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SAY YES TO GOD

Stan Schroeder
State Deputy

By Stan Schroeder

Very Rev.
Robert Clements.
State Chaplain
Diocese of Phoenix

The new fraternal year is well upon us and we face some of the same challenges as in the past as well as new challenges. This fraternal year will continue to push all of us to build the Knights of Columbus through membership and programs. The challenges relate to the opportunity for all of us to voice our desires for the future of this great country and state. Finally, the biggest challenge is the preparation for the 2009 Supreme Convention.

Very Rev.
Patrick Crino
State Chaplain
Diocese of Tucson

The 2008 Supreme Convention held in Quebec City, Quebec once again exceeded all expectations. Those who watched the 2008 Supreme Convention on EWTN, will note the great support of the Hierarchy of the Catholic Church. This raises the bar for the Brother Knights of Arizona who will be host to the 2009 Supreme Convention. Yes, Brothers, we are the host for the 2009 Supreme Convention. There are many opportunities for Brother Knights to be part of the great event. Your participation and attendance will be the highlight of your membership in the Knights of Columbus.

Herb Maddock
State Secretary

Pat Schuller
State Treasurer

Joe Rostowsky
State Advocate

Bryant Sayers
State Warden

The first half of this fraternal year gives each of us the chance to defend our faith. Yes Brother Knights, we can defend our faith by our actions. This is an election year and once again, the strong beliefs of the Catholic Church will be challenged by those who believe in rights to choose the future of the unborn or the elderly. I am so proud of the Brother Knights who continue to be the messenger of Faith by their actions to support Life at all stages. We are The People of Life, For Life.

Michael Kingman
Immediate Past State
Deputy, District Master

Richard Garrison
Executive Secretary

Larry Becker
State Membership Director

Frank Yanez
State Program Director

The State team is dedicated to serve our brother knights of Arizona. There are a few new faces to introduce. First, Bryant Sayers from council 4584 is the new State Warden. Bryant served as the District Deputy of District 1 and was the DD of the year for the 07-08 fraternal year. His leadership is welcomed to the State Team. The new State Membership Director is Larry Becker of Council 11536 in Mesa. Larry is a former District Deputy and former Executive State Secretary for the State Council. Larry has a program that will help promote membership through consistent implementation of our service programs. For the membership retention, Donatus Kelch, Grand Knight of Council 5133, has accepted this challenging position. Former District Deputy, Rick Garrison from council 12078 served his four years as a District Deputy and wanted to remain part of the State Team. Rick accepted the position as Executive Secretary and will be sending email reminders on behalf of the State Council.

OBSERVING 9-11 WITH PRAYER

By Father Patrick Crino, State Chaplain ~ Tucson

We know that Pope Benedict XVI does not travel as frequently as Pope John Paul II did. Because of this, it is possible to see each of his pastoral visits as even more special. Pope Benedict XVI's recent visit to the people of the United States and the diplomats of the United Nations was very striking.

Read the Knights of Columbus sponsored research on the trip. It is called "The Papal Visit: Catholics Reflect"

<http://www.kofc.org/un/eb/en/news/releases/detail/547588.html>. It shows "before" and "after" American opinions regarding the Pope and the Church. They even studied the public participation of our fellow Knights.

It is clear that Pope Benedict XVI cares for us Americans. In particular, he understands the tremendous impact of the attacks against us on September 11, 2001. He made a special request to pray at Ground Zero in New York City. I have included the text of his prayer. Please consider praying it during this month. It is a beautiful intercession for the men and women who lost their lives. It is also a prayer to protect innocent lives and to support first-responders today.

THE PRAYER OF POPE BENEDICT XVI AT GROUND ZERO ON SUNDAY, APRIL 20, 2008

O God of love, compassion, and healing, look on us, people of many different faiths and traditions, who gather today at this site, the scene of incredible violence and pain.

We ask you in your goodness to give eternal light and peace to all who died here—the heroic first-responders: our fire fighters, police officers, emergency service workers, and Port Authority personnel, along with all the innocent men and women who were victims of this tragedy simply because their work or service brought them here on September 11, 2001.

We ask you, in your compassion to bring healing to those who, because of their presence here that day, suffer from injuries and illness. Heal, too, the pain of still-grieving families and all who lost loved ones in this tragedy. Give them strength to continue their lives with courage and hope.

We are mindful as well of those who suffered death, injury, and loss on the same day at the Pentagon and in Shanksville, Pennsylvania. Our hearts are one with theirs as our prayer embraces their pain and suffering.

God of peace, bring your peace to our violent world: peace in the hearts of all men and women and peace among the nations of the earth. Turn to your way of love those whose hearts and minds are consumed with hatred.

God of understanding, overwhelmed by the magnitude of this tragedy, we seek your light and guidance as we confront such terrible events. Grant that those whose lives were spared may live so that the lives lost here may not have been lost in vain. Comfort and console us, strengthen us in hope, and give us the wisdom and courage to work tirelessly for a world where true peace and love reign among nations and in the hearts of all. Amen.

Come Follow Me, Help Build up the Church

By Larry Becker, State Membership Director

The Arizona jurisdiction had some great First Degree ceremonies during July. There were several with rather large classes. However, I do not have complete information on every First Degree. A "First Degree Sign-In Form" was distributed to all the District Deputies and is available on the Arizona State Council's website, in the Membership section. This form is designed to be used at the sign-in table of the ceremony. Within 24 hours of the ceremony's completion, the officiating District Deputy is asked to enter the information in the MS Word document and send it via e-mail to the State Membership Director. This ceremony is not the last step to gaining new members. The Council must send the Form 100 to Supreme. This should be done within two weeks of the ceremony. The District Deputy needs to follow up on this very important step. There are instances when Form 100's were never sent to Supreme.

In July 2008, the Arizona jurisdiction had 54 new members and 62 suspensions. This is a negative 8 for net gains. This is the first month of the fraternal year and we have time to recover to make our 1000 new member and 575 net goal. We will make our goal! Several Councils are doing a great job! Two of them are Council 13719 at 100% and Council 9467 at 60% of their Supreme quota. There are 101 Councils with no new members and 10 Councils with negative gains. Remember, a Council must follow the proper procedures to suspend a member. Sometimes a suspension is necessary and is the right thing to do to. The proper procedure ensures this criterion is met. A Council should plan to meet their Supreme quota plus recruit a new member for each suspension. If you have any questions on the proper suspension procedures, please contact the State Retention Chairman Donatus Kelch at 520-488-8457 or don_pat_ill@yahoo.com.

There have been several Membership Seminars held in July, in conjunction with District meetings. The seminar discusses the value of good Council programs to attract new members and retain active members. Please contact the State Membership Director to discuss scheduling a seminar in your District. There will be a seminar for the North East part of Arizona on September 13, at 10:00 AM, at St. Rita's Catholic Church, in Showlow. There will be another seminar on September 25, at 7:00 PM, at the Phoenix Diocesan Center, for the Metro Phoenix Districts and Councils. Please RSVP to Larry Becker at azlarry@cox.net.

Now is the time for every District Deputy to ensure that each Council in their District has scheduled their October Blitz. Each Council should have already ordered a Blitz Kit from Supreme, met with their Pastors, and created a recruiting plan. Prospects from the Blitz should move through the admissions process quickly to attend a First Degree Ceremony by mid-November. The prospect needs to feel welcome and needed. They will feel this way when they see action and are quickly brought into the Council. Each District Deputy needs to complete the "October 2008 Blitz District Recruiting Plan" and send it to the State Membership Director. This form was distributed to all the District Deputies and is available on the Arizona State Council's website, in the Membership section.

Please note that the Supreme Membership Banner has been a huge success! Many Councils have been using them on weekend drives. Please contact the State Membership Director to reserve the banner for your drives. Hurry because the weekend slots are filling up!

Vivat Jesus!
 Larry Becker
 State Membership Director
 Arizona State Council
 Knights of Columbus
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“Time and again, I have stressed that we have nothing less than a moral obligation to offer membership in the Knights of Columbus to every eligible Catholic man.”, from the Supreme Knight, Carl A. Anderson.

The following is the degree schedule as available on the State Web Site (azknightsofcolumbus.com). Councils have to prepare for the degrees, so please try to call in advance to ensure the time, location, and proper preparation. Does your council have a Constitutional role? Councils should bring their own Constitutional role to the degrees.

Date	Degree	Location	Time	Contact Number
9/16/2008	1st	3121 - Fr Joseph Patterson, Chandler	7:00 PM	480-963-4372
9/23/2008	1st	1200 - Tucson	6:30 PM	520-795-1200
9/27/2008	2nd & 3rd	8077 - Roy Champeau, Tucson	9:00 AM	520-579-3633
10/2/2008	1st	10762 - St. Pius X Tucson	7:00 PM	520-733-1101
10/13/2008	1st	7114 - Padre Serra, Glendale	6:45 PM	623-572-5403
10/14/2008	1st	10540 - St Annes, Gilbert	6:30 PM	480-813-1394
10/19/2008	2nd & 3rd	3855 - Fray Fancisco Garces, Glendale	9:00 PM	623-937-3794
10/22/2008	1st	1200 - Tucson	6:30 PM	520-795-1200
10/25/2008	1st	11738 - St. Helen's, Glendale	8:30 AM	623-566-1318
10/28/2008	1st	4584 - Bishop Salpointe, Sierra Vista	6:30 PM	520-459-2742

Membership Results:

As of September 1st, the membership results are:

- Number of Councils who recruited a new member: 36
- Number of New members as of September 1st: 122
- Number of Suspensions as of September 1st: 110
- Net Membership Growth as of September 1st: 12

General Programs build better Councils

By Frank Yanez, State Program
Director

Strong programs provide the best recruiting arm for your council. Programs open the eyes of all around and the good works within councils are the best marketing tool. Councils should review their past programs and determine if they need modifications. Are there voids in your programs? The Surge with Service program book that was sent to each council offers suggestions for programs. The State Council has several programs in each of the five service program areas.

YOUTH PROGRAM

Vince Mayfield, State Youth Director recently explored the grounds and workings of St. Joseph Youth Camp. This camp offers many opportunities for the growth for the youth in a Spiritual and maturity growth.

The Squires is the official Youth Program of the Knights of Columbus. The program has been modified to reflect merit type of promotion within the Circle structure. If your council is interested in the Squires Program, Pat Schuller is available to explain the program to your council and parents.

Councils are encouraged to sponsor a Scouting Troop within their parish. Brother Knights are leaders of the community and we are asked to be the leader for a better youth environment.

The Supreme Poster contest is a youth awareness program that encourages

teens to stay away from Drugs and Alcohol. The program is easy to institute and will help build the relationship between the Parish and the Council.

ATTENTION

Soccer Challenge is the newest youth program from Supreme. The Chairman, Walt Ligocki, is preparing for a State Level Competition. Councils need to work this program in September, Districts in October with the State Level Competition in November. If you need help organizing or have questions about the program, Please contact Walt Ligocki, wligocki@cox.net.

FAMILY PROGRAMS

Ed Deppert, Family Youth Director encourages councils to promote the family through their family programs. One program is the Family of the Month and Family of the Year Award. Supreme has a Family of the Month Form that is due at Supreme by the 5th of each month. All entries are eligible for a very nice statue. In previous years, Arizona submissions have received such awards. Each year, the State Council recognizes a Family of the Year and submits the family to the Supreme Council.

COUNCIL PROGRAMS

Tony Abbruzzio, Council Program Director is off to a fast start with the Diamondbacks. The goal of Council Programs is to build Fraternity within the Council. Does your council have programs that encourage their members to have fun together? Councils can start by instituting a monthly Social gathering. Recognition of the council membership for their service and dedication to the council is always a

great opportunity to build fraternity within the council.

Honorary Life members should be honored for their service. The order has a special ceremony for the Honorary Life members. Please plan to honor the honorary life members.

CHURCH PROGRAMS

Richard Jeffrey, PSD, State Church Program Director has a big challenge with Rosary Sunday as he is chairing this program. The column, *Knights in the Pew*, provides the latest information concerning the growth of our faith. The theme, "Say Yes To God", is the reminder to conform our lives to the teachings of the Catholic Church. There are many opportunities to implement exciting Church Programs. Participation and support of Rosary Sunday is encouraged by all councils. Our Rosary Sunday reaches out to thousands to pray as a community. This year is the St Paul Jubilee. St. Paul's conversion is the message to all of us to be the messenger of Christ. Councils should consider adoration for vocations as a Council Church Program.

In August of 2009, Supreme will be hosting their first International Marian Conference honoring Our Lady of Guadalupe. Yes, we have great opportunities and challenges ahead of us. Now is the time for all of us to come together to help "Build Up the Church".

COMMUNITY PROGRAMS

Wayne Kubes, State Community Director instituted a program to promote the necessity of voicing our right by Voting. This election year will be a challenge for us to defend the strong beliefs of the Catholic Church. We have a moral obligation to make it clear through the ballot that we mean business.



Many Councils sponsor blood drives, participate in the PWID program, and the organ donor program. Does your council participate in the PWID program? The date for the State PWID is October 24, 25, and 26th. Have you ordered the tootsie rolls? The State officers, District Deputies, and the State PWID chairman, Shawn Lynch, are available to answer any questions.

PRO-LIFE:

Eddie and Cindy Zuleger

The challenge for each council is to sponsor a Pro-Life Program. Will your council take this challenge?

Brother Knights, we live in a time when innocent lives, the unborn, struggle to share the life we each take for granted. As Brother Knights, we have a moral obligation to be the voice of the unspoken, the voice of the unborn. We cry out, Defend Life at all stages.

RETENTION

By Donatus Kelch

Retention continues to add challenges to our membership goals. Retention starts at the time a member says yes to "Will you Join the Knights of Columbus?". Retention issues begin when a member stops answer the calling committee, stops volunteering, and perhaps stops practicing the faith. Councils with strong programs keep the members involved.

However, some members will make a detour and became less interested in the order and stop paying dues. Councils must have a retention committee and follow all the necessary steps before a member can be suspended.

Roundtable

By Bryant Sayers

A Knights of Columbus Presence in Every Parish, Mission, and Monastery.

“Knights have nothing less than a moral obligation to offer every eligible Catholic man the opportunity and the privilege of membership in our Order. Also, we must have a Knights of Columbus presence in every parish.” Those were the words of Supreme Knight Carl A. Anderson as he addressed his first meeting of state deputies.

A Knights of Columbus presence may be established in one of two ways: by the institution of a new council or by the establishment of the **Parish Round Table** program.

Through the **Round Table** a council works closely with the pastor of each parish or mission that it serves. All Knights in a parish, regardless of their council affiliation, are part of the **Round Table**. The program, as explained in this brochure, makes the tremendous manpower of the Order readily available to the pastor to help him achieve his plans and goals. By means of the **Round Table** a local council may easily achieve a maximum level of service to all the parishes with which it is affiliated.

Simply stated, the **Knights of Columbus Round Table** initiative provides the opportunity for brother Knights to support their parishes with the programs their pastors deem necessary.

One fact must be made crystal clear. The **Round Table** initiative — an offer to serve — should not interfere with any existing or contemplated parish program or group. The pastor sets the programs.

It is simply a matter of going to him and asking, “Father, what can the Knights of this parish do to help?”

If you need help filling out form 2629 or if you have questions about roundtables please contact Bryant Sayers, State Roundtable Chairman, State Warden.

New Council Development

Congratulations to James Meeker, District 21 and Former District Deputy John Robertson. Council 14160 was instituted in August. Through dedicated work of District Deputy #4, Ray Obral and Doug Cameron, new council chairman, the formation at Sacred Heart in Tucson is well within reach. Several 1st degrees at Sacred Heart resulted in a membership roster well over the minimum of 30 members. Keep up the good work.

Brother Knights, growing the Knights of Columbus through membership, retention, Round Table and New Council Development is the responsibility of all Brother Knights. The new council development goal is 4 new councils and we can achieve this goal.

COUNCIL REACTIVATION

Councils are formed with the desire of at least 30 men who are excited about the Knights of Columbus. For many reasons, councils fail and they become inactive. Reactivating a council can be equivalent to forming a new council as new members must be identified and new programs planned. Are these efforts worthy it? Yes, brother knights and we are underway to restore the Knights of Columbus in several communities. Bryant Sayers is also heading this initiative of reactivating 2 councils by June 30th.



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FOURTH DEGREE ARIZONA DISTRICT

Congratulations to the 130 new Sir Knights that exemplified the principle of Patriotism on Flag Day, June 14th in Mesa at the Phoenix Marriott Mesa in honor of a decade of service by District Friar, Rev. & Sir Knight Ray Greco, OSB. Get involved in your assemblies and get regalia so you too can be in your assembly's honor guard. We have many callouts and we could use your help.

There are 41 soon to be 42 Assemblies in the Arizona District. Somehow with the help from my Marshals and at times, assigned Marshals, we managed to install 19 of those Assemblies. One in May, one in June, nine in July and that leaves eight for August. So you can see how busy the Master is. The rest will be installed by the new District Master.

Yes Sir Knights I was not re-appointed to a second term and so I bid you all farewell. I am in no way as honorable as a historical General of the last century who faced with the end of his career faded away like a good soldier. I have been marching since I was four or five, military oriented and regimented by the Catholic Schools and military high school then national service in the Armed Forces of our country. Having served in the Honor Guard since I became a Sir Knight and a year later always having a command position it will feel odd for me to be a follower but you can be assured I will always remain true to the order and our country and exemplify the virtues of our order.

So as I fade away, there remains a huge task to be done, I expect each and every one of you to step forward and meet that task. The honor guard for the Supreme Convention – opening mass requires 200 Sir Knights plus, and the subsequent masses with large numbers. You can be proud of your self, our district and the Fourth Degree as the world looks in on us for those historic moments. The challenge is big as it also includes the Marian Conference for the Americas through Saturday of that week, and hours upon hours of Adoration Honor Guards. I have all the faith in the world that you will step up to that challenge. I truly enjoyed myself with the appointment I was privileged to serve. I believe the Fourth Degree was brought closer to the Third Degree and synergy was established. Keep it up.

Never forget Sir Knights that “Sir Knight is more than a title, it is an honor.” It is my honor to have served.

Fraternally,

Armand J Brooks

Arizona Former District Master



“St Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle....



Knights of Columbus

John H. Reddin Province
Fourth Degree

Office of the
Arizona District Master

September 1, 2008

Dear Sirs:

It is indeed an honor for me to accept the position of Arizona District Master for the John H. Reddin Province for the term starting September 1, 2008 to August 31, 2010. As District Master, I hope to serve my fellow Sir Knights and their families to the best of my abilities. With the help of the Former Vice Supreme Masters and Former District Masters we shall enhance the already noteworthy status of the Fourth Degree in the great State of Arizona. I want to thank my predecessor, Former District Master Armand Brooks for his service these past two years. I know all of you wish him the very best wherever his endeavors lead him.

My goals are simple; my grandmother always told me that where ever you go and whatever you do you must leave that place just a little bit better than when you arrived. That is my goal - to enhance the Fourth Degree in some small way and with all of your help we can accomplish many great things. I have four primary goals for my term in office and they are as follows:

Stand firm in support of the Order We do this by dedicating ourselves to personal development and continued honor of brother Knights. We must always be there to offer leadership, guidance and encouragement through educational programs about our country and its great history, as well as remembering those brother Knights who are no longer with us as well as all men and women who served our great nation.

Stand firm and support our Country We give glory to God by serving our communities and nation because all that we do is in service to Christ Our Lord and Savior. We exemplify Patriotism by teaching personal responsibility in civic affairs, working to honor and protect symbols of national pride, honoring our veterans for their service and sacrifice and especially during this critical year, with our elections coming up, we facilitate voter turnout on election days. And most importantly, we maintain a leadership role on important moral issues, recognizing that what a man stands for, defines his character.

Stand firm and support our Faith We must hold onto the written and oral traditions and teachings of the One Holy Catholic and Apostolic Church and for what is right and honorable. This means working to keep God in the civic arena, supporting and defending

laws that recognize the sanctity of life and true religious liberty, and of course serving the life of the Church. We as Fourth Degree Knights are and must be committed to building lives of character.

Stand firm and support the Legacy of Knighthood Our Color Corps adds distinction in parades, wreath-laying ceremonies and Catholic functions. The Color Corps is a visible reminder of our service to the community and our Church. The Color Corps should wear the colors with pride and honor, knowing they represent the very best in the Knights of Columbus.

Once again I am extremely honored to be appointed as the Arizona District Master for the John H. Reddin Province and I hope to work with each of you in some capacity in the near future.

Yours in Christ
Michael H. Kingman
Arizona District Master, IPSD
John H. Reddin Province



Knights of Columbus Day at Chase Field on August 24th was ushered in by the 4th Degree presentation of colors. This is truly a historical event for the Arizona Knights of Columbus. The Sir Knights presenting the colors are 3 generations of the Van Parys Family. SK Roger Van Parys is a Grand Knight of Council 11536, SK J J Van Parys is a Faithful Navigator.

We salute you Sir Knights for the representing the Knights of Columbus with Pride, Dignity and Honor for our great Country.

From left to right, SK, Captain Kory Miller, US army (Grandson), SK Joe Van Parys (Father), SK J J Van Parys (Son), SK Tim Farley, SK Roger Van Parys (Son),

33rd Annual Rosary Sunday
Sponsored by Knights of Columbus



ROSARY SUNDAY
Honoring Our Lady under Her Title

OUR LADY OF LOURDES

Date: October 12, 2008

Time: 2 pm to 4:15 pm

Pre-Program Concert 1:30 pm

Main Program 2:00 pm

Presiding: Bishop Olmsted

Keynote Speaker: Fr. John Hampsch, C.M.F.

Please support Rosary Sunday through your financial support and prayer.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED
For USHERS and Crowd Control



Mission:

“Fathers for Good” seeks to guide men in the great adventure of fatherhood and provide the resources, tools, and encouragement they need to become the fathers they are meant to be.

A father is INVOLVED. The involvement of the children’s life leads to a more successful life for the children. Data demonstrates that in work, school and college education, children of intact families fare better.

A father is a PROCTECTOR. All the special features of an adult male’s personality, developed from boyhood, can be coordinated toward a sing great purpose in life, PROTECTION.

A father is a loving HUSBAND. Love for his wife as mother of their children and love for the children themselves are for the man the natural way of understanding and fulfilling his own fatherhood

2009 Supreme Convention

Did you watch the 2008 Supreme Convention opening mass on EWTN? The opening mass is always the most impressive part of the program. We hope Brother Knights will attend the 2009 Supreme Convention and witness what could be the *Experience of Lifetime*.

Brother Knights, only **ELEVEN** months or **44 WEEKS** away and Convention Planning Committee is hard at work developing the events leading up to the opening mass on August 4, 2009. It is expected that we will have 2000 delegates and their families in Phoenix for business, fraternity, and fun. The response from the Supreme Convention held in Quebec was extremely positive for Arizona.

The convention Co-Chairs are PSD Larry Costanzo and IPSD Mike Kingman who continue to solicit Knights to chair many of the committees. These committees such as Hospitality, Registration, Country Store, Youth Activities, Raffle, Program Book, Hierarchy Transportation, computer support, and general volunteers are necessary to make this huge event a success.

This convention will bring a long lived memory for those attending. This may be the first and only opportunity for the delegates and their families to visit our great state. Thus, it is an opportunity for all Knights in Arizona to put our best foot forward and show our guests some good old Southwestern Hospitality. Explanation of the duties of volunteers is available on the convention web site at: <http://www.azsupremeconvention2009.org>.

Please give this some prayerful thought and step up to help and be a part of this endeavor to make the convention successful. For those who will be coming from out of town we are looking at ways to provide housing at little or no cost.

We anticipate that delegates and their families will begin to arrive as early as July 31 so the committee has put together some tour packages to the Grand Canyon, Sedona, Mission san Xavier Del Bac, Heard Museum and local sights. The new website for the Supreme Convention already contains much information on the upcoming Supreme Convention.

Following the convention, the Knights of Columbus will be hosting a first ever Marian Congress in honor of Our Lady of Guadalupe at Jobbing.com Arena. For this event, Supreme Council has several dynamic speakers scheduled to ensure a strong message to the faithful. *Our Lady of Guadalupe, Pray For Us!*

Watch this KOCO and the web site for further updates. Or contact the co-chairs.

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