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## State Deputy's Message

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Brother Knights,

November is time each year when we remember the deceased member of our families, our friends, and especially our fallen brother Knights. Liturgically, the "Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed", follows October 31, "All Hollows Eve." This is followed by All Saints' Day on November 1, dedicated to all those in heaven. This day is then followed by All Souls Day on November 2, when we pray for all those who have died but have not yet reached heaven. The Mexican festival of "El Día de los Muertos," or the Day of the Dead, is considered part of the commemoration of All Souls Day. This is also a day when the Catholic Church requires us to attend Mass, as it is a Holy Day of Obligation. Please, take a moment this month to remember the accomplishments of all those Knights who have gone before us, all the lives they have touched with their charitable hands and acts. They are the very inspiration for us today so that we too may touch many lives by lending aid with kind acts of charity. We are all called to be saints.

This past month, we have admitted 45 new Knights into the order, placing them on the path to sainthood. As of October 29, 2018, 252 new members have received the Admissions Degree. Over the next eight months we will need to recruit 748 more; 83 new members each month. That means we need to double our efforts and aim for 90 new members each month until June 30. I know that you can attain this goal by recruiting one new member at a time.

This past month an exemplification of the Foundation and Knighthood Degrees was held at the new Council, Immaculate Heart of Mary in Somerton. It was an honor to bestow Knighthood upon 26 men that day, some even came from California. It was also a great honor to recognize District Deputy Albert G. Ustaszewski as the Class Honoree for the degree.

For the past couple of years, we have worked to establish a new Council in this part of the State. Willing to take on the responsibility of New Council Development, one of the district deputies in the area started working to help achieve this objective. He worked hard to get the job done, collaborating with the local pastor, his Brother Knights, Assigned State Officer, and the Insurance Agency. Because of his efforts the Immaculate Heart of Mary Council in Somerton was established. One young District Deputy in his fourth year serving the Southwest portion of the State led the charge.

In the first three months of this fraternal year alone, Albert G. Ustaszewski recruited 18 new members, some for the new Somerton Council and some for his home Council at Saint John Neumann #8305 in Yuma. Albert is recognized as being one of the order's Top 25 Recruiters. He is also recognized by Supreme for guiding the councils in District 18 to recruiting 100% of the district's membership quota in just three months and for that he is listed as one of the Top 25 District Deputies of the order.



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Albert has accomplished much in a brief period. His accomplishments speak volumes for his leadership abilities and his dedication to the Knights of Columbus and the Arizona State Council. It is for these reasons Albert is recognized as the honoree for the 26 newly installed Knights known as the Albert G. Ustaszewski class of October 13, 2018.

This past month we held the annual fund-raising drive for People with Intellectual Disabilities (PWID). While not all the numbers are in, it is my understanding that this year's drive was successful. My thanks to all who worked the weekend handing out Tootsie Rolls and accepting donations to help our brothers and sisters in need. My great thanks to Program Director Larry Powers for Charing this program in addition to his other State Council duties.

Over the weekend of October 20-21, we held the Arizona Rosary Celebration in Tucson, Phoenix, and Yuma. Over 7,000 of the faithful attended the event this year. Past State Deputy Larry Costanzo did a fantastic job directing this year's celebration. He did this with the help from the local chairmen: Past Grand Knights Danny Haywood and Greg Mattingly in Phoenix and Al Tucker and Karen McEwen in Tucson. My sincere thanks to them and all the others who worked behind the scene to bring Mary's powerful message of love, hope, and conversion to all.

Don't forget that this year Arizona has been given four copies of the icon of Our Lady Help of Persecuted Christians. Two will be available for Phoenix and Northern Arizona, and two will be available for Tucson and Southern Arizona. These are accessible to each Council or District to use in conducting a Holy Hour of Prayer with the icon. Let us all be mindful of the suffering of our Christian brothers and sisters in the Middle East as they are openly persecuted for being Catholic or another Christian denomination; pray for their redemption. Please reach out to Past State Deputy and Worthy District Master Bryant Sayers to schedule a Holy Hour with one of the icons.

Please take note of several major events coming up in the Month of November. On November 3<sup>rd</sup>, Tucson will be holding its Catholic Men's conference at Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton parish, 8650 N Shannon Road, Tucson, AZ 85742. I encourage every Knight to attend this event. The theme for this year is *Iron Sharpens Iron*. Two phenomenal speakers will be on hand to help you hone your skills as a man, husband, father, and Knight. You can register at <https://cabrinitucson.org/catholic-mens-conference-tucson-2018/>. In Phoenix, the same date, the Diocese of Phoenix will ordain seven new deacons at Ss. Simon and Jude Cathedral, beginning at 10:00 a.m. On November 17, 2018, an Exemplification of the Fourth Degree will be held in Yuma. Details can be found on the District Master's website: <http://www.az4thdegree.org/>. On the same



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day, there will also be a Formation and Knighthood degree exemplification in Sierra Vista. Details can be found on the State website calendar.

Finally, a reminder to all that the State Council mid-year meeting will be held over the weekend of November 30 to December 2, 2018, in Sierra Vista. This is a mandatory meeting for all District Deputies. It is also open to all brother Knights. More information is available on the state website at: <https://kofc-az.org/az-state-mid-year-meeting>. I look forward to seeing many of you then.

Finally, this past month, we said goodbye to one of our revered Past State Deputies, brother John W. Tobin. John passed away October 19, 2018, and was laid to rest on October 24. Not only was John a past Grand Knight, Past State Deputy, Former District Master, and Former Vice Supreme Master of the Fourth Degree, but he was also a husband to his wife Ronnie, father to his six children, a grandfather to 14, and a great-grandfather to four. John Tobin was the kind of man who lived to help others and would take on any task, no matter how large or small, with grace and conviction. We all owe John a tremendous debt of gratitude for all he did. He will be missed.

Let us all look toward the example of brother John Tobin. In all that we do, let us be humble, let us work to unify the actions of many to accomplish the task at hand, and let us glorify God in all that we do. This November, please remember all our departed brothers in your prayers. Let us all pray this month for the souls of the dearly departed and the souls our brother Knights who have gone before us seeking eternal salvation. May the soul of John Tobin and all others, rest in eternal peace.

Vivat Jesus!

Tom Kalisz  
State Deputy



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## Knights of Columbus Marian Prayer Program

### Our Lady of Help of Persecuted Christians

Every couple of years, the Knights of Columbus introduces a new Marian Prayer Program. The new Marian image then makes a pilgrimage through each state or jurisdiction, with councils hosting a prayer service at their parish or other venues. The 2018-2019 Marian Prayer Program presents the 18th Marian image sponsored by the Knights of Columbus, this time of Our Lady Help of Persecuted Christians. Since its inception in 1979, the Knights of Columbus' Marian Prayer Program has held more than 166,900 local council and parish prayer services with some 20 million participants. This year, the prayer service is intended to raise awareness of the plight of Christians persecuted for their faith and to stand in prayerful solidarity with them.

Tom Kalisz, State Deputy for the Knights of Columbus in Arizona will provide one of images he has been given for this program to the Arizona Rosary Celebration. The image will be on display in both Tucson and Phoenix during the Rosary celebrations in October. Please join the Knights of Columbus in Praying for the redemption of our persecuted brothers and sisters anywhere in the world.

***O god of all the nations, the One God who is and was and always will be, in your providence you willed that your Church be united to the suffering of your Son. Look with mercy on your servants who are persecuted for their faith in you. Grant them perseverance and courage to be worthy imitators of Christ. Bring your wisdom upon leaders of nations to work for peace among all peoples. May your Spirit open conversion for those who contradict your will, that we may live in harmony. Give us the grace to be united in truth and freedom, and to always seek your will in our lives.***



Through Christ our Lord. Amen.  
*Our Lady, Queen of Peace, pray for us.*

Prayer composed by Archbishop William E. Lori, Supreme Chaplain



## Prayer for Vocations

O Jesus, Eternal High Priest, I offer You through Your Immaculate Mother Mary, Your Own Precious Blood, in all the Masses throughout the world, as petition for graces for all seminarians, Your future priests.

Give them humility, meekness, prudence, and a burning zeal for souls. Fill their hearts with the gifts of the Holy Spirit. Teach them to know and love the Church, that they may always and everywhere speak, act, and think with her, the glorious spouse of Christ.

Teach them generosity and detachment from worldly goods; but above all, teach them to know You and to love the One and Only Eternal Priest.

Good Shepherd of Souls, hear this my prayer for saintly priests.

Amen.

"Prayers for Today," published by Leaflet Missal Co.

## Prayer for Our Priests

Lord Jesus Christ, eternal High Priest, you offered yourself to the Father on the altar of the cross and through the outpouring of the Holy Spirit gave your priestly people a share in your redeeming sacrifice.

Hear our prayer for the sanctification of our priests. Grant that all who are ordained to the ministerial priesthood may be ever more conformed to you, the Divine Master.

May they preach the Gospel with pure heart and clear conscience. Let them be shepherds according to your own heart, single-minded in service to you and to the Church, and shining examples of a holy, simple, and joyful life.

Through the prayers of the Blessed Virgin Mary, your Mother and ours, draw all priests and the flocks entrusted to their care to the fullness of eternal life where you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

Amen.

Pope Benedict XVI



## State Program Director – Lawrence Powers

### *DECEMBER 30, 2018 CONSECRATION TO THE HOLY FAMILY*

Each council is required to participate in a Consecration to the Holy Family in order to qualify for the Columbian Award. Sunday December 30, 2018 is the Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph and is a perfect day for such a Consecration. To help families live out the joy of



Christ, Supreme Chaplain Archbishop William E. Lori has composed a prayer through which families will come together to consecrate themselves under the protection of the Holy Family. In this prayer, we ask for the aid or intercession of the perfect son Jesus Christ, Mary the perfect mother, and Joseph who is a model for every father. Councils will guide their parishes and community to understand and offer this important and impactful prayer. Preparing for the Consecration to the Holy Family is not a single event. It is choosing a way of life for your family. Through this consecration, each participant is consciously choosing to be a beacon of God’s love through his Church.

### Preparing for the Consecration to the Holy Family

**Four suggested steps before Praying the Consecration to the Holy Family:**

**Discuss the importance of this consecration as a family and why you are doing it.**

**Each member of your family is strongly encouraged to go to the Sacrament of Confession.**

**As a family, intentionally choose something to fast from. The fast can be for at least a week. As our physical bodies are drawn to things of the world, it is strongly encouraged that you fast from something that you would normally do or consume. Fasting helps to discipline our minds and hearts to refrain from secular activities and be more focused on God.**

**Prepare for the commitment you are making. Consecration to the Holy Family is not a single event. You have chosen a way of life for your family. You and your family are consciously choosing to be a beacon of light of God’s love through His Church.**



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### Action Steps

Working with your pastor, obtain his permission and recommendations on conducting a Consecration to the Holy Family in your parish. Order a good quantity of Consecration to the Holy Family Prayer Cards (#10371) through Supplies Online, the supply ordering portal available on Officers Online.

Set a date for the consecration and announce it to your parish a month before the official day. Distribute Consecration to the Holy Family Prayer Cards (#10371) at Masses the week before the consecration. Also place a good supply of prayer cards in your church and council hall.

Although the formal consecration will occur at all Masses on a chosen Sunday, serious and mindful preparation for at least a week prior is a major aspect of this program. To ensure that all members of your parish are fully participating and readying themselves for the consecration, your council should consider:

Asking your pastor to make an announcement at all Sunday Masses the week before the consecration. Ask him to explain what a consecration is, why it is being undertaken, and how to properly prepare.

Suggesting that each family pray together each day for the week before the consecration. Ideally, this will lead them to continue the practice, at least on a weekly basis, after the consecration has occurred.

Encouraging each family to intentionally fast from something ahead of the consecration. This fast should last at least a week leading up to the consecration. It is strongly encouraged to fast from something that would normally be consumed or an activity that is regularly done. Fasting helps to discipline our minds and hearts and moves us to be more focused on God.

Strongly encouraging each member of all parish families to go to confession before the consecration.

Hosting an event in the middle of the week prior to the Sunday consecration. One idea for this event is to invite a guest speaker to discuss the importance of consecrating oneself to the Holy Family, the model of the Holy Family, the meaning and impact of consecrations, or related themes. Be sure to set aside time at your event for prayer in community. Consider praying the rosary together and be sure to recite the consecration prayer together in preparation.

Build public interest! Promote the Consecration to the Holy Family in your parish and larger community through a variety of efforts:

**Prominently display promotional posters (which can be ordered through Supplies Online)**

**Bulletin announcements**

**Pulpit announcements**

**Posting on your council and parish website / social media pages**



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On the chosen day, distribute Consecration to the Holy Family Prayer Cards (#10371) once again. Under the direction of your pastor, recite the Consecration to the Holy Family Prayer together as a parish family at all Sunday Masses. If he is willing, ask your pastor to also incorporate themes relating to the consecration and the Holy Family in his homily.

Following the consecration, host an event in the parish or council hall for all parish families to celebrate the consecration together! Have family-friendly games ready for everyone to enjoy. Remind all present that this consecration holds lasting impacts. Although the time of preparation has ended, and the consecration has occurred, devotion to the Holy Family continues, and we should always strive to resemble their ideal model of a loving family.

At the celebration event, be sure to wear Knights of Columbus-branded apparel and have the council membership director set up a table with brochures and membership documents (including Prospect Cards #921A). Do not forget that this event is a recruiting opportunity!

Enlist a fellow Knight or community member to photograph the event.

Following the consecration and celebration, update the community on the success of your program by distributing an announcement to local media, along with energizing photographs from the event.

To gain credit for your program, complete the associated reporting forms and submit them to the Supreme Council Department of Fraternal Mission. Remember to retain copies for your council records.

Vivat Jesus!

Lawrence A. Powers  
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## State Membership Director – Kenneth White

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Brother Knights of Arizona,

You keep on rockin' the Membership numbers here in Arizona! As this memo is written, our State has brought in 245 New Knights, and we continue to get closer to the 17,000 Knights in Arizona Milestone. We are also maintaining our top twenty ranking in the Order. Arizona currently ranks 15th in the entire Order for New Members. That is Outstanding my Brother Knights. Please keep the enthusiasm for new members at a high level, believe me when I say it will rub off on others.

Are you finding the new Shepherd Program effective? Has your Council put the Shepherd Program into practice? Did your District Deputy, Grand Knight, and Membership Director properly communicate and guide your Council regarding the Shepherd Program? If your Council has questions regarding the Membership Shepherd Program, please get with your Grand Knight and Membership Director for clarification and implementation.

If your Council is planning a Church Drive, please be sure to invite your District Deputy, and any other State Officers you would like to see there. If a number of District Deputies, State Officers, and other Brother Knights show up at a Drive, it can be very effective at making a great impression with the Priest and his Parish. If you want more details on sponsoring an effective Church Drive, just send an email to: [Membership@kofc-az.org](mailto:Membership@kofc-az.org)

Vivat Jesus

Kenneth White

AZ Membership Director 2018-2019



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## State Youth Director – Joe Danko

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Brother Knights,

The Soccer Challenge season is just around the corner. We are looking forward to a great event with the anticipation all Arizona Councils will be participating this year. If you have not received or ordered your kit from Supreme, please do so right away. Schedule your Council event for the month of September.

**Grand Knights:** Within a week after the Council event, forward/scan all the **WINNER'S** entry forms/score sheets to your **District Deputy**. He will need this information for the District level Soccer Challenge which should be scheduled in October.

**District Deputies:** After you determine if there will be a District event, and once it is completed, forward/scan the entry forms/score sheets to the State at: **AzKnights@q.com**. These forms **MUST be received BEFORE the State Event**. If there is no District Challenge, because only one council in your District participates, it is your responsibility to forward/scan this Council's WINNERS entry forms/score sheets to the State.

**NO Participate should hand carry his/her form to the State Event.**

Forms may be mailed to: **Knights of Columbus, 14175 W. Indian School Rd, Suite B4-626, Goodyear, AZ 85395**

**Remember there can only be ONE winner per age and gender, Per District.** If you determine the 1st Place Winner will not attend the State Event you may send the 2nd Place Winner's form to the State. **Please make sure the Council Number and the District Number are on each form** before sending the winners forms.

District Deputies please make sure that this information makes it to each of your Council's Grand Knights and Youth Directors.

This year's State Soccer Challenge will be:

**DATE: November 10th**

**PLACE: St. Jerome Catholic Parish & School  
10815 N 35th Avenue Phoenix, Arizona 85029**

**TIME: Sign-in is between 9:30 to 10:00 Start time 10:10 a.m.**

Award Ceremony will be immediately after the event.

Thank you for your assistance and if you have any questions contact:

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State Youth Director  
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## Planning the Month's Ahead

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### Formation and Knighthood Degree Schedule

The next 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree Exemplification are a follows:

Saturday, November 17, 2018, Sierra Vista, AZ 85635-0296 Hosted by Council #4584

In most cases registration begins at 9:00am.

To see a full schedule of exemplifications, check the website under State News – Exemplification Schedules. Information on the schedules will be updated as the information is received.



### Patriotic Degree Schedule (<http://www.kofc-az.org>) under Patriotic Degree or <http://az4thdegree.org>

The next 4<sup>th</sup> Degree Exemplification are a follows:

Saturday, November 17, 2018, Yuma, AZ 85364 Hosted by John H. Reddin Province

Please check website for additional information at [kofc-az.org](http://kofc-az.org) under state info – patriotic degree, Or [az4thdegree.org](http://az4thdegree.org) for more details.



### Special Events – November 2018

**Diaconate Ordination** - November 3, 2018, Ss Simon and Jude Cathedral, 10:00AM  
(see [kofc-az.org](http://kofc-az.org) calendar more information)

**Catholic Men's Conference Tucson** – Iron Sharpens Iron – November 3, 2018, St. Elizabeth Seton Parish, Tucson  
8:00am – 4:00pm  
<http://www.tucsonmensconference.com/>



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## 2018 Arizona State Council Mid-Year Meeting

The 2018 Arizona State Council Mid-Year Meeting will be November 30 – December 1-2, 2018. The years meeting will be hosted by Bishop Salpointe Council #4584 & Our Lady of the Mountains Council 10799, Sierra Vista, AZ.

The complete registration package is available on the [kofc-az.org](http://kofc-az.org) under state news – az state mid-year meeting.

There is also direction for making your **Hotel Reservation**. A Two Night stay has been approved by Supreme, for which you will be reimbursed. Please register as soon as possible.

**REMEMBER** this is a Mandatory Meeting for all District Deputy's.

Special note: Hotel reservation cutoff date is November 23, 2018.

For more information, contact Larry Powers at [programs@kofc-az.org](mailto:programs@kofc-az.org) or (702) 827-8135



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*Our Lady of Czestochowa also known as the **Black Madonna of Czestochowa** is a revered icon of the Blessed Virgin Mary. The original image is housed at a monastery in [Jasna Gora, Poland](#). The monastery has been a pilgrimage destination for hundreds of years. The Polish people have a great devotion to Our Lady and her Son. They continue to honor this miraculous image. The **Feast of Our Lady of Czestochowa** is celebrated on **August 26th**. Here is a beautiful Prayer to Our Lady of Czestochowa to be said each day upon rising.*

## **Prayer to Our Lady of Czestochowa**

"We fly to your patronage, O holy Mother of God;  
do not reject our petitions in our necessities,  
but deliver us always from all dangers,  
O glorious and blessed Virgin.

Our Lady, our Patroness, our Mediatrix, our Joy!  
Reconcile us to your Son, commend us to your Son, present us to your Son"