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State Deputy's Message

January 2023

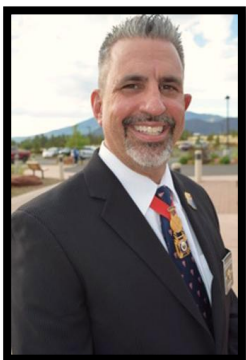
Dear Brothers All,

I hope you had a Blessed Christmas season, and we wish all of you a Happy New Year. During our Midyear meeting, I instructed our Districts Deputies to go out to their Districts to "Inspire, Motivate and Evangelize" their councils. I now ask all of you to do the same! We are entering that time of year of resolutions, both personal and professional.

As Knights, we have an obligation to ask every Catholic man to join us. Let's share with them, the love of the order by inviting them into a COR meeting or a Fraternal benefit night. Let us remind ourselves by our mission as Knights. Together, we're empowering men to live their faith at home, in their Parish, at work and in their community" Supreme Knight. As stated many times "Together, we can do great things" - Mother Teresa.

Together, we are growing the order in Arizona. We are over the 50% mark, and we are growing our programs within our Parishes. As we start the second half, I ask all of you to try new things to motivate, I ask you to bring new ideas to inspire and I ask you to spread the word of Christ to evangelize.

In closing, we are grateful for all your hard work and dedication. Without you, we couldn't be as successful as we are today.



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Let Mary, the Mother of God, be your guide in the New Year, Pope Francis said on Sunday, the first day of 2023.

In his Angelus address before a crowd of an estimated 40,000 people in St. Peter's Square Jan. 1, the pope said: "As we contemplate Mary in the stable where Jesus was born, let us ask ourselves: What languages does the Holy Virgin use to speak to us? How does Mary speak?"

"What can we learn from her for this year that is dawning?" he added. "We can say: Virgin Mary, teach us what we should do this year."



**January 2023
Pope Francis Intention
For Educators**

We pray that educators may be credible witnesses, teaching fraternity rather than competition and helping the youngest and most vulnerable above all.



In this image released on Sunday, Jan. 1, 2023, by the Vatican Media news service late Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI is laid out in state in the chapel of the monastery 'Mater Ecclesiae' where he mostly lived after retiring on Feb. 28, 2013. Pope Benedict, the German theologian who will be remembered as the first pope in 600 years to resign, has died, the Vatican announced Saturday Dec. 31, 2022. He was 95. (Vatican Media via AP)

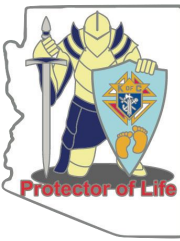
Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI, who was known as Joseph Ratzinger before he became the church's 265th pontiff, died at 95, December 31, 2022. Nearly 10 years ago he became the first pope to step down as pontiff since 1415, which means that his passing will be the first for a pontiff not followed by a conclave in more than six centuries.

His death triggered a period of mourning for the Vatican, and his funeral to be held Thursday and will be presided over by Pope Francis and will likely be widely attended by leading and political figures.

"He's with God now, and that's what's important," said Althea Reyes, a nun from the Philippines who was in St. Peter's Square when she became aware of Benedict's death. "We have been praying for him to have a peaceful end and he did."

"He lived his life and he died with dignity and devotion," said Giancarlo Pavan, a lay employee of a nearby Catholic church and one of the leaders of a small prayer circle in the square. "This is something we should try to emulate. We cannot be surprised he has died after such a long life of service. But I think we are all poorer without him."

Benedict's funeral will be held on Thursday, Jan. 5 in St. Peter's Square, in front of the basilica. The ceremony will start at 9:30 a.m. (0830 GMT) and will be presided over by Pope Francis. Vatican spokesman Matteo Bruni said that following the wishes of Benedict, the funeral would be simple, solemn and sober.



Brothers,

Begin with the end in mind.

It is the beginning of the year. Goals are set, challenges accepted, and the year is ready to go! Except when it isn't. Goal setting should not be taken lightly. Let's say that your goal is to lose 50 pounds.

Let's break that down:

50 pounds - by when??

Easter

Summer

End of year

Let's say its summer and assume summer is June 1.

That gives you 5 months.

That's 10 pounds a month.

Which is about 2-3 pounds per week.

If you burn 500 calories extra per day, you lose 1 pound in a week.

That would mean you need to either burn an extra 1000 calories per day to get to the 2 pounds.

Just by doing nothing, you burn about 2000 calories. Let's say your food intake is 2000 calories per day.

Now let's add in walking 3 miles per day. That will get you to about 300 calories. That would mean that you need to take your intake down to 1800 per day to meet the 500 calories extra per day to lose that weight.

Whew!! That's a lot of information to drop 50 pounds!!

I'm not trying to detract you from accomplishing a goal, but goals need to be thought out and a plan put together on how to accomplish them.

Let's say your goal now is to get closer to God by December 31. How do you plan on doing that?

Well, you go to church every Sunday. Great start, but that is the norm.

Does your church offer adoration? Work in one hour per week in adoration.

How about adding in 20 minutes a day studying the Bible? The Bible in a Year podcast is a great way to do that.

Jesus taught us to help those less fortunate. By doing good works, in the name of Jesus, you can accomplish that-offering more time to help with the Knights activities, volunteering at a soup kitchen, donating goods to pregnancy resource centers, helping out St. Vincent de Paul.

You can start listening to the Catechism in a Year to learn more about what the Catholic church teaches.

You can attend the Men's Conference, a March for Life, pray in front of an abortion clinic.

Maybe it's as simple of as praying a family rosary weekly, or even better, nightly.

If you wanted to make it easier, break it down by quarters:

First Quarter – attend March for Life and Men's Conference, attend your parish Lenten mission

Second Quarter - attend Holy Thursday mass, Friday Stations of the Cross, and Feast of Corpus Christi prayer

Third Quarter – host a water drive to get water to the homeless

Fourth Quarter – attend the Arizona Rosary Celebration, help feed the homeless for Thanksgiving, attend your parish Advent mission.

And on all of these activities you should keep your family in mind to help bring them closer to God also!

There are many possibilities that can lead you down that path to be closer to God. And you don't have to give up chocolate to get there!

Vivat Jesus and Happy New Year!



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State Membership Director – Keith Baker

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Brother Knights,

As we come to the end of the halfway point of the fraternal year, I want to thank all the councils who have set up and conducted church drives during the last six months and those councils who have conducted CUF Degrees during this same time period. The fruits of your labors have put Arizona on a path to success and brought us back on pace to meet our state membership goals for the fraternal year.

I want to continue to urge those councils who have not yet had a church drive to get one scheduled ASAP and conduct it before the end of the first quarter of the year. PLEASE complete the Church Drive form located on the state council website ([Home \(kofc-az.org\)](http://Home(kofc-az.org))). It is located under the STATE INFO / EVENTS CALENDAR tab. By clicking on these it will take you to the state calendar and just below that there is the CUF Degree form and the Church Drive form. By completing these forms, the information will be automatically entered into the state calendar. Myself, along with the state officers and program director, will be notified. This will allow us to schedule our calendars for these drives around the state.

When setting up your drives please use the following membership ad for the first quarter of 2023. Advertise in the church bulletins, church Flocknote, and Council Facebook page or make a handout to be passed out the week prior to the scheduled church drive. Don't forget to have membership part of and with our scheduled council programs.

Copy this link to your browser to get this flyer.

<https://d6iyrqjd26xke.cloudfront.net/jan2023adv2/full.jpg>

I would also like to encourage every council member in Arizona who is reading this KOCO A to **make a difference** for your church, your council, and your parish community. Ask just ONE Catholic man 18 years or older to go online and join. By this simple task you will be building up the church, supporting your pastor, and making a stronger parish community; and certainly not least of which you will be growing the Order of the Knights of Columbus.

Finally, from The Baker Family to all of you, we want to send along our sincere prayers and best wishes for a happy and prosperous New Year 2023!

Vivat Jesus,

Keith Baker

State Membership Director



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Luis L. Leyva PGK, PFN, FDD, I have been involved in evangelization since my early years, as a child, I was an Altar Server until my marriage to my beautiful wife Marta in 1987, also did a dual server as a member of our Parish Choir and continue to serve in Music Ministries until the present time. As a youth member of my Parish participated in the Charismatic Renewal Ministry Evangelization and Music.

As a community member, I have been an active participant in several organizations such, as the American Cross (Disaster Services), and the Arizona Rangers, served as a Board Director, State Training Officer, State Community Relations Office, and as Area Commander. I am a Past President of Friends of the 1904 Santa Cruz County Old Courthouse, a Courthouse preservation organization, a volunteer with the Anza Trail, and assist with any other organization that needed a hand.

With my Parish San Felipe de Jesus, I have served as the Ministry Coordinator for the Altar Servers, Music Ministries, and Parish Council. Religious Education.

Currently, I been fortunate to serve as the Director of Hispanic Growth and Membership for the Knights of Columbus of Arizona. A journey that (after evading to become a member for several years) started in 2010 when our then Pastor asked me to start a Knight of Columbus Council to serve our Parish, along with my brother FDD Gaston Alejos we took to the task of getting men in our Parish to join what has become one of the greatest Hispanic Council in our Jurisdiction.

As a Knight, I have served as the Charter Grand Knight for Council 15164, Faithful Navigator for Assembly 1918, and District Deputy of Districts 2 and 3.

One of the reasons I joined the Order, is that I believe on bringing Men to serve the Holy Catholic Church in many ways, but especially, following the steps of our Lord Jesus Christ. He personally recruited men to be the leaders of the Church, to be those to continue his work for the Kingdom of God.

Don't be shy about inviting men to join, I approached possible candidates (whom every catholic man is) asking them if they are Knight of Columbus, if not I invite them to become part of the greatest fraternity in the world, always mentioned that their families will be an integral part of their membership.

I wish you all a blessed new year and brothers, let go out there and RECRUIT every catholic man that crosses our path no matter their ethnicity.



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Run these ads in your Church Bulletin

Your decision to join the Knights could define your year. Join Catholic men just like you striving to strengthen their faith, their families, and their communities as members of the Knights of Columbus.

Every Knight makes a difference. Each man brings a unique story, a particular set of skills, and a heart that is ready to serve. We invite you to take this exciting step and join us today. It's an opportunity that could define your year and change your life.

KofC.org/JoinUs

Start the new year with a resolution you are sure to keep!

Become closer to Jesus

Lose 10 pounds

Be more charitable



Paint the house



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Clean the garage

Help others

Arizona Knights of Columbus

www.kofc.org/join
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Copy the link below to your browser to be able to use this ad.

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State Program Director – Rich Tracy

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Brothers,

As you know, Brother Tom White reluctantly stepped down as State Program Director due to his ongoing battle with cancer.

Please pray for Tom

Almighty and Eternal God, You are the everlasting health of those who believe in You. Hear us for Your sick servant Tom White, for whom we implore the aid of Your tender mercy, that being restored to bodily health, he may give thanks to you in Your Church.

Through Christ our Lord, Amen.

Also, please add Tom to your Council prayer lists.

District Deputy Ben Jimenez has agreed to serve as Associate Program Director for the remainder of this Fraternal Year. Ben and I are both committed to your Council's success and eager to help any way we can. Please don't hesitate to contact us:

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We can also be reached @ Programs@kofc-az.org

January's featured program is ASAP (Aid and Support After Pregnancy). Please remember Supremes' incentive for this program: For every \$500 your council or assembly donates to a pregnancy resource center or maternity home (up to \$2,000), the Supreme Council will donate \$100.

Please schedule your Council's Free Throw Competition for January. District competitions will follow in February, with the State Competition in March. The guide sheet for this program is available here: [Free Throw Championship Guide Sheet](#).

The State Soccer Challenge was held on December 10th at Greenway Middle School in Phoenix. There were 20 participants in 10 age groups. Below are a few pictures of the event. Thank you to State Youth Director and District Deputy Jeff Schneider, District Deputy Fred De Vera, and all our Brother Knights who helped make this a success.



Vivat Jesus!
Rich Tracy



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Silver Rose Chairman – Bob Julien

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Brother Knights,

The 2022 Silver Rose Tour of Arizona is over! I would like to thank the nearly 20 councils in the dioceses of Tucson, Phoenix and Gallup who made the effort to show their belief in the power of prayer to Our Lady of Guadalupe.

For the participating councils there is, however, one last request. If you have not already done so, please report your participation in the 2022 program through the online [Fraternal Programs Report Form #10784](#). This is needed for Supreme to measure our states participation in the Silver Rose program.

Now, the national 2023 Silver Rose Tour routes have been announced and the dates for assigned for Arizona are known. The first arrival of the Silver Rose will be on Sunday May 21st, 2023 and will be transferred to New Mexico on or about June 18th, 2023. The second arrival will be on Sunday October 1st, 2023, and will be transferred to New Mexico on or about Sunday October 29th, 2023.

Now is the time to get your councils excited about hosting the Silver Rose and selecting your councils preferred date(s). As many of you are aware, the best dates fill-up quickly.

After nine years as the Arizona KofC State Silver Rose Chairman, I am stepping away. I have spoken with State Deputy Luigi Baratta and submitted my resignation. It has been a privilege and honor to serve the Knights of Columbus and state of Arizona.

Whoever, steps into the position of State Silver Rose Chairman please know I will be there to assist in any transition requested.

Vivat Jesus,

Robert (Bob) Julien PGK, PFN, FDD

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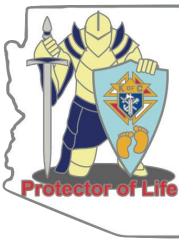
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State Life Director – Nick Gaudio

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Brother Knights,

As we reflect on the events of 2022, we give thanks for the abundant Blessings we received. The most important and historic overturning of Roe v. Wade was a victory for the Pro-life movement which helped to protect the most vulnerable, the child in the womb. As you know, abortion laws are no longer considered to be a matter of the federal government, but each state will now have the power to determine whether abortion is legal. Abortion is still legal in Arizona but are prohibited after 15 weeks of pregnancy, except in medical emergencies. The fight goes on.

What can you do?

1. First and foremost, pray. Let's pray that 2023 brings renewed awareness of the horrors of abortion and that people, especially our law makers have a change of hearts and minds to respect life from conception to natural death.
2. January's monthly featured program is ASAP. This is an excellent way to help the Pregnancy Resource Centers with our donations and the 20% matching from Supreme.
3. Do fundraisers to raise money for the Ultrasound initiative. We have proof that babies are saved when pregnant women see that it is an actual life in their womb.
4. Attend the March for Life.
 - a. The Washington DC march is Friday, January 20, 2023, 12:00 PM Rally on the National Mall, and 1:00PM – 4:00PM march up Constitution Ave. to the steps of the U.S. Capitol Building.
 - b. The Tucson march is Saturday, January 21, 2023, 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM, starting at St. Augustine Cathedral
 - c. The Phoenix march is Thursday February 23, 2023, 11:00 AM Rally at the Capitol and 12:00PM march.
5. Celebrate the worth and dignity of every human being through the Special Olympics. Councils can work with Special Olympics affiliates to determine how best to fund, sponsor or volunteer for events in the local community.
6. Christian Refugee Relief. Help persecuted and at-risk Christians facing genocide all over the world, particularly in the Middle East by bringing awareness and support to those who have suffered for their faith.
7. Mass for People with Special Needs. Welcome individuals and families who might not feel comfortable participating in a regularly scheduled Mass. Councils can sponsor a distinct Mass, conducted annually, for people with special needs.
8. Silver Rose. Share the message of Our Lady of Guadalupe and promote respect for life by participating in this meaningful pilgrimage.

As we look forward to 2023, let us renew our commitment to be the Protectors of Life.

Happy, Healthy, and Joyous New Year.

Vivat Jesus,
Nick Gaudio
AZ State Life Director

ARIZONA MARCH FOR LIFE
FEBRUARY 23, 2023

FEBRUARY 23, 2023 Phoenix, AZ Register Today!	Schedule 11:00 am - Rally at Capitol 12:00 pm - Arizona March for Life
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State Family Director – Joseph Shanks

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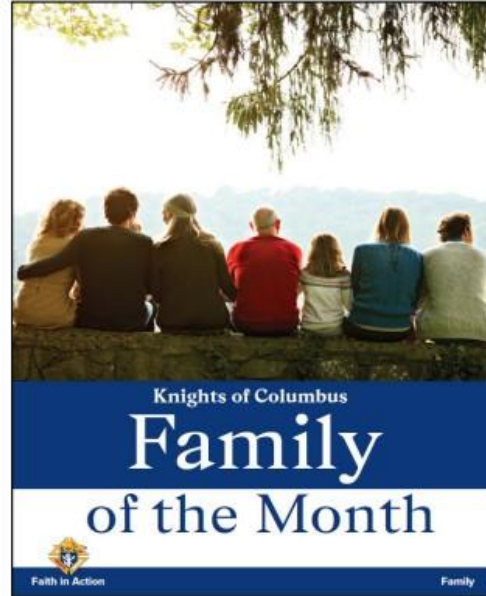
FAMILY OF THE MONTH NOVEMBER 2022

This month's winner:

Jurisdiction	Council Number	Nominee Name
Arizona	9485	Jim Mogen

Council Participation List

Jurisdiction	Council Number
Arizona	4339
Arizona	4584
Arizona	8077
Arizona	9485
Arizona	10762
Arizona	10832
Arizona	16277



Incomplete Submissions

Jurisdiction	Council Number	Membership #	Nominee Full Name	Address	City	State	Zip Code
Arizona	4584		Alex	2665 Mockingbird Dr	Sierra Vista	AZ	85635

Incomplete data is highlighted. Please reach out to your councils to correct future submissions. Thank you.



January 1

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

New Year's Day

January 6

Epiphany

January 27

March for Life Washington DC



Honorary (Honorary Life) Membership Ceremonial

If the member has been a member for 25 consecutive years and has reached age 70 or has been a member for 50 years regardless of age, the only change in the following ceremonial is to substitute the words “honorary life member” for “honorary member” wherever the latter appears.

The honor may be conferred upon one individual member or in groups of two or more. If a group, change singular to plural where necessary.

The following items should be obtained by the financial secretary prior to the ceremony. Honorary Member (#1457) and Honorary Life Member (#1458) certificates are available for a nominal charge as well as Honorary Member (#PG-109) and Honorary Life Member (#PG-110) lapel pins.

Do They Know

Once we gain enough experience, each of us, God willing, will have to adapt to limitations and changes as age. It’s important our families know our wishes in case they are called to care for us one day. We suggest this information be shared with all family members and Knights:



Arizona State Council
Funeral Pall Program




Casket and Urn Funeral Palls are available at no cost for any Knight. They are on a lend and return basis. They can be picked up and returned or shipped and return shipping. (Shipping cost not included)
For more information call:

SK Jack Ahern

MagnaliteCatholic.Com
RELIGIOUS PROMOTIONAL PRODUCTS
121 N. 57th Drive Phoenix, Arizona 85043
602-269-0009 800-634-0839

- Tell family you want to remain a Knight of Columbus and that dues should continue to be paid or a donation made in your name every year.
- Make sure they know your council number and location and who/how to contact your council and assembly if you are 4th Degree.
- Keep your council and assembly informed if and when you move or need specialized care. We want to stay in touch to support and pray for you.
- Families must request our services for visitations and funerals.
- Councils regularly pray rosaries at visitations. Assemblies are authorized to conduct guards for 4th Degree Knights upon request.
- Tell your family what you would like your Knights Council to do in the event of your passing on to your reward. By completing the below form, you tell your family:
 - * Council and Assembly Contact Info
 - * Field Agent Contact Info
 - * Would you like a Rosary, Honor Guard, or both at your visitation/ funeral?
 - * Special arrangements – do you want to be buried in your old or new regalia, for example?



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Fourth Degree – Stanley J. Schroeder – District Master

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Dear Worthy Officers, Sir Knights and Brothers All,

When the State Deputy informed me of the appointment as District Master, the mission of the Fourth Degree was clear. First increase membership by recruiting new members into the Knights of Columbus. Second, increase the visibility of the Knights of Columbus through callouts. And finally, provide exciting state-wide programs that increase support for those who serve and have served.

The membership goal is to add 335 new Sir Knights state-wide. This goal averages to about 9 new members per assembly. Supreme has issued a new revised Form 4. All assemblies are encouraged to order the latest Form 4 and have them ready to sign up new candidates. Membership in the Fourth Degree comes from parish visibility and council membership. Fourth Degree members can make a difference by attending council meetings, support Council programs and most important recruit and attend the next CUF with your new candidate. Can we Sir Knights pledge to meet this GOAL?

This goal is the most important and yet complicated as it requires Fourth Degree Exemplifications. With the hotel costs at an all-time high and knowing the risk of not obtaining the overall attendance necessary to meet a contract requirements, the decision was made to work with local councils and assemblies for good degrees using parish facilities. The goal of four exemplifications before the end of this fraternal year is a challenge, but I am excited to say that three of the four are secured.

The next two exemplification dates are secured. January 14th at Holy Spirit Catholic Church in Tempe will be the next Fourth Degree Exemplification. The third scheduled Exemplification is February 25th in Tucson. The ONLINE Registration is being prepared with a rollout date by November 7th for the January 14th degree, and shortly after for the February 25th Degree. As for the final Exemplification to close out this fraternal year, a date and location still needs to be secured.

Thank you, Sir Knights, for the support and let's continue marching down the aisles. The biggest single improvement is timely communications starting with this District Master position.

The third goal is in my opinion the easiest to improve upon by simply increase participation. From a State Level, there are opportunities that are being pursued with a planned rollout after January 14th.

GOD BLESS AMERICA!

VIVAT JESUS

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Brothers all,

We have exciting news to share with my brother knights of Arizona. A Fourth Degree Exemplification is scheduled for January 14, 2023, at Holy Spirit Catholic Church in Tempe, AZ. The details are being finalized and soon the registration packets will be electronically available. The recommendation is to have new membership promotion material and most importantly have an adequate supply of Form 4's on hand to make January 14, 2023, a Fourth Degree Day.

Deadline for submission of paperwork is January 7th, 2023.

The tentative schedule will be an afternoon degree, followed by mass and a banquet. There will be a ladies gathering during the exemplification as well.

- 12:00 PM - 1:30 PM - Check-in
- 2:00 PM - Fourth Degree Exemplification
- 4:30 PM - Mass
- 5:45 PM - Opportunity to mingle and have knighting reenactment pictures taken with family members.
- 6:30 PM - Banquet with a few raffles to thrill the crowd.

The time to recruit is now! Please let your council members know to save the date in order that they can gain the honors of the Patriotic Degree!

It is an honor to serve the Knights of Columbus in a leadership capacity. It is a greater honor to see the faces and hear the comments of new Sir Knights who thank you and appreciate the works of the Knights of Columbus, Serving Others. May this day bring such smiles to many new Sir Knights.

Vivat Jesus!

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116th Annual Knights of Columbus Arizona State Convention

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Worthy Brother Knights All,

Fr. Louis A. Sigman Council 16277 is pleased to host the 116th Annual Knights of Columbus Arizona State Convention.

This year's convention will be held May 19 and 20, 2023 at the Embassy Suites by Hilton Scottsdale resort, located at 5001 N. Scottsdale Road, Scottsdale, Arizona, 85250. The 2023 Arizona State Convention theme and logo will be from the State Deputy's State Pin, "Protector of Life".

Hotel reservations can only be made directly with the hotel, either online or by phone. Refer to the Hotel Reservations page for details. Room rates are guaranteed through April 28, 2023, at 5:00 PM and are applicable three days before and three days after the convention based on availability. Reservations made after this date will be accepted on a space-available basis at a non-discounted rate. Breakfast is included with your hotel reservation at no extra charge.

Hospitality Suites are available but limited; these suites may not be booked directly through the hotel. To reserve hospitality suites, contact Larry Becker at 480-760-5122 or az23kccconvention@gmail.com for assistance.

Registration for the convention is required for all who attend (**YOU MUST BE A 3RD DEGREE KNIGHT TO ATTEND ANY PORTION OF THE CONVENTION**). In addition, if you are attending the convention as a Delegate or Alternate, your Council must submit the names through an online form by April 2, 2023. The link to the form will be provided in a separate email to Grand Knights and Financial Secretaries.

IMPORTANT NOTE FOR DELEGATES: If you are a Delegate or Alternate you still **MUST** register for the Convention in addition to submitting the Delegate form from your Council. Your Council **DOES NOT** register for you!

The preferred method to register for the Convention is through the State Convention section of the State Council's website, where you may pay by credit or debit card online. <https://kofc-az.org/state-convention> If you desire to use this method, please proceed to the website for more instructions, or by mailing in a check.

If registering by mail, refer to the registration page. Fill out the registration form and send the form, along with a check (payable to: Fr. Louis A. Sigman Council 16277, Attention: 2023 State Convention) to:

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ATTN: Chris Wrobel
3091 S Valerie Drive
Chandler, AZ 85286-0310

All registrations and payments must be received by Friday, April 28, 2023. Registrations received later than this date will be assessed an additional \$10.00 fee for late processing. Late registrations place an additional burden on the host Council and the hotel to ensure that there are sufficient seating and meals for all in attendance. Credit card payments must be made directly on the website.



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On Friday, all Bishops, Priests, Council Chaplains and Assembly Friars are invited to take part in the Opening Mass of the convention. Councils and Assemblies are urged to invite your Council Chaplains, Assembly Friars and Parish Priests to attend these events. Councils and Assemblies should reimburse / pay for any expenses incurred by travel, meals and lodging.

Immediately following Friday's State Program Award Dinner there will be "Rat Pack" music under the stars in the Patio Garden area. The attire for both the dinner and dancing is "Rat Pack" attire (50's – 60's Las Vegas Frank Sinatra, Dean Martin, Sammy Davis Jr. style attire) or Business Casual.

Saturday's "Faith to Foster" Ladies Luncheon will begin at 11:30AM. We are excited about our guest speakers Wendy Esquibel founder of Jose's Closet and Veronica Lopez from Catholic Charities Foster Care Program. In addition, Kate Hursh from Saint Juan Diego and one of her adopted children will share their experience of Foster Care. We are here to acknowledge Foster Families and children, it is important for these families and children to know that are seen, heard, and loved: this is of utmost importance. There will be opportunity to donate items to the chosen charities. In addition, gift baskets will be part of this year's raffle. Proceeds from the raffle will be donated to Jose's Closet and Catholic Charities Foster Care program.

Advertising in the Convention Program is a great way to support convention activities, show support for our State Officers and show solidarity for our Chaplains, Friars, and Priests. We ask all Councils and Assemblies to place an advertisement in the program. Advertising must be submitted no later than Friday April 21, 2023. Please use the "Buy Advertising" section at <https://kofc-az.org/state-convention>.

Vendor Tables: If you are interested in participating as a vendor for the convention, send an email to: az23kcconvention@gmail.com. As a charity or organization promoting your program, consider hosting a table. There is limited space available, so book early!

If you have any questions regarding the convention registration or website, please contact: If you have any questions regarding the convention registration or website, please contact: az23kcconvention@gmail.com.

We look forward to seeing you in May!

Fraternally Yours,
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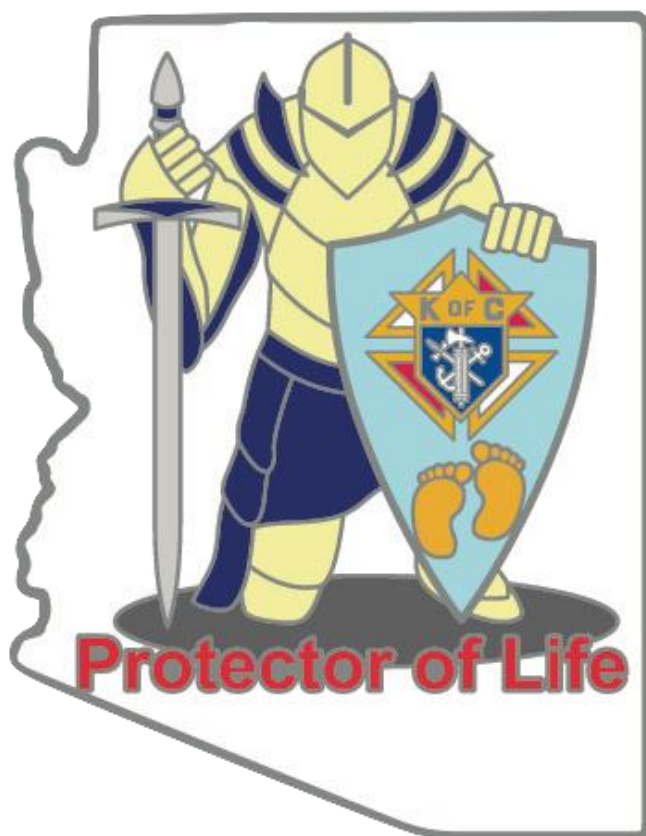
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The Arizona Knights of Columbus announced a renewed vigor for defending life at this year's organization meeting.

In honor of the Supreme Court's overturning of Roe vs. Wade and the Knights of Columbus' firm stand for the protection and support of all life from conception to natural death, State Deputy Luigi Baratta announced the creation of a new pin which represents Knights kneeling in prayer. The knight's sword represents the rosary, his shield represents Knights in unity, the baby's feet on the shield represents life, and the white background represents the innocents which Knights will always defend.

"Last year, our state theme was Defender of the Faith," he explained. "This year it is Protector of Life. As Catholics, we must remain steadfast and do all we can to protect life from conception through natural death. We need to encourage men to join us to step into the breach, pray vigilantly, and assist our efforts to help serve our parishes and communities across the great state of Arizona."

In addition to their continued fundraising efforts to help purchase ultrasound machines, the Knights of Columbus have launched a new initiative called the Aid and Support After Pregnancy (ASAP). This new initiative significantly enhances the Knights' support for mothers and children and is "a call to action for Knights across the United States and Canada to increase financial support to pregnancy resource centers, maternity homes and other organizations which give direct assistance to new mothers and/or babies."