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State Deputy's Message

May 2023

Brother Knights,

How can we accomplish anything unless people know what WE have accomplished throughout this fraternal year? The State Convention! Sonja and I are excited to see all of you at the 2023 State Convention in Scottsdale, AZ. Although, we still have some work ahead of us, the State Council has confidence in all of you to accomplish your Council and District goals.

This is a time for all of us to shine and tell the delegates throughout the State of our good deeds and accomplishments within our Councils. We look forward to seeing many of you at the State Convention.

Our order is growing stronger every day and I am so pleased with the entire State team. Without your dedication and hard work, this could not have happened. I ask all you to not stop, but to increase your efforts by training those that are being elected within your Councils. Remember, we need to pass the baton by training and working together, but most importantly to continue to Motivate, Inspire and Evangelize our brother knights!

Vivat Jesus

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*"Our lives, for all their frailty, are held firmly in his hands. If ever we forget this, we, clergy and laity alike, will end seeking human ways and means to defend ourselves from the world, either withdrawing into our comfortable and tranquil religious cases, or else running after the shifting winds of worldliness. In both cases, our Christianity will lose its vigor, and will cease to be the salt of the earth."*

*"I want to assure you that good pastoral ministry is possible if we are able to live as the Lord has commanded us, in the love that is the gift of his Spirit," said Pope Francis.*

*"Always remember that our first pastoral priority is to bear witness to communion, for God is communion and he is present wherever there is fraternal charity," he said.*



**May 2023**

**Pope Francis Intention  
For Church Movements and  
Groups**

We pray that Church movements and groups may rediscover their mission of evangelization each day, placing their own charisms at the service of needs in the world.



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State Chaplain Corner – Fr. Greg Adolf – St. Andrew the Apostle

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Dear Brother Knights

For Christians, the Resurrection is the KEY event in the Story of God's redeeming love for his Creation!

In 1931 the Priest-Physicist Fr. Georges Lemaitre proposed what he called "the hypothesis of the primeval atom" which later scientists dubbed the "Big Bang" – a theory which can be readily integrated into the Creation story as we have it in *Genesis* – "In the Beginning. . ."

According to this theory, in part, we are experiencing an ever-expanding Universe, powered by that original "Big Bang"! (see the article in the April issue of *Columbia*!)

The testimony of Scripture and our Faith is that the Beginning "is" because of God, and that sustaining energy of the Universe is God's continuing action!

Consider the Resurrection of our Lord as the "Second Big Bang" – the re-birth of the Universe at the spiritual level of existence! The Resurrection begins in God's descent into absolute nothingness ("He descended into hell") and there begins the New Creation.

In the *Letter to the Romans*, St. Paul describes Christ as the "New Adam" – He is the fresh beginning of the human race, the new start for God's Creation!

As the power of the Resurrection begins to be experienced in our lives, we begin, more and more, to live in that "newness"!

Perhaps another way of describing this new way of living in God's New Creation is: Charity.

It is not only the physical buildings called "churches" which are witnesses to the reality of the Resurrection – after all, *if* Christ did not rise, why would there be church buildings, as there would be no Church? Our lives, too, are a continuing, tangible witness to the Resurrection and its transformative power for life!

Think of all of the activities – the expressions of Charity - which our Order does on a regular basis – almost as 'second nature' – or, better, a 'NEW nature'!

We are witnesses to the "Second Big Bang"! We are living in the power, the tremendous energy, released in the Resurrection of Christ, and our lives – as individual Knights and as an Order – give powerful witness to the truth of Christ's Resurrection!

During this beautiful Season of Easter of 7 weeks – and culminating in the celebration of the First (and continuing) Outpouring of God's Spirit – Pentecost – let us, Brother Knights, seek to live in and bear witness to the New Creation, of which we are part – in all that we do and dare and dream!

Vivat JESUS!

Fr. Greg

State Chaplain



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State Membership Director – Keith Baker

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Brother All,

As we enter the month of May, let us take stock of the things we have accomplished thus far in this Fraternal year and then make our plans for those things that are still yet done. There are two full months in the Fraternal Year to accomplish your Council goals that are needed to meet the requirements for Star Council.

The Arizona Jurisdiction had a very strong recruiting month in April and that was due in part to the scheduling of Church Drives and CUF Degree’s throughout the State. We welcomed eighty-six new Brother Knights into the Order, all due to the efforts of Members like you that are vested in the continued growth of the Knights of Columbus. But we cannot take our foot off the pedal. We have Councils that are very close to making their Membership Goals and just need a few new Members to get them over the top, but don’t even stop there; let us build the momentum going into the next Fraternal Year; May and June are the months to start that happening. So again, I encourage all GK’s and their DDs to continue to meet with your local Pastors and if you haven’t had a Church Drive to date or only one so far then please let’s make that happen. Once you have a drive scheduled with the Church, PLEASE submit that onto our State Calendar forms of which can be found on the AZ State website link; [Events Calendar | Arizona Knights Columbus \(kofc-az.org\)](#) The Drive form is directly below the Calendar along with the CUF Degree form as well. Again, it is highly recommended that you schedule a CUF Degree immediately following a Church Drive. That can be on the Sunday afternoon of the Drive or that next day of a Monday evening. Key is not to wait too long to have Online members complete their CUF Exemplification. This will also bring these men into your local Council.

I am looking forward to another very successful and fun State Convention and would be privileged to announce that the Arizona State Jurisdiction has met its Membership Goal for the Fraternal Year 2022-2023 for the fifth consecutive year.

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“March Madness Winner”

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My name is Orin Garcia, GK Council 3419 and FN Assembly 2889 In Mesa, Arizona.

I'm 38 years old, married for 19 years to Elideth. 3 daughter's and 1 son; Alexandra 16, Brianna 14, Angel would be 11 "RIP". Cassandra 7, oldest to youngest.

Arizona native with 15+ years working in the aerospace field as a production supervisor for turbine aero.

I have been a Christ the King parishioner for over 17 years.

Orin has recruited 23 new members from March 1 to April 18.

As far as recruiting goes, talked to our pastor and asked him for his vision and goals, and if we could do a Delta Church Drive and look into things people were involved with and tried to target those groups to get active fathers to better assist our school and the K of C at the same time.







# KOCCOA

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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.

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## “Pass the Hat” at the State Convention

Worthy Grand Knights and Convention Delegates,

Supreme established an Order-wide incentive to raise funds for the ASAP Program during State Conventions this year. The jurisdiction with the largest donation will receive \$1,500 from Supreme. If Arizona wins, the State Council pledges to donate this to Arizona pregnancy centers. If that isn't enough, Arizona KofC Charities Inc. will match all Pass the Hat donations dollar for dollar!

It's a WIN/WIN for your Council, the State, and MOST importantly, pregnancy centers in Arizona! Specifics of the ASAP Program are [here](#).

It's simple:

- Commit a dollar amount to donate at the State Convention. Remember, Supreme will add \$100 for every \$500 donation
  - If you have already donated the \$2,000 limit, you can still participate
  - Checks should be payable to "AZ KofC Charities Inc" with "Pass the Hat" on the memo line.
  - Forms will be available on delegate tables at the convention. Fill in your Council Name and number, and the amount of your donation. If you have a preferred pregnancy center, put that on the form.
  - During the State Programs presentation at the Convention, we will "Pass the Hat"
  - Be ready to have some fun while helping our Arizona pregnancy centers!
  - After the convention, claim your participation on your SP-7
- (Councils may NOT also submit a grant application for “Pass the Hat” donations)

If you are not sending delegates to the Convention, you can still participate by mailing your check to Worthy State Secretary Tom Kato, payable to AZ KofC Charities Inc (Pass the Hat in the memo line). Checks must be received by May 16, 2023, in order to participate as part of the program. (mail to: 15020 S. 42nd St, Phoenix, AZ, 85044).

Join the State Council in promoting and living out our them for this year as Protectors of Life by supporting pregnancy centers throughout the state!

Vivat Jesus!

Rich Tracy

State Program Director

### ***Programs = New Members***

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

Rich Tracy

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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.





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State Family Director – Joseph Shanks

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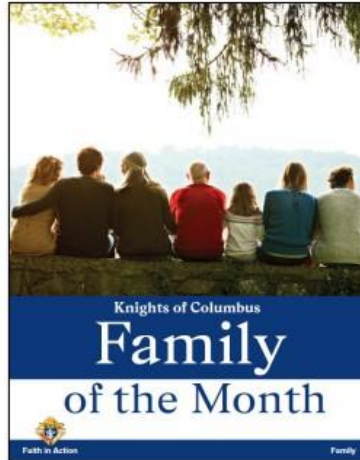
## FAMILY OF THE MONTH MARCH 2023

This month's winner:

Jurisdiction	Council Number	Nominee Name
Arizona	12708	Edmundo Garcia-Fimbres

Council Participation List

Jurisdiction	Council Number
Arizona	1229
Arizona	4584
Arizona	5221
Arizona	8077
Arizona	9485
Arizona	10762
Arizona	10832
Arizona	12708



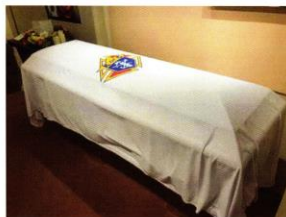
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Jurisdiction	Council Number	Membership #	Nominee Full Name	Address	City	State	Zip Code
Arizona	5221		Ralph Kuechle			Minnesota	

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



Arizona State Council  
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## 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

**Ask someone to join your council!**

## 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

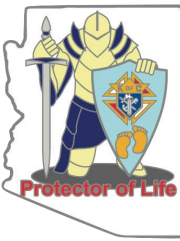
- June 4 – Most Holy Trinity
- June 8 – Corpus Christi
- June 14 – Flag Day
- June 16 – Sacred Heart of Jesus
- June 17 – Father’s Day
- June 19 – Juneteenth
- June 24 – Nativity St. John the Baptist
- June 29 – SS. Peter and Paul

**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!**



The Church is a home that priests and laypeople need to care for together, Pope Francis said on Saturday.

“It is time for pastors and laypeople to walk together, in every area of the Church’s life, in every part of the world,” he said in the Vatican’s New Synod Hall on Feb. 18.

“The lay faithful are not ‘guests’ in the Church, they are at home, so they are called to take care of their own home,” he said. “The laity, and especially women, need to be more valued in their human and spiritual skills and gifts for the life of parishes and dioceses.”

Pope Francis’ speech was addressed to the participants in a Feb. 16-18 conference on how pastors and laypeople can work together better for the mission of the Church.

“Together with pastors, they must bear Christian witness in secular environments: the world of work, culture, politics, art, social communication,” the pope said. “We could say: laypeople and pastors together in the Church, laypeople and pastors together in the world.”

Francis went on to list some of the many ways laypeople can participate in the life of the Church: ***performing some forms of preaching; collaborating with priests in the formation of children, young adults, seminarians, and religious novices; spiritual directing, preparing engaged couples for marriage, and accompanying married couples.***

“They should always be consulted when preparing new pastoral initiatives at every level: local, national, and universal,” he said.

“This is why,” Pope Francis said, “pastors need to be trained from seminary days onward in daily and ordinary collaboration with the laity, so that living communion becomes a natural way of acting for them, and not an extraordinary and occasional occurrence.”

***“One of the worst things that happens in a pastor is to forget the people from whom he came, the lack of memory,” he continued. “To him can be addressed that much-repeated word of the Bible, ‘Remember;’ ‘remember from whence you were taken, of the flock from which you were taken to return to serve it, remember your roots’ (cf. 2 Tim. 1).”***

Vatican City, Feb 18, 2023 / 9:00am



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



Brother Knights,

As Knights of Columbus we value Life from conception to natural death. Through the Ultrasound program, we save lives by bringing awareness to the life growing in the mother’s womb preventing abortions. Through our ASAP program, we provide much needed resources to the pregnancy centers across our state which in turn help the moms to provide for the infants. Through prayer, we fight the dark forces that try to influence a mother to kill or abandon her baby. This month I want to bring awareness to Arizona’s Safe Haven Law.

The law was passed in 2001 and states that “a person will not face criminal charges for leaving an unharmed newborn baby with a Safe Haven provider, including hospitals, fire stations, on-duty firefighters or emergency medical technicians, and designated private welfare agencies, adoption agencies and churches.”

Drop off drawers can be found here: Banner Thunderbird Medical Center, Banner Cardon Children’s Medical Center, Banner Estrella Medical Center, HonorHealth Scottsdale Osborn Medical Center, Maricopa Medical Center, Mayo Clinic Phoenix.

The baby can be handed to a person or may be placed in the Safe Haven drawer at the above locations.

Alternatively, one can call the hotline 24/7 at Arizona Safe Baby Haven Foundation, 866-707-2229.

Newborn abandonment has been a continuing problem in our society. The Safe Haven Law was adopted to give new mothers an option that can save their baby’s life and give them a solid future. Please spread the word. We do not want babies to be aborted, thrown away in the garbage or abandoned in alleys. Their life must be valued, respected, and protected.

Vivat Jesus,

Nick Gaudio  
AZ State Life Director.





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Dear Worthy Officers, Sir Knights and Brothers All,

The Arizona Fourth Degree was once again called into action for the Celebration of Life of Sir Knight Thomas White. Sir Knight Tom was one of the finest Brother Knight who wanted to spread his excitement of the Knights of Columbus to anyone who would stop and listen. Sir Knight Tom was very outgoing and was known by many as a leader by example. For the past several years, he contributed to the Knights of Columbus as the District Deputy receiving the District Deputy of the Year Award. As he concluded his life as a brother Knight, he also, along with being a District Deputy, promoted the Knights of Columbus through the Service Programs as the State Council Program Director. Thus, it was very fitting to have 30 Sir Knights at his final farewell.

Besides the callouts for the final farewell salute of Sir Knights, callouts for the days leading up to and including Easter are the solemn occasion for Sir Knights. Let start with the Chrism Mass. For the Diocese of Phoenix, this was the first Chrism Mass celebrated in the Diocese by Bishop Dolan. For this mass, there were 21 Sir Knights in Uniform who honored the Priests and three Bishops. The mass was at full capacity, forcing the Sir Knights to give up their reserved seating and stand in the entrance area of the Cathedral. Not one Sir Knight complaint was heard. Sir Knights, your sacrifice is greatly appreciated. In the Diocese of Tucson, a callout was also issued for the Chrism Mass. Again, Sir Knights, your presence is greatly appreciated.

I have mentioned to several, the Fourth Degree Honor Guard season starts on Holy Thursday; thus, it was an honor to serve with other Sir Knights in uniform on Holy Thursday. Standing guard, reflecting on the Sorrowful Mysteries reminds us of Christ's suffering for our sins. Next, was the Saturday Vigil Mass, the mass as some will say, pulls out all the stops. With new young catechumens being welcomed into the Catholic Church at that mass, hope fills our hearts for a vibrant future in our Catholic Church. The following picture of Sir Knights from the Fr. Stephen Adrian Assembly, Assembly 2736.





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

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In Northern Arizona and after a harsh winter, the Sir Knights from the Msgr. Edward Albouy Assembly 17 were very busy with callouts on Holy Thursday to guard the Blessed Sacrament until Midnights, the Easter Vigil as Ushers, and for the Divine Mercy Sunday Holy Hour. A special thanks to the Northern District Marshal, Peter Kloeber for leading the great example of Sir Knights at their callouts. Note, this assembly has 50% of the Council as Fourth Degree Sir Knights and an amazingly high number of Sir Knights (30+) with uniform. As expected, this assembly received the Star Assembly Award.

On April 8<sup>th</sup>, 48<sup>th</sup> Ahwatukee Easter Parade sponsored by the Kiwanis Club of Ahwatukee was held. San Xavier Del Bac Assembly 14 participated in this parade for the seventeenth straight year. This year, the assembly reached out to other Sir Knights in the Valley to participate. During the one-mile parade, the Knights of Columbus was announced four separate times. Along the street many cheers and raised voices cheered on the Knights of Columbus.



Looking into the future, the 116<sup>th</sup> Annual Arizona Knights of Columbus State Convention hosted by the Fr. Louis A Sigman Council 16277 will be held on May 19 and 20 in Scottsdale, AZ. The State Deputy has asked for support from the Fourth Degree for the opening and closing masses as well as the adoration chapel. Sir Knights we shall rise to the occasion and make the State Deputy proud. The timing is perfect as the next scheduled Fourth Degree Exemplification is scheduled for June 10<sup>th</sup>, 2023 in Glendale AZ. The class honoree for this Exemplification is Former District Master Armand Brooks. The registration link for this exemplification is [Patriotic Degree \(kofc-az.org\)](https://www.kofc-az.org). I echo the words of the AZ District Friar, "I look forward to an amazing day".





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Fourth Degree – Stanley J. Schroeder – District Master

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As this Fraternal Year enters in the home stretch, let us as Sir Knights honor those who gave the ultimate sacrifice on Memorial Day. Also, as Sir Knights, I encourage you to show your patriotism by flying the American Flag with Dignity and Pride. God Bless you Sir Knights!

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: 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.



Dear Brother Knights

This year we celebrate the 74th Anniversary of the founding of St. Joseph's Youth Camp by the Arizona Knights of Columbus. Thanks to the generous support of the Knights many children from around the state have been sponsored to go to camp.

This year the spots at camp are filling up and we would like to encourage all councils to notify us and register any campers that they plan to sponsor. Don't wait until the last minute!

This year we are asking for your help with two initiatives:

1. St. Joe's Clothing Drive: over the years we have had increasing need of clothing, shoes, sleeping bags, and toiletries for children that come from homeless shelters, or families that are financially unable to send their children to camp with adequate supplies. Our director and staff have driven to Flagstaff and purchased these supplies (with their own money) for the children so they could have a great experience at camp. We need your help to fill this need. Please see the list below and make a donation to St. Joseph's Youth Camp at the convention.

- Childrens (age 7 - 12 boys and girls) clothing
- Tennis shoes and socks
- Shorts, Jeans, T-shirts, Sweatshirts
- Toiletries: Toothbrushes, toothpaste, deodorant, soap, shampoo
- New (in package) underwear will be accepted. Otherwise, gently used articles of clothing will gladly be accepted.

2. Every year St. Joe's receives many requests for financial aid to send children to camp. If you cannot identify a child that your council can sponsor, we have a list of children that are in need of assistance to come to camp. We are asking for the support from councils, and assemblies, as well as individual knights to help us send these kids to camp. To facilitate this, we have established the following support levels that will be recognized at the state convention.

Bronze Council: \$200 donation provides a partial camper registration

Silver Council: \$800 donation provides 1 full camper registration

Gold Council: \$1600 donation provides at least 2 full camper registrations

Platinum Council: \$2500 donation provides at least 3 full camper registrations

Please come prepared to State Convention to stand up and donate on behalf of your council. Depending on which support package that you choose, it may require a vote or possibly two votes to approve. Please make sure you bring this important vote up at your council/assembly meeting for approval. We need your support!!

Checks can be mailed to: P.O. Box 23658 Tempe, AZ 85285 or email [admin@sjycaz.com](mailto:admin@sjycaz.com)

We believe that every child deserves to experience the joy and growth that comes with attending summer camp. Your donation can make a difference in their lives and provide a valuable experience that can last a lifetime.





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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".

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.

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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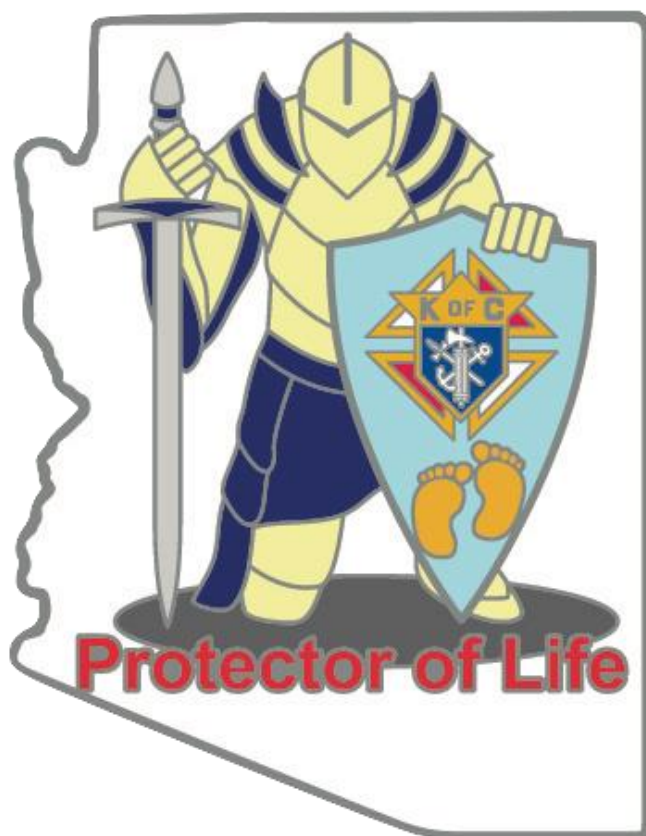
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## ARIZONA STATE LOGO 2022-2023



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."