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State Deputy's Message

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Brothers,

Every January marks a black day in the history of the United States. This is the month in 1973, when the United States Supreme Court ruled that women had the right to kill their unborn babies. The court ruled that it was a woman's choice to carry a child to full term and give birth, or to terminate her pregnancy before birth. It is often referred to as woman's reproductive health or "abortion care." Since 1973, over 60 million babies have been murdered by means of legal abortion.

Formed by Margaret Sanger and funded by America's elite for decades, Planned Parenthood and organizations like it, have been primarily responsible for the wholesale killing of the unborn. While they say they are concerned about a woman's health and wellbeing, their motives are not so altruistic. The story behind the story reveals that the birth control and abortion industry seek to reduce the populations of people of color, lower economical stratus, and the disabled. Appalling!

This year, the State of New York, has taken the culture of death to its lowest level ever. Not only is it legal for

a woman to get an abortion in the state, but a woman can choose to carry her baby to full term and then execute it. Criminals who are legally executed are treated far more humanely than the fully-developed children who will be administered a poison directly into their heads, cause them excruciating pain for over 24 hours before they die.

Brothers, we need to protect the sanctity of life. Pray the Rosary to end abortion. Pray the Rosary to protect the souls of the unborn. Be a beacon of light in the darkness that envelopes us. Support only elected leaders who are pro-life. Let your elected representatives know that life matters to you from the point of natural conception to a natural death.

About 300,000 people of all faiths joined together this past month in Washington D. C. for the annual March for Life. Thousands of your brother Knights were in attendance. In San Francisco, over 50,000 attended the West Coast March. Arizona Knights were well represented at the march in Tucson. We should be able to muster dozens of Knights and Catholics every day at all the various abortion mills around the state. Make this a priority for 2019. We stand for life.



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Another program I encourage you to support is the Knights of Columbus Ultrasound Initiative. In Arizona we ask Councils and Assemblies to pool their financial support with the State Council to raise half the cost of an ultrasound machine. Then, as a state we request a contribution from Supreme for the other half. On Tuesday, February 5, 2019 at 5:00 p.m., the Arizona State Council will be on hand for the blessing of a new Ultrasound Machine at AID to Women Center in Tempe. Thanks to all who helped make this possible.

Saturday, February 2, 2019 is the date of the Phoenix Catholic Men's Conference. It will be held at Xavier College Preparatory Academy. The doors open at 8:00 a.m. This year's theme is "A New Knighthood." Tickets are still on sale. More information is available at www.cmfp.org.

This past month it was my honor to recognize one the Arizona jurisdiction's unsung heroes. You have probably heard the booming voice of a certain Past State Deputy making a proud declaration, "My name is Pedro Najera, and I'm a Knight of Columbus!" This is the oath of a Knight who has proudly served the Order for many, many years.

Pedro Najera, a retired U. S. Army Coronel, has exemplified in his service to our Country and the Knights through great dedication and commitment. This is who he is. This is what he believes: love God, love Family, love Country, and love the Knights of Columbus. It is my honor to name Past State Deputy Pedro Najera as the class honoree at the Foundation and Knighthood degrees at Council 1200 in Tucson on January 13, 2019.

The last item of my letter this month is membership. We have five months left in this fraternal year and still lack 500 members to attain our goal. Reach out to every Catholic man and offer him the opportunity to become a Knight. Personally, contact every brother in your council who has not been to a meeting, social or event in a while, and invite them to join you at an upcoming Council function. In order for us to spread the Gospel of life and be the beacon that casts away the darkness, we need to multiply our ranks. Don't wait until the last month to recruit. Do it today!

Vivat Jesus!

Tom Kalisz
State Deputy



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Knights of Columbus Marian Prayer Program

Our Lady of Help of Persecuted Christians

Every couple of years, the Knights of Columbus introduces a new Marian Prayer Program. The new Marian image then makes a pilgrimage through each state or jurisdiction, with councils hosting a prayer service at their parish or other venues. The 2018-2019 Marian Prayer Program presents the 18th Marian image sponsored by the Knights of Columbus, this time of Our Lady Help of Persecuted Christians. Since its inception in 1979, the Knights of Columbus' Marian Prayer Program has held more than 166,900 local council and parish prayer services with some 20 million participants. This year, the prayer service is intended to raise awareness of the plight of Christians persecuted for their faith and to stand in prayerful solidarity with them.

Tom Kalisz, State Deputy for the Knights of Columbus in Arizona will provide one of images he has been given for this program to the Arizona Rosary Celebration. The image will be on display in both Tucson and Phoenix during the Rosary celebrations in October. Please join the Knights of Columbus in Praying for the redemption of our persecuted brothers and sisters anywhere in the world.

O god of all the nations, the One God who is and was and always will be, in your providence you willed that your Church be united to the suffering of your Son. Look with mercy on your servants who are persecuted for their faith in you. Grant them perseverance and courage to be worthy imitators of Christ. Bring your wisdom upon leaders of nations to work for peace among all peoples. May your Spirit open conversion for those who contradict your will, that we may live in harmony. Give us the grace to be united in truth and freedom, and to always seek your will in our lives.



Through Christ our Lord. Amen.
Our Lady, Queen of Peace, pray for us.

Prayer composed by Archbishop William E. Lori, Supreme Chaplain



State Advocate – Tom Kato

Brothers,

We are now through most of the fraternal year. Based on the completion of the Supreme Safe Environment Training required for Grand Knights, Program Directors, Community Directors, and Family Directors, we have 50 councils eligible for Star Council!

While this is a good number, we still have a number of councils who have not either assigned the directors or who have not completed the training. There are 102 councils who have filled out the Service Program Personnel Report (Form 365), yet, the above positions were not assigned. Out of those 102 completed reports, 7 grand knights have not taken the training yet! Please note that the training is there to help identify predators.

Please contact me if you anyone is having issues taking the training. It is not that difficult and requires about 1 hour of your time. Also, the training is good for 3 years! Let us continue to strive to move forward to help protect our children and youth!

Vivat Jesus!

Tom Kato
State Advocate

Arizona Highlights – Columbia Magazine – January 2019



Members of **St. Pius X Council 10762** in **Tucson** stand with their wives and recent Guatemalan immigrants at a breakfast co-sponsored by the council and St. Pius X Catholic Church. The parish office had contacted the Knights to help feed the new arrivals, who were being housed at the parish with few resources after release from detention by Immigration and Customs Enforcement. The council extended the event by five days — offering food to some 700 hungry guests.

After hearing that the Community Food Bank of Southern Arizona in Tucson needed to stock their shelves for the holiday season, **Our Lady of the Valley Council 6842** in **Green Valley** collected over \$6,000 and some 1,000 pounds of food in two days. The council's assistance enabled needy families to enjoy Thanksgiving and Christmas meals in their own homes.



Prayer for Vocations

Prayer of John Paul II for Vocations

Lord Jesus, as You once called the first disciples to make them fishers of men, let your sweet invitation continue to resound: Come follow Me!

Give young men and women the grace of responding quickly to your voice. Support our bishops, priests and consecrated people in their apostolic labor.

Grant perseverance to our seminarians and to all those who are carrying out the ideal of a life totally consecrated to your service.

Awaken in our community a missionary eagerness. Lord, SEND WORKERS TO YOUR HARVEST and do not allow humanity to be lost for the lack of pastors, missionaries and people dedicated to the cause of the Gospel.

Mary, Mother of the Church, the model of every vocation, help us to say “yes” to the Lord who calls us to cooperate in the divine plan of salvation.
Amen

Prayer for Our Priests



O Jesus, I pray for Your faithful and fervent priests; for Your unfaithful and tepid priests; for Your priests labouring at home or abroad in distant mission fields; for Your tempted priests; for Your lonely and desolate priest; for Your young priests; for Your dying priests; for the souls of Your priests in purgatory. But above all I recommend to You the priests dearest to me; the priest who baptized me; the priests who absolved me from my sins; the priests at whose Masses I assisted and who gave me Your Body and Blood in Holy communion; the priests who taught and instructed me; all the priests to whom I am indebted in any other way. O Jesus, keep them all close to Your heart, and bless them abundantly in time and in eternity.
Amen.



Arizona Rosary Celebration 2019 – Honoring Mary under her title of Our Lady of Guadalupe

AZ ROSARY CELEBRATION 2019

Planning is underway for the 2019 AZ Rosary Celebration (ARC) when we will honor Mary under her title of Our Lady of Guadalupe on the weekend of October 18 – 20, 2019.

We have some changes coming this time. In Tucson, the Celebration will take place at St. Augustine Cathedral starting at 9:00 A.M on October 19, 2019 instead of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church. We also welcome DD #3 Frank Islas as co-chair with Karen McEwen. Al Tucker, who has served as co-chair with Karen these past few years is taking a sabbatical. In Phoenix, the event will take place on October 20, 2019, at the Phoenix Convention Center.

As you know, ARC is expensive and is only funded by advertising in our Program Book and by donations. We are forming an advisory group to help us solicit and secure the necessary funds to support the effort. Joe Shanks, DD #13 will head that committee. To help us in that endeavor to fund ARC, we ask that every council and assembly have an item in their annual budget to purchase an ad in the Program Book. The ads range from \$50.00 for a quarter page to \$400.00 for full a page. 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: azrosary@yahoo.com.

Our Co-chairs: Karen McEwen and Frank Islas in Tucson and Danny Haywood and Greg Mattingly in Phoenix, and I are working closely with the Bishops to make this a memorable event.

We are looking forward to another successful Rosary Celebration, but it will not happen without the support of every Knight of Columbus in the State of Arizona. Remember, Brothers, that this is an Arizona Knights of Columbus sponsored event and we need everyone's help.

More information will follow in future KOKOA Newsletters. Also, check our website: azrosary.net.

Pray for the success of Rosary Celebration.

Larry Costanzo
Chairman, AZ Rosary Celebration



State Program Director – Lawrence Powers – FAITH IN ACTION



Brother Knights,

We are more than half way through the Fraternal year. Is your Council on track for the Columbian Award? There are four required programs that each Council must complete to qualify. Last Month we featured Spiritual Reflection. This month's featured program is **Helping Hands**.

Put your faith into action and help those less fortunate in your community. In the model of Knights of Columbus founder, Venerable Michael McGivney, councils will lead efforts to assist those most in need. Guidelines for this program are broad and can include forming partnerships with local aid organizations or independently planning unique activities.

The Helping Hands program is designed to recognize the important work many councils already do to care for the most disadvantaged members of our communities – the homeless, the addicted, the elderly who may feel isolated and abandoned, and many others. Through this program, councils will aid the needy through the activities they feel best suit their community, such as serving at or running a soup kitchen, repairing the facilities of a local service organization or something entirely unique. The requirements for this program are very broad in order to allow councils to serve their community in whatever way is most needed.

Action Steps

- Contact leaders from local nonprofit organizations to discuss how the council and parish can best assist them in their work.
- As a council, generate program ideas that would benefit those less fortunate in the community. Efforts could include:
 - As a parish, cook and/or serve food at no charge at a local soup kitchen or parish hall. (This could be a good family activity.)
 - As a council, assist in cleaning and repairing the facilities of a local nonprofit organization (i.e., fixing broken tables, painting walls).
 - Hold classes to teach trade skills (electrical, plumbing, carpentry, etc.).
 - Organize collection drives for specific supplies such as blankets, backpacks, toiletries, and clothing.
- Raise money for a local soup kitchen, homeless shelter or other nonprofit organization through various events. Money could go toward the purchase of specific supplies and appliances, such as a new large freezer or dishwasher, or it could be donated in bulk.



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- Build public interest for the program! Promote your Helping Hands activities in your parish and larger community through a variety of efforts:
- Prominently display promotional posters (which can be ordered through Supplies Online)
- Bulletin announcements
- Pulpit announcements

Conduct your Helping Hands program.

- On the day of the event, wear Knights of Columbus-branded apparel and have the council membership director set up a table with brochures and membership documents (including Prospect Cards #921A). Do not forget that this event is a recruiting opportunity!
- Enlist a fellow Knight or community member to photograph the event.
- To gain credit for your program, complete the associated reporting forms and submit them to the Supreme Council Department of Fraternal Mission. Remember to retain copies for your council records.
- At the end of the fraternal year, complete the Fraternal Programs Report Form (#10784)
- At the end of the fraternal year, complete your Columbian Award Application (#SP-7)
- More Information can be at: <https://www.kofc.org/en/programs/community/helping-hands.html#/>

New Faith in Action Booklet

There is a new Faith in Action Booklet available online: www.kofc.org/faithinaction . This resource will be available for anyone to download. It will also be available for print through Supplies Online, and Supreme going to start including this resource in all Church Drive and First Degree Kits.

Ultrasound Blessing

On Tuesday February 5, 2019, the Most Reverend Thomas J. Olmsted, will bless the newest Ultrasound Machine funded by the members of the Arizona Knights of Columbus. The blessing will take place at the Aid to Women Baseline Center located at 1849 East Baseline Road, Tempe, AZ, 85283 at 5:30 PM. If you can please join us.

Vivat Jesus!

Lawrence A. Powers
Program Director
AZ State Council



State Membership Director – Kevin McCarthy

My Brother Knights,

Last month I spoke of the need to share our accomplishments and promote the Knights at our parishes. It's not "bragging" to promote our Councils. Our fellow Catholic Gentlemen and their families in our parishes should know what we stand for and what we've done to benefit the parish and community.

We have an exciting new prospecting system that we can use for all kinds of things: church drives, men's conferences, pancake breakfasts, spaghetti dinners, fish fries – really any event where we have potential members. It's a simple program. Supreme will build a custom Prospect Landing Page for your council that you can use on a phone, a tablet or a computer. You can ask potential members if they're interested in learning more about the Knights, and you or they can enter their information into the form in a matter of seconds. They'll immediately get a personalized email signed by the Grand Knight, Membership Chairman or whoever you choose, encouraging them to join the Knights and reference your council by name and number.

The form will also auto-generate an email to you, which will give you all of the information given for each person that signs up, and it will enroll them in an email marketing campaign that will help tell them more about the Knights and what we do over time (Don't worry, they can unsubscribe at any time).

It's a great system! This can be a real game changer in the way we prospect. Experience with this program has also shown that men are more likely to share some simple contact information than signing up for online membership and entering their credit cards on someone else's device. I would encourage every council to get out in front of this and request your own page immediately. The linked document explains it in more detail. All you need to do is described in the informative document you can download **HERE**.

Visit <http://kofcknights.org/States/ProspectLandingPages.pdf>

Remember, this year we're "AMPing it up". **A** stands for Altar support, working hard to earn and obtain support from the Pastor and priests of the parish. Supporting our priests is our duty. Support from our priests is priceless. **M** stands for Membership (and I'd also include Marketing), working hard to Inform every eligible Catholic Gentleman of the benefits of membership in our Order and promoting – marketing our programs, showing how indispensable our councils are to the parish. **P** stands for Programs. This is especially important with our new "Faith in Action" model which has a strong spiritual and faith-based component in addition to our more traditional programs. Make sure your Council is doing all it can to "AMP It Up" for the remainder of the Fraternal year.



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State Membership Director – Kevin McCarthy

Including eMembers, we are 13th in the order as a percent of our membership intake goal. However, we're slipping on our member intake, and have had a significant number of suspensions and withdrawals. While we always come in strong in the 2nd half of the fraternal year, we have some hard work to do to reach our goals. We still need 541 members to reach our goal of 1000 new members, and if you do the math that's 108 new members each month for the remainder of the year. I know we can do it.

Brothers, we have a lot of work to do to meet our membership goal. You should have your next membership drive scheduled. If you haven't, it's not too late, so plan it now! Church Drives work! Yours can too. Remember to invite your District Deputy, Field Agent, State Officers and the membership team to your Church Drives. Growing the Order is our number one job, and we're all there to help!

Remember, Always Be Recruiting!

Vivat Jesus!

Kevin McCarthy

State Warden

State Membership Director

Knights of Columbus Arizona State Council





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In Solidarity with our Bishops and Priests – Priest Appreciation Dinner – February 15, 2019

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SS Simon & Jude Cathedral Council #12708

Worthy State Officers, Grand Knights and Faithful Navigators:

The Annual Knights of Columbus Priest Appreciation Dinner for the Diocese of Phoenix will be hosted by SS Simon and Jude Cathedral Council #12708.

Friday, February 15, 2019

SS Simon and Jude Cathedral, Our Lady of Loreto Center

6351 N. 27th Ave. Phoenix, AZ 85017

Cocktails at 6:00 P.M. (No Host) Dinner will be served at 7:00 P.M.

Dinner Catered by “Sharko’s”

The cost will be \$35.00 in advance,
or \$45.00 at the door (Walk-ups Also Require Advance Reservations).

Please RSVP by Friday, January 18, 2019 to:

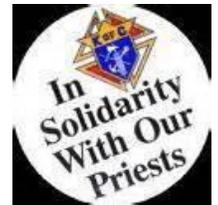


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Each Knight is encouraged to donate the price of a ticket to sponsor a Priest in the Diocese. Invitations have been sent to almost 300 Priests. Please remember not only must your Parish Priests, Council Chaplains and Faithful Friars receive our appreciation but all the other Priests in the Diocese as well. In past years over one third of the Priests in attendance were not associated with a Parish, Council or Assembly. This is our chance to show ALL our priests our appreciation, they ALL deserve our gratitude.

Please show your support by attending and sponsoring a Priest. If you cannot be there yourself, it is still fitting to subsidize a Priest's dinner.

Pre-Reservations are not only appreciated, but a must for a successful dinner. When you RSVP please send your Council or Assembly Number and Name of each Knight attending, along with a Check to cover dinner for each Knight. Also indicate how many of our Priests you wish to sponsor.

Make checks payable to, *“Knights of Columbus 12708.”*

You may contact Rick Garrison at (480) 522-7064, KofCRick@Q.com, for further information.

Fraternally yours,
JC Sherrin, Grand Knight

This Dinner is for Priests and Knights only in the Diocese of Phoenix



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2018 - 2019 COUNCIL AWARDS APPLICATIONS INSTRUCTION SHEET

GRAND KNIGHT / COUNCIL:

May submit award applications for:

- 1) Chaplain-of-the-year – **Form CLHP-YEAR 18-19**
- 2) Family-of-the-year – **Supreme Form 10680 6/18**
- 3) Knight-of-the-year – **Form KNGT-YEAR 18-19**
- 4) Service Program (Faith) Awards – **Supreme Form STSP 11/18**
- 5) Service Program (Family) Awards – **Supreme Form STSP 11/18**
- 6) Service Program (Community) Awards – **Supreme Form STSP 11/18**
- 7) Service Program (Life) Awards – **Supreme Form STSP 11/18**

For the Service Program Awards: there are 4 categories: ***Faith, Family, Community and Life***. The same application is used for all 4 categories. We will be using the same application as you will find on the Supreme website. Be sure to submit a separate original form ***for each category*** for which you apply.

For the ***Family & Knight-of-the-Year***: Please select one Knight and Family you have submitted in the past Fraternal Year as Family and Knight-of-the-Year. Also, this year for ***Family-of-the-Year*** we will be using the application on the Supreme website (Form10680 6/18). ***Before completing Family of Year please review Guide Sheet (Form 10607)***. This application and the ***Service Programs Applications*** can be downloaded from the Supreme Website, or it can be found on the State Website along with all other award application at <https://kofc-az.org/>.

IMPORTANT NOTE

For the Service Program Awards, be sure all information in sections 1 & 2 is complete.

Once you have entered this information **DO NOT** use the council name, parish name, nominee's name, city or any wording that could identify the person, council or your location. If you do these references will be redacted (be blacked-out). This will make your document difficult to read and lessen its chances of being selected. We suggest that you write what you wish to say and then go back over your draft and remove any references in the write-up which could identify your nominee or council location. Liberally use the pronouns like he, him, his, them, they, or the parish, the church, or this family, they, them, or Father, the priest, etc.

Applications do not have to be typed, however please keep in mind that the applications do need to be neat, clear, concise, and readable. The best way of assuring this is if they are typed. It is a FILLABLE Form. If additional pages or attachments are provided, please make certain that they are identified as a continuation page for a particular award.



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Only one activity may be submitted per category. To qualify all Service Projects must have taken place during the 2018-2019 Fraternal Year.

MOST IMPORTANT! THE DEADLINE FOR RECEIPT OF YOUR COMPLETED APPLICATIONS IS SUNDAY, APRIL 15, 2019. Please plan wisely and submit your completed applications before the deadline. ***Application received after April 15, 2019 will not be considered.***

Please complete/ edit submissions on your computer before submitting.

ALL Award Applications can be found on the State Website at: <https://kofc-az.org/> .
Or the direct link is: <https://kofc-az.org/state-forms%2Freports>

The **preferred method** for submitting application documents is email. Send the documents to: AZKnights@Q.com **ONLY**

Or you may mail the complete applications to your State Awards Chairman.

Knights of Columbus State Awards Chairman
14175 W Indian School Rd
Suite B4-626
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Remember you cannot win if you do not apply. Each year so many great Chaplains, Brother Knights, Families and Council Activities which could easily win, go unrecognized because council fail to enter. Let's make this year different. Start early and be sure your council and its members are recognized.

Thank you everyone for all that you do for the good of the order and for your cooperation.

Vivat Jesus!
Rick Garrison
State Awards Chairman
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Next Two Months Challenges – January – 2019 and February - 2019

February 2019

Things to Accomplish

- Council Audit (#1295) DUE 2/15
- Free Throw District Championship Report
- State Council Service Program Awards Entry Form (#STSP) – Begin reviewing criteria
- Council Retention Drive
- **Knight of the Month – Council Level Due February 15th.**

Key Dates

- **February 15, 2019 – Family of the Month.** Entries due to Fraternal Mission Department Supreme.
- **February 15, 2019 – Priest Appreciation Dinner.** The Knights of Columbus have long supported the priesthood and religious life. Take this opportunity to “sponsor” one or more priests for this celebration.

Lord, grant us many and holy priests. Grant us holy priests to console those who suffer, to remind all that we are brothers, to bless our homes, our work, our fields so that your kingdom may extend to all souls.

*Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, grant your Church many and holy priests. Queen of the Apostles, pray for us.
Amen.*

March 2019

Things to Accomplish

- Council First Degree Week
- Council Church Drive
- Free Throw State Championship Report
- Council Outreach Week in Honor of Father McGivney
- **Knight of the Month - Council Level Due March 15th**
- **March 15th – Family of the Month.** Entries due to Fraternal Mission Department.
- March 29th – Knights of Columbus Founders Day

Religious Obligations starting in March

- March 6th – Ash Wednesday
- March 10th – 1st Sunday of Lent
- March 16th – St Patrick’s Day
- March 17th – 2nd Sunday of Lent
- March 18th – St Joseph’s Day
- March 24th – 3rd Sunday of Lent
- March 31st – 4th Sunday of Lent



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Planning the Month's Ahead

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Formation and Knighthood Degree Schedule – kofc-az.org exemplification schedule

Saturday, February 9, 2019, at St Andrew the Apostle Catholic Church, Chandler, AZ 85226

Council #9482, Michael Threadgill Grand Knight Email: mikesthreadgill@gmail.com

POC: District Deputy Dominic Conn #9 Email: dconn4@cox.net

Saturday, March 9, 2019, at St Helen's Church, Glendale, AZ 85304

Council #11738

POC: District Deputy Ron Stevens #12 Email: kd7ddb_41@msn.com

In most cases registration begins at 9:00am.

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

More information available on State Calendar as to times, etc.



Patriotic Degree Schedule (<http://www.kofc-az.org>) under Patriotic Degree or <http://az4thdegree.org>

The next 4th Degree Exemplification are a follows:

Saturday, February 16, 2019, at St. Anne's Catholic Church, Gilbert, AZ.

POC: Bill Neer, 4th Degree Arizona Executive Secretary, P.O. Box 31684, Tucson, AZ 85751

Email: azjhrpexecsec@gmail.com

Please check website for additional information at kofc-az.org under state info – patriotic degree, or az4thdegree.org for more details.

Exemplification packet and registration form available on the website at kofc-az.org under state info – patriotic degree



Special Events – 2019

Saturday, February 2, 2019, New Knighthood 2019 Men's Conference

Friday, February 15, 2019, Priest Appreciation Dinner for Phoenix Diocese

St Simon and Jude, Our Lady of Loreto Center, 6:00pm

POC: Rick Garrison



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Our Lady of Czestochowa also known as the **Black Madonna of Czestochowa** is a revered icon of the Blessed Virgin Mary. The original image is housed at a monastery in [Jasna Gora, Poland](#). The monastery has been a pilgrimage destination for hundreds of years. The Polish people have a great devotion to Our Lady and her Son. They continue to honor this miraculous image. The **Feast of Our Lady of Czestochowa** is celebrated on **August 26th**. Here is a beautiful Prayer to Our Lady of Czestochowa to be said each day upon rising.

Prayer to Our Lady of Czestochowa

"We fly to your patronage, O holy Mother of God;
do not reject our petitions in our necessities,
but deliver us always from all dangers,
O glorious and blessed Virgin.

Our Lady, our Patroness, our Mediatrix, our Joy!
Reconcile us to your Son, commend us to your Son, present us to your Son"