



Arizona Knights of Columbus

Welcome Letter To all District Deputies Fraternal Year 2019/2020

New and returning Arizona District Deputies,

Welcome to the Knights of Columbus Arizona State Council. The challenges that lay before you as a District Deputy can sometime be daunting and seem almost unachievable. However, in these tough times, you have the strength of your Faith, your Families, your Brother Knights, your Brothers in Christ and your God to help achieve your goals. Keep your Faith in Jesus and the Holy Spirit and allow Their guidance and wisdom to come upon you and good things will occur. Let us all give thanks to God for all the blessings He has bestowed on us, our families, our Country and our Church.

You have volunteered to take on the assignment as District Deputy and as such your job in the coming Fraternal Year is to help increase and build the faith in your Brother Knights and the members of your parishes. As a District Deputy you wear the red badge which identifies you as a representative of the State Deputy and Supreme in all your activities. You also represent all the leadership of the Knights of Columbus. The proud heritage of those past District Deputies who have gone before now passes to you, as such your charge is to continue the legacy of charitable giving that has provided so much help to those who are in need.

To assist you in establishing a strong foundation upon which you can build a personal relationship with those council in your district, I provide the following **District Deputy Checklist**. This list is meant to help guide you in the future, and to help you to better understand the status of your councils. It will also help in your goal to guide your councils as they strive to achieve their goal in attaining **STAR Council** in the coming Fraternal Year. Establishing this base of knowledge will serve to help develop both strategic and operational plans for each of your councils. In this way they will not only build the Domestic Church but also strengthen your councils in Program Participation, Membership and stay Financially strong.

As District Deputy you will or have found that your position is not one where others are heaping praise upon you personally for all your accomplishments; it is however one where you can take pride in the accomplishment of the Councils in your District as they achieve their goals of charitable giving as they help others and grow their councils. Charity begins with you accepting your role as a guide to the successful accomplishments of others. As a tool, do not hesitate to seek

out guidance of your chaplain on ways to strengthen and creatively find new activities to bring faith and spiritual dialogue to your council events and meetings. We are Catholic men and Evangelization first begins with those around us.

So that there are no surprises I should also point out that like State Officers and State Chairman, not all expenses incurred in the performance of your duties will be covered by Supreme; most are but some are not. To find out what expenses are covered please refer to the page 2 of the District Deputy Expense Report (Attached).

To our new District Deputies, I extend congratulations on your accepting the challenges ahead. For those continuing another year as District Deputies, I thank you for continuing our mission demonstrating our precepts of Faith, Hope and Charity as we help build and strengthen the Domestic Church.

Vivat Jesus!

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