



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL 11809

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

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Message from the Grand Knight

Brothers (and Ladies) we are in the Lenten season, and it is a very busy time for us as Knights. We have our two most demanding projects/ fund raisers/service programs, the sale of Arizona State Raffle tickets and the Fish Fry. Both are critical as fundraisers for the Charities we support and the Parish Community we serve. Your participation and involvement, to the extent possible, is critical to our success. Please pick-up your Raffle Tickets and follow the instructions in the letter.

Also, please volunteer to help with the Fish Fry, selling tickets at the door, helping to prepare the side dishes, cooking and serving or cleaning up afterwards. A Food Handlers Certificate is required for helping to prepare the side dishes and cooking and serving food. Not sure yet if it is required for cleaning up afterwards. A Food Handlers Certificate can be obtained online, efoodcard.com or azfoodhandlers.com are two sources and the Council will reimburse you for the cost if you submit a request. In addition, we must all complete the Diocesan Safe Environment training. That can also be done online at dphx.org. Scroll down and find Child and Youth Protection on the home page, left side, click on that link and follow the instructions.

Lent is also a time for us to give thanks to the Lord our God for sending us his only begotten son to die for us.

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That sacrifice is our salvation and pales in comparison to any we may make during our time on earth. Pray for each other that we may be made worthy of the Promises of Christ.

Vivat Jesus!

Robert Conen, Grand Knight

Important Dues Information

IF you are a snowbird, leaving the Valley of the Sun for the summer, PLEASE pay your dues for 25-26 before you leave. Our dues pay from 1 July to 30 June, so to avoid having to hunt you down at your summer address, pay your dues before you leave.



As an Incentive, you'll receive a raffle ticket for a cash award. EVERY MEMBER who pays their dues before 15 May will receive a raffle ticket for the cash drawing, regardless of whether you're a snowbird or not! Contact Financial Secretary Jake Kluch at jhkluch@gmail.com or text or call 630-200-2198 with any questions.

Knights-Parish Lenten Devotion Program

Our Council 11809 is inviting all parishioners on "Our Lenten Journey With Jesus". This six-week devotional program focuses on the gifts Jesus gives us through his life, death and resurrection. It is a call to prayer, giving and devotion. Each week during Lent a specially prepared devotional will be printed in the bulletin for use during the following week. Select readings from *The Family Fully Alive* booklet, available at the kiosk in the church narthex or information table at the Mission, are included each week. Donation boxes will be distributed at Ash Wednesday services for your Lenten offering. Donation boxes are to be returned to the church at the Good Friday Service, Easter Sunday or to the church office. **ALL proceeds from will go to the Parish for the expansion of the Adoration Chapel.**

MESSAGE OF HIS HOLINESS POPE FRANCIS FOR LENT 2025

Dear brothers and sisters,
We begin our annual pilgrimage of Lent in faith and hope with the penitential rite of the imposition of ashes. The Church, our mother and teacher, invites us to open our hearts to God's grace, so that we can celebrate with great joy the paschal victory of Christ the Lord over sin and death, which led Saint Paul to exclaim: "Death has been swallowed up in victory. Where, O death, is your victory? Where, O death, is your sting?" (1 Cor 15:54-55).

Indeed, Jesus Christ, crucified and risen, is the heart of our faith and the pledge of our hope in the Father's great promise, already fulfilled in his beloved Son: life eternal (cf. Jn 10:28; 17:3). [\[1\]](#)



From the Deputy Grand Knight

Our Council has initiated a Mentoring program aimed to strengthen the bonds of fraternity and brotherhood among our members. We had our first training session on February 22 attended by ten new mentors, our Worthy District Deputy Joe D'Andrea and Prince of Peace Council Grand Knight Denny Deal. The new Mentor program has three aims. First, to make sure that new and transfer Knights are directly helped getting to know our Council and their new brothers. Second, to reach out to members who haven't been participating in a while. Third, to stay in contact with our Brothers who are home bound, in assisted living or otherwise unable to participate. It was a great meeting with terrific enthusiasm, ideas and commitment. In preparing for the training session I reflected on the basics of why each of us chose to become a Knight of Columbus. Some of us were drawn to the good works of charity, others to the fellowship and camaraderie and others to the legacy given us by Blessed Michael McGivney that now energizes millions of men like us around the world. I also thought about how easily we can lose the motivation of our initial calling. It can fade over

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LENTEN FRIDAY FISH FRY

You're Gonna Love This Year's Fish Fry!!

Every Friday 4:30-7:00 pm, March 7 through April 11

Our Lady of Lourdes Church, Madonna Hall

Crispy Cod, French Fries, Cole Slaw and Drink

\$15 pp Cash or Zelle Dine In or Carry Out

All proceeds go to local charities.



Our Lady of Lourdes Feast Day-Eucharistic Procession

What a great celebration of Our Lady of Lourdes Feast Day on February 16. Mass was followed by a Eucharistic Processional. After the processional the Knights prepared and served a meal worthy of the Feast with hamburgers, hotdogs, etc. in Madonna Hall. Everyone attending praised the food and fellowship. Thanks to all the Brother Knights of Council 11809 who helped make this a special day.





First Way Pregnancy Center Donation

Our Council presented a check for \$2650 from the Keep Christ in Christmas Magnet Sales Campaign to Katie Wing, Executive Director of First Way Pregnancy Center. Our donation will help the Center develop new programs that support the families of newborns. In receiving the donation, Katie, emphasized the importance of helping to build strong families as part of their programming. Many of their mothers come in as unmarried so the Center encourages the active participation of fathers and consideration of marriage. Thanks to our generous Parish for supporting the Knights in this outreach.

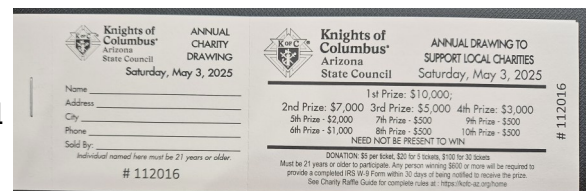


Katie Wing and Deputy Grand Knight Ed Hoover

Arizona State Charity Raffle Ticket Sales

It's that time of year again!

Raffle tickets are on sale after all weekend Masses for \$5 each or a book of 5 for \$20 or 6 BOOKS for \$100. You can pay for tickets with cash or Zelle. Prizes range from a 1st prize of \$10,000 to 10th prize of \$500.



All proceeds go to local charities and each book sold yields \$10 for charity. Last year we donated \$1100 to each of the selected charities. This year the Council has voted to divide donations equally between Our Lady of Lourdes Parish, Catholic Education, St. Vincent DePaul and First Way Pregnancy Center.

You can also help with sales to your family and friends. Ask for tickets to sell or contact the raffle Chair, Bob Conen, bconen@hotmail.com

DID YOU KNOW
The Vatican's first acknowledgment of the Knights was in 1895. In a letter, Archbishop Francesco Satolli, apostolic delegate to the United States, mentions the "merits of this splendid Catholic organization," giving the order his apostolic blessing. Today there are 2 million members of the Knights of Columbus, in 16,000 local Councils around the world, including more than 300 on college campuses.



2025 MARCH FOR LIFE PHOENIX MARCH 15TH

Arizona passed one of the most liberal abortion laws in the County when it enacted Proposition 139. As Knights, we are committed, in the name of our Blessed Mother Mary, to protecting the life of unborn children.

The Annual March for Life demonstration in Phoenix takes place on March 15th at the Wesley Bolin Memorial Plaza, 1700 W. Washington St..

The rally begins at 11 am followed by the march at 12 noon. We are seeing if the OLOL church bus might be available to take a group of about 14 to the March. More information will follow. Food trucks and vendors available.



Far right, The Very Rev. John P. Dolan, Bishop of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Phoenix

The March for Life began in 1974 as a response to the Supreme Court’s 1973 Roe v. Wade decision that legalized abortion nationwide. With the overturn of Roe v. Wade, pro-lifers still gather to march for the lives of unborn children as abortion continues to be legal in many states.

The 2025 March for Life theme is “Life: Why We March” to encourage pro-lifers to focus on the reason for the march — protecting unborn children and their mothers. For more information contact Jeff Boas, Life Program Director, jebo456@hotmail.com

Recognitions

Grand Knight **Bob Conen** presented Dan Newsome with his membership certificate at our February meeting.



New members of our Council.
WELCOME Brothers!

Larry Bonno Keith Clark

Patriotic Degree News

The next Fourth Degree Exemplification will be on Saturday April 26, 2025, details are not yet available. For information contact Sir Knight Greg Jude at slj1972@yahoo.com.

Membership meetings are first Friday of each month at 6:00 pm. at St. Elizabeth Seton Church Hall 9728 W. Palmeras Dr. Sun City West, AZ 85373.





Catholic Daughters—Coming Events

Lenten Retreat - Wed, March 19, 11 am—1 pm, Madonna Hall

“A Journey Home” - “A Journey of Love”

Retreat Master: Brother Kevin Dismas Moshier OFS

“Spring Fashions in Bloom” and Luncheon Saturday April 26

Our Lady of Lourdes Church Madonna Hall

Doors Open at 11:30 A.M. Lunch at 12:15 P.M.

A variety of delicious salads | Beverage and dessert included

Tickets - \$20 For more information, please contact . . .

Karen Czaplewski – 701-460-0495 or Judy Penman 661-755-2774

Calendar

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

KofC11809.org/news/

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

5:45 pm Rosary

6:15 pm Meeting

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Our Lady's Guild—Coming Events

GUILD BAKE SALE

Friday, April 11th 9am to 1 pm

12515 West Bonanza Drive

(Just 5 blocks from the Church)

--There will be signs to direct you—

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time. We become distracted, disillusioned or frankly, “burned out”. If that is you I would like to invite you to use this Lenten Season as a time to renew and reinvigorate your calling as a Knight. We want our Council to be a place where you experience an awesome opportunity for brotherhood, service and fun—all at the same time! May this Lent be a blessing to you and a renewal of your hearty “yes” to this line from your Exemplification “Do you promise to promote the well-being of your brother Knights, and to support the mission and activities of your council?”