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State Deputy

Brothers Knights,

We are now in the swing of fall: better weather, more outdoor activities, and the arrival of our out of state visitors! Let us welcome our visitors with open arms and ask them to help in the activities and events we do while they are here. (Don't scold them for taking your seat at mass!)

There has been a lot of inquiries on my thoughts or opinion or even stance on the upcoming election. We are blessed to live in a country that allows the citizens to be asked to cast their individual vote on topics and candidates and it is our civic duty to exercise this right. As Catholics, we must form ourselves to know and understand what is on the ballot and follow the guidance set forth by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB). The link to this document and more information is covered by our Worthy State Advocate Bobby a few pages down in this newsletter.

The only recommendation that I will give is this: once you have read through all the topics and candidates along with the guide to the USCCB, go to Adoration and pray. Then make sure to exercise your civic duty and cast your ballot.

October is the month dedicated to Mary. Let us pray a Rosary every day to ask for her intercession not only for our personal intentions, but for those in need. Ask for peace in the world, in our country, in our families, peace within our own selves. When we have peace within, we can spread the joy of the Gospel more abundantly.

Thank you to all the councils who are lining up Church Drives! Let us know where you need help and we will be happy to provide it!

I want to introduce a new member to the state team: Fr. Arthur Nave. Fr. Arthur will be our Evangelization and Faith Formation(EFF) Chaplain. We will be scheduling meetings in the near future to discuss how EFF can help you and your council thrive to grow in faith.



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I want to thank you and your councils for all the hard work you are doing so far!
Keep those programs going. Implement Cor with your parishes and councils. Don't forget to fill out the 10784!!

Together, we will have our
Faith Transform the Culture!

Vivat Jesus!

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Worthy Brothers All,

Thanks be to God we have turned the corner on the Arizona summer heat and are beginning the many autumn activities that mark our parish and council calendars. These are busy weeks - and I don't intend to take any time from this wonderful work to send you a long sermon!...

Top of all our minds as Knights, Fathers, and Brothers is the protection of human life at all stages and in all forms. We know that the enemies of life are throwing everything they have at passing Proposition 139. As followers of Jesus, we do not condemn or judge anyone. Rather, we pray for conversion and offer our own joyful testimony to all people that they, too, may experience God's love and the salvation only Jesus can give.

We are praying for pre-born babies, their parents, and the many who work in crisis pregnancy centers and in the Pro-Life movement.

Now it's time to pray for those who are pushing this wickedness.

As we continue our Council and Parish prayers for the rejection and defeat of Prop. 139, I hope we'll continue reading Psalm 139. Please consider also now praying this powerful prayer by St Thomas More ("For One's Adversaries"),

*Almighty God, have mercy on those promoting Prop. 139 and on all that bear evil will and would harm the unborn, and on their faults and mine together, by such easy, tender, merciful means, as thine infinite wisdom best can devise; vouchsafe to amend and redress and make us saved souls in heaven together, where we may ever live and love together with thee and thy blessed saints, O glorious Trinity, for the bitter passion of our sweet Savior Christ.
Amen*

State Chaplain



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No one is beyond God's mercy and Jesus' offer of salvation is open to all. He can change the hardest hearts and heal souls. Let's keep that hope. Jesus is in charge and we are His Knights. Trusting in Divine Providence we Knights will always work for the protection and love of every human life and the conversion of all to Christ!

In our personal and fraternal lives, brothers, we also need to be holy. The Knights of Columbus are being given a wonderful tool to grow in holiness in our parishes: COR.

COR is a path toward Christ that allows us to walk with our families and the many and diverse communities in our parish. It is most definitely the Holy Spirit guiding and animating this whole initiative and we're blessed to work under the loving leadership of our pastors as establish COR throughout Arizona. If you have any questions or worries, please ask me - or Fr. Arthur, our state COR chaplain.

Finally brothers, let's give many prayers of Thanksgiving for our dear Father Greg, now Monsignor Adolf. This summer he was named a Chaplain to His Holiness and earlier this month was invested by the Bishop in Sierra Vista. Many of our State Officers were there to join in the celebrations.

Fr. Greg, our great Monsignor, is a mentor to me and the many Knights chaplains throughout the state. I am grateful for his zeal, joy, knowledge and above all his priest witness.

I think it would be an excellent gift to Monsignor Greg for each of us to pray a "Hail Mary" at the beginning of our next Council meeting specifically for blessings on him. May Mary, our Blessed Mother, pray for Fr. Greg and all our Knights and families.

Vivat Jesus!

Fr David

State Chaplain



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State Secretary

Greetings, Brothers All!

I have a few reminders for you:

- You received your State Per Capita First Half statement in Mid-August. It was 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. 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 Council Membership on record at Supreme as of July 1.
- Thank you to all the councils that have submitted their payments!
- A reminder notice was emailed in the recent days to Grand Knight and Financial Secretary of those councils that have not yet paid. The early-pay rebate is no longer available.
- Per Capita payments do not require a council vote.
- If you have not done so, make sure you deposit your council Per Diem check from the State Convention. Checks older than 6 months will be voided.
- Also, please make sure you have given your Charity Raffle Checks to your chosen Charities. Encourage them to deposit them as soon as possible and remind them that checks older than 6 months will be voided. Each year a few checks are never cashed. Let's make sure our Charities get the funds they deserve.

We're well into the Fraternal Year now, and I'm sure your councils are busy doing the work of the Order. We're excited to show Arizona that our Faith can truly Transform our Culture.

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Brothers All:

With the November 5, 2024 election fast approaching there are many decisions to be made. Catholics in Arizona are fortunate to have 3 Bishops that bonded together as one voice as a guide on some of the most important propositions on the ballot. As Knights we support our Bishops as well as follow the guidance from the Supreme Council. By following the guidance below, we will support life from conception to natural death and give all people the dignity they deserve.

1. Remember to vote in November!
2. Remember to form your consciences, keeping in mind the statement of our bishops that, "The threat of abortion remains our pre-eminent priority because it directly attacks our most vulnerable and voiceless brothers and sisters and destroys more than a million lives per year in our country alone." ([Link: Faithful Citizenship - Justice Peace and Human Development | USCCB](#))
3. Remind also to consider the teaching of the Bishops of Arizona ([Link: https://azcatholicconference.org/category/columns-and-statements/](https://azcatholicconference.org/category/columns-and-statements/))

By following the guidance above, Knights will be in alignment with Officers Desk Reference which does not allow the Knights to take a position on a specific proposition. Although any member of the Knights of Columbus is free to express his opinion on matters of public concern (such as proposed legislation, judicial decisions, public controversies, judicial nominations, ballot initiatives, and elections), he may not identify himself as a member of the Knights of Columbus when doing so. Simply put, holding a sign saying “*Love Life Support Life*” with the emblem of the Order on it is a great way to support the unborn and express our position in this year’s election, holding a sign that says “*No on Proposition 139*” with the Emblem of the Order on the sign or while appearing to represent the Knights of Columbus is not allowed.

The Knights of Columbus has a long record of advocacy on pro-life issues. We have been at the forefront of the pro-life movement for over 50 years. Through The March for Life, Ultrasound Initiative, ASAP Program and many other endeavors, we stand in solidarity with the vulnerable pre-born and their mothers.

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State Warden

Brothers,

Over the Summer I found among "the official instructions I was given" a work of non-fiction worth sharing with you: *Protocol, Meetings, and Ceremonials* (Publication 11620). While I am surely NOT a literary critic, my brief review may help you and your councils, particularly if you are a fraternal leader conducting meetings and ceremonials, hosting formal dinners, or setting up for these and other events.

Pub. 11620 is an easy-read chock full of instructions, insights, and information on a number of issues. It answers these and many other questions:

- Parliamentary Procedure Questions? (page 22)
- Wearing Medals of Office? (page 14)
- Resolutions of Condolence? (pages 85 and 86)
-and so much more!

Why is this important? As fraternal leaders, we should conduct meetings and ceremonials in a manner that ensures the dignity of each. This makes us uniquely Knights of Columbus.

While I could go on and on, I don't want to spoil the ending. If you don't already have a copy, they are available at Supplies Online or here:

[11620 Protocol, Meetings, and Ceremonials](#)

Please contact me anytime with questions.

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Congratulations and Thank You!!!!

Brothers, on behalf of the AZ State Council Team, I want to express my heartfelt thanks for all of your efforts over the past three months. Because of your hard work and dedication, we are well on our way to eclipsing our membership goal for the 2024-2025 Fraternal Year!

Once the numbers for the 1st Quarter are finalized, we will hold the drawings to award all of the different Monthly and Quarterly prizes to recognize both individuals and councils for making the 1st Quarter such a success. This year, we will be doing the drawings a little differently. We will be posting a video on our Facebook page for everyone to watch. When you get a moment, please find our page and follow it, so that not only will you have this video show up on your feed, but also will continue to get the valuable information posted on our page regularly. Search for “Arizona State Knights of Columbus”. For those of you that are not on Facebook, all winners will be announced in next month’s newsletter.

When it comes to recruiting and membership, remember that it is a 2-Step process:

- 1) Recruit New Members and Enter Them In The System Via the K of C Website
- 2) Host a C-U-F Degree and Transfer Those New Members Into Your Council via Officers On-Line

We do such an amazing job and work so hard to bring members into our Order, but many councils are not holding C-U-F Degrees after recruiting events. We currently have over 80 e-members that have been recruited since July 1st that have not been transferred into your councils. These men are listed on each council’s Prospect Tab in Officers On-Line.

Until these members attend a C-U-F Degree and are transferred into the council, your council does not receive membership credit towards your annual goal and Star Council status!

If you need assistance in accessing your prospects, please call me and I will help you through it. If you need help hosting a C-U-F Degree, please call me, and we can make it happen!! We have 80+ men already in process. Let’s get them into

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our councils as quickly as possible. The sooner they join your councils, the sooner they can participate in your programs and help your councils flourish!!!!

Make plans now to host a Church Drive and C-U-F in the 2nd Quarter:

- **Schedule a Church Drive and Post It on the State 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**

Thank you all for your extraordinary efforts to grow our Order. Please let me know how we can assist you. Good luck to all!!!!

Vivat Jesus!! Viva Cristo Rey!!

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October Ad

As the month of October is dedicated to Mary, make it a goal to Pray the Rosary and read the Bible daily!

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Como el mes de octubre está dedicado a María, ¡Propóngamonos rezar el Santo Rosario y leer la Biblia diariamente!

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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.



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

1st Quarter-Councils

\$200 for Coats for Kids

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

2nd Quarter-Councils

\$300 for Sleep in Heavenly Peace

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

3rd 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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Brother Knights,

The August featured Faith program was the McGivney Holy Hour. Congratulations to Blessed Francis Council #18215, the incentive winner of the \$150 Global Wheelchair Mission donation. They along with seven other councils participated in the McGivney Holy Hour. With their win they now have two points for Faith towards their Columbian Award requirement, and two for Community, with the Global Wheelchair Mission.



Program Director

Thank you to the councils who sent in their 10784s. In July a total of 192 forms were received.

Currently, I have received six 10784s for the September featured program, Food for Families. I will announce the Coats for Kids Donation winner next month. **10784!** Send them in, please. [Form Invitation \(kofc.org\)](http://kofc.org)

Upcoming Program events and deadlines: Some of these are still weeks out but you should start planning

The month of **October is Life Month**. The featured program is the Silver Rose. Any life program will suffice for those councils not participating in the SR. The incentive winner will receive a State donation of \$100 to the Ultrasound Initiative.

Soccer Challenge: The Soccer Challenge is a great way for councils to engage in their communities with an athletic event for youth that encourages the values of sportsmanship and healthy competition. Children demonstrate the most important skill in soccer – shooting accuracy on the penalty kick. Youth compete within their gender and age to progress from the local level to district, regional and



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state/province competitions. For Soccer Challenge resources, visit www.kofc.org/soccer.

Councils will need to hold their competitions in early September. District Deputies, you will need to hold a District competition if you have more than one council in your district participating. The State competition will be held again in October or November.

Coats for Kids: Councils should begin discussing the organizations they would like to participate with and purchase the Coats. Keep in mind that by mid-November last year, Supreme ran out of Coats. If your council is considering a Hoodie option as a few did last year, be sure to purchase a box or two from Supreme to get the Columbian Award credit for CFK.

Catholic Citizenship Essay Contest: kofc.org/essay

Council: The council representative collects finished essays from schools and other participants. They are judged according to the criteria in the “Judging” section. Upon completion, the winning entries for each grade level (five total) should be forwarded to the next level of competition, going to either the district deputy or jurisdiction community chairman depending on the setup in your area.

District: District-level judging is only necessary if more than one council within your district participates in the Catholic Citizenship Essay Contest. Make sure your councils know the deadline so they can schedule their competition accordingly. The district deputy plus one or two other judges should score the essays on the same entry form/score sheet that was used for the council level. Winning entries should be sent to the jurisdiction office for the next level of the contest. Check with your state community chairman for the deadline and forwarding address.

District judging is required before being sent to Jeff Schnieder at the Jurisdiction level. DD's to forward the entries to him by **December 1**. Jeff Schneider, bronte8077@gmail.com

Keep Christ in Christmas Poster Contest: Last year, we received many fantastic artworks of children’s representation of Christ in Christmas. Start encouraging your councils to reach out to their local schools and CCD classes to try and get this excellent program as part of the curriculum. Again, the program is open to children



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from kindergarten through 8th grade. If you have any other questions, please visit kofc.org/Christmas.

Suggested Timetable:

1) Local — Councils should order their kits in September or October to be ready to present the contest by November.

2) Posters should be completed by December 1, and the council judging should take place by December 31.

Additional judging deadlines are as follows:

3) District — January 15 Regional — January 31 Jurisdictional — February 15 International – State councils must submit their winning entries to the Supreme Council no later than February 28. International winners will be announced approximately March 15.

Lastly, Supreme has announced the return of Christmas Cards through Knights Gear. Click on the link for information. [Christmas Cards - Knights Gear USA](#)

Don't wait, supplies are limited. Order your cards today and ensure they're ready to send when the holidays arrive. You councils that have participated in the past, know how fast these cards come and go.

- July Water Drive Building the Domestic Church Kiosk
WINNER: #9446 Queen of Peace, Mesa
- August McGivney Holy Hour Global Wheelchair \$150 Donation
WINNER: #18215 Blessed Francis Jordan, Tucson
- Sept. Food for Families Coats for Kids \$250 Donation
- Oct. Life – Silver Rose Build a Bed \$250 Donation
- Nov. Into the Breach
- Dec. KCIC Poster Contest St. Joseph's Youth Camp \$100 Donation
- January Life – March, ASAP, Novena RSVP \$200 Donation
- February Pilgrim Icon Program Sacramental Gifts Donation (Children's Bibles)
- March Spiritual Reflection Special Olympics \$100 Donation



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- April Good Friday Family/Eucharistic Procession Global Wheelchair \$150 Donation
- May Rosary Program/Holy Hour/May Crowning Build a Bed \$250 Donation
- June Family of the Month St. Joseph's Youth Camp \$100 Donation

Please remember to submit your 10784s! When you receive confirmation from Supreme after submitting, please copy your PDF and forward it to me at programs@kofc-az.org

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Arizona Bishops Denounce State Proposition 139 on Abortion

As Catholic Bishops of Arizona we want to express our strong opposition to Proposition 139.

If passed, this initiative threatens to enshrine a constitutional right to virtually unrestricted abortion in Arizona. What makes a constitutional amendment especially grave is that our own Arizona legislators could lose the ability to regulate abortion in any meaningful way, leaving us with the potential for what would likely become nearly unrestricted abortion.

Arizona law currently allows for abortions up until 15 weeks of pregnancy. Proposition 139, however, would go far beyond even this current law.

The proposed amendment, among other things, would likely remove most safeguards for girls and women that are currently in place at abortion clinics, permit a minor to obtain an abortion without parental involvement or permission, and allow for painful late-term abortions of viable pre-born children.

While this ballot measure claims to be moderate in nature, its vague language would make Arizona one of the most extreme states in terms of abortion. We believe that even many of those who support abortion in limited instances would find this proposed constitutional amendment extreme and misleading.

Arizonans deserve far better than the measures being proposed in this initiative which is why we strongly oppose Proposition 139.

Most Rev. John P. Dolan
Bishop of Phoenix

Most Rev. Edward J. Weisenburger
Bishop of Tucson

Most Rev. Eduardo Nevares
Auxiliary Bishop of Phoenix

Most Rev. James S. Wall
Bishop of Gallup

Watch the message here: <https://youtu.be/slQU7gRypBA>



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Arizona Catholic Bishops Statement Opposing Proposition 314

As Catholic Bishops of Arizona, we express our frustration about the current situation at the US-Mexico border. The lack of a federal solution to challenges faced by both vulnerable asylum seekers and American communities is sorely needed and long overdue.

The states and local communities along the border shoulder much of the challenges created by the federal government's neglect. Its failure to address increased migration in a pragmatic and humane way has led to an ineffective response at the border and an unacceptable number of migrant deaths.

We do not question the good intentions of those seeking to address these challenges. Nonetheless, we believe that Proposition 314 will have unanticipated consequences, and that it is not the right solution.

Although proponents argue that Proposition 314 is about border security, the reality is that its passage will create real fear within Arizona communities that will have harmful consequences. In particular, by having state and local law enforcement responsible for enforcing what should be the role of federal immigration authorities, many crime victims and witnesses will be afraid to go to law enforcement and report crimes. As a result, dangerous criminals will not be apprehended, and public safety will be threatened.

Additionally, immigration by its nature is a national issue and the regulation of immigration extends beyond the purview of individual states, points consistently affirmed by the U.S. Supreme Court. Rather than holding the federal government accountable, Proposition 314 will only create further disorder and confusion, placing unworkable and unrealistic expectations on state judicial officers and law enforcement personnel.

The federal government needs to do a much better job of managing our national border and providing comprehensive immigration reform. Proposition 314, however, is unlikely to survive legal challenges and is not the right solution to these problems.

Most Rev. John P. Dolan

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Watch the message here: <https://youtu.be/nX8GhGCKD54>



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Arizona Rosary Celebration

*If you desire peace in your hearts, in your homes,
and in your country...recite the rosary.*

— Pope Pius XI

TUCSON | October 26, 2024
Saturday, 10:00 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.

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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.

