



Arizona State Council Knights of Columbus



Organizational Meeting
Saturday, June 29, 2019 – 8:30 P.M.
St. Jerome's Parish Hall

STATE DEPUTY'S CLOSING REMARKS

Most Reverend Bishop Olmsted, Reverend Father, Worthy State Officers, Worthy Past State Deputies, Worthy Vice-Supreme Master, Worthy District Master, Worthy District Deputies, Worthy Council Officers, Brother Knights, and Ladies. Thank you for coming to the Arizona State Council Organization Meeting for the 2019-2020 Fraternal Year. Thank you for saying YES to becoming a Knight of Columbus. You are part of a worldwide ministry of Catholic men and families dedicated to charity, unity, fraternity, and patriotism. As you have learned this weekend, there is much work to be done as we combat evil and the culture of death. It is time to put our Faith into Action. You are here because you have exemplified strong leadership qualities and a desire to move the principles of the Knights forward. I expect you to go forth and lead your councils to great success. I expect the newly installed District Deputies to lead, guide, and ensure their councils succeed. I and my fellow State Officers will be here to assist you any time the need is great. You will not fail.

You were elected to be a Council Officer, or appointed as a District Deputy, Program Director, or Chairman, because you are the right person for the job. Council Officers are charged to lead and grow their councils as the Council is the most important unit in our chain of command. Parish pastors will turn to council leaders to help him grow his flock. The community, your families, and our youth, depend on you for charity, guidance, safety, and protection. You are responsible to be there, so they have someone to turn to in their time of need.

District Deputies, you are charged with the support of each of your Councils to ensure they succeed. You do not get the luxury of just sitting on the sidelines watching your Councils succeed or fail. You must roll up your sleeves and work with your councils. A District Deputy must stand by the Grand Knight's side and add his strength to the Councils so that they do succeed.

I have received the Supreme Goals for Arizona for the 2019-2020 fraternal year and they are: 955 New Members, or 563 net new members. Brothers, we can do this. I know we can. This is what we need to do to ensure that the Knights of Columbus in Arizona continues to grow and flourish.

My brothers, we are Knights Serving God - Serving the Community. We are the leaders for the Knights of Columbus in Arizona. Together we will plan for today, next year, and for the future. We will take the long view in all that we do. We will offer membership in the Knights of Columbus to every eligible Catholic man. We will recruit so that we can protect the Faith, the Family, our Communities, and Life.

“This Is Who We Are – This is What We Do.”

I am honored to be working with you this coming fraternal year and I look forward to all that we will accomplish in charity, unity, fraternity, and brotherhood. Again, I thank you ladies, for attending this weekend. My heartfelt thanks to the members of the Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen Council #7465 and Grand Knight for hosting this Organizational Meeting. Your gracious hospitality, good food, and the friendship you extended to us is deeply appreciated. Thank you.

Please take back to your councils what you have learned this weekend. Put this information into action. District Deputies, I will see you in the morning for our last session.

Bishop Olmsted, would you please provide us with your blessing as we conclude the night?

Vivat Jesus!

Tom Kalisz, State Deputy

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