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May 2019

State Deputy's Message

Brothers,

Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ is Risen! Alleluia! Alleluia! Indeed, the Son of Man has risen from the dead. As I write this, we have celebrated Christ's Divine Mercy and now move into the second week of Easter. Out of Christ's suffering and death we receive a path to eternal life through the forgiveness of sin; the institution of the Holy Eucharist, so that Christ can continue to feed us; and the institution of the priesthood, so that we can be nourished by the Word of God and be spiritually enriched. Easter marks the end of Jesus' earthly life, the gift of the new covenant, and the beginning of the early Catholic Church. God loves us so much, that he gave us all of this and so much more. Living our lives according to God's will is all that is asked of us.

I was drawn to our State Motto for the year, *"Faith in Action – Knights Serving God, Serving the Community."* When I penned this motto, I envisioned that as Knights we are an order of men of deep faith in our Lord and in His teachings. We take that foundation of our faith and build on it by putting it into action through our charity, our unity, and our fraternity. We are leaders in our Church, our Family, our Community. To be a member of the Order, at minimum, one must be over 18 years of age, a practical Catholic, and in union with the Holy See. I think one qualification is missing, and that is you must be "on fire" in your faith life. There should not be anything lukewarm about a Knight of Columbus.

Not only should we follow the precepts of the church and enjoy a sacramental life, but we must live our faith out in the world for everyone to see. We don't do our charitable work under the cloak of secrecy; no, our works are accomplished in the fullness of Christ's light. So, as we come into the final days of our fraternal year, take stock in how you've served God, your parish, your Church, and your community this year? Today, are you a better Catholic, parishioner, husband, father, Knight, employee, or student, than this time last year? Are you "on fire?"

Don't forget. The convention is just a few weeks away. The website for the State Convention on May 17-19, 2019 is active and can be found at <https://www.azkofcstateconvention.org>. Register soon as all registrations and payments must be received by Friday, May 3, 2019. Registrations received later than this date will be assessed an additional \$10.00 fee for late processing. The hotel will fill up fast, make your hotel reservations now, before it's too late. I look forward to seeing all my brothers at the Convention.

With just two months remaining, we have much work to be done. Remember to 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. Please contact Worthy State Warden and Membership Director Kevin McCarthy if you have questions or need help. He can be reached at statewarden@kofc-az.org.

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2019 State Convention of the Knights of Columbus Arizona State Council will be held on May 17-18 in Phoenix, AZ



Evangalization The Mission of Laity

That the lay faithful may fulfill their specific mission, by responding with creativity to the challenges that face the world today.



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State Deputy's Message (continued)

I challenge you Members, Grand Knights and District Deputies to claim your spot at the top. Grand Knights join these five brothers who are at the top: Gary Kluthe of Council 17036 at 450% of goal, Manual Chimal of Council 14804 at 325% of goal, Charles Goldsmith of Council 5221 at 267% of goal, Javier Negrete of Council 1806 at 211% of goal, or Joe Guerrero of Council 3510 at 180% of goal. 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 membership forms as soon as possible so that your efforts can be counted.

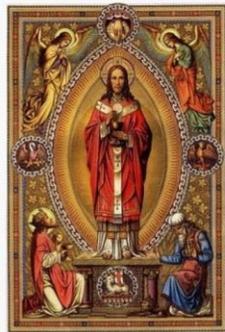
During a ceremony held last month at the New Tempe Aid to Women Center, Most Reverend Thomas J. Olmsted, Bishop of Phoenix, joined me and Joe Kendra, Executive Director for the Aid to Women Center to receive a new ultrasound machine. Local Knights and center Staff joined Bishop Olmsted in the blessing of the new Ultrasound machine. Bishop Olmsted congratulated the fundraising efforts of the Knights, and thanked center staff for their dedication in truly helping local pregnant women.

This is Aid to Women's second center and is right next door to the Tempe Planned Parenthood. They offer resources and compassionate care for those facing planned or unplanned pregnancies. The fundraising efforts of the Knights of Columbus in Arizona in combination with a 50% matching grant from the Supreme Headquarters made the purchase possible. I am grateful for the work done by the Aid to Women Center in caring for women during their pregnancy and the help they provide to make lifesaving choices and provide needed resources at a critical point in a woman's life.

Vivat Jesus!

Tom Kalisz
State Deputy

*In a Spirit of Joy and Thanksgiving,
The Most Reverend Thomas J. Olmsted and
Auxiliary Bishop, The Most Reverend Eduardo Nevares
invite you to join in the Mass of Ordination
to the Sacred Priesthood and Special Holy Hour
of our brothers in Christ.*



*Christopher Gossen
and
Br. Peter Teresa McConnell, FHS*



The Mass of Ordination to the Priesthood
will be celebrated on
Saturday, June 1, 2019
10:00 a.m.
Ss Simon & Jude Cathedral
6331 North 27th Avenue, Phoenix, AZ 85017

Holy Hour Vigil
Friday, May 31 - 6:30 p.m.
Ss. Simon & Jude Cathedral, Phoenix

First Mass of Fr. Christopher Gossen - Sunday, June 2, at 11:00 a.m.
St. Bernard of Clairvaux, Scottsdale
First parish assignment - Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Glendale
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First Mass of Fr. Peter Teresa, FHS - Saturday, June 1, at 6:00 p.m.
St. John the Baptist, Laveen
First parish assignment - St. John the Baptist, Laveen

The Mass of Ordination to the Transitional Diaconate
for Seminarians
Kevin Penkalski and Estevan Wetzel
will be on Sunday, May 26, 2019 - 9:00 a.m.
Ss Simon & Jude Cathedral





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Assistant State Chaplain – Father Gary Regula

He is Risen!

He is truly Risen!

The above words are familiar to us as they proclaim with great joy that Jesus Christ rose from the dead. Through his passion, death and resurrection he has destroyed sin and death. Death no longer has power over us; however, as the gladness of Easter Sunday was shaken in the churches (and other venues) in Sri Lanka many instead of proclaiming the resurrection were filled with doubts;

How could such senseless violence and death occur on the day when the Lord of life rose that we may all have life?

What should we do to fight back at such heinous and cowardly acts?

The answer lies in the words that Jesus first spoke as he entered the locked room where the disciples were. The words are few, but the message is profound: “Peace be with you.” Yes we who celebrate Christ as the Prince of Peace must be willing no matter what we face bringing his peace to the world. This is not simply extending our hand to those gathered with us on a Sunday at church, but it must be a hand outstretched with peace to everyone.

Hatred, retribution and the ‘eye for an eye’ mentality has never brought peace to this world. The buildup of greater weapons than our enemies have has never brought about peace. The simple gesture from the son of a carpenter, the Son of God, has brought peace. It may seem like it only lasted a moment as war and man’s inhumanity to man has seemed to be the broken record that has been played over the centuries and millennia.

However, nothing could be further from the truth as every Easter Sunday and throughout the Easter Season we proclaim our belief that the peace of Christ reigns in our hearts as we break down the doors to get into church instead of out. Every Sunday as we are inspired by the message of love by Christ we do believe from the depth of our being that the love of Christ changed the universe not once a long time ago but every time we are bearers of that love. Every time we raise a prayer begging God to bring all humanity together as one in Christ we echo the prayer Jesus raised to his Father in heaven.

May we celebrate the Easter Season that is ahead with our whole heart, mind and strength. May we proclaim the Gospel every day and as is said use words only when needed. May the beautiful words of Jesus be the first that leave our mouths every time we meet someone or read the paper or listen to the news on whatever media we tune in to. May our voice resound the beauty of the Easter season by saying like Christ,

“Peace be with you.”

Fr. Gary Regula, Pastor
Assistant State Chaplain
Arizona Knights of Columbus

***We see God in all and respond with compassion and service.
Vemos a Dios en todo y respondemos con compasión y servicio.***



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State Secretary – Mario Vassallo

Brothers,

I hope that you and your families had a joyous and blessed Easter.

As I write this report, with just over two weeks till the State Convention, I am glad to report that we are now down to only 4 councils that have not paid their State Per Capita. These councils have been contacted and I am confident that we'll have a clean slate by the time our Worthy State Deputy hits the gavel to start our Convention.

The State Delegates Form submission is way past due and forms are still trickling in. We currently have heard from about 70% of all councils. We would like to see a much higher participation and there is still time to send us your form.

The State Convention meetings can be attended by all third-degree brother knights, not just the Council Delegates. It is an opportunity to hear from the State Leadership what has been accomplished during the current fraternal year and changes that might be happening in the future. It is also time to meet with brothers from around the State, share ideas and do some camaraderie. I look forward to seeing many of you there.

Vivat Jesus!

Mario Vassallo

State Secretary

Arizona KofC State Council

Email: StateSecretary@kofc-az.org

St Gabriel the Archangel Council, 13286,
looks forward to hosting the
112th Annual
Arizona Knights of Columbus Convention
May 17-18, 2019

The location for this year's convention is the
[Sheraton Crescent Hotel in Phoenix \(North
Mountain\)](#)

All registrations and payments are due NLT May 3, 2019.
Check website at www.kofc-az.org for details and link to convention website.



Relic Pilgrimage of St. Jean Vianney's Incorrupt Heart

Knights of Columbus holding nationwide tour of Curé of Ars Heart

The Shrine of Ars, France, has entrusted to the Knights of Columbus the major relic of St. Jean Vianney's incorrupt heart for a national tour in the U.S., from November 2018 through early June 2019.

The Knights of Columbus welcomes this special opportunity to offer for veneration a major relic of the patron of parish priests, whose holiness and integrity is a model for clergy and laity alike.

Early Life and Struggles

Born in a small village in France in 1786, Jean Vianney and his family suffered through the dark years of the French Revolution, when the faith was attacked, churches were destroyed, and bishops, priests and religious martyred. So dangerous were the times that young Jean had to receive his first Holy Communion in secret from a faithful priest. Yet hardship only increased Jean's desire to serve Jesus and his people. After the Reign of Terror ended in France, and following the Napoleonic wars, young Jean entered the seminary, where he met with more obstacles. He found studies difficult, struggling especially with Latin, and was about to be dismissed from the seminary when an official of his diocese interceded. Knowing the young man to be earnest and prayerful, the vicar general asked the seminary rector some simple questions: "Is he pious? Has he a devotion to Our Lady? Does he know how to say his rosary?" The rector admitted that Jean was "a model of piety." The vicar general said that he should continue his studies and "the grace of God will do the rest." At Jean Vianney's ordination in 1815, the vicar general said, "The Church wants not only learned priests but, even more, holy ones."

The Curé of Ars

Father Vianney was assigned to the small farming community of Ars, whose parish consisted of 260 people. Walking along the road, towing a few possessions in a cart, he thanked a local boy who pointed him the way, saying, "You have shown me the way to Ars; I will show you the way to heaven." The political turbulence, anti-clericalism and religious skepticism of the age had taken their toll on the village, and the practice of the faith was poor. Father Vianney undertook a life of heroic penance and prayer to draw his people away from sin and closer to God. Known for his wise spiritual counsels and the gift of reading hearts, he soon became a "prisoner" of the confessional, hearing confessions for up to eighteen hours a day, as people came from across Europe and beyond to see him. He also exercised great charity, building an orphanage for homeless children and receiving beggars with an open heart and hand.

Due to his success in bringing souls to Christ, he became a target of the devil, who confronted the priest on various occasions. Undeterred, Father Vianney did not fall for the devil's tricks and dismissed strange events by saying, "It's just the devil."

Jean Vianney died on Aug. 4, 1859, at the age of 73. Nearly 1,000 people attended his funeral, including the bishop and priests of the diocese. On Oct. 3, 1873, Pope Pius IX proclaimed him Venerable, and on Jan. 8, 1905, Pope Pius X beatified him. St. Jean Vianney was canonized by Pope Pius XI on May 31, 1925. In 1929, the Holy Father declared him patron of parish priests. His feast day is August 4.

This special event will be at the following locations: (see each flyer for additional information)

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Sunday, May 5 – Ss Simon & Jude Cathedral Mass 9:00am, 11:00am & 1:00pm (Spanish)

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Sunday, May 5 – St. John Vianney Parish, Goodyear Veneration 4:00pm – 7:00pm

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Monday, May 6 – St. Anne Catholic Church, Gilbert Mass 8:00am – Veneration 8:00am – 10:00am

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Monday, May 6 – St. John of Arc Church, Phoenix Veneration 7:00pm – 9:00pm

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Prayer for Vocations

Prayers for vocations are for more men and women to dedicate themselves to serving our Lord and His flock in the religious life. Now more than ever, in these difficult times, “the world needs heroes,” as the New York Archdiocese’s Office of Vocations puts it. Our police and firemen are considered heroes when they save lives. Why not also think of our priests that way when they do so much to save souls?

As Christ once said, in sending out His disciples in ministry, “the harvest is great but the laborers are few” (Matt 9:37). We offer these prayers for vocations to help send more “laborers” to bring our Lord an abundant crop of people whose lives have been transformed by the graces they receive from our faith!

Lord Jesus Christ, Savior of the world, show forth, we beseech Thee in Thy Church the Holy Spirit with whose power the apostles were so abundantly filled. We thank Thee for the blessings bestowed upon the work of priests and religious; and we pray that Thou wilt add to the number of those who now pray, labor and sacrifice themselves for Thy glory and the salvation of souls. Give them unselfish zeal for Thy glory. O good Jesus, give us more priests and religious after Thine own Heart!

AMEN!



Prayer for Our Priests

Why say prayers for priests? Because, as St. John Vianney, the patron saint of parish priests, once said “After God, the priest is everything.” (He also once referred to the priest “the steward of the good God, the distributor of His wealth.”)

In administering the sacraments (which only they can do) and serving us, priests act, as we say, in persona Christi (that is to say, in the person of Christ), with our Lord working through their presence.

O Jesus, Eternal Priest, look down with love upon Thy priests. Fill them with burning zeal for the conversion of sinners.

Keep them within the shelter of Thy Sacred Heart. Keep unstained their anointed hands. which daily touch Thy Sacred Body. Keep unsullied their lips purpled with Thy precious Blood. Keep pure and unearthly their hearts sealed with the sublime marks of Thy glorious Priesthood. Let Thy holy love protect them from the world's contagion. Bless their labors with abundant fruit, and may the souls to whom they minister on earth be one day their joy and consolation in heaven.

AMEN!





Transitional Diaconate

Ordination to Priesthood

The Catholic community of the Diocese of Phoenix is cordially invited to attend the Mass of Ordination to the Transitional Diaconate for seminarians Kevin Penkalski and Estevan Wetzel.

The Most Rev. Thomas J. Olmsted, Bishop of Phoenix, invites you to attend this year's Mass of Ordination.

Transitional Diaconate Ordination
May 26 @ 9:00 am - 10:30 am

This special ceremony will take place at 10 a.m., on Saturday, June 1, at Ss. Simon and Jude Cathedral, 6351 N 27th Ave., Phoenix.

All are welcome to attend the Mass of Ordination.



Estevan Wetzel

- Parish:** Most Holy Trinity
- High School:** St. Mary's Catholic High School
- Grade School:** Most Holy Trinity
- Favorite Saint(s):** St. Thérèse of the Child Jesus and the Holy Face, Blessed Miguel Pro, St. Josemaria Escriva

Dcn. Christopher Gossen and Br. Peter Teresa McConnell, FHS, will be surrounded by hundreds of family, friends and supporters as they receive Holy Orders. They are among hundreds of others who will become Catholic priests this year throughout the United States.

Fr. Gossen's first Mass will be held at 11 a.m. on Sunday, June 2, at St. Bernard of Clairvaux, Scottsdale. He is assigned to Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Glendale.



Kevin Penkalski

- Parish:** Saint Rose Philippine Duchesne
- High School:** Boulder Creek High School
- Grade School:** New River Elementary School
- Favorite Saint(s):** Mary, Bl. John Paul II, St. Nicholas von Flüe, St. Michael, St. James, St. Jude, St. Louise de Montfort, St. Therese of Lisieux, Archbishop Fulton Sheen

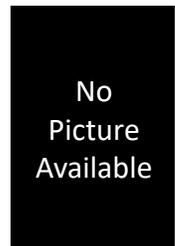
Fr. Peter Teresa's first Mass will be held at 6 p.m. on Saturday, June 1, at St. John the Baptist, Laveen. He is assigned to St. John the Baptist, Laveen.

Ordination is the sacramental ceremony in which Holy Orders will be conferred and our Transitional Deacons will become priests, enabling them to minister in Christ's name through the Church. The Rite of Ordination ceremony includes various rituals, rich in meaning and history.

Please continue to pray for vocations.



Deacon
Christopher Gossen



Brother
Peter Teresa
McConnell, FHS



Knights of Columbus Insurance – Nate Raso FICF General Agent

My good friend and brother Knight recently had this article published in the last issue of Knightline. The message was so profound, that I wanted to make sure that our Brothers in the State had another opportunity to read it. As we enter into the end of the Fraternal year working towards Star Councils, please remember you can always contact us at our State Office by phone 480-422-8452, or by AzKnights.com which will also detail your agent and his contact details. We look forward to closing out another resounding year and look forward to working together in 2019-2020. Happy Easter to all of my Brothers and their families. Thanks to those who have chosen to be proud members of the Knights of Columbus Insurance program and for those who we are currently working with towards a plan of protection and sound guarantees. We appreciate you backing the programs that allow us to do so much good for our Catholic Families, and our countless charitable efforts worldwide.

Vivat Jesus!
Nate Raso General
Agent Arizona



General Agent Dan Cabirac serves the New Orleans area.

http://www.kofc.org/un/en/resources/lc/knightline/knightline_20190401_en.pdf

See Page 7 for the article on Dan Cabirac



Associate State Membership Chairman – Bobby Nielsen

In late March and early April there were three Membership Town Hall meetings in the Phoenix area and one Membership Town Hall Meeting in Tucson. District Deputies, Council Officers and Council Members that attended were given information on the Delta Church Drive by Supreme Regional Training Director Ken White. State Retention Chairman, Len Rheaume spoke about retention and tools that are available to Councils with Knights that have become difficult to locate and retain. There was also time for questions. Worthy State Officers were at every meeting to answer these questions. In an attempt to make the Delta Church Drive information available to those that didn't attend the Membership Town Halls two Webinars were made available. This training is required before this church drive program can be used. As additional trainings are scheduled for the Delta Church Drive you will be notified.

There is great news for your Council from Supreme. Recruiting is hard work, Supreme wants to recognize and reward you in a way that expresses their appreciation for all you do. Specifically, the Supreme Council will offer its Star Council Per Capita rebate program again for the 2018-2019 fraternal year. If your Council earns the Star Council Award it will receive a \$4.50 credit (\$3.50 per capita and \$1 Catholic Advertising) for each billable member on your roster as of July 1, 2019. To review the Star Council requirements go to: <http://www.kofc.org/en/members/programs/council-activities/starcouncil-award.html>

Our overall recruitment numbers are behind last year. That tells me that our Councils are shrinking. 27 Councils have not recruited one new member this fraternal year. But there is time; Arizona always recruits strong this time of year. Use the Delta Church Drive information, if you have been trained; if not just do it the old fashioned way and talk to people! Use other church activities, with approval of your Pastor, and find those men that need the Knights of Columbus. We have the need, we have the tools, and we have the desire, so lets keep each Council strong and growing.

The Online Membership program has been a great success and is being used by many Councils as a recruiting tool. This is a great way to get a new Knight involved without waiting for weeks or months for a scheduled degree ceremony. Arizona has taken in 117 new Brother Knights through Online Membership in the last 10 months, that's over 17% of the new members taken in during that period. Make sure your Council Officers with access to the Supreme website are regularly checking the Prospect area and getting those Online Members to an Admissions Degree. There are currently 47 men that have been registered as Prospects waiting for 34 different Councils to contact them. Online Membership is here, its useful and we need it!

The 2019 Membership Tournament Challenge was organized by Supreme and started April 1, 2019. This was a NCAA Bracket type challenge putting Arizona against Alaska in the first round. In 2 weeks Arizona had 52 new members and Alaska had 8 new members. 52 new members in 2 weeks is a great number Brothers, unfortunately for us the rules state "the jurisdiction that posts the highest intake gain (as percentage of their quota) during that period, will win the match", and in this case Alaska had a 6.4% gain compared to our 5.47% gain. But on a positive note there are consolation prizes for the jurisdiction that have the most intake gains. So lets keep building our Councils and see what happens!

I was recently told that Council's recruiting new members wasn't for the benefit of Supreme, it wasn't for the benefit of the State, it was for the benefit and future existence of that Council. And I couldn't agree more! In the past few KOCOA publications State Warden Kevin wrote about the new prospect landing page that's available to every Council. All Councils need this tool and it couldn't be easier to get.

Take a minute and go to <http://kofcknights.org/States/ProspectLandingPages.pdf> to get all of the information needed to get your Council landing page. In May the State Convention will be in Scottsdale, Arizona. I will be at the State Membership area and I ask everyone to come by and say hello. I am a proud Knight of Columbus, and I thank you for all you do.

Vivat Jesus! Bobby Nielsen - Associate Membership Chairman



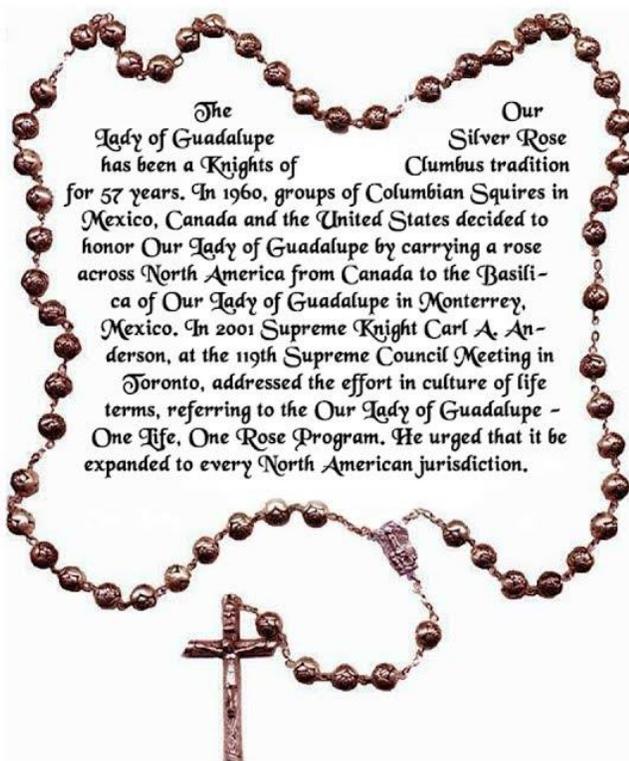
Silver Rose Chairman – Bob Julien



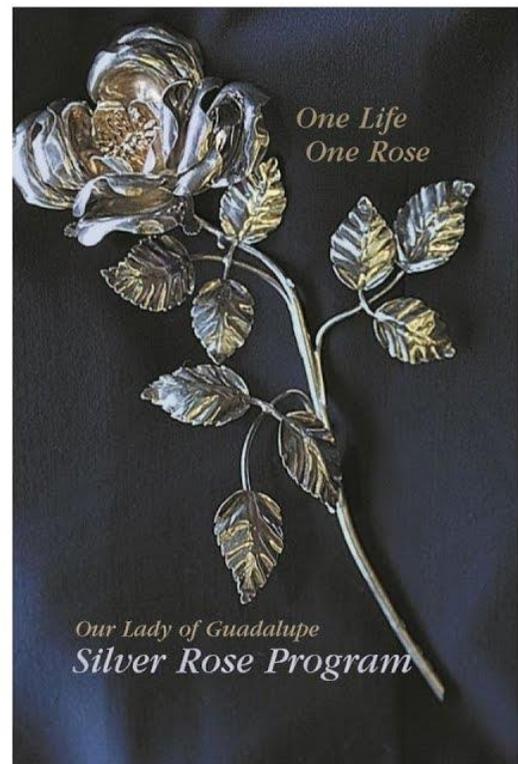
Brother Knights,

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. A schedule for the Dioceses' of Arizona will be released soon. As in past year's the Silver Rose availability will be on a first come first serve basis. If there is particular date that you wish to receive the Silver Rose for your Parish, please email me at: rajuien@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



Next Two Months Challenges –April, 2019

May 2019

Things to Accomplish

- Arizona State Convention – May 17-18, 2019
- Election of Council Officers begins May 1 – June 15 and submit Report of Officers Chosen for the Term (Form #185) after the election. DUE 6/30
- Prepare and submit the Columbian Award Application (#SP-7) DUE 6/30

Things to Plan

- Plan for 2019 Mid-Year Meeting Arizona State Council 6/28 – 6/30
- Plan for District Deputy Organizational Meetings

June 2019

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- Service Program Personnel Report (Form #365)
- Installation of Officers (September 2019)

Join the staff of the Fraternal Mission Department as we discuss relevant topics for effective council operation, membership recruitment and conducting charitable outreach programs that engage council members and build a stronger council. All Knights of Columbus members are welcome to join us.

<https://portal.on24.com/wcc/gateway/knightsofcolumbus/1156879?showId=1156879&showCode=knightsofcolumbus>





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Planning the Month's Ahead

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

Sunday, May 5, 2019

Fr. Joseph N. Patterson, Council Hall #3121

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Phone: 480-294-0282 or

Alt POC: GK Jesus Valencia

Phone: 480-234-2801

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, cost, etc.



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

The next 4th Degree Exemplification is as follows:

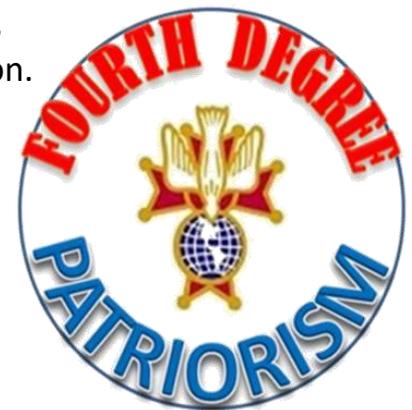
Sunday, May 25, 2019

The next scheduled Exemplification of the Fourth Degree will be in Tucson AZ at St. Thomas the Apostle Parish, 5150 N. Valley View Tucson, AZ 85718-6121, Phone 520-577-8780. The class honoree is Richard Tracy. A complete bio will be available at the exemplification.

POC: Bill Neer P.O. Box 31684, Tucson, AZ, 85751

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Phone: 520-307-1606



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.

Check website at www.kofc-az.org for details and link to convention website.



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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"