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"Protectors of Life"



**State Deputy's Message**

**December 2022**

Dear Brothers Knights,

I hope you had a blessed Thanksgiving with your families, as did Sonja and me.

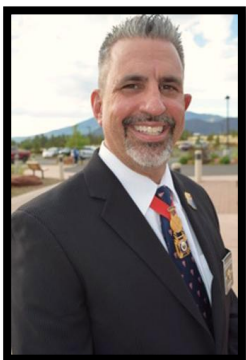
We are thankful for all the support given to the State Council by you in the year of **Protector of Life**. Our programs continue to thrive in our Parishes and within our communities as we pass the halfway mark in our fraternal year.

This past weekend our District Deputies, Grand Knights and Financial Secretaries took part in our Midyear meeting. We were honored to be presented with the Pinnacle award. This is the Supremes' highest award given to a jurisdiction for membership growth. And speaking of awards, to expedite the process we have decided to have our District Deputies present Council Awards as they visit Councils in their Districts. Thank you to all the Councils who have been award winners. Without your hard work we would not have achieved all we have in the past fraternal year.

Sunday, November 27<sup>th</sup> was the beginning of Advent. The beginning of the new Liturgical year. We anticipate the birth of Jesus in the stable in Bethlehem and anticipate an exciting month of preparing for Christmas celebrations with our families. As you know, the liturgical season of Christmas begins with the Vigil Mass on Christmas Eve and concludes on the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord. During this season, we not only celebrate the birth of Christ into our world and hearts but also the gift of salvation. Our Lord was born to die for us.

This Christmas season why not give the gift of membership in the Knights of Columbus? It is our duty to ask every Catholic Man to join our great Order. What better way is to **inspire**, to **motivate** and to **evangelize** Catholic men than through membership in the brotherhood of the Knights. As brother Knights, we all pray together, walk together and spread the word of Jesus Christ together.

On behalf of the Arizona State Council, Sonja, and me, we wish all of you a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.



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**The Church has a duty to  
welcome people with  
disabilities**

Pope Francis celebrated the International Day of Disabled Persons on Saturday at the Vatican with a group of children with disabilities and their families. In a private audience inside the Apostolic Palace on Dec. 3, the pope greeted each of the families present and said: "Your witness is a concrete sign of peace, a sign of hope for a more humane and fraternal world for everyone." Pope Francis underlined his desire for all Christian communities to be true places of "belonging and inclusion."

"There is no inclusion if it only remains a slogan, a formula to be used in politically correct speeches," he added.

The pope said: "Promoting recognition of the dignity of every person is a constant responsibility of the Church: it is the mission of continuing over time the closeness of Jesus Christ to every man and woman, especially those who are most fragile and vulnerable."



**December 2022  
Pope Francis Intention  
Volunteer Not-for-Profit  
Organizations**

We pray that volunteer non-profit organizations committed to human development find people dedicated to the common good and ceaselessly seek out new paths to international cooperation.



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State Membership Director – Keith Baker

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Brother Knights,

We are fast approaching the end of the halfway point of the Fraternal Year, and I want to thank all the Councils who have set up and conducted Church Drives during the last six months and for those Councils who have scheduled and conducted CUF Degrees during this same time period. The fruits of your labors have put the jurisdiction of Arizona on a path to success and brought us back on pace to meet our State Membership Goals for the Fraternal year.

We just completed our Arizona State Mid-Year meeting this weekend of 12/2 thru 12/4 and our State Officers have delivered another informative and interactive meeting. But I know that there could have been several questions and further discussion on the topic of Membership, and I also want to make sure that those who could not make the Mid-Year meeting are able to see what was presented for Membership. If anyone would like to discuss or has any questions or wants clarification on Membership, be it Church Drives or Online Membership application and procedures, please contact me directly. I have attached the Membership PPT slides for your [reference](#).

I want to urge those Councils who have not yet had a Church Drive to get one scheduled ASAP and conduct it before the end of the first quarter of the year. PLEASE also complete the Church Drive form located on the State Council website ([Home \(kofc-az.org\)](http://Home(kofc-az.org))). It is located under the STATE INFO tab and EVENTS CALENDAR. By merely clicking on these it will take you to the State Calendar and just below that there is the CUF Degree Form and below that the Church Drive Form. By completing these forms when they are being set by the Council, it will be automatically entered into the State Calendar and myself along with the State Officers and Program Director will be notified. This will allow us to schedule our availability for these drives around the State.

I would also like to encourage every Council member here in the State of Arizona who is reading this KOCO A that **you can make a difference** for your Church, your Council, and your Parish Community to ask just ONE Catholic Man 18 years or older to go Online and Join. By this simple task you will be building up the Church, supporting your Pastor, and making a stronger parish community; and certainly not least of which you will be growing the Order of the Knights of Columbus.

Finally, from The Baker Family to all of you, we want to send along our Sincere Prayers and Best Wishes for a Blessed and Joyous Christmas Season!

Vivat Jesus,  
Keith Baker  
State Membership Director.  
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# KOCCOA

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## Run these ads 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**

*"We need to evangelize 1:1, accompanying and encountering each person." Fr. Peter Mussett*

*As we strive to bringing men closer to Jesus, remember these key statements as you go out to engage with them!*

*"Be Bold  
Be Brief  
Be Biblical  
Be Catholic!"  
Matthew Arnold*


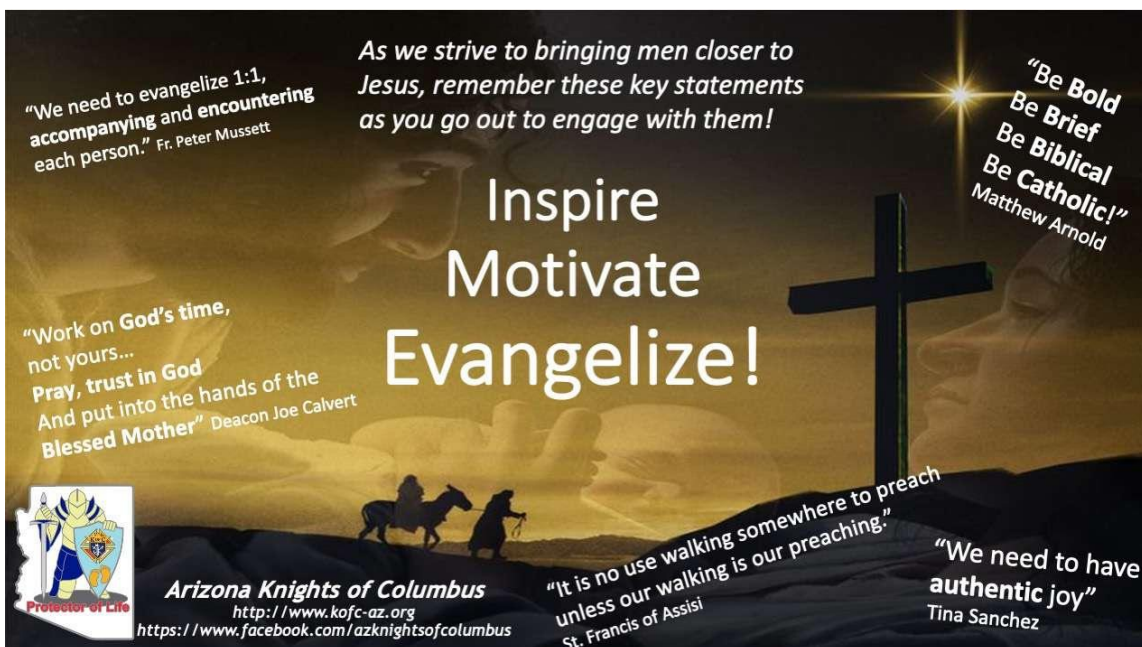
**Inspire  
Motivate  
Evangelize!**

*"Work on God's time, not yours... Pray, trust in God And put into the hands of the Blessed Mother" Deacon Joe Calvert*

*"It is no use walking somewhere to preach unless our walking is our preaching."  
St. Francis of Assisi*

*"We need to have authentic joy"  
Tina Sanchez*

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*Let us search like the three kings for that encounter with our Lord and Savior.*

*For a child is born to us, a son is given us;  
upon his shoulder dominion rests.  
They name him  
Wonder-Counselor,  
God-Hero,  
Father-Forever,  
Prince of Peace.  
Isaiah 9:5*

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Promo Code:  
BlessedMcGivney  
1 year free online membership






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State Program Director – Tom White

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Brother Knights,

We have had some marginal success getting our councils to complete the 10784 form, but we need even better compliance. This form should be submitted following the completion of each program. We have made it even easier to complete by making the form more accessible. Go to the state website. Click on PROGRAMS and form 10784 is the first item you will see in the drop down menu. Scroll down to form 10784 and you will receive a fillable form to complete. It takes maybe ten minutes from start to finish. When you receive your copy, please forward a copy to me. Your state and Supreme officers want to see what our councils are doing so please use this form.

### **FALL PROGRAMS**

We are excited to announce that we have a date and location for the State Soccer Challenge. On December 10, 2022 the event will be held at:

Greenway Middle School  
3002 N Nisbet Rd.  
Phoenix AZ 85032

Please have your athletes there by 9am, the competition begins at 10:00 am. Grand Knights and District Deputies need to send copies of contestant scoresheets to State Youth Program Director Jeff Schneider at [bronte8077@gmail.com](mailto:bronte8077@gmail.com).

Each contestant must have their scoresheet from the council and district competition if the district competition was needed. If you have any questions contact Jeff Schneider.

Vivat Jesus!

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State Life Director – Nick Gaudio

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Brother Knights,

Now more than ever we are called to be Protectors of Life. As Knights of Columbus we have a duty to step up and help however and wherever we can to support life affirming initiatives.

Pregnancy Resource Centers (PRC) such as First Way are experiencing an increased amount of traffic of women who need help, more than double the pre-Roe v. Wade decision.

Each council should reach out to their PRC of choice and help them with much needed supplies. The Aid and Support After Pregnancy (ASAP) program is a great way to do just that. Please take advantage of Supreme’s 20% matching and donate a minimum of \$500.


Save the date, the next Arizona March for Life will be on February 23, 2023. It will take place in downtown Phoenix from 11:00AM to 2:00 PM. Further details to follow.

As always, if you have any questions, please contact me at [prolife@gaudio.us](mailto:prolife@gaudio.us) or call 480-227-1619.

Vivat Jesus,

Nick Gaudio

AZ State Life Director



**ARIZONA MARCH FOR LIFE**  
**FEBRUARY 23, 2023**

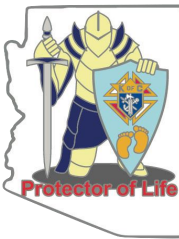
**FEBRUARY 23, 2023**  
Phoenix, AZ  
Register Today!

**Schedule**  
11:00 am – Rally at Capitol  
12:00 pm – Arizona March for Life



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State Family Director – Joseph Shanks

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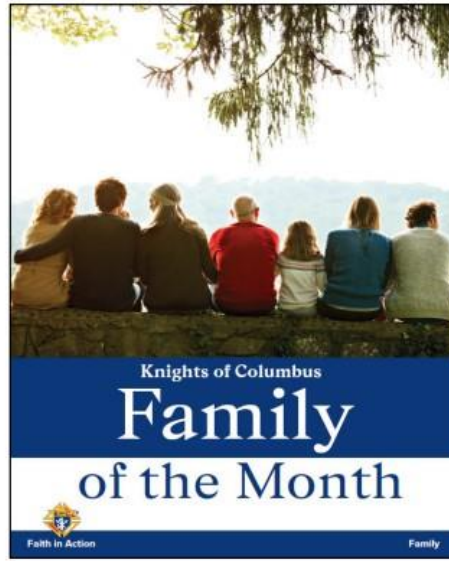
## FAMILY OF THE MONTH OCTOBER 2022

This month's winner:

Jurisdiction	Council Number	Nominee Name
Arizona	10832	Denis O'Shaughnessy

Council Participation List

Jurisdiction	Council Number
Arizona	4584
Arizona	8077
Arizona	9485
Arizona	10762
Arizona	10832
Arizona	12708



Incomplete Submissions

Jurisdiction	Council Number	Membership #	Nominee Full Name	Address	City	State	Zip Code
Arizona	4584	5271983	Tom	2159 Remington Dr	Sierra Vista	AZ	85635-4999

Incomplete data is highlighted. Please reach out to your councils to correct future submissions. Thank you.



December 12

Our Lady of Guadalupe

December 18

Fourth Sunday in Advent

December 25

Christmas

December 28

Feast of the Holy Innocents

December 30

Consecration to the Holy Family

January 1

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

New Year's Day



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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.

## Do They Know

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 family members and Knights:



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

*MagnaliteCatholic.Com*  
RELIGIOUS PROMOTIONAL PRODUCTS  
121 N. 57th Drive Phoenix, Arizona 85043  
602-269-0009 800-634-0839

- 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 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?



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

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Dear Worthy Officers, Sir Knights and Brothers All,

When the State Deputy informed me of the appointment as District Master, the mission of the Fourth Degree was clear. First increase membership by recruiting new members into the Knights of Columbus. Second, increase the visibility of the Knights of Columbus through callouts. And finally, provide exciting state-wide programs that increase support for those who serve and have served.

The membership goal is to add 335 new Sir Knights state-wide. This goal averages to about 9 new members per assembly. Supreme has issued a new revised Form 4. All assemblies are encouraged to order the latest Form 4 and have them ready to sign up new candidates. Membership in the Fourth Degree comes from parish visibility and council membership. Fourth Degree members can make a difference by attending council meetings, support Council programs and most important recruit and attend the next CUF with your new candidate. Can we Sir Knights pledge to meet this GOAL?

This goal is the most important and yet complicated as it requires Fourth Degree Exemplifications. With the hotel costs at an all-time high and knowing the risk of not obtaining the overall attendance necessary to meet a contract requirements, the decision was made to work with local councils and assemblies for good degrees using parish facilities. The goal of four exemplifications before the end of this fraternal year is a challenge, but I am excited to say that three of the four are secured.

The next two exemplification dates are secured. January 14<sup>th</sup> at Holy Spirit Catholic Church in Tempe will be the next Fourth Degree Exemplification. The third scheduled Exemplification is February 25<sup>th</sup> in Tucson. The ONLINE Registration is being prepared with a rollout date by November 7<sup>th</sup> for the January 14<sup>th</sup> degree, and shortly after for the February 25<sup>th</sup> Degree. As for the final Exemplification to close out this fraternal year, a date and location still needs to be secured.

Thank you Sir Knights for the support and let's continue marching down the aisles. The biggest single improvement is timely communications starting with this District Master position.

The third goal is in my opinion the easiest to improve upon by simply increase participation. From a State Level, there are opportunities that are being pursued with a planned rollout after January 14<sup>th</sup>.

GOD BLESS AMERICA!

VIVAT JESUS

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Brothers all,

We have exciting news to share with my brother knights of Arizona. A Fourth Degree Exemplification is scheduled for January 14, 2023, at Holy Spirit Catholic Church in Tempe, AZ. The details are being finalized and soon the registration packets will be electronically available. The recommendation is to have new membership promotion material and most importantly have an adequate supply of Form 4's on hand to make January 14, 2023, a Fourth Degree Day.

**Deadline for submission of paperwork is January 7<sup>th</sup>, 2023.**

The tentative schedule will be an afternoon degree, followed by mass and a banquet. There will be a ladies gathering during the exemplification as well.

- 12:00 PM - 1:30 PM - Check-in
- 2:00 PM - Fourth Degree Exemplification
- 4:30 PM - Mass
- 5:45 PM - Opportunity to mingle and have knighting reenactment pictures taken with family members.
- 6:30 PM - Banquet with a few raffles to thrill the crowd.

The time to recruit is now! Please let your council members know to save the date in order that they can gain the honors of the Patriotic Degree!

It is an honor to serve the Knights of Columbus in a leadership capacity. It is a greater honor to see the faces and hear the comments of new Sir Knights who thank you and appreciate the works of the Knights of Columbus, Serving Others. May this day bring such smiles to many new Sir Knights.

Vivat Jesus!

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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  
3091 S Valerie Drive  
Chandler, AZ 85286-0310

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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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,  
Larry Becker, PSD  
Convention Chairman  
Chris Wrobel  
Convention Vice-Chairman & Registration Chairman



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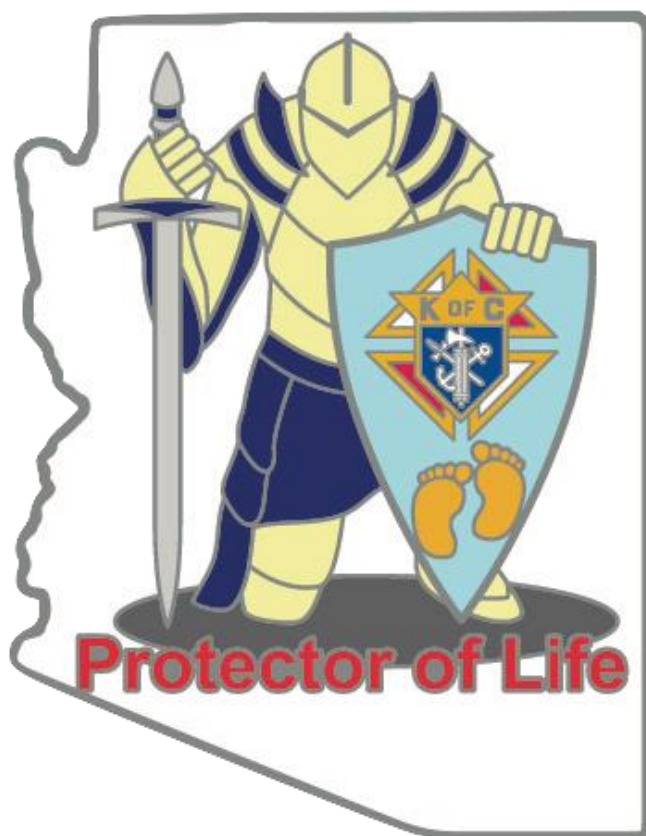
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## ARIZONA STATE LOGO 2022-2023



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."