

Brother's All,

St. Joseph, after the Blessed Virgin Mary, is the greatest of all saints in heaven. God chose him to be the husband of the Blessed Virgin Mary and the father of Jesus Christ in the fullest sense. We will seek his intercession to fulfill our calling of leading our families to be like the Holy Family.

As husbands and fathers, we commit ourselves to be loving leaders and heads of our families following the examples of St. Joseph in serving the Holy Family and Christ's humble service to the Church, his mystical bride. We will neither irresponsibly abandon our leadership role with our families, nor abuse our leadership role with our Brother Knights of Columbus. Along with affirming the headship of husbands and fathers in family, we simultaneously affirm the perfect and complete equality between husbands, wives and Brothers.

"Draw your strength from the Lord and from his mighty power. Put on the armor of God so that you may be able to stand firm against the tactics of the devil...You must put on the armor of God, if you are to resist on the evil day; do all that your duty requires and hold your ground...In every opportunity, pray in the Spirit, using prayers and petitions of every sort. Pray constantly and attentively for all in the holy company." Eph 6:10-18

We are looking forward to a great second half of our fraternal year in 2022. You have all done a great job in the first half and we are in a very good position as we move forward. The Arizona State Council wishes you all a Very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Rest, recuperate, enjoy your families and friends and we will see you next year.

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