GRAND KNIGHTS NOTE

Our Easter Fiesta Celebration was held on Sunday, 5/1. My thanks to all those who showed up to help set up and take down. So many commented about how much the Knights were working, and how much they appreciate us. Not only did all the volunteers do a lot of work, they put a little shine on our image.

We had guests from another Catholic Church selling fry bread at the Fiesta. They were from the Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha Parish on west 29th. This parish is sponsoring the Tekakwitha Conference (http://www.tekconf.org/). They are the only Catholic Native American/Aboriginal Religious Organization in North America. There is an effort within the Knights to start a Council in the parish as well.

They are in the process of getting sponsors to help cover the cost of the conference. This is something that is bringing the church closer to Native Americans, and as such is something very worthy of our support. The conference starts on July 20th at the Tucson Community Center (TCC), so we will soon have to decide if or what we will provide.

You can wait till our next meeting or make your desires known via email to KofCkarate@yahoo.com and let us know if you think we should provide support. Your opinion is important, so please don’t hesitate to let us know how you think we should proceed.

God Bless!

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“Make a difference! Spend 12 hours out of the years 8760 Hrs at a business meeting.”

GK Brian Landry
**RAFFLE INCENTIVES**

Brothers in addition to supporting the two charities we have selected, we have an added incentive, to “WIN” one of contests listed below. Last year we did very well but placed just out of the money:

1. **Council that sold the most tickets**  
   - We placed 3rd
2. **Council with the highest sales per member**  
   - We placed 2nd
3. **Council with the highest percentage increase from 2009 (281.72%)**  
   - We placed 4th

With the changes to the contests rules, 2011 could be our year! We have the help, we have the support of the Parish, and we have the will, let’s blow the other councils out of the water.

- Council selling the most tickets: $300 and a plaque
- Council selling the most tickets per capita: $300 and a plaque
- Council with largest percentage increase in sales from 2010 to 2011: $300 and a plaque

If the State Raffle goes over the State Goal and one of the tickets we sold is pulled as a winner of one of the 10 prizes, our council receives a $500 bonus.

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**June 11 - Fourth Degree Exemplification**

The next exemplification of the Fourth Degree is June 11, 2011. This ceremonial and the banquet will be at The Sheraton Crescent Hotel, 2620 West Dunlap Avenue, Phoenix, AZ 85021. Phone 602-943-8200 •Fax: 602-371-2857.

The Class Honoree will be Former Master, Sir Knight Armand Brooks.

The Exemplification will start at 12:00 Noon. There will be a Ladies Program, Mass, no host social time and a banquet. The Mass will be at 4:00 PM and all priests in attendance are welcome to con celebrate with our celebrant. You are encouraged to attend. One of the top Exemplification Teams in the entire order will present the degree ceremony. All candidates must be in the traditional black tuxedo and pay the fees mandated by Supreme.

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**Birthdays in May**

- John T Farrell ..................0503
- Christopher J Ortiz ...........0504
- Emmanuel Steenbakker .......0508
- Lawrence J Hannapel ..........0509
- Ronald L Krueger .............0509
- Raymond F Skoda ..............0510
- Jose M Garcia ..................0512
- George R Pollock ..............0515
- Donald G Mccomb .............0519
- Wesley W Gallop ...............0522
- Joseph R Flocco ................0527
- Anthony J Mastrangelo .......0529
- Stephen T Spicker ..............0529

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Active Duty Military, Police and Firefighters are urged to wear their dress uniforms, and Priests their traditional garb.

You may purchase or rent a tuxedo as you prefer. You can expect to wear your tuxedo at Exemplifications and other formal events during the year, depending on your participation. You will NOT have to wear it at regular meetings.

Fee for candidates is $70.00 which includes the Candidate’s banquet. Wives, Friends, and Knights are invited to attend the banquet afterward. The cost of the meal will be $40.00 per person with the exception of the candidate’s meal, which is included in the Candidate’s fee. (ALL Candidates must pay ALL of the required Fees.) We will also do a re-enactment of the Knighting Ceremony for those that want to take pictures right after the Degree is completed.

The Ladies Luncheon and program cost is $25. Sir Knights attending as observers need only pay a $10 registration fee plus the cost of their meal.

**Deadline for reservations is May 20.**

Pete Karculias has information packets and registration materials - contact him if you would like to attend. If you are a Third Degree member interested in joining the Fourth degree, please get in touch with Pete as soon as possible - 722-7093 or email him at skpeter@cox.net. More details are on the Fourth Degree web site at:

[http://www.azfourthdegree.org](http://www.azfourthdegree.org)
Degree Presentations and New Members

John Struble receiving his first degree from Grand Knight Brian Landry

Help us save money!

Help us save money and get up-to-date information concerning events, prayer requests and notices that are of interest to our council and its' Brothers.

How can you do this you ask? Provide us with your email address and be sure to keep us informed when it changes. It is that simple. We can save money by emailing you the newsletter each month instead of spending the money on ink, paper and postage. In addition to saving money by receiving the newsletter in your inbox instead of you mail box you will receive it before those that get it through snail mail.

Another reason to provide us your email address is we also send out prayer requests for you or your family members that are in need of prayer. Occasionally you will receive a request for help for one of our upcoming events or other committee events that support our church.

Your email address is hidden from others when the newsletter and all other email is sent to our Brothers by entering the addresses on the BCC (Blind Carbon Copy) line; this is done for your protection.

Thank you for considering this money and time saving option for our Council.

State Convention

Representing us at this year's State Convention will be Deputy Grand Knight Frank Saavedra and Past Grand Knight Pete Karculias.

Origins of Mother’s Day in America

ANNA M. JARVIS’S MOTHER’S DAY IN 1908

After Anna Reeves Jarvis died, her daughter Anna M. Jarvis campaigned for the creation of an official Mother’s Day in remembrance of her mother and in honor of peace. In 1908, Anna petitioned the superintendent of the church where her Mother had spent over 20 years teaching Sunday School. Her request was honored, and on May 10, 1908, the first official Mother’s Day celebration took place at Andrew’s Methodist Church in Grafton, West Virginia and a church in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

The West Virginia event drew a congregation of 407 and Anna Jarvis arranged for white carnations—her Mother’s favorite flower—to adorn the patrons. Two carnations were given to every Mother in attendance. Today, white carnations are used to honor deceased Mothers, while pink or red carnations pay tribute to Mothers who are still alive. Andrew’s Methodist Church exists to this day, and was incorporated into the International Mother’s Day Shrine in 1962.

In 1908 a U.S. Senator from Nebraska, Elmer Burkett, proposed making Mother’s Day a national holiday at the request of the Young Men’s Christian Association (YMCA). The proposal was defeated, but by 1909 forty-six states were holding Mother’s Day services as well as parts of Canada and Mexico. In 1912 West Virginia became the first state to officially recognize Mother’s Day, and in 1914 Woodrow Wilson signed it into national observance, declaring the second Sunday in May as Mother’s Day.
Readers Review
by Dave Conca

The Abacus and the Cross: The Story of the Pope Who Brought the Light of Science to the Dark Ages

By Nancy Marie Brown

This is the story of Gerbert of Aurillac and his rise from peasant begins to become Pope Sylvester II. He was a mathematician, astronomer and spy who brought science to the west before the year 1000.

During this time, in the Dark Ages, the Catholic Church was not anti-science and by the year 1000, Pope Sylvester II was considered the leading mathematician and astronomer of his day. Called the "Scientist Pope", Gerbert is the first Christian known to teach math using the nine Arabic numerals and zero.

This is a pretty interesting story, both for the history and the religion, and follows Gerbert, entering the monastery early, thriving on learning and reading and also how he became a teacher and tutor to the son of kings. It offers a good perspective of life in the Dark Ages and how one man influenced the direction of history.

The book also touches on disputes between church and state, politics, wars that were going on and behind the scenes maneuvering that drove events before and after 1000 C. E.

Prayer INTENTIONS

A Prayer for Healing...

Dear God,
we place our worries
in Your hands.

We place our sick in Your care
and humbly ask that You restore Your servants to
health again.

Above all, grant us the grace to
acknowledge Your holy will and know that
whatever You do,
You do for the love of us.

Amen.

Prayer INTENTIONS

Peter Anelli
Angela Aultman
Nancy Blanchard
Alice De Nogean
Carmen Donnelly
Ginny Dugan
Linda Grell
Jerry Hennelly
Joe Kerns
Rick Madden

Ed Marsh
Tony Marino
Josephine Morales
Jim Moriset
Chad Mullenberg
Jack Perry
Steve Pieper
Gayle Schlagel
Carl Seymour
Mike Vilas

To add or remove someone
from this list, contact
Deacon Dennis Ranke, 885-8145
or Bob Messenger, 290-8671
or email:
bmessenger@kofctucson.com

Brothers, please review the names on the prayer list. If you wish to be removed or add your loved one, please let me know. Thank you.

Brother Bob Messenger

Self Defense Classes

For more information please contact:
Frank Saavedra, kofckarate@yahoo.com
May 1 - Blood Drive
Please support this most important calling and provide the gift of life. If you are unable to donate your blood, perhaps you can help persuade one of your friends or fellow parishioners to donate theirs.

- Beatification of Pope John Paul II

May 7 - Second and Third Degrees
Mark your calendars now! The Second and Third Degrees will be exemplified at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish on May 7, 2011. Registration is from 9:00 – 9:45. The Second Degree begins at 10:00 AM and the Third Degree will immediately follow. Lunch will be provided for a small cost after the Third Degree. The Council will pay all costs for our candidates.

Candidates should bring their First (or Second) Degree membership cards. Dress code is ‘business casual’. We will car pool from St. Pius in front of the Church, departing at 8:30 AM.

All members are invited. Please plan to accompany any member you have sponsored. Questions? Contact Pete Karculias, 520-722-7093 or email skpeter@cox.net.

May 8 - Happy Mothers' Day!

May 19 thru 21 - State Convention
For those of you who might be in the Fountain Hills area you might want to take a look see at the convention. Any Third Degree member can attend business meetings as an observer. Each Arizona Council will send two delegates as voting members. Our council will place a half page ad in the souvenir booklet. The 10 winners plus three alternates of the charity raffle are drawn normally by the Bishop at the Saturday Night Banquet. Additional information on the activities planned by the host council are available on the State web site http://www.koc13286.org/2011_Convention/index.htm.

May 30 - Memorial Day

June 4 - Religious Appreciation Dinner
Come and dine with our Religious to show and tell them how much they are loved and appreciated.

SATURDAY, JUNE 4, 2011, 6:00 PM
ENTERTAINMENT AND EXCELLENT FOOD CATERED BY ECLECTIC CAFE

Only $13.00 per person
$25.00 a couple

Tickets available in the church office

Hurry! Space is limited!
Deadline is May 29

June 9 - Election of Officer’s
This is a very important Business Meeting and it is hoped that every member will attend. The election process is outlined by Supreme and State. The Trustees will present the slate of officers for the second time. If there is more than one person running for the same office there is a run off written ballot.

Nominations for any office may be made from the floor.

Please take this election seriously. Those elected will represent the St. Pius X Knights; the future of our Council is in your hands.

June 19 - Happy Fathers' Day!
Credit for originating the holiday is generally given to Sonora Smart Dodd of Spokane, Washington, whose father, a Civil War veteran, raised her and her five siblings after their mother died in childbirth. She is said to have had the idea in 1909 while listening to a sermon on Mother’s Day, which at the time was becoming established as a holiday.
Be sure to visit www.kofctucson.com for up-to-date information, pictures, contacts and highlights of upcoming events!

VISIT OUR WEBSITE!!

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