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### Knights of Columbus of Arizona

February 2025 Advisory

State Deputy

Brothers Knights,

And just like that, January is in the books! How well are you doing on those New Years Resolutions? Was it something to lose weight or clean the garage? Or was it something more impactful to pray a rosary every day, attend daily mass at least once a week or more? The timing of the resolution occurs at the start of the new year, but it doesn't mean it's too late to start.

We had a great January from a recruitment side of things, bringing more men into the order than we have in the previous 10+ Januarys! The only way that works is through hosting Church Drives. The Playbook that has been in all the newsletters works.

But don't stop at just signing them up online, get them through a CUF Degree within 2 weeks of hosting the drive! Get them into your council to help you with your activities so we can bring them closer to Christ.

When asked, is it about the numbers? The answer is yes: it is about asking all eligible men to join us so they can build and strengthen their relationship with Jesus. If we don't share what we do as Knights and offer that to every man, how can we build of that kingdom of God here on earth?

By now, you should have filed your Form 1728, the Annual Survey of Fraternal Activities. This is a required form for Star Council. If you haven't filed, you can still do so. Make sure you complete this as soon as possible. As of February 5, less than half of the councils have filed this form. (Hint: If you have filled out the 10784's over the past year, you would be able to calculate those numbers easily!)

The next one coming up is the 1295 Semiannual Council Audit due February 15. Please send copies to [ses@kofc-az.org](mailto:ses@kofc-az.org).

So why do we talk Star Council all the time? Is it about recognition for the Grand Knight? The answer I hear a lot is "I'm not in it for the recognition." To be quite frank, that is a selfish response.

What about your council members who performed all the programs and hard work throughout the year?

What about your pastor who supported the Knights of Columbus to do those activities on the parish grounds?

What about all the parishioners who supported the Knights by attending fundraisers?



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Star Council is about recognizing ALL the work performed by EVERYONE involved who helped the council achieve this award. I ask that ALL councils really look hard at doing what they can to do this and thank everyone who helped make your council successful.

The Sacred Heart of Jesus Pilgrim Icon program is ready to ready to go! We currently have 3 icons that can travel around the state, so make your request now!

<https://kofc-az.org/pilgrim-icon-program>

A reminder that the State Convention is earlier this year, May 2-3, 2025. The call for delegates along with the convention registration will be coming out shortly. There are some final details that we are working on with the hotel. Thank you for your patience while we finalize the details.

If you have not hosted your Free Throw contest yet, do so as quickly as possible! The District Free Throw should be completed in February. The State Free Throw Challenge will be March 29, 2025 at Notre Dame Prep in Scottsdale from 11:00 AM – 3:00 PM. We may have a film crew from Supreme at the event!

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!

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Greetings, Brothers All! It's hard to believe that we are already halfway through the fraternal year!

- You will receive your Second Half State Per Capita statement In Early February. It will be emailed to the Financial Secretary of record with Supreme and to the Grand Knight. **If you are the former holder of these roles, and receive the email, please forward it to your successor.** State Per Capita is how the State Council's work is funded. Please pay this bill promptly. You get a rebate credit if you pay the bill within a month of the billing date. The assessment is \$5.50 per billable member per half. Inactive members are \$2.25 per half. Honorary Life and Disabled members are not charged. Disabled members must be defined through Form 1831 with Supreme. Billing is based on the Supreme record of Council Membership as of January 1.
- Optional donations to the Navarrete Vocations Fund and to St. Joesph Youth Camp are also accepted.
- If you did not pay your First Half Per Capita, that balance will be included in the Second Half statement.
- Remember, Delegates from Councils that are not current on their Per Capita will not be seated at the State Convention.
- Per Capita payments do not require a council vote.

We're all working hard for a successful fraternal year. We're growing membership and conducting exciting programs. I'm sure we're excited to show Arizona that our Faith can truly Transform our Culture.

Thank You!

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Worthy Grand Knights,

There are many responsibilities that come with the position of Grand Knight. Although you may not be responsible for completing all tasks, you are responsible to make sure they are completed. I would like to review 3 areas I have found councils have problems with in the past.

### **Council Liability Insurance**

The Supreme Council requires all Councils to carry general liability insurance. Many dioceses and parishes also require proof of insurance when using their space for events. Your council is free to use whatever company they choose. Many use Lockton Affinity, they specialize in providing insurance for Knights of Columbus Councils. They can be reached at 800 496-0288. The company website is: <https://councilinsuranceprogram.com/>

### **Supreme and State Brand Assets**

[Look at your council websites and publications to confirm you are using the current emblem of the Order. There were significant changes in the made Emblem in 2020.](#)

Subordinate councils, assembly's, chapters and their members are permitted to use Supreme and Arizona Jurisdiction logos and emblems for "Ordinary Fraternal Use" (i.e, activities that fall within the charitable and fraternal mission of the Knights of Columbus)

If you are unsure of whether the proposed use constitutes "Ordinary Fraternal Use" you should request permission from the Supreme Board of Directors for Supreme Brands and the State Deputy for Arizona Brands prior to their use. Information on the use of Supreme brands and all current downloads can be found at: <https://www.kofc.org/en/brand-assets/index.html>

### **Council Supreme Compliance Status**

Every Grand Knight and Program Director must complete Supreme Safe Environment Trained (SET) through Praesidium Academy. The Community Director and Family Directors are required to pass a background check in addition to this training. Once completed the training and background for the individual must be renewed every three years. The renewal date is different for every man, so close attention is needed to ensure the council does not fall out of compliance. Each man will receive a training invitation from Praesidium 45 days prior to his expiration. Sometimes this email will go to a spam folder, or the man has changed email address, so the information is not received. The Council Grand Knight can see each of the councils safe environment positions status and expiration dates in Officers Online. Once logged in go to: "Reports" then "Safe Environment Member Status". If one of the required positions expire prior to June 30, 2025, make sure the man completes all Supreme requirements to stay in compliance.

If you have any questions, I am always available to assist.

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Brothers All,

We are off to an amazing start in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Half of our Fraternal Year!! In January, your councils continued our Membership Momentum and took us to heights we could not have imagined. We had the highest number of new members to join in January **EVER**, and one of the largest recruiting months in our history for any month!!

**Now is not the time to slow down!!!** Let's continue to invite every eligible Catholic man to join us in our mission of Charity, Unity, Fraternity, and Patriotism.

### **Church Drive Challenge**

In last month's newsletter, as well as at the State Mid-Year Meetings, I challenged all of our councils in Arizona to schedule and host a Church Drive before the State Convention in early May. Many councils have already taken up the challenge, and their results were nothing short of amazing! On the weekend of January 26<sup>th</sup>, we recruited more than 30 men in less than 36 hours! Church Drives continue to be the most effective way for councils to bolster their membership in a very short period of time. As a state, we have tremendous potential to attract new members during Church Drives, so now is the time to plan a drive and exceed your membership goal for Star Council! Please feel free to contact me if you need assistance in setting up a drive at your parish. The State Team is here to help!!

- Schedule a Church Drive and Post It on the State Calendar
- [www.kofc-az.org/events-calendar](http://www.kofc-az.org/events-calendar)
- Host an In-Person C-U-F Degree Within a Week of the Church Drive
- Contact All Prospects For Your Council and Get Them To Attend the C-U-F
- Transfer All New Members Via Officers On-Line That Day

### **2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter Recruiting Raffle Prize Winners**

Membership Director



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October Membership	Faustino Lopez	Council #12708 (K of C Books)
November Membership	John Shelley	Council #11536 (K of C Books)
December Membership	Keith Hagerich	Council #6842 (K of C Books)
2nd Quarter Membership	Daniel McGinn	Council #15001 (K of C Watch)
October DD Award	Dan Desjardins (DD30)	Council #3855 (K of C Cooler Bag)
November DD Award Bag)	Dcn. Ernie Trujillo (DD26)	Council #15576 (K of C Cooler Bag)
December DD Award	Roger Molieri (DD27)	Council #8100 (K of C Cooler Bag)
2nd Quarter DD Award	Dave Chohon (DD4)	Council #3419 (K of C Duffle Bag)
2nd Quarter Council Membership \$300 Donation to Sleep in Heavenly Peace	St. Francis Xavier	Council #13278
2nd Quarter Council Church Drive Personalized K of C Canopy	Mater Misericordiae	Council #15576
November/December Bonus Council Pizza Party	St. Helen's	Council #11738 Council Church Drive

Again, thank you for all you do to grow our Order here in Arizona. Let me know what I can do to assist your councils reach your goals. God Bless!

Vivat Jesus! Viva Cristo Rey!

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Here are the February Ads – Try to get them on your Facebook Site, Web site, bulletins, and/or bulletin boards. Let’s give the gift of Membership to all eligible Catholic men!

In February, let us follow the Sacred Heart of Jesus and pray for Our Lord to make His heart our own, so that we may see and love in others what he sees and loves in us.



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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

### Quarterly-All Members

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

### Monthly-District Deputies

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

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

### Quarterly-District Deputies

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

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

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

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

- Achieve 50% of Goal for Q2
- 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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January 7, 2025

Worthy Grand Knights and Deputy Grand Knights,

On behalf of St. Joseph's Youth Camp I would like to wish you a Happy New Year!  
Please note that our PO Box has changed.

As we conclude this Christmas season and enter into the second half of the fraternal year I would like to make a request for all councils to contribute to St. Joseph's in the upcoming Per Capita Assessment.

I would also request that you discuss in your council meetings and enter into your budget contributions to St. Joseph's for the upcoming State Convention in May. Every year St. Joseph's receives requests for financial aid in sending children to camp. The number of requests last year increased, and largely due to the generosity of the councils we were able to accommodate many of the requests. This includes sending 10 children of struggling veterans to camp for free!

Thank you for your overwhelming generosity.

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S.K. James Mead  
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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.