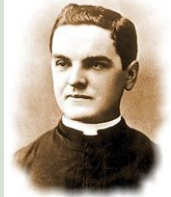




KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL 11809

**at Our Lady of Lourdes Parish and
Mission at Lake Pleasant Parkway
Sun City West, Arizona**

NEWSLETTER May-June, 2026



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Message from the Grand Knight

Believe it or not, we are at the June 30 end of the 2025-2026 fraternal year! It seems like yesterday that our new officers were installed and we anticipated exciting programs, events and opportunities to serve our Order, Parish and community. And YES, it has been a year of many accomplishments and successes thanks to dedicated leadership teams. essential help from Council members and support from our sisters in Catholic Daughters of the Americas.

This year we....

- Welcomed 12 new brothers into our Council
- Donated \$10,000 to Our Lady of Lourdes Parish
- Collected 6,450 pounds of food and \$6513 cash for Valley View Food Bank through our Food for Families program
- Raised \$4600 for local charities with our Lenten Fish Frys
- Raised \$1000 for local charities with our Keep Christ in Christmas Magnet fund raiser
- Raised \$3400 for local charities including St Vincent DePaul OLOL Conference through the State Charity Raffle Ticket program
- Donated \$1000 to St Joseph Youth Camp for scholarships
- Donated \$2500 to five seminarians



Archbishop William Lori
Supreme Chaplain's
Challenge

[Jesus] said to them again,
"Peace be with you. As the
Father has sent me, so I send
you."

Jesus sends us into the world,
just as the Father sent him.
Jesus had a sacred, divine
mission — to proclaim the
Good News of salvation and
build the kingdom of God —
and we are commissioned to
do likewise. As his faithful
disciples, we continue his
saving mission on earth,
consistent with our state of
life. We are not just
"receivers" of the Gospel; our
mission is to bear witness to
the Good News in word and
action, living the Gospel
through our example and
outreach to others.

This month, I challenge you
to take a few minutes each
morning and prayerfully ask
Jesus how you can use your
gifts for his mission, and set
one clear, specific resolution
(large or small) for what you
will do on that particular day.
How seriously do you take
this mission that Christ
has given you? What
specifically has Jesus sent
you into the world to do?
How can you better live
out this mission in the
workplace, in your family
life, and through your
participation in the
Knights of Columbus?

Grand Knight Message, cont.

- Assisted Catholic Daughters of the Americas with their spaghetti dinner, rummage sale and two shred-a-thons
- Purchased and donated 200 new coats to needy children through the Coats for Kids/Bobbie's Coat program
- Assisted the Parish with Christmas lighting, Ministry Fair, Eucharistic Processionals, staffing Bernadette's Brew and the parish picnic
- Served 200 Pancake Breakfasts to appreciative parishioners and raised \$800 in donations for local charities
- Conducted the Memorial Mass for deceased Brothers of the four Councils of District 11
- Met requirements for Star Council Award for fourth year in a row

Thank you, Brothers, for all your hard work and dedication. Thank you to Our Lady of Lourdes parishioners for your generous support. Thank you to Catholic Daughters of the Americas for being a great partner. And thank you to God for calling us all to our ministry of sharing and caring through the Knights of Columbus. Vivat Jesus!

Pay Your 2026-2027 Dues

The membership year ends 30 June, and we are accepting dues for 2026-27 now. Members can pay by mailing a check payable to Knights of Columbus 11809 to the Financia Secretary Jake Kluch at 13001 W Meeker Blvd, Sun City West, AZ 85375-3810. Cash, check or credit cards can be used with the Financial Secretary in person and at the next member meeting on May 14th. Zelle payments can be made directly (contact the FinSec at finsec11809@gmail.com or 630-200-2198 for the Zelle account information).





In Memoriam

Please remember our Brothers who have recently passed away and their families. Oh Lord, grant them eternal rest in Your arms. Shine Your divine light upon them. May the soul of the righteous departed rest in peace through Your mercy.



Brother Nick Cioppi

SK Peter Remllinger

Brother James Rakers

Happy Birthday!

MAY

Edward Kubala

Monte Supola

John Ryan, Jr

Ed Johnson

Gerald Schuld

Henry Blanco

Patrick Meuth

Gary Molski

Maurice Ugland

Dave Porta

Jim Riff

Phil Schroeder

James Bruen

Octavio Cerda

Leslie Lewton

Roy Stewart

Deacon Jim Brett

JUNE

Bartholomew Dwenger

Philip Rocco, Jr.

Bruce Merrihew

Peter Kendall

Joseph Coco, Sr.

Mark Mackeben

Charles Leddon

Jeff Boas

John Lowe

John Heep

Ken Egide

Dan Newsome

Tom Balfe

Paul Bennett

Chris Waller



Knight of the Month-March

SK Rich Stone received the Knight of the Month award from **Grand Knight Ed Hoover** at the March meeting. Brother Rich serves as the Council's Faith in Action Faith Program Director and Lecturer. He also coordinates the COR program...a dialogue group for men exploring and deepening their faith. In addition, Rich serves our Parish as coordinator of OCIA, Alter Server, Lector and member of the Liturgy Committee. Congratulations and thank you Rich!





MONTH OF MARY
 May is the month of Mary. One of the defining characteristics of the Knights of Columbus is its members' deep devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Mother of Jesus. Every Knight receives a rosary when he joins the Order and is encouraged to turn to Mary as his own Mother, so that she may lead him closer to her Son. Historically, Knights have expressed filial devotion to Mary. The Order has been marked from the beginning by special reverence for Our Lady. In particular, Knights have been ardent apostles of the holy rosary, spearheading numerous rosary distributions and prayer programs to promote this most powerful Marian devotion.

Welcome to Our Two Newest Members

We celebrate having two new Brothers in our Council **Kristopher Grams** and **Stevie Gutierrez** participated in the Charity, Unity and Fraternity Exemplification on April 22nd along with Candidates from other District 11 Councils. In the photo, Stevie is far right in blue shirt, and Kristopher is next to him. Congratulations and welcome aboard!



Pancake Breakfast-Update

Our first pancake breakfast was an incredible success. The Social and Parish Events Committee harnessed the energy of many volunteers to serve 200 hungry parishioners. Feedback was universally positive with requests for more of the same. In response we anticipate doing quarterly pancake breakfasts beginning in October. All proceeds from donations go directly to local charities. Thank you to Catholic Daughters of the Americas for their help and kudos to Social and Parish Events Committee Chair, **SK Larry Bonno**, for his leadership.



New Sir Knights

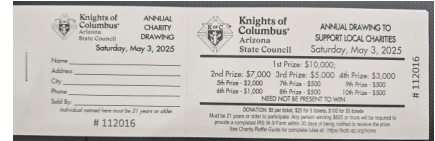
Two council members participated in the Fourth Degree Exemplification on April 25th. Brothers **Paul Bennett** (far left) and **Jim O'Neil** (far right) now hold the title of Sir Knight upholding the Fourth Degree of Patriotism. Congratulations to Sir Knights Bennett and O'Neill. They were accompanied by Sir Knights **Greg Jude** (standing center) and **Chris Schaefer** (seated).





2026 Arizona Charity Raffle

Our Council raised a total of \$6806 for the 2026 Knights of Columbus Arizona State Charity Raffle. The total is divided equally between the State Council and our Council. The State Council donates its proceeds to such charities as the Dioceses of Phoenix/Tucson/Gallup, pregnancy centers, Special Olympics, seminarians and Arizona March for Life. Last year the State Council donated \$163,000 to local Council charities, \$84,428 stayed in parishes,, \$46,000 to miscellaneous charities and \$22,300 to St Vincent DePaul.



This year our 50% will be donated to Our Lady of Lourdes Parish, St Vincent DePaul, and First Way Pregnancy Center. A lot of money is raised by the annual fund raiser for charities central to the mission of the Knights of Columbus. A big thanks to all who donated both time and money to this effort.

2026 Lenten Fish Fry Final Report

The 2026 Lenten Fish Fry is in the history books. This year we served a total of 801 dinners with income of \$13,213. Expenses were \$8,345 for net proceeds of \$4,868. For comparison, in 2025 we served 1058 meals with income of \$15,887 and net proceeds of \$8,222. We received highly positive comments from diners about the quality of the meal and the service. All proceeds go to local charities. Thank you to all who cooked, took orders, served and cleaned up.



From Catholic Daughters of the Americas



Our year ends with the May 20 meeting and we will have a celebration luncheon for all paid members of CDA. We are truly grateful for all the help we received throughout the year from the wonderful Knights for helping at all of our fund raisers.. We have already requested with our Rummage Sale especially **Hank's** famous grilled cheese sandwiches.. Thank you again, it was great working with you and your team. Judy Penman, Regent



The Silver Rose is Coming to OLOL!

Calendar

Never wonder again what your Council is up to. Access the monthly events and activities calendar and other news at:

UKnight.org/?CNO=11809

or

KofC11809.org

Please join us at our monthly member meetings on the second Thursday of the month.

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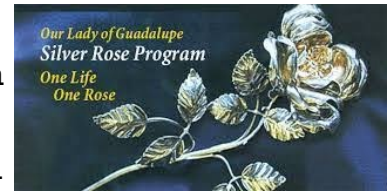
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A rare and significant event for our Council and our Parish will take place this Fall. Each year, from early March through mid-December, Silver Roses are stewarded by Knights of Columbus councils along routes from Canada to Mexico. Every stop the Silver Rose makes throughout the pilgrimage is a rosary-centered occasion for Knights, parishioners and community members to pray for respect for life, for the spiritual renewal of each nation, and for the advancement of the message of Our Lady of Guadalupe. We have invited the Silver Rose to be at our Parish in September or October. We plan to invite participation from other area Councils once we have the actual arrival date. We will be providing parishioners information on the significance of Our Lady and the development of the Silver Rose Program sponsored in Canada and the United States by participating Knights of Columbus



Report of the Nominating Committee

The Nominating Committee consisting of Sir Knights **Bob Conen**, **Greg Jude** and **Jake Kluch** are proposing the following candidates for 2026-2027 Council Officers and Directors. Election is June 11th. You may now vote by going to KofC11809.org, click on "Our Lady of Lourdes Council 11809" then >Members Only sign in>scroll down to "Cast Your Vote..."

Grand Knight **Ed Hoover**

Deputy Grand Knight and Program Director **Carlos Alexander**

Chancellor **Chris Schaefer**

Treasurer **Dan Newsome**

Recorder **Paul Bennett/Chris Schaefer** (co-Recorders)

Lecturer **Rich Stone**

Advocate **Jim Michel**

Warden **Jim O'Neil**

Inside Guard **Deven Michel** Outside Guard **Dwight McMichael**

Trustees 1 yr, **Jim Bosco**, 2 yr, **Jeff Boas**, 3 yr, **Mike Ward**