

## State Deputy's Message

February 2019

Brothers,

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

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

This year, the State of New York, has taken the culture of death to its lowest level ever. Not only is it legal for a woman to get an abortion in the state, but a woman can choose to carry her baby to full term and then execute it. Criminals who are legally executed are treated far more humanely than the fully-developed children who will be administered a poison directly into their heads, cause them excruciating pain for over 24 hours before they die.

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

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

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

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

This past month it was my honor to recognize one the Arizona jurisdiction's unsung heroes. You have probably heard the booming voice of a certain Past State Deputy making a proud declaration, "My name is Pedro Najera, and I'm a Knight of Columbus!" This is the oath of a Knight who has proudly served the Order for many, many years. Pedro Najera, a retired U. S. Army Coronel, has exemplified in his service to our Country and the Knights through great dedication and commitment. This is who he is. This is what he believes: love God, love Family, love Country, and love the Knights of Columbus. It is my honor to name Past State Deputy Pedro Najera as the class honoree at the Foundation and Knighthood degrees at Council 1200 in Tucson on January 13, 2019.

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

Vivat Jesus!

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