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Knights of Columbus of Arizona

August Advisory 2024-2025

State Deputy

Brothers Knights,

What an exciting month July has been! We started the year with the new theme of “Faith Transforms Culture” asking men to use their inner transformation of self to drive the outer transformation of the culture. During the middle of the month, the 10th Eucharistic Congress took place in Indianapolis. And we ended the month with a successful Men’s Conference in the White Mountains!

We found out that we ended up the previous fraternal year with 42 Star Councils and 6 Star Districts! Thank you to all who are maintaining Arizona’s streak of excellence and commitment to Blessed Michael McGivney’s vision. You certainly have let your Faith rise over the Culture.

Although the state council did not participate in the National Eucharistic Congress, there were individuals who had. Fortunately, through modern technology, we were able to experience the congress virtually through the multiple channels including TV and the internet. With over 50,000 people in attendance for our Lord and Savior, the congress was truly a transformative experience. Make sure to take the chance to watch the congress on YouTube by searching for Eucharistic Congress 2024. There are some really enlightening presentations including Arizona’s own Sister Bethany Madonna from the Sisters of Life.

Don’t let the excitement and joy of the Congress stop there! Deepen and enrich your faith by attending adoration in your parishes or adding in a daily mass or two each week. Let the glow from the Congress keep your hearts afire so you can spread the joy of Jesus to all.

Thank you to all the councils that have invited me and the fellow state officers to attend your installation of council officers. If you have not done it yet, please schedule yours. It is one of the most important events you will do during the fraternal year as you make your commitment to your council, your parish, and to



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Jesus to grow your council, do good works in the name of Jesus, and bring yourself closer to Him.

While it is hot out, during the month of August, I challenge each member to look around the pew he sits in at church and invite that man closest to you to join the Knights of Columbus. Tell him your experience and how the Knights have changed your life. Engage him in conversation! Talk to him about all the great activities your council performs throughout the year. Ask him what his interests are. Let him know that the council is inviting him to become part of something great that can change and enhance his life! Get that man in early so you can have him participate in all your activities you have planned for the year!

We are coming up to Blessed Michael McGivney's feast day on August 13. Yes, this is a Tuesday, but see what you can do to help celebrate it! Go as a council to celebrate daily mass and go out to breakfast after. Ask your priest to celebrate a special mass in the evening and have a gathering after. [Pray a 9 day novena](#) starting August 5 and ending with Mass on August 13.

I want to thank you and your councils for all the hard work you are doing so far! Keep those programs going. [Don't forget to fill out the 10784!!](#) Together, we will have our Faith Transform the Culture!

Vivat Jesus!

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Greetings, Brothers All!

It's hard to believe that we are already a month into the new fraternal year! I have a few reminders for you:

- You will receive your First Half State Per Capita Mid-August. It will be emailed to the Financial Secretary of record with Supreme and to the Grand Knight. **If you are the former holder of these roles, and receive the email, please forward it to your successor.** State Per capita is how the State Council's work is funded. Please pay this bill promptly. You get a rebate credit if you pay the bill within a month of the billing date. The assessment is \$5.50 per billable member per half. Inactive members are \$2.25 per half. Honorary Life and Disabled members are not charged. Disabled members must be defined through Form 1831 with Supreme. Billing is based on Council Membership as of July 1. Thank you!
- One of the delays we have is with the billing is waiting for the State Directory to be filled out. If you have not done so, you can fill out here:
<https://www.cognitofrms.com/StateWebArizona/DirectoryInformation>
- Per Capita payments *do not* require a council vote.
- If you have not done so, make sure you deposit your council Per Diem check from the State Convention. Checks older than 6 months will be voided.
- Also, please make sure you have given your Charity Raffle Checks to your chosen Charities. Encourage them to deposit them as soon as possible and remind them that checks older than 6 months will be voided. Each year a few checks are never cashed. Let's make sure our Charities get the funds they deserve.

We're all looking forward to a successful fraternal year and are eager to get to work. I'm sure we're excited to show Arizona that our Faith can truly Transform our Culture.

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Brothers,

Knights of Columbus Supreme Council requires every Council to be in compliance with their Save Environment Program. The first step in this process is the completion of Forms 185 and 365. Has your council completed the required these forms?

Typically, when I ask this question of a Grand Knight the answer is “yes”. Unfortunately, Supreme records don’t always agree. Councils that have not submitted a Form 185 (Officers Chosen for Current Fraternal Year) are 1189, 3395, 3510, 5313, 5542, 6858, 7114, 9995, 11858, 12078, 15376, 16061, 17370, 17491, 17493, 17502, 17715 and 17855.

Council that has not submitted a Form 365 (Program Personal Form) are 1189, 1882, 2493, 3121, 3395, 3510, 4260, 5195, 5313, 5542, 6933, 7114, 7904, 8091, 8813, 8854, 9467, 9482, 9678, 9995, 11858, 12313, 13272, 13719, 13836, 13895, 14139, 14357, 16061, 16856, 17005, 17370, 17491, 17493, 17715, 17855 and 18065.

If your Council number is listed above and you believe your council has submitted the required forms, you call 203 752-4210 and ask what the problem is. Your District Deputy is also available to assist.

If you have not submitted the forms what needs to be done?

- **Officers Chosen Form 185**

- The Financial Secretary should use Officer Online – Member Management – Council Administration - Council Officers
- Every position on this form does not need to be filled.
- A GK is required, other than that send in what you have and send in an update when additional positions are filled.



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- **Service Program Personnel Form 365**

- The Financial Secretary should use Officer Online – Member Management – Council Administration - Service Program Personnel
- Every position on this form does not need to be filled.
- The Grand Knight, Program, Community, and Family Directors are required to do online training.
- Community and Family Directors must also do background.
- The Grand Knight may fill one of the other three positions if necessary

Safe Environment Compliance

- Training should be completed no later than September 1, 2024.
- Supreme Safe Environment Training **and** Diocese Safe Environment Training are separate trainings. Also, all 3 dioceses have different trainings. Completing one does not fulfill any of the requirements for another.
- Council Knights in key leadership roles are required to complete Supreme Safe Environment Training through Praesidium Academy. This includes GK, FN, Program, Family, and Community Directors.
- The Supreme Safe Environment Training is initiated when Forms 185 and 365 are submitted to Supreme. The GK, Program, Community, and Family Directors will receive an email with instructions on how to complete the Praesidium Academy training.
- You will receive an email from donotreply@praesidiuminc.com. Please check your Spam/Junk folders if you have not received after filling out the Form 365.



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- Once the instruction email is sent, the link will expire if not completed in 45 days. If that happens a new 365 needs to be sent to start the process over again.
- Any knight that may have contact on **diocese** property with children or vulnerable adults must complete **diocese** training.
- Do *not* assign a man to a position that requires training that he is not willing to complete. The GK should have this conversation before sending the 185 or 365.
- Contact Worthy State Advocate Bobby Nielsen if you are having issues with a man reluctant to complete training.

Fraternally,

Bobby Nielsen

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There Is a Cure For The Summertime Blues: Hold A Church Membership Drive!!!!

Brothers,

The summer months in many parts of Arizona can be brutally hot. I've heard of many councils "closing up shop" during the summer months and resuming activities in late September/early October when the weather becomes more agreeable. Unfortunately, by that time, 25% of the Fraternal Year has gone by and councils now have to scramble over the remaining 9 months to reach Membership, Program, and Insurance goals to qualify for Star Council Awards. But it doesn't have to be like that!!!

Here are some tips to help councils "*Beat the Heat*" and run successful Church Membership Drives during the summer, getting you off to a fast start in reaching your goals:

- 1) Advertise Your Upcoming Drive in the Bulletin. Let men know you are going to be there, even in the heat, to bring men closer to God.
- 2) Hand out bottles of water to parishioners as they enter Church before Mass.
- 3) Arrange to have a room inside the Church/School/Campus where interested men can talk to our recruiters out of the sun and the heat.
- 4) Have Knights stationed at all exit doors, handing out more water as parishioners leave, as well as guiding/taking interested men and their wives to the team of "Closers" indoors.
- 5) Follow Up with all Prospects/Candidates and hold a C-U-F Ceremony that week.

Remember, you never know when the Holy Spirit will inspire a man to join the Order. God does not take summers off. Why should we??

The State Team is here to assist you and your councils in any way possible in inviting new members this year. We have developed some exciting incentives as our way of saying "Thank You" for all you do to grow the Order in Arizona

Membership Director



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(see following pages). Please start planning your Church Membership Drives now, and post them on our State Calendar. Our State Team will be glad to attend as many Drives as possible, but we have to know about them to do so!

www.kofc-az.org/events-calendar

Please reach out with any questions or needs you might have. I look forward to working closely with you all this year.

Vivat Jesus!! Viva Cristo Rey!!

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Church Membership Drive Playbook

2-3 Weeks Prior

- Post dates of church drive on state calendar
- Run ads in church bulletin every week
- Organize teams of 6-8 brother knights for each mass
- Invite the Field Agent to help out
- Ask pastor/priests to promote the knights and encourage men to join

Day Of Event

- Greet parishioners before each mass
- Hand out K of C info to men and prayers cards to the ladies & children
- With Pastor's permission, give a 2-3 minute pulpit speech (note: have your best speaker do it, not always the GK)
- Conclude pulpit announcement by reciting prayer on prayer card handed out (members distribute more during speech)
- Cover all exits after mass. Greet everyone but identify men that might be interested
- Funnel prospects to the "closers" on your team. Have agent code and team membership numbers available.
- Assist candidates with completing on-line membership ***and*** have candidate confirm while standing there
- Congratulate and welcome your new brother knight (and his family) with a smile and firm handshake!!

The Following Sunday

- Host A C-U-F Degree Ceremony immediately after the last mass of the day
- Have The Ceremony in the church, of possible
- Host a luncheon/desserts & coffee/social event immediately after ceremony ends. This will give you a chance to meet and learn about the new member and allow him to meet and greet his new brother knights!
- Ask new brothers to introduce themselves and their families before eating
- Have FinSec hand out membership cards before new members depart

We are finding that by following this playbook (with modifications unique to each council), we are having more success at not only getting members to join, but also getting them engaged early, providing the council with an influx of active members looking for programs to participate in.



Monthly Incentives!

Monthly-All Members

Knights of Columbus Books

- One Entry For Each New Member
- One Winner Each Month

Monthly-District Deputies

K of C Cooler Bag

- One Entry For Each Council That Recruits A New Member
- One Winner Each Month

Quarterly-All Members

K of C Silver Watch

- One Entry For Each New Member Recruited That Quarter
- One Winner Each Quarter

Quarterly-District Deputies

K of C Duffel Bag

- One Entry For Each Council That Meets Quarterly Membership Goal
- One Winner Each Quarter

1st Quarter-Councils

\$200 for Coats for Kids

- Achieve 25% of Goal for Q1
- One Winner Drawn

2nd Quarter-Councils

\$300 for Sleep in Heavenly Peace

- Achieve 50% of Goal for Q2
- One Winner Drawn

3rd Quarter-Councils

\$500 for ASAP

- Achieve 75% of Goal for Q3
- One Winner Drawn

4th Quarter-Councils

\$500 for Global Wheelchair Mission

- Achieve 100% of Goal by 5/31/25
- One Winner Drawn

Quarterly-All Councils

Knights of Columbus Personalized Canopy

- Councils Are Eligible After Hosting a Church Membership Drive During The Quarter

- Council ***MUST*** Post The Church Drive On The State Drive Calendar At Least Two Weeks Prior To The Event

- One Winner Drawn Each Quarter



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Attached is the Ad for August. Ask this to be put in bulletins, social media, website, where ever someone can get to it.

There is one man who changed the world



Every man can make a positive impact in someone's life.



Knights gathering supplies to help victims of the San Carlos fires

*Be that man! Become a Knight
Prayerfully consider joining the Knights of
Columbus!*



www.kofc-az.org
<https://www.facebook.com/azknightsforcolumbus>

One year FREE online membership
<https://www.kofc.org/joinus>
Promo Code: BlessedMcGivney



Please be sure to attend your District Meetings where you can learn more about the exciting programs and incentives for the year!



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Arizona Pilgram ICON Program

Brothers,

Has your District or Council (even your Assembly) hosted the Pilgram ICON? Every few years, the Knights of Columbus selects an Icon of a saint whose patronage is particularly inspiring to Knights and their communities. We all know that the current Icon that was sent out by Supreme a couple of years ago is that of St. Joseph. Many Districts and Councils throughout the state have hosted this Icon. Has yours?

Did you know that we have a few more (older Icon) that are available for display/devotion? We have:

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|--------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| 1. Holy Family | 4. Our Lady of Charity |
| 2. Immaculate Conception | 5. Our Lady of Persecuted Christians |
| 3. St Joseph | 6. Our Lady of Guadalupe |

We have also made it easier for the numbers to be reported. We know that the reporting of numbers hasn't happened as often as it should. SO..... This is what we are going to do. Once your District/Council/Assembly has hosted an Icon, you will provide to our Icon Chairman the location of the Icon (ie: your Parish, Council Meeting, ETC) and the rough number of people that viewed or participated in your Prayer Program. The Icon Chairman will file the report.

Would hosting one of the Icon's fulfill one of your COR requirements? Of course.

Your State Icon Chairman is PSD/FMFD Bryant Sayers. He can be reached to reserve an Icon at aziconprogram01@gmail.com He knows that many of you would like to host Our Lady of Guadalupe and the Holy Family ICON in December. Just so you know They are already booked for this Fraternal year in December.... But wait..... Why can't you Host them at any other time?

Reference the links below:

[10682-pilgrim-icon-guidesheet.pdf \(kofc.org\)](#)

[Cor Structure | Knights of Columbus \(kofc.org\)](#)



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Arizona Rosary Celebration

www.azrosary.net

The planning committees for AZ Rosary Celebration 2024 are in full swing as our members in both Tucson and Phoenix have begun meeting and organizing for the big event. We will honor Mary under her title of: Mary, Queen of Peace. We have secured our Guest Speaker for this year, and some of you might remember Fr. Zachary from a few years ago. Fr. Zachary, of the Mother of God, is a Priest of the Society of Our Lady of the Most Holy Trinity (SOLT). He is a former Attorney at Law in the State of California and testifies that he has experienced the Infinite Mercy of God in a profound and personal way. You do not want to miss his talks.

We have had great turnout of Parish Reps at our planning meetings which leads us to hope that this year's celebration will be outstanding in both Dioceses. Be sure to mark your calendars now so that you don't forget that we have a change of date this year and also change of location in Tucson. Rosary celebration will be at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church in Tucson on October 26, 2024 and at the Convention Center in Phoenix on October 27, 2024.

Soon you will see our Rosary Celebration Posters in various locations, as well as a major program to get the information in the schools.

As Chairmen, I have to make the pitch for all of us start canvassing friends, acquaintances and businesses for ads in the Program Book. Consider taking an ad in the Program Book as this covers most of the funding for the event.

For any event to be successful, it takes the first step to get the plan in motion and a parade to see it thorough to the finish. Please help us to make this 49th Rosary Celebration a great stepping stone to our 50th year Celebration.

But most important, pray for success of Rosary Celebration.

Larry Costanzo
ARC Chairman
lcostanzo1@cox.net



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Arizona Rosary Celebration



Let's Pray the Rosary, Arizona!



49th Annual Arizona Rosary Celebration

Honoring Mary under her title, Our Lady, Queen of Peace

Saturday, October 26, 2024 in Tucson | Sunday, October 27, 2024 in Phoenix

AD FORM / INVOICE

Name as it appears in the ad: _____

Contact Person: _____ Date: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Email: _____ Phone: _____

SIZE	PRICE	DIRECTORY/CATEGORIES:	
<input type="checkbox"/> Full Page (7.5" width x 10" height)	\$ 400	<input type="checkbox"/> Business	<input type="checkbox"/> Family
<input type="checkbox"/> Half Page (7.5" width x 5" height)	\$ 200	<input type="checkbox"/> K of C	<input type="checkbox"/> Catholic Organization/ Devotions
<input type="checkbox"/> Quarter Page (3.75" width x 5" height)	\$ 100	<input type="checkbox"/> Church	<input type="checkbox"/> Other Organization
<input type="checkbox"/> Quarter Page (7.5" width x 2.5" height)	\$ 100	<input type="checkbox"/> Religious Shop	
<input type="checkbox"/> Eighth Page (3.75" width x 2.5" height)	\$ 50	<input type="checkbox"/> Legion of Mary	

- It is very important that your ad conform to the size requirements listed.
- Be sure your ad does not contain copyrighted images.
- The approved image of Our Lady Queen of Peace will be provided upon request.
- The program book is printed in black and white. Color graphics should be converted to gray scale.
- Ad should be submitted as a high resolution PDF as well as in format it was created in.

Ads must be submitted electronically.
Email to: KofCRick.Garrison@gmail.com

Send this form, payment and a copy of your ad to:
Rick Garrison
Knights of Columbus
2400 N. Bullard Ave., #1162
Goodyear, AZ 85395-3363

Questions? Contact Rick Garrison by email at KofCRick.Garrison@gmail.com or call 480-522-7064

Make check payable to:
Arizona Rosary Celebration.

This is a 501(c)(3) organization. Donations are deductible as allowed by law.

For Knights of Columbus use:
Cost of Ad: \$ _____ Use Last Year's Ad: _____
Amount Paid: \$ _____ Ad Copy Attached: _____
Check #: _____ Ad Copy Emailed: _____

Deadline: September 13, 2024

Ads subject to approval by the Committee.



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Knights of Columbus Football with the Arizona Cardinals

Sunday, September 15th at 1:05pm

The Arizona Knights of Columbus and the Arizona Cardinals are excited to share exclusive discounts for the Home Opener against the Los Angeles Rams on Sunday, September 15th. Come join us in Sections 424 and 431. Please note Section 424 is a Family Section.

How it Works: Choose the section where you'd like to be seated. All tickets are discounted to a Group Rate that saves you anywhere from 5-20% off the SeatGeek price! Complete our easy purchase process. Tickets arrive instantaneously into a SeatGeek account with the email you use to purchase. If you don't have a SeatGeek account, one will be created for you upon purchase.

Ticket Delivery: You will receive an email from SeatGeek/Project Admission with instructions to access your tickets through your Arizona Cardinals SeatGeek account. For all questions, or to purchase more than 9 seats, please contact: Ashanti Grayer - (602) 726-9965 - agrayer@cardinals.nfl.net

Spread the word!!

Here is the link to order tickets!

<https://pa.exchange/marketplace/7360bd5c-4478-11ef-96ab-bfd7a86f3066/storefront/7360bee2-4478-11ef-ae1d-6f2b3dc76bd5>



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Faith Transforms Culture – The Design

The Eucharist is the center of the state. We need to keep Christ at the center of everything we do.

The word “Transforms” extends out from the Eucharist and wraps around the state. This transformation happens internally in each one of us so that we can transform those we encounter.

The rays coming from the Eucharist are symbolic of the colors of the State of Arizona.

- The Gold is the color of Jesus' Divinity. He is True God.
- The Red is the color of Jesus' blood: He is truly Human.

Blue is the color of Mary. We need to ask for Mary’s intercession to her Son by praying the Rosary often.

The baby feet are white to signify the pure innocence lost with every abortion that occurs. We will continue to support Life from Conception to Natural Death.



The Complete Knight Flywheel

From a mechanical side, the flywheel is a very heavy wheel that is used to generate and transfer energy to other parts of a machine. Once it starts spinning, it's hard to stop.

God is the center of all that he does, his **family** comes second, and self third

Each knight has to do each of the activities to keep that flywheel going: Recruitment, Engagement, Motivation, Evangelization, and Retention. The areas of focus for each of those activities are around Membership, Programs, Cor, and Insurance.

