Saint Thomas the Apostle and Saint Cyril of Alexandria Meetings Held at: St. Thomas the Apostle
on the 3rd Thursday of the month at 7:00 P.M.

Officers
Faithful Navigator — Bill Neer
Faithful Friar — Chris Corbally, S. J.
Faithful Captain — Patrick McMahon
Faithful Pilot — Mark Ziska
Faithful Comptroller — Larry Lewis
Faithful Scribe — Alex Wright, PGK
Faithful Purser — Steve Hackney
Faithful Admiral — Bart Pemberton, PFN
Inner Sentinel — TBA
Outer Sentinel — Pat Donahue
Three Year Trustee — Tim Brown, PFN
Two Year Trustee — Randy Hannon, PFN
One Year Trustee — David Orr, PFN
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Faithful Navigator’s Notes

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Sir Knight’s Jim Hackett (top photo) and Lou Attinasi (photo above) received their Patriotic Degrees on June 10, 2017. Their exemplifications brought the total number of Sir Knights exemplified in 2017 to 10, which is over 300% of the target set by Supreme. Congratulations to all the Sir Knights of 2017. You have entered the most visible arm of the Knights of Columbus and we are proud to call you Brother Sir Knights of the Hughes Assembly.
Assembly of the Year

At the State Convention in May 2017, Hughes Assembly was presented the award for Assembly of the Year for 2016-2017. Our Assembly was selected from among 52 other Assemblies throughout the state for the effort displayed in support of patriotic activities and the success of the Mass and Dinner with the Bishop. Hughes donated over 1500 charitable hours to the Pima Air Museum, 390th Bomb Group Museum, the Arizona Fisher House and the Veteran’s Hospital here in Tucson. This year’s Mass and Dinner with the Bishop raised over $40,000, and enabled us to top the half million dollar mark since it’s inception. This plaque will hang proudly on the wall in the Parish Hall so that the entire parish can remember the hard work of their Assembly for 2016-2017.

Outgoing Faithful Navigator Bill Neer and Incoming Faithful Navigator Pat McMahon proudly display the Assembly of the Year award presented to the Hughes Assembly at the state convention held in May, 2017.
Fisher House Angels

Fisher House Manager, Kelly Laurich looks on as, the Knights' cooking crew of (l to r) Alex Wright, Bill Neer, Randy Hannon prepare a fine breakfast for over 80 people on May 8, 2017. Not in picture is SK Patrick McMahon.

Faithful Navigator, Bill Neer, presents the Sir Knight of the Month Award for June 2017 to SK Pat McMahon for his work in the kitchen at the Fisher House. Pat is a consistent member of the team of the cooks at the Fisher House, and has proven invaluable with his rendition of fried potatoes and onions.
Sir Knight of the Year

Sir Knight Randy Hannon was presented the Award as Sir Knight of the Year. SK Hannon unselfishly gives hours of charitable work in support of the 390th Bomb Group Museum, and the Fisher House. He can always be counted on to support the Honor Guard, and is always there at Knights functions in support of both the Council and the Assembly. He assists the clergy with counting weekend collections every Monday and also serves on the Parish Council. SK Hannon sets the bar high with respect to all of the Pillars of the Knights of Columbus: Charity, Unity, Fraternity and Patriotism.