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THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF THE ARIZONA STATE COUNCIL

State Deputy's Message

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Brothers,

The Superbowl has come and gone. Hundreds of thousands attended the Phoenix Open. Another Valentine's Day and Arizona Statehood day are in the books. We have honored our founding presidents for the year. Arizona has experienced a winter snowstorm that left visible snow on the Superstitions, most of the mountains surrounding Phoenix and Tucson, and nearly all Northern Arizona. Now, we turn our attention to the Month of March and the four remaining months of this fraternal year.

Our first consideration, and priority, is our Lenten journey that begins Ash Wednesday, March 6th. This is a time for us to put behind all our earthly concerns, deny ourselves, fast, repent, and practice alms giving. Liturgically and biblically, this is the time that Jesus goes into the desert for 40 days to face and overcome temptation by the devil. Afterward, Jesus begins his public ministry, chooses his first disciples, and journeys to Jerusalem where he will ultimately be crucified, die for our sins, and is resurrected.

In the coming weeks, Councils will be asked to select delegates to the State Convention in May. Resolutions will need to be written and ratified by Council members. Do not wait until the last day to submit your delegate information or any resolutions to the State Council. This includes resolutions supporting brother Knights desiring to run for State Office.

The website for the State Convention on May 17-19, 2019 is active and can be found at <https://www.azkofcstateconvention.org>.

Register early and make your hotel reservations early.

Our membership numbers for the year are not where they should be at this point in the year. At last check, we had nearly reached the mid-point of our goal. With just a few short months remaining, we must kick our membership efforts into overdrive. Conduct your Spring membership drives this month, include recruitment as part of every Council program, and encourage every Knight to recruit at least one new member. Our goal is still attainable with your commitment and hard work.

I challenge you Grand Knights and District Deputies to claim your spot at the top. Grand Knights join your top five brothers: Gary Kluthe of Council 17036 at 350% of goal; Manual Chimal of Council 14804 at 325% of goal; Charles Goldsmith of Council 5221 at 250%; Javier Negrete of Council 1806 at 211%; and Lawrence Samson, Jr. at 150%. District Deputies give your brother Gonzolo Ortiz of District 28, who has posted a 122% increase over goal, some competition. Brother Knights, is there not one of you who can recruit more than the 18 members recruited by Albert Ustaszewski from Council 8305? Remember to submit the membership forms as soon as possible so that your efforts can be counted.



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This past month it was again my honor to recognize one Arizona Knight who exemplifies the principles of the order and embodies the virtues of Knighthood. Sir Knight Gonzalo Ortiz joined the Knight of Columbus in June 1985 and quickly advanced through all four degrees. As a member of Pope Pius XII Council #4737, he gained the distinction of having been elected Grand Knight seven times over the past 35 years. Gonzolo has been active in assisting the State Council grow the order. As the District 28 Deputy, his councils combined membership growth surpassed 122% above goal for the year.

He serves on the Southwest District membership board with Luis Leyva, Hispanic Membership Coordinator for Arizona. The extent of his volunteer activity is not narrowly focused within the Order. He has volunteered with the Society of St. Vincent de Paul for the past 15 years. He has also served in the Diocesan Board of Directors for six years, and on the board as President of the District. The list of his volunteer activities includes many other organizations. This man truly exemplifies Knighthood and for that reason I named him as the Class Honoree for February's Formation and Knighthood degrees in Chandler. Congratulation Gonzalo!

For the month of March, I ask you to focus on your Lenten journey, prepare for the State Convention, and conduct a successful spring membership drive. Let's meet our membership goal. Don't allow one Catholic

man to be without knowing the benefits of membership in the Knights of Columbus.

Vivat Jesus!

Tom Kalisz
State Deputy

March 6, 2019 – Ash Wednesday

Remember you are dust and to dust you shall return.

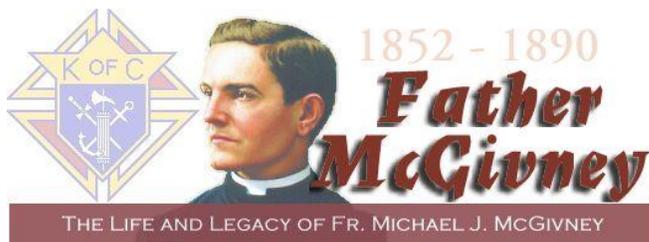


ASH WEDNESDAY

March 10, 2019 – First Sunday of Lent



March 29, 2019 – Founders Day





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Beginning of Lent

Lent is a solemn religious observance in the Christian liturgical calendar that begins on Ash Wednesday and ends approximately six weeks later, before Easter Sunday. The purpose of Lent is the preparation of the believer for Easter through prayer, doing penance, mortifying the flesh, repentance of sins, almsgiving, and self-denial. This event is observed in the Anglican, Eastern Orthodox, Oriental Orthodox, Lutheran, Methodist, and Catholic Churches. Some Anabaptist and evangelical churches also observe the Lenten season. Its institutional purpose is heightened in the annual commemoration of Holy Week, marking the death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus, which recalls the tradition and events of the New Testament beginning on Palm Sunday, further climaxing on Jesus' crucifixion on Good Friday, which ultimately culminates in the joyful celebration on Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of Jesus Christ.

In Lent, many Christians commit to fasting, as well as giving up certain luxuries in order to replicate the sacrifice of Jesus Christ's journey into the desert for 40 days. Many Christians also add a Lenten spiritual discipline, such as reading a daily devotional or praying through a Lenten calendar, to draw themselves near to God. The Stations of the Cross, a devotional commemoration of Christ's carrying the cross and of his execution, are often observed. Many Roman Catholic and some Protestant churches remove flowers from their altars, while crucifixes, religious statues, and other elaborate religious symbols are often veiled in violet fabrics in solemn observance of the event. Throughout Christendom, some adherents mark the season with the traditional abstention from the consumption of meat, most notably among Lutherans, Roman Catholics and Anglicans.

Lent is traditionally described as lasting for 40 days, in commemoration of the 40 days Jesus spent fasting in the desert, according to the Gospels of Matthew, Mark and Luke, before beginning his public ministry, during which he endured temptation by Satan. Depending on the Christian denomination and local custom, Lent ends on the evening of Holy Thursday with Easter Vigil at sundown on Holy Saturday, on the morning of Easter Sunday, or at the midnight between them.



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Founder's Day – Fr. Michael J. McGivney

Michael Joseph McGivney (August 12, 1852 – August 14, 1890) was an American Catholic priest based in New Haven, Connecticut. He founded the Knights of Columbus at a local parish to serve as a mutual aid and fraternal insurance organization, particularly for immigrants and their families. It developed through the 20th century as the world's largest Catholic fraternal organization. The cause for his canonization started in the Archdiocese of Hartford in 1996; in March 2008, Pope Benedict XVI declared McGivney "Venerable" in recognition of his "heroic virtue".

He was born to Irish immigrant parents, Patrick and Mary (Lynch) McGivney. He was the eldest of 13 children, six of whom died in infancy or childhood. His father worked as a molder in a Waterbury, Connecticut brass mill. Michael attended the local Waterbury district school but left at 13 to work in the spoon-making department of one of the brass mills.

From his own experience, McGivney recognized the devastating effect on immigrant families of the untimely death of the father and wage earner. Many Catholics were still struggling to assimilate into the American economy. On March 29, 1882, while an assistant pastor at Saint Mary's Church in New Haven, Connecticut, McGivney founded the Knights of Columbus, with a small group of parishioners, as a mutual aid society, to provide financial assistance in the event of the men's death to their widows and orphans. The organization developed as a fraternal society. He was also known for his tireless work among his parishioners. McGivney died from pneumonia on the eve of the Assumption in 1890, when he was 38.

The Knights of Columbus was among the first groups to recruit blood donors, with formal efforts dating to 1937 during the Great Depression. As of 2013, the order has more than 1.8 million member families and 15,000 councils. During the 2012 fraternal year, \$167 million and 70 million man-hours were donated to charity by the order.



Prayer for Vocations

Lord Jesus, Son of the Eternal Father
and Mary Immaculate,
give to our young people the generosity
necessary to follow Your call and the
courage required to overcome all
obstacles to their vocation.
Give to parents that faith, love and spirit
of sacrifice which will inspire them to
offer their children to God's service and
to rejoice whenever one of their
children is called to the
priesthood or religious life.
May Your example and that of Your
Blessed Mother and Saint Joseph
encourage both young people
and parents and let Your grace
sustain them.

Amen.

Prayer for Our Priests

God, please give to your Church today
many more priests after your own
heart.
May they be worthy representatives of
Christ the Good Shepherd.
May they wholeheartedly devote
themselves to prayer and penance;
be examples of humility and poverty;
shining models of holiness;
tireless and powerful preachers of the
Word of God;
zealous dispensers of your grace in the
sacraments.
May their loving devotion to your Son
Jesus
in the Eucharist
and to Mary his Mother
be the twin fountains of fruitfulness
for their ministry.

Amen.

By St. John Vianney



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State Advocate – Tom Kato

Brothers,

Time is running out! There are a few councils that have the membership, but may not be able to get the Columbian Award because they have not completed the Safe Environment Training as required by Supreme.

I have received a lot of calls stating that people were removed. You have 45 days to complete the training! For Community and Family Directors, this includes filling out the form for a Background Check. If you haven't completed all 3 courses, you will be removed.

Safe Environment training is about keeping and maintaining a safe environment for everyone. If we are all vigilant, we can help prevent abuse cases from occurring. With 17,000 Knights of Columbus in the state of Arizona, we can make sure that our 4 Diocese are safe places for all. If you have not filled out your Service Personnel Program Report to identify your Program Director, Community Director, and Family Director, do it now! These men should be assigned so you can fully engage and execute "Faith in Action"!

Please let me know if you have questions.

Vivat Jesus!

Tom Kato

State Advocate

Arizona State Council

Knights of Columbus

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State Membership Director – Kevin McCarthy

My Brother Knights,

I have been speaking 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.

I'm helping you do a little bragging as well. Look at the homepage of our state web site. <http://www.kofc-az.org>. Along with how we're doing as a state, the Top 10 councils, Top District Deputy, and Top Recruiter are listed there. If you're on the list, congratulations! If not, work hard and get there!

Don't forget about setting up a new member prospect page which you can use at your recruiting events. All you need to do is described in an informative document you can download. Visit <http://kofcknights.or/States/ProspectLandingPages.pdf>. Including eMembers, we have slipped from 13th to 16th in the Order as a percent of our membership intake goal. Even with our still relatively high rank, we're slipping on our member intake over where we were at this time last year and have had a significant number of suspensions and withdrawals. While we always come in strong in the second half of the fraternal year, we have some hard work to do to reach our goals. We still need 498 members to reach our goal of 1000 new members, and if you do the math that's 124 new members each month for the remainder of the year. I know we can do it. It's just one member per council per month!

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.

Brothers, we have a lot of work to do to meet our membership goals. You should have your next membership drive scheduled. If you haven't, it's not too late, so plan it now! If you can't hold a formal Church Drive, be creative! If you host Sunday Donuts and Coffee, recruit there! If you host a Lenten fish fry or Lenten Soup, there's an opportunity to recruit. 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



State Program Director – Lawrence Powers – FAITH IN ACTION

Brother Knights,

We are rapidly approaching Lent Is your Council on track for the Columbian Award? There are four required programs that each Council must complete to qualify. This month we are featuring a program perfect for the season Novena for Life:



Overview

The protection of life is a sustained prayer intention of the Church, and in particular of the Knights of Columbus. Knights remain firmly committed to defending the right to life of every human being – from the moment of conception to natural death. To commemorate and bolster this important cause, councils will promote a novena, nine days of sustained prayer, to build up a culture of life in our parishes, homes and wider community.

Action Steps

Working with your pastor, obtain his recommendations on conducting a Novena for Life. Consider using novenas provided by the USCCB, such as the 9 Days for Life Novena in January.

Set a date for the novena. Consider incorporating it as part of the council's participation in a 40 Days for Life campaign or schedule it to precede a major feast day or pro-life event.

Plan the schedule, events, and activities for the novena. Visit www.kofc.org/novena to explore resources for potential intentions, reflections, events and more. Requirements for the nine days are broad and should be molded to suit your parish and community. Keep the following recommendations in mind when planning your Novena for Life:

Anchor the beginning and end of the nine days with public church services like a Mass or rosary
Consider organizing a social activity during the novena for the parish to come together and celebrate life

Involve members of many parish organizations, especially the parish school and religious education leaders, in promoting and participating in the novena and services

Invite members of local culture of life groups to join in your novena and services

Order Prayer for Life Prayer Cards (#4665) through Supplies Online, the supply ordering portal available on Officers Online, and distribute them to members of the parish. Have these prayer cards available the week prior to the start of the novena, at the opening church service and at all associated activities. Also place a good supply of prayer cards in your church and council hall.



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Prior the start of the novena, use the sample press release as a model to create and distribute a tailored release to local media.

Build public interest for the event! Promote the Novena for Life 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

Posting on your council and parish website / social media pages.



Good Friday Family Program

Brothers Now is the Time to plan for the Good Friday Family Program:

A Higher Purpose

Bring families into more robust practice and better understanding of the Catholic faith and the Easter services. In an effort to increase attendance and involvement, Knights of Columbus councils will conduct a promotional campaign to educate their parishes on the vital importance of Good Friday.

Overview

Despite Good Friday's central role in the heart of Christianity, attendance at services remains low. In an effort to change this, councils will encourage participation in Good Friday services through a promotional campaign. Setting an example for their community, Knights will attend Good Friday services with their families and work with their pastors to encourage increased parishioner involvement at these liturgies. In conjunction with these efforts, councils will also work to educate their parishes about the plight of Christians in the Holy Land and other areas around the globe where Christians are persecuted for their faith.

Working with your pastor, obtain his recommendations on conducting the Good Friday Family Promotion program.

Plan a thoughtful promotional campaign to encourage parishioners and the greater community to attend church services at your parish on Good Friday. Incorporate a call to action to support Christians struggling in the Middle East today.



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Promote Good Friday in your parish and larger community through a variety of efforts:

Beginning on Ash Wednesday, promote Good Friday services at Friday Fish Fries and other parish and council meetings and events throughout the Lenten season. Be sure to give plenty of reminders in the weeks leading up to Good Friday.

Ask council members to take direct action and encourage their family and friends to attend.

Provide council members and the parish community a copy of Christ: Lord and Savior (#358) to help them contemplate who Jesus is and the sacrifices he made.

Have the Christian Refugee Relief Prayer Cards (#10340) available in the parish and council hall to raise visibility of the issues affecting the Middle East.

Request the contact information for elderly, sick or non-driving parishioners from your pastor and assist them in attending Good Friday services.

Prior to Good Friday, use the sample press release as a model to create and distribute a tailored release to local media.

Prominently display the Promotional Poster By Your Holy Cross (#10573) in your parish and council hall. This resource can be ordered through Supplies Online, the supply ordering portal available on Officers Online.

Develop bulletin announcements explaining the central nature of Good Friday.

Make pulpit announcements on the central nature of Good Friday.

Post on your council and parish website / social media pages.

Set the example in your parish! Organize council members and their families to celebrate the Good Friday services together.

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.

If you have any questions or need any assistance please reach out to me.

Vivat Jesus!

Larry Powers
State Program Director
Programs@kofc-az.org



Ultrasound Initiative Program Chairman – Joseph Kramer – FAITH IN ACTION

On February 5th, the Most Reverend Thomas J. Olmsted, Bishop of Phoenix, consecrated the new ultrasound machine at the Aid to Women Center in Tempe. While he was at it, he blessed every room in the pregnancy center, starting with the back wall of the chapel. This is significant because it is on the other side of that wall that the killing of many an unborn has taken place. It was great to see so many families and children in attendance. I want to especially thank State Deputy Tom Kalisz, District Deputy Dominic Conn, and the multitude of Knights that also attended. I also want to thank all the Knights who worked so hard in raising the funds necessary to purchase this machine.

Brother Knights, we currently have about half the funds needed to be able to buy another machine. State Program Director Larry Powers and I are starting the process of deciding, on the basis of need, into which Arizona pregnancy center the next machine will be installed. But there will be no next machine without your help. As we have been stating at state meetings for the last year, it's possible for your Council to raise funds with little or no outlay from the Council's coffers. And whatever the outlay, you can replenish your funds and just send me the profits.

As the Ultrasound Initiative is all about saving babies, I thought tracing Jesus's time in the womb would be appropriate. The feast of the Annunciation is March 25th. This is Jesus's first week: "This is the week Jesus came into existence as a human being. Through a biological mystery that no earthly person will fully understand, the power of the Holy Spirit overshadowed Mary and caused her to conceive. How fortunate we all are that she said yes." – from 9 Months with Christ in the Womb, Archdiocese of Cincinnati, with permission.



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

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

Our Guest Speaker this year is Fr. Robert A. Gonzalez. Fr Gonzalez was born on March 12, 1952 in Pomona California, the first of 4 children to Guadalupe Gonzalez Ybarra and Jessie Soto Macias. Raised in a devout Catholic family in the Diocese of Tucson, early, as a boy he sensed the calling to be a priest. He attended Regina Cleri High School Seminary in Tucson; then the major seminary at the Pontifical College Josephinum in Columbus, Ohio.

Ordained in 1978 he did pastoral work in the Diocese of Tucson until 1985. He then began post-graduate studies at the Pontifical Gregorian University in Rome, where he completed a doctorate in philosophy which he earned with Summa Cum Laude distinction in 1990. Subsequently he was professor of philosophy at the Josephinum until 2005; having also served for a period of time as Vice Rector of the College of Liberal Arts.

Fr. Gonzalez then returned to the Diocese of Tucson and is currently serving as parochial vicar at St. John the Evangelist parish in Tucson, Arizona; a dynamic parish well-known for its catechesis on the Virgin of Guadalupe; and well as its Guadalupe pastoral praxis. Father Gonzalez is concluding studies on the Nican Mopohua and on the image of the Virgin of Guadalupe. This he has used during his ministry there with all age groups.

Fr. Gonzalez has also done pastoral work in the Archdiocese of München-Freising. Besides English, he is fluent in Spanish, German and Italian. We are looking forward to hearing from him this year.

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 for \$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.



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

Our Co-chairs: Karen McEwen and Frank Islas in Tucson and Danny Haywood and Greg Mattingly in Phoenix, are currently working to establish meeting dates, times and places for Parish Rep Meetings as well as Steering Committee meetings. The first Steering Committee in Phoenix will be April 4, at the Knights Hall at 49th and Northern Avenues at 7:00 PM. More to follow on all the dates for Phoenix and Tucson.

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: www.azrosary.net.

Pray for the success of Rosary Celebration.

Larry Costanzo
Chairman, AZ Rosary Celebration



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Knights of Columbus State Free Throw Championship 2019

Worthy Brother District Deputies,

You are the lead officer in charge of the program for your District. Please be sure the following is carried out for as successful KofC event.

Grand Knights: Within a week after your Council event, forward/scan all the **WINNERS** entry forms/score sheets to your District Deputy. He will need this information for the District level Free Throw Championship which should be scheduled in February.

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 event.** If there is no District Championship, because only one council in your District participates, it is your responsibility to mail/scan the 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 Winners 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 Championship will be:

DATE: March 9, 2019

**PLACE: Brophy College Preparatory
4701 N. Central Ave. Phoenix, AZ 85012**

TIME: Sign-in is between 9:15 – 10 a.m. Start time 10 a.m.

Award Ceremony will be immediately after the event. Lunch will be offered by St. Joseph's Youth Camp.

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

Tom Bayham

State Free Throw Chairman, tmb@tuslaw.com



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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

Goodyear AZ 85395-8369

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.

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Rick Garrison

State Awards Chairman

480-522-7064

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Next Two Months Challenges – March and April, 2019

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**
- **Family of the Month** - Entries due to Fraternal Mission Department by March 15th

April 2019

Things to Accomplish

- Council First Degree Week
- Council Church Drive
- Conduct a Charitable Service Program in honor of our founder Fr. Michael J. McGivney
- Complete judging in State Service Program Awards



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

Saturday, March 9, 2019, at St Jerome Catholic Church, 10815 N 35th Ave, Phoenix, AZ 85029-4258 Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen Council #7465 will host exemplification.

POC: DD Raul M. Chavez at (623) 693-8589 or kofc3855az@gmail.com NLT March 6, 2019

Saturday, April 27, 2019, at San Francisco de Asis Parish, Flagstaff, AZ 86001 Council #1229

POC: DD Paul Holbrook #23 Email: paulh1339@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:

Tentatively scheduled for June 1, 2019, Tucson, AZ



Special Events – 2019

112th Arizona Knights of Columbus Convention

May 17th & 18th, 2019

Sheraton Crescent Phoenix North Mountain, Phoenix, AZ

Delegate Forms are due to State Secretary NLT April 2, 2019.

Hotel reservations due NLT April 25, 2019.

All registrations and payments are due NLT May 3, 2019.

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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"