seconded before it can be discussed. If it does not receive a second, it is lost. Any eligible member, other than the one who made the motion, may second it. Those seconding may remain seated, stating simply, “I second the motion.”*

5. *The Grand Knight repeats the motion in full. Typically, this statement is along the lines of the following: “The motion has been made and seconded that _____. Is there any discussion?”*

6. *The motion is then open for discussion. To participate, members must follow the aforementioned procedure (Step 1) to obtain the floor: Address the chair as “Worthy Grand Knight” and render the salute. Receive recognition by the Grand Knight, who announces the speaker’s name and renders the salute in return. A good Grand Knight encourages as much discussion as possible. In this way, the facts and merits of the question are brought to light and members can vote more intelligently. Thorough discussion helps your council meetings feel more inclusive and satisfying to attendees. The person who makes the motion is usually given the opportunity to open and close the discussion.*

7. *After a motion and a second to move the previous question, the vote is taken. In the spirit of charity, full discussion should be encouraged before your council accepts a motion to move the previous question.” From: **The Method of Conducting Council Meetings, (#10318)** published by the Knights of Columbus*

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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 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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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"