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## **K O C O A**

### **Knights of Columbus of Arizona**

June KOCOA

#### ***Thank you!***

Brothers Knights,

The most important thing that I have to say is Thank you! It is with great appreciation and gratitude for YOUR commitment to excel that the State of Arizona is looked upon as a leader in the order!

#### **Membership**

- You have continued to ask men to become closer to Christ by joining the Knights of Columbus
- You have had the best January, February (tied), March, and May months ever.
- You continue to have CUF degrees to bring men from Online into your Council (O2C). This is enormously important to engage that man early and get him as part of your council so they can start forming those fraternal bonds.

#### **Safe Environment**

Thank you for being diligent to ask your members to complete the Supreme Safe Environment courses. We have had the highest number of compliant councils this year! However, it is still only a little more than half of the councils who are compliant. Currently, there are 12 councils who have met their membership goal but will miss out on Star Council because of the training.

#### **Programs**

Programs are what helps councils succeed and keep members engaged. We have seen the 10784's come in and it is phenomenal the work you are doing! Let's complete that final step to get recognition for all the hard work that you did by completing the SP-7 Columbian Award Application! Please do so now rather than waiting until the end of June.

#### **Fraternal Benefits Nights**

We have 39 councils that have completed their Fraternal Benefits Nights. We have another 21 that have the number of nights, but just need the number of attendees. If you had a "watch party" for one of the events, please make sure to fill out the [11077 Fraternal Benefits Event Council Report](#).

State Deputy



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## State Deputy

### Cor

From talking with a lot of councils, Cor has made a tremendous impact to the spiritual life and vibrance of a council. More men are becoming engaged with activities because of it! Please make sure to file the report as soon as possible to let us know what your councils are doing with Cor!

<https://survey.alchemer.com/s3/7915911/Cor-Quarterly-Survey-FY-24-25>

### State Convention

Thank you to all the councils and delegates who helped make the 118<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention a success! Also, thank you to Fr. Bob Binta Council 12246 for hosting the convention and running it smoothly without incident!

The most powerful moment of the convention was our Holy Hour on Saturday. When the Blessed Sacrament was processed in until the readings, there was power in the silence of adoration of Jesus, fully present with us, body and blood, soul and divinity in that room! And when we recited the rosary, there was power in the voices responding to the prayers in unison to give glory to our Blessed Mother to honor her and seek her intercession!

Congratulations also to all the newly elected state officers for the 2025-2026 Fraternal Year!

Our State Raffle raised \$326,852 for local and state charities! Thank you all for your generosity!

Thank you for all that you are doing to invite men into the Knights of Columbus, get them closer in their faith with Cor, and all the programs that you do modeling what Jesus has taught us. Together, we will have our Faith Transform the Culture!

Vivat Jesus!

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Brothers All,

For most of us in Arizona June means days over 100°. Hopefully it also means a little slower tempo to deal with the heat. Schools are out and we are finishing our Easter Season and going “back to” Ordinary Time. Council years are wrapping up and officers are getting ready for the new year.

Most will be able to spend some well-deserved time of vacation and rest. Hopefully. Please look out for each other and encourage your Brother Knights to take the necessary time off this summer to renew and recharge (to say nothing of staying healthy in the summer sun and heat!) We Knights tend to be the types who work, work, work, and while this gets a lot accomplished we know the Lord God Almighty Himself took a day off after creating the universe. So rest is part of the Divine Plan.

June is also the Month of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. Last year our late Holy Father Pope Francis sent us all a letter about the Sacred Heart called [Dilexit Nos \(He Loved Us\)](#). If you haven't read it yet, please consider adding it to your personal prayer this month. He says in one part *“Entering into the heart of Christ, we feel loved by a human heart filled with affections and emotions like our own.”* (67) As sons, brothers, priests,



deacons, husbands, dads or grandpas we ought to know about those affections and emotions - how intense is love for another. And that's how Jesus loves us! Yet infinitely and mysteriously more. Praise Him!

God bless you all, rest, pray and have some fun. Vivat Jesus!

Fr. David

Arizona State Chaplain

State Chaplain



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## State Secretary

Greetings, Brothers All!

Here's my final newsletter message as your State Secretary. The time has sure flown by! Congratulations to all on a most successful year in membership, programs, and faith.

On behalf of the State Council, I'd like to sincerely thank the councils that have made their second-half per capita payments.

We have mailed the state convention per diem checks. Council checks were mailed to Supreme's Financial Secretary of record for your council. District Deputy checks were sent directly to the DDs. Please deposit these checks as soon as possible.

We have also mailed the State Charity Raffle checks for council donations. Checks for individual council charities were mailed to Supreme's Financial Secretary of record for your council. Multiple checks will arrive in the same envelope. When multiple council donations were made to the same Charity, like Saint Joseph Youth Camp or Special Olympics, the donations were combined, and a check was sent directly to the Charity. Please present your checks to your charities as soon as possible. Make it a photo opportunity! Present donations to your Parish in a public setting! Encourage your charities to deposit the checks as soon as they can. Every year a few charity checks are never cashed and are voided after 6 months. Your charities deserve those funds. Make sure they get them!

If you are expecting a per diem check or State Raffle charity checks and have not received them, please check with your Financial Secretary. By now they should have all arrived in the mail. Send an email to Worthy State Treasurer Larry Powers if the checks are still missing.

I am encouraged to see that our Jurisdiction is "running through the tape" and finishing strong in membership and programs. Make sure you submit your Columbian Award (SP-7) reports as soon as you can so if there are problems they can be corrected before the end of June.

Remember that the State first half per capita and your Supreme assessments are based on your billable council membership on July 1. If you are working on



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transferring members to the Affiliate Program, complete that work as soon as possible so that your roster is ready for the next fraternal year.

Thank you for all your hard work this year.

Vivat Jesus!

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## **2025-2026 Organization Meeting**

The 2025-2026 State Organizational Meeting will be hosted by Fr. Severin Westhoff Council 6627 at Our Lady of Mt Carmel in Tempe. Please join us for informative training and key information to help start out the new Fraternal Year on the right foot.

**When:** Saturday July 12, 2025  
**Time:** 8:00 AM Start with Rosary  
**Where:** Our Lady of Mt Carmel  
McCready Hall  
2121 S Rural Rd  
Tempe, AZ 85282

Click [HERE](#) to Register with the Host Council

We have secured a block of rooms at the Embassy Suites Tempe for \$119/night plus tax.

Embassy Suites Tempe  
4400 S Rural Rd  
Tempe, AZ 85282

Click [HERE](#) to book a room. Click on "Book a Room"  
Registration for the hotel ends June 24. Please do so by then to secure the rate.

We will have specialized Grand Knight and Financial Secretary training. Please indicate on the form if you will be attending either training. Dress code for council attendees is business casual with council shirt, slacks, and name badge.

The host council will have a dinner on Friday and Saturday evening.

Registration closes July 4 at 5:00pm.

Vivat Jesus!  
Kevin McCarthy  
State Deputy Elect





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Brother Knights,

It was great to see you all at the State Convention last month. Thank you to all the councils that contributed to the success stories that were presented on Friday. Council participation for our Faith In Action Programs has been stellar this year. Many councils have achieved their Columbian and Star Council awards for their hard work.

For April, 321, 10784s were submitted to Supreme. Faith led the month at 129, Community 95, Family 73, and Life at 24 reports. For April, the featured programs were Good Friday Family Promotion and Eucharistic Processions. Congratulations to **Santa Teresita Council #18389** in El Mirage. They are the winner of the \$150 Global Wheelchair Mission donation. Along with 15 other councils, they participated in Holy Hours, Adoration, and Eucharistic Processions on Holy Thursday. Santa Teresita participated in a Eucharistic Procession and led their parishioners into their hall for Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. Well done #18389, and congratulations!



Special shout-outs to Councils 5133, 8077, 9446, and 13272, who had Holy Thursday Eucharistic Processions. Council #18215, Most Holy Trinity in Tucson, had 300 participants at their Good Friday Promotion mass. This is truly a testament to promoting Holy Week with parish families.

May numbers will be posted at the end of the month, and I will announce the winner for the featured Rosary Programs, Holy Hours, and May Crownings. On May 31st, the Church celebrates the Feast of the Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary. This feast commemorates the Blessed Mother's visit to her cousin Elizabeth and the encounter of Jesus and St. John the Baptist while in the wombs of their mothers. The USCCB will be offering a Novena for Walking with Moms in Need. Councils, please go to [prolife@usccb.org](mailto:prolife@usccb.org) and join the Novena



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for Life: Honoring the Feast of the Visitation. Join in prayer, May 22-30, and receive daily Novena emails.

For **June**, the featured program will be **Family of the Month** and **Pilgrim Icon**. Many councils participated in February with the new Sacred Heart of Jesus Icon. We are going to do it again, and on Friday, June 27, is the Solemnity of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus. Please contact DD Bryant Sayers now to reserve the Icon. Present it during a Holy Hour or Sunday masses in June. Many Pastors have Eucharistic Processions annually for the Solemnity mass.

Brother Knight, Dave Kasper of St. Anne's Council in Gilbert, AZ, and his wife Carol started the Luggage for Foster Kids Program about 3 years ago. Two years ago, the program was presented at the Mid-Year K of C Meeting and received unanimous approval to go statewide. The Kaspers would like to see this Program go statewide. Please see the photos of their last pickup. The previous pickup was the day before Thanksgiving. The pickups are done by partners of OCJ Kids. They partner with Foster groups and distribute throughout the state of Arizona. The program costs nothing and is easy to manage. Knights within West Valley make pickups out west and in Scottsdale. There is now the possibility of a Tucson Council collecting luggage. This is a definite way to bring dignity and self-esteem to a difficult situation with children taken into Foster Care. To date, the Program has collected and distributed approximately 2000 gently used Suitcases and 1000 Backpacks.

The Kaspers can coordinate the pickup/Delivery of Suitcases with their partners at OCJ Kids and then distribute them to the Foster Children. If you do not have a Foster Children program in your area, please contact Catholic Community Services or the Diocese of Phoenix and Tucson for guidance.

Any questions, please contact Dave Kasper at [cdkasper65@sbcglobal.net](mailto:cdkasper65@sbcglobal.net) or cell phone, (847) 769-1195.







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Lastly, congratulations to the Bob Francis Family, Our Lady of the Desert Council #15704. Bob and his family are Arizona's Family of the Month for the month of March.

**10784s!** Please continue to send them in. [Form Invitation \(kofc.org\)](https://www.kofc.org/form-invitation).

Thank you to the councils that sent in their 10784s.

### **Knights at the Ballpark partnering with Catholic Night**

The Arizona Knights of Columbus will partner with the Diocese of Phoenix and Diocese of Tucson for Catholic Night on September 19, 2025 when the D-Backs play the Philadelphia Phillies!

\$5 from every ticket will be donated to the Diocese of Phoenix and Diocese of Tucson to support Catholic Education!

More information here:

<https://www.gofevo.com/event/KnightsofColumbus2025>

### **Reminders:**

- Remember to contact our Pilgrim Icon Program Director, Bryant Sayers, and sign up to present the new Sacred Heart of Jesus Icon at your Holy Hours and Cor meetings. (<https://kofc-az.org/pilgrim-icon-program>)
- SP-7 – If you need assistance filing the SP-7, please contact your District Deputy or myself! We are willing to assist in order that you can get the Columbian Award that your council deserves for all the hard work they performed throughout the year!

Vivat Jesus!

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## The Final Countdown!!!!

Worthies and Brothers All,

On behalf of the State Officers, as well as the State Membership Team, we want to thank you all for your tremendous efforts this year to invite men into the Order. With only a month left in the Fraternal Year, we want to focus on getting every council to their goal so they can be recognized as Star/Double Star/Triple Star Council, etc. We have so many councils that are only 1 or 2 new members away from reaching the next level goal!!!! Here's our suggestions to help put your councils over the top:

- 1) If you don't have enough Prospects on your council's page, host a Church Drive between now and June 22<sup>nd</sup>.
- 2) Host a C-U-F Ceremony soon after your Church Drive, or as soon as possible if you have men on your Prospect Tab. Call, text, and email EVERY Prospect on your list and invite them (and their families) to attend.
- 3) Using Officers Online, transfer your Prospects into your council the same day you hold the C-U-F Ceremony (but no later than June 25<sup>th</sup>).
- 4) Avoid using paper Form 100's!! Enter new candidates using the E-Membership web site. Using paper Form 100's will delay these men being assigned to your council, and you may miss out on hitting your goals due to a paperwork backlog!!!

**Remember, the Fraternal Year ends on Monday, June 30<sup>th</sup>. Supreme is on Eastern time. It is highly unlikely that any men processed the last weekend of the month will be added to your roster by the close of business on June 30<sup>th</sup>. Please be proactive and get everyone processed by June 25<sup>th</sup> to allow Supreme enough time!!!!**

The State Team is here to help you with your last-minute Church Drives and C-U-F Ceremonies. Please let us know how we can help all your councils shine like STARS!!!!

Thanks again for your extraordinary efforts in recruiting this year. Your hard work is paying huge dividends for your councils!

Vivat Jesus! Viva Cristo Rey!

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Consider using the following for an ad in your bulletin for June!

***During the  
month of  
June, be  
drawn to  
His Sacred  
Heart***

<http://www.kofc-az.org>  
<https://www.facebook.com/azknightsforcolumbus>



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## **Church Membership Drive Playbook**

### ***2-3 Weeks Prior***

- Post dates of church drive on state calendar
- Run ads in church bulletin every week
- Organize teams of 6-8 brother knights for each mass
- Invite the Field Agent to help out
- Ask pastor/priests to promote the knights and encourage men to join

### ***Day Of Event***

- Greet parishioners before each mass
- Hand out K of C info to men and prayers cards to the ladies & children
- With Pastor's permission, give a 2-3 minute pulpit speech (note: have your best speaker do it, not always the GK)
- Conclude pulpit announcement by reciting prayer on prayer card handed out (members distribute more during speech)
- Cover all exits after mass. Greet everyone but identify men that might be interested
- Funnel prospects to the "closers" on your team. Have agent code and team membership numbers available.
- Assist candidates with completing on-line membership ***and*** have candidate confirm while standing there
- Congratulate and welcome your new brother knight (and his family) with a smile and firm handshake!!

### ***The Following Sunday***

- Host A C-U-F Degree Ceremony immediately after the last mass of the day
  - Have The Ceremony in the church, of possible
  - Host a luncheon/desserts & coffee/social event immediately after ceremony ends.
- This will give you a chance to meet and learn about the new member and allow him to meet and greet his new brother knights!
- Ask new brothers to introduce themselves and their families before eating
  - Have FinSec hand out membership cards before new members depart

We are finding that by following this playbook (with modifications unique to each council), we are having more success at not only getting members to join, but also getting them engaged early, providing the council with an influx of active members looking for programs to participate in.



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## Monthly Incentives!

### Monthly-All Members

#### ***Knights of Columbus Books***

- One Entry For Each New Member
- One Winner Each Month

### Monthly-District Deputies

#### ***K of C Cooler Bag***

- One Entry For Each Council That Recruits A New Member
- One Winner Each Month

### Quarterly-All Members

#### ***K of C Silver Watch***

- One Entry For Each New Member Recruited That Quarter
- One Winner Each Quarter

### Quarterly-District Deputies

#### ***K of C Duffel Bag***

- One Entry For Each Council That Meets Quarterly Membership Goal
- One Winner Each Quarter

### 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter-Councils

#### ***\$200 for Coats for Kids***

- Achieve 25% of Goal for Q1
- One Winner Drawn

### 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter-Councils

#### ***\$300 for Sleep in Heavenly Peace***

- Achieve 50% of Goal for Q2
- One Winner Drawn

### 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter-Councils

#### ***\$500 for ASAP***

- Achieve 75% of Goal for Q3
- One Winner Drawn

### 4th Quarter-Councils

#### ***\$500 for Global Wheelchair Mission***

- Achieve 100% of Goal by 5/31/25
- One Winner Drawn

### Quarterly-All Councils

#### ***Knights of Columbus Personalized Canopy***

- Councils Are Eligible After Hosting a Church Membership Drive During The Quarter

- Council **MUST** Post The Church Drive On The State Drive Calendar At Least Two Weeks Prior To The Event

- One Winner Drawn Each Quarter





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COR

## Cor-relation

As we enter the month of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, and the last month of the fraternal year, we enter into a time of reflection and preparation. At the heart of COR is bringing all of us closer to the heart of Jesus and sharing His love with world. How has COR assisted with this central mission of the Church? What topics, speakers or retreats have been successful this year and what can we participate in the next year to help us grow in our relationship with Christ, His Church and each other? Are we using the Evangelization and Faith Formation Director to the fullest extent to assist our members? Is there time in our officers meeting for our EFF to get feedback and assistance?

I offer these questions as a jump-off point for each council to reflect on and hopefully see the CORrelations between your COR program and other areas in your council. If you have not started COR, now is the time to plan and meet with your pastor and get the EFF appointed for the Fall! There can never be enough opportunities to gather and share our faith and our lives as brothers. As we look forward to the sizzling heat, know of my prayers for you and know that Deacon Bruce Bennet and I are here to assist you in your COR needs.

Peace,

Rev. Arthur Nave, Jr.

Evangelization and Faith Formation Clergy Liaison



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### **Faith Transforms Culture – The Design**

The Eucharist is the center of the state. We need to keep Christ at the center of everything we do.

The word “Transforms” extends out from the Eucharist and wraps around the state. This transformation happens internally in each one of us so that we can transform those we encounter.

The rays coming from the Eucharist are symbolic of the colors of the State of Arizona.

- The Gold is the color of Jesus' Divinity. He is True God.
- The Red is the color of Jesus' blood: He is truly Human.

Blue is the color of Mary. We need to ask for Mary's intercession to her Son by praying the Rosary often.

The baby feet are white to signify the pure innocence lost with every abortion that occurs. We will continue to support Life from Conception to Natural Death.



### **The Complete Knight Flywheel**

From a mechanical side, the flywheel is a very heavy wheel that is used to generate and transfer energy to other parts of a machine. Once it starts spinning, it's hard to stop.

**God is the center of** all that he does, his **family** comes second, and self third

Each knight has to do each of the activities to keep that flywheel going: Recruitment, Engagement, Motivation, Evangelization, and Retention. The areas of focus for each of those activities are around Membership, Programs, Cor, and Insurance.