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Knights of Columbus of Arizona

December Newsletter 2025-2026

State Deputy

Dear Brother Knights,

On behalf of the State Officers, I extend our sincere wishes for a blessed and joyful Advent and Christmas Season.

As this busy time of year brings you into contact with many individuals, we encourage you to embrace the spirit of the season. Consider engaging in meaningful conversations with fellow parishioners whom you may not yet know and take the opportunity to invite them to learn more about the Knights of Columbus. By reaching out, whether after Mass or during gatherings, you can foster community and extend an invitation for membership to both the individual and their family.

Let us make this Advent a season focused on engagement and invitation, welcoming new members into our Order, and continuing our momentum. As noted by our Worthy Membership Director: Offer the *gift* of membership!

Remember, the Midyear Meeting is January 9-11. (Councils invited on January 10. DDs must attend January 9-11.)

Click [HERE](#) to register with the Host Council. Please register by December 30.

Click [HERE](#) to book your Hotel Room. Click on “Book a Room” and edit your stay.

We’ll keep this newsletter brief and hear from our Worthy State Membership Director and Worthy State Program Directors.

There are two upcoming Fourth Degree Exemplifications; December 13 in Cave Creek, and January 24 in Tucson. **Click [HERE](#) for information and registration.**

Vivat Jesus!

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Worthies and Brothers All,

New Membership Recruitment throughout the State of Arizona remained strong in November, as we again broke the monthly record! Councils are working hard to invite as many Catholic men as possible to join the Order, and the results are amazing! Thank you for all you are doing!

Let's keep the momentum going in December and finish the first half of the Fraternal Year strong. Below are reminders of two Membership Recruiting Programs currently running through December 31st:

GIVE THE GIFT OF MEMBERSHIP THIS DECEMBER!!!

As we embark on this beautiful Season of Advent, what better way to help our fellow Catholic men prepare for the Birth of Our Lord and Savior than by inviting them to be a part of the greatest Catholic Fraternal Organization in the world! Every day, councils around the state and around the world have a positive impact on the spiritual lives of our members through Cor, our charitable works, and our Faith in Action programs.

To encourage councils to continue to recruit this December, the State Council is offering a Bonus Award for Church Drives this month. All councils that host a Church Drive (and post the drive on the State Calendar) will be entered into a drawing for a \$100 Gift Card. The winning council can use the card to purchase food for a meeting, as a raffle prize for a council event, or however they choose to spend it! This is in addition to the regular monthly Pizza Party Awards for councils hosting Church Drives.

So get your drives scheduled and on the State Calendar as soon as possible. I look forward to attending as many of the drives as I can to assist in giving the Gift of Membership.

GO FOR TWO!!!

This is the final month to qualify for Supreme's "GO FOR TWO" program to win cash and prizes! Full details are on the next page



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KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS PRESENTS

★★★★★ Member Incentive ★★★★★

GO FOR TWO!



To recognize brother Knights who "go for two", members who recruit two men between September 1st and December 31st, 2025, will be entered into a drawing to receive a cash prize of \$1,500!* 10 second place winners will receive a customized K of C-branded football.

Recruit four men in that time frame to be entered into the drawing twice!

A cash prize means you get to choose how you celebrate – whether it be tickets and gear for your favorite team, a tailgating experience at the game, a celebration with friends and family, the choice is yours!

* For insurance jurisdictions only. Other restrictions apply.



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On behalf of the entire State Membership Team, we wish you and your families a very Merry Christmas, and a Healthy and Happy New Year!!

Vivat Jesus! ¡Viva Cristo Rey!

Dan Kudulis

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Hello Brother Knights,

As we enter the Advent season, let us be mindful of the joyful and expectant preparation for the coming of our Lord, reflecting on the celebration of Christ's birth at Christmas and anticipating His glorious return at the end of time.

As Knights there are two new Programs that we can celebrate during Advent.

Holy Hour for Life with Our Lady of Guadalupe – NEW PROGRAM!

The Holy Hour for Life with Our Lady of Guadalupe calls upon councils to organize adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and a special prayer service to ask for Our Lady's intercession for the pro-life cause. As Patroness of the unborn, Our Lady is a powerful advocate for those at-risk of abortion and all those involved in the cause of life. Through this Holy Hour, councils and their parishes can pray for a variety of intentions such as healing from infertility, defense of the unborn, care for mothers and families, and an end to the evil of abortion. Great times for councils to run this program include the feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe (Dec. 12), the International Day for the Unborn Child (Mar. 25), any time during Respect Life Month (October), or leading up to National or State Marches for Life. [KofC.org faith in action programs life](https://KofC.org/faith-in-action/programs/life)

Imitating Saint Juan Diego – NEW PROGRAM!

As Knights of Columbus, whose patroness is Our Lady of Guadalupe, we are called to be her messengers, just as St. Juan Diego was throughout his life. The appearance of Our Lady of Guadalupe to St. Juan Diego led to the mass conversion of millions of indigenous people to the Catholic Faith and continues to serve as a means of evangelization today. Councils can teach others about their lives and status as powerful intercessors by organizing a traveling image of Our Lady of Guadalupe for families, by encouraging acts of popular piety, and by sharing other devotional materials with members and their parish communities. The suggested timeframe for this program is early December, coinciding with St. Juan Diego's feast day on December 9 and Our Lady of Guadalupe's feast day on December 12. Alternatively, your council can end the program on these dates and host a celebration on his feast day.

[KofC.org faith in action programs faith](https://KofC.org/faith-in-action/programs/faith)



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CONGRATULATIONS: Program of the Month Winners

October – **Council 7626, St. Joseph the Worker.** They present the Silver Rose at two masses at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Williams, AZ. Eight other councils submitted 10784s. Council 7626 wins the incentive for a \$200 RSVP donation. 360 forms were submitted in October.

November – **Council 5221, Florence, AZ,** is the winner of the **November** featured program, Coats for Kids. Florence partnered with councils #3136 Casa Grande, #13841 Eloy, 18065 #Coolidge and San Tan Council #17036. 368 Coats were delivered to the Blackwater Community School on the Blackwater Indian Reservation. They along with six other councils submitted 10784s and are the winner of a \$100 Ultrasound Initiative Donation. 332 forms were submitted in November.



A special shout out to the five councils who submitted 10784s for having Fallen Knight Memorials under the new program, Remembering Our Faithful Departed.

REMINDERS:

Councils, get your Catholic Citizen Essays to DD Jeff Schenider now.
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Thank you to the councils who are continuously emailing me your FIA photos. The response has been great, and the photos capture you Knights and your dedicated work.



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CONGRATULATIONS – Family of the Month Winner October -

The Michael Lanning Family, St. Damien of Molokai Council #14089, Marana

In the next advisory, I will announce the **December** incentive winner for a \$100 St. Joseph's Youth Camp Donation. The December program of the month will be the Keep Christ in Christmas Poster Contest. Any Advent events and the two new programs listed above are eligible for the drawing. Of course, any submissions with any of the new programs will enter you into the monthly drawing.

Let us continue to put our Faith in Action and grow our order.

10784 - [Form Invitation](#)

With Rejoicing Hearts,

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With Rejoicing Hearts – The Design

The Arizona Knights of Columbus State Pin has a copper background reminding us of the rich natural resources of our State.

The imagery on the pin

- Raised hands in rejoicing
- Our hearts
- The Knights of Columbus emblem
- The dove representing the Holy Spirit
- Baby footprints symbolizing the Right to Life

serves as a visual testament to our mission.

It reminds us that we are called to serve, uplift, and walk in faith, defending the dignity of life from conception to natural death and bringing Christ's kingdom to light. **We serve With Rejoicing Hearts!**



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.

A successful knight does 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.

