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



## State Deputy's Message

November 2021



Brother Knights,

The 2021-2022 Mid-Year Meeting will be held on December 3-5, 2021. The location is St. Andrews Catholic Church, 3450 West Ray Road, Chandler, AZ 85226. This is an open invitation to **all members** of the Arizona Jurisdiction to attend this year's Mid-Year meeting.

Our goal this year is to communicate and provide all the information available for your Councils to be successful. The mantra "Yes I Can" is used a lot, If the Council leaders fulfill their expectations, i.e. – ask a Catholic gentleman to join, provide opportunities for insurance, and have good programs - by doing this, the Council's membership goal, insurance goal, and program goals will take care of themselves.

Brothers, you as Council leaders, should be looking at your Councils and the path that is being followed. Assess whether your Council is following the Faith in Action Program which is designed to support our Parishes and spiritual life of our members. The Supreme Knight noted that through the Faith in Action programs; Strengthening Families in Faith is paramount for our organization. Part of the design is to help families stay together by praying together. Integrating our families into Parish life is one way of helping families and Parishes during these uncertain times.

The Mid-Year meeting's main session and breakout sessions will provide training and guidance for our fraternal leaders and stress the importance of dependable uniform procedures and communication. ***As leaders, your attendance is crucial to the smooth operation of your Councils and Districts. Please mark your calendars and plan to attend.***

When Blessed Father McGivney founded this Order, he wanted it to be a society of Catholic Men, established in every Parish, to support the Priest in their vocation and mission. This gives every brother Knight an opportunity to grow in holiness while contributing to his parish, community, and security for his family. My Brother Knights, our purpose is truly clear. As leaders of our organization, we must remember that our purpose, first and foremost, to support the Catholic Church. This includes, but is not limited to, evangelization and participation in operations of our Parishes.

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All-provident God, the good things that grace this table remind us of your many good gifts. Bless this food, and may the prayers of St. Joseph, who provided bread for your Son and food for the poor, sustain us and all our brothers and sisters on our journey towards your heavenly Kingdom. Through Christ our Lord.  
Amen



### November Intention Pope Francis

### People Who Suffer from Depression

We pray that people who suffer from depression or burn-out will find support and a light that opens them up to life.



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Andrew Carnegie the industrialist and philanthropist said, ***“Teamwork is the ability to work together toward a common vision and the ability to direct individual accomplishments toward organizational objectives. It is the fuel that allows common people to attain uncommon results.”*** Teamwork among and by our Brother Knights will make certain the Knights of Columbus in Arizona is successful in all that we do to support the principals of Charity, Unity and Fraternity.

I hope that our personal relationship with the Blessed Trinity will continue to increase in each of us, the motto “Defenders of the Faith” will motivate us to be relentless in our public demonstration of faith and Knightly principles and inspire us to be bold yet humble fraternal leaders to better serve our councils, districts, Parishes and communities.

We believe communication is the real way to get it done. We are here to serve you! Let us have a great year!

Vivat Jesus!

Luigi Baratta, Arizona State Deputy

**Are You A Defender of the Faith?**

It's the beginning of a new fraternal year for the Arizona Knights of Columbus! Come celebrate with us by joining the Knights of Columbus online for **FREE!!**

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**Defender of the Faith**



Dear Brother Knights,

***“All you holy men and women pray for us.”***

The above phrase is a sung response from the Litany of Saints. Sadly, this beautiful song with its call and response is usually only sung at ordinations and the Easter Vigil. While there are some exceptions many people in the church do not hear the beauty of having the saints of God intoned and we respond, ‘pray for us.’ It is a beautiful reminder of who we are as people who turn to others for their prayers (and at times people turn to us asking us to pray for them in their need). There are so many saints (at this moment I am talking of those officially canonized by the church) that we can call upon not merely for their prayers, but also when we need an example of how to continue to become more like Christ. There are even more saints (here we can include those people whom we would call saints from our families and friends that have passed and truly lived in a holy way).

During this month of remembrance, we should call upon these holy men and women and ask them to pray for our individual needs, but more importantly for the needs of all the church and the world. Since there are so many, we could take it upon ourselves to learn about and pray with a different saint every day during November. Might I suggest a few that might prove helpful in our journey to try and become holy in our lives.

St. Peter Claver, was a Jesuit from Spain that was sent on a mission to Colombia. There he ministered to those who were brought from Africa to be sold as slaves. He was referred to as “a slave to the slaves forever”, and he was believed to have baptized over 300,000 during his ministry. Please take some time to learn more about St. Peter Claver and as our nation is still stained by the sin of systemic racism let us cry out St. Peter Claver, pray for us.

St. Augustine, was as we would say a great sinner, before he became a great saint. He struggled with the temptations of the world before his conversion. There are so many that struggle with the sins of seeing others as objects to use and abuse for their own desires and wants without respecting that they are a brother or sister in Christ. When we objectify another person or look simply at their outward beauty for our pleasure may our prayers rise up as we call out St. Augustine, pray for us.

St. Mary Magdalene, was mistakenly believed to be the prostitute in the Gospels. She came to see (before the apostles and other disciples) that Jesus was the Christ. She didn’t let fear lock her in a room with the other followers of Jesus, but she went to the tomb looking for Jesus and was blessed to be the first witness of the resurrection. When we do not give women the respect and dignity they deserve as equal to us let us remember how St. Mary Magdalene is called the “apostle to the apostles” and beg that through her intercession we may have the eyes of Christ towards others. May we cry out in our need together St. Mary Magdalene, pray for us.

As I said there are so many more women and men to call upon in our need so that we might be holy, setting ourselves apart for Christ to work in us and through us. May we use this month to call upon a few, some or all the saints of God and remember that as we do, we ask that they pray for us.

Vivat Jesus,

Fr. Gary Regula



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**State Secretary – Tom Kato**

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Brother Knights,

We are quickly approaching the midyear meeting for the state. Can you believe that it, we are almost half-way through the fraternal year? That statement can either put you in a state of euphoria (Cool, we have 10 of our 16 programs done already and we are half-way to our membership goal!) or a state of panic (wait, half-way??? We still have 12 programs to do and we haven't recruited 1 member!).

Whatever the case may be, we welcome you to the Arizona State Council Midyear meeting occurring December 4, 2021, at St. Andrew the Apostle. To paraphrase Jim Nantz: this will be a midyear meeting like no other.

The Arizona State Council team is excited to welcome not only the District Deputies but Grand Knights, Program Directors, Membership Directors, and any knight who wants to learn more about council success to this informative and interactive meeting!

The meeting will begin at 8:00 AM with a Rosary and conclude with the holy sacrifice of the Mass at 5:00 PM with Dinner following.

Make sure to register at: <https://kofc-az.org/midyear-meeting>

We are looking forward to seeing you there!!!

Vivat Jesus!

Tom Kato  
State Secretary



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State Program Director – Tom White – [programs@kofc-az.org](mailto:programs@kofc-az.org)

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Brothers,

We are one – third of the way through our fraternal year. How are your councils progressing? Statewide our recruiting numbers are very strong; has your council at least gotten started back to performing some programs?

I am asking for a form 10784 to be submitted following completion of each program. The endorser of the form will automatically receive a copy; I need you to send me a copy as I am not automatically included. In checking the quarterly tabulation, I see that many forms have been sent into Supreme but not to me; please let me know how your councils are doing.

As a way to encourage greater use of the Fraternal Reports form, we currently have two separate program incentives. Send a copy of the 10784 to me when you've completed the monthly suggested program and your council will compete for a patriotic rosary. Incentive # 2: the top three councils that send in the most form 10784 between October 1 and December 31<sup>st</sup> will each win a beautiful K of C table cover.

## **ONGOING / UPCOMING PROGRAMS**

The October program is 40 Days for Life. If your council has performed any program related to 40 Days, submit that form and send me a copy. The November program is the Into the Breach video series.

## **SOCCER CHALLENGE**

The state competition will be held at Salpointe high school in Tucson on Sunday, November 28<sup>th</sup> @1pm. For more information contact Jeff Schneider at 520 419 4130.

## **COATS FOR KIDS**

Call Jon Lohse for help with buying coats or if you need help finding an organization to donate your coats to. Jon Lohse 520 419 4313

## **CATHOLIC ESSAY CONTEST**

This contest is for boys and girls from 8<sup>th</sup> grade through 12<sup>th</sup> grade. This year's theme and all information on how to perform this program can be found at: [kofc.org/essay](http://kofc.org/essay)  
Council essay winners need to be completed no later than mid - November and district winning essays need to be sent to Jeff Schneider by December 1<sup>st</sup>.

## **KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS**

Chairman Dennis Schauer reports that there are no cards in English available. He does have magnets and other merchandise available. If your council plans to participate in the Christmas poster contest, you should be in contact soon with your local Catholic schools or RE instructors in your parish. It's a great opportunity to get the kids who are the future of the Catholic Church involved in a fun and faith - based Christmas project. Posters need to be into Dennis by December 29<sup>th</sup>.

## **CONSECRATION TO THE HOLY FAMILY**

Holy Family Sunday is December 26<sup>th</sup>. Speak with your pastor about designating one mass that Sunday to pray to the Holy Family. Prayer cards are very inexpensive and can be ordered at Supplies Online. Guide sheets and program descriptions for both KCIC and the poster contest can be found in the FAMILY category at : [kofc.org/fiaresources](http://kofc.org/fiaresources)

Thank you for all that you do, every day. Remember, where there is a need, there is a Knight of Columbus.

Vivat Jesus

Tom White SPD

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## Coats for Kids Program – John Lohse - [jjlohse@comcast.net](mailto:jjlohse@comcast.net)

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This year's Coats For Kids Program is in full swing. Councils should be ordering their coats with the goal of delivering them to charitable organizations before the Thanksgiving holiday. Although organizations are excited to receive donations at any time, receiving them before Thanksgiving will allow these organizations to gift the coats to their needy kids before Christmas.

There is a significant need for Coats For Kids across Arizona. We support just a fraction of the need for noteworthy organizations like Catholic Charities/Community Services in the Dioceses of Phoenix and Tucson, along with many other outstanding organizations. If your Council is having trouble finding a worthy organization to which to donate, please contact State Coats for Kids Program Coordinator, John Lohse, who will put you in contact with these organizations.

Coats can be ordered on [www.knightsgear.com](http://www.knightsgear.com). When delivering the coats, take a photo of the donation. Once the donation is complete, please forward the name of the organization receiving the coats, the number of coats donated, and if possible, the type of box purchased (e.g. Boy's Lightweight Box, Girl's Child Coats (4-6), etc.).

Thank you for your participation!

John Lohse / Coats for Kids Program Coordinator

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## Soccer Challenge – Jeffrey Schneider - [bronte8077@gmail.com](mailto:bronte8077@gmail.com)

Brothers, hopefully your Council has already held their Soccer Challenge. If your Council did hold their event, it needs to go to your District Deputy for that level. Your District level needs to be done in the next few weeks.

The State Soccer Challenge has been set for Nov. 28, 2021, Sunday, at Salpointe High School in Tucson Arizona. Sign in will begin at 1:00 pm. All entries need to have their original score sheet with permission side completed. I suggest a member of the Council bring the paperwork along with the competitor.

I am looking forward to a great event and appreciate all the support for this Knights of Columbus Community Event.

Let me know if you have any questions. Thank you.

Jeffrey Schneider

State Youth Director

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**Catholic Citizenship Essay Contest - [bronte8077@gmail.com](mailto:bronte8077@gmail.com)**

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Brother, the Catholic Citizenship Essay Contest is in full swing now. Your Council should be completing their level and getting ready for the District Level. If your Council needs to complete it, I suggest it be done in the next few weeks. This needs to be done for winners to advance to the District and State level.

Here are the rules and theme for this year's contest.

This contest encourages today's youth to be more connected to their community and their faith. The goal of this program is to involve young Catholics in grades 8 to 12 (public, private, parochial or home schools during the current school year) in civic discourse and instill in them religious and life-affirming values. The essay should be 500-750 words on a specific topic, changing every other year. Entrants will be judged on grammar, style, and how clearly they present the theme in a way that showcases creativity, imagination and overall development of the topic.

This is the topic for this year's contest.

"Consider it pure joy, my brothers and sisters, whenever you face trials of many kinds, because you know that the testing of your faith produces perseverance. Let perseverance finish its work so that you may be mature and complete, not lacking anything." - James 1:2-4

The District Winners need to be submitted to me for the State Level by Dec. 1, 2021.

We are hoping for a successful contest this year and hope your Council will participate. Please contact me if you have any questions.

Thank you,

Jeffrey Schneider

Arizona Youth Director

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State Life Couple – Nick & LauraLee Gaudio

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Brother Knights,

As Knights we are called to be the protectors of families and therefore protectors of life, especially for the most vulnerable unborn. In reviewing this year’s AZ State directory, I came to the realization that 42% of our councils do not have a Culture of Life Chairman. We must do better than that. I urge all Grand Knights to appoint a Culture of Life Chairman and start getting involved in respect life activities. We have resources that can help you get started. Please don’t hesitate to reach out to me.

In the US alone 2,363 children are brutally killed every day by abortion. There is a powerful video that is changing the minds and hearts of pro-abortion advocates. It is not an easy video to watch, but after doing so, women and men are horrified by the reality of abortion. This video is saving babies by changing their minds. Go to <https://2363.org/> and watch the video for yourself and become a Life Defender.

Here is an example of what you can do to promote Life. This weekend at Our Lady of Joy is the annual “Time, Talent & Treasure Stewardship Festival”. This presented a perfect opportunity to promote Respect Life ministries and encourage new members to join. You can do the same, see pics below.



As we gear up for the **January 15, 2022 Arizona for Life March and Rally**, please start organizing your councils to attend. Wear your badges, your council shirts, and carry your council banners. We will have the “Love Life, Choose Life” signs at the march starting point. You can also share flyers with your friends, family and parishes. Flyers are available to download at [Home | AZLifeRally \(azliferally2022.org\)](https://Home | AZLifeRally (azliferally2022.org) under “Info to Share”) under “Info to Share”. Make sure to also participate in our '[Roses for Life, Lead the Way](#)' promotion, as we remember the 13,097 babies lost to abortion in [Arizona](#). The group which sells the most roses will lead the Arizona for Life March + Rally! 100% of the proceeds fund grants to life-affirming organizations.

As always, if you have any questions, please contact me at [prolife@gaudio.us](mailto:prolife@gaudio.us) or call 480-227-1619. Please continue to pray for an end to abortion and a complete defunding of Planned Parenthood. Vivat Jesus,

Nick & LauraLee Gaudio, AZ State Life Couple.





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## Supreme District Deputy Quarterly Incentives for 2021-22

- **July–September: Building the Foundation**
  - District Deputies who attain 30%+ of District Intake Goal by September 30
  - Custom Knights of Columbus Polo Shirt/Coin or Medallion depicting Charity
- **October-December: Knights for Christmas**
  - District Deputies who attain 70%+ of District Intake Goal by December 31
  - Custom Knights of Columbus Jacket/Coin or Medallion depicting Unity
- **January-March: Dress for Spring**
  - District Deputies who attain 100% of District Intake Goal by March 31
  - Custom Knights of Columbus Dress Shirt/Tie/Coin or Medallion depicting Fraternity
- **April-June: Star District**
  - District Deputy who achieves Star District
  - Custom Knights of Columbus Watch/Coin or Medallion depicting Patriotism



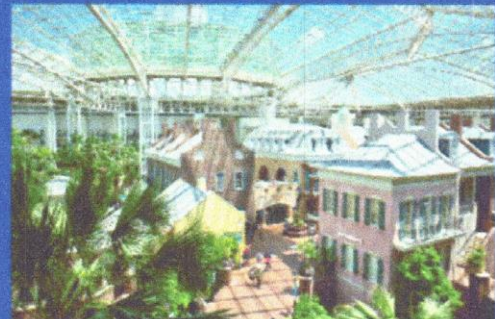
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## Supreme District Deputy Yearly Incentive for 2021-22

### District Deputy who achieves all four awards

- Display Box containing 4 Coins or Medallions depicting Charity, Unity, Fraternity & Patriotism with a commemorative Blessed Michael McGivney Coin or Medallion in the Center
- Entered in drawing for travel, lodging, and tickets for he and his wife to 2022 Supreme Convention in Nashville, TN





In response to a number of questions on presenting the Charity, Unity and Fraternity (CUF) degree this outline will help you get your candidates through the CUF degree process.

- **Script:** download it at the Supreme website under red “**For Members**” action link > **Ceremonials**. (No login req’d) Link: [For Members - General Members | Knights of Columbus \(kofc.org\)](#) Download scripts, video, “Guidelines for Conducting Exemplifications” and Form 450 (Degree Exemplification Report Form ). Here is the preferred order of precedence for exemplifying new or advancing candidates.
  - 1. Council teams presenting live (back up is to use the online video with members in the audience to support the candidates).
  - 2. Regional teams – live and virtual. First Saturday of each month. Must register (see schedule and contact info below)
  - 3. “On Demand” – candidate signs in, registers, then views the video virtually on Supreme website. Available 24/7, no login req’d but invite is available to send to your candidate (English or Spanish). Notification is sent to the gaining Council.

- **Council Teams**

This is the preferred method of exemplifying candidates. Candidates learn and feel welcome when accompanied by fellow Knights. Key points:

- Grand Knights form teams using good speakers/readers
- The degree is presented strictly in accordance with the rules and dress code in the Supreme script.
- Reading the parts is acceptable. Practice as you would for being a Lector
- No certification required. However, the Grand Knight is the team captain and is responsible for the quality of the degree presentation.
- GKs: take responsibility for putting on their own degrees whenever they need them.
- When other councils attend degrees outside their own council, the host council should insure that the visiting council is documented on the Form 450.

- **District Teams**

DDs can form teams from multiple councils and are encouraged to do this especially if their councils are having difficulty fielding a whole team. Some key points to remember:

- DDs are responsible for the quality and fidelity of all degrees in their district.
- Use Regional Teams to help grow local District teams
- Insure that all degrees in the District are reported on Form 450.



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## State Ceremonial Chairman – Skip Hopler – continued

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- Regional Teams**

Regional teams are sponsored by the State Council and serve two functions:

1. Present virtual CUF degrees (with a live attendance option) each month under the supervision of the Team Captain. The host council is that of the Team Captain. However, Councils sending candidates are responsible for supplying the New Candidate kits (rosary, pin, “These Men They Call Knights”) to their new members.
2. Assist GKs and DDs in training council teams within their local area. This can include putting on degrees at the request of a local council to help in training the new council team.

- Pick a degree option**

So, what choices do I have for offering a CUF degree to someone I want to bring into my council? Here are some options for you:

1. Get your Council or District team to put on a degree in your parish.
2. Bring your candidate to another council that is putting on a live degree in your area.
3. Attend a Regional Degree (in person or online) on one of the dates below. Register on the State website under State News > Exemplifications [Exemplification Schedules \(kofo-az.org\)](http://kofo-az.org)

<b>Online CUF Schedule – Regional Teams 2021 – 2022</b>					
<i>DATE</i>	<i>DAY</i>	<i>Team</i>	<i>Team Captain</i>	<i>Producer</i>	<i>Host Contact</i>
8/7/21	Sat	#10540	Jim Walsh	Jim Walsh	Jim Walsh
9/4/21	Sat	#3855	Eric Barna	Jim Walsh	Eric Barna
10/2/21	Sat	#10762	Pete Karculias	Pete Karculias	Pete Karculias
11/6/21	Sat	#11738	Len Rheaume	George Dusold	Len Rheaume
12/4/21	Sat	DD #18	Larry Lickfelt	Larry Lickfelt	Larry Lickfelt
1/8/22	Sat	#10540	Jim Walsh	Jim Walsh	Jim Walsh
2/5/22	Sat	#3855	Eric Barna	Jim Walsh	Eric Barna
3/5/22	Sat	#10762	Pete Karculias	Pete Karculias	Pete Karculias
4/2/22	Sat	#11738	Len Rheaume	George Dusold	Len Rheaume
5/7/22	Sat	DD #18	Larry Lickfelt	Larry Lickfelt	Larry Lickfelt
6/4/22	Sat	#10540	Jim Walsh	Jim Walsh	Jim Walsh

St. Anne's #10540 Chandler	Fray Garces #3855 Glendale	Frank Perri #10762 Tucson	St. Helen's #11738 Glendale	Yuma District #18 Yuma	Fr. Novaha #1229 Flagstaff
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1. Ask a nearby Regional team to come to your parish and put on a degree.
2. In your parish, set up a group screening of the Supreme website video (you can download it onto a “jump drive”) and present it on a big screen TV with candidates, members and observers in attendance.
3. Sit down with a candidate one-on-one and watch the video together. Report completion to the Fin Sec.
4. Send an e-invitation to the candidate to register and watch the “On Demand” degree. Completion will be automatically reported by Supreme Ceremonials to the GK and Fin Sec.

- **Follow -up**

Once your candidate has completed his degree you must make sure that the follow up paperwork is submitted so that the State gets credit and the candidate is properly advanced on the Supreme rolls.

1. Once your candidate completes his degree (by any of the above methods) a Form 450, ***Degree Exemplification Report Form***, must be submitted. Usually the District Deputy or the GK submits this to Supreme, the State Deputy and the State Ceremonial Chairman. However, if a candidate receives his degree in a one-on-one setting this must be reported on a Form 450 also. Ask your GK to submit this for you. This is even more important than before because now, there is a minimum number of exemplifications required in the State to qualify for “Circle of Honor” status at the end of the fraternal year. The Form 450 is the record of those exemplifications.
2. The candidate’s status must be officially updated by the Fin Sec either through a Form 100 (new candidates) or by documenting in Membership Services (e-members and advancing members).

Please remember that candidates deserve to be offered their CUF degree as soon as possible after they are recruited. Depending on the circumstances and urgency of the need, the above choices should provide this opportunity for every new candidate.

As usual, please reach out to me with any questions or concerns. I am here to help your ceremonials be successful.

### **Skip**

E. “Skip” Hopler  
Ceremonial Chairman  
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A state of emergency has been declared for the town of Gila Bend after strong monsoon storms swept through the region overnight on Aug. 13, causing severe flooding, damage and at least two deaths.

The town of Gila Bend, which holds around 1,900 residents, is a rural community in Maricopa County and is 70 miles southwest of Phoenix.

Some 70 households lost everything in their houses. There are water marks on the houses at the 5 ½ foot level. There is no laundromat in the town of Gila Bend and people have been temporarily housed at the American Choice Inns and Suites for a short period of time.

Very little progress has been made to clean up these houses, assist in renovation and provide clean clothing for the residents. SK Joseph Shanks and his wife Deborah had reached out to Father Manoj John to see what we and the Knights of Columbus could do to help.

Here is a list from Father Manoj John at St Michaels Catholic Church Gila Bend, AZ 85337.

These are his recommendations for the first handful of Flood Victims that urgently need help. I have contacted St Vincent DePaul in Phoenix with no response, mailbox is full. I have contacted Loads of Hope Tide Truck through PG and the Matthew 25 ministries, waiting for a response.

Their current needs are:

We need clothes, shoes, backpacks for children ages 2 yrs, 8 yrs and 10 yrs, all boys.

Children's bed (3)

Queen size bed

Washing machines (4)

Dryers (4) electric

Refrigerators (2)

Stove (2) electric

There are several other families that at sometime will need additional help. Any help the Knights of Columbus can provide with the items listed, please feel free to contact SK Joseph Shanks on 253-468-0772, or at [hotrodtiki@aol.com](mailto:hotrodtiki@aol.com).

On October 27, 2021, several Knights took off to load a truck with furniture items in support of a humanitarian effort. I hope we can get more support from other organizations in the near future to help bring this community back together.





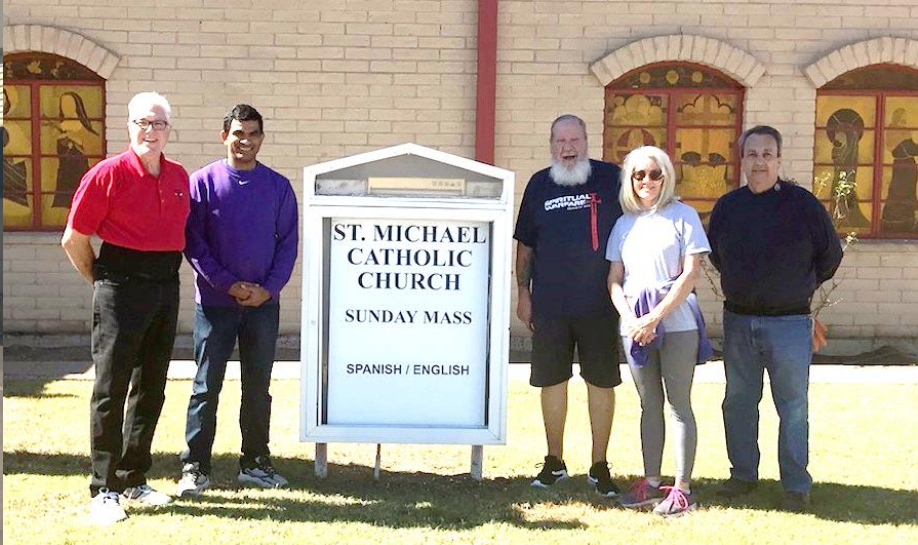
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Thanks to our State Deputy Luigi Baratta who donated several sofas, king size bed, tables and chairs, Ron Cacini who donated a TV, patio table and living room table, etc., Joe Shanks and his wife who donated men's and women clothing, a new computer and recliner for the rectory, and Council 11809 who donated six (6) boxes of coats for kids to St Michaels Catholic Church. Thanks to Dave Lara from Council #3078, Lincoln Park, Michigan; Ron Cacini from St Patrick's Council 12449; Joe Kowalkowski from Our Lady of Lourdes Council 11809; Paul Archer owner of Get Moving in Tempe and his employees for their help in loading the donations into our U Haul.

Joe Shanks, Dave Lara, Ron Cacini and Joe Kowalkowski then proceeded to Gila Bend to deliver the contents to Father John at St. Michaels Church. It was a full day, traveling 199 miles to serve our catholic community. This is just the beginning. We need your support to get this community back on its feet again. This will help bring the community of the Catholic Church back together.



Pictured: Dave Lara, Get Moving Employee, Paul Archer Owner Get Moving, Joe Kowalkowski

Pictured: Ron Cacini, Father John, Joe Shanks, Teresa (Church staff), Dave Lara



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State Family Director – Joseph Shanks – [hotrodtiki@aol.com](mailto:hotrodtiki@aol.com)

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## November is Consecration to the Holy Family Month

To help families live out the joy of Christ, Supreme Chaplain Archbishop William Lori has composed a prayer through which families will come together to consecrate themselves under the protection of the Holy Family. In this prayer, we ask for the aid or intercession of the perfect son Jesus Christ, Mary the perfect mother, and Joseph who is a model for every father. Councils will guide their parishes and community to understand and offer this important and impactful prayer. Preparing for the Consecration to the Holy Family is not a single event. It is choosing a way of life for your family. Through this consecration, each participant is consciously choosing to be a beacon of God’s love through His Church. For Consecration to the Holy Family resources, visit [www.kofc.org/consecration](http://www.kofc.org/consecration).

### NEW Faithful Citizenship Program

Supreme is excited to announce the launch of the new Faithful Citizen Program, an opportunity for members to defend their values by getting involved in various federal legislative, regulatory, and legal issues that impact Catholic morals and teaching. Currently, this program will focus on United States public policy, and will only be available in English. Members can sign up for this program and receive a monthly e-newsletter by clicking [here](#).

You can learn more about this program by visiting the [Faithful Citizen webpages](#).

## Family of the Month Program

- 🏆 All Submissions will be entered using the online Form #10784
- 🏆 Due date for all submissions is still the 15<sup>th</sup> of each month to Supreme
- 🏆 Once submitted you will receive an email from Supreme
- 🏆 Print out the information for your records
- 🏆 Also email a copy of the information to [hotrodtiki@aol.com](mailto:hotrodtiki@aol.com)
- 🏆 This will used for the Arizona State Family of the Month Program
- 🏆 ***I would like to get over 100 of these submissions every month***
- 🏆 Remember, it ***does not*** have to be a Knights of Columbus Family

## Supreme Family of the Month Council Participation for the Month of September 2021

Councils Participating were:      1229                      10799                      10832

**Council Winner for Arizona Jurisdiction was Council 1229 – Alexander W. Coleman**

## Arizona State Family of the Month Council Participation for the Month of September/October 2021

Councils Participating were:      0

**Council Winner for Arizona State – None submitted**



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Raso Insurance Agency

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Dear Brothers,

With holidays approaching we get busier and busier...right through to the end of the year. It seems nearly non-stop with family gatherings, holiday shopping, special programs at the parish and at schools. Everybody gets busy! From what I've read about shipping and trucking delays of getting shelves restocked it looks like Christmas shopping will need to start even earlier for many.

As busy as you are, here is one item that needs your attention: If you have not yet completed the Annual Survey, please take just a few minutes and respond. It's easier than ever; it can be done online at <https://kofcsurvey2021.org/>. Your responses help me understand your current situation better. That in turn allows me to be of better service to you. For some of you that means referring you or a family member to one of our many fraternal benefits. For others it may mean updating important contact or family information. Still others may benefit from a comprehensive look at their current insurance plans. With our new financial needs analysis tool and a few minutes together I can give you an accurate picture of where you stand when it comes to your family's protection. With our full suite of products, life insurance, long-term care insurance, disability income insurance and retirement annuities, I can help in most any situation.

Our financial needs analysis allows me to gather information from you and make fact-based recommendations based on your wants, needs, and desires. With the help of computer modeling we can look at a variety of scenarios and help ensure you are on the right track regardless what lies ahead.

Now, before things get too busy, let's meet and take a look at where you stand. Maybe you're in good shape in one area, but could use some shoring up in another. Those blind spots can be problematic, but once identified you can take the necessary steps to address them.

Thank you to the many brothers who our agents have met with so far this year. We've been very fortunate to be of service to them and their families. Even as the end of the year gets busy, I look forward to helping more.

Vivat Jesus!

The Raso Agency





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## Fourth Degree Exemplification – Drew Mansager – District Master

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On Saturday, October 23, 2021, San Juan Diego Assembly 2836 in Sun City West hosted their Annual First Responder Appreciation Dinner. In attendance were the AZ State Deputy – Luigi Baratta, AZ District Master – Drew Mansager and Father Nicholas Koro - Faithful Friar.

Honoree’s this year were:

- Officer Shaun Mc Gonigle – City of Surprise Police Department
- Chief Wade Rodgers and Chief Kevin Sirlong – Surprise Fire and Medical
- Sergeant Travis Slater – City of El Mirage Police Department
- Assistant Fire Chief Chris Richardson – City of El Mirage Fire Department
- Detective David Ceimo – City of Wickenburg Police Department
- Robert Way – City of Wickenburg Fire Department
- Deputy Jacob Ray – Maricopa County Sheriff

The Fourth Degree of the Knights of Columbus is the Patriotic Degree of our order. This degree has always supported the work of our Police, Firefighters, Military and Security forces. We are proud to have this opportunity to show our support and solidarity for those men and women who contribute so much, not only to our community, but to our entire nation.





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**Membership Director – Keith Baker**

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Brothers All,

Blessed All Saints Day! Yet again I am amazed at the efforts brought forth by the members of the Knights of Columbus in the state of Arizona. In the month of October, we welcomed 100 new members into our Order. CONGRATULATIONS! To all who recruited them.

It was certainly a true team effort. We did have a tremendous boost from having the Rosary Celebration this month in both Tucson & Phoenix. Our State Officers, State Membership Team, State Program Team, and especially our Arizona General Agency of Nate Raso and his Field Agents all pitched in to make this event one of the largest membership drives ever. Through the intercession of our Blessed Mother under her Title of Our Lady of Sorrows and our founder Blessed Michael McGivney we obtained 38 new e-members combined! I believe this is the single largest 2 day total of recruiting we have had in the State of Arizona. We are moving the needle ever so closer to our Goal and we currently stand at 35% of our State Membership Goal. This may seem a low number but it is actually on pace to bring us to meet our ultimate goal in June. However, we need to keep up the pace; this is the best time of the Fraternal year to make YOUR goals happen! But this CAN NOT be accomplished without the Councils conducting or participating in the CUF Degree! A new e-member is NOT a member of the Council until he takes his CUF and is transferred into the Council. WE NEED YOUR HELP Grand Knights, Financial Secretaries, and Membership Directors to encourage the e-members on your Prospect tabs (Assigned) to attend the next CUF scheduled. If there isn't one available live, then have them come together to do a CUF Degree Watch Party! Have refreshments afterwards; have the Grand Knight or District Deputy speak. The goal for the Council is to develop Full Knights of Columbus for the sustainability of the Council into the Future.

As we have been doing right along, we are continuing our incentive program on membership growth; you read last month of the incentive for October was a full complete Thanksgiving meal for a family of four, delivered to their home. For the month of November, we are again opening this up to ALL Brothers who recruit the highest number of members in the month of November will receive a Total of \$100 of Gift Cards for a family of four (\$25.00 x 4). Ties again will be determined by the largest % of growth that the number of e-members will be to their Council membership quota. TO QUALIFY, REMEMBER IT'S BASED ON THE PROPOSER NUMBER BEING ENTERED ON THE ORIGINAL APPLICATION.

On behalf of myself, my wife Sharon and the Baker Family, I want to extend our best wishes to all the Arizona Knights Families a very Grace Filled Thanksgiving Holiday!

Vivat Jesus,

Keith Baker / SMD



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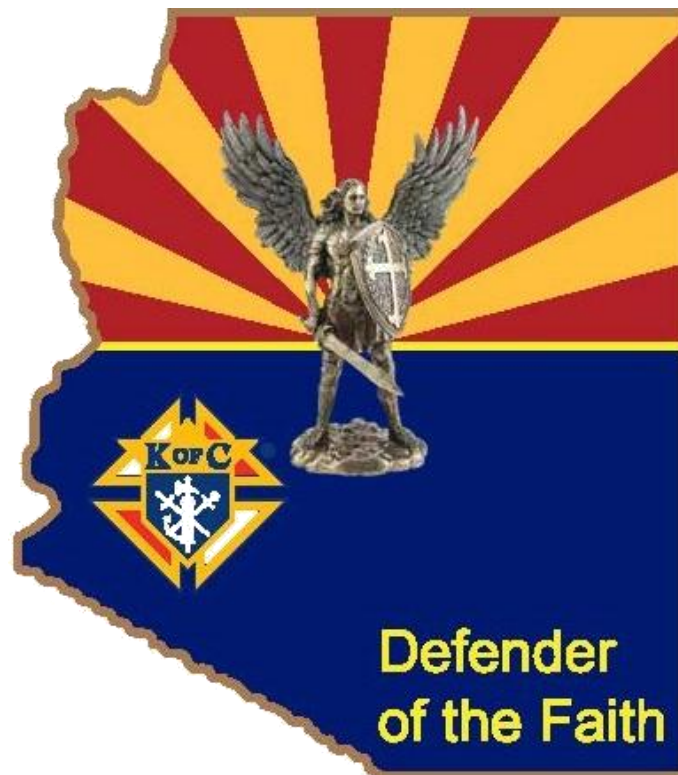
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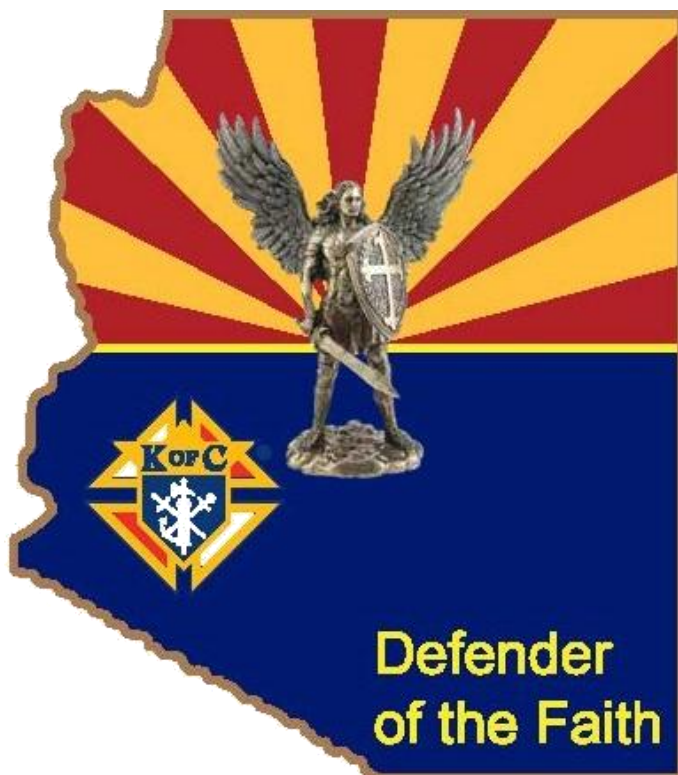
In Roman Catholicism Saint Michael has four distinct roles. First, he is the *Enemy of Satan* and the fallen angels. He defeated Satan and ejected him from Paradise and will achieve victory at the hour of the final battle with Satan. Secondly, he is the *Christian angel of death*: at the hour of death, Saint Michael descends and gives each person the chance to redeem oneself before passing. Saint Michael's third role is *weighing peoples' merits* (hence the saint is often depicted holding scales) on Judgment Day. And finally, Saint Michael is the *Guardian of the Church*.

Saint Michael is viewed as the commander of the Army of God. From the time of the apostles, he has been invoked and honored as the protector of the Church. Scripture describes him as "one of the chief princes" and the leader of heaven's forces in their triumph over the powers of hell.

Saint Michael defeats Satan two times, first when he ejects Satan from Paradise, and then in the final battle of the end times when the Antichrist will be defeated by him. Noted hagiographer Alban Butler, defined the role of Saint Michael: "Who is like God?" was the cry of Archangel Michael when he smote the rebel Lucifer in the conflict of the heavenly hosts. And when Antichrist shall have set up his kingdom on earth, it is St Michael who will unfurl once more the standard of the cross, sound the last trumpet, bind together the false prophet and the beast and hurl them for all eternity into the burning pool.

Saint Michael is the traditional prototype of the *spiritual warrior*, a paradigm extended to other warrior saints. This conflict against evil may at times be viewed as an interior battle. The concept of the warrior saint has extended to other Catholic saints, beginning with examples such as Saint George and Saint Theodore of Amasea.

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Saint Michael is one of the angels presumed present at the hour of death. Traditionally, he is charged to assist the dying and accompany them to their particular judgment, where he serves as an advocate. Cemetery chapels are often dedicated to him, where Masses are offered in his honor on behalf of the departed.

In Catholic tradition, on Judgment Day Saint Michael weighs souls based on their deeds during their life on earth. Saint Michael is often portrayed in art with scales. This role of Saint Michael was depicted by Michelangelo on the ceiling of the Sistine Chapel. In this depiction, angels hold up two books: the smaller book held by Saint Michael records the names of the blessed, while the larger book is a list of the damned.

The tradition of Michael as prince-protector of the Jewish people was adopted by the Christian Church. Saint Michael has long been recognized as the protector and guardian of the Church itself and the angel of the Blessed Sacrament. In a 2007 address Pope Benedict XVI urged the bishops he was ordaining to take Michael as a model in making room in the world for God, countering denials of him and thus defending humankind's greatness, and in acting as "true guardian angels" of the Church. Saint Michael is also the guardian angel of the pope and has been invoked as the patron and guardian angel of many countries as well as specific professions.

The Prayer to Saint Michael reads:

*"Saint Michael the archangel, defend us in battle. Be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the Devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray, and do thou, O Prince of the Heavenly hosts, by the power of God, cast into Hell Satan, and all the evil spirits who prowl about the world, seeking the ruin of souls."*

Amen