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*Stanley J. Schroeder*  
**STATE DEPUTY**

As we start the new Calendar year, we all wish each other Happy New Year and look forward to the New Year. As we enter 2008,

I for one am very passionate about our responsibility of defending life. Thus, my thoughts are very intense and hope it elevates to a new priority in your life the meaning of Pro-Life.

### Proclaim the Gospel of Life

As Catholics and as Brother Knights, we are expected to a live per God's will and the teachings of the Holy Catholic Church. We are all called in some fashion to serve God through our time, talents, and treasure. Most importantly, we are asked to proclaim the Gospel of Life. What does this mean to you and to the Knights of Columbus? Every year, the Knights of Columbus Families join hands and march in Washington DC, on the streets of Tucson, rally in Phoenix, and PRAY for this country to respect all human

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## FOURTH DEGREE, SUPPORTERS OF LIFE CELEBRATE FEAST OF HOLY INNOCENTS

By  
John S. Garcia  
STATE PUBLIC RELATIONS CHAIRMAN



A prayer march including Catholic clergy, Fourth Degree Knights of Columbus in ceremonial regalia, State Officers for the Knights of Columbus, supporters of the right to life, and many others, took place Friday, December 28, 2007. Marchers gathered in the parking lot of Food City at the northeast corner of Bethany Home Road and 27<sup>th</sup> Avenue. Led by the Very Rev. Robert Clements, State Chaplain for the

Diocese of Phoenix, the marchers proceeded north, along 27<sup>th</sup> Avenue, to Ss. Simon and Jude Cathedral. While marching they prayed the Rosary to end abortion.

In attendance were Supreme Warden, and Arizona Past State Deputy, Lawrence Costanzo; Past

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prior to the Publish Date, the 1st  
of odd months. Our next issue is  
March/April

Therefore the NEXT DEADLINE is  
**FEBRUARY 15, 2007.**

## Help Wanted!

### The 2009 Supreme Convention Wants You!

Worthy, Grand Knights, Faithful Navigators and President of Ladies Auxiliary groups:

As you have probably heard, The Supreme Knight selected Phoenix, Arizona as the site for the 127<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the Knights of Columbus to be held August 5 -7, 2009.

The co-chairs for the event are Supreme Warden Larry Costanzo, PSD and Mike Kingman, IPSD. They hope that your Christmas and New Year's Days were blessed with the joy and happiness of being with family and or friends.

As most of you have heard, the Arizona State Council Planning Committee is in the process of identifying Committee Chairpersons and volunteers to assist us in preparing for the arrival of our guests and our brother knights, to the 127<sup>th</sup> Supreme Convention. The Desert Ridge Marriott located at (Desert Ridge Drive in North Phoenix) will be the convention site, and the committee is planning an experience of a lifetime for those brother knights and families that will be attending from Canada, Philippines, Poland, Mexico and other countries where the Knights of Columbus are represented.

Volunteers are needed as Committee Chairpersons and workers for the various jobs described on the link listed below. As a rule, the work will be light and demands a cheerful attitude and patience (the customer may always be right but is often not as kind as we would prefer). Please sign up for only one 4-hour shift per day; we want you to have an opportunity to take in all facets of the Supreme Convention! Note that shifts overlap by design, to allow arriving volunteers time to "train themselves" as necessary before those who are finishing their shift leave their station. It is possible that part of your shift may involve no work at all (the Country Store will be closed during Convention Masses, for example). Listed below is a list of how many volunteers we need on a daily basis for each of the committees.

It is suggested that a council and or assembly or even a district take on one of the many committee functions and identify the volunteers to do that function. (ex: Registration of delegates, Hospitality greeters, Etc...)

For a complete list of job descriptions go to our URL: <http://www.kofc9800.org/azsupremeconvention2009/>

### VOLUNTEERS

Volunteers are needed for the following:

Greeters at Hotel	40
Runners at Hotel	
Drivers to pick up and return hierarchy to airport	60

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# St. Pius X Council Makes Donation to Tucson Parish



Brother Knights of Tucson Council 10762, St. Pius X, donated \$1,700 to their local parish during a Mass this past December. Pictured above are (left to right) Carl Seymour, William Cirrito, Grand Knights Joe Gulotta, Father Harry Ledwith, Former District Deputy & Past Grand Knight Tony Mastrangelo, and Past Grand Knights Nick Romano. This annual donation is in appreciation for all of the Pastor's and the parishioners support for Council 10762 through out the year 2007. In 2006 the council donated \$2,400 to benefit the St Pius X church renovation program. Photograph and story were contributed by Grand Knight Joe Gulotta and Bob Messinger.

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Aides to go with drivers to help with bags, small talk 60  
 Registration helpers 40  
 Hospitality room helpers  
 Cooks, sandwich makers, runners  
 Help in Country Store  
 Cashiers, pricers, stockers, packers

People to make crafts for sale in Country Store

Ladies to host tables at Wednesday Ladies Luncheon 100

This List is not all inclusive. There will be other requirements.

Shifts expected to run 4 hours. State will probably not pay anything (except maybe mileage for drivers)

People needed from Friday July 31 through Friday, Aug 7, 2009

Committee Chairmen and

members for various committees

Entertainment, Admin, communication (computer input), Registration, Hierarchy Transportation, Ladies Luncheon

If you wish to participate as a Committee Chairperson and or volunteer we ask that you contact

Don Gorny  
 Volunteer Committee Chairman  
 623-930-0018  
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# FAMILY PROGRAMS

By ED DEPERT  
Family Programs Director

## Men's Conference Diocese of Phoenix Into the Desert for Christ

Bishop Olmsted is calling the men of our diocese to join him for a day of renewal and preparation for Lent, 2008. On Saturday, February 2nd, men from all over the Diocese and state will gather at the Xavier Performing Arts Center adjacent to Xavier College Preparatory, 7th St. and Highland, Phoenix. Here, men will have a power-packed opportunity to encounter Christ with their brothers looking to fight the good fight. Presentations by nationally acclaimed speakers will include Every Man's Summons to Lay it All Down, A Man's Battle for a Pure Heart, Confession-God's Life in Us, and the Power of Fatherhood. Opportunity for Confession and a concluding Mass with Bishop Olmsted. Wondering what your call is as a layman in the Church? Wondering what Christ-like manhood calls you to?

Come and see. Register on-line at [www.CMFP.org](http://www.CMFP.org). Only \$30 before January 15th, includes light breakfast and heavy-duty lunch. More information on the website. Register today!

## Family: An Endangered Species Follow-on

In the last edition of the KOCO A (November/December 2007) an article with the above title was published under the State Family Director's name. Since its publication we have learned that the author is the daughter of Brother Ed Depert, State Family Director. His daughter is Jodi Ghelli, MSW, LCSW. She is a licensed professional social worker in private practice. Jodi is also a parishioner of St. Mary Magdalene's in Gilbert, AZ. Jodi has been actively involved in church ministry since her early teen years and is a self proclaimed "marriage and family freak". Jodi passionately advocates for the preservation of marriages and families in both her personal and professional life. Jodi owns STEPS COUNSELING CENTER, LLC., and has been practicing in the mental health field for the past 16 years.

EDITOR'S NOTE - This information is provided solely as a means to know the author of the story and in no way is meant to be an endorsement or advertisement of the author's professional services.

## Arizona Knights and Families Selected as Supreme Family of the Month

The following are the winners for October and November 2007 "Supreme Family of the Month" contest. The winners were selected through a random drawing held at the Supreme Council from among many nominees submitted by councils throughout the order."

### October

**The Family of Lonnie  
and Darlene Carbajal,  
Council 863, Bisbee**

### November

**The Family of Mark and  
Mary Goetz, Council  
7904, Mesa**

State Deputy Stanley Schroeder congratulates the winners and urges every Council to participate in the Family of the Month program. "It's so simple, you can even go on-line to the Supreme website, fill out the form, and submit it electronically; it takes five minutes."

## Hour of Prayer Program



Through the next year, the Knights of Columbus is promoting devotion to Our Lady under her title of Our Lady of Charity.

The program was announced in the September edition of Columbia Magazine and in the September 10th issue of the KnightLine. Worthy State Deputy Stanley Schroeder came back from the Supreme Convention with two copies of the painting of Our Lady of Charity, the patroness of Cuba, which will be traveling between councils and parishes as the focus of a rosary centered prayer program.

Arizona, in union with the entire order, will be offering this prayer program for the intentions of His Holiness, Pope Benedict XVI. Next year at the conclusion of the program, a "spiritual bouquet", including the total number of participants and services held will be presented to the Holy Father.

"It is altogether appropriate for the Knights to honor Our Lady of Charity this year since charity is one of our founding principles. This program is an opportunity to reflect on the virtue of Charity and what it means to every Knight," said Supreme Knight, Carl A. Anderson.

Ed Deppert, Family Life Program Director, is coordinating the scheduling of the Our Lady of Charity tour. Visit the State Website for more information at [www.azknightsofcolumbus.com](http://www.azknightsofcolumbus.com)

### State Mid-Year Meeting, Well attended, Informative

What does, Project Jericho, St. Joseph's Youth Camp, and 21<sup>st</sup> Century Evangelization have in common? Not much by themselves, but together they make a powerful and informative program for the State Council's mid-year meeting. The meeting, hosted in part by Fray Garces Council #3855 in Glendale and Archbishop Fulton Sheen



Council #7465 in Phoenix, was well attended by the State Hierarchy, District Deputies, Fraternal Benefits Representatives, State Directors and Chairmen, Fourth Degree, Grand Knights, and other Knights. This year, Worthy State Deputy Stan

Schroeder wanted to try something different, so he turned the usual one-day format into a one-and-a-half day affair.

It all started Friday evening with a dinner hosted by Glendale Council #3855. Add to that a program that was not only geared to the Knights present, but to their spouses and guests as well. The program included an informative look into the Saint Joseph's Youth Camp by Camp President Brian Byrnes. It also included a re-introduction of the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Evangelization Fund by Former Supreme Director Mick Waltz and Immediate Past State Deputy Michael Kingman. Another feature was a lively presentation on a pro-life program called Project Jericho. The meal was great, the hospitality wonderful, and the atmosphere delightful.

The second day of the mid-year program took place Saturday at St. Jerome's. Here State, District, and Council leaders dove into the guts of Columbianism. This time, however, they weren't told the solutions. Instead, those present worked among themselves in groups to review, analyze and present solutions to many of the issues facing the Order today: membership, program, communication, and insurance. The results were well received.

The mid-year activities ended with a Mass at St. Jerome's and a pleasant dinner hosted by local Council #7465.



# ARIZONA DISTRICT MASTER'S REPORT



SK Armand Brooks  
DISTRICT MASTER

I wish all a happy and prosperous New Year as we take on the many and varied tasks the Fourth Degree ask of us. We have started already with two Pro-life marches, a fundraiser for the retired priests in the Tucson Diocese, two Renewal of Obligation ceremonies, a law and honor dinner, Callouts for MLK mass, Red Mass, and many other callouts and it is still January yet.

February presents no fewer events and we are already booking into March. Three quick months full of task for the Fourth Degree in the Arizona District. So much to do on an ongoing basis. I nor my Marshals or staff do these on our own; it takes the Sir Knights in each and every Assembly to turnout for these events. Like any organization, some can and some are not able anymore. That is why constant recruiting and membership is required to feel the life blood of the organization.....New Members. Each Navigator to should well underway in visiting each of the councils affiliated with their assembly. We have two exemplifications left this fraternal year. The first is on April 12<sup>th</sup> in Tucson in honor of Former District Master James Maino as hosted by his home assembly, the Father Henry Miller Assembly #2308. The second is on June 14<sup>th</sup>, Flag Day, in Mesa with the honoree soon to be announced. This degree is hosted by the Arizona District. Information on each of these degrees can be found on my website: <http://www.azfourthdegree.org>

Each Assembly is required to submit the Annual Fraternal Survey by January 31<sup>st</sup>. It can be submitted online with copies to me and our Vice Supreme Master. You should have already sent out the individual survey worksheet to your members. Another annual ritual is the annual dues and chalice fund (optional) if you have one. Make sure your membership cards are up to date, both council and assembly. On April 13<sup>th</sup> we will hold the biennial District Meeting to nominate three candidates for Master for the next two years (9/1/08 thru

8/31/10). I plan on continuing in the office but all qualified candidates are invited to go for it. This meeting will also address any resolutions that are submitted. The letter and packages are being sent out by the end of the month. An important topic we will bring up is the 2009 Supreme Convention to be hosted here in Arizona and the role of the Fourth Degree. We have a lot to do and each assembly is called upon to pitch in. More on that at that time. I will be working with my Marshals and others before that to get our program formed by then.

Please take note that the Honor Guard Competition will be held at the April Degree weekend and not the June Degree weekend as in past years. We intend to hold a flag retirement ceremony on the morning of June 14<sup>th</sup> will be conducted with all Sir Knights participating. So form you teams and start practicing. Do not give in to the pressure of competition, just come out and show us your stuff and have fun. By competing, you show the pride of being a Sir Knight in the Honor Guard.

I would like each and every assembly to have some VAVS program and also a Support our Troops program no matter how big or small it is. Please do not figure our service men and women or our Veterans ever. If you have served, I thank you for your service. You understand so lead the others so this is accomplished.

## VirtueMedia Has its Roots in Columbianism

Written By: Sherry Boas  
For Tom Peterson

In one defining moment, 3rd Degree Knight Tom Peterson uttered the same life-giving word that Mary spoke 2000 years ago. He said yes.

“The Holy Spirit jumped inside of me and gave me a choice,” says Peterson. “Do you want to live in the gray area or become an apostle? And when I said yes to God my whole world changed.”

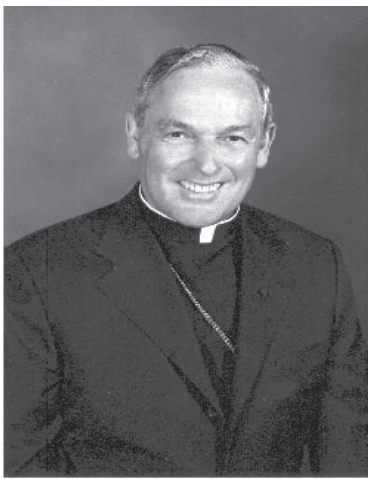
Not only his world, but The world. That yes was the beginning of VirtueMedia, a non-profit organization that produces pro-life television ads and airs them on youth-oriented channels such as M-TV in time slots watched by those most in need of hearing their message.

Peterson, an  
advertising executive

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# **Bishop Pelotte given medical leave; Phoenix Bishop named Apostolic Administrator**

On behalf of the Holy Father Pope Benedict XVI, the Papal Nuncio to the United States, Archbishop Pietro Sambi, has notified Bishop Donald E. Pelotte, SSS of the Diocese of Gallup that he has been granted a one-year medical leave of absence. The leave is effective immediately. Archbishop Sambi has also notified Bishop Thomas J. Olmsted of the Diocese of Phoenix that he will serve as apostolic administrator of the Diocese of Gallup.



*Most Rev. Donald E. Pelotte, SSS  
Bishop, Diocese of Gallup*

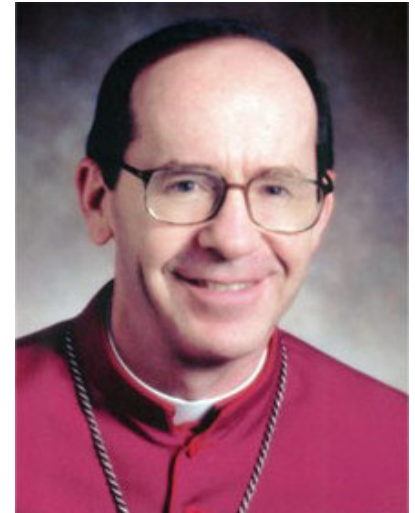
After receiving treatment in Arizona, Texas and Florida, Bishop Pelotte returned to Gallup on Sept. 21. It was hoped at the time that a return to more familiar surroundings would enhance the bishop's recovery, but that did not happen. Bishop Pelotte left Gallup again on Dec. 13 for further medical treatment.

Bishop Pelotte was coadjutor bishop of the Diocese of Gallup from 1986 until 1990. With the retirement of Bishop Jerome Hastrich, Bishop Pelotte became the third bishop of the diocese in 1990.

A native of Waterville, Maine, Bishop Pelotte is a member of the Congregation of the Blessed Sacrament and received a Ph.D. in Theology from Fordham University in 1975.

Bishop Pelotte's father was a member of the Abenaki tribe. When he was ordained coadjutor and then bishop of Gallup, it marked the first time a Native American bishop had served a diocese in the United States.

Bishop Olmsted was ordained a priest of the Diocese of Lincoln, Neb. in 1973. He was installed as the Bishop of the Diocese of Phoenix, December 20, 2003. Prior to his arrival in Phoenix he served as Bishop of Wichita, Kan. after being ordained coadjutor bishop on April 20, 1999. Before serving in Wichita, he served as the rector / president of the Pontifical College Josephinum, a Catholic seminary in Columbus, Ohio.



*Most Rev. Thomas J. Olmsted  
Bishop, Diocese of Phoenix and Apostolic Administrator  
of the Diocese of Gallup*

Bishop Olmsted lived in Italy for more than 16 years. He received a Masters of Arts in Theology, a Doctorate in Canon Law and served for nine years in the Secretariat of State of the Holy See. While serving the Holy See he lived at the Pontifical North American College, assisting seminarians with spiritual direction.

An apostolic administrator is appointed by the Holy Father on either a permanent or temporary basis for many reasons, including severe illness of the bishop of a diocese. The duties assigned to Bishop Olmsted as apostolic administrator of the Diocese of Gallup are similar to those that Bishop Pelotte had, with the exception that they are temporary, i.e they will last only until Bishop Pelotte is able to return or his successor is appointed and installed.

Bishop Olmsted has asked that the faithful of the Diocese of Gallup continue to pray for Bishop Pelotte during his on-going recuperation. He also asks for prayers for himself as he assumes his pastoral duties as Apostolic Administrator of Gallup.

The above message came from the Diocese of Gallup Pastoral Center Office on January 3, 2008.

## PRO-LIFE COUPLE'S REPORT



*Cindy, Jessie, and Eddie W. Zuleger  
STATE PRO-LIFE CHAIR-COUPLE*

December and January are always busy months for Pro-Life activists. December is the "Month of Life", for we have the most important birth in the history of mankind occurring in Bethlehem over 2000 years ago. The birth of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ was the beginning of a new life for mankind and through his suffering and death, he redeemed the world.

Unfortunately, January became the Month of Legalized Murder, the "Month of Death" with the Roe v Wade decision in the early 1970's. 48 million babies have been murdered as a result of this decision and continue to be murdered daily. I know murder is an ugly, harsh word but the fact of the matter is that man via abortion is ending Life unjustly.

The State web site has been updated by Brother John Garcia to include all the special events that take place in December and January and

are so important to the Pro-Life movement. **PLEASE** refer to the Pro-Life link on the web site to make sure you know what is happening, when it is happening, and where it is happening. I am sure that some of the activities are being cited in other sections of this edition of KOCOA and I do not want to be redundant.

Information on the Mass of the Holy Innocents, the Marches in Phoenix and in Tucson, and other special programs are detailed on the State web site for all to view and hopefully be a part of. It is important that District Deputies, Grand Knights, and even Faithful Navigators get the message out on these very important events and further, encourages everyone to stand up and be counted as KNIGHTS in the defense of Life, in all its forms.

Finally, do not forget to get to me your council's PRO-LIFE form by April 1, 2008 which documents what your council has done for PRO-LIFE this fraternal year. As a retired police officer, I learned early on that if "its not documented, it didn't happen." What have you or you council done to try and put an end to the crime and sin of abortion or other life ending tragedies?

Brothers, I ask that you say the following prayer often:

"Jesus, Mary, and Joseph, I love you very much, please spare the life of an unborn child, that I have spiritually adopted that is in danger of being aborted."

God be with every one of you this new upcoming year and "VIVAT JESUS", and thank God he does !

## Men's Conference- Diocese of Phoenix Into the Desert for Christ Feb. 2nd

### Super Bowl Saturday

Bishop Olmsted is calling the men of our diocese to join him for a day of renewal and preparation for Lent, 2008. On Saturday, February 2nd, we will gather at the Xavier Performing Arts Center adjacent to Xavier College Preparatory, 7th St. and Highland, Phoenix. Here, men will have a power-packed opportunity to encounter Christ with their brothers looking to fight the good fight. Presentations by nationally acclaimed speakers will include Every Man's Summons to Lay it All Down, A Man's Battle for a Pure Heart, Confession-God's Life in Us, and the Power of Fatherhood. Opportunity for Confession and a concluding Mass with Bishop Olmsted. Wondering what your call is as a layman in the Church?

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# State Ceremonials Report

By  
Edwin "Skip" Hopler  
STATE CEREMONIALS  
CHAIRMAN

**Degree Notes.** With the second half of the fraternal year unfolding before us we have some great opportunities to bring First Degree brothers into the Second and Third Degree throughout the State.

On Saturday, **Feb 23<sup>rd</sup>** Council #3855 in Glendale will host s 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree. It will be followed by a celebration dinner that evening on the occasion of the 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Knights of Columbus and the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Arizona State Council's Charter in Arizona. It is a great time for all those new 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree members, their spouses and sponsors to commemorate their degree achievement and the Order's milestone events.

Events include a Mass at 5:00 p.m. at Our Lady of Perpetual Help in Glendale, then the banquet at the Council Hall at 49<sup>th</sup> Ave and Northern. The cost is \$25 per person and includes an ample Italian buffet and live musical entertainment. For tickets contact John Rotz (623-210-6150), Ron Riley (602-789-0606), GK Ed Haywood (602-710-8962, or the Council Hall (623-937-3794).

This degree will be a slight change from the norm with registration at 10:00 AM and the Degrees beginning at 11:00 AM.

Here's the plan for the rest of the fraternal year. On Saturday, **March 8<sup>th</sup>**, Councils #8305 and #9378 host

a 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree in Yuma. What a great time of the year for a trip to Yuma. T

Tucson Council #10762 hosts the **April Degrees on Saturday the 19<sup>th</sup>**.

In **May**, the teams will be back in Mesa at Council #3419 on **Saturday the 10<sup>th</sup>**.

We finish up the year with the last 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> at Council #7114 in Glendale on **Saturday, June 21<sup>st</sup>**.

So you have quite a geographical choice for bringing your candidates into full knighthood. Plan ahead and invite your candidates now.

All these degrees have the same timing: registration at 9:00 AM- 9:45 AM, followed by the 2<sup>nd</sup> degree at 10:00 AM. The 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree starts immediately after the 2<sup>nd</sup>. A lunch will be served for a modest fee after the Degrees. Please advise your own Grand Knights so that they can report expected attendance to the host Councils.

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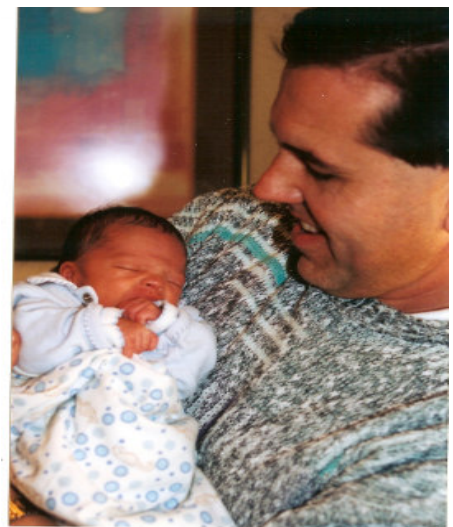
who started VirtueMedia in 1998 when he was a parishioner at St. Anne's, in Gilbert, says God inspires him with the ideas for powerfully-creative, high-quality commercials and has sent him a gifted team of mostly-Catholic people to produce them.

The newest commercial, launching in late February, features Norma McCorvey, the plaintiff in *Roe v. Wade*, the landmark Supreme Court case that made abortion legal.

"She's gone from being a non-believer and an abortion advocate to being a pro-life Catholic," says

Peterson, who moved his family and ministry to Atlanta, Georgia in 2005. In the minute-long spot, McCorvey tells her regret at how her case devastated our country by taking the lives of 50 million children.

Included in VirtueMedia ads are a web site and phone number that teens and women can call to get help if they are in a crisis pregnancy. Based on the results of those phone calls, Peterson estimates that a baby is potentially



*Third-degree Brother Knight Tom Peterson, founder of VirtueMedia, looks with awe into the face of one of the first baby's saved through his pro-life television commercials.*

saved from abortion for every \$20 spent on a VirtueMedia crisis pregnancy ad. That equates to thousands of lives in the decade since VirtueMedia started.

"Sometimes in our life we walk by faith," says the 46-year-old father of three, who credits a Marian conference and Cursillo for launching his journey into true apostleship. "But to see a live baby

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# MEMBERSHIP MESSAGE

By Donatus Kelch  
STATE MEMBERSHIP DIRECTOR

Year End – A Season of Reflection and Planning

The calendar stack of days remaining in 2007 is dwindling very fast. This is a time for feasting and celebration. This is a time when everyone takes time out to do an assessment of the year as it rapidly slips into history. Have we accomplished our goals? Have we met the marks we initially set at the year's dawn? Let's balance life's check book and that of our Councils to see where improvement opportunities might lie.

As we reflect on the year passing we see opportunities for the

upcoming year. All our past efforts were not in vain, they are tools upon which we can build. Some people look at an audit process as the identification of errors. I view an audit as an opportunity to learn, improve, and find better ways to achieve goals. Our Council membership audit is no different. Have we offered the opportunity to listen to the Knights of Columbus story to the widest group possible? Do we have a membership growth attitude vital to our order? Do we look on membership growth as sharing the fraternal love of brothers and our Church or as a task that needs to be performed? Have we

made that effort to show the Knights as a family oriented fraternal organization to all our parish members?

The first six calendar months of the year show a number of opportunities to invite prospects and new members to join our order in support of the Church and our Priests. They have taken the first step in being active or new members of the Church. The winter months traditionally are the time when our Church welcomes back alienated members of our faith to listen to the

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## St. Joseph Youth Camp

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Phone: (480) 449-0848 Fax: (480) 921-3585



Dear Friends, Families and Campers.

I am writing to let you know of a great savings. This year the camp is offering a \$50.00 discount per camper named "Early Bird \$" (*Early Bird Special*). Yes you see it right. \$50.00 off the already great price of \$450.00. The catch... you have to apply and pay the total of \$400.00 by January 1, 2008. (01/01/08). Same great camp, complete with Horseback riding, Kayaking, camp fire sing a longs, and don't forget the food. Only the price is discounted.

So, as note to Mom, Dad, Grandparents, Aunts, Uncles and all others, please consider this as a gift that the children will *never* forget, and will always think of you as the great gift giver. The time is coming for this offer to be a wonderful gift. Think Christmas, or just a gift to make someone's summer wonderful.

Kids from all over the area have enjoyed this camp for over 58 years. Go to our web page and sign up now. You don't need to pick a week, just yet, just reserve a spot. Simply go to our web site **[SAINTJOSEPHYOUTH CAMP.COM](http://SAINTJOSEPHYOUTH CAMP.COM)** and click on the EARLY BIRD \$ BUTTON. Fill in the application and we'll do the rest.

Thank you.

Rick Large II

Board of Directors Vice President

St. Joseph's Youth Camp

602-418-9008 or ([rickstjoes@cox.net](mailto:rickstjoes@cox.net))

# ARIZONA STATE COUNCIL CEREMONIALS INFORMATION

## Arizona State Council Degree Schedule

Host District	LOCATION	Day of Week	DATE	2ND DEGREE TEAM	3RD DEGREE TEAM
8	* Chandler 3121	Sun	15-Jul-07	District 14	H. Bridge
19	* Prescott 1032	Sat	11-Aug-07	F. Perri	F. Perri
1	* Sierra Vista 4584	Sat	15-Sep-07	H. Bridge	H Bridge
15	* Glendale 3855	Sun	14-Oct-07	District 24	F Perri
16	* Globe 1158	Sun	11-Nov-07	F Perri	F. Perri
5	Tucson 1200	Sun	2-Dec-07	H Bridge	H Bridge
8	Chandler 3121	Sun	6-Jan-08	District 14	H Bridge
15	* Glendale 3855	Sat	23-Feb-08	District 24	F. Perri
18	* Yuma 8305/9378	Sat	8-Mar-08	H. Bridge	H. Bridge
5	Tucson, 10762	Sat	19-Apr-08	H. Bridge	H. Bridge
10	Mesa	Sat	10-May-08	F. Perri	F. Perri
15	* Glendale 7114	Sat	21-Jun-08	District 15	F Perri

\* = confirmed

For more information on Ceremonial schedules and guidelines for host councils, go to the Degree Team page on the State Website at [www.azknightsofcolumbus.com](http://www.azknightsofcolumbus.com). First Degree schedules are posted on the Activities/Degree Dates page of the website. Otherwise, contact the State Ceremonials Chairman, Skip Hopler at e-mail address: [ehopler@cox.net](mailto:ehopler@cox.net).

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story of the Knights of Columbus?

Let's look ahead and do a little planning. How many of my brothers have sons that will be graduating in May or June? Some will be departing from the family nest to stretch their wings in other areas be that College, Trade School, the Military or to live on their own and raise a family. There is no better gift a father can give his son than the lessons of the Knights of Columbus. Ask him to listen and join. It becomes a life long commitment.

This season of Advent and Christmas is one of joy and reflection. A season of joy because we can look back and recount the many opportunities for success. Advent is a season for reflection because through reflection we plan

our future success. The time is now. The year draws to a close. Let's reflect and make that plan for tomorrow, it is but a day away.

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God saved, through His grace and our hard work, is an awesome, once-in-a-lifetime experience. And I've met several."

Peterson finds support for his culture-changing venture in brother knights. He's hoping more councils will get involved through financial support and monthly-meeting prayer intentions.

He says 100 percent of donated funds goes to commercials. Salaries and rent are already paid by board members. It's a rare chance for donors to directly bring babies out of the clutches of deadly despair into

the light of hope.

Peterson says God recently called him into a new endeavor to bring fallen-away Catholics back to the faith. In March, VirtueMedia will be airing 950 "Catholics Come Home" TV commercials on all major network affiliates, so that 99 percent of television viewers in the Phoenix Valley and northern Arizona will see the ads an average of 14 times.

The ad features testimonials about returning to the Faith and footage that highlights the beauty, history and spirituality of the Catholic Church.

"There was not a dry eye in the house," says Mike Phelan, Director of the Phoenix Diocese's Respect Life office, after his department previewed the minute-long commercial. "It's a reminder what a great gift the Catholic Church has

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life at all natural stages. This is an example in Proclaiming the Gospel of Life. I pray that you participated in one of the events in Tucson, or Phoenix.

When we lose a love one, we grieve for this lost. Then how can people forcefully terminate an unborn baby's life and call it pro-choice? Yes, this is confusing to me, is it to you? Let this be a reminder that the Knights of Columbus must be the leaders in the battle field of defending life. There is more than attending the Pro-Life Rallies this past weekend. It is in our every day lives in what we say and act. It is going to the election polls and voting for good candidates. And it is praying for the end of abortion.

Today, we look back at the WWII era and say it was horrible that so many innocent people were killed by the Nazis. Twenty years from now, I dream that we will look back on the Roe vs. Wade era and say, "That was horrible how innocent unborn babies were discarded under the term they called 'Pro-choice'". Can we make this dream come true?

At the time of the writing, I am please to say that young adults from St. Mary's Catholic High School traveled to Washington DC to participate the national Right to Life March on the Capital. I am proud of these young adults who have said "yes" to Proclaiming the Gospel of Life. The State Advocate, Patrick Schuller, and the Vocation Director Fr. Kline are part of the adult leaders on this trip. A full report will be expected from our own State Advocate.

## Membership and Programs

At the Mid Year, a morning workshop highlighted great success stories from different councils around the state. There were hours of sharing that could fill a 100 page book on recruiting new members. Throughout the morning, the common message was simple, promote the good works of your council and you will see success. Many can see the Knights of Columbus name, but how many see the good works of the Knights of Columbus. Many Grand Knights are taking this message back to their councils for a new approach to recruiting new members.

The Supreme Knight has asked Every Council to prepare the way for Pope Benedict XVI's visit to the United States in April. Please review Supreme's incentives and make sure every eligible Catholic Gentleman has the opportunity to join the Knights of Columbus.

## In the name of Charity

Every year, the Knights of Columbus reports the charitable dollars and man hours that order provides to Charity. This information in cumulated from the Annual Survey of Fraternal Activity, report 1728. Every Council, Assembly, and Squires Circle are expected to submit this report. The report is from January 1 to December 31<sup>st</sup> and is due by January 31<sup>st</sup>. We need to tell our story, and that story is the charitable works of the Largest Catholic Family Fraternal organization in the world.

## State Council's 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

The State Council was officially chartered in February of 1908 making 2008 as the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of this charter. The State Council's charter is to promote the growth of the Knights of Columbus within its State or Jurisdiction. Thus, for the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, there will be a special event in Glendale, Arizona on February 23<sup>rd</sup>. This event includes:

- 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> degree starting at 11AM Mass at 5 PM at OLPH in Glendale
- Dinner at 7 PM at Council 3855
- Dance following dinner

Please join the State Council and Host Council 3855 for an exciting day celebrating the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the State Council.

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been to the faithful and the whole world."

"God called me to evangelize and spread the message of life," says Peterson. "If people are centered on Christ, they are more likely to respect the sanctity of life. It makes sense to evangelize to save lives."

Commercials can be viewed at [www.virtuemedia.org](http://www.virtuemedia.org). Tax-deductible donations can be made through the website, or sent to VirtueMedia, P.O. Box 1802, Roswell, GA 30077-1802. Peterson can be reached at 770-559-5533 x6.



Bethlehem be killed. King Herod did this in fear of the reported birth of the Messiah. Biblical scholars and historians estimate that over 14,000 children died as a result of Herod's decree. The Catholic Church venerates these innocent children as martyrs and has remembered their sacrifice with the Feast of the Holy Innocents since the beginning of the 5<sup>th</sup> Century A.D. This feast day also memorializes the millions of innocents killed by abortion each year.

"Innocent Children killed through abortion will not be forgotten. Similarly, we will not forget the innocents killed by Herod 2,100 years ago," said Schroeder.



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State Deputy Michael Kingman; State Treasurer Herb Maddock; Arizona District Master Armand Brooks; and Former Master Gerald Fjetland. Nearly 30 Fourth Degree Sir Knights in regalia lead the march of approximately 60 people to Ss. Simon and Jude.

commitment to combating the culture of death. We will proudly and publicly stand firm in our support of life from natural conception to natural death."

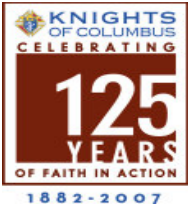
The prayer march coincides with the Feast of the Holy Innocents in the Catholic liturgical calendar. This feast recalls the decree issued by King Herod shortly after the birth of Jesus Christ that every male child under the age of two in the city of

According to the Arizona Right to Life website ([www.azrtl.org](http://www.azrtl.org)), over 1.2 million abortions are performed each year (2005). They estimate that In America, one baby dies every 26 seconds and that 3,500 abortions are performed every day in America. This organization, dedicated to preserving the sanctity of life, further estimates that there have been over 40 million abortions in the past 35 years since Roe v. Wade.

State Deputy Stanley Schroeder, chief executive for the 14,000 members of the Arizona State Council of the Knights of Columbus was not able to attend the march and Mass, but said this about these shocking statistics, "The Knights of Columbus must stand firm in its



*After the march and Mass those in attendance gathered at Smith Hall for refreshments courtesy of Council 12708. Seen feedin the baby of on of the marchers is Marci Kingman, wife of Past State Deputy Michael Kingman. The marcher is the wife of a brother Knight. They brought their seven children with them. After all, the Knights of Columbus is a Family, Fraternal, Service Organization.*



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Pictured above in front of a Fourth Degree Honor Guard are (L-R) State Treasurer Herb Maddock, District Marshal Robert Holsinger, Supreme Warden Larry Costanzo, and Immediate Past State Deputy Michael Kingman. This was taken prior to the annual Mass of the Holy Innocents March to St. Simon and Jude Cathedral.