

State Deputy's Message November 2022

Dear Brother Knights,

I want to say "Thank You" to our District Master for hitting the ground running! We had a great 4th degree exemplification in Flagstaff. The Msgr. Edward Albouy Assembly 17 in Flagstaff hosted the degree. The degree team did a marvelous job, many of the team members drove from up from Tucson and Phoenix to make this happen. It shows how well we can work together to support Team Arizona. Please visit our website as we have many more 4th degree exemplifications scheduled.

We are growing very quickly in Arizona because of our fervent belief that our precepts of Charity, Unity, Fraternity and Patriotism. These precepts stand at the heart of our religious and civil duties. Its Men like you, who understand how important it is to grow the order. I remember Former Supreme Knight Carl Anderson saying, "It's our duty as Knights to ask every Catholic man to join our beloved Order." Brothers it is easier than ever to sign up a new member. Supreme has improved the online system to make it simpler and quicker. Please use this important tool to help grow our order.

I want to thank all my Brother Knights who recruited this month. Keep up the good work and press on. Our destiny is in your hands. Next month, our goal is 100 new members, and we need all hands-on deck. Please contact your District Deputies to help assist or plan your membership drives. The State leadership team will come to any parish and help you achieve your membership goals by helping you conduct a membership drive. Please work with your parish Priest and let's get them schedule. The State Officers are standing by waiting on you.

Thank you and God Bless!





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TRUE HAPPINESS IS TO BE WITH THE LORD AND TO LIVE FOR LOVE.

"Saints are not perfect models, but people marked by God. We can compare them to church stained-glass windows, which bring light into different shades of color....

"Saints are our brothers and sisters who have received the light of God in their hearts and have transmitted it to the world, each according to their own "tonality". This is the purpose of life, continued Pope Francis, to pass on the light of God; and also the purpose of our lives....

"Whoever is with Jesus is blessed, he is happy... the real happiness is to be with the Lord and to live for love. Pope Francis



November 2022 Pope Francis Intention Children Who Suffer

We pray for children who are suffering, especially those who are homeless, orphans, and victims of war; may they be guaranteed access to education and the opportunity to experience family affection.



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For Immediate Release

PHOENIX – The Arizona Knights of Columbus welcomes Fr. Gregory P. Adolf as State Chaplain. Fr. Greg Adolf is the pastor of St. Andrew the Apostle Catholic Church in Sierra Vista, Arizona.

Fr. Greg was born in Colorado, in 1948, and grew up in Phoenix, graduating from West Phoenix High School in 1966. He graduated from the University of Notre Dame in 1970 and from the Lutheran School of Theology-Chicago in 1974.

Fr. Adolf was ordained to the Lutheran ministry in 1974 and served as a Lutheran parish pastor in Tucson, Arizona, for 15 years, and as Dean of the Arizona District of the Lutheran Church in America for four years.

Following his reception into the Catholic Church in 1989, he did post-graduate study at St. Thomas Seminary in Denver. In 1991, he was ordained to the Priesthood for the Diocese of Tucson.

He became a Knight of Columbus in 1997 and joined the 4th Degree in 1998. He has served as Chaplain of his Council (#4583) for the past 25 years and has twice been honored as "Chaplain of the Year" by our Arizona District.

Fr. Greg is also active in retreat ministry, and is an amateur historian, focused on the history of the Spanish Southwest.

State Deputy Luigi Baratta stated that, "We welcome Fr. Greg with open arms into the Arizona State Council Knights of Columbus as our State Chaplain".

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Protector of Life

Arizona Knights of Columbus Midyear Meeting

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Worthy District Deputies, Grand Knights, Financial Secretaries, and Brother's All,

We are excited to have Roy Champeau Council 8077 in Tucson host the 2022-2023 Arizona Knights of Columbus Midyear Meeting! Please remember, as a District Deputy your hotel and meals are reimbursable through Supreme.

We have an exciting agenda planned! Please encourage your council Grand Knights, Financial Secretaries, Program Directors, Membership Directors, and any brother knight who wants to expand his knowledge about the Knights of Columbus to attend! The meeting format will be energized and interactive! As an added bonus, along with Grand and Financial Secretary training, Brother Pona, Supreme Hispanic Coordinator will be here to provide training to our Hispanic council officers. This will be a first for our State and we encourage all our brother Knights to faithfully attend.

The registration for the meeting, ladies' program, and meals is available at: https://www.cognitoforms.com/StateWebArizona/ 2022MidYearMeetingRegistration

Deadline for registration is November 26, 2022

When: Dec 2 - 4, 2022

Where: St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church (SEAS)

8650 N Shannon Rd. Tucson, AZ 85742

Agenda

Friday, Dec 2 - 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM - District Deputy Only Meeting **

Friday, Dec 2 - 6:30 PM - Dinner at SEAS

Saturday, Dec 3 - 8:00 AM - Rosary at SEAS

Saturday, Dec 3 - 8:30 AM - 3:30 PM - Meeting SEAS

Saturday, Dec 3 – 11:00 AM – 2:00 PM Ladies Luncheon SEAS

Saturday, Dec 3 - 5:00 PM - Mass at SEAS

Saturday, Dec 3 - 6:00 PM - Dinner at SEAS

Sunday, Dec 4 - 7-11:00 AM - District Deputies will be recruiting at area parishes (TBD)

** Please note, the Friday meeting will be at

Redemptorist Renewal Center

7101 W Picture Rocks Rd.

Tucson AZ 85743.

We have also secured the Hampton Inn & Suites at a rate of \$159/night plus taxes. **Use Group Code AKC**. You can call the hotel at (520) 572-1010 or you can register at: https://www.hilton.com/en/hotels/tushihx-hampton-suites-tucson-marana/

Hampton Inn & Suites 6300 Marana Center Blvd. Tucson AZ 85742

The State Officers and Directors are looking forward to seeing you at this year's Midyear Meeting.

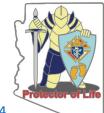
For more information, please contact:

GK Chris Perkovac at cperkovac@hargis.com or 619 241-3575 or District Deputy Ben Jimenez at bjdodgblue@gmail.com or 520 904-0524

See previous Flocknote dated October 2, 2022, for ladies' program/meal information.







State Membership Director - Keith Baker

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Worthy DD's & GK's,

The State Council is working to increase membership and to achieve the Circle of Honor award for 2022-2023. One of the requirements for the award is to record the number of Membership Church Drives conducted during the fraternal year and to document the CUF degrees held by a hosting council. We are required to report the new members that attended the CUF as well as the councils that participated.

We are asking councils to document their membership drives and CUF degrees on a **Membership Drive & CUF Degree Report** that we have created. The report is available via this link: https://www.cognitoforms.com/StateWebArizona/MembershipDriveAndCUFDegreeReport P lease save this link to your browser for now, we should have it available on the State Website very soon.

Online Join process has been updated!

After several requests and suggestions received by the Supreme council regarding the Online *Join Us* process, they have responded with a much easier process to ask men to join the Knights of Columbus online!

Some of the notable changes include:

- •The application form was reduced from 3 pages to 1.
- •Unnecessary data entry fields were eliminated.
- •The verification process was renamed "Confirm Membership" and moved to the last step of the application.
- •The applicant can enter either agent referral code or promo code, however, you cannot enter both.
- •The applicant's mobile phone number is required.
- •The applicant's parish name, city and state/province are not required. However, please ask them to do so in order that we can assign them to the correct council.

We suggest that you go onto the Supreme website at <u>JOINUS</u> and review the application for yourself and then ask another Catholic gentleman to join using the new application.

The promo code *BlessedMcGivney* (case insensitive) is still valid for the remainder of the calendar year and should be entered prior to clicking on the **JOIN** button at the bottom of the application to provide the 1-year free online membership to the new brother knight.

If you have issues with the new form, please contact me at membership@kofc-az.org.

Vivat Jesus, Keith Baker State Membership Director. membership@kofc-az.org.





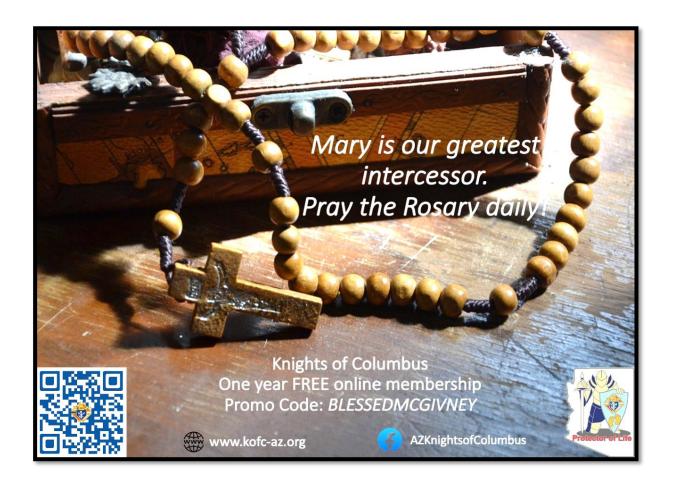
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Run this ad in your Church Bulletin

Your decision to join the Knights could define your year. Join Catholic men just like you striving to strengthen their faith, their families, and their communities as members of the Knights of Columbus.

Every Knight makes a difference. Each man brings a unique story, a particular set of skills, and a heart that is ready to serve. We invite you to take this exciting step and join us today. It's an opportunity that could define your year and change your life.

KofC.org/JoinUs









State Program Director – Tom White

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Brother Knights,

We have had some marginal success getting our councils to complete this form, but we need even better compliance. This form should be submitted following the completion of each program. We have made it even easier to complete by making the form more accessible. Go to the state website. Click on PROGRAMS and form 10784 is the first item you will see in the drop down menu. Scroll down to form 10784 and you will receive a fillable form to complete. It takes maybe ten minutes from start to finish. When you receive your copy, please forward a copy to me. Your state and Supreme officers want to see what our councils are doing so please use this form.

FALL PROGRAMS

Soccer challenge – council level contests should be completed and moved onto the district level. A location for the state level contest is still to be determined, but it will be in the Phoenix area. Coats for Kids – plenty of time for your council to participate in this program. Contact brother Jon Lohse if you need help finding a recipient for your coats.

Jon Lohse 520 419 4313

Catholic Essay Contest – if you have a school nearby or if your parish has RE classes, ask permission to have the students participate in this program. DDs must turn in the essays to Jeff Schneider by December 1st, so there is still time to hold council contests. This year's theme is: how can young Catholics evangelize our faith to family and friends who have turned away from religion, and encourage their return to the Church? Guide sheets and books as well as entry forms can be found on the Faith in Action page at: www.kofc.org/fiaresources

Keep Christ in Christmas – again, if you have a nearby school or RE classes, try to get kids involved in the KCIC poster contest. We received many outstanding posters last year but we'd like to see more council participation.

Consecration to the Holy Family – while this program can be performed at any time, Holy Family Sunday is the preferred date. This program only requires buying the prayer cards, getting permission to say the prayer, and some men to distribute the prayer cards before mass begins. All information on KCIC programs can be found on the FIA page: www.kofc.org/fiaresources

ASAP – (aid and support after pregnancy) A new program this year designed to help those mothers who have refused to abort their child and need help to raise that child. For every \$500 donation, up to \$2000, made by a council to a pregnancy center; Supreme will donate another \$100 to that center. Planning diaper drives, baby clothes drives, or baby bottle drives are also ways to help and get credit for the program. This is a featured program worth 2 points towards the Columbian Award. Go to kofc.org/asap for more information on the program.

If you have any questions about these, or any program, please contact me.

Vivat Jesus

Tom White DD27/ State Program Director







State Life Director – Nick Gaudio

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Brother Knights,

Now more than ever we are called to be Protectors of Life. As Knights of Columbus we have a duty to step up and help however and wherever we can to support life affirming initiatives.

Pregnancy Resource Centers (PRC) such as First Way are experiencing an increased amount of traffic of women who need help, more than double the pre-Roe v. Wade decision.

Each council should reach out to their PRC of choice and help them with much needed supplies. The Aid and Support After Pregnancy (ASAP) program is a great way to do just that. Please take advantage of Supreme's 20% matching and donate a minimum of \$500.

The fall **40 Days For Life** campaign is still going on until November 6. See https://www.40daysforlife.com/en/local-campaigns/phoenix/ for additional information and materials and join a vigil. Other vigil locations are in Tempe and Glendale.

Save the date, the next Arizona March for Life will be on February 23, 2023. It will take place in downtown Phoenix from 11:00AM to 2:00 PM. Further details to follow.

We have an opportunity on November 8th to change the political landscape of our state. Please be sure to select pro-life candidates when you vote. The National Right to Life Victory Fund is dedicated to electing leaders who will work to ensure our nation's laws protect unborn babies and their mothers from the tragedy of abortion. FYI, they have endorsed the following Arizona candidates:

For U.S. Senate

Blake Masters

For Governor

Kari Lake

For Attorney General

Abraham Hamadeh

For U.S. House

AZ-01: David Schweikert AZ-04: Kelly Cooper AZ-05: Andy Biggs

AZ-08: Debbie Lesko AZ-09: Paul Gosar

As always, if you have any questions, please contact me at prolife@gaudio.us or call 480-227-1619.

Vivat Jesus,

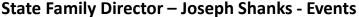
Nick Gaudio

AZ State Life Director









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Family of the Month September 2022

Congratulations to the Phillip D. Smith family of Msgr. Loyola O'Dougherty Council 5542, San Manuel, Arizona as Supreme Family of the Month for September 2022.

Other Councils participating were: 4339, 5542, 10762, 10832, and 16277. Many thanks to all that supported this program and are involved in their parish communities.

Gentlemen, here is your opportunity to choose the most deserving parish family for this honor. Time is running out! You have until 15th of the month to get your nomination into Supreme. Brother Knights, I want to encourage you to participate in this program. The Catechism of the Catholic Church states, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself."

2212 The fourth commandment *illuminates other relationships in society*. In our brothers and sisters we see the children of our parents; in our cousins, the descendants of our ancestors; in our fellow citizens, the children of our country; in the baptized, the children of our mother the Church; in every human person, a son or daughter of the One who wants to be called "our Father." In this way our relationships with our neighbors are recognized as personal in character. The neighbor is not a "unit" in the human collective; he is "someone" who by his known origins deserves particular attention and respect.

The strategy behind this goal is to create a more welcoming attitude towards others in our parishes so that people feel at home; next, to create an attitude of sharing faith and to develop greater skills to do this; then, to undertake activities to invite others to know the Catholic people better.

Coming Events

November 1

All Saints' Day

Solemnity of All Saints' is a day dedicated to the Saints of the Church. All Saints' Day was formally started by Pope Boniface IV on May 13 in 609 AD and is a Holy Day of Obligation.

November 2, 2022 - November 2, 2023

All Souls' Day

The Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed is day set aside to honor the dead. Praying for the dead is a spiritual work mercy and the faithful are encouraged to gain a plenary indulgence for the souls in purgatory each day from Nov. 1-8.

November 5 @ 10:00 am - 12:30 pm

Ordination of Permanent Deacons

Ss. Simon & Jude Cathedral 6351 N 27th Ave., Phoenix, AZ







State Family Director - Joseph Shanks - Upcoming Events (cont.)

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As part of the National Eucharistic Revival, the Vatican Exhibit of Eucharistic Miracles is coming to Phoenix, **November 15-20, 2022.** There will be many stops on the way. See amazing displays for yourself — no need to travel to Rome!

What is a Eucharistic Miracle?

Eucharistic miracles are extraordinary events or phenomena, which manifest the Real Presence of Jesus in the consecrated bread and wine in a way that we can discern with our ordinary senses. The manifestation may be as simple as a host floating on air or as astonishing as a host becoming visible human flesh.

Blessed Carlo Acutis,

"To always be close to Jesus; that's my life plan".

With these few words, Carlo Acutis, the boy who died of leukemia, outlines the distinguishing feature of his brief existence: to live with Jesus, of Jesus, and in Jesus.

This international exhibition was created and designed by Blessed Carlo Acutis in 2002. It consists of an extensive collection of photographs and historical records representing a sampling of ancient and modern Eucharistic miracles that have taken place in various parts of the world. The collection was assembled by the Vatican to mark the Year of the Eucharist (2004-2005). After being shown at more than 500 parishes in Italy, it is now traveling the rest of the world.

Bring the exhibit to your parish or school!

The exhibition brought to Phoenix is comprised of 47 different miracles spanning 1500 years, with the most recent one having occurred in 2013! The miracles featured are from Europe, Asia, and the Americas. The exhibition offers you a virtual tour of these veritable treasures of our faith.

To bring this exhibition to your parish or school, email EucharisticMiraclesArizona@gmail.com.

Blessed Carlo Acutis, pray for us!

Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament, pray for us!







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Honorary Life) Membership Ceremonial

If the member has been a member for 25 consecutive years and has reached age 70 or has been a member for 50 years regardless of age, the only change in the following ceremonial is to substitute the words "honorary life member" for "honorary member" wherever the latter appears.

The honor may be conferred upon one individual member or in groups of two or more. If a group, change singular to plural where necessary.

The following items should be obtained by the financial secretary prior to the ceremony. Honorary Member (#1457) and Honorary Life Member (#1458) certificates are available for a nominal charge as well as Honorary Member (#PG-109) and Honorary Life Member (#PG-110) lapel pins.

Do They Know

Once we gain enough experience, each of us, God willing, will have to adapt to limitations and changes as age. It's important our families know our wishes in case they are called to care for us one day. We suggest this information be shared with all family members and Knights:







Casket and Urn Funeral Palls are available at no cost for any Knight. They are on a lend and return basis. They can be picked up and returned or shipped and return shipping. (Shipping cost not included)

For more information call:

SK Jack Ahern



- · Tell family you want to remain a Knight of Columbus and that dues should continue to be paid or a donation made in your name every year.
- \cdot Make sure they know your council number and location and who/how to contact your council and assembly if you are 4th Degree.
- · Keep your council and assembly informed if and when you move or need specialized care. We want to stay in touch to support and pray for you.
- \cdot Families must request our services for visitations and funerals.
- · Councils regularly pray rosaries at visitations. Assemblies are authorized to conduct guards for 4th Degree Knights upon request.
- · Tell your family what you would like your Knights Council to do in the event of your passing on to your reward. By completing the below form, you tell your family:
 - * Council and Assembly Contact Info
 - * Field Agent Contact Info
 - * Would you like a Rosary, Honor Guard, or both at your visitation/ funeral?
 - * Special arrangements do you want to be buried in your old or new regalia, for example?





State Family Director – Joseph Shanks – Working with Our Pastors

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Pope Francis: 'Priests must be close to the people'

In a conversation with seminarians and priests studying in Rome, Pope Francis addresses numerous topics: from the compassionate style of priests, called to be close to the people, to spiritual direction.

A long dialogue took place on Monday in the Paul VI Hall between Pope Francis and seminarians and priests studying in Rome. Throughout the meeting, the Pope was asked ten questions.

Pope Francis spoke of three languages that reveal "the maturity of a person: the language of the head, the language of the heart, and the language of the hands" and urged them to learn to express themselves in these three languages, "that I think what I feel and do, feel what I think and do, do what I feel and think".

Keeping in touch with God's people.

To those who asked him how to live the priesthood without losing that "smell of the sheep" that must be proper to the priestly ministry, Pope Francis replied that even if one is engaged in studies or in Curial work "it is important to maintain contact with the people, with God's faithful people, because there is the anointing of God's people: they are the sheep.

By losing the smell of the sheep, by distancing yourself from them, you can be a theorist, a good theologian, a good philosopher, a very good curial official who does all the things" but you will have lost "the ability to smell the sheep". The Pope then reiterated what he calls the principle of the four "proximities" of priests: closeness with God through prayer, closeness with the bishop, closeness with other priests, and closeness to the people of God: "If there is no closeness to the people of God, you are not a good priest."

The Pope then spoke of priests who live the priesthood as if it were a job, with set hours; official priests, who seek tranquility.

"The priesthood is a sacred service to God", the Pope explained, "the service of which the Eucharist is the highest degree, it is a service to the community". He then addressed the topic of "climbing priests", those who aim to make a career for themselves, inviting them to stop: "The climber, in the end, is a traitor, he is not a servant. He seeks his own and then does nothing for others".

Spiritual accompaniment

In the wide-ranging dialogue developed in the Paul VI Hall, Pope Francis also emphasized the importance of spiritual direction - noting, however, that he preferred the term "spiritual accompaniment" - which is not obligatory but helps on life's journey, and which is good to entrust to a person other than one's confessor.

The Pope emphasized that the important thing is that these are two separate roles. "You go to the confessor so that he may forgive you your sins. You go to the spiritual director to tell him the things that are going on in your heart, the spiritual emotions, the joys, the anger, and what is going on inside you". It is important to be accompanied, to recognize that you need to be accompanied, to "clarify things", to recognize that you need someone to help you understand your spiritual emotions, said the Pope.



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State Family Director – Joseph Shanks – Working with Our Pastors

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Pope Francis: 'Priests must be close to the people'

Taking his cue from a question on the dialogue between science and faith, the Pope first of all invited priests to be open to the questions of scholars and the anxieties of people and university students, to listen, and to always maintain a positive, open, and humble attitude.

"To be humble, to have faith does not mean having the answer to everything", said the Pope." That method of defending the faith no longer works, it is an anachronistic method... To have faith, to have the grace to believe in Jesus Christ is to be on the way", he explained. The Pope also recommended always keeping dialogue open with science, even if one has no answers, and if anything, directing the person to whom one has not been able to answer towards those who can offer more clarification. Dialogue is saying "I cannot explain this to you, but you must go to these scientists, to these people who will perhaps help you", said the Pope.

Falling down, getting back up

Responding to another question, the Pope described life as "a continuous imbalance", because it means walking among many difficulties, falling down, and getting up. He encouraged his audience not to be afraid of it and to discern, instead, in such daily imbalance, because "in the imbalance, there are God's motions that invite you to something, to the desire to do good". "Knowing how to live in imbalance" leads to "a different equilibrium", a "dynamic equilibrium" governed by God.

Dangers of the Internet

During the meeting with priests and seminarians, the Pope also spoke about his relationship with technology and his discomfort with modern digital tools. He recounted how, as a gift, he received a mobile phone as soon as he was ordained bishop in Argentina, used it for a single phone call to his sister, and immediately returned it.

"It is not my world, but you must use them", he told those present, albeit cautiously. Pope Francis emphasized the dangers of the internet, such as digital pornography, which presents a temptation for many, including religious. "It weakens the soul. It weakens the soul. The devil enters from there: it weakens the priestly heart", he warned.

The Church in the face of war

Responding to a Ukrainian priest, the Pope said that the Church, like a mother, suffers in the face of wars "because wars are the destruction of children". The Church, continued the Pope, "must suffer, weep, pray. It must assist people who have had bad consequences, who lose their homes, or war wounds, deaths ... The Church is a mother, and the role first of all is closeness to the people who suffer".

Then, addressing himself directly to the young priest who had asked him the question, the Pope concluded by saying, "You suffer so much, your people, I know, I am close. But pray for the aggressors, because they are more victims like you. You cannot see the wounds in their souls, but pray, pray that the Lord will convert them and that peace will come".







Silver Rose Tour 2022 - Robert Julien

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Beginning in 2020 the Silver Rose Tour of Arizona was expanded to two tours. This change makes for greater availability in both the Diocese of Tucson and the Dioceses of Phoenix/Gallup. The Silver Rose's first arrival in the spring has been, since 2020, solely for the Diocese of Tucson. This year, for the 28 days the Silver Rose was in Arizona, only 18 days were hosted by a parish, school or council so people could pray the rosary.

On October 2nd, 2022, began the second Silver Rose Tour of Arizona. I received the Silver Rose from California in Bullhead City at St. Margaret Mary Catholic Church. District Deputy #17 Paul Bartha, Council 8100 DGK Joe Solar and I received the Silver Rose from California State Silver Rose Chairman Jerry Fong.

Very similar to the first tour the Silver Rose will be in Arizona for another 28 days. Unlike the first tour, every day the Silver Rose will be at a Parish, Council or School, as well as in attendance at both Arizona Rosary Celebrations the weekend of October 15th & 16th, with the rosary being the focus. This tour marks the last visit of the Silver Rose to Arizona until 2023. Next year's dates will not be made known in the later part of January 2023.

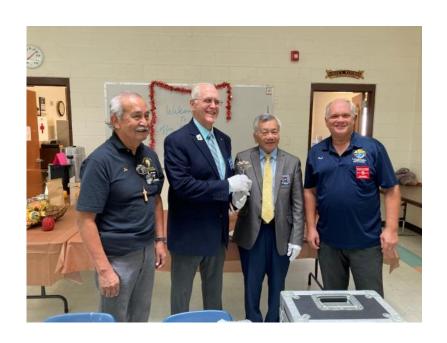
On October 29th, we headed to Holbrook, AZ to transfer the Silver Rose to New Mexico after the 9:00am mass at Our Lady of Guadalupe.

Should you/your district or council want more information about hosting the Silver Rose next year, please contact me. My contact information is below.

Vivat Jesus,

Robert Julien PGK, PFN, FDD

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Arizona Rosary Celebration – Larry Costanzo

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The Knights of Columbus have for many years had sending a specially a Marian Prayer Program blessed image or icon of Our Lady around the country with the Knights organizing holy hours and prayer services in conjunction with the image visiting a local parish. In this case, it has distinct resonance as Christians are being persecuted on a more widespread and deadly level than we have known before. It is estimated that in the 20th century, more martyrs died for Christ than in the first three centuries of the Church's existence. Now, sadly, in the third millennium the situation seems even worse. Thus, the idea of having an icon written particularly for persecuted Christians hits home.

The AZ Rosary Celebration was a great success. We had over 6000 people in attendance in Tucson. Phoenix and Flagstaff. We also had several thousand witness the event on the internet. We thank all those involved in making the event a success to honor Mary.

Mark your calendars for the next Rosary Celebration which will be on October 13- 15 2023.







Fourth Degree – Stanley J. Schroeder – District Master

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Dear Worthy Officers, Sir Knights and Brothers All,

When the State Deputy informed me of the appointment as District Master, the mission of the Fourth Degree was clear. First increase membership by recruiting new members into the Knights of Columbus. Second, increase the visibility of the Knights of Columbus through callouts. And finally, provide exciting state-wide programs that increase support for those who serve and have served.

The membership goal is to add 335 new Sir Knights state-wide. This goal averages to about 9 new members per assembly. Supreme has issued a new revised Form 4. All assemblies are encouraged to order the latest Form 4 and have them ready to sign up new candidates. Membership in the Fourth Degree comes from parish visibility and council membership. Fourth Degree members can make a difference by attending council meetings, support Council programs and most important recruit and attend the next CUF with your new candidate. Can we Sir Knights pledge to meet this GOAL?

This goal is the most important and yet complicated as it requires Fourth Degree Exemplifications. With the hotel costs at an all-time high and knowing the risk of not obtaining the overall attendance necessary to meet a contract requirements, the decision was made to work with local councils and assemblies for good degrees using parish facilities. The goal of four exemplifications before the end of this fraternal year is a challenge, but I am excited to say that three of the four are secured.

On October 8th, a Fourth Degree Exemplifications was held in Flagstaff with seventeen new Sir Knights welcomed into the Fourth Degree. The next two exemplification dates are secured. January 14th at Holy Spirit Catholic Church in Tempe will be the next Fourth Degree Exemplification. The third scheduled Exemplification is February 25th in Tucson. The ONLINE Registration is being prepared with a rollout date by November 7th for the January 14th degree, and shortly after for the February 25th Degree. As for the final Exemplification to close out this fraternal year, a date and location still needs to be secured.

Next Goal, visibility, was demonstrated by the Sir Knights who supported The AZ Rosary Celebration with total combined attendance of 60 Sir Knights in Uniform. The Callout for EWTN Family Mass saw 24 Sir Knights. Thank you Sir Knights for the support and let's continue marching down the aisles. The biggest single improvement is timely communications starting with this District Master position.



The third goal is in my opinion the easiest to improve upon by simply increase participation. From a State Level, there are opportunities that are being pursued with a planned rollout after January 14th.

GOD BLESS AMERICA!

VIVAT JESUS Stan Schroeder, AZ District Master (480) 926-7785 AZDMSTAN@gmail.com







Fourth Degree – Stanley J. Schroeder – District Master

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Brothers all,

We have exciting news to share with my brother knights of Arizona. A Fourth Degree Exemplification is scheduled for January 14, 2023, at Holy Spirit Catholic Church in Tempe, AZ. The details are being finalized and soon the registration packets will be electronically available. The recommendation is to have new membership promotion material and most importantly have an adequate supply of Form 4's on hand to make January 14, 2023, a Fourth Degree Day.

The tentative schedule will be an afternoon degree, followed by mass and a banquet. There will be a ladies gathering during the exemplification as well.

- 12:00 PM 1:30 PM Check-in
- 2:00 PM Fourth Degree Exemplification
- 4:30 PM Mass
- 5:45 PM -Opportunity to mingle and have knighting reenactment pictures taken with family members.
- 6:30 PM Banguet with a few raffles to thrill the crowd.

The time to recruit is now! Please let your council members know to save the date in order that they can gain the honors of the Patriotic Degree!

It is an honor to serve the Knights of Columbus in a leadership capacity. It is a greater honor to see the faces and hear the comments of new Sir Knights who thank you and appreciate the works of the Knights of Columbus, Serving Others. May this day bring such smiles to many new Sir Knights.

Vivat Jesus!

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Election Day is on November 8th

As part of its patriotic mission, the Knights of Columbus encourages its members, their families, parishes and communities to exercise their right to vote with this simple message:

Be patriotic, vote, and encourage others to get out and vote! And do not be afraid to bring your Catholic Faith with you into the Voting Booth!

Supreme Master Knights of Columbus



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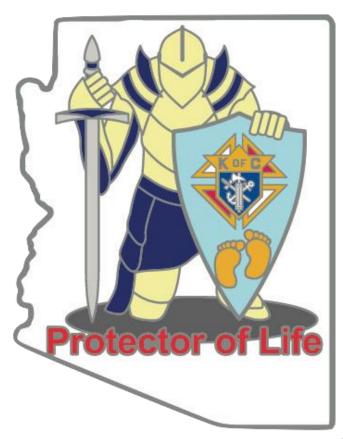
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The Arizona Knights of Columbus announced a renewed vigor for defending life at this year's organization meeting.

In honor of the Supreme Court's overturning of Roe vs. Wade and the Knights of Columbus' firm stand for the protection and support of all life from conception to natural death, State Deputy Luigi Baratta announced the creation of a new pin which represents Knights kneeling in prayer. The knight's sword represents the rosary, his shield represents Knights in unity, the baby's feet on the shield represents life, and the white background represents the innocents which Knights will always defend.

"Last year, our state theme was Defender of the Faith," he explained. "This year it is Protector of Life. As Catholics, we must remain steadfast and do all we can to protect life from conception through natural death. We need to encourage men to join us to step into the breach, pray vigilantly, and assist our efforts to help serve our parishes and communities across the great state of Arizona."

In addition to their continued fundraising efforts to help purchase ultrasound machines, the Knights of Columbus have launched a new initiative called the Aid and Support After Pregnancy (ASAP). This new initiative significantly enhances the Knights' support for mothers and children and is "a call to action for Knights across the United States and Canada to increase financial support to pregnancy resource centers, maternity homes and other organizations which give direct assistance to new mothers and/or babies."