



Arizona State Council Knights of Columbus



Organizational Meeting

Sunday, June 30, 2019 – 11:00 A.M.

Hotel Acacia/Palo Verde Rooms

STATE DEPUTY'S FINAL CLOSING REMARKS

Reverend Father, Worthy State Officers, Worthy Past State Deputies, Worthy Vice-Supreme Master, Worthy District Master, Worthy District Deputies, Brother Knights, and Ladies. Today, marks the final day of the 2018-2019 Fraternal Year. Tomorrow we begin anew. Thank you for saying YES to your brother Knights in Arizona. They said YES to be a Knight of Columbus. Tomorrow, you will lead them in charity, unity, fraternity, and patriotism. Remember, I and my fellow State Officers will close at hand and to assist when need is great. Failure is not an option. You will succeed.

I have said this several times this weekend and I say it again, The Knights of Columbus cannot be the strong right arm of the Catholic Church if the local Council is not the Pastor's strong right arm. District Deputies must stand by their Councils and add their strength to the Council's so that they can achieve their goals.

Our programs and activities will continue under the banner of **Faith in Action**. Together, we will build up our **Faith** and those of the Council, Family, Parish, and Community. We will protect the **Family**, extend charity to the **Community**, and most importantly, defend the sanctity of **Life**. Our successes year will be realized as we work to "Build up the Domestic Church" at the parish level. We will work with our Councils and through e-Membership and traditional tools grow our ranks. We will help the parishes grow. We will encourage and support vocations. We will protect marriage and the family. We will protect life at all stages.

We have much to do to meet our goals of adding 955 New Members and finishing the year with 563 net new members. We do this to ensure that the Knights of Columbus in Arizona continues to grow.

As leaders for the Knights of Columbus in Arizona, we will plan together for a future when the unborn are safe from the hands of murderers. We look for a future when the elderly and infirm will live to enter their heavenly reward, on God's terms, not man's. We envision a future when aborted babies will not have their Stem Cells harvested and used in genetic experimentation.

The future we will work toward will ensure that the sacredness of marriage and the definition of family are secure from corruption. In the future we plan that God, our faith, and our core beliefs will be protected from secular attack. We will plan and work together to see a future when our Christian brothers and sisters in the Middle East are safe from persecution. We will work as one body of Christ to right these terrible wrongs. My brothers, we are Knights Serving God - Serving the Community. This Is Who We Are – This is What We Do.

It is an honor to work with you this fraternal year in charity, unity, fraternity, and patriotism. I know that my expectations for you are high, but in my estimation, you can achieve your goals, and much more. Many thanks to our host council, Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen, for their hospitality, good food, and the fraternity extended to us. Thank you. God Bless You!

Vivat Jesus!

Tom Kalisz, State Deputy

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