

Knights of Columbus[®] Arizona State Council





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"We pray the World Youth Day in Lisbon will help young people to live and witness the Gospel in their own lives." Pope Francis

Knights of Columbus of Arizona

August 2023

Brother's All.

This years state theme for the Arizona Knights of Columbus is "Faith over Culture".

The definition of culture is "the customs, arts, social institutions, and achievements of a particular nation, people, or other social group." When you talk about customs it is defined as: "long-established considered practice as unwritten law"

When we start talking about unwritten law, this is where the culture has, in some cases, superseded not only natural law but God's law.

Catholicism teaches that our faith should shape our actions and worldview, not the other way around. We need to live our Catholic faith every day. We need to be Knights every day, not just on meeting nights, not just at events, but every day.

There is a diagram that is also introduced. In the data terms, it is called a flywheel. This one is what I like to call a multi engine flywheel. (below)

God is the center of all that a knight does, his **family** comes second, and self third. God drives all that we do.

In order to be successful, he needs to:

- Recruit
- Engage
- Motivate
- Evangelize
- Retain

The areas of focus are:

- Membership
- Programs
- •Cor
- Insurance

As we head into the fraternal year, I ask that each brother knight challenge himself to live his faith more fruitfully. This could be an hour (or extra) at adoration, attending one more mass during the weekdays, praying a rosary (or extra) a day, donating water or food to your local food bank, volunteering for an extra event that your council hosts, asking a man to join your council to enrich and grow his faith. By doing all of these different things, we are living our lives as Catholic men, evangelizing along the way.

By doing all of these, you are living your life with Faith over Culture.

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Family

Community

CHARITY * UNITY * FRATERNITY * PATRIOTISM

Brothers,

We have entered the 2nd year of the Eucharistic Revival. This year focuses on the parish level activities. Please talk to your pastors to see what the Knights can do to support his activities around the revival.

In addition, attached is an advertisement you can use on Facebook, Instagram, council website, and/or parish bulletin to help recruit men into the knights!

We have it available in both English and Spanish.

Vivat Jesus!





Notes from the State Secretary

State Raffle: Brothers, we wish to thank you for a very successful 2023 State Charity Raffle. Your efforts provide an important source of income for State Charity donations as well as for the charities you have chosen to support with your councils' portion of the raffle proceeds. There are 38 checks for council charity donations that have not yet been cashed. These charities are not benefiting from your councils' hard work. Checks were sent to your council Financial Secretary of record in June. If you have not yet presented your council donation check to your charities, please do so as soon as possible, and encourage your charities to deposit the check right away.

Convention Mileage and Per Diem: 16 councils have not cashed their convention per diem checks. Checks were sent to your council Financial Secretary of record in May. Convention mileage and per diem helps offset the expenses incurred by your State Convention delegates. Please deposit the checks as soon as possible.

First Half Per Capita Billing: First half per capita billing statements were generated on July 11 and e-mailed to the Financial Secretary of record at Supreme as of June 27. To get your early-pay rebate, please make sure that your payment is postmarked by August 10.

If you have any questions, feel free to contact me at kmccarthy.kofc@gmail.com.

We're all looking forward to an active, successful and Faith-Filled fraternal year!

Vivat Jesus!





Father McGivney Guild

The Father McGivney Guild exists to promote the cause for sainthood of our founder, Blessed Michael McGivney. We were thrilled when he was beatified on October 31, 2020. We will celebrate his feast day on August 13, 2023. There will be a special mass at Ss Simon and Jude Cathedral at 9:00 AM!

Membership in the Guild is now over 179,000, and over 5,099 in Arizona. We have over 18,000 knights in Arizona and all should be enrolled. The Roman process of investigation into his life and holiness is nearing completion, and the investigation into a reported miracle is progressing. If the Vatican should recognize this as a miracle, he will be canonized a saint.

The Guild plays an important role in making Father McGivney better known and spreading the word about his powerful intercession.

Don't be fooled. Our growth in membership is but one step along the way. There are over 2 million members of the Knights of Columbus. There should be far more members of the Guild. Why are so many hesitant to join the Guild? You can do so easily at www.fathermcgivney.org. There is no cost or obligation.

The spiritual heritage of Father McGivney is his precious gift to the Knights of Columbus. We owe it to him and the church to share his gift with those we meet and with whom we work. You do not have to be a Knight to join the Guild. Your family members and friends are most welcome to join us.

Prayer for the Canonization of Blessed Michael McGivney

God, our Father, protector of the poor and defender of the widow and orphan, you called your priest, Blessed Michael McGivney, to be an apostle of Christian family life and to lead the young to the generous service of their neighbor. Through the example of his life and virtue may we follow your Son, Jesus Christ, more closely, fulfilling his commandment of charity and building up his Body which is the Church.

Let the inspiration of your servant prompt us to greater confidence in your love so that we may continue his work of caring for the needy and the outcast. We humbly ask that you glorify Blessed Michael McGivney on earth according to the design of your holy will. Through his intercession, grant the favor I now present (here make your request). Through Christ our Lord. Amen



Hello, my Brother Knights of Arizona. I would like to introduce myself. I am Jim Walsh, I am the current State Membership Director. In the last two fraternal years, the State of Arizona has reached the pinnacle of the Order for Membership growth and we are looking forward to another great year of Membership growth.

As men, we must put God at the center of our universe and help each other grow in our faith and in our relationships with God. The Knights of Columbus help men grow closer to God.

This is the main reason to ask an eligible Catholic man to join the Knights of Columbus, to help him grow closer to God.

To accomplish this, please meet with your parishes to schedule your recruitment drives and Charity Unity Fraternity Exemplifications (CUF Degrees). Then please log them on the state calendar at kofc-az.org/events-calendar and be sure to include details about anything that you need.

Check out the Membership section of the State Council website (kofc-az.org) for several resources, including some great ads to use in bulletins (kofc-az.org/ads-to-publish) and suggestions on best recruitment practices.

We have a strong State Membership Team, who are eager to help you succeed. Please feel free to reach out the us.



To help encourage our Brother Knights to recruit new members, there will be several incentive programs this fraternal year, including raffle drawings for Rugged Rosary WWI Battle Bead Rosaries, Knights of Columbus watches, custom Knights of Columbus canopies and custom Knights of Columbus feather flag banners. (see next page)



Knife

Arizona Knights of Columbus Membership Recruitment Incentives Fraternal Year 2023-2024



Council Incentives		
Quarterly Drawing for Custom Knights of Columbus Canopy	Enights of Columbus Columbus	Councils earn a Point for recruiting 25% of their quota — All Councils that recruit 25% of their quota in a quarter get a Point for 1 chance to win the canopy for that quarter. For every 25% of their quota recruited in a FY quarter, that council will earn another Point. New members must complete a CUF Degree and be transferred into the Council roster to qualify.
Quarterly Drawing for Custom Knights of Columbus Feather Flag	Custom Council 14 foot Feather Flag Package FRANT ON DEMAND: 2 HEERS DELIVERY TIME Keepes of Councils or Calculates de Calce Large Mr Spike State Feather Fing Package to publishe the good works of your Council (X SASE Said Separately) Institutes (1) Engle-Said Disease Pred (1) False 82 (1) Eyes 82 (1) Spike Said (1) Spike 60 ground (1) Carry Seg Graphic Streensions: 24 25°s a 100°s Graphic Streensions: 24 25°s a 100°s Graphic Streensions: 27 25°s a 100°s	Councils earn a Point for recruiting 25% of their quota — All Councils that recruit 25% of their quota in a quarter get a Point for 1 chance to win the canopy for that quarter. For every 25% of their quota recruited in a FY quarter, that council will earn another Point. New members must complete a CUF Degree and be transferred into the Council roster to qualify.
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Monthly Drawing for Rugged Rosary, Knights of Columbus WWI Battle Beads Rosary	Ostaniy Lamed Employ of Colombo Remides	For every new member that a Recruiter signs up on a month, the Recruiter will receive 1 entry onto Monthly Drawing for a Rugger Rosary, Knights of Columbus WWI Battle Beads Rosary
Quarterly Drawing for Knights of Columbus Men's Watch with Silver accents, blue dial and leather band		For every new member that a Recruiter signs up in a quarter, the Recruiter will receive 1 entry onto Quarterly Drawing for a Knights of Columbus watch
*	District Deputy Incent	tive
Q1 and Q2 District Stretch/Fast Start Incentive – Buck Bantam Blue Lockback		 All DDs that achieve at least 50% of their District Quota in Q1, or 75% of their District Quota in Q2 will receive a Knights of Columbus pocketknife.

My name is Ray Obral. I have been a Parish Round Table Chairman, off and on, for eight fraternal years. I want to give everyone a fresh outlook into what and why The Knights of Columbus utilize Parish Round Tables. Questions; 520-403-5003 or rjobral@comcast.net Why A Parish Round Table?

Shortly after the founding of the Order, Blessed Michael McGivney wrote a letter to every pastor in the diocese of Hartford, which at that time encompassed all of Connecticut. He asked them to "exert your influence in the formation of a Knights of Columbus council in your parish." This demonstrated that Blessed Michael McGivney saw new councils as the best viable means of growth and expansion for the Order, and that new councils shall be created by establishing PRT.

Today, we are still pursuing Blessed Michael McGivney's goal of one Knights of Columbus council in every parish. This is evident by the excellent record the Order has enjoyed over the past year. We are closer today than ever before. Parish Round Tables (PRT) are the main reason. However, there is still a long way to go, but we can do it!

With that in mind, it is every Knight of Columbus's responsibility to seek out parishes that do not have an active Council. This responsibility is important to grow the Order and to provide support to charities and to support and subsidize the parish Clergy and Priests. Every effort shall be made to create Spanish speaking PRT's.

Benefits of a Parish Round Table

A PRT serves a parish in any number of ways. However, the ultimate goal of any PRT remains the same, parishioners shall see this and insist a council be created and chartered.

- To actively engage Knights in order to aid the parish and sustain visible Catholic action through works of charity and evangelization in every parish and mission throughout the Order. Parishioners shall see this and insist a council be created and chartered.
- There are many benefits in establishing a PRT for the parish, its Priest, and Parishioners.
 Having a Knights of Columbus PRT creates a unique and effective support structure
 within the parish. Whether it's fundraising for a new roof, or actively participating in
 the parish's ministry, devoted Knights serve as invaluable resources for realizing the
 needs of the parish. Parishioners shall see this and insist a council be created and
 chartered.
- The benefits of a PRT for local councils and its members are also evident. Through personal service to our respective parishes, the Order is able to truly fulfill its commitment to serving the Catholic Church, as well as our communities. And, as Knights, being active in our own parishes helps strengthen our personal faith and often helps create a better place for our families to grow theirs in spirituality and service. Parishioners shall see this and insist a council be created and chartered.

Round Table Reporting

To minimize paperwork, only one form is necessary, the report of the *Parish Round Table Coordinator*, **Form #2629.** It is due as soon as the PRT is established. Send the original form to the Fraternal Mission in Supreme. Send a copy to the State Deputy, the State Round Table Chairman, District Deputy, and the Council Files.

- The PRT projects should be announced in Parish and Council bulletins.
- Articles and pictures of PRT projects should be forwarded to the state Knights of Columbus newspaper, & the Diocesan newspaper.

Brothers, when beginning a new fraternal year with a Theme that covers and reflects the great need that is presented to us in our Catholic Church, FAITH OVER CULTURE we must think, reflect, analyze and commit ourselves to serve Our King and Lord building his Church with all the percepts that enriches us morally and spiritually by following our beautiful traditions, dating back more than two thousand years, to the birth of Christianity, the institution of a Church formed by our redeemer Christ Jesus.

Let's face the issue head on, our Catholic Apostolic Church is an Institution of social conservatism tradition that distinguishes us from any other church that professes Christianity.

We must build a defensive front for our traditions, our conservative culture, our values. Due to the great diversity of beliefs with which we justify many actions contrary to our FAITH, citing a Current Cultural change that is being disseminating among our most vulnerable group, adolescents, and young people of our Catholic Church.

Brothers, this is the moment where we must grow our order by recruiting more men and their families to fight against this movement that is hurting and damaging the Church of Christ Jesus.

We need men of all ages who seek to become better men, fathers, brothers, sons and above all, CATHOLIC to spread the gospel to all creation. Mark 16-15 "Go into the whole world and announce the Good News to all creation."

This implies that we must promote those family values that have distinguished us for centuries as Catholic-Christians.

Let's live our Faith in Action, "FAITH, FAMILY, COMMUNITY, LIFE" this is the moment we have waited to respond to the Lord to this call of service in Charity, Unity, and Fraternity.

Let's go and personally invite every man who crosses our path.

Vivat Jesus! SK Luis L. Leyva Arizona Knights of Columbus State Hispanic Growth Director 520-313-0141 Leyva.azkofcd2@gmail.com





Hermanos, al dar principio a un nuevo año fraternal con un Lema que cubre y refleja la gran necesidad que se nos presenta en nuestra Iglesia católica, **FE SOBRE CULTURA ACTUAL** debemos de pensar, reflexionar, analizar y comprometernos a servir a Nuestro Rey y Señor a edificar su Iglesia con todos los perceptos que nos enriquece moral y espiritualmente siguiendo nuestras hermosas tradiciones, que datan a más de Dos mil años atrás, al nacimiento del cristianismo, la institución de una Iglesia formada por nuestro redentor Cristo Jesús.

Abordemos el tema de frente, nuestra Iglesia Católica Apostólica es una Institución de un pensamiento conservadurista social que nos distingue de cualquier otra iglesia que profese el cristianismo.

Debemos de construir un frente de defensa para nuestras tradiciones, nuestra cultura conservadora, nuestros valores. Debido a la gran diversidad de creencias con las cuales justificamos muchas acciones contrarias a nuestra FE citando, un cambio Cultural Actual que esta diseminado nuestra Iglesia católica en el grupo mas vulnerable, Vayamos e invitemos personalmente a cada hombre que cruce nuestro camino.adolescentes y jóvenes.

Hermanos, este es le momento donde tenemos que hacer crecer nuestra orden reclutando más hombres y sus familias para luchar contra este movimiento que está hiriendo y dañando la Iglesia de Cristo Jesús.

Necesitamos hombres de todas edades que busquen convertirse en mejores hombres, padres, hermanos, hijos y sobre todo, CATOLICOS para propagar el evangelio a toda la creación. Marcos 16-15 "Vayan por todo el mundo y anuncien la Buena Nueva a toda la creación"

Esto conlleva que debemos de promover esos valores familiares que nos han distinguido por siglos como católicos-cristianos.

Vivamos nuestra Fe en Acción, "FE, FAMILIA, COMUNIDAD, VIDA" este es el momento que hemos esperado para responder al Señor a ese llamado de servicio en Caridad, Unidad y Fraternidad.

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Program of the Month



Council Incentives		
July	Bottled Water Drive	
August	Blessed McGivney Holy Hour	
September	Food for Families	
October	40 Days for Life	
November	Into the Breach Video Series	
December	Keep Christ in Christmas Poster Contest	
January	Women's Center Support	
February	Habitat for Humanity	
March	Food for Families	
April	Good Friday Promotion	



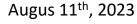
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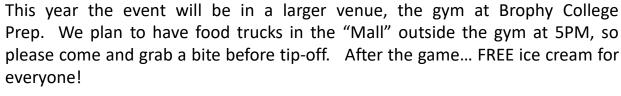
All Knights of Columbus and their families are invited to the 9 AM TV Mass on August 13th at SS Simon and Jude Cathedral for a special celebration in honor of the founder of the Knights of Columbus, Blessed Michael McGivney.

August 13th, 2023, 9:00 am – 10:30 am

Ss. Simon & Jude Cathedral 6351 N 27th Avenue Phoenix, Arizona









The Vocations Office and the planning committee are working to fill the gym to capacity to expand the event to include more people and plant more seeds of vocation awareness and discernment, and to raise more money to support the seminary expansion as well. Please come... and bring your family and friends to join you! Come as a parish community. The parish with the most participation will get a special gift! <u>EVENT TICKETS (ticketor.com)</u>





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DD's - Send expense reports to State Deputy





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For updated events, go to: https://kofc-az.org/events-calendar

Date	Event
Jul 1, 2023	Start of Fraternal Year
Jul 7-9, 2023	Organizational Meeting - Phoenix
Jul 31 - Aug 3, 2023	Supreme Convention - State Officers and Delegates
Aug 11, 2023	JPII Classic - Priests vs Seminarians Basketball - Phoenix
Aug 12, 2023	AZ District Fourth Degree Meeting - Sun Lakes
Aug 19, 2023	White Mountains Men's Conference
Sep 16, 2023	Knights at Ballpark - Dbacks vs Cubs
Sep 30, 2023	Fourth Degree Exemplification - Tucson
Oct 2023	Silver Rose (multiple locations)
Oct 14, 2023	Rosary Celebration - Tucson
Oct 15, 2023	Rosary Celebration - Phoenix
Nov 4, 2023	Tucson Men's Conference
Jan 5-8, 2024	Midyear Meeting - Tucson
Jan ???, 2024	March for Life (Tucson, Phoenix)
???	Phoenix Men's Conference
Feb 17, 2024	Miami Women's Conference
Mar 2, 2024	Miami Men's Conference
Mar 28, 2024	Holy Thursday
Mar 29, 2024	Founders Day
Mar 31, 2024	Easter
May 17-18, 2024	State Convention - Tucson
Jun 2, 2024	Corpus Christi Sunday
Jun 30, 2024	End of Fraternal Year



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However, culture is not static. It evolves over time and is influenced by various factors such as **politics**, **media**, **technology**, and **globalization**. What was once considered acceptable in a particular culture may no longer be deemed so in another era.

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