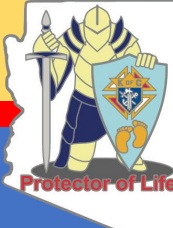




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State Deputy's Message

June 2023

Brothers,

We had a great time at the State Convention and the month of May has been an extremely busy month. At the Convention, I stressed the importance of **Keep on Recruiting**. There isn't a "deadline" in membership, we must always be seeking new Catholic men to join. As the temperatures start to rise it will be more challenging to recruit after Mass, so we need to think out of the box. Many Councils hold a drive inside the hall, right next to the coffee and donuts or maybe offer free cold bottled water after Mass. I know some Councils have met their membership quota and that's great, but do not stop the momentum. Sign them up online and keep them on your prospect tab until July. Then, conduct a CUF degree in July welcoming the new brothers to the Council. Imagine starting the Fraternal year ahead of the game.

"You can never be too big in life to do the small things in life"

Sometimes, people who achieve a lot of success or fame may become so caught up in their own accomplishments that they forget to pay attention to the smaller details of life. They may start to believe that certain tasks or actions are beneath them, or that they no longer have to put in the effort to be polite or thoughtful towards others. The State Leadership never thought a task was too small or under their pay scale. That's why Arizona is so successful.

I see my time as your State Deputy coming to end. It's been an amazing experience and rewarding in so many ways. At times demanding, other frustrating but always worthwhile. I've been able to meet so many more of my brother knights than I ever would have if I did not take up the challenge to be a State Officer. I would never have seen the types of wonderful activities and charity conducted by councils and Assemblies. I am truly amazed at the great things this group of 18K plus Knights along with their families have done.

I look forward passing the baton and seeing the next administration continue to strive and grow the order in Arizona.



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Pope Francis' prayer intention for the month of June is for the abolition of torture.

"Torture is not past history. Unfortunately, it's part of our history today," Pope Francis said, "How is it possible that the human capacity for cruelty is so huge?" he questioned.

"There are extremely violent forms of torture. Others are more sophisticated, such as degrading someone, dulling the senses, or mass detentions in conditions so inhumane that they take away the dignity of the person."

The pope reminded the faithful that this is not something new. He urged everyone to "think of how Jesus himself was tortured and crucified."



June 2023

Pope Francis Intention For Abolition of Torture

We pray that the international community may commit in a concrete way to ensuring the abolition of torture and guarantee support to victims and their families,



The Arizona State Knights of Columbus concluded their 116th Annual State Convention this past weekend in Scottsdale, Ariz., with over 150 delegates representing local councils from around the state. Over 10 communities were represented, including Yuma, Bullhead City, Flagstaff, Sierra Vista, Show Low, Tucson, and the Phoenix area.

Some of the highlights of the convention include:

- For the first time in convention history, the Knights of Columbus did a Pass the Hat initiative for the “Aid and Support After Pregnancy (ASAP)” program. Over \$60,000 was raised to assist mothers in need.

- Raising over \$37,000 to assist St. Joseph Youth Camp, the only Knights of Columbus owned and operated youth camp in the United States

- Placement of four ultrasound machines around the state in the last year.

- Service Program Awards presented to councils for their activities to support Life, Community, Faith, and Family.

- Life – awarded to Fr. Patrick J Murphy Council 3136 in Casa Grande.
- Community – awarded to Bishop Salpointe Council 4584 in Sierra Vista
- Faith – awarded to Corpus Christi Council 10062 in Ahwatukee.
- Family – awarded to St. Helens Council 11738 in Glendale.

- State awards

- Council of the year presented to Our Lady of the Desert Council 15704 from Tucson.
- Family of the year presented to the Gaveline family from Sierra Vista.
- District Deputy of the year presented to Joseph D’Andrea from Surprise.
- Grand Knight of the year presented to Orin Garcia from Mesa.
- Blessed Michael McGivney award presented to Fr. Rey Clutario from Corpus Christi Catholic Church in Ahwatukee.
- Knight of the Year award presented to Ray Obral out of the Our Lady of the Desert.

Also occurring during the proceedings were the election of state officers for the 2023-2024 fraternal year which begins July 1, 2023. The new officers are:

- Tom Kato, State Deputy
- Kevin McCarthy, State Secretary
- Larry Powers, State Treasurer
- Bobby Nielsen, State Advocate
- Rich Tracy, State Warden

The Knights of Columbus is the World’s largest Catholic family fraternal service organization. Father Michael J. McGivney, an Irish Priest, founded the Knights of Columbus in 1882. Today, the Knights boast 2 million members worldwide. Last year they donated \$158 Million and 70 Million volunteer hours to charitable causes. The 18,000 Knights in Arizona donated \$1.7 Million and 975,000 hours to charity. Arizona ranks in the top-10 in charitable works among the Knights of Columbus nationally.



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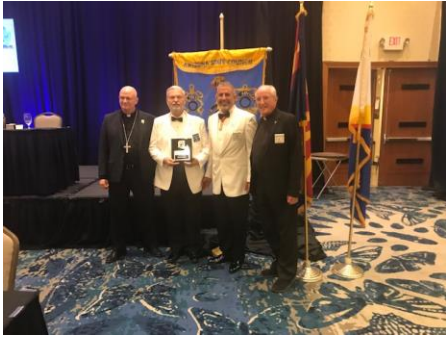
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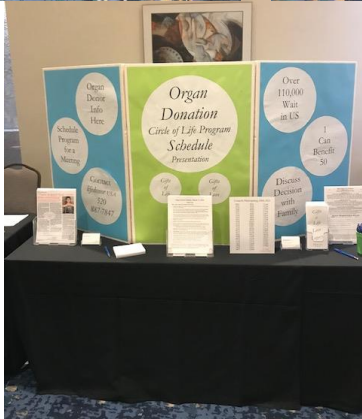
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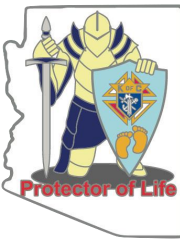
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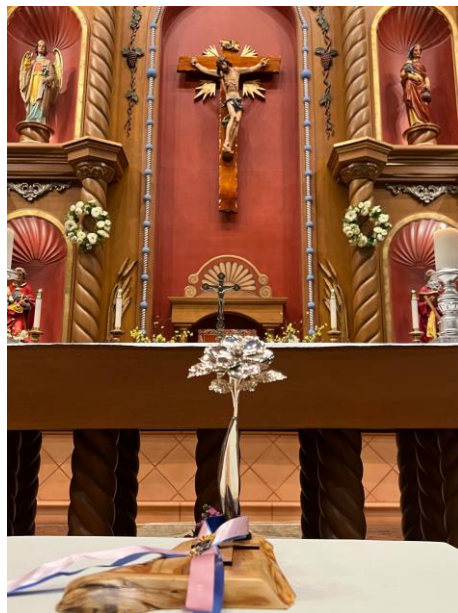




SK Tom Felix and Cristy Felix
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Membership Promotional Ad

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"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*


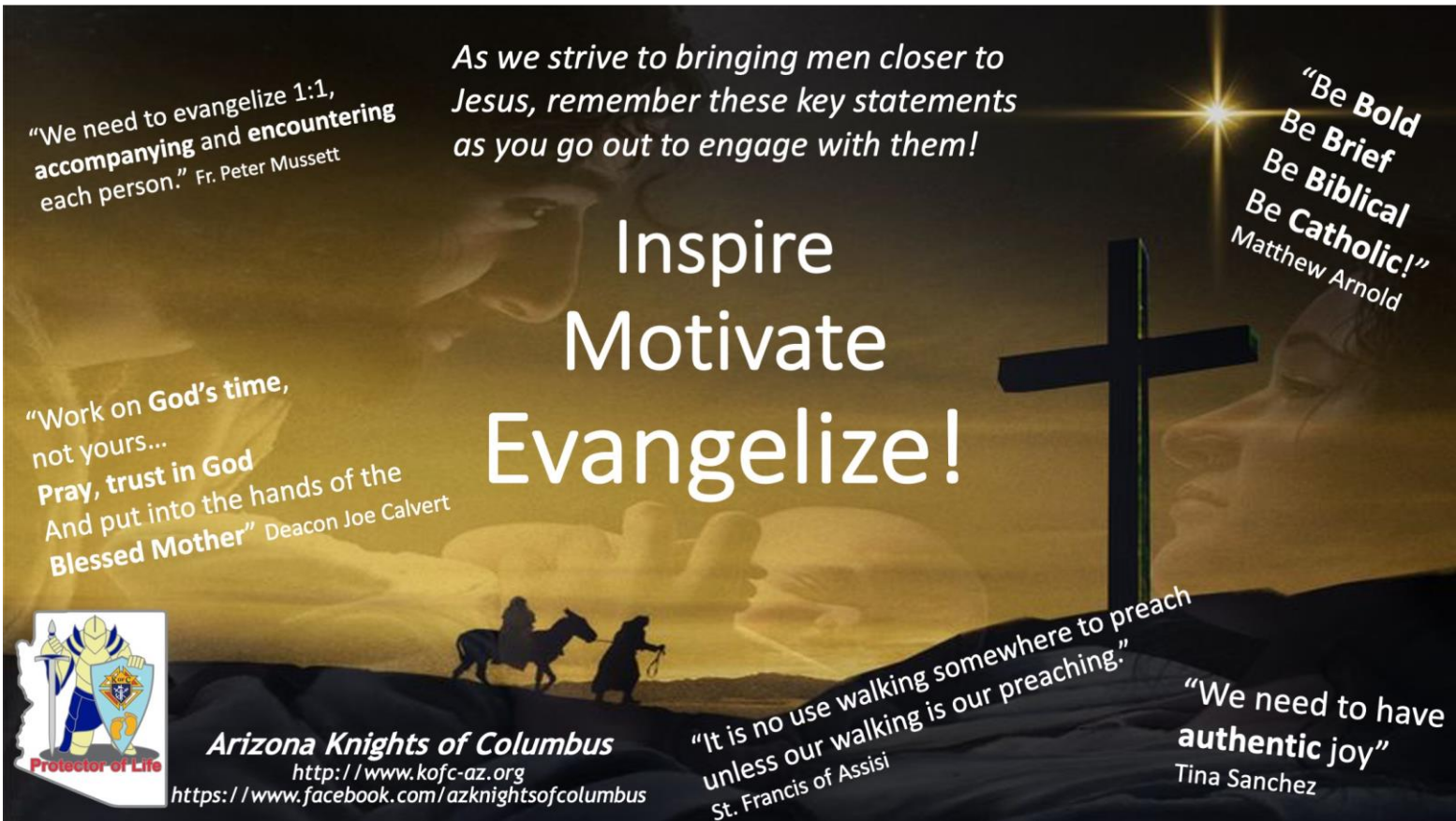
**Inspire
Motivate
Evangelize!**

"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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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



Brothers All,

Planning for the 2023 AZ Rosary Celebration is in full swing. Meetings for the Tucson and Phoenix events even, in particular have begun. This year we will honor Mary under her title of Our Lady of Mt Carmel. The dates are October 14 in Tucson and October 15 in Phoenix. This annual event draws thousands of the Faithful to honor Mary in Arizona venues as well as around the world through the internet. The program is sponsored by the Arizona Knights of Columbus and is solely supported through ads in the Annual Program Book and donations. We ask Knights of Columbus councils and assemblies in particular to sponsor ads in the Program Book. The response is not always good. Make an effort now to have your council or assembly represented in the Program Book and also make a concerted effort to have representatives at the various venues.



Our Lady of Mount Carmel, or Virgin of Carmel, is the title given to the Blessed Virgin Mary in her role as patroness of the Carmelite Order, particularly within the Catholic Church. The first Carmelites were Christian hermits living on Mount Carmel in the Holy Land during the late 12th and early to mid-13th century. They built in their hermitages a chapel which they dedicated to the Blessed Virgin, whom they conceived of in chivalric terms as the "Lady of the Place." Our Lady of Mount Carmel was adopted in the 19th century as the patron saint of Chile.

Since the 15th century, popular devotion to Our Lady of Mount Carmel has centered on the Scapular of Our Lady of Mount Carmel, also known as the Brown Scapular. Traditionally, Mary is said to have given the Scapular to an early Carmelite named Simon Stock (1165–1265). The liturgical feast of Our Lady of Mount Carmel is celebrated on 16 July.

[Catholic Church](#) | [Virgin Mary](#) | [Arizona Rosary Celebration \(azrosary.net\)](#)



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State Family Director – Joseph Shanks

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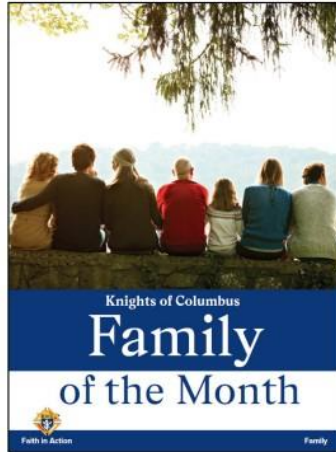
FAMILY OF THE MONTH APRIL 2023

This month's winner:

Jurisdiction	Council Number	Nominee Name
Arizona	10832	Ian Williamson

Council Participation List

Jurisdiction	Council Number
Arizona	1229
Arizona	4584
Arizona	8077
Arizona	9485
Arizona	10832
Arizona	11809
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)
For more information call:

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Incomplete Submissions

Jurisdiction	Council Number	Membership #	Nominee Full Name	Address	City	State	Zip Code
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Arizona	14357	4619584	Randy	4067 East Campo Bello Drive	Phoenix	AZ	85032-2215

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



THE ROLE OF THE EUCHARISTIC MISSIONARIES WILL EVOLVE THROUGHOUT THE REVIVAL—AS WILL THE RESOURCES AVAILABLE TO THEM.

- During the **Year of Diocesan Revival** (now - June 2023), they will commit to increased prayer, fasting, formation, and evangelization.
- In the **Year of Parish Revival** (July 2023 - June 2024), you will stretch your boundaries and deepen these commitments—for example, by bringing Holy Communion to the homebound.
- And in the **Year of Mission** (July 2024 - June 2025), you will be sent forth in a special way to accompany those in need or at the margins with the good news of Jesus' Real Presence!



Specific Events Upcoming

June 2023

The month of June is dedicated in a special way to the veneration of the divine **Heart**. Not just on one day – the liturgical feast, which generally falls in June – but every day (St. John Paul II, Angelus, 27 June 1982)."

Addressing the young people, the sick, the elderly and newlyweds, Pope Francis added: *"Draw from the Heart of Jesus the spiritual food and drink for your life so that, nourished by Christ, you are new persons, transformed in depth by this divine love."*

Things to Accomplish

- June 4 – Most Holy Trinity
- June 8 – Corpus Christi
- June 14 – Flag Day
- June 16 – Sacred Heart of Jesus
- June 17 – Father’s Day
- June 19 – Juneteenth
- June 24 – Nativity St. John the Baptist
- June 29 – SS. Peter and Paul

June 15 – Final 365 updates for current year DUE

June 15 – Council Officers Elections end

June 30 – Report of Chosen Officers Form DUE

Service Program Personnel Report

Columbian Award Application DUE

Ask someone to join your council!

Specific Events Upcoming

July 2023

The month of July is dedicated to the Precious Blood. The feast of the Precious Blood of our Lord was instituted in 1849 by Pius IX, but the devotion is as old as Christianity. The early Fathers say that the Church was born from the pierced side of Christ, and that the sacraments were brought forth through His Blood.

"The Precious Blood which we worship is the Blood which the Savior shed for us on Calvary and reassumed at His glorious Resurrection; it is the Blood which courses through the veins of His risen, glorified, living body at the right hand of God the Father in heaven; it is the Blood made present on our altars by the words of Consecration; it is the Blood which merited sanctifying grace for us and through it washes and beautifies our soul and inaugurates the beginning of eternal life in it."

Things to Accomplish

- July 4 – Independence Day

Report of Officers Chosen (#185) Due 6/30

Service Program Personnel Report (#365) Due 6/30

Installation of Council Officers

State Organization Meeting

[2023 Organizational Mtg \(kofc-az.org\)](http://kofc-az.org)

Review your 2022-2023 Fraternal Year

Review the Safe Environment Reports

Begin Planning and Promotion for the

Catholic Citizenship Essay Contest



On the solemnity of Pentecost, Pope Francis urged Catholics to invoke the Holy Spirit daily to bring harmony to a divided world, a polarized Church, and to broken hearts.

Speaking in St. Peter's Basilica, the pope explained that the role of the Holy Spirit, both at the beginning of the creation of the world and at all times, is to make "created realities pass from disorder to order" and "from confusion to harmony."

"In our world today, there is so much discord, such great division. We are all 'connected,' yet find ourselves disconnected from one another, anesthetized by indifference and overwhelmed by solitude," Pope Francis said in his homily on May 28.

"If the world is divided, if the Church is polarized, if hearts are broken, let us not waste time in criticizing others and growing angry with one another; instead, let us invoke the Holy Spirit. He is capable of resolving these things," he said.

The pope added that without the Holy Spirit, "the Church is lifeless, faith is mere doctrine, morality mere duty, pastoral work mere toil. ... With him, on the other hand, faith is life, the love of the Lord conquers us, and hope is reborn."

"Let us put the Holy Spirit back at the center of the Church; otherwise, our hearts will not be consumed by love for Jesus but by love for ourselves," he said.

Pope Francis added that he sees the Holy Spirit as not only as the "soul of the Church" but also as "the heart of synodality."

He called for the Synod on Synodality, which will culminate in October with the 16th Ordinary General Assembly of the Synod of Bishops, to "place the Holy Spirit at the beginning and at the heart of the work of the synod."

In his homily, Pope Francis underlined that the Holy Spirit also forgives sins, reconciles souls, and creates harmony in hearts that are "wounded by evil, broken by hurts, torn apart by feelings of guilt."

"Only the Holy Spirit restores harmony in the heart, for he is the one who creates 'intimacy with God,'" he said, citing St. Basil.

"Let's invoke the Holy Spirit every day. Let's start each day by praying to him. Let's become docile to him," Francis said.

Pope Francis urged Catholics to invoke the Holy Spirit daily upon the whole world to bring unity and peace.

At the end of his homily, Pope Francis prayed: "Holy Spirit, Spirit of Jesus and of the Father, inexhaustible wellspring of harmony, to you we entrust the world; to you we consecrate the Church and our hearts."

"Come, Creator Spirit, harmony of humanity, renew the face of the earth. Come, giver of gifts, harmony of the Church, make us united in you. Come, Spirit of forgiveness, harmony of the heart, transform us as only you can, through the intercession of Mary."



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 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 4th 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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Dear Worthy Officers, Sir Knights and Brothers All,

Congratulations to the State Deputy SK Luigi Baratta for the great 116th Annual Arizona State Convention. Your commitment to leadership and motivation has led the AZ Knight of Columbus to a renewed enthusiasm to grow the order in membership and programs. To the newly State Deputy Elect, SK Tom Kato, Sir Knights, Brother Knights and their families of Arizona look forward to a new and continued programs designed to meet the needs of future generations of Catholic families.

This State convention provided several firsts for the Fourth Degree. In the Registration Lobby, a Fourth Degree table with information on upcoming events and pictures from previous events was highly visible. In addition, the Fourth Degree had a hospitality room featuring homemade cookies. Many questions were answered along with several good conversations on how to reach more brother knights. Several new candidates were confirmed as well as other Sir Knights interested in attending the June 10th Exemplification. Visibility started at the registration and ended with the posting of colors at the Saturday evening banquet.

The Fourth Degree was requested through a callout a week before the State Convention noting the events throughout the weekend. This callout included the Opening mass celebrated by Bishop Nevares, Auxiliary Bishop of the Diocese of Phoenix, and the Saturday Evening Memorial Mass celebrated by Bishop Weisenburger, Bishop of the Diocese of Tucson. In addition to the mass callouts, the Sir Knights led the Eucharistic procession through the resort grounds to the adoration chamber. Once in the Adoration Chamber, Fourth Degree presence was noted during the adoration from 11 AM to 7 PM on Friday and again on Saturday morning from 9 AM to noon. This demonstrates the commitment of the Fourth Degree as being the protector of the Eucharist.

The Fourth Degree requested callout for events throughout the weekend from the opening mass to the posting of colors at the banquet. The Opening mass was celebrated by Bishop Nevares, Auxiliary Bishop of the Diocese of Phoenix with nine Sir Knights in uniform. The Saturday Evening Memorial Mass celebrated by Bishop Weisenburger, Bishop of the Diocese of Tucson. Prior to the mass, the State Warden read the Necrology List as the Sir Knights, 21 of them in uniform, stood at attention. In addition to the mass callouts, the Sir Knights led the Eucharistic procession through the resort grounds to the adoration chamber. Once in the Adoration Chamber, Fourth Degree presence was noted during the adoration times from 11 AM to 7 PM on Friday and again on Saturday morning from 9 AM to noon. This demonstrates the commitment of the Fourth Degree as being the protector of the Eucharist. As the AZ District Master, I am proud of these Sir Knights and thank you for your commitment to the Order.



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As the AZ temperatures increase, so are the number of Fourth Degree Callouts. The upcoming weekends, the Fourth Degree are being called into action with a Callouts on Memorial Day in the Diocese of Phoenix and the Diocese of Tucson to honor our fallen veterans. On June 3, a callout for Diocese of Phoenix Priest Ordination. And finally, the callout for the June 10th Fourth Degree Exemplification.

The final Fourth Degree Exemplification for this fraternal year will be held on June 10th in Glendale AZ. The Class Honoree, SK Armand J. Brooks, FDM is an Air Force Veteran and most deserving of this recognition for his continued support to God and Country. This class of candidates will learn lessons on Patriotism and the Arizona Knights of Columbus look forward to the opportunity for these new members to begin their new journey as Sir Knights.

In closing, it is of great sadness to express my sympathy to the family of Sir Knight Skip Hopler, a true friend. Skip was the best at everything he did, from flying the A4 into combat during the Vietnam War, being the one of the first pilots to fly the F16, to training pilots to fly the F16 and the F35. His instinct for details and passion were the BEST of anyone I know. His dedication to Knights of Columbus through his leadership and his passion in delivering the lessons of Charity, Unity, Fraternity and Patriotism are most impressive. Yes, he was the BEST in delivery from memory so much of the Past and Present Knights of Columbus Ceremonials with a large smile. Sir Knight, Skip, may your soul Rest in Peace!

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





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KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FOURTH DEGREE EXEMPLIFICATION JOHN H. REDDIN PROVINCE

When: June 10th, 2023

Where: St. Helens Roman Catholic Church
5510 W Cholla Street, Glendale, Arizona 85304

[Patriotic Degree \(kofc-az.org\)](http://kofc-az.org)

*Save
the
Date*

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

Deadline is June 5th, to get your paperwork into the District Master.



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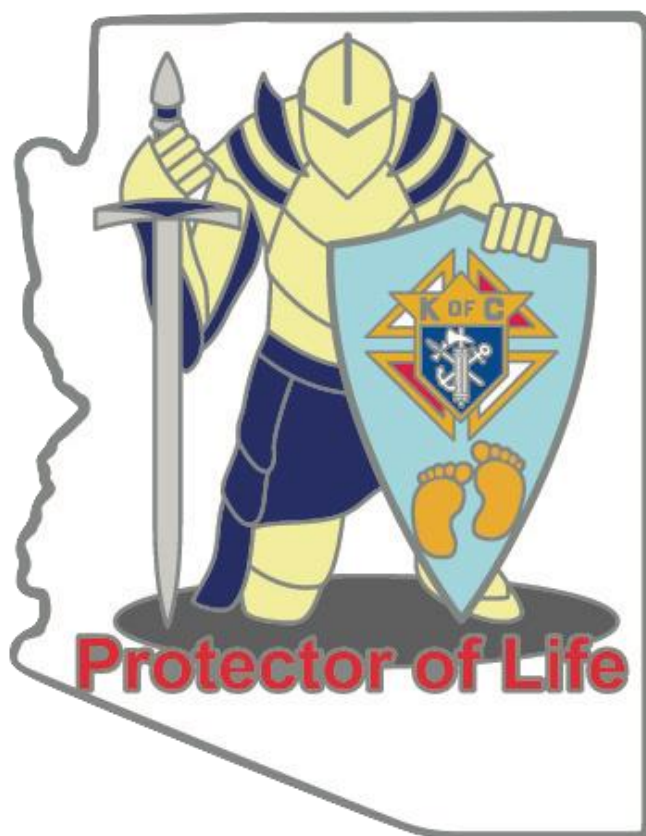
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ARIZONA STATE LOGO 2022-2023



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."