

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS OF ARIZONA "Protectors of Life"

#### State Deputy's Message

Brothers,

What you are doing today when recruiting new members and doing things that retain our brothers you have, does make a difference. Our numbers are getting better and the attention to detail in our meetings and social gathering are also making a difference on how well we grow Arizona. As I travel throughout Arizona, some brothers complain that 90% of the work is being done by 10% of the Knights. This is old 90/10 rule or Prince's Law. How do you fix this situation? Recruit-Recruit-Recruit. This is the only way we can close the gap and keep the order alive. We need fresh ideas, new faces and most of all an Army of Catholic men ready to step into the breach. We need Knights to *Lead in Faith, Protect our Families, Defend our Values and Serve others.* Remember, what we do today will make tomorrows leaders.

Once again, Supreme has chosen Arizona to be in a pilot program. The program is called the Evangelization and Faith Formation. Supreme believes every Knight should be enabled through his council and fraternal life to fulfill this call. For this reason, Supreme Knight Patrick Kelly has directed that we are recommit our efforts as an Order to ensure that each council is able to provide men with the opportunity to grow, be formed in their Catholic faith and evangelize the world around them. It is my great honor to appoint Deacon Bruce Bennett from Council 16277 and our Worthy State Advocate Larry Powers as State Directors for this program. Our Worthy State Secretary will be the alternate Director.

We are all delighted that PSD Stan Schroeder has been appointed District Master of the Fourth Degree. Together, we will work tirelessly to grow the order and have the largest group of Sir Knights the State as ever seen!

Vivat Jesus,











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us archangels to assist us during our pilgrimage on earth. Saint Michael is our protector, I ask him to come to my aid, fight for all my loved ones, and protect us from danger. Saint Gabriel is a messenger for the Good News, I ask him to help me clearly, hear your voice and to teach me the truth. Saint Raphael is the healing angel, I ask him to take my need for healing and that of everyone I know, lift it up to your throne of grace and deliver back to us the

Heavenly Father, you have given

gift of recovery. Help us O Lord to realize more fully the reality of the archangels and their desire to serve us. Holy Angels pray for us. Amen



September 2022 Pope Francis Intention For the abolition of the death penalty

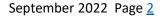
We pray that the death penalty, which attacks the dignity of the human person, may be legally abolished in every country.

The Official Newsletter of the Arizona State Council





#### State Membership Director – Keith Baker



#### Brother Knights,

Our Fraternal Year has now completed its 2<sup>nd</sup> month and it's coming to the close of the summer months. I realize that the heat we've experienced over the last 2 months throughout the State has not made it easy to conduct Delta Church Drives at your local parishes. We are coming into those months that have historically been our best months in recruiting new members to our Order. I am asking for ALL Council Officers and ALL Assembly Officers from ALL Councils and Assemblies in the state of Arizona to STEP INTO THE BREACH and recruit at least one new member in next 2 months. I also challenge you to not stop there. If you are successful in September, then recruit another member in October, then November, etc., etc. Our WSD Luigi Baratta has outlined a recruiting method that all councils should be utilizing.

If you haven't scheduled your church drive yet, there are resources available at: <u>https://www.kofc.org/en/formembers/resources/webinars/091621.html</u>.

Also, the state membership team along with myself are available to assist you in both planning and execution of your drive. Once scheduled, send me an email with the council number, the parish where the drive will take place, the dates, the mass times, and key contact person (grand knight or membership director of council).

September/October is usually one of the biggest recruiting months for the year but planning with your pastor should start now.

Remember also the state incentive: for every new member that you bring into the council, the state will reduce the cost of that member for the next per capita billing cycle. That amounts to \$3.50 per new member! The new member has to be brought in through the CUF degree by September 30, 2022.

You can order your Delta Church Drive Kit by logging into Officers Online – Supplies – Delta Church Drive English Kit. Please make sure to allow for shipping time to get the materials.

While on Supplies Online, look at the other offerings that you can use to help bring in new members!

Keys to successful drive:

- 1. Schedule with your pastor to firm up a date.
- 2. Ask to have 2-3 minutes for a pulpit announcement after mass. Ensure to keep it to that amount.
- 3. Invite state officers, field agent, district deputy, and state membership team. If needed, either one can assist with the pulpit announcement.
- 4. Make sure to order the materials from Supplies Online.
- 5. Create a council flyer to show all the activities your council performs.
- 6. Stand in front of the table to greet the men
- 7. If you have internet, sign them up online. If not, use the "cheat sheet" to get their name and enter them in later (Copy can be found here: <a href="https://kofc-az.org/recruiting">https://kofc-az.org/recruiting</a> )
- 8. Make sure to schedule your CUF shortly after the drive in order to get the men into the council.

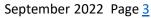
#### Please reach out to the State leadership team. We are here to make you successful.

Vivat Jesus, Keith Baker State Membership Director 480-213-8333 <u>membership@kofc-az.org</u> Arizona State Council





State Membership Director – Keith Baker (continued)





## Top Recruiter for Month of July



Name:Peter "Pete" KloeberCouncil:Fr. Douglas J. Nova #1229Location:Flagstaff, AZParish:San Francisco de Asis (SFdA)Current Position:Financial Secretary (12th year)District Marshal of the Forth Degree (North)(16th year)Previous Positions:District Deputy (5 years)Grand Knight (4 years)

Recruitment Strategy: Simple, always recruiting / asking! Our Council recruits primarily by setting the example of service and fraternity. Men want to join to be part of our service to the parish and community.





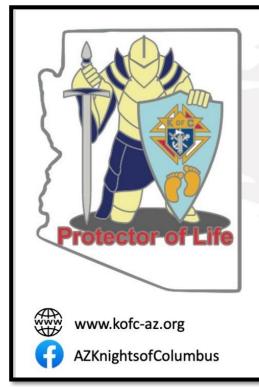


#### Run this ad in your Church Bulletin

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. lt's an opportunity that could define your year and change your life.

KofC.org/JoinUs



Our Catholic faith is important. It's time to Step into the Breach! Be a Protector of Life! Join the Knights of Columbus!

> **FREE Online Membership** http://www.kofc.org/join Promo Code: BlessedMcGivney







Supreme Hispanic Field Coordinator – Jose' "Pona" Magana

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Previously, or a few years ago, as Knights of Columbus, the basis of our approach was quite mundane when we talked about progress in numbers and achievements in a rather material way. Spirituality was not really our perspective. This has fortunately changed. The new approach is called: "Faith in Action". (Show the book Faith in Action.) It is not just our 'action', but our 'faith' that is in action. This must be our foundation, our focus, our mindset, our action, as we move forward as Knights of Columbus.

So I would just ask all of you brothers to stop and think. Where we come from? What are our goals? How do we proceed? What is the true purpose and importance of the Knights of Columbus? We are all Christians, but we are true Catholics and we are proud to be so.

We can know our faith and we can go to Mass. But I am asking for more, and the Church is asking for much more in this modern world. The question is not: "Do we know our faith?", but whether we faithfully "practice and fulfill" our faith. Many go to mass on Sundays. But it is said that up to 70% of Catholics in CA do not understand or believe in the real presence of Christ in the Eucharist.

So we as Knights need to examine ourselves as to: Where do we fit in here? What do we really understand and believe? And how do we practice it?

It is about discipleship, which really means "following the Lord". In the life of each one there come special moments in which the Lord speaks to us very personally and individually, and calls us to a special mission. You, as DD, are now called to one of those very special missions. For us it is very easy to dream beautiful dreams, another thing is to make them come true. Our discipleship means not only enthusiasm, but concrete commitment. So we ask ourselves, what are the sacrifices we are willing to make for the Kingdom? It is a constant temptation to seek spirituality without sacrifice. None of us had a perfect childhood, a perfect education, or a perfect family. Whatever our past, the Lord calls us to follow him just as we are.

We are very blessed that our practical goals have changed - now not primarily what is "out there", but what is truly within. That's where it begins, in our hearts, how we put our belief into action. This is the desire of the Supreme in coming to all of us, and I am very happy to say that this is precisely the goal and fundamental desire of our State Officers.



Jose' "Pona" Magana Hispanic Field Coordinator Knights of Columbus Supreme Council Cell: (203) 430 7863 Email: pona.magana@kofc.org Protector or Life





#### Supreme Hispanic Field Coordinator – Jose' "Pona" Magana

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Anteriormente, o hace algunos años, como Caballeros de Colón, la base de nuestro enfoque era bastante mundana cuando hablábamos sobre el progreso en números y los logros de una manera más bien material. La espiritualidad no era realmente nuestra perspectiva. Esto ha cambiado afortunadamente. El nuevo enfoque se denomina: "Fe en acción". (Muestre el libro Fe en acción). No es solo nuestra 'acción', sino nuestra 'fe' la que está en acción. Esta debe ser nuestra base, nuestro enfoque, nuestra mentalidad, nuestra acción, a medida que avanzamos como Caballeros de Colón.

Entonces, solo les pediría a todos ustedes, hermanos, que se detengan y piensen. ¿De dónde venimos? ¿Cuáles son nuestros objetivos? ¿Cómo procedemos? ¿Cuál es el verdadero propósito y la importancia de los Caballeros de Colón? Todos somos cristianos, pero somos verdaderos católicos y estamos orgullosos de serlo.

Podemos conocer nuestra fe y podemos ir a Misa. Pero yo estoy pidiendo más, y la Iglesia está pidiendo mucho más en este mundo moderno. La pregunta no es: "¿Conocemos nuestra fe?", sino si fielmente "practicamos y cumplimos" nuestra fe. Muchos van a misa los domingos. Pero se dice que hasta el 70% de los católicos en CA no entienden ni creen en la presencia real de Cristo en la Eucaristía.

Entonces, nosotros, como Caballeros, debemos examinarnos a nosotros mismos en cuanto a: ¿Dónde encajamos aquí? ¿Qué entendemos y creemos realmente? y ¿Cómo lo practicamos?

Se trata de discipulado, lo que realmente significa "seguir al Señor". En la vida de cada uno llegan momentos especiales en los que el Señor nos habla muy personal e individualmente, y nos llama a una misión especial. Ustedes, como DD, ahora están llamados a una de esas misiones muy especiales. Para nosotros es muy fácil soñar sueños bonitos, otra cosa es hacerlos realidad. Nuestro discipulado significa no sólo entusiasmo, sino compromiso concreto. Entonces nos preguntamos, ¿Cuáles son los sacrificios que estamos dispuestos a hacer por el Reino? Es una tentación constante buscar la espiritualidad sin sacrificio. Ninguno de nosotros tuvo una niñez perfecta, educación perfecta o familias perfectas. Sea cual sea nuestro pasado, el Señor nos llama a seguirlo tal como somos.

Estamos muy bendecidos de que nuestros objetivos prácticos hayan cambiado - no ahora principalmente lo que está "allá afuera", sino lo que está verdaderamente dentro. Ahí es donde comienza, en nuestros corazones, cómo ponemos nuestra creencia en acción. Este es el deseo del Supremo al venir a todos nosotros, y estoy muy feliz de decir que este es precisamente el objetivo y el deseo fundamental de nuestros Oficiales Estatales.



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#### **New Faith Program Eucharistic Procession**

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# E U C H A R I S T I C R E V I V A L

# The Eucharistic Revival is in full swing!

We would like to organize a state-wide procession with as many councils participating on November 20, 2022 which is the feast day of Christ the King!

The supreme council is supporting this initiative 100%. At the Supreme Convention this year, there was emphasis on Eucharistic Processions.

Under the Faith programs, Holy Hours are listed as a 2 point program if you do 4 events throughout the fraternal year. However, if you do 2 Holy Hours along with a Eucharistic Procession, this will also count as the 2 points!

Questions? More details can be found here: www.kofc.org/en/who-weare/our-faith/eucharist.html

Click on "Procession How To" and "Procession Guide"

Email Roger Molieri at skrogerm@gmail.com if your council plans on doing a procession.

#### Here are some guidelines to follow:

1. You must receive pastor involvement and participation. Multi parish organization is encouraged, but not required

2. The planning for a Eucharistic Procession starts with the pastor who will either take on the primary responsibilities or delegate them to a designated chairperson to lead the planning. The pastor must remain involved throughout the process.

3. A good time to do the procession would be after the last morning Mass, but it is the pastor's call.

3. Route should be established. Longer routes should have police approval and might require permits.

4. Begin inviting parishioners to be a part of a larger logistics team which will be in charge of the physical preparations (altars, booklets, etc.) as well as keeping the procession moving smoothly on the day of the event. The council can serve to help direct the route if needed.

5. Create flyers to help advertise the event.

6. Purchase or borrow a canopy.

7. Since it is a feast day and the last Mass usually is around lunch time, if your council has the resources, plan a gathering afterwards including snacks or food.







2022 Men's Retreat – St Mary Magdalene Parish

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# ST MARY MAGDALENE PARISH 2022 MEN'S RETREAT

# HOLY COMMUNION = REAL PRESENCE

A weekend for men to dig deep

12PM SEPTEMBER 30TH THRU 12PM OCTOBER 2ND HOLY TRINITY MONASTERY ST DAVID, ARIZONA COST - \$175.00, INCLUDES ALL MEALS AND PRIVATE ACCOMMODATIONS

Register: See the banner on smarymag.org or contact Roger, liturgy@smarymag.org

**Reserve your spot today!** Register before September 12



Fr. Ken Nielson





#### New Life Program A.S.A.P.

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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) .

# Knights of Columbus Aid and Support After Pregnancy Knights of Columbus Campaign to **Expand Aid for Mothers and** Children A-S-A-P Aid and Support After Pregnancy Initiative will partner with Knights councils to enhance local support for pregnancy resource centers and maternity homes www.KofC.org/ASAP







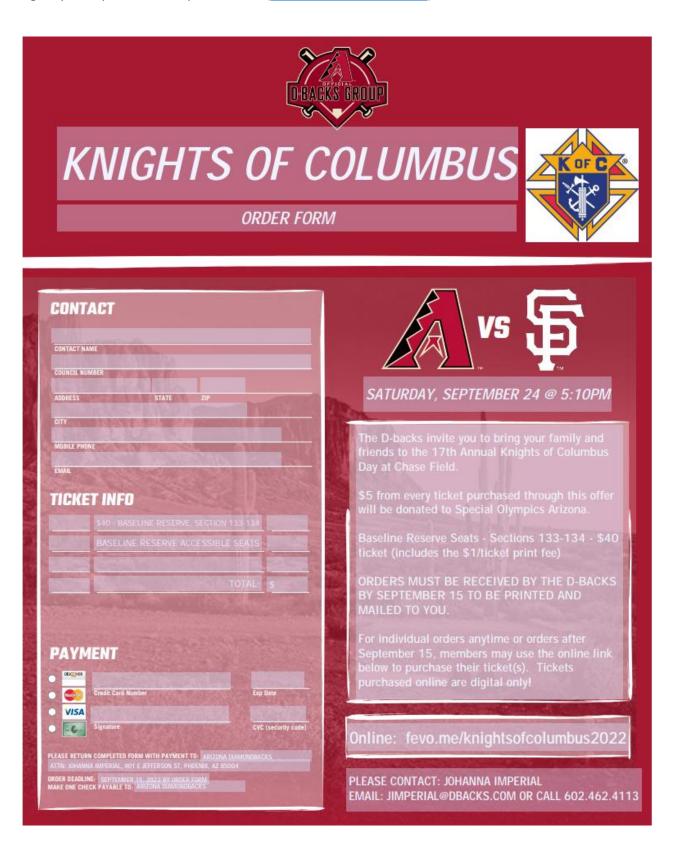
#### State Program Knights at the Ball Park – Jeff Schneider



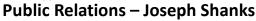
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Worthy Brothers,

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 (<u>bronte8077@gmail.com</u>)



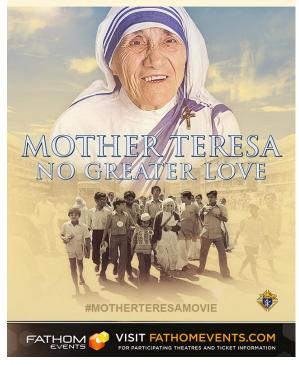




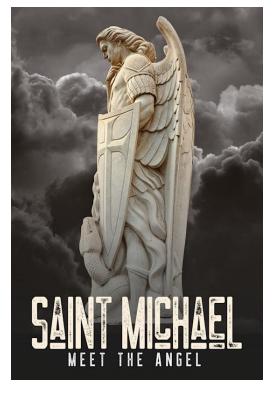




IN SELECT CINEMAS MON OCTOBER 3 & TUES OCTOBER 4 ONLY



Twenty-five years have passed since the death of Mother Teresa of Calcutta , sparking a renewed interest in this spiritual giant of the 20th century. Filmed on 5 continents and featuring unprecedented access to institutional archives and the apostolates of the Missionaries of Charity, this film reveals not just who Mother Teresa was, but how her singular vision to serve Christ in the poor continues to be realized through the Missionaries of Charity today.



An inspiring documentary about the role of Saint Michael in Scripture and in our lives. Various religious experts from different parts of the world, discuss Saint Michael from a religious, historical, and cultural angle and present the most sacred Churches and sanctuaries associated with Saint Michael. Audiences will experience powerful testimonies of faith, riveting Church history, and beautiful architecture and art in Christian culture that will bring everyone closer to the extraordinary figure of Archangel Michael, a friend, and warrior for today. September 29, 2022







#### Family of the Month July 2022

Congratulations to the Aikin family of Fr. Patrick J. Murphy Council 3136, St. Anthony of Padua Parish, Casa Grande, Arizona as Supreme Family of the Month for July 2022. Other Councils participating were: 1229, 4584,8077, 10762, 10832, and 16277. Many thanks to all that supported this program and are involved in their parish communities.

## What is "St. Michael's Lent"?

"St. Michael's Lent" is a beautiful devotion in honor of St. Michael the Archangel. It is a forty-day period of fasting, prayer, and penance—a miniature Lent, you might say—that runs from the Feast of the Assumption on August 15th to the great archangel's feast day on September 29th.

This devotion comes to us from the life of St. Francis of Assisi, who was deeply devoted to St. Michael and the angels. He practiced this "Lent" himself, as mentioned in St. Bonaventure's famous biography of him and in *The Little Flowers of St. Francis*, a collection of stories about the early Franciscans.

St. Michael's Lent, in fact, forms the backdrop to one of the most famous events in the life of St. Francis. A couple years before his death, the saint was inspired to spend St. Michael's Lent on a certain mountain called La Verna. Here, close to the feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross (September 14th), he received the wounds of Our Lord's Passion in his own body: the stigmata. The Franciscans celebrate St. Francis' reception of the stigmata with a feast on September 17th.

St. Michael's Lent, like the original Lent, excludes Sundays (and, we presume, feast days—there aren't strict rules since it is a devotion rather than an obligation).

We should all foster devotion to St. Michael, our great helper and defender in our battle with the devil. Practicing St. Michael's Lent is a great way to do it—but don't be intimidated, you can practice it in whatever way and to whatever extent you can! Even a little given with love and devotion has measureless value in the eyes of God and His angels.







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.

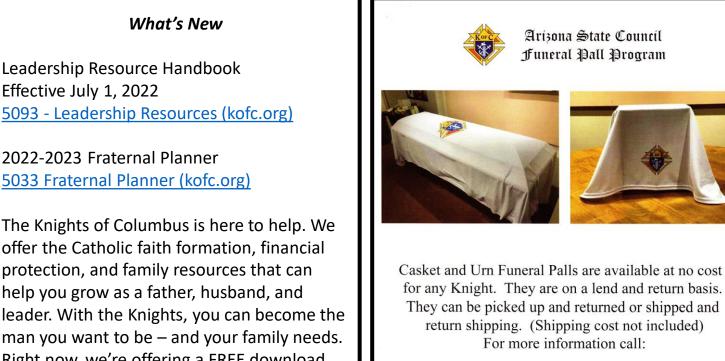
The honor may be conferred upon one individual member or in groups of two or more. If a group, change singular to plural where necessary.

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)



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

2022-2023 Fraternal Planner 5033 Fraternal Planner (kofc.org)

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.

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







The first Fraternal Benefits Night of the new fraternal year will be on September 15th. Please see the ad below for additional information; feel free to share it on your council pages and websites. This is a great opportunity to learn about the insurance and retirement opportunities offered by our Raso Agency. It is also the first step in obtaining the Founders Award.

You can scan the QR code in the ad below or register at: https://us06web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\_gwihvc0yS26n5wYXBCPtjQ



Does your work define you? Is your job just something you do, or a vocation that you cherish?

Across the United States and Canada, more than a thousand brother Knights have found their calling as field agents, assistant general agents and general agents.

By serving Knights of Columbus members and their families, agents carry on the mission of Blessed Michael McGivney, and help bring valuable financial protection to hundreds of thousands of Catholic families.

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A career as a Knights of Columbus agent is a career unlike any other. Our Agents have a remarkable opportunity to "bring their faith to work" as they serve their members, their parishes, their communities, while providing financially for their own family.

Ready to find your calling? Ready to bring your faith to work? <u>Apply today</u> to become a Knights of Columbus field agent, and your local general agent will reach out to you.

Know someone who might make a great agent? Share this video with them, and put them in touch with your local general agent.



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# DISCOVER THE Catholic DIFFERENCE

### Catholic. Charitable. Ethical

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





#### 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 18<sup>th</sup>.

Our second tour will begin on Sunday October 2<sup>nd</sup> 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) \*\*

\*\* No Text messages please. Messages from numbers not in my contacts fall under "unknown" and most likely will be ignored.







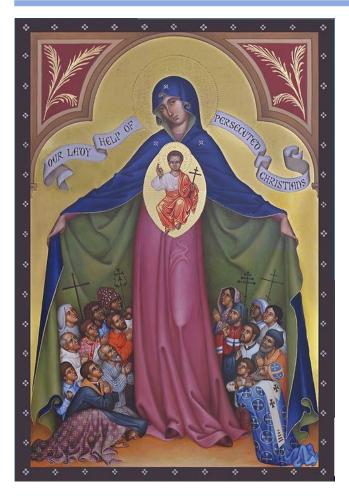




#### Arizona Rosary Celebration – Larry Costanzo



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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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#### State Life Director – Nick Gaudio



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#### Brother Knights,

As you all know, our State's theme for this year is Protector of Life. Our Worthy Supreme leadership has incentivized us and made it easy for us to protect life through the ASAP program. I trust you are all aware of this great program, but in case you are not it is worth repeating here. With the Aid and Support After Pregnancy (ASAP) program Supreme will match \$100 for every \$500 donated in support of pregnancy resource centers, maternity homes and other organizations which give direct assistance to new mothers and/or babies. Each council can donate up to \$2,000 per year, per pregnancy center. When we learned of this program, my council jumped at the opportunity and we immediately appropriated \$2,000 for each of four pregnancy centers (PRCs). We contacted the PRCs and scheduled a visit to tour their facilities and present them with the check. It was a great learning experience where we saw first-hand the work they do in saving babies lives and helping families. They need a lot of help to keep the centers operational, hire more staff, update the facilities, and provide essentials for the babies and moms. They were very appreciative of our support.

For you reference, here are the PRCs we donated to with contact information:

Aid to Women Center	Joe Kendra	(480) 966-1902	jkendra@aidtowomencenter.org
Choices Pregnancy Center	Brenda Petruso	(623) 486-5232	kim@choices.com
First Way Pregnancy Center	Katie Wing	(602) 261-7522	katie@1stway.net
Maggie's Place	Whitney Thistle	(602) 262-5555	wthistle@maggiesplace.org

I challenge each council to make a donation of at least \$500 to a PRC of your choice. If you need help with the paperwork for Supreme's donation match please reach out to me.

The fall **40 Days For Life** campaign is just around the corner: September 28 – November 6. Please plan accordingly. There will be a Mass to kick off the campaign to give thanks to a post-Roe era and continue to unite our prayers for an end to abortion. Mass will be celebrated by, Auxiliary Bishop Eduardo A. Nevares at 6:30PM. Parking can be found at the Diocesan garage, located in the northeast side of 5th Street and Monroe.

See <u>https://www.40daysforlife.com/en/local-campaigns/phoenix/</u> for additional information and materials. Other vigil locations are in Tempe and Glendale.

Save the date October 7 & 8 for the **Walking With Moms Conference** at St. Agnes Parish. Council Life Chairmen should attend to learn how you can support your parish's Sanctity of Life ministries to help Moms in Need.

As always, if you have any questions, please contact me at <u>prolife@gaudio.us</u> or call 480-227-1619. Vivat Jesus, Nick Gaudio AZ State Life Director.





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

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Dear Worthy Officers, Sir Knights and Brothers All,

Yesterday, August 31<sup>st</sup>, the State Deputy Luigi Baratta confided with me that I have been selected as the next Arizona District Master for the John H. Reddin Providence. Great deal of thought was given when the decision was made to be nominated for such a position. Prayer and confirmation from others made the final decision possible. I am very humbled to be selected for this position and committed as in the past to serve to the best of my ability as your next Arizona District Master.

We must all thank Former Arizona District Master Drew Mansager for his leadership, dedication and commitment to the Knights of Columbus through the Fourth Degree. I have known Drew for many years as a brother Knight and as a Sir Knight who always demonstrated faith filled leadership. Drew served during a transition time with social distancing was the word of the day, when call outs were minimized because of concern for the health of others. Recently, Sir Knight Drew was impressed by the attendance of a callout for Bishop Olmsted's last Sunday Cathedral mass at the Cathedral. Some 47 Sir Knights lined the main aisle with Sir Knight Drew present as the Arizona District Master. Thank you, Sir Knight Drew for your leadership.

The State Deputy Luigi Baratta and I are aligned in growing the Knights of Columbus through the Fourth Degree. When councils have membership drives, I ask that the Fourth Degree to be involved. When given an opportunity to support the Council, take that opportunity. When a Catholic gentleman says "Yes" to joining the Knights of Columbus, encourage and invite the new Brother Knight to be a Sir Knight, complete the journey of worthy Sir Knights. For this, the Fourth Degree Exemplifications will be more frequent and delivered to those in attendance in person. This is how the Degree will make the unforgettable impact on our brother knights for the good. The next scheduled Fourth Degree Exemplification is October 8<sup>th</sup> in Flagstaff.

I am no stranger to many around the State as I have gone through the State Officer positions with my final title as Past State Deputy. As time allowed, I became more involved with my Assembly serving several positions including Faithful Navigator. I have been on the team who presented Colors at the AZ Rosary Celebration and serving on the AZ Fourth Degree Team. Yes, the Fourth Degree has grown on me, it has changed me, now let the Fourth Degree change you. I invite all Brother Knights to advance to the knighting as SIR KNIGHT!

GOD BLESS AMERICA!



VIVAT JESUS

Stan Schroeder, AZ District Master





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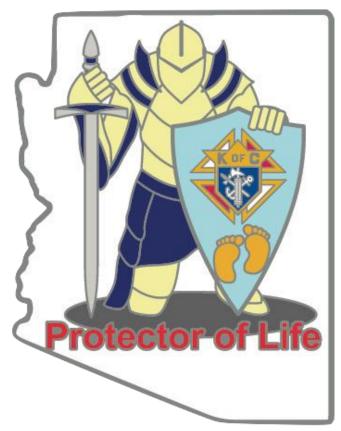
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## ARIZONA STATE LOGO 2022-2023



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."