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**State Deputy's Message**

**April 2023**

Dear Brother Knights,

March was a busy time for the State council! We had a New Council Development project in Tucson at St. Francis Cabrini Church. The core of the project was all about Unity. Supreme sent out Worthy State Secretary Le Nguyen from Washington D.C. who also is a Vietnamese Membership Coordinator and our Regional Growth Director James Caffrey from Colorado. A special thank you to our Arizona team: Field Agent Tony LoMonaco, Worthy District Deputy Herb Colon, State Membership Director Keith Baker, Worthy State Advocate Larry Powers, Worthy State Warden Bobby Nielsen, and our Worthy Immediate Past Deputy Mario Vassallo. We had such a good time recruiting and enjoying our Fraternal love for the Order. This is an example of how we can help your Council or District. Please reach out for help!

Easter calls us to promote with renewed vigor the sanctity of human life with grateful and joyful hearts. Easter calls us to move beyond the tomb with the conviction to share the good news of the Resurrection with one another. Easter calls us to courageously follow Jesus Christ, the risen one and to boldly proclaim that out of darkness and suffering comes new life. This Easter let us rise up to meet the world, our society and the witness of our faith. It is my hope that in this coming year we discover new ways to share this Easter faith. As Knights, it is our job to lead our families and friends and to evangelize those you have fallen. Some of our family members, even our own children, shall not be forgotten when asking them to come back to the Faith. They will come back, but we have to figure out the way to lead **them back**. It's a proven fact that joining the Knights makes you a better man, better Catholic so we can be disciples of Christ. Please ask someone to join today because tomorrow may be too late.



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**April 2023  
Pope Francis Intention  
For a Culture of Peace  
And Non-Violence**

We pray for the spread of peace and non-violence, by decreasing the use of weapons by States and citizens



## ***DID YOU KNOW....***

that going to Confession during the Lenten/Easter Season is a requirement of all adult Catholics, since the 1200's?

Frequent Confession is an indispensable 'aid' to spiritual growth and personal maturation, as Catholics, as Knights!

Frequent Confession offers us the opportunity to hold oneself more accountable for your own spiritual growth. This healthy self-awareness, which is promoted by an examination of conscience and sacramental Confession, has a tremendous and very positive effect in keeping one's life focused and purposeful. A "purpose-full" life, lived amidst the multiple distractions and what *Pope Francis* called the 'dictatorship of schedules' is very difficult for most of us. Confession can provide a powerful focus on "first things"! (*"Put first the Kingdom of God and a right relationship with God, and everything else will be added."* Matthew 6:33)

There is also the on-going issue of self-deception for most of us, which leads to "good enough" thinking: "I'm not living up to my full potential, but it's good enough!" "I'm not as good a Catholic as were my parents, but I'm a good enough (read 'occasional') Catholic." Confession places before us the question, "Is your 'good enough' good enough for God?" The old joke, "*A clear conscience is usually the sign of a bad memory,*" really speaks to this "good enough" mentality, which is failing to take my spiritual health, and my one, brief, precious life seriously.

Sometimes we think that going to Confession is limited to dealing with serious sin, and while that is certainly very important, we can also go to Confession to receive the grace of the Sacrament in overcoming venial (small, habitual) sins, which weaken the soul. *St. John of the Cross* said, "*If you are being tied down with thin strings or with a thick rope – you're still bound!*"

Confession also allows us to address 'sins of omission'. Carefully and sincerely examining where we need to *grow* in our spiritual life, looking at areas of spiritual immaturity (and we all have them!) – and receiving the grace of the Sacrament to begin seriously addressing those areas, brings real progress in the spiritual life.

Perhaps one of the greatest graces which comes from Confession is the liberation from our past. Too many people live in their past - with regrets for actions taken and actions omitted. Living in the past makes as much sense as paying rent on an apartment you used to live in! Living in the past is a waste of time, emotional, and spiritual energy! Through the Sacrament of Reconciliation, we can be reconciled with our personal past in a healing, liberating way. The 'absolute' of Absolution is accepting that God has definitively dealt with our sins – past and present – and calls us to walk confidently toward that future which is in His keeping. The great French Dominican preacher, *Jean-Baptiste Lacordaire*, said:

*"Every Christian is a citizen of the future!"*

Through Confession we can be liberated for our own future!



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State Secretary – Tom Kato

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Brothers,

The time is coming close!! Yes, I’m talking about the Triduum, where the source and summit of our faith takes place starting on Holy Thursday with the institution of the priesthood and the Eucharist. Be sure to attend your Holy Thursday masses and thank your priests for their vocation!

We then go to the Passion of our Lord, who suffered to save humanity. Try to make this a true day of fasting, which includes fasting from the internet, food, television, etc.

Then on Easter we celebrate Jesus’ resurrection from the dead! 1 Cor 12-15 tells us:

*But if Christ is preached as raised from the dead, how can some among you say there is no resurrection of the dead?*

If there is no resurrection of the dead, then neither has Christ been raised.

And if Christ has not been raised, then empty [too] is our preaching; empty, too, your faith.

Yes, Jesus did rise from the dead and our faith is fully alive because of it!

And another time is coming close: registration for delegates for the state convention! With the form moving to online, we ask that you submit your council delegates by April 11, 2023. This will give us sufficient time to get the credentials out to the convention along with sending out other important documents for the council and delegates to review.

The delegate form is available online at:

<https://www.cognitofrms.com/StateWebArizona/DelegateForm>

Vivat Jesus!

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State Membership Director – Keith Baker

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Brothers,

March is hanging on like a Lion and is taking its time to go out like Lamb. However as of this writing our Membership in the State for the month March has obtained 145% of our monthly goal and that means we will go into the last quarter of the fraternal year in a great position to meet our annual membership goal. But now is not the time to let off the gas on reaching your Star Council requirements. We need to see an increase in the number of Church Drives on the State Website Calendar. The proof is there! A Church Drive was conducted at St. Frances Cabrini / Our Lady of La Vang Catholic Church in Tucson the weekend of 3/12 and because it was posted on the State Calendar there were a number of State Officers along with yours truly in attendance and we had good results of 8 new Online members that weekend and then 3 more came in during the week following the Church drive. These are the type of results you can also achieve just by setting up Church drives with the Pastor and making sure they are published in the Church bulletins with enough time prior to the actual weekend of the drive, typically this would be 2 weekends prior to the weekend of the Church drive itself. If your Council needs those last few new members to make your membership goal, then now is the time to get those drives scheduled and not wait until June.

In closing, I would like to honor the memory of our Brother and Sir Knight Tom White who was called home to his eternal rest on March 9<sup>th</sup>. He served the Knights of Columbus with great service and distinction, State Program Director, District Deputy, Past Grand Knight, Past Faithful Navigator, Sir Knight, Brother, and my Friend. He defined the words and title of Worthy Sir Knight and we will miss him, but we will not forget him.

Vivat Jesus!

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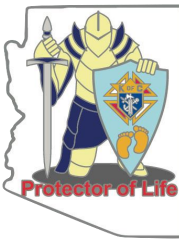
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Membership Promotional Ad

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## Run this ad in your Church Bulletin

Your decision to join the Knights could define your year. Join Catholic men just like you striving to strengthen their faith, their families, and their communities as members of the Knights of Columbus.

Every Knight makes a difference. Each man brings a unique story, a particular set of skills, and a heart that is ready to serve. We invite you to take this exciting step and join us today. It's an opportunity that could define your year and change your life.

[KofC.org/JoinUs](http://KofC.org/JoinUs)



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State Program Director – Rich Tracy

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Brothers,

In past months, we prayed for Brother Tom White in your prayers as he fought his cancer battle. As we know, God called Tom to his heavenly reward on March 9th. Please now join me in a Byzantine Liturgy prayer posted on the Knights of Columbus, Chief Judge John M. Roll Chapter website:

*A Prayer for the Deceased*

*By Thy resurrection from the dead, O Christ, death no longer hath dominion over those who die in holiness. So, we beseech Thee, give rest to Thy servants in Thy sanctuary and in Abraham’s bosom. Grant it to those, who from Adam until now have adored Thee with purity, to our fathers and brothers, to our kinsmen and friends, to all men who have lived by faith and passed on their road to Thee, by a thousand ways, and in all conditions, and make them worthy of the heavenly kingdom. Amen*

*May our Brother Tom White Rest in Peace.*

The State Free Throw Competition was held Saturday, March 25th at Notre Dame Prep. Thanks to Chairman Tom Bayham, Brother Rick Garrison, and the staff at Notre Dame for organizing an outstanding event. Thanks to all Brother Knights who kept score, rebounded, verified scores, and generally creating a fun family atmosphere for the shooters and their families.



There are two featured programs in April (click the blue links for resource information):

**[Good Friday Family Promotion](#)**

During Lent, Councils were invited to attract more families to Good Friday liturgies and raise awareness of the plight of Christians in the Holy Land.

**[Eucharistic Processions](#)**

As we continue the Order’s involvement in the **[National Eucharistic Revival](#)**, Eucharistic Processions are a powerful means to reinforce our belief in the Real Presence of Jesus in the Eucharist. Holy Thursday and the Solemnity of Corpus Christi (June 8th) provide excellent opportunity to hold a Eucharistic Procession in your parish.

May’s featured program is **[Sacramental Gifts](#)**. Now is a great time to initiate a Sacramental Gifts program and support our parish families as they receive the Sacraments.

***Programs = New Members***

Please contact the State Program Director and Associate if you have any questions or need assistance.

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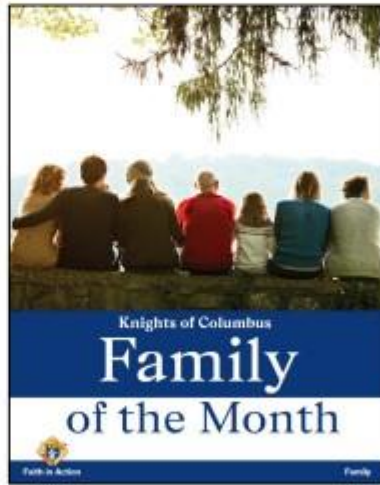
## FAMILY OF THE MONTH FEBRUARY 2023

This month's winner:

Jurisdiction	Council Number	Nominee Name
Arizona	14357	Frank Boteilho

Council Participation List

Jurisdiction	Council Number
Arizona	1229
Arizona	4584
Arizona	8077
Arizona	10762
Arizona	10799
Arizona	10832
Arizona	12708
Arizona	14357



 Arizona State Council  
Funeral Pall Program




Casket and Urn Funeral Palls are available at no cost for any Knight. They are on a lend and return basis. They can be picked up and returned or shipped and return shipping. (Shipping cost not included)  
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**Memorial  
Service Rosary**

**"New"** Memorial Service Rosary Pamphlet for Grand Knights and Faithful Navigators. Order through supplies online. Product # 11417 dated 9/22.



## Specific Events Upcoming

### April 2023

The month of April is dedicated to **The Holy Spirit**. The first three days of the month fall during the season of Lent which is represented by the liturgical color purple – a symbol of penance, mortification and the sorrow of a contrite heart. The remainder of April falls during the Easter season which is represented by the liturgical color white – the color of light, a symbol of joy, purity and innocence (absolute or restored).

### Things to Accomplish

- April 2 - Palm Sunday
- April 6 - Holy Thursday
- April 7 - Good Friday Family Promotion
- April 8 - Holy Saturday
- April 9 - Easter Sunday
- **April 11 - Deadline for Convention Council Delegates**
- April 16 - Divine Mercy Sunday
- **April 28 – Convention Registration Deadline**

**Ask someone to join your council!**

## Specific Events Upcoming

### May 2023

The month of May is dedicated to **The Blessed Virgin Mary**. The first 23 days fall within the liturgical season of **Easter**, which is represented by the liturgical color white – the color of light, a symbol of joy, purity and innocence (absolute or restored). The remainder of the month (beginning the Monday after Pentecost) is in **Ordinary Time** which is represented by the liturgical color green. This symbol of hope is the color of the sprouting seed and arouses in the faithful the hope of reaping the eternal harvest of heaven, especially the hope of glorious resurrection.

### Things to Accomplish

- May 1 – June 15 – Council Officers Elections begin
- May 14 – Mothers Day
- May 18 – Ascension of the Lord
- May 19 – 20 – State Convention
- May 21 – KofC Mexican Martyrs
- May 28 – Pentecost
- May 29 – Memorial Day

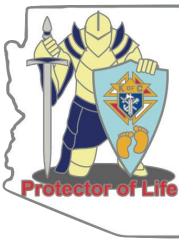
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State Family Director – Joseph Shanks

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After our solemn commemoration of the last days and death of Our Lord we spend the month of April celebrating. As Spring breaks forth even nature will join us as buds and blooms begin to surface and we spend this month basking in the joy of the Resurrection. We continue throughout the entire month our cry, "Christ is risen, Christ is truly risen." The Feast of Divine Mercy offers us the opportunity to begin again as though we were newly baptized. The unfathomable mercy of God is made manifest today if we but accept His most gracious offer. Easter is the feast of feasts, the unalloyed joy and gladness of all Christians. This truly is "the day that the Lord has made." From Sunday to Sunday, from year to year, the Easters of this earth will lead us to that blessed day on which Christ has promised that He will come again with glory to take us with Him into the kingdom of His Father.

The saints that we focus on this month — those who have already shared in the rewards of the Resurrection — are St. Martin I (April 13), St. Bernadette (April 16), St. Anselm (April 21), St. George and St. Adalbert (April 23), St. Fidelis of Sigmaringen (April 24), Our Lady of Good Counsel (April 26), St. Louis Mary de Montfort and St. Peter Chanel (April 28), St. Catherine of Siena (April 29) and St. Pius V (April 30).

The feast of St. Mark (April 25) falls on Sunday and are superseded the Sunday liturgy. The feasts of St. Francis of Paola (April 2), St. Isidore (April 4), St. Vincent Ferrer (April 5), St. John Baptist de la Salle (April 7) are superseded by the Holy Week and Easter Week Liturgies.

## A Time of New Life

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St. Mark



The winged lion, ancient symbol of St. Mark, refers to his Gospel, which informs us of the royal dignity of Christ.

St. Anselm



Writer of the Christian classic, "Cur Deus Homo." This thirty-fourth Archbishop of Canterbury, amid difficulties with royalty, guarded the spiritual independence of the Church (represented by the ship symbol).

St. Catherine of Siena



Among many diplomatic achievements, St. Catherine is known for effecting a reconciliation between the Florentine people and the Papacy. This emblem refers to her faith and charitableness.

St. George



The patron of England, a Christian warrior who is said to have suffered martyrdom in Palestine, during the Diocletian persecution. His shield was the badge of the English from the days of Richard Coeur-de-Lion on. It is for this reason these arms are borne by the Order of the Garter.



### Do They Know

Once we gain enough experience, each of us, God willing, will have to adapt to limitations and changes as we age. It's important our families know our wishes in case they are called to care for us one day. We suggest this information be shared with all family members and Knights:

- Tell family you want to remain a Knight of Columbus and that dues should continue to be paid or a donation made in your name every year.
- Make sure they know your council number and location and who/how to contact your council and assembly if you are 4<sup>th</sup> Degree.
- Keep your council and assembly informed if and when you move or need specialized care. We want to stay in touch to support and pray for you.
- Families must request our services for visitations and funerals.
- Councils regularly pray rosaries at visitations. Assemblies are authorized to conduct guards for 4<sup>th</sup> Degree Knights upon request.
- Tell your family what you would like your Knights Council to do in the event of your passing on to your reward. By completing the below form, you tell your family:
  - \* Council and Assembly Contact Info
  - \* Field Agent Contact Info
  - \* Would you like a Rosary, Honor Guard, or both at your visitation/ funeral?
  - \* Special arrangements – do you want to be buried in your old or new regalia, for example?

**Do They Know Card**  
I am a Knight of Columbus.  
Please continue to pay my dues.

Member #: \_\_\_\_\_ Member Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Degree: \_\_\_\_\_

Council #: \_\_\_\_\_ Council Location: \_\_\_\_\_

Council Contact: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

Field Agent Contact Info: \_\_\_\_\_

Assembly Name, #, and Location: \_\_\_\_\_

Assembly Contact: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

At my passing, please request:

\_\_\_\_\_ Rosary \_\_\_\_\_ Honor Guard \_\_\_\_\_ Prayers \_\_\_\_\_ Notification of Death

Additional Requests: \_\_\_\_\_



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**Silver Rose Chairman – Roger Moleri**

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Brothers All,

I am honored to be your newly appointed Silver Rose chairman for the Knights of Arizona, and thankful to FDD Bob Julien for his outstanding efforts over the last 9 years.

The national 2023 Silver Rose Tour routes have been announced and the dates assigned for Arizona are known. The first arrival of the Silver Rose will be on Sunday May 21st, 2023, and will be transferred to New Mexico on or about June 18th, 2023. The second arrival will be on Sunday October 1st, 2023, and will be transferred to New Mexico on or about Sunday October 29th, 2023. Now is the time to get your councils excited about hosting the Silver Rose and selecting your council's preferred date(s). As many of you are aware, the best dates fill-up quickly.

For more information visit <https://kofc-az.org/silver-rose-program> .

Reach out at your earliest convenience.

Vivat Jesus!

Roger Moleri

Faith Chairman

Silver Rose Chairman

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**State Life Director – Nick Gaudio**

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Brother Knights,

Palm Sunday is upon us. It is the beginning of Holy Week which is solemn and sorrowful, it also anticipates the joy of Easter through the recognition of God's goodness in sending his son to die for our salvation. We have an opportunity to do our part in saving lives by attending the Rosary for Life on Good Friday.

We pray on this holy day that the love and mercy of Christ will pour out on those men and women considering abortion and encourage them to choose life for their pre-born children.

**When:** Friday, April 7th, 11 AM – 1:00 PM

**Where:** Planned Parenthood at 5771 W. Eugie, Glendale AZ, 85304

Please join your fellow Pro-lifers in prayer on this Holy day and know that if we can save even one life it will be a Blessing.

Vivat Jesus,

Nick Gaudio

AZ State Life Director.

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**Fourth Degree – Stanley J. Schroeder – District Master**

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Dear Worthy Officers, Sir Knights and Brothers All,

The month of February concluded with a Fourth Degree Exemplification on February 25, 2023, in Tucson. The Exemplification class consisted of 25 new Sir Knights including Fr. Ukeyima Adams, St Augustine Cathedral. Following the Exemplification, the wives joined the Sir Knight for pictures followed by mass. The actual dinner concluded the evening with several speakers, Fr. Arthur Nave Jr., District Friar, and Sir Knight Sean Halpain, Supreme Director. Fr. Nave also serves as a lead Chaplain for the Department of Public Safety. His message of helping others as a First Responder was most fitting. Unfortunately, the Class Honoree, Sir Knight Edwin 'Skip' Hopler could not attend the event because of health issues.

Callouts are continuing to increase for the Arizona District. On February 26, 2023, a callout for downtown Phoenix included a Mass celebrant by Most Rev. John P. Dolan, Bishop of the Diocese of Phoenix, at a new parish mission for Catholics of African descent named St. Josephine Bakhita Mission Parish. It was an honor to participate along with 8 other Sir Knights who witnessed the dedication of young Catholics excited about their faith. A first Class Relic of St Josephine Bakhita, a Sudanese-Italian religious sister canonized in 2000 was commissioned and put in honored display. Let this remind us, we are one body in Christ.

March would not be the same without a St Patrick's Parade. Thanks to the District Marshal, Michael Paz, the Knights of Columbus had an entry in this parade. As seen in the following picture, Sir Knights from the Fr. Adrian Assembly, 2736, proudly marched in the parade with the flags. This event will continue to grow as Knights of Columbus will also be encouraged to participate. Looking into the future, is the AZ State Council State Convention followed by another Fourth Degree Exemplification. The State Deputy has requested Fourth Degree Participation at the Convention masses; thus, encouraging those attending to join the Fourth Degree. The timing is perfect as the next scheduled Fourth Degree Exemplification is scheduled for June 10, 2023, in Glendale, AZ. Please save the June 10<sup>th</sup>, 2023 date and recruit and RECRUIT!





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With Lenten season at the midpoint, Laetare Sunday, we are reminded to prepare ourselves mind and soul for the Easter Celebrations. I have mentioned to several, the Fourth Degree Honor Guard season starts on Holy Thursday. I encourage Sir Knights in uniform to participate in callouts for Chrism Mass, Holy Thursday Mass and perhaps the Saturday Vigil Mass if called upon by your paster. There is no prouder moment for a Sir Knight than to lead by example, be the protector of the Eucharist.

Rosanne and I wish everyone a very Blessed Easter Season and look forward to the Fourth Quarter of this Fraternal Year.

GOD BLESS AMERICA!  
VIVAT JESUS!  
Stan Schroeder, PSD  
AZ District Master



## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FOURTH DEGREE EXEMPLIFICATION JOHN H. REDDIN PROVINCE

When: June 10<sup>th</sup>, 2023  
Where: TBD, Glendale, Arizona



Contact your Faithful Navigator for Form 4 paperwork and verification of proper information and signatures.



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116<sup>th</sup> Annual Knights of Columbus Arizona State Convention

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Worthy Brother Knights All,

Fr. Louis A. Sigman Council 16277 is pleased to host the 116th Annual Knights of Columbus Arizona State Convention.

This year's convention will be held May 19 and 20, 2023 at the Embassy Suites by Hilton Scottsdale resort, located at 5001 N. Scottsdale Road, Scottsdale, Arizona, 85250. The 2023 Arizona State Convention theme and logo will be from the State Deputy's State Pin, "Protector of Life".

Hotel reservations can only be made directly with the hotel, either online or by phone. Refer to the Hotel Reservations page for details. Room rates are guaranteed through April 28, 2023, at 5:00 PM and are applicable three days before and three days after the convention based on availability. Reservations made after this date will be accepted on a space-available basis at a non-discounted rate. Breakfast is included with your hotel reservation at no extra charge.

Hospitality Suites are available but limited; these suites may not be booked directly through the hotel. To reserve hospitality suites, contact Larry Becker at 480-760-5122 or [az23kccconvention@gmail.com](mailto:az23kccconvention@gmail.com) for assistance.

Registration for the convention is required for all who attend (**YOU MUST BE A 3RD DEGREE KNIGHT TO ATTEND ANY PORTION OF THE CONVENTION**). In addition, if you are attending the convention as a Delegate or Alternate, your Council must submit the names through an online form by April 2, 2023. The link to the form will be provided in a separate email to Grand Knights and Financial Secretaries.

**IMPORTANT NOTE FOR DELEGATES:** If you are a Delegate or Alternate you still MUST register for the Convention in addition to submitting the Delegate form from your Council. Your Council DOES NOT register for you!

The preferred method to register for the Convention is through the State Convention section of the State Council's website, where you may pay by credit or debit card online. <https://kofc-az.org/state-convention> If you desire to use this method, please proceed to the website for more instructions, or by mailing in a check.

If registering by mail, refer to the registration page. Fill out the registration form and send the form, along with a check (payable to: Fr. Louis A. Sigman Council 16277, Attention: 2023 State Convention) to:

K of C 2023 Convention  
ATTN: Chris Wrobel  
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All registrations and payments must be received by Friday, April 28, 2023. Registrations received later than this date will be assessed an additional \$10.00 fee for late processing. Late registrations place an additional burden on the host Council and the hotel to ensure that there are sufficient seating and meals for all in attendance. Credit card payments must be made directly on the website.



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## 116<sup>th</sup> Annual Knights of Columbus Arizona State Convention

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On Friday, all Bishops, Priests, Council Chaplains and Assembly Friars are invited to take part in the Opening Mass of the convention. Councils and Assemblies are urged to invite your Council Chaplains, Assembly Friars and Parish Priests to attend these events. Councils and Assemblies should reimburse / pay for any expenses incurred by travel, meals and lodging.

Immediately following Friday's State Program Award Dinner there will be "Rat Pack" music under the stars in the Patio Garden area. The attire for both the dinner and dancing is "Rat Pack" attire (50's – 60's Las Vegas Frank Sinatra, Dean Martin, Sammy Davis Jr. style attire) or Business Casual.

Saturday's "Faith to Foster" Ladies Luncheon will begin at 11:30AM. We are excited about our guest speakers Wendy Esquibel founder of Jose's Closet and Veronica Lopez from Catholic Charities Foster Care Program. In addition, Kate Hursh from Saint Juan Diego and one of her adopted children will share their experience of Foster Care. We are here to acknowledge Foster Families and children, it is important for these families and children to know that are seen, heard, and loved: this is of utmost importance. There will be opportunity to donate items to the chosen charities. In addition, gift baskets will be part of this year's raffle. Proceeds from the raffle will be donated to Jose's Closet and Catholic Charities Foster Care program.

Advertising in the Convention Program is a great way to support convention activities, show support for our State Officers and show solidarity for our Chaplains, Friars, and Priests. We ask all Councils and Assemblies to place an advertisement in the program. Advertising must be submitted no later than Friday April 21, 2023. Please use the "Buy Advertising" section at <https://kofc-az.org/state-convention>.

Vendor Tables: If you are interested in participating as a vendor for the convention, send an email to: [az23kcconvention@gmail.com](mailto:az23kcconvention@gmail.com). As a charity or organization promoting your program, consider hosting a table. There is limited space available, so book early!

If you have any questions regarding the convention registration or website, please contact: If you have any questions regarding the convention registration or website, please contact: [az23kcconvention@gmail.com](mailto:az23kcconvention@gmail.com).

We look forward to seeing you in May!

Fraternally Yours,  
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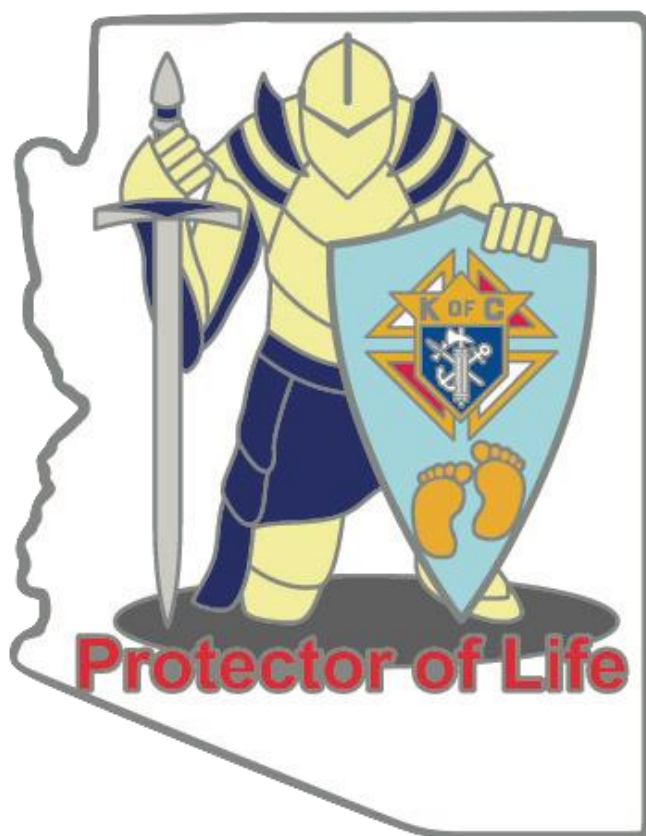
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## ARIZONA STATE LOGO 2022-2023



The Arizona Knights of Columbus announced a renewed vigor for defending life at this year's organization meeting.

In honor of the Supreme Court's overturning of Roe vs. Wade and the Knights of Columbus' firm stand for the protection and support of all life from conception to natural death, State Deputy Luigi Baratta announced the creation of a new pin which represents Knights kneeling in prayer. The knight's sword represents the rosary, his shield represents Knights in unity, the baby's feet on the shield represents life, and the white background represents the innocents which Knights will always defend.

"Last year, our state theme was Defender of the Faith," he explained. "This year it is Protector of Life. As Catholics, we must remain steadfast and do all we can to protect life from conception through natural death. We need to encourage men to join us to step into the breach, pray vigilantly, and assist our efforts to help serve our parishes and communities across the great state of Arizona."

In addition to their continued fundraising efforts to help purchase ultrasound machines, the Knights of Columbus have launched a new initiative called the Aid and Support After Pregnancy (ASAP). This new initiative significantly enhances the Knights' support for mothers and children and is "a call to action for Knights across the United States and Canada to increase financial support to pregnancy resource centers, maternity homes and other organizations which give direct assistance to new mothers and/or babies."