

State Deputy's Message

August 2022

Worthy Brother's All	,
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We have completed the first month of the Fraternal year and we had a decent month as we were shooting for 40 new members in July and fell a little short. I know it's been extremely hot in the valley, and it isn't fun standing in the sun after Mass. Many of our brothers have been on vacation and some will still be gone until September. We need to kick start August so that we can regain our momentum going into the first fraternal Quarter.

Remember, our incentive for the first quarter? We will be giving councils \$3.50 per member who enter their Council, which means a CUF must be conducted. You may think that's not a lot but, did you know that covers his per capita? It is FREE MONEY!

Here is what we need from you:

Please contact all your Grand Knights and find out when they are conducting a church drive in the next 3 months.

Find out if they are receiving our Flocknote (KOCOA-Weekly bulletins and press releases).

Are all their forms turned in (185, 365, state directory)

Have they received the email to become safe environment compliant?

Help them strategize their church drives and if they need help on filling out forms have them contact our Executive State Secretary to the State Deputy. Please you gather your information by August 8th and email Keith Baker at membership@kofc-az.org and Rick Garrison at azknights@q.com.

Make sure your councils have the proper membership information handy and have their salesmen in the Council be there to talk with prospective members. Remind them that all the State Officers and State Membership team is available. Let us help you! August is the Feast of Father McGivney, August 13th, with both his Birthday and the Anniversary of his death, so we have included a flyer we to help get the word out to your Pastor, your membership, your parish Flocknote and their Facebook pages.





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Eternal Father,

sanctify the priests and mold them into the Likeness and holiness of your son, **Jesus Christ.**Strengthen them with the gifts of the Holy Spirit

and to help them serve

us. Amen.

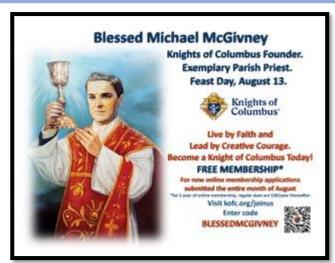


August 2022 Pope Francis Intention Small Businesses

We pray for small and medium sized businesses; in the midst of economic and social crisis, may they find ways to continue operating, and serving their communities.



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State Secretary – Tom Kato

The Arizona Knights of Columbus are happy to announce the placement of the 9th Ultrasound Machine since 2016! Aid to Women Center in Tempe saw an increase in foot traffic for ultrasounds in March and asked if the Knights of Columbus could help.

Thanks to the generosity of all the councils around the state, we were able to get the request to supreme and machine ordered promptly.

With over \$300,000 in equipment purchases with the help of the Supreme Knights of Columbus Ultrasound Initiative, we need to keep answering the call to be the Protector of Life!

Pictured left to right
Tom Kato, State Secretary
Anne Dennis, Outreach Manager
Joe Kendra, Executive Director
Dominic Conn, Ultrasound Chairman





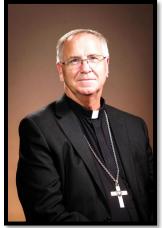


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Most Reverend John Patrick Dolan – Fifth Bishop of Diocese of Phoenix

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On August 2 the Most Reverend John Patrick Dolan (60), originally a priest of San Diego and, since 2017 Auxiliary Bishop of that same diocese, will be installed as the fifth Bishop of Phoenix, Arizona. His armorial bearings are:



The bishop's coat of arms, is composed of a shield upon which there are symbolic charges, a motto and the external ornaments of rank. By heraldic custom observed in North America, the arms of the diocesan bishop are "impaled" side by side on the same shield to the arms of his jurisdiction, in this case, the Diocese of Phoenix. This signifies that the bishop is "married" to the See. The same method of impalement is employed in the coat of arms of two married people who are armigerous.

The coat of arms of the See of Phoenix is composed of a blue field on which is placed a silver (white) mountain to represent Camelback Mountain, a significant aspect of the backdrop of the See City. Arising from the mountain is a gold (yellow) bird that is coming forth from red flames to represent the mythological phoenix, that arose from the ashes, and for which the See city is named. Above the phoenix is a gold cross formy fitchée (three arms of a cross and one resembling a spike), which is taken from the arms of the Diocese of Tucson to signify that it was from the territory of Tucson that the Diocese of Phoenix was created in 1969.

Courtesy of Fr. Guy Selvester's blog of Ecclesiastical Heraldry

For his personal arms Bishop Dolan has adopted a design to reflect his religious devotion, priestly ministry and family. The arms are composed of a gold (yellow) field on which there is a single charge of the Sacred Heart of Jesus depicted wounded, surrounded by a crown of thorns and enflamed all colored red. This reflects the bishop's devotion to the Sacred Heart which is also symbolic of the mercy of God which he tries to reflect in his priestly ministry. All priests are exhorted to conform themselves more closely to Christ and strive to be shepherds after His own heart. The gold field is borrowed from the coat of arms of the diocese of San Diego to recall the local church he had served as a priest and auxiliary bishop. The chief (upper third of the shield) replicates the blue field and crescents traditionally associated with the arms of Dolan in Irish heraldry. Here the usually silver crescents have been colored gold (yellow) and reduced in number from three to two for differencing. These charges are merely borrowed to act as an allusion to the bishop's family name.

For his motto, Bishop Dolan has selected the phrase "ABIDE IN MY LOVE".

The shield is ensigned with a gold (yellow) episcopal cross. Such crosses resemble contemporary processional crosses but they are, in fact, different. In the Middle Ages such a cross, without a corpus, was carried directly in front of all metropolitan archbishops and Papal Legates as a symbol of their authority. Eventually all bishops began using this emblem and adopted it in their coats of arms as well. The episcopal cross ceased to be used in the late XIX Century but the cross behind the shield is the true emblem of episcopal heraldry. In addition, above the shield is the green ecclesiastical hat called a "galero" with six tassels pendant on either side. This broad brimmed hat, once worn in cavalcades, is no longer used but remains as a heraldic emblem. The original color worn by bishops and archbishops was green, not purple. This "episcopal color" is retained in heraldry. These external ornaments are those used for a prelate with the rank of bishop according to the Instruction of the Holy See, "Ut Sive", of March, 1969.





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Feast Days for Father Michael Joseph McGivney/St. John Vianney

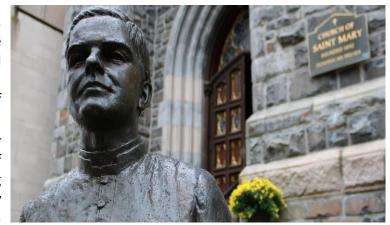
Official Feast Day in the Catholic Church of Blessed Father Michael McGivney, patron and founder of the Knights of Columbus is celebrated annually on August 13th across the universal Catholic Church. Bl. Fr. McGivney was born on August 12, 1852 and passed away on August 14, 1890 (aged 38). His feast day is celebrated on the 13th because it falls between these two dates.

The founder of the Knights of Columbus, Father Michael J. McGivney was a central figure in the growth of Catholicism in America, and he remains a model today. His example of charity, evangelization and empowerment of the laity continues to bear fruit and guide Knights of Columbus around the world. In his Apostolic Letter that was read at the Mass for Beatification on Oct. 31, 2020, Pope Francis stated that Blessed Michael McGivney's "zeal for the proclamation of the Gospel and generous concern for the needs of his brothers and sisters made him an outstanding witness of Christian solidarity and fraternal assistance." The Holy Father set his annual feast day for Aug. 13, the day between Father McGivney's birthday (in 1852) and the day he entered eternal life (in 1890).

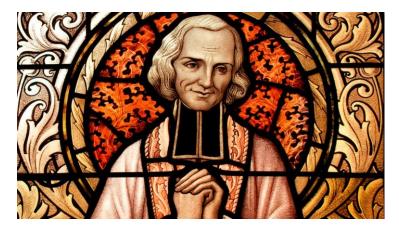
Every Mass, every public rosary, every adoration, every confession at St. Mary's happens over a place of special importance for laity of the Catholic Church, in the United States and beyond: the place where Father Michael McGivney founded the Knights of Columbus.

Serving as an assistant for about six years at St. Mary's before being entrusted with a parish of his own, he certainly fulfilled the ordinary duties of a parish priest well with great virtue. He changed our parish through events, personal visits, involvement in groups, and organization of social events.

Most importantly, he changed the way the laity saw their vocation, and fulfilled it. In founding the Knights of Columbus in 1882, he was considered "bold" for holding the laity - especially laymen - to a high standard of fidelity to the Catholic Faith. Contrary to clericalism, he believed in the ability of laity to make a difference, in their families, in the Church, and in society.



Our parish was not only the testing grounds for his ideas. It has grown over many decades to be shaped by his high-standards for the laity spiritually, and his spiritual trust that lay men, lay women, and families can be saints.

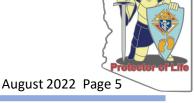


This month we also celebrate the feast of St. John Vianney, on August 9, the patron saint of parish priests. Father Vianney's ministry marked a renewal of the faith in his country — a movement that spilled out into worldwide missions. There is every reason for us to hope for the same, even in our lifetime. Please encourage priests in their vocations.





Knight of Columbus 140th Supreme Convention – Nashville, Tennessee





Knights of Columbus 140th Supreme Convention | Knights of Columbus (kofc.org) Welcome to the 140th Supreme Convention to be held Aug. 2-4 in Nashville, Tenn. This page will be updated with news leading up to, and during, the convention. It will also include streaming video of major convention events such as the celebration of Mass each day, the Annual Report of the Supreme Knight, and the States Dinner.

Knights of Columbus and family members from around the world — joined by numerous bishops, priests, religious sisters and special guests — are gathering in Nashville, Tenn., for the 140th Supreme Convention Aug. 2-4, 2022.

Set at the Gaylord Opryland Resort, it is the first in-person Supreme Convention since 2019. In addition to events celebrating charity, unity and fraternity, participants can look forward to a taste of southern comforts and culture, beginning with a welcome concert and award session at the historic Grand Ole Opry on Monday evening, Aug. 1.

Tuesday, Aug. 2

- •Pre-Convention Broadcast (EWTN) 9 a.m.
- •Opening Mass 9:30 a.m.
- •Opening Business Session & Annual Report of the Supreme Knight 1 p.m.
- •States Dinner 6 p.m.

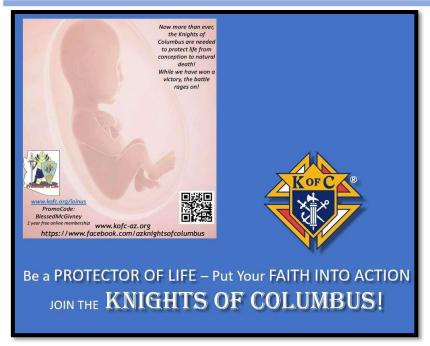
Tues Mass Book (kofc.org)





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Additional Membership Promotional Ads







Run these 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



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Supreme Hispanic Field Coordinator – Jose' "Pona" Magana

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Jose' "Pona" Magana became a Knights of Columbus 13 years ago. He became a Knight when a priest challenged him to serve his parish. He is a member of Rancho Cucamonga Council 13403 in Alta Loma, California. He also served as Vocations Chair for his council and in charge of the ushers at his parish.



Since then, he has recruited 88 members and helped establish two new councils. He has served as District Deputy of District #101 in California and as State Coordinator for Hispanic Development.

Pona was recognized as a top recruiter at the California State Convention in 2019 and has been recognized recently as top recruiter in the United States. He became a Supreme Hispanic Field Coordinator two and half years ago. Pona is married to Judy for 30 years and had their anniversary July 19, 2022. They have two children: Wendy 29 years of age and Jr 26 years of age.

Pona wants to share four tips:

- **1. Talk about the Knights man-to-man**: He says his favorite recruitment tactics include giving pulpit announcements after Mass, as well as having personal face-to-face conversations.
- **2. Proclaim a message of faith**: He tells men that's it's important to imitate Jesus and to be the men that God wants them to be.
- **3. Share stories of Knights and strong masculinity**: The biggest obstacle is that faith-based groups are not seen as "macho." He responds to this misconception by explaining how he's now a stronger man --- a better husband, father, son, and brother --- since joining the Knights of Columbus.
- **4. Work Hard, work with your heart**: Hard work and charity can bring you far, if you remember that, as Pona says, "every Knights is a fisher of souls for the Kingdom of God." He shares that we can achieve greatness with the blessings of God, the protection of our Mother Mary and the prayers of Father Michael McGivney.

Brother Pona will be available in the September/October timeframe to come to Arizona. He would like to visit councils on Friday, provide training on Saturday where necessary, and recruit on Sunday. Please welcome Jose' "Pona" Magana to our great state of Arizona.

Jose' "Pona" Magana Hispanic Field Coordinator Knights of Columbus Supreme Council Cell: (203) 430 7863

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State Program Knights at the Ball Park – Jeff Schneider

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Worthy Brothers,

Please use this form below and send a copy to me when you are done so I can keep track of the Knights participation. Jeffrey Schneider (bronte8077@gmail.com)









New Faith Program Eucharistic Procession

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PLANNING A EUCHARISTIC PROCESSION

Answering the call of the United States Bishops to organize Eucharistic Processions across the country, Knights of Columbus councils are prepared to help our priests and bishops with the logistics and planning of processions so that we can bring Jesus Christ to the streets of our communities.

Eucharistic Revival | Knights of Columbus (kofc.org)

Holy Hour - Faith Programs | Knights of Columbus (kofc.org)

Tri-Fold 11334 (kofc.org)

Eucharistic Procession Guidebook and other resources <u>11348 Eucharistic Procession Guidebook</u> (kofc.org)

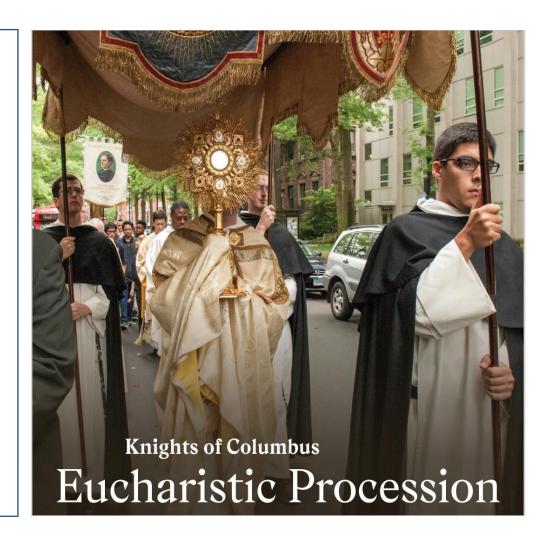
Eucharistic Revival

The United States calls for a three-year grassroots revival of devotion and belief in the Real Presence of Jesus in the Eucharist.

Our Bishops ask all AZ Knights to step up and participate in this revival as participants and leaders in their parishes.

Go to eucharisticrevival.org

Enter your email to receive "Cor Ad Cor" ("Heart to Heart"), the regular newsletter from the Eucharistic Revival, with newsworthy updates, resources, and more.





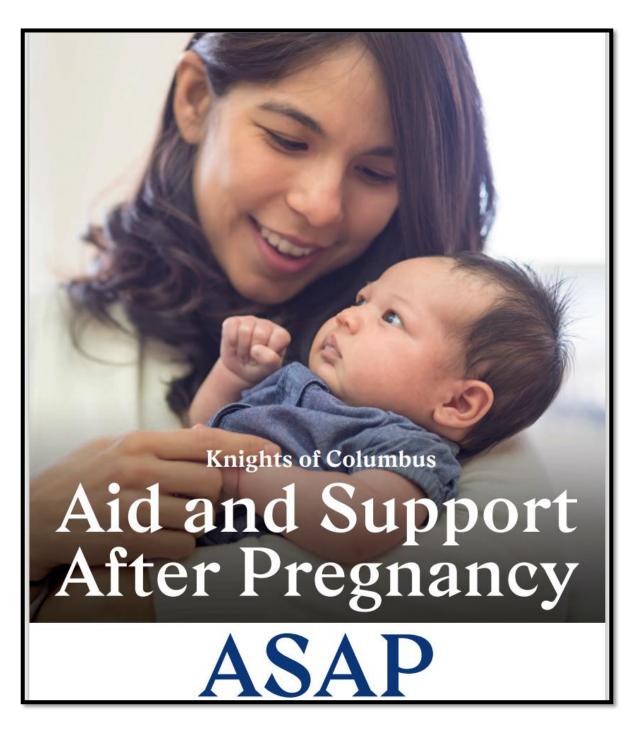


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Supreme Knight Patrick Kelly has announced the launch of a new Knights of Columbus campaign that greatly expands the organization's already robust support for pregnancy resource centers and maternity homes to assist mothers and children. The new Aid and Support After Pregnancy (ASAP) initiative 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.

Resource guide and other resources available 11371 Aid and Support Guide Book (kofc.org).









State Family Director – Joseph Shanks

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World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly

I ask the Lord that, also through his example, all of us may open our hearts in sensitivity to the sufferings of the poor and intercede for their needs. May each of us learn to repeat to all, and especially to the young, the words of consolation we have heard spoken to us today: "I am with you always"! Keep moving forward! May the Lord grant you his blessing.

<u>Letter of His Holiness Pope Francis to Married Couples for the "Amoris Laetitia Family" Year, 2021-2022 (26 December 2021)</u> | Francis (vatican.va)



Pope Francis to the elderly: 'Be artisans of the revolution of tenderness!' Last year, Pope Francis established World Day of Grandparents and the Elderly, a day to remind everybody that 'old age is a gift' and that the elderly are not to be forgotten.

<u>Pastoral Resources - First World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly</u> (laityfamilylife.va)

Updated Forms

Form 944 - District Deputy Annual Report on Council Status (alchemer.com)

11077 2-22 Fraternal Benefit Seminar Form (kofc.org)

1831 3-22 Council Dues Relief (kofc.org)

Virtual Marian Icon Prayer Program Our Lady Help of Persecuted Christians

Marian Icon Prayer Chair John McNulty

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https://youtu.be/cClzc6sUmSU

This video is available as a resource to run virtual Marian Icon Prayer Services.

Pilgrim Icon Prayer Program Saint Joseph Icons

Pilgrim Icon Prayer Program Chair John McNulty (602) 568-7047 jmkrealty1@gmail.com

The Knights of Columbus-produced documentary, St. Joseph: Our Spiritual Father is available to stream free of charge, on <u>ST. JOSEPH: Our Spiritual Father | Knights of Columbus (kofc.org)</u>. We encourage you, as a man of faith, to watch this important feature.

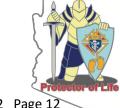
As Catholic men, we need the intercession of St. Joseph, protector of families and Patriot of the Universal Church now more than ever.







State Family Director – Joseph Shanks (continued)



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Honorary (Honorary Life) Membership Ceremonial

If the member has been a member for 25 consecutive years and has reached age 70, or has been a member for 50 years regardless of age, the only change in the following ceremonial is to substitute the words "honorary life member" for "honorary member" wherever the latter appears.

The honor may be conferred upon one individual member or in groups of two or more. If a group, change singular to plural where necessary.

The following items should be obtained by the financial secretary prior to the ceremony. Honorary Member (#1457) and Honorary Life Member (#1458) certificates are available for a nominal charge as well as Honorary Member (#PG-109) and Honorary Life Member (#PG-110) lapel pins.

Careful preparations for this solemn ceremony should be made and every care taken to make its impressions lasting. Each officer should be prepared to deliver his part in an inspiring manner, attired in a suit, medal of office and ceremonial baldric if available.

This ceremony may be conducted with the presence of the family and other guests or in private under "The Good of the Order."

Refer to pages 39 and 40 in your 5093 - Leadership Resources (kofc.org)

What's New

Leadership Resource Handbook Effective July 1, 2022 5093 - Leadership Resources (kofc.org)

2022-2023 Fraternal Planner (kofc.org)

The Knights of Columbus is here to help. We offer the Catholic faith formation, financial protection, and family resources that can help you grow as a father, husband, and leader. With the Knights, you can become the man you want to be – and your family needs. Right now, we're offering a FREE download of *Becoming a Real Man of God* to help you lead your family in faith.

<u>Are You Building Your Family On Solid</u>
Ground? | Knights of Columbus (kofc.org)



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)

For more information call:

SK Jack Ahern



121 N. 57th Drive Phoenix, Arizona 85043 602-269-0009 800-634-0839





Public Relations Director – Joseph Shanks



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Do They Know Card (Updated)

Once we gain enough experience, each of us, God willing, will have to adapt to limitations and changes as 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 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 4th 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 be guards for 4th Degree Knights upon request.
- · Tell your family what you would like the Knights to do in the event of your passing on to your reward. By completing the form below, 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.

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Additional Requests:	







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Brothers,

As I write this, we have scores of people in the Supreme Office and around our jurisdictions who are preparing for the Supreme Convention. It's an exciting time because many accomplishments of the past year will be recognized. All of the councils the Raso Agency serves, can take great pride in playing a part of these successes. I congratulate all of you for your dedication to our first principle, charity, and reaching so many in need both here at home and around the world. While we have helped many right here, you have responded generously to help our brother Knights and their families in Ukraine and our brother Knights in Poland who have been critical in providing for so many refugees. Our Order, started by a simple and humble parish priest, who is on the path to sainthood, was to provide for both the spiritual and temporal needs of his flock. You are helping to do that today.

When people in the local community think about the Knights of Columbus, they may have some general notion about all these good works we do and the Order's amazing impact around the world. But to the local parish and the community, you represent the Order. When you are volunteering at a Special Olympics event, when you are visiting the sick, helping your pastor, handing out coats for kids, selling Tootsie Rolls, raising money for a charitable cause right here in your own backyard—this is what people see, they see you; to them you are what it means to be a Knight of Columbus. When you lead with faith, protect your family, serve others, and defend your values, you are a witness inspired by our founding principles.

I look forward to next month when we can see the actual impact as outlined in the Supreme Knight's Report at the convention. But even with a report of all that has been accomplished, let's not lose sight that our work is not done. We have challenges every day and I am pleased to be assigned to Utah and Arizona and help further the vision of Blessed Michael McGivney.

Vivat Jesus!

The Raso Agency



DISCOVER THE Catholic DIFFERENCE

Catholic. Charitable. Ethical

The Knights of Columbus is committed to our Faith, our Values, our Members, and our Communities.







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Silver Rose 2022

Silver Rose Tour 2022 has begun

Brothers, the Silver Rose is an outward symbol of our Blessed Mother's devotion for the sanctity of human life. As Knights of Columbus, it is our responsibility to bring this message to all of her people. This year, 2022, Arizona is honored to host the Silver Rose twice.

This past Sunday May 22, 2022 the Silver Rose was transferred from California to Arizona during the 11:30am mass at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Yuma. The mass was celebrated by brother knights Fr. George Holley and Deacon David Clark. In attendance for the transfer ceremony for California was Art Barros, DD from Imperial Valley, standing in for my friend, California Silver Rose Chairman Jerry Fong. For Arizona, were myself, DD Juan Marin and several brother Knights from councils around Yuma.

For the next 27 days the Silver Rose will be touring a small handful of councils who stepped up to host the Silver Rose before being transferred from Arizona, to New Mexico, on June 18th.

Our second tour will begin on Sunday October 2nd in the Kingman area, district #17, at a location still to be confirmed with California. The tour is expected, but not yet confirmed, to then travel toward Flagstaff then making its way south toward the Phoenix valley.

Though we will only have the Silver Rose for 27 days in October, there are still several dates, other than Arizona Rosary Celebration weekend, remaining for the Silver Rose to visit your parish, council or school. If you are interested, please contact me with your date choices (preferably three date options).

AZ Knights of Columbus State Silver Rose Chairman

Robert Julien PGK, PFN, FDD Email: <u>JulienKofC@gmail.com</u> Phone: 480-860-0720 (home) 480-707-9246 (cell) **

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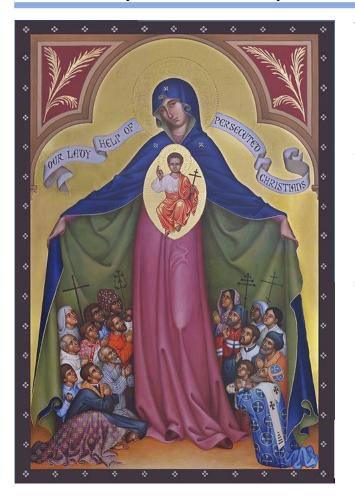




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Arizona Rosary Celebration – Larry Costanzo

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The Knights of Columbus have for many years had a Marian Prayer Program sending a specially blessed image or icon of Our Lady around the country with the Knights organizing holy hours and prayer services in conjunction with the image visiting a local parish. In this case, it has distinct resonance as Christians are being persecuted on a more widespread and deadly level than we have known before. It is estimated that in the 20th century, more martyrs died for Christ than in the first three centuries of the Church's existence. Now, sadly, in the third millennium the situation seems even worse. Thus, the idea of having an icon written particularly for persecuted Christians hits home.

WE NEED ADS FROM EVERY COUNCIL AND ASSEMBLY!!

Only 52 of 144 Councils and 29 of 53 Assemblies placed an ad. We now have a 501(c)(3) designation, so donations are tax deductible according to law.

Tucson

10:00 a.m. - 12:15 p.m. Saturday, October 15, 2022 St. Augustine Cathedral 192 S. Stone Ave., Tucson, AZ 85701 Questions? Call Dave at (520) 539-5528.

Phoenix

Sunday, October 16, 2022
2:00 p.m. - 4:15 p.m.

Doors open at noon for confession, adoration, exhibits
Phoenix Convention Center

South Building, Halls F & G, 33 S 3rd St., Phoenix AZ 85004

Questions? Call Skip at (602) 677-2029.

Bullhead City

Watch for updates on Arizona Rosary Celebration taking place in October 2022

Send an email to info@AzRosary.net to volunteer, donate, or ask questions.

Yuma

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Flagstaff

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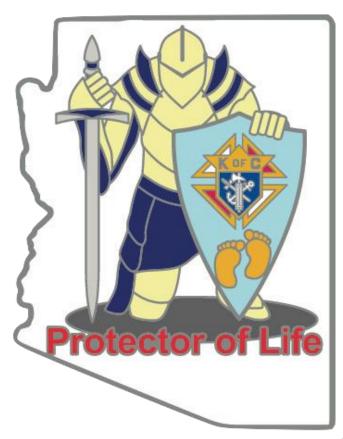
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ARIZONA STATE LOGO 2022-2023



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."