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State Deputy's Message

My Worthy Brother Knights,

As you receive this month's KOCO A, you will be enjoying the Labor Day holiday weekend. My sincerest wishes that each of you are relaxing and recreating this holiday that celebrates the efforts of the work that is done to keep our great country flourishing.

This past month I accompanied my fellow state officers, delegates, Bishops, and several brother Knights from Arizona in attending the 137th Supreme Convention. There were many meetings to attend and much to learn. Our Worthy Supreme Knight Carl Anderson recapped the achievements of the past year and I have placed them in a separate article found elsewhere in this edition of the KOCO A.

The greatest moment during the Convention came when our Immediate Past State Deputy Sean Halpain was elected to the Supreme Board of Directors. I was honored to have delivered the nominating speech for Brother Sean and deeply moved when he was elected. Supreme Director, Halpain will continue to serve this year as the Immediate Past State Deputy but he will likely spend some time away from Arizona attending to his new duties. The State Officers and I pledge Brother Sean and Brenda our prayers and support as they embark on this new adventure.

Also high on the list of exciting news from the Supreme Convention, Arizona received the New Council Development Award for FY 2018-19. This means that our jurisdiction met or exceeded its Supreme goal for instituting new councils during the fraternal year. Congratulations Brothers for this great achievement.

Many of Arizona's councils will be receiving well-deserved recognition as Star Council as they met or exceeded their membership and insurance goals and completed all required Faith in Action service programs. Congratulations to our 8 Star, 1 Double-Star, and 1 Quadruple-Star Councils. Yes, quadruple-star. It was earned by Council 14804, Grand Knight Santo Toribio Romo, and District Deputy Gonzalo Ortiz. Well done brothers! Star Council is not hard to achieve. Always be recruiting, work with you Insurance Field Agent, and use your District Deputy and State membership resources. It's their job to help you succeed. Every Council can be a Star. Schedule a Church Delta Drive. Need ideas, visit the State website at www.kofc-az.org.

It is my happy privilege to announce to you that the "To be a Patriot Award" for 2018-2019 was awarded to the St. Joseph Assembly #2126 in Glendale, under the command of Randall Hughes, Faithful Navigator. Congratulations to SK Hughes and our brother Sir Knights of this fine Fourth Degree Assembly.

The Arizona rosary Celebration is just under two months from now. Brother, this is our spiritual gifts to our dioceses and faith communities. Every Knight should be involved. You have 7 days to get your ad contract submitted. If you miss the cutoff date, make a donation to support the celebration. Volunteer as an Usher, Don your Fourth Degree Uniform and march with the Honor Guard. Bring your banners and

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represent your council or assembly in the Blessing Procession. Attend the Holy Hours and dinners. Bring your family and pray the Rosary, All the information can be found on the website www.azrosary.net.

We have a great deal of work to do this fraternal year as we labor in unity to extend a charitable hand to our neighbors, protect life at all stages, and ensure our youth, families, and church are protected from evil and continue to flourish. Thank you, my brothers, for all your efforts. May God bless you one and all.

Vivat Jesus!

Mario Vassallo
State Deputy

Highlights from the 137th Supreme Convention in Minneapolis, MN

The Supreme Knight said, "Through our unity, we will continue to rise in charity and fraternity. And as we extend the hand of brotherhood, we will continue to transform the world around us — a world that needs more, not less, of the truth and witness that define all those who call themselves Knights of Columbus."

Next he reported on the story of Kendrick Castillo, a young man who confronted an active shooter in his school and died protecting his fellow students and was posthumously declared a Knight of Columbus. Supreme Knight Anderson said, "Kendrick wanted to be a Knight of Columbus because he wanted to help not only people, but his community. And in his last moments, Kendrick Castillo did both." He continued, "This evening we will posthumously present Kendrick with the Knights of Columbus Caritas Award.

The Knights of Columbus will launch a new initiative to focus on Native Americans in the United States and First Nations people of Canada. This will include a partnership between the Knights, the Diocese of Gallup, and the Southwest Indian Foundation to build a new shrine to St. Kateri Tekakwitha. Local councils will be encouraged to become more engaged with Catholics living on reservations and tribal lands.

The Knights of Columbus are prepared to commit at least \$250,000 in humanitarian aid for refugees to the southern border. The Supreme Knight stated that, "We are prepared to expand it, with additional resources, to help those in refugee camps in every border state — including Texas, New Mexico, Arizona and California." He cautioned that this initiative is not a political statement, but rather a statement of principle. "It is a natural and necessary extension of our support for refugees across the world," stated the Supreme Knight

The culture of life will continue to be a high priority for the Order until Roe v. Wade is overturned. In the efforts reported to date, Knights have completed a 10-year goal of placing 1,000 ultrasound machines.

This past year, the Knights of Columbus donated \$2.7 million in disaster relief. This past year, Knights have saved neighbors from wildfires, donated more than half a million dollars to hurricane victims, and helped first responders in historic Midwest flooding.

In talking about the new Faith in Action service program model, Supreme Deputy Anderson said, "St. John Paul II told us, 'A new state of affairs ... calls with a particular urgency for the action of the lay faithful.' We cannot run away or stand on the sidelines. We must do our part."



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In striving to renew our Church, the Supreme Knight stated that we must remember that renewal starts within our own hearts. This year the Order sponsored a nationwide relic tour of the incorrupt heart of St. Jean Vianney, the patron saint of parish priests. During the tour, 300,000 people venerated the relic in 99 dioceses and more than 7,500 miles were covered. The Order is continuing the tour in Canada in the new fraternal year.

About religious liberty, those in attendance were reminded that tremendous efforts and courage are required to overcome the bigoted contention that the Catholic faith makes a citizen "unfit" for public office. "If we cannot participate in public life because of our core beliefs, then surely it will be our nation that is the loser," said Supreme Knight Anderson.

When the Supreme Knight met with Pope Francis earlier this year about the persecution of Christians in the Middle East, the Pope told him that, "the Middle East without Christians is not the Middle East," and he strongly encouraged the Order to continue its efforts in this matter. Since 2014, the Knights have committed more than \$25 million to build housing, churches, and schools. The Knights also played a pivotal role in the unanimous passage of the Iraq and Syria Genocide Relief and Accountability Act. The Order entered a historic Memorandum of Understanding with the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID). The Supreme Knight addressed the State Department's Ministerial to Advance Religious Freedom.

The Knights of Columbus are champions of charity locally and internationally. Canadian Knights donated \$19 million and 5.7 million hours to charity. Mexican Knights Fed and clothed more than 300 needy people; raised money for the construction of a local seminary and parish church; and hosted a pilgrimage to Christ the King Mountain with an icon of Our Lady Help of Persecuted Christians that included thousands. Knights in South Korea established a Peace Refugee Center to serve people who've fled violence across the world. Knights in the Philippines held a Triduum for Peace after a bomb attack killed three Knights. Ukrainian Knights held summer camps for the children of veterans, visited hospitals where the wounded are being treated, and repaired the home of a family who lost their sons in battle. Knights in France proudly support the Notre-Dame Cathedral's reconstruction.

The Knights of Columbus insurance program reported more \$109 billion of insurance in force, nearly \$9 billion in annual sales, and more than \$26 billion of assets under management. The Order is ranked on the Fortune 1000 list of America's largest companies.

The Knights of Columbus Charitable Fund sponsors donor-advised funds designed to help Catholic institutions, members of our Order, and other Catholics direct their charitable giving more effectively. It can only be used to benefit groups and causes that are in line with Catholic values.

The Supreme Knight finished his remarks by proudly reporting on how the Order raised \$185.7 million and donated 76.7 million hours in charitable works over the past year.



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Prayer for Vocations

O God, Father of all Mercies,
Provider of a bountiful Harvest, send Your
Graces upon those You have called to gather
the fruits of Your labor; preserve and
strengthen them in their lifelong service of you.

Open the hearts of Your children
that they may discern Your Holy Will;
inspire in them a love and desire to surrender
themselves to serving others in the name of
Your son, Jesus Christ.

Teach all Your faithful to follow their respective
paths in life guided by Your Divine Word and
Truth.

Through the intercession of the Most Blessed
Virgin Mary, all the Angels, and Saints, humbly
hear our prayers and grant Your Church's needs,
through Christ, our Lord.

Amen.

Prayer for Our Priests

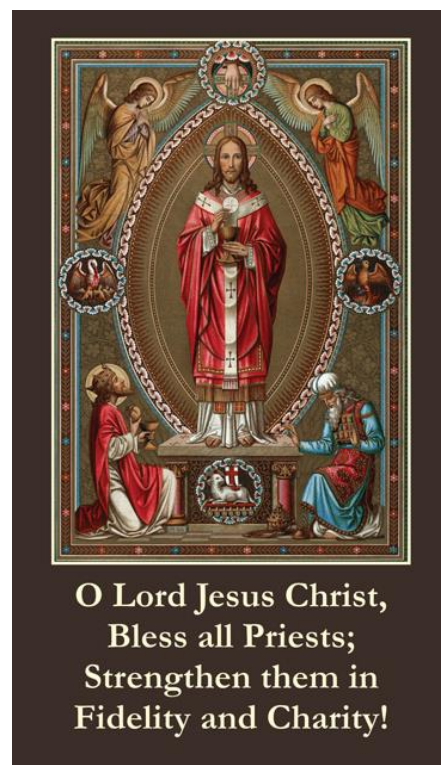
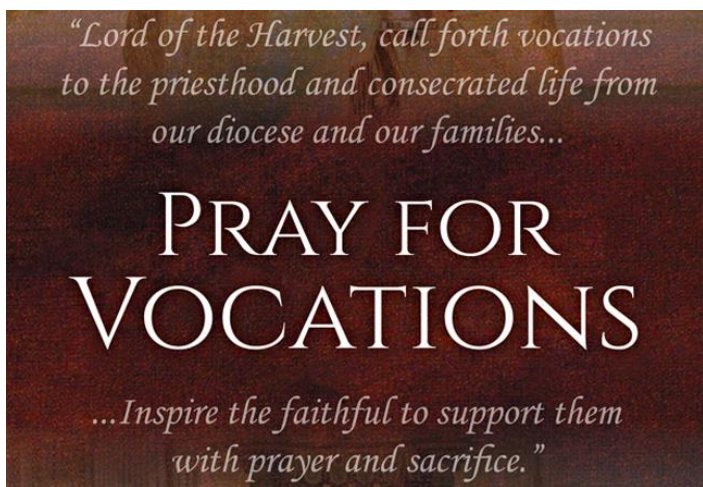
Lord Jesus Christ, eternal High Priest,
you offered yourself to the Father on the altar
of the cross and through the outpouring of the
Holy Spirit gave your priestly people a share in
your redeeming sacrifice.

Hear our prayer for the sanctification of our
priests. Grant that all who are ordained to the
ministerial priesthood may be ever more
conformed to you, the Divine Master.

May they preach the Gospel with pure heart
and clear conscience. Let them be shepherds
according to your own heart, single-minded in
service to you and to the Church, and shining
examples of a holy, simple, and joyful life.

Through the prayers of the Blessed Virgin Mary,
your Mother and ours, draw all priests and the
flocks entrusted to their care to the fullness of
eternal life where you live and reign with the
Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever
and ever.

Amen.





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State Membership Director – Bobby Nielsen

My Brother Knights,

At the end of the 2018-2019 Fraternal Year we had a Finish Big Incentive that awarded prizes to the top two Councils and District Deputies for recruiting the most new Knights. There were many Councils and DD's battling for the \$100 first place and \$50 second place prizes. The winners were Our Lady of the Rosary Council 13272 with 6 new Knights and Holy Family Council 11675 with 3 new Knights. Councils 6933, 12345, 11536 and 14804 also recruited 3 new Knights. The winner was determined by a random drawing. The winners for District Deputy were Rich Robinson from District 6 with 12 new Knights and Deacon Bruce Bennett with 5 new Knights. Great job by all the Councils and District Deputies! Your prizes are in the mail.

Many Councils are having Admission Degrees and bringing in those new Knights that will keep our Order strong for many years to come. Hispanic Membership Coordinator / District Deputy 2 Luis Leyva had a successful Church Drive at St. Jude Thaddeus Parish in San Luis Arizona. The goal was to start a new Hispanic Council. With the assistance of Hispanic Development Field Coordinator Marty Yzaguirre and District Deputy 18 Larry Lickfelt, Knights of Columbus had a great recruiting weekend in San Luis. No task that big can be completed without the help of many. Thanks to all that provided Brother Luis, Marty and Larry with the assistance needed.

We have a growing Vietnamese population across the State. Worthy State Deputy Mario Vassallo has made it a priority to meet the needs of our Vietnamese Catholic Brothers and their families. Later in the year we plan to have Supreme Council Vietnamese Liaison Le Nguyen spend time in Arizona conducting Church Drives in Sierra Vista, Tucson and Phoenix. The goal is to start new Councils that have been needed for some time in our State.

October is traditionally a month that Councils have productive Church Drives. The DELTA Church Drive Kits can be ordered free of charge. Request the kit by emailing Regional Training Director Ken White at ken.white@kofc.org Ken will need to know the date of the Church Drive and the number of parishioners expected. This assures the needed handouts will be available. Give Ken two weeks notice so he can have the kits delivered to you on time. If you have not attended the short online training for DELTA Church Drive's see the information below.

As Knights of Columbus in Arizona we are doing outstanding work in recruiting Catholic men into the Order. But there is room for improvement. Our Programs are strong and we have an important presence in our Catholic Communities. If you haven't recruited a new Knight this year you are missing out. Many recruiting incentives are available. Visit the State website and see what's out there. It truly is a great time to be a Knight! Let's share this gift with others. Thanks for all you do, my Brothers. I am available if you have any questions or need help, anytime, anywhere.

Vivat Jesus!

Bobby Nielsen

State Membership Director
membership@kofc-az.org

Delta Church Drive Training Module
via GoToMeeting

Monday's at 7:30pm & 9:00pm Central Time
Saturday's at 9:00am Central Time

Meeting Link:
<https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/317091949>

Meeting Access Code:
317-931-949

DELTA CHURCH DRIVE



Arizona Rosary Chairman – Larry Costanzo

The 2019 Arizona Rosary Celebration (ARC) is rapidly approaching and is but 2-1/2 months away when we will honor Mary under her title of Our Lady of Guadalupe on the weekend of October 18 – 20, 2019. Bishop Olmsted will dedicate the Phoenix Diocese to the protection of Our Lady of Guadalupe and Bishop Weisenburger will preside in Tucson.

The monthly meetings of the Tucson and Phoenix Steering Committee meetings are in full swing and are important in passing on the mountains amount of information needed to help keep each Chairperson aware of the progress toward ARC in October.

At the State Organization Meeting we had opportunity to speak to the Knights of Columbus District Deputies from across the state to enlist their support in getting the word out about Rosary Celebration. We provided them with a great deal of information which hopefully they will use to support Rosary Celebration.

As you know, the Arizona Rosary Celebration is expensive and is only funded by advertising in our Program Book and by donations. We have formed an advisory group to help us solicit and secure the necessary funds to support the effort. Joe Shanks, DD #13 will head that committee. But it is still up to all of us to help get the funds needed. Look at the Program Books from past Rosary Celebrations and if you know, or are familiar with any of the advertisers, contact them for their input. Better now than later. To help us in that endeavor to fund Arizona Rosary Celebration, we have asked that every council and assembly have an item in their annual budget to purchase an ad in the Program Book. The ads in our Program Book range from \$50.00 for a quarter page to \$400.00 for full a page, but we can all help by soliciting donations from friends and neighbors.

Our Co-chairs: Karen McEwen and Al Tucker in Tucson and Danny Haywood and Greg Mattingly in Phoenix, and their chairpersons are providing guidance as to actions needed. In addition, it would be helpful to the Tucson and Phoenix Committees if each council and assembly would appoint a contact for ARC. Submit the names by email to: azrosary@yahoo.com.

Check our website: www.AzRosary.net .



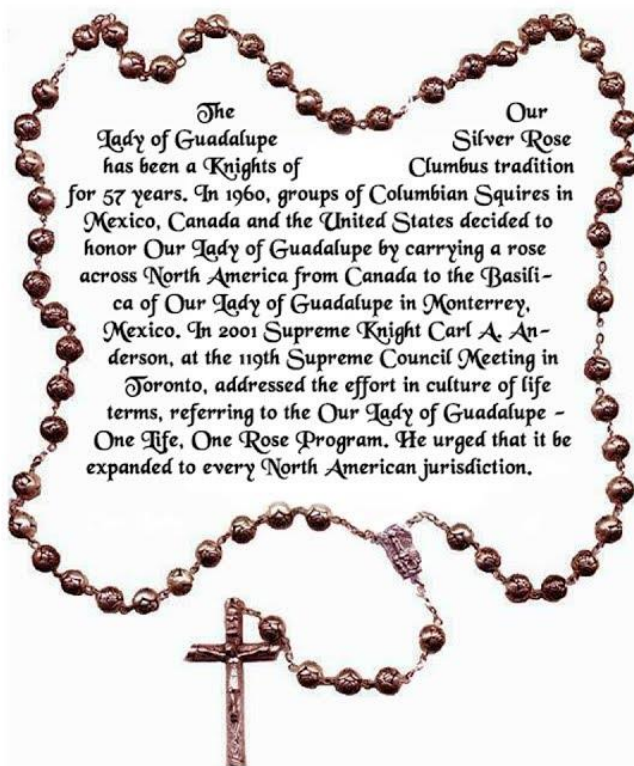
Silver Rose Chairman – Bob Julien



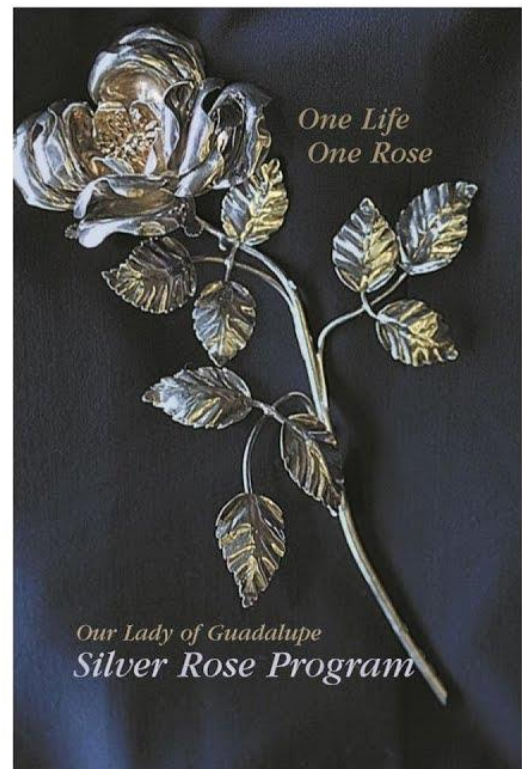
Brother Knights,

Each year, from early March through mid-December, Silver Roses are stewarded by Knights of Columbus councils along routes from Canada to Mexico. Every stop the Silver Rose makes throughout the pilgrimage is a rosary-centered occasion for Knights, parishioners and community members to pray for respect for life, for the spiritual renewal of each nation, and for the advancement of the message of Our Lady of Guadalupe.

This year Arizona will have the Silver Rose from October 1 – November 15 tentatively. At this time all dates are full for the Silver Rose. I want to thank all of you for your support of this program. If there are any questions, please email me at: rajulien@cox.net.



The Lady of Guadalupe has been a Knights of Columbus tradition for 57 years. In 1960, groups of Columbian Squires in Mexico, Canada and the United States decided to honor Our Lady of Guadalupe by carrying a rose across North America from Canada to the Basilica of Our Lady of Guadalupe in Monterrey, Mexico. In 2001 Supreme Knight Carl A. Anderson, at the 119th Supreme Council Meeting in Toronto, addressed the effort in culture of life terms, referring to the Our Lady of Guadalupe - One Life, One Rose Program. He urged that it be expanded to every North American jurisdiction.



One Life
One Rose

Our Lady of Guadalupe
Silver Rose Program



Patriotic Degree

Worthy State Deputy, State Officers, District Deputies, GKs and FNs,

The Patriotic Degree of the Knights of Columbus in conjunction with St. Josephs Youth Camp and Operation Restoring Veteran Hope, will be hosting a free event for our Veterans at St Joseph’s Youth Camp on October 4th, 5th, and 6th 2019. St. Joseph’s Youth Camp is located by Mormon Lake just south of Flagstaff. Flyer will be available soon.

The Operation Restoring Veteran Hope Retreat will enable veterans that have struggled or are currently struggling, to focus on their well-being, as well as connect with other veterans. Last year a group of 73 veterans rode with a 16-motorcycle escort Sept. 14, embarking on Operation Restoring Veteran Hope, a new retreat designed to provide veterans with an opportunity for healing and a chance to share their stories. Veterans of Vietnam, Desert Storm, Afghanistan and Iraq, ranging in age from 29 to 72, attended.

This year we are hoping to have 120-150 veterans and 15 support staff personnel who will provide counselling sessions as well various activities.

Last year we raised a little over \$14,000 and the average cost per veteran was \$195.00. With the expansion of the program to include up to 40 plus veterans we are anticipating our cost to be approximately \$20,000.

Please review the following links of last years’ event.

Video Links

PBS Link <https://azpbs.org/horizon/2018/11/operation-restoring-veteran-hope/>

YouTube Links for Operation Restoring Veteran Hope 2018

<https://youtu.be/mASN-H4Xm0E>

We appreciate your support for our military and hope that you may find a way to assist us in honoring our veterans by making a monetary donation or items of need. You may mail your monetary donations to:

St. Joseph’s Youth Camp

PO Box 23658

Tempe, AZ 85285

If in need of a tax receipt use St. Joseph’s Youth Camp 501(c) (3) Tax ID 86-0452558. I am available for any additional information at 602-670-8949, email kingman_m@msn.com.

Sincerely,

Michael Kingman and Tyson Gentz

Co-Chairmen

Yours in Christ

Michael H. Kingman, Vice Supreme Master, John H. Reddin Province



Council, District and State Soccer Challenge 2019

Brother Knights,

The Soccer Challenge season is just around the corner. We are looking forward to a great event with the anticipation all Arizona Councils will be participating this year. If you have not received or ordered your kit from Supreme, please do so right away. Schedule your Council event for the month of September.

Grand Knights: Within a week after the Council event, forward/scan all the **WINNER'S** entry forms/score sheets to your **District Deputy**. He will need this information for the District level Soccer Challenge which should be scheduled in October.

District Deputies: After you determine if there will be a District event, and once it is completed, **forward/scan the entry forms/score sheets to the State at: AzKnights@q.com. These forms MUST be received BEFORE the State Event.** If there is no District Challenge, because only one council in your District participates, it is your responsibility to forward/scan this Council's WINNERS entry forms/score sheets to the State.

NO Participant should hand carry his/her form to the State Event. Forms may be mailed to: **Knights of Columbus, 14175 W. Indian School Rd, Suite B4-626, Goodyear, AZ 85395**

Remember there can only be ONE winner per age and gender, Per District. If you determine the 1st Place Winner will not attend the State Event you may send the 2nd Place Winner's form to the State. **Please make sure the Council Number and the District Number are on each form** before sending the winners forms.

District Deputies please make sure that this information makes it to each of your Council's Grand Knights and Youth Directors.

This year's State Soccer Challenge will be:

DATE: November 9, 2019

PLACE: St. Jerome School

10815 N. 35th Avenue, Phoenix, AZ 85029

TIME: Sign-in is between 9:00 to 9:30 am; Start time 9:45 am

Award Ceremony will be immediately after the event.

Lunch provided by St. Joseph's Youth Camp.

Thank you for your assistance and if you have any questions contact:

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State Soccer Chairman
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Joe Danko
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
1	2 Labor Day (USA) Labour Day (CANADA) COUNCILS PENDING SUSPENSION ARE NOTIFIED	3	4	5 St. Teresa of Calcutta
8 Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary	9	10	11	12
15	16	17	18	19
22	23	24	25	26
29	30			

Things to Accomplish:	
	Finalize Council Church Drive plans – continue talks with your pastor and get bulletin announcements ready
	Conduct, if applicable: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Catholic Essay Contest Soccer Challenge

Plan Ahead:	
	Which prospect(s) will you be inviting to the next activity your council holds?
	What new program(s) does your council plan to institute this year?
	Start fundraising for Coats for Kids

Council Activity Tracker

ACTIVITY	# OF NEW CONTACTS	\$ DONATED	# OF VOLUNTEERS	HOURS OF SERVICE	TOTAL HOURS OF SERVICE

Reminders:

1. Conducting a Fraternal Benefits Night helps your council earn the Founders' Award, which is a component of the Star Council Award. Continue discussions with your General Agent to help support membership growth.
2. Ask someone to join your council.

Other Publications of Interest

Columbia Magazine

<http://www.kofc.org/en/columbia/index.html>

Chaplains Report

<http://www.kofc.org/un/en/resources/chaplains/chaplains-report0919.pdf>

District Deputy Reminder

http://www.kofc.org/un/en/resources/lc/district/dd_20190801_en.pdf

Fathers for Good

<http://www.fathersforgood.org/en/index.html>

Catholic Men's Fellowship of Phoenix

<http://www.cmfph.org/resources-programs.php>



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Formation and Knighthood Degree Schedule

The link below will provide the schedule of degrees, degree letters and also a link to the State Calendar for Admission Degrees.

<https://kofc-az.org/exemplification-schedules>

Next Formation and Knighthood Degree is on Saturday, September 14, 2019.

Where: St. Jerome's Catholic Church

10815 N. 35th Avenue, Phoenix, AZ 85029

Host Council #7465

Exemplifications instructions on the website.



In most cases registration begins at 9:00am.

To see a full schedule of exemplifications, check the website under State News – Degree Schedule Information on the schedules will be updated as the information is received.

Patriotic Degree Schedule

The next 4th Degree Exemplifications are a follows:

Saturday, September 28, 2019 Casa Grande, AZ
Exemplification and Entry Forms on State Website

<https://kofc-az.org/patriotic-degree>

Saturday, November 16, 2019 Location TBD

Saturday, February 15, 2020 Location TBD

Saturday, June 6, 2020 Location TBD



Please check website for additional information. <https://kofc-az.org/patriotic-degree>

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THIS IS WHO WE ARE, THIS IS WHAT WE DO

At the start of every fraternal year, it has become a long-standing custom in Arizona that the State Deputy introduces a new State Pin and logo design. During the recent organizational meeting, State Deputy Tom Kalisz told the attendees, “This year’s pin design is meant to be a visual, daily reminder, of what we stand for and the depth of our commitment to serve God, our parishes, and our neighbors.”

Around the outer edge of the pin and logo design we find the guiding principles of the Order: Charity, Unity, Fraternity, and Patriotism. They remind us of who we are as Knights of Columbus and what we do.

Within the circle, an image of the State of Arizona is found at the center, emblazoned with the Emblem of the Order. This represents the Arizona State Council and its jurisdictional responsibility for all of the State of Arizona.

This year, the Worthy State Deputy has dedicated his administration to Our Lady of Guadalupe. The image of Mary on the cloak is known as ***Our Lady of Guadalupe*** for an interesting reason. On that same day, Mary appeared to Juan’s uncle and cured him, giving him a message for the bishop, saying that she would “crush the serpent’s head.” The bishop did not understand the Indians’ language. The Indian word for “crush the serpent” sounded to him like “Guadalupe,” the name of Mary’s shrine in Spain. Thinking that the Virgin wanted the new shrine to have the same name, the bishop called her ***Our Lady of Guadalupe***.

Mary’s visit to Guadalupe is a reminder that God will remember his mercy for all people. In Mary’s song of joy, the Magnificat, she praised God because he has put down the mighty, exalted the lowly, filled the hungry, and sent the rich away empty. People honor ***Our Lady of Guadalupe*** because they recognize her motherly concern for them.

Working under our theme of ***“Knights Serving God, Serving The Community, This Is Who We Are, This Is What We Do”***, the cross is included so that we are reminded that we are all children of God – Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. The cross also symbolizes the gift we received through the death of Jesus Christ – forgiveness of sin and a path to everlasting life.

Finally, included in the lower right portion of the logo are two small baby’s feet. These are included to remind us that we must always fight to preserve the sanctity of life from natural conception to natural death.

The Worthy State Deputy says that he hopes that the pin and logo will keep us focused on unity and fraternity as we perform works of charity in service to all.



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Prayer to Our Lady of Guadalupe

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

AMEN

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.

Canonization of Venerable Fr. Michael J. McGivney

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



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

AMEN