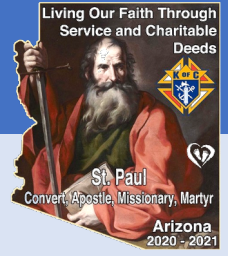




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KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS OF ARIZONA
"LIVING OUR FAITH THROUGH
SERVICE AND CHARITABLE DEEDS"



State Deputy's Message



My dear Brothers,

This past month the Knights of Columbus hosted the annual Arizona Rosary Celebration. Due to the Corona Virus pandemic, the celebration was broadcast virtually from Saint Augustine Cathedral in Tucson and from Saint Juan Diego Catholic Church in Chandler. The virtual celebration was broadcast through the Dioceses of Tucson and Phoenix YouTube channels. Using these technological methods, we estimate that approximately 23,000 people watched the event over both days. This was a great success as we reached nearly 4 times the number of people who have attended physically in the past. People participated in the virtual celebration in over 20 states, Mexico, and Guam.

My gratitude and thanks to Former Supreme Master and Past State Deputy Larry Costanzo and the Arizona Rosary Celebration team for producing such a beautiful and edifying event that has touched the hearts and souls of so many people. The State Council is grateful for the cooperation and assistance received from the Dioceses of Tucson and Phoenix's media staff and Father Dan McBride, Pastor of St. Juan Diego and Director of Catholic Media, for broadcasting the event.

Mark your calendar today for the 46th annual Arizona Rosary Celebration scheduled for October 16 and 17, 2021. Next year we will honor Mary under her title, Our Lady of Sorrows. The plan is to hold a combined physical and virtual celebration next year.

If you haven't done so yet, please don't forget to vote on November 3rd. Pray that leaders we elect will uphold the sanctity of life from natural conception to natural death, protect our religious freedoms, and support our Catholic moral teachings.

The 2020 Tucson Men's Conference will be held Saturday, November 7, from 9:00 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. It is a virtual event and registration is free. The theme for the Conference is *Be a Man...Be a Saint* from Saint Josemaria Escriva, founder of Opus Dei, and the one who promoted the sanctity of everyday life. Speakers include Matthew Leonard, founder of Next Level Catholic Academy and John Sablan, a child of God, a devoted husband and father, and co-founder and president of World Ablaze Incorporated which is a Catholic apostolate

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We pray that the progress of robotics and artificial intelligence may always serve humankind.



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focused on evangelization and discipleship. You must register for the event at tucsonmensconference.org.

Recruitment efforts need to be increased as we have only added 207 new members so far this year. Continue organizing membership drives to recruit quality Catholic men into the Order. Start at recruitment to retain our new members. Promote our Faith in Action programs to attract prospective members. Utilize our Field Agents and the insurance program in your recruitment efforts. Inform prospects that our Order was founded by a priest who was just Beatified. Online first-year membership is **FREE** until December 31 when prospects use **MCGIVNEY2020** code when they join.

Very soon the season of Advent will begin. These are the weeks leading up to the birth of Jesus when we should prepare as a family for our Lord's birthday party. Send out your Christmas Cards and invite your family and friends to this grand celebration. Set up your Advent Wreath and as a family make a focused weekly or daily devotion that include prayer and activity around the wreath. Set up your Nativity Scene and share stories from Luke's Gospel (Chapter 1) with your children and grandchildren about the birth of Christ. Reflection and reconciliation make a great personal Christmas gift. Polish your halo with a good Advent confession. In whatever way you and your family prepare for Christmas, remember its Christ's birthday. So, let us Keep Christ in Christmas!

Preparations are underway to hold our State Council Mid-Year Meeting over the weekend of January 8-10, 2021. We are hoping to be able to conduct it in-person at St. Andrew The Apostle Parish in Chandler. More details will be forthcoming. Check the State website frequently for updates.

During Saint Paul's time with the Ephesians, he impressed upon them that it was their duty to live in the Light. How often these days do we find ourselves in the dark? There's just something about being in a dark room without light and not being able to see that terrifies us; even when we know there is no danger. In the fifth chapter of his Letter to the Ephesians, Saint Paul instructs us on how to find our way out of the darkness and into the light. He wrote:

*"Let no one deceive you with empty arguments, for because of these things the wrath of God is coming upon the disobedient. So, do not be associated with them. For you were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Live as children of light, for light produces every kind of goodness and righteousness and truth. Try to learn what is pleasing to the Lord. Take no part in the fruitless works of darkness; rather expose them, for it is shameful even to mention the things done by them in secret; but everything exposed by the light becomes visible, for everything that becomes visible is light. Therefore, it says: **Awake, O sleeper, and arise from the dead, and Christ will give you light** (Ephesians 5:6-14)."*

We don't have to be afraid of the dark anymore. Let Christ be your light.

Mary Ann and I wish each of you and your families a Happy and Blessed Thanksgiving.

Vivat Jesus! Mario Vassallo, State Deputy



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State Chaplain – Father Gary Regula

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Dear Brother Knights,

The month of November seems to have always been a time to remember. We begin by remembering all the Saints of God. We think of those who we believe were saintly in word and action. Many of the names we recall have gone through the formal vetting process of the church and have been so to speak 'raised to the altars.' However, there are so many others we remember on this day who were and still are held in high esteem because of a pearl of wisdom they shared or the kind and compassionate way they lived their lives. I would believe that many grandparents, parents and some neighbors would fit into this latter description of a saint. We remember that saints were not perfect, but they continued to look to Christ for their strength and guidance in life.

We continue the month of remembrance only one day later as we celebrate All Souls Day. We are invited by the church to call to mind all those who have died, whether in the past year or if they departed many years ago. We think of how much they meant to us and sometimes too, we think that we were unable to say we were sorry for something we did. We wish we had just one more holiday with them or we think of how much they loved the holiday season. In our thoughts we also commend them to God for while we would love them to be here with us, we would never be so selfish to pull them out of the loving embrace of Christ in heaven.

During this month we are called by our parishes or outreach ministries to help and donate food so that those less fortunate can have something to eat, especially on Thanksgiving. While this may be a different celebration than any of us thought we would ever have, we must remember that there are so many who are in difficult circumstances. If we can provide food or clothing or anything to help our sisters and brothers in need then we must do so as that is the call of Christ for when we serve them, we serve Jesus our Lord.

We remember as we end another liturgical year with the great Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe. We can recall those times when we put something or someone over and above Christ, and while we do, we remember the pardon and forgiveness offered us each and every time we do that. We remember the times we have used the name of God to promote our perspective or position saying that God is on our side, but we forget that we should be the ones on God's side. We remember that as King, Jesus wears a crown of thorns and his throne is a cross, an instrument of death and torture. We remember that Christ honors us so much that He invites us to deny ourselves, take up our cross and follow him.

This month, while not having the festive spirit of December, is a time we should not want to rush through, but we should take the time to celebrate simply by remembering. For when we remember, in a biblical and theological sense, we make present here and now. All those Saints of God we ask them to be with us now so that we may be saints. All those who have gone before us we pray for them and remember how their love still touches the depths of our hearts. We remember that every time we gather in the name of the Lord simply gifts of bread and wine are changed into the Body and Blood of Jesus to nourish us for our journey of faith that awaits us on the tomorrows that God may give us.

Vivat Jesus,

Fr. Gary Regula



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Blessed Michael J. McGivney was “an outstanding witness of Christian solidarity and fraternal assistance” because of his “zeal” for proclaiming the Gospel and his “generous concern for his brothers and sisters,” Pope Francis said in his apostolic letter of beatification of the founder of the Knights of Columbus. Representing the pope, Cardinal Joseph W. Tobin of Newark, New Jersey, read the letter in Latin during the Oct. 31 Mass of beatification for Father McGivney at the Cathedral of St. Joseph in Hartford, Connecticut. Beatification is a step toward sainthood.

In his homily, Cardinal Tobin elaborated on Blessed McGivney’s attributes as a parish priest. “Father McGivney’s life is an illustration of how a holy priest can provide that necessary and intimate connection so crucial in the life and mission of a parish,” the cardinal said.

Blessed McGivney “knew the simple, indispensable requirement for a pastor: to love his people. He was with them in their sorrows, in times of death and bereavement. He was sanctified by doing what parish priests still do, day in and day out.”

His parish was not bound by names on his church’s registration rolls, Cardinal Tobin said. “He was not a stranger to jails and hospitals. He fostered respectful relationships with other Christian churches and civil authorities. He was a bridge-builder who shunned walls.”

In Blessed McGivney, “we see the face of a son of immigrants who gave his life in pastoral service of those most recently arrived in this country,” he said. “We meet the eldest of 13 children, who worked to keep families united in dignity and security; we are in the presence of an apostle who cared for victims of an epidemic before he himself died of the disease.

“We praise God for the timeliness of this celebration because 130 years after his death, the brief life of this holy man speaks eloquently to our own path to holiness.”

Jesus asks “each one of us to become a saint,” and “each one of us can certainly find encouragement in the life of Father McGivney, but none more than those of us who are called to become saints as parish priests,” Cardinal Tobin said.

The founding of the Knights of Columbus “grew out of his ministry as a parish priest,” he noted. And “long before his exhausted body surrendered to disease, he died daily to his own desires,” the cardinal added, and “he laid down his life for his friends.”

God is good for giving the church Blessed McGivney “at this moment of our common pilgrimage,” Cardinal Tobin said. “In a time of suffering and division, we glimpse his face among the ‘cloud of witnesses’ that urge us on. In Blessed Michael, we are reminded that life is not transactional, but a gift to be shared.

“We appreciate that true worship is centered on a right relationship with God and others, particularly those on the margin of society, and that Christian unity is more than simply adherence to a common belief,” the cardinal said. “We accept that like him, God calls each of us — in our own day and our own way — to be vessels of mercy and so enter into our heavenly inheritance.”

The beatification rite came shortly after the beginning of the Mass. After Cardinal Tobin read the rite in Latin, Archbishop William E. Lori of Baltimore, the Knights’ supreme chaplain, read the English translation of the letter. A giant tapestry of Blessed McGivney’s portrait was unveiled in the cathedral sanctuary.

Michael “Mikey” McGivney Schachle, together with his parents, Daniel and Michelle, and several of his 12 brothers and sisters, carried a relic of Blessed McGivney and presented it to Cardinal Tobin. The relic was placed in the sanctuary and censed.

Mikey, now 5, is the child whose in utero healing from a life-threatening condition that, under most circumstances, could have led to an abortion, was confirmed by Pope Francis; it was announced in May as a miracle that occurred through Father McGivney’s intercession.

This miracle paved the way for the priest’s beatification. In general a second miracle is needed for canonization. Before asking Cardinal Tobin that the beatification proceed, Hartford Archbishop Leonard P. Blair welcomed those in attendance — and all watching from afar — to “the joyful celebration of the beatification.”



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The number inside was limited by COVID-19 restrictions, and those in the cathedral wore face masks and practiced social distancing.

Thousands more, in the U.S. and around the world, participated by watching the EWTN broadcast of the Mass or a livestream of it on www.kofc.org.

Supreme Knight Carl A. Anderson read a brief biography of the Knights' founder, saying that by establishing fraternal order he "presented to the church a paradigm" for an active and engaged laity.

The priest embodied the order's core principles of charity, unity and fraternity, he said. His holiness directed him toward parish life, "not away from it," and did not separate him from others but "drew him to their lives," because he knew his people's hardships firsthand, Anderson added.

Blessed McGivney (1852-1890), the son of Irish immigrants, was born in Waterbury, Connecticut, and was ordained a priest in 1877 for what is now the Archdiocese of Hartford. As a parish priest, he worked to improve the condition of his 19th-century Irish immigrant community in Connecticut.

In 1882, while he was pastor at St. Mary's Parish in New Haven, Connecticut, he founded the Knights of Columbus to provide financial support for widows and orphans and to keep Catholic men and their families close to their faith at a time of widespread anti-Catholic bigotry.

He died of pneumonia complications at age 38 in 1890, during an outbreak of influenza known as the Russian flu in Thomaston, Connecticut. Some recent evidence, according to the Knights, indicates the outbreak may have been the result of a coronavirus.

The apostolic letter of beatification also announced Aug. 13 as the feast day for Blessed McGivney — the day between Aug. 12, the day he was born, and the date of his death, Aug. 14.

It will be observed annually in the Hartford Archdiocese. Votive Masses in honor of Blessed McGivney also can be celebrated by priests for Knights of Columbus gatherings "with the permission of the local bishop on any day when not superseded by another observance on the liturgical calendar," the letter said.

Father Michael McGivney
 Knights of Columbus Founder
 Beatification Oct. 31, 2020

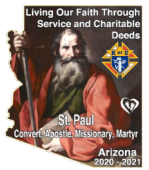
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Brothers,

By the time you read this issue of KOCO A, our brother Knight and founder, Fr. Michael J. McGivney, will be Blessed Michael McGivney! What a great time to be a Knight of Columbus and to be involved in this fraternity founded by an American priest who soon will be a saint. He needs another documented miracle; personally, I believe that miracle should already be acknowledged... the miracle that is the Knights of Columbus. How else do you explain an organization that has grown from a handful of men meeting in a church basement that has grown to an international brotherhood in the millions? Seems miraculous to me. Hopefully, your councils did some type of group celebration to honor our founder.

PROGRAMS

Your councils should be participating in programs, even with the COVID-19 protocols. You cannot be stagnant and sitting on your hands... it is a sure way for your members to lose interest and drift away. You must be holding monthly online meetings, at the very least. Live meetings are now allowed in Phoenix if done safely. Grand Knights, it is your responsibility to keep your members engaged. The LNNB program should still be ongoing; make sure that your less mobile members are being cared for. If you have not done so yet, reach out to your pastor to include parishioners in this program. Many that were in need of assistance back in March and April are still likely in need of our help now.

CATHOLIC ESSAY CONTEST

Chairman Jeff Schneider needs your councils to turn in all essay winners by November 13. If more than one council in the district has winners in the same grade, there will be a district competition. If not, all council winners automatically continue on to the state contest. Contest applications and winning essays need to be submitted to your District Deputy. For information or if you have a question, contact Jeff at: bronte1@gmail.com

COATS FOR KIDS

With the hardships the pandemic has caused, many families find themselves in a position of need that they never imagined would happen to them. I encourage every council to participate in this program in any way you can. You can participate in the official Supreme program and buy coats directly through them. You can make a direct donation to a shelter; designate a council chairman to buy coats using council funds; ask individual members to participate by buying coats and drop them at a central location... anything you can do will help needy kids stay warm this winter.



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KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS

I sent out an email to the DDs this week concerning this program. Chairman DD Dennis Schauer is not getting much of a response this year. He has a lot of different merchandise that can be distributed to our parishioners to help remind them to keep Christ in Christmas. Maybe because summer hung around so long this year, Christmas is far from our minds. But here we are at the end of October; Christmas is right around the corner. If your council is planning a Christmas fundraiser or just wants to get the word out that the holiday is more than getting and giving presents, you need to order now. Contact Dennis at: djschauer@cox.net

SPECIAL OLYMPICS

I watched the Arizona Special Olympics meeting a few nights ago. This is usually a big live event to honor the athletes and special Olympians in other areas on their achievements; but due to COVID-19 it was held online this year. It was very well done, and many inspirational stories were told about all involved in these programs. I would ask all councils to consider making a donation directly to either Special Olympics Arizona or to a local SO group. With our CPID options limited right now, let's try to help out the charities that used to benefit from that program. They are certainly all hurting right now, I am sure. Donations can be made by going to the following address: <https://tinyurl.com/SOAZ2020>

Again, you can donate directly to the state organization or you can designate the specific local group you'd like the donation to go to.

In closing, stay active. There is plenty that can be done, safely. Thank you for all that you are doing to help each other and our communities.

VIVAT JESUS!

Thomas White



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State Membership Director – Bobby Nielsen

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My Brother Knights,

For some of us it might be difficult to say that it is autumn in Arizona. Our hot temperatures have stayed with us longer than usual. But don't be fooled, summer is over and it's time to actively recruit in our parishes. Even with the pandemic affecting our daily lives we still have the opportunity to be active Knights. There is lots of work to be done in our parishes, and people depend on us this time of year more than any other. A big part of that is growing the Order.

Many councils around the country are having difficulty recruiting new Knights. Without recruiting, our Order will decline in members and eventually we won't have the manpower to accomplish our mission and hold up our principles of Charity, Unity and Fraternity. My Brothers, now is the time to aggressively recruit new men into your Council. With less parishioners allowed at each Mass it is easier to spot new prospects. You can see that man who has always attended Mass but never has been asked to join. You can spot new members of the parish that are looking for a place to serve. Introduce yourself and talk to them about our Order. If they are not ready to join, give them information on the Knights and let them know that you will always be available to answer questions.

It has never been easier to join the Order and it can't be any less expensive. When promo code **MCGIVNEY2020** is used, a man can become an online member for free. Once he is a member, there are several ways to attend a CUF Exemplification and transfer directly to his local council as a 3rd Degree Knight. Remember, there are many recruiting tools available at [Arizona Knights of Columbus](#) in the Membership/Recruiting area.

September and October were disappointing months for Arizona membership recruiting. The majority of our councils have not recruited a single new member. Make November the month that changes that. If each council can recruit one new man into the Order in November that will be an outstanding month. I am confident we can all find a Catholic man and give him the gift of the Knights of Columbus. Our Worthy State Officers, our District Deputies and I are always available to help you recruit or answer questions. Don't hesitate to ask. And don't hesitate to ask a Catholic Brother, "Are you familiar with the Knights of Columbus?"

Vivat Jesus!

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



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Hispanic Recruiting Coordinator – Luis L. Leyva

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“My dear friends, do not be taken aback at the testing by fire which is taking place among you, as though something strange were happening to you; but in so far as you share in the sufferings of Christ, be glad, so that you may enjoy a much greater gladness when his glory is revealed.” 1 Peter 4: 12-13

Brothers, I greet you once again with the Peace of Christ Jesus. After so many months of adapting to a new social reality, it seemed that soon we would begin to hold meetings in person again. Now this is uncertain due to the number of infections that are occurring. Once again, a challenge is imposed on us to be able to recruit and make our order grow in number that we need so much within our jurisdiction, but, above all, our parishes and communities.

This new challenge should inspire us, as Saint Peter says, to share the suffering of our King and Lord by evangelizing our neighbor, everyone we see does not have a breath of faith. He who silently suffers from this situation and does not find peace in Christ our Lord. Let us not turn a deaf ear to these laments, that although we do not physically listen to them, we know that they exist, that there are brothers and sisters suffering in a painful silence for not having the support of others as they live marginalized from the faith.

"Blessed is that servant whom his master, upon arrival, finds him doing so." Luke 12:43

Returning to the mission that we have at hand, let us listen to the personal call that God has for each one of us to live his word and exercise his evangelization. My brothers let us not be indifferent to the needs of our neighbors, no matter how small. But do not forget to take the necessary precautions for our protection and that of others. As I have mentioned before, each one of us knows the needs of his community. Again I urge you to go out and assist those who have any need, from shopping for supplies or groceries, urgent repairs in their homes, and transportation to medical services. Often it is just a phone call that these brothers may need.

The example to follow is that of our founder, Blessed Michael J. McGivney... who in an era of pandemic gave everything for the well-being of his brothers. May this be our motivation to continue serving in his name and for the Glory of Our God and Lord.

AGAIN, REMEMBER THAT WE ARE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS:

WE BELIEVE - Living our faith boldly makes a difference

WE CHOOSE - To live according to the gospel, which is different from the narrative offered by secular society.

WE AVOID - Each and every activity that separates us from God.

Brethren, now again I invite each of you to recruit a Catholic man to join our Order. It is our MORAL commitment to honor the legacy of Blessed Father McGivney by growing our Fraternal Order by offering every Catholic man the opportunity to join the Knights of Columbus to support our Families, Parishes, Communities and, at the same time, help them grow spiritually with Jesus Christ and under the maternal mantle of Santa María de Guadalupe.

Remember, **WE ARE CATHOLIC MEN CHANGING LIVES.**

Vivat Jesus!

Luis L. Leyva

Hispanic Membership Coordinator



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Coordinador de Membrecía Hispana - **Luis L. Leyva**

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“Queridos hermanos, no se sorprendan por el fuego que ha prendido en medio de ustedes para ponerlos a prueba. No es algo insólito lo que les sucede. Más bien alégrese de participar en los sufrimientos de Cristo, pues también se les concederán las alegrías más grandes el día en que se nos descubra su gloria.” 1era de Pedro 4:12-13

Hermanos, les saludo nuevamente con la Paz de Cristo Jesús. Después de tantos meses de adaptarnos a una nueva realidad social, parecía que pronto comenzaríamos a llevar reuniones en persona de nuevo, ahora, esto esta incierto debido al número de infección que se están dando. De nuevo se nos impone un reto a poder reclutar y hacer nuestra orden crecer en numero que tanto necesitamos dentro de nuestra jurisdicción, pero, sobre todo, nuestras parroquias y comunidades.

Este nuevo reto nos debe inspirar como dice San Pedro, a compartir el sufrimiento de nuestro Rey y Señor evangelizando a nuestro prójimo, a todo aquel que veamos no tiene un aliento de fe. Aquel que en silencio sufre por esta situación y no encuentra la paz en Cristo nuestro Señor. No hagamos oídos sordos a estos lamentos, que aunque no los escuchamos físicamente, sabemos que existen, que hay hermanos y hermanas sufriendo en un silencio doloroso por no contar con el apoyo de otros al vivir marginados de la fe.

"Dichoso aquel siervo a quien su señor, al llegar, encuentre haciéndolo así." Lucas 12:43

Volviendo a la misión que tenemos a mano, escuchemos el llamado personal que Dios tiene para cada uno de nosotros a vivir su palabra y ejercer su evangelización. Mis hermanos, no seamos indiferentes a las necesidades de nuestros prójimos, por muy pequeña que sea. Pero no se nos olvide, tomar las precauciones necesarias para nuestra protección y la de lo demás. Como ya lo he mencionado anteriormente, solo cada uno conoce las necesidades de sus comunidades, de nuevo les exhorto a salir y asistir aquellos que tengan cualquier necesidad, desde compras de provisiones, reparaciones urgentes en sus hogares, transporte a servicios médicos. Muchas veces es solo una llamada por teléfono lo que estos hermanos puedan necesitar.

El ejemplo a seguir es el de nuestro fundador el Beato Michael J. McGivney... que en una era de pandemia, lo dio todo por el bienestar de sus hermanos. Que sea esta nuestra motivación a seguir sirviendo en su nombre y para la Gloria de Nuestro Dios y Señor.

NUEVAMENTE RECORDEMOS QUE SOMOS CABALLEROS DE COLON:

CREEMOS – Que vivir nuestra fe con valentía hace una diferencia

ELIGIMOS – Vivir de acuerdo con el evangelio, que es diferente a la narrativa que ofrece la sociedad secular.

EVITAMOS – Todas y cada una de las actividades que nos separan de Dios.

Hermanos, ahora nuevamente les invito a cada uno de ustedes a reclutar a un hombre católico a formar parte de nuestra Orden. Es nuestro compromiso MORAL de honrar el legado del Beato Padre McGivney haciendo crecer nuestra Orden Fraternal ofreciéndole a **todo hombre católico** la oportunidad de unirse a Caballeros de Colon para apoyar a nuestras Familia, Parroquias, Comunidades y a la vez, ayudarles a crecer espiritualmente con Cristo Jesús y bajo el manto maternal de Santa María de Guadalupe.

Recuerden, que **SOMOS HOMBRES CATOLICOS CAMBIANDO VIDAS.**

Vivat Jesus!

Luis L. Leyva

Coordinador de Membrecía Hispana



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State Family Director – Joseph Shanks

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Family Prayer

O God of goodness and mercy, to Thy fatherly guidance we commend our family, our household and all our belongings. We commit all to Thy love and keeping; do Thou fill this house with Thy blessings even as Thou didst fill the holy House of Nazareth with Thy presence.

Keep far from us, above all else, the blemish of sin, and do Thou alone reign in our midst by Thy law,

by Thy most holy love and by the exercise of every Christian virtue.

Let each one of us obey Thee, love Thee and set himself to follow in his own life Thine example, that of Mary, Thy Mother and our Mother most loving, and that of Thy blameless guardian, Saint Joseph. Amen.

Family of the Month Program

The Arizona State Council this Fraternal Year further enhanced this program by presenting to the Family of the Month an award recognizing their contributions to the Catholic Faith, their Parish and their Community. There was only one entry submitted this month. We thank you for your submission. We would like to have many more Councils contributing to this program.

The winner of Family of the Month for September 2020 for the Arizona State Council is Frank and Barbara Nevarez. The Nevarez Family attend St. Bernadette Parish in Scottsdale. Congratulations!

(Picture of Frank and Barbara Nevarez not available at this time)



The Citation Reads as follows:

Frank Nevarez and family are a great nomination for Family of the Month. Frank is a deacon at St. Bernadette's parish and has put health risk aside in order to attend to the needs of the parish of St. Bernadette. His wife Barbara also has put Christ first in her life by risking her own health and assisting her husband Frank.

Both Frank and Barbara attend daily mass together. Deacon Frank assists in the holy mass with a celebrating priest on a daily basis and Barbara lectors the readings of the day each morning. Deacon Frank has traveled out of town to help out the youth minister at many youth retreats with presenting our Lord in the Monstrance for adoration and benediction. The Nevarez's have two adult children, Thomas and Nicole. Deacon Frank performs Baptisms and assists in wedding ceremonies. Deacon Frank also works at the Parish office with the maintenance crew. The Nevarez family are great examples of a model Catholic family and demonstrate through their willingness to serve the Lord our God without selflessness to their own health and safety. Deacon Frank and Barbara Nevarez make significant contributions to the Parish and Church community and make excellent candidates for Family of the Month.



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The Knights of Columbus Supreme Council recently published the Family of the Month Council participation list for September 2020. Those councils participating in the program were: 1229, 4339, 4584, 12165, 12708 and 17036. Thank you all for your participation.

The Family of the Month winner for the Month of September for Supreme – Arizona Jurisdiction was the Karen Harper Family of St. Andrew the Apostle Church – Fort Huachuca Chapel - Council 4584 – Bishop Salpointe, Sierra Vista, AZ. John Goggin – Grand Knight

It is time for men to be warriors in the battle that is raging around us. Our Church is under attack! Our families are under attack! We need to Stand Up for our Church and Step up for our families. For every 10 men in the average parish, only 1 will consistently follow the church's teachings. All ten will the balance between work and family life.

The church is in dire need of men to become saints. This is not a journey to be done by a man alone, it is a journey for us to do together with our wives, children, and others.

When Catholic Men desire to take the challenge to re-energize their faith and to become saints, the transformation of the Church will grow.

Take the challenge and connect with the website below. They have amassed a large number of videos that can be shared with your retreats, bible studies and used by your council lecturer to engage and re-ignite your fellow Brother Knights.



<https://watch.heroicmen.com/browse>

Also watch the intriguing video on Father McGivney, Into the Breach and lots of others that will captivate your audience.

<https://watch.heroicmen.com/videos/father-michael-mcgivney-the-priest-who-founded-the-knights-of-the-columbus-1>



Brother Knights,

November may well be a special month for a lot of families, veterans and the start of the Advent season. Let's start with November 1st, 2020.

November 1st – All Saints Day.

All Saints' Day is a solemn holy day of the Catholic Church celebrated annually on November 1. The day is dedicated to the saints of the Church, that is, all those who have attained heaven. It should not be confused with All Souls' Day, which is observed on November 2, and is dedicated to those who have died and not yet reached heaven.

November 11th – Veterans Day.

The Treaty of Versailles was signed on June 28, 1919, marking the official end of World War I. Nonetheless, the armistice date of November 11, 1918, remained in the public imagination as the date that marked the end of the conflict. One year later, in November 1919, U.S. President Woodrow Wilson proclaimed November 11 as the first commemoration of Armistice Day.

November 22nd – Christ the King.

Christ the King Day. Instituted in 1925 by Pope Pius XI, Christ the King Day is a holiday which falls on the **final Sunday of the Liturgical Calendar**, or on the **last Sunday of November** as celebrated by traditional Catholics.

November 26th – Thanksgiving Day.

For **Catholics, thanksgiving** is a daily and weekly occurrence through the Mass, where the **Eucharistic Sacrifice** is our Great **Thanksgiving**. Special offerings, such as the Mass in St. Augustine in 1598 served to heighten our awareness of God's hand in our lives.

November 29th – First Day of Advent.

Advent, the beginning of the liturgical year in the Catholic Church, is a time of preparation for the coming of Christ at Christmas. It was historically known as "little Lent," because, like Lent, it is a time of repentance, with prayer, fasting, and Confession. In 2020, Advent is 26 days long.

Dear Father, nothing is hidden from You. Even the silent sufferer You see. We lift up those with emotional scars who have served in our military. Those veterans are special to You and You love them. You see them. Strengthen them to seek help from friends or counselors. Give grace and patience to those who care for them. Give wisdom to the doctors who are treating them. We pray for peace for them and relief. Amen.

Dear Lord, on Thanksgiving Day, we bow our hearts to You in prayer. We give You thanks for all You have done, mostly for the gift of Jesus Christ, Your Son. For beauty in nature, in which we see Your Glory, for joy and health, friends, and family. For our daily sustenance, Your mercy and care, these are the blessings You kindly share. So today we offer this response of praise with a promise to follow You all of our days. Amen.



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Arizona Rosary Chairman – Larry Costanzo

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The 2020 version of the Arizona Rosary Celebration was live streamed on October 17th in the Tucson Diocese and October 18th in the Phoenix Diocese. Bishop Emeritus Kicanas presided in Tucson and Bishop Olmsted in Phoenix. The guest speaker, the Most Reverend Jorge Rodriguez, Auxiliary Bishop of the Archdiocese of Denver, Colorado gave an outstanding presentation on Our Lady, Undoer of Knots.

The programs were broadcast on You Tube and other media and there were over 10,000 views of the two programs. Some even tuned in from Mexico and Guam. By all accounts this year’s AZ Rosary Celebration was a huge success even though the programs were reduced and did not include the usual Blessing Processions of the Faithful nor the Blessed Sacrament.

We are looking forward to returning to the normal presentations in 2021 from both Tucson and Phoenix when we honor Mary under her title of Our Lady of Sorrows. Please mark your calendars for October 16 and 17, 2021 to hold the dates. Watch this Newsletter for more information.

Below you can view either ceremony:

<https://youtu.be/klrGRsYpLV8>

<https://youtu.be/Ru3m8Mtg1Zk>

Arizona Rosary Celebration
 Invite your friends and family to pray the Rosary together.
 NEW in 2020: Online celebration!

Diocese of Tucson	Saturday, October 17, 2020 at 10:00 a.m. Join the celebration online at DioceseTucson.org/Rosary Presiding: Most Reverend Edward J. Weisenburger, Bishop of Tucson
Diocese of Phoenix	Sunday, October 18, 2020 at 2:00 p.m. Join the celebration online at YouTube.com/user/PhoenixDiocese Presiding: Most Reverend Thomas J. Olmsted, Bishop of Phoenix

**Our Lady, Undoer of Knots, pray for us.
 Pray the Rosary, Arizona!**

www.AZRosary.net



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

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Brothers All,

40 Days for Life is ending with 456 babies saved and counting! God certainly blesses all the sidewalk vigil participants.

Now we pray that the election outcomes support a Culture of Life both in our nation and in the Arizona House and Senate. The Culture of Death deserves some time off!

Ed and Mary Jo Eick
Culture of Life Co-chairs
Arizona State Council

Knights in Action – Council 11809 Our Lady of Lourdes/Prince of Peace, Sun City West



Margaret Kelly, Associate Editor of *Columbia*, the magazine of the Knights of Columbus contacted the Grand Knight Mike Hug to have a photo shoot of art around the country depicting Father Michael J. McGivney, to potentially feature in an upcoming issue about his beatification. She identified the courtyard statue of Our Lady of Lourdes Church as a work of art to photograph. Here we have pictured several members including the Chaplain Fr. Augustine praying the Rosary. The picture credit goes to Geoff Reed/Courtesy Knights of Columbus Supreme.



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Brothers All,

We started this past month with good news for our Polish Brother Knights. The Charity, Unity and Fraternity (CUF) Degree script is available in Polish. We now have translations in English, Spanish, French and Polish.

Regional Teams have been formed and will provide Online CUF degrees on the 2nd and 4th Saturday of each month at 9:00 AM. Here are the 5 teams with their Team Captains that are actively putting on the online exemplifications:

St. Anne's #10540	Fray Garces #3855	Frank Perri #10762	St. Helen's #11738	Yuma District #18
DD Jim Walsh 480-772-3094	GK Eric Barna 401-474-4285	FDD Pete Karculias 520-975-7362	FDD Len Rheume 602-738-5608	DD Larry Lickfelt 712-223-2907

These Team Captains and their teams have done a superb job of putting on virtual degrees over the last 6 months while we were restricted from meeting in person. They will continue to offer virtual CUF degrees at least until the end of the Fraternal Year and possibly beyond. Our thanks go out to these pioneering teams for their dedicated practices and performances in keeping our ceremonials alive virtually during this trying time of pandemic restrictions.

The Online ceremony presentation options include the following:

1. All participants join virtually from home. This can presently be done in all of our 3 Dioceses.
2. Where Diocesan policy allows, the Degree Team can come together in a hall or Church and present the degree virtually to candidates, members and observers who sign in to the online meeting. The Degree Team must adhere to Diocesan rules, State Deputy Policy letter and local parish health restrictions.
3. Where Diocesan policy allows, the Degree Team can present the Exemplification at a hall or Church and have candidates, members and guests attend in person while presenting the ceremony online. The Degree Team must adhere to Diocesan, State Deputy and local parish health restrictions.

Currently, Options 2 and 3 are only available in Church owned/supervised locations in the Dioceses of Phoenix and Gallup. In the Tucson Diocese exemplifications on non-Church-affiliated properties is permissible, but I ask that you advise the State Ceremonial Chairman in advance if you plan to exercise this option.

We are working on a Spanish Online team for the near future.



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Charity, Unity, Fraternity Ceremonials – Skip Hopley - continued

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The next CUF Online Degrees are on Nov 14th and Nov 28th. The schedule is posted on the State website under **State News** then **Exemplification Schedules** (<https://kofc-az.org/exemplification-schedules>). You will notice that Live degrees are also being posted there. Fully live CUF degrees (in person gatherings of teams, candidates, members and guests) can now be presented on Church property in the Phoenix and Gallup Dioceses as long as they adhere to the restrictions as outlined above for the Online Degrees. In the Tucson Diocese these degrees are not allowed on Church property as of this writing.

Until Councils/Districts form their own teams the Regional teams have agreed to present live CUF degrees in their local area where there are no Council teams (COVID restrictions apply). This will be in addition to the semi-monthly scheduled online degrees. Host GKs can contact the Team Captain who will, in turn, inform and get approval from the host DD. In addition, Regional Team Captains will provide training assistance to local Councils who are forming their own CUF degree teams. These live degrees may also be simulcast online with additional candidates participating.

I encourage our Grand Knights to form their own local Council teams now so that they can exemplify candidates with live degrees as soon as they are signed up with their Forms 100. The live option is much more preferable to the recorded, **On Demand** option. The Regional teams are available to help until the local teams are comfortable with presenting the degrees on their own.

Our CUF Exemplification Honoree for the month of November is the Most Reverend James S. Wall, Bishop of Gallup, whose Diocese includes all Northeast Arizona as well as Western New Mexico. You may remember that Bishop Wall is an AZ native and served our Phoenix Diocese for many years. Please see the State website for his complete biography.

Finally, remember that the job isn't done until the paperwork is complete so don't forget to submit the Form 450 Degree Report to Supreme and State. Keep in mind that the restrictions we've talked about apply to all our KofC meetings including business and officer meetings. Stay safe and stay healthy. Be prepared in case the virus continues to increase its spread this Fall and Winter.

Refresher Training.

This month's training refresher tip is a link to the booklet that explains the meaning of the emblems and jewels of the Order. I recommend that you pick one of the emblems and have your Lecturer present a refresher on what the symbols mean. This month do the KofC pin which is the Emblem of the Order.

<https://www.kofc.org/un/en/resources/service/council/emblems.pdf>

Please contact me for any questions about these ceremonials.

Vivat Jesus,

Skip Hopley

Ceremonial Chairman, Arizona State Council

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Other Significant Events

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Catholic Men’s Conference - Tucson Goes Virtual → Adapts to COVID-19

As COVID-19 concerns continue to impact our lives, the Catholic Men’s Conference - Tucson vows to keep its commitment to the Men of Southern Arizona. The 7th Annual Men’s Conference will be held as announced on Nov 7 but in a modified form. This year’s conference will be held as a Virtual, online half-day event—part Webinar and part Live Q&A roundtable.

Theme for the Conference is **Be a Man...Be a Saint..** from St. Josemaria Escriva, founder of Opus Dei and the one who promoted the sanctity of everyday life.

Location: Online via a web-based video conferencing tool

Date: Saturday Nov 7, 2020

Time: Tentatively scheduled 0900-12:30pm – To Be Confirmed

The Knights of Columbus are founders and major sponsors of the event. State Deputy Mario Vassallo encourages all Knights across Arizona to register and attend this very worthwhile event. It will also count as a Spiritual Reflection for Faith in Action work. Registration is free. Keynote speakers are:



Matthew Leonard, a Catholic author, speaker, filmmaker, and founder of Next Level Catholic Academy, an online platform designed to help Catholics transform their spiritual lives and grow toward sainthood. Matthew also hosts a podcast on which is listened to in on iTunes at: <https://matthewsleonard.com/podcast-2/> over 180 countries...and counting. He is a frequenter on EWTN, Relevant Radio, CBS, SiriusXM, among others.



John Sablan, dubbed the Man on Fire, co-founder of the World Ablaze Incorporated, a Catholic apostolate focused on evangelization and discipleship. Answering the call to evangelize, John’s goal is to inspire others to come to a deeper love and knowledge of our Catholic faith in order to better serve God, the Church and the world. He is a featured speaker in That Man is You! men’s program from Paradisus Dei.

In addition to the Keynote talks, there will be also be a live Q&A roundtable with the speakers and Bishop Weisenburger. The roundtable is a unique and popular feature of the Tucson Conference.

To register and for further instruction go to tucsonmensconference.org Contact: Bill Breen, Catholic Men’s Conference Planning Committee, bill.breen@gmail.com , 520-329-7744

Links to Promotion Videos:

Matthew Leonard: <https://www.youtube.com/user/MatthewSLeonard>

John Sablan: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCK1ed3oWnYb9-adIsTDdxVw/videos>



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Raso Insurance Agency – Nate Raso

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Brothers All,

“We humbly ask that you glorify your venerable servant, Fr. Michael J. McGivney on earth according to the design of your holy will.” How many tens of millions, hundreds of millions of times has our loving God heard this sentence from the prayer for Fr. McGivney’s canonization? Asking only to fulfill God’s holy will; requested humbly. No doubt, you, like I, have been saying this prayer of supplication for years. Now those prayers have been answered as our Venerable Founder becomes our Blessed Founder. The journey began December 18, 1997 when the Cause for Sainthood was opened in Hartford, Connecticut by Archbishop Daniel Cronin. Nearly five years later the official document, the Positio, outlining the case for Fr. McGivney’s cause was sent to Rome. On March 15, 2008 Fr. McGivney was declared **Venerable** indicating he lived a life of heroic virtue. This year on May 27, nearly twenty-three years after his cause was opened, Pope Francis authorized a decree that a miracle attributed to Fr. McGivney’s intercession had been approved.

October 2020 will long be remembered as the month Fr. McGivney’s beatification Mass was celebrated at the Cathedral of St. Joseph in Hartford. It took place on October 31. This is a time of great joy and happiness for all members of the Knights of Columbus.

Spotlighting our founder and his reasons for founding the Order, that is to strengthen men in their faith and to provide for the financial needs of families overwhelmed by illness or death of the breadwinner, this spotlight will draw more Catholic men to join with us. Our Order is an immense force for good in this world with the billions of dollars donated to worthy causes over the past decade, strengthening our fraternal bonds with acts of charity. The Knights of Columbus helps us husbands and fathers not only fortify our faith, but also provides an opportunity for us to protect our families. Is it significant that the approved miracle involved the son of one of our general agents from our insurance program?

I like to think so. When Patrick McGivney died unexpectedly, young Michael had to leave the seminary to help provide for his family. He and his family struggled through the loss of his father and then as the Curate at St. Mary’s he saw parishioners facing similar situations. He saw a need and he took action. He organized, he led, he inspired. He was concerned with both the spiritual and the temporal well-being of those around him.

Speaking of being a man of action, now is the time for you to take action. You will soon receive, if you have not yet already received it, the 2020 Fraternal Survey. It may be filled out in paper form or online. Whether on paper or online, please take a minute to complete it. It will be prefilled with much of your information to make it a snap to complete. It will provide information that will help me serve you better. There is a very informative insert included in the survey packet. Please take a minute to review that, too.



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Raso Insurance Agency – Nate Raso - continued

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I consider it a worthy calling to carry on the work of our soon to be Blessed Founder. It's been my great pleasure to work with many of you to help you protect your family and I look forward to continuing to serve you. Please call me if you have any questions or concerns. Thanks to you for all the good works you carry out in the name of the Order. Your acts of charity are even more critical considering this current pandemic. Thank you for all you do!

Vivat Jesus!

Nate Raso / General Agent, Arizona & Utah

Tony LoMonaco / Field Agent, Jay Eisele / Field Agent, Mark Koeppen / Field Agent, Luis Rivero / Field Agent, Tom Moore / Field Agent, Wes Casaus / Field Agent, Keith Baker / Field Agent, Tom Pickard / Field Agent, Luis Salinas / Field Agent, Jason Champagne / Field Agent, William Teal / Field Agent, Ed Lozano / Field Agent



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Keep Christ In Christmas Chairman – Dennis Schauer

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Brother Knights,

Please find below a link to information on the KCIC Programs for 2020-2021. Also please find the resource tab describing the programs, the brochure for the Christmas cards and products, the council form for orders, a special offer, and information on Spanish products. The current files will be on the state website under the tab **More** and **Keep Christ In Christmas** with these files. The link below is included because it goes to the Supreme FAI Family page where the Supreme links reside for the individual program details and applicable forms. Let me know if you have any questions.

<http://www.kofc.org/en/what-we-do/faith-in-action-programs/resources/index.html?1tab=1tab2>

or at

<https://kofc-az.org/keep-christ-in-christmas>

Vivat Jesus!

Dennis J. Schauer
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Keep Christ in Christmas Chairman
KofC Arizona State Council
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website: <https://kofc-az.org>



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PROGRAM GUIDEBOOK



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Youth Director – Jeffrey Schneider

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Catholic Citizenship Essay Program

Brother Knights,

The timetable for Councils to complete the Essay Program should be near or at completion. You need to forward your grade level winners to your District Deputy. The District Deputy will forward the winners to the State to be judged in December. I will give more information about the State level in next month's newsletter.

Please contact me if you have any questions.

Fraternally,
Jeffrey Schneider
Arizona Knights of Columbus
Youth Director
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Coats for Kids Program

Brother Knights,

I hope your Council is planning to be part of the Coats for Kids Program for this year. The program fills a vital need in communities for warm clothing for children.

A simple way to participate in this program is to follow the Coats for Kids guidelines on the Supreme web page. Coats are prepacked sold in 3 categories of coats and lightweight jackets. Each package has a variety of sizes based on the group and gender. Prepacks come in 12 coats or 24 jackets. I suggest your Council look at the options and decide what prepack would work for you.

Since this is listed as a Community Program, it would go toward your Councils goal under Faith In Action. You can also partner with another Council to obtain coats. Anything you do will help our mission of Charity to the communities.

Please contact me if you have any questions about the program.

Thank you,
John Lohse
Arizona Coats for Kids Program Coordinator
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A PRAYER FOR PROTECTION IN TIME OF PANDEMIC



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

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, F. Falsoni.



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Prayer for Vocations

Lord Jesus Christ,
Son of the Eternal Father,
Son of the Virgin Mary,
we thank you for offering your life in
sacrifice on the Cross, and
for renewing this sacrifice
in every Mass celebrated throughout the
world.

In the Power of the Holy Spirit
we adore you and proclaim
your living presence in the Eucharist.
We desire to imitate the love you show us
in your death and resurrection,
by loving and serving one another.
We ask you to call many young people to
religious life, and to provide the holy and
generous priests
that are so needed in you Church today.
Lord Jesus, hear our prayer.
Amen.

Prayer for Our Priests

Most gracious Heavenly Father,
We thank you for our faithful priests and
bishops, whose spiritual fatherhood and
example of fidelity, self-sacrifice, and devotion
is so vital to the faith of your people.
May our spiritual fathers be guided by the
examples of Saints Peter and Paul, all the
Apostles and their saintly successors. Give them
valiant faith in the face of confusion and
conflict, hope in time of trouble and sorrow,
and steadfast love for you, for their families,
and for all your people throughout the world.
May the light of your Truth shine through their
lives and their good works.
Assist all spiritual fathers, that through your
Grace they may steadily grow in holiness and in
knowledge and understanding of your Truth.
May they generously impart this knowledge to
those who rely on them.
Through Christ our Lord. 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.”*

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.

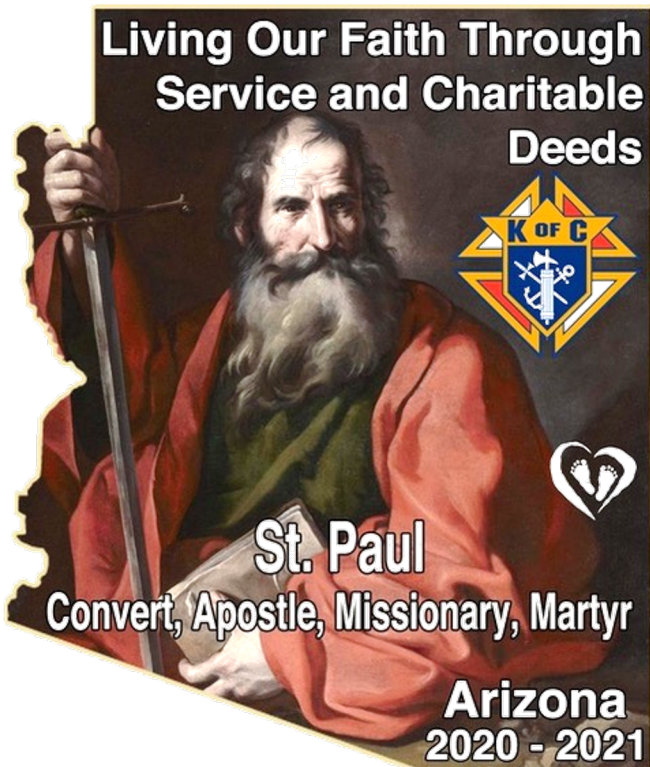
⁴² The soldiers planned to kill the prisoners to prevent any of them from swimming away and escaping. ⁴³ But the centurion wanted to spare Paul's life and kept them from carrying out their plan. He ordered those who could swim to jump overboard first and get to land. ⁴⁴ The rest were to get there on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

2020-2021 Broche de solapa y Lema del Consejo Estatal de Arizona

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Caballeros de Colón de Arizona

**“Viviendo nuestra fe a Través de Servicio y
Obras de Caridad”**

Al comienzo de cada año fraterno, se ha convertido una tradición en Arizona que el Diputado de Estado presente un nuevo broche de solapa y lema para el Consejo Estatal. Al presentar el broche de solapa estatal 2020-2021, el diputado estatal Mario Vassallo dijo: "El broche de solapa estatal de este año representa parte de la herencia religiosa que traje conmigo desde Malta, la isla donde nací y crecí. San Pablo es uno de los santos patronos de Malta. Me gustaría que San Pablo fuera un modelo a seguir para nosotros los hermanos Caballeros en Arizona durante este año fraternal".

El broche del Estado tiene el bosquejo del Estado de Arizona y muestra la imagen de San Pablo, uno de los más grandes Apóstoles, pero también converso, misionero y mártir. El broche también muestra el logotipo de Caballeros de Colón y dos pies de bebé pequeños que se incluyen para recordarnos que siempre debemos luchar para preservar la santidad de la vida desde su concepción natural hasta la muerte natural. El lema principal de este año es **Vivir nuestra fe a través del servicio y las obras de caridad**. Nuestro lema es una expresión de cuál debería ser el objetivo de cada Caballero de Colón. Somos hombres de fe que la demostramos al servir a nuestros sacerdotes, feligreses y vecinos, y hacemos caridad con los miembros de nuestra comunidad que están en necesidad.

Esta es la historia de cómo el pueblo maltés se convirtió al cristianismo y se enamoró del gran apóstol San Pablo.

En el año 60 D.C., San Pablo fue hecho prisionero y trasladado a Roma para ser juzgado en la corte como romano por ser cristiano. San Lucas también iba en el mismo barco que viajaba por el mar Mediterráneo. Así es como San Lucas describe el naufragio cerca de la isla de Malta en los Hechos de los Apóstoles (27:39 - 28:10):

Hechos de los Apóstoles versión Biblia Latinoamericana

"27: 39-44"

39. Cuando amaneció no reconocieron la tierra, pero divisaron una bahía con su playa, y acordaron hacer lo posible por encallar en ella el barco. 40. Soltaron las anclas y las dejaron caer al mar mientras aflojaron las cuerdas de los timones; izaron al viento la vela delantera y se dejaron arrastrar hacia la playa. 41. Pero chocaron contra un banco de arena y el barco quedó encallado: la proa se clavó y quedó inmóvil, mientras la popa se iba destrozando por los golpes violentos de las olas.

42. Entonces los soldados pensaron en dar muerte a los presos por temor a que alguno se escapara nadando. 43. Pero el capitán, que quería salvar a Pablo, no se lo permitió. Ordenó que los que supieran nadar se tiraran los primeros al agua y se dirigieran a la playa; 44. Los demás se agarrarían a tablones o a restos de la nave. Así todos llegamos sanos y salvos a tierra."

"28:1-10" 1. Una vez a salvo, supimos que la isla se llamaba Malta. 2. Los nativos nos trataron con una cordialidad poco común, encendieron una gran hoguera y nos cuidaron a todos, ya que llovía y hacía frío. 3. Pablo había juntado una brazada de ramas secas y, al echarlas al fuego, una víbora que escapaba del calor se le enroscó en la mano. 4. Al ver los nativos a la víbora colgando de la mano de Pablo, se dijeron unos a otros: «Sin duda éste es un asesino. Aunque se haya salvado del mar, la justicia divina no lo deja vivir.» 5. Pero Pablo sacudió la víbora echándola al fuego y no sufrió daño alguno. 6. Pensaban que se iba a hinchar o caer muerto de repente, pero después de esperar largo rato, vieron que no le pasaba nada. Entonces cambiaron de parecer y decían que era un dios.

7. Los terrenos cercanos pertenecían al hombre principal de la isla, llamado Publio, quien nos recibió y hospedó amigablemente tres días. 8. Precisamente el padre de Publio estaba en cama con fiebre y disentería. Pablo entró a verlo, oró, le impuso las manos y lo sanó. 9. A consecuencia de esto todos los enfermos de la isla acudieron a él y fueron sanados; 10. luego nos colmaron de atenciones y, al marchar, nos proveyeron de todo lo necesario."

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.

Prayer for the Canonization of Blessed Michael Joseph 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.