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State Deputy's Message

Brothers Knights,

On September 29, 2019, I had the honor to lead a delegation from the Arizona State Council to Yuma to receive the Silver Rose from a group of Knights from California. Our delegation included: Worthy State Membership Director Bobby Nielsen; Worthy District Deputy #18 Larry Lickfelt; Worthy State Silver Rose Chairman Robert Julien, and myself. At St. John Neumann Catholic Church in Yuma, we met Worthy California State Silver Rose Chairman Jeff Fong, Worthy Past San Diego Chapter President Frank Contreras and Worthy District Deputy Gary Hayes from El Centro, California.

Since the day the Silver Rose arrived in Arizona it has made several stops at various councils and parishes around Arizona. Since the first days of the initiative, the Rose of the Knights of Columbus has become a shining beacon of hope within the pro-life efforts of the Knights. The largest gatherings during the Silver Rose's trek through Arizona was at Tucson and Phoenix for the Arizona Rosary Celebration. In Tucson, the rose was viewed and venerated by about 1,500 attendees to the event at St. Augustine's Cathedral. The following day nearly 6,000 Catholics venerated the rose at the Phoenix Convention Center. It is always a wonderful moment when the Silver Rose comes to Arizona on its way from Canada to the Basilica of Our Lady of Guadalupe in Mexico. For more information on the Silver, please read the article found elsewhere in this issue of the KOCCOA.

This past month, the Worthy State Membership Director, Bobby Nielsen and I visited the parish of San Judas Tadeo in San Luis. The pastor, Rev. Abraham Guerrero held a reception for us as we met with him and members of the new council, San Judas Tadeo #17370 that was instituted this past September. Great job Larry Lickfelt, District Deputy #18 and Somerton Grand Knight Jesus Gonzalez!

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A Missionary "Spring" in the Church

That the breath of the Holy Spirit engender a new missionary "spring" in the Church.



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State Deputy's Message (continued)

Brothers, at the beginning of September, the Knights of Columbus launched two new whole life insurance products that are ideal for those seeking affordable, permanent protection that builds cash value and leaves a financial legacy. These new products are: Limited Pay Whole Life and Single Premium Whole Life. Both new products offer a guaranteed death benefit as well as cash values with the opportunity for additional growth if future dividends are earned. A full article on these products can be found on the state website under the State News tab and Immediate Press Releases. You can also contact your local Fraternal Benefits Field Agent for additional information.

On October 15-17, Supreme Regional Growth Director Ray Lopez, Supreme Training Director Ken White, and General Agent Nate Raso conducted training sessions on recruitment. Sessions were held in both Phoenix and Tucson. Discussions centered on **How to Organize Delta Church Drives** and the new **Supreme Insurance Pilot Program**.

I have attended many Arizona Rosary Celebrations over the years, but I have to tell you brothers, this year's celebration touched my soul deeply. Everything came together from altar servers, priests for confessions, Rosary Leaders, fantastic choirs, wonderful presidents, and nearly 8,000 faithful praying the Holy Rosary to Mary under her title of Our Lady of Guadalupe. The Supreme Council sent us a film crew and photographer to document the celebration. They intend to send out the video order-wide to encourage them to host similar events in their jurisdictions. Our mother Mary is working her "magic" to convert more souls for her Son, our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Congratulations PSD Larry Costanzo and the co-chairs for Phoenix and Tucson.

Congratulations brothers for conducting a successful membership drive at St. Monica's Parish in Tucson. Special thanks go to Supreme Hispanic Membership Coordinator Marty Yzaguirre who led the effort and District Deputy 3 Frank Islas and State Hispanic Membership Coordinator Luis Leyva.

A total of 19 prospect cards were taken in during this drive. We have a solid foundation for a Hispanic Council to be formed in this Parish. Great job and many thanks to all who have worked on this project.



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State Deputy's Message (continued)

On Saturday, October 26, 2019, 11 Catholic men received the honors of the Formation and Knighthood degrees of the Order. One of those exemplified is a priest. This exemplification of the 2nd and 3rd Degrees of the Order took place in Lake Havasu City. The honoree for the class was Former District Deputy Wes Hawkins, Past Grand Knight of St. Mary's Council #3145 in Kingman. Brother Hawkins served as District Deputy #17 for five years 2012-17. He was recognized for his exemplary work as District Deputy of the Year in 2013.

Just a small reminder that we are about to enter into the Advent Season. Let us not forget to Keep Christ in CHRISTmas. For information on the State Keep CHRIST in CHRISTMAS program, check out the State website at <https://kofc-az.org/keep-christ-in-christmas>. Contact our State Keep Christ In Christmas Chairman Dennis J. Schauer DD, PGK, PFN for more information by phone: 480-363-8791 or Email: djschauer@cox.net.

Finally, make your plans to attend the State Mid-Year meeting over the weekend of January 10-12, 2020 at St. Anthony of Padua Parish in Casa Grande. Details will be available on our State website in the next few days.

Vivat Jesus!
Mario Vassallo
State Deputy

State Mid-Year Meeting 2019-20

Dates: Friday January 10—Sunday January 12 2020

Location: St. Anthony of Padua Parish, Casa Grande

Training Sessions for Grand Knights, Financial Secretaries and other Council Officers offered on Saturday January 11 from 9:00 - 12:00

Registration opens on the State Website in a few days



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Prayer for Vocations

Lord, You told us that "The harvest indeed is great, but the laborers are few. Pray, therefore, the Lord of the harvest to send laborers into His fields." We ask You to strengthen us as we follow the vocation to which You have called us. We pray particularly for those called to serve as priests, sisters, brothers, and deacons: Those whom You have called, Those You are calling now, Those You will call in the future. May they be open and responsive to the call of serving Your people. We ask this through Christ Our Lord. Amen.



Prayer for Our Priests

Mary, Mother of Jesus, throw your mantle of purity over our priests. Protect them, guide them, and keep them in your heart.

Be a Mother to them, especially in times of discouragement and loneliness. Love them and keep them belonging completely to Jesus.

Like Jesus, they, too, are your sons, so keep their hearts pure and virginal. Keep their minds filled with Jesus, and put Jesus always on their lips, so that he is the one they offer to sinner and to all they meet.

Mary, Mother of Jesus, be their Mother, loving them and bringing them joy. Take special care of sick and dying priests, and the ones most tempted. Remember how they spent their youth and old age, their entire lives serving and giving all to Jesus.

Mary, bless them and keep a special place for them in your heart. Give them a piece of your heart, so beautiful and pure and immaculate, so full of love and humility, so that they, too, can grow in the likeness of Christ. Dear Mary, make them humble like you, and holy like Jesus.

Amen.



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State Chaplain – Fr. Gary Regula

Brother Knights,

We just finished our celebration of October and with it a month dedicated to Respect Life. In many parishes we probably heard or even prayed for ‘the respect of life from conception until natural death.’ We need to ask ourselves if we really mean that. We as Knights are proponents of supporting causes that respect life, and our actions speak to that; however, at times our words and actions can also speak against that as well.

When we say natural death do we realize that term means that we are against capital punishment? Do we realize that Pope Francis has changed the catechism of the church to state that as Catholics we do not support the taking of any human life? Do we remember that earlier this year the Attorney General of the United States directed the federal government to reinstate the death penalty? Have we spoken out against this as Knights? If not, will we start doing something about it?

The key word in the paraphrased prayer I shared in the opening paragraph is not conception and it is not natural death, but it is the word UNTIL. War, poverty, gang violence, hunger, immigration, climate change (the list could go on and on) all work against a respect for life. We need to step up as Knights to respect life each and every month in all its forms from conception UNTIL natural death. If we only focus on one particular issue then are we really living up to our mission as Knights of Columbus? Even more importantly are we living up to our call to be Catholic, seeing the presence of God in every life?

I know we have done good things, but there is still much for us to do in the struggle to create a culture of life. Do we advocate or accept (whether publically or privately) any issue that brings about death to any part of God’s beloved creation? We need to seriously reflect on who we are as Knights, but more importantly as Disciples of Christ. I will never know what your heart feels on some of the issues I put forth, and neither will the Worthy State Deputy, or even your own Grand Knight, but we can never hide the true intentions of our hearts from God. Thus, let us step up and truly be Knights who support, nurture, care for, and respect all life that God has given as a gift to this world in whatever stage of life it is in. Vivat Jesus.

In Christ’s Peace,

Fr. Gary Regula



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State Warden / State Program Director—Lawrence Powers

DECEMBER 29, 2019- Feast of the Holy Family

Each council is required to participate in a Consecration to the Holy Family in order to qualify for the Columbian Award. Sunday December 29, 2018 is the Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph and is a perfect day for such a Consecration. To help families live out the joy of Christ, Supreme Chaplain Archbishop William E. Lori has composed a prayer through which families will come together to consecrate themselves under the protection of the Holy Family. In



Preparing for the Consecration to the Holy Family

Four suggested steps before Praying the Consecration to the Holy Family:

Discuss the importance of this consecration as a family and why you are doing it.

Each member of your family is strongly encouraged to go to the Sacrament of Confession.

As a family, intentionally choose something to fast from. The fast can be for at least a week. As our physical bodies are drawn to things of the world, it is strongly encouraged that you fast from something that you would normally do or consume. Fasting helps to discipline our minds and hearts to refrain from secular activities and be more focused on God.

Prepare for the commitment you are making. Consecration to the Holy Family is not a single event. You have chosen a way of life for your family. You and your family are consciously choosing to be a beacon of light of God's love through His Church.



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State Warden / State Program Director—Lawrence Powers (continued)

this prayer, we ask for the aid or intercession of the perfect son Jesus Christ, Mary the perfect mother, and Joseph who is a model for every father. Councils will guide their parishes and community to understand and offer this important and impactful prayer. Preparing for the Consecration to the Holy Family is not a single event. It is choosing a way of life for your family. Through this consecration, each participant is consciously choosing to be a beacon of God's love through his Church.

Action Steps

Working with your pastor, obtain his permission and recommendations on conducting a Consecration to the Holy Family in your parish.

Order a good quantity of Consecration to the Holy Family Prayer Cards (#10371) through Supplies Online, the supply ordering portal available on Officers Online.

Set a date for the consecration and announce it to your parish a month before the official day.

Distribute Consecration to the Holy Family Prayer Cards (#10371) at Masses the week before the consecration. Also place a good supply of prayer cards in your church and council hall.

Although the formal consecration will occur at all Masses on a chosen Sunday, serious and mindful preparation for at least a week prior is a major aspect of this program. To ensure that all members of your parish are fully participating and readying themselves for the consecration, your council should consider:

Asking your pastor to make an announcement at all Sunday Masses the week before the consecration. Ask him to explain what a consecration is, why it is being undertaken, and how to properly prepare.

Encouraging each family to intentionally fast from something ahead of the consecration. This fast should last at least a week leading up to the consecration. It is strongly encouraged to fast from something that would normally be consumed or an activity that is regularly done. Fasting helps to discipline our minds and hearts and moves us to be more focused on God.

Strongly encouraging each member of all parish families to go to confession before the consecration.

Hosting an event in the middle of the week prior to the Sunday consecration. One idea for this event is to invite a guest speaker to discuss the importance of consecrating oneself to the Holy Family, the model of the Holy Family, the meaning and impact of consecrations, or related themes. Be sure to set aside time at your event for prayer in community. Consider praying the rosary together and be sure to recite the consecration prayer together in preparation.



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Build public interest! Promote the Consecration to the Holy Family in your parish and larger community through a variety of efforts:

- 1) Prominently display promotional posters (which can be ordered through Supplies Online)
- 2) Bulletin announcements
- 3) Pulpit announcements
- 4) Posting on your council and parish website / social media pages

On the chosen day, distribute Consecration to the Holy Family Prayer Cards (#10371) once again. Under the direction of your pastor, recite the Consecration to the Holy Family Prayer together as a parish family at all Sunday Masses. If he is willing, ask your pastor to also incorporate themes relating to the consecration and the Holy Family in his homily.

Following the consecration, host an event in the parish or council hall for all parish families to celebrate the consecration together! Have family-friendly games ready for everyone to enjoy. Remind all present that this consecration holds lasting impacts. Although the time of preparation has ended and the consecration has occurred, devotion to the Holy Family continues, and we should always strive to resemble their ideal model of a loving family.

At the celebration event, be sure to 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.

Following the consecration and celebration, update the community on the success of your program by distributing an announcement to local media, along with energizing photographs from 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.

If you have any questions or need additional information please do not hesitate to contact me.

Vivat Jesus!

Lawrence Powers

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State Membership Director – Bobby Nielsen

My Brother Knights,

The beautiful evenings and cool mornings tell us summer is over and winter is right around the corner. November will bring opportunity for us to celebrate Thanksgiving and spend time with our families and friends. This is also a time when our council activities are most important. I am certain every council will have a full calendar of activities. In the past it has been easy to forget about membership recruitment during this time, but this year will be different.

Faith in Action is really catching on in Arizona. After a slow start councils are realizing this is the perfect program to use in serving their parish and community. We have been doing these activities for many years. Faith in Action just organizes our work and allows us to track what is being done. So how are membership recruitment and Faith in Action related? Simple, we have always said that every Knight activity is a chance to recruit. Every Keep Christ in Christmas event, pancake breakfast, parish Christmas party or Coats for Kids event is a chance to talk to our Catholic Brothers. It is a chance to show our community what we do. To show them how our families are involved and how we serve. Don't miss this opportunity to grow your council. Use your Online Prospect Form and the online website to bring these men into our Order. And if you didn't know, DELTA Church Drive kits can now be ordered through Supreme Supplies Online.

For three nights in October we had Supreme representatives and our own Nate Raso give presentations on council growth, leadership and the new Star Council insurance program. The feedback from those that attended was positive. With over 133 active councils in Arizona the attendance was disappointing. We are often asked for training to be provided. I hope in the future when training is offered we have more councils take advantage of the opportunity. Feel free to email me if you have specific reasons that are under my control that caused you to not attend the training. In the past month I have had the opportunity to recruit with my Brother Knights at the several parish events and at the Arizona Rosary Celebrations in Tucson and Phoenix, all were successful. If you aren't actively recruiting you are truly missing out. Thanks for all you do, it's a great time to be a Knight! Vivat Jesus!

Bobby Nielsen
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Arizona State Council

Hispanic Membership Coordinator

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Brothers all,

Now is the time to take advantage of the current growth in the State of Arizona of Hispanic Catholic men. With thousands of Hispanic families moving here, we should start focusing on reaching out to those Hispanic Catholic men that are helping our Dioceses grow with new worshipers. Our Parishes are showing remarkable additions of Latinos, so much, that several Parishes are changing English Masses into Spanish Masses.

We do not know for how long this migration of Latinos from other States, specifically California will last. We need to make the best of it before we lose this window of opportunity to grow our Order, our Jurisdiction.

Please, start recruiting these worthy Hispanic men, if you need assistance, do not hesitate to contact the State Hispanic Membership Team. We specialize in Spanish DELTA Church Drives. We can assist you in starting Round-tables and incorporate Hispanics into your Faith in Action programs. Do not let this opportunity get away; it is a certain slam-dunk! We just need to let those new families know they are welcome, our Fraternal Order, our Parishes and communities need them.

We have a moral obligation to offer all Catholic men the same opportunity that has been offer and presented to us by the Knights of Columbus.

Let's keep our Founder's dream alive...

Luis L. Leyva

State Hispanic Membership Coordinator

“Fe en Acción”

“Caballeros sirviendo a Dios, sirviendo a la comunidad,

Esto es quien somos, esto es lo que hacemos”

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Hermanos todos,

Ahora es el momento de aprovechar el actual crecimiento demográfico en el estado de Arizona de hombres Católicos Hispanos. Con miles de familias hispanas que se están mudando aquí, debemos empezar a enfocarnos en llegar a esos hombres Católicos Hispanos que están ayudando a nuestras Diócesis a crecer con nuevos fieles. Nuestras parroquias muestran notables adiciones de latinos, tanto, que varias parroquias están cambiando misas en inglés a misas en español.

No sabemos por cuánto tiempo durará esta migración de latinos de otros estados, específicamente California. Necesitamos aprovechar al máximo antes de perder esta ventana de oportunidad de hacer crecer nuestra Orden, nuestra Jurisdicción

Por favor, programen reclutar a estos Dignos hombres Hispanos. Si necesitan ayuda, no duden en comunicarse con el Equipo de Membrecía Hispana del Estado. Nos especializamos en Campañas de Reclutamiento DELTA en las Iglesias. Podemos ayudarles a iniciar mesas redondas e incorporar a los hispanos en sus programas de Fe en Acción. No dejes escapar esta oportunidad; es un segurísimo GOOOOOOOOL! Solo necesitamos que esas nuevas familias se sientan bienvenidas, que nuestra Orden Fraternal, nuestras Parroquias y comunidades les necesitan.

Tenemos la obligación moral de ofrecer a todos los hombres católicos, la misma oportunidad que nos ofreció a nosotros nuestra Orden de Caballeros de Colón.

Mantengamos vivo el sueño de nuestro Fundador...

Luis L. Leyva

Coordinador Estatal de Membrecía Hispana

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State Ceremonial Chaiman—Skip Hopler

Brothers

On October 26th St. Thomas More Council #6442 in Lake Havasu City hosted the monthly Formation and Knighthood Degrees for a class of 10 lay candidates and 1 priest, Fr. Julius Kundi. Your Degree Team did a superb job teaching the lessons of the Second and Third Degrees as evidenced by the reaction of the candidates during the exemplification and their very positive feedback after the ceremony. District Deputy Jerry Czarnowski made the original arrangements and Grand Knight Bob Ketner gave candidates and the Degree Team a very warm welcome. Our honoree was the very successful Former District Deputy of the area, Wes Hawkins.

Let me share a few thoughts about bringing the Degrees to Councils outside the major metropolitan areas of Phoenix and Tucson. As you may know, the Degree Teams are funded (travel and paraphernalia costs) through the registration fees that are submitted by each candidate when he registers for the exemplification. Normally the smaller number of candidates at the outlying Councils does not cover the cost of travel to those sites. The cost is made up by the larger number of candidates we get at in the metropolitan Council venues coupled with lower travel costs. So why do we still travel to the smaller Councils knowing that the costs will exceed the revenue at that degree? The answer is that all Councils are important, and we need to provide support to every corner of the State. You will notice the strong presence of the State Officers at every Formation and Knighthood Degree, regardless of where it is being performed, to see their commitment to all our brothers across Arizona. As for the Degree Teams, having travelled extensively with them for many years, I can personally attest to their dedication, skill and love of the work that they do in bringing the lessons of the Order to new candidates. They put in many hours of practice and travel many miles but the experience of seeing the candidates receive and accept the lessons that are taught is a thrilling and satisfying reward.



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State Ceremonial Chaiman—Skip Hopler (continued)

I strongly recommend that you attend the next degrees in your area and renew your knowledge of our principles. Refresh your commitment to our lessons. Our next three 2nd & 3rd Degrees are as follows:

Sat, November 30, 2019, Our Lady of the Valley Council #6842, La Canada Drive, Green Valley, AZ
Sun, December 15, 2019, Fray Francisco Garces Council #3855. Columbian Hall, 8066 N 49th Avenue, Glendale AZ

Sat, January 4, Immaculate Heart of Mary Council #1729, 310 W Spring Street, Somerton, AZ
85350

These Degrees are at the height of the holiday season and we are (rightfully) focused on family, but with a little bit of planning and commitment we can also support our brothers who are progressing through the Degrees as they pursue full knighthood in our Order. Plan ahead and spare a few hours to help us bring new members through these Degrees. They need our support and you will be happy that you attended, especially if you bring a candidate. Please remember to dress appropriately for the Degree. Trousers, collared shirt (Council shirt, if you have one), shoes (not flip flops). Let your candidates know this also.

On Sat, November 16, please take note of the Patriotic Degree at Regina Cleri KofC Hall, 1330 South Mountain View, Tucson. See the State website for registration information and application. And if you are not yet a Fourth-Degree member, here is your chance to complete your full participation in all the lessons of our Order.

Finally, please consider seriously the opportunity to share your talents with our brother knights as part of a degree team. We provide excellent training, pick roles that match your gifts and desires and help you realize the extreme satisfaction of directly contributing to the growth of our brother knights. Please contact your District Deputy or call me directly no matter where in the State you are located. We need you.

Vivat Jesus,
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General Agent—Knights of Columbus Insurance—Nate Raso

Brothers,

As we bring the decade (that's right, I said DECADE) to a close I would ask that you all reflect on your role in the Order and how you might continue to bring her forward into the "Roaring 20's". My perspective is a bit different than that of a brother who is not on the Agency side of things. The reason is simple, as everything I do, all of my days work, goes into ensuring that our brother Knights and their families are aware of the protections that we provide to them and to their families. I know that many of our brothers don't understand what that means, because why would they, having never been in the shoes of us agents? First let me tell you, that the men and women in the Agency work like you can't believe to keep the promise of Fr. McGivney alive. You see, we don't just show up to a 9 to 5 job. We work long hours, and often every day of the week to protect those that we've been entrusted – you!

"Those that we've been entrusted." That's an interesting thing to say isn't it? Yet, it's what we live by and it's our credo. We have made a deal with Fr. McGivney to protect his family, he in turn, promises us, that his family will think of us when they are in the market to do business, for Life, Long Term Care, Retirement (401k, IRA, SEP's, Roth's – either new or rollovers) and also, for our Disability Insurance. We have to take a leap of faith that the time we spend with an elderly couple, who is not in the market to buy anything new, but just needs a hand with any multitude of things, is time well spent. That the labor of our day is not measured in dollars and cents (though that may be the reality of the business world at times) but in the labors of love for those that gave their hard earned Catholic dollars to a highly ethical and decidedly Catholic company. We work tirelessly behind the scenes for those that you don't know, probably have never met, and probably never will meet. The Knights and their families that are incapable of participating often only know the current Knights of Columbus through their Field Agent.

When you choose to do business, choose the Knights. If you saw what we see, and how people are treated when they need help the most, you would choose the Knights every – single – time. The reason is simple, and that is this: a man like you, or a man like me will show up someday to deliver on that promise that we made to a company we trust. We don't mail a packet of information for a death claim. We call, we discuss, we go to the homes, we sit down with the families, we attend the funerals, we donate to the same churches, we praise the same God, we believe in the same sanctity of life – this my brothers, is where the rubber meets the road. If you could save a couple bucks with XYZ company in the long run is it worth it?

That's my role in this Order. I would ask you to ask yourself, what's yours? Could it be merely to provide more protection to your family using a Catholic insurance company that you can be proud to call your own? Could it be to chair an event that has been dormant? Or could it be to inspire others in your parish to join you in cause and create better, and longer lasting, councils? Or could it be all of the above? My point is to not question what you're doing now, but to create a sense of awareness around your activities in the Knights of Columbus. We are each, individually, so important to the Order. One person can have the impact to change thousands of lives – and sometimes we forget that we were called to be Knights. We are called to serve and we are called to think outside of the box about fraternalism. Doing business with other KofC brothers is a must, and we should foster it. Doing business with the Order is a must and we should foster it as well. We are currently trying to bring another successful year to a close and could use all of the last minute policies, rollovers, long term care policies as possible. So if you've been on the fence, please reach out to us, the Order needs your participation!

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I can be reached at 480-422-8452 or AZKnights.com.

Nate Raso

General Agent



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Council Insurance Quota Changes/ Open House Program —Nate Raso

Brothers,

Arizona was recently selected as one of four jurisdictions in the Order to pilot a program that addresses how a council meets their Insurance Quota, and how we might better proceed in the future. This new program takes the onus from one person – your Knights of Columbus Field Agent – and shifts the responsibility to the council. This will do two things: First, it will allow a council to better control their requirements that are needed to achieve the Star Council Award. Second, it will (if done properly) create an environment where we can foster new relationships that are needed for new membership into the Order, and thus help the council meet its membership quota. This event will be an opportunity for all Catholic families in the parish community to learn about the Knights of Columbus, our Founder Fr. Michael J McGivney, and the many ways that we can help their families grow in financial security, retirement, and legacy. This pilot will be a way that we can reach out to potential members and their families, via our financial offerings in a proactive approach. Remember, this is about membership and how we can enhance the entire parish community in a different way. Take a moment to recall a young family that lost the breadwinner too soon– was this not the soul intent of our Order to protect those of our faith? This, brothers, is how we can change our parishes for the better. All too often you hear of families who've lost their retirement, or who've been incapacitated in a nursing home leaving them in financial duress. Imagine, if we, the Knights of Columbus through our financial programs, were there when we were needed most. The Open House program is the opportunity to help our parishes in another way, while providing much needed protection to Catholic families on behalf of our wonderful Order, the Knights of Columbus. See below for the council requirements. We are excited to work alongside those that choose to participate in this exciting new endeavor. Please contact us at (480) 422-8452.

In order for a fraternal benefit event to count, it must:

- Be organized by the council.
- Be promoted by the council both to the membership and the broader parish community (be sure there is Parish wide advertising and invitation...not just a council event).
- Draw a crowd consisting of at least 10 members who are age eligible to purchase our insurance products. Age eligible is defined by attendees (members or otherwise) that are under 80. Preferably, our insurance products are geared to 75 and below. We should always consider families that have young children as great prospects for insurance as well as membership into the Order.
- Have a Field Agent or the General Agent as the main presenter.
- Be reported to the Supreme Council by the General Agent Nate Raso.

Vivat Jesus!

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NOVEMBER 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
27	28	29	30	31	1 ALL SAINTS DAY	2 All Souls Day
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11 Veterans Day (USA) Remembrance Day (CANADA)	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24 CHRISTIE KING	25	26	27	28 Thanksgiving Day (USA)	29	30

Council Activity Tracker

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

- Forms or Event Deadlines
- Important Dates
- Membership Activities
- Supreme Office Events
- Programming Activities

Things to Accomplish:	
Report Church Drive Results	
Conduct, if applicable:	
• Christmas Poster Contest	
• Coats for Kids	

Plan Ahead:	
Journey to the Inn / La Posada	
Christmas Poster Contest	
March for Life (Washington, D.C.)	
9 Days for Life	

- Reminders:**
- Don't forget to send in the Membership Documents (Forms #100) from your October Church Drive!
 - District deputies should complete their work on new council development sites.
 - The state council should finalize its plans for the jurisdiction's Mid-Year Membership Meeting.
 - District deputies should be also finalizing their plans for district-wide mid-year meetings, focusing on motivation, reaching goals, and relaying important information. Invitees should include: grand knights, financial secretaries, treasurers, membership and program directors and field agents.
 - Ask someone to join your council.

Other Publications of Interest

Columbia Magazine

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

Chaplains Report

<http://www.kofc.org/en/members/resources/leadership-communications/chaplain-report.html>

District Deputy Reminder

<http://www.kofc.org/en/members/resources/leadership-communications/district-deputy-reminder.html>

Fathers For Good

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



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Formation and Knighthood Degree Schedule

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

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

Next three Formation and Knighthood Degrees are:

Saturday, November 30, 2019. Our Lady of the Valley

Catholic Church

505 N. La Canada Drive, Green Valley, AZ 85614 Host Council #6842

Sun, December 15, 2019, Fray Francisco Garces Columbian Hall, 8066 N 49th Avenue, Glendale AZ Host Council #3855.

Sat, January 4, Immaculate Heart of Mary 310 W Spring Street, Somerton, AZ 85350 Host Council #1729

Exemplification instructions may be found on the website. In most cases registration begins at 9:00am. Information on the schedules will be updated as the information is received.



Patriotic Degree Schedule

The next 4th Degree Exemplifications are a follows:

Exemplification and Entry Forms on State Website

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

Date: Saturday, November 16, 2019

Assembly: Archbishop Daniel J. Gerke, Assembly 16

Location: 1330 S. Mountain View Avenue, Tucson AZ 85711

Saturday, February 15, 2020 Location TBD

Saturday, June 6, 2020 Location TBD





ICSAVE TRAINING SEPTEMBER 28TH 2019

On Saturday, September 28th 2019 Knights of Columbus Eusebio Francisco Kino Council #14583 in Rio Rico Arizona hosted “Active Killer/Shooter” and “Stop the Bleed” training performed by the organization known as: ICSAVE. The training focused on effective techniques and attitudes that increase your survivability during an active killer event. This training recognizes that techniques taught in the past have proven to not be effective and even dangerous in these new tactics used by killers in the past two decades. Also taught was “Stop the Bleed” as most active killer events produce critically injured victims. If persons at the scene can apply these simple first aid steps, the number of victims that will survive is greatly increased.

Class started at 8AM with “Stop the Bleed” and ran for two hours. The lesson consisted of a Power-Point showing techniques and desired equipment. It also stated statistics such as most victims with serious wounds and with profuse bleeding will bleed to death within 3 minutes. Since most rescue units take at least 5 minutes to get to the scene and it takes statistically a minimum of 10 minutes to get to the injured person, it is vital that persons at the scene can perform these procedures to save a life.

Next, the instructors conducted a three-hour lecture on the latest techniques and strategies to survive the attack of an active killer/shooter. These latest procedures have been developed after thorough investigation of such incidents over the last two decades showed that conventional wisdom was actually increasing the death and injury toll. After the lecture, the students were put through five live scenarios utilizing the techniques just taught.

The instructors have very impressive resumes in the area of law enforcement and emergency medical response. They are very enthusiastic and very much want to come to your community and conduct this training. Their contact information follows:

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THIS IS WHO WE ARE, THIS IS WHAT WE DO

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



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Prayer to Our Lady of Guadalupe

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

Knights’ Prayer

Our Lady, Queen of the Knights, bless all the activities of our Order. Keep us true to our pledge, to extend the kingship of thy divine son on earth. Through thine intercession, win for us the grace, ever to exemplify in our public and private lives, the virtues that should characterize those especially dedicated to the service of the heavenly court. Make us always aware that as your Knights, we are constantly observed, our faith judged, and our Order appreciated. Accept, O Mary, this renewed pledge of fealty and devotion, of Thy Servants, the Knights of

Canonization of Venerable Fr. Michael J. McGivney

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



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Prayer to Our Lady of Guadalupe

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