

HUGHES NEWS

August 2016 Edition

Prayers For the Sick

Sir Knights

SK Richard Lindley
SK TK Mohr
SK Marty Ronstadt

SK Spouses:

Linda Brown
Barbara Ronstadt

Departed Knights

SK Dennis Connelly
SK Robert Leach
SK Ralph Montijo
Skip Skinner
SK Donald Straw
SK Larry Wilson

Family and Friends

Linda Brown
Ellen Craven
Eric Knight
Linda Lee
Loretta Markel
Ernest Mottl
Michelle Mottl
Elizabeth Pemberton
John Pendolino, Sr.
Richard Sanchez
Colleen Sheppard
Karen Telewski
Ron & Nancy Vynalek

Departed

Janet Baker
Brian Downes
Kay Leach
Hilda Smith
Ann Ward



Saint Thomas the Apostle and Saint Cyril of Alexandria

**Meetings Held at: St. Thomas on the 3rd Thursday 7:30
Officers 6:45**

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—Tim Brown (Temp)
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



Assembly Calendar

August 2016

Thursday 18th

Assembly Meeting **7:30 PM**

September 2016

Thursday 15th

Note Time Change

Assembly Meeting **7:00 PM**



Faithful Navigator's Notes

Dear Fellow Sir Knights:

Our Installation of Officers for this fraternal year is complete and I have to say that based on the feedback I've received was a resounding success. Our Faithful Friar, Father Corbally, District Master, Bob Holsinger and our District Master, Drew Mansager conducted a professional and timely Installation. Our Honor Guard, as usual, looked great and certainly represented the most visible arm of the Knights of Columbus. Trattoria Pina was outstanding, serving all 30 people with drinks, salads, entrees and desserts within 2 hours. The room was quite comfortable and very well staffed. My thanks to all the Sir Knights and their wives for supporting this installation. It wouldn't have been possible without your support. We are fully engaged with the Fisher House and even have some of the wives going down in September to bake desserts. We are always looking for more volunteers, so we can cook more than the once a month schedule we're currently on.

I'm also looking at having a guest speaker every other month to discuss issues pertinent to the 4th degree. If you have any recommendations, please pass them on to me. The only bad idea is the one that never gets thrown on the table. At the Installation dinner, I had the pleasure to chat with our outgoing District Marshall. He indicated that one of the goals of Supreme for this fraternal year is to increase the number of 4th Degree Knights. Traditionally we have focused on recruiting Knights in the first degree, encouraging them to get their 2nd and 3rd degrees but not focusing an equal amount of time on explaining the 4th degree and encouraging their participation. I'm sure we'll see more information on this as the year moves on.

The Assembly web site is coming along smoothly. I still have to get some more photos, but the calendar is operational and you can even sign up for events such as the Fisher House. Hopefully, everything will be up to speed by our September meeting. Our September meeting will be held at St. Cyril's, so please mark your calendar. Thanks for all the support that I've received. You are truly a great bunch of gentlemen and we will go do great things.

Vivat Jesus,
Bill Neer
Faithful Navigator



— Events —
2016/17 Installation of Officers





Volunteer Newsletter

Southern Arizona VA Health Care System • Tucson, AZ • 4th Quarter 2016 • July - September 2016


Director's Comments

There are great things happening every day at the Southern Arizona VA Health Care System (SAVAHCS) that make a positive difference in the lives of our Veterans. We have already accomplished so much this year in serving Veterans and their families. I am continually amazed by the dedication and diligence our staff and volunteers demonstrate in service to our Nation's heroes.



This year VA Voluntary Service is celebrating its 70th Anniversary. Nationally more than 80,000 volunteers serve at VA hospitals, National Cemeteries, and Fisher Houses. VA volunteers have contributed to the 11 million hours of service which equates to a \$358,000,000 value. In addition, over \$105 million has been raised to support patient programs across the country. I want to personally Thank You for your continued support to our Veteran patients at SAVAHCS!




Jennifer S. Gutowski, MHA, FACHE
Acting Director

POW/MIA Recognition Ceremony



Each year Davis Monthan Air Force Base and SAVAHCS join in recognition of our former Prisoners of War (EX-POW) and our Military still Missing in Action (MIA). All are invited to gather in recognition of these brave men and woman at the POW/MIA Recognition Ceremony on Friday, September 16 at 10:00 a.m. in the R.E. Lindsey Jr. Auditorium. Refreshments will be provided by the Disabled American Veterans Auxiliary in the Rose Garden courtyard immediately following

the ceremony. Volunteers are needed to assist Veteran patients to and from the ceremony. If interested in volunteering please contact the Voluntary Service Office at (520) 629-1822.

First In Service Award

Patrick Tully, SAVAHCS Concierge Volunteer receives a First In Service Award for going above and beyond in his volunteer assignment. Mr. Tully was selected to participate in a special assignment for the Veterans Transportation Committee. Mr. Tully made hundreds of phone calls to Veterans to collect their feedback to improve Veteran Transportation Services. Thank you Mr. Tully!



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- **August 30** (8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.) VAVS Customer Service Training, Auditorium*
- **September 9** (TBD) Patriot Day Observance ♦
- **September 16** (10:00 a.m.) POW/MIA Recognition Ceremony, Auditorium ♦
- **October 22** (TBD) United Way Days of Caring Project
- **November 2** (12:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.) VAVS Customer Service Training, Auditorium*
- **November 11** (2:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.) Veteran's Concert, Rose Garden Courtyard
- **November 18** (11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.) Volunteer Recognition Thanksgiving Luncheon, Auditorium
- **November 24** (12:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.) Holiday Tree Assembly Set-Up, Auditorium ♦*
- **November 25** (9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.) Holiday Tree Assembly, Auditorium ♦*
- **November 30** (9:00 a.m.) American Legion Auxiliary (ALA) Holiday Gift Shop Ribbon Cutting Ceremony, Auditorium
- **November 30** (9:00 a.m. - 4:00 pm.) ALA Holiday Gift Shop for Hospitalized Patients, Auditorium
- **December 1** (9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.) ALA Holiday Gift Shop for Hospitalized Patients, Auditorium
- **December 2** (9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.) ALA Holiday Gift Shop for Hospitalized Patients, Auditorium
- **December 16** (6:30 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.) Holiday Party for Hospitalized Patients sponsored by the Benevolent and Protective Order of the Elks, Bld. 60 Patient Dining Room
- **December 17** (2:00 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.) Holiday Party for Hospitalized Patients sponsored by the Veterans of Foreign Wars and Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary, Auditorium

* Reservation required.
♦ Volunteers needed. Please contact Voluntary Service Office, (520) 629-1822

2016 Hatch Act Reminder!

Election campaigning has begun and it is important that everyone knows what activities are permissible and prohibited by the Hatch Act, which governs the political activity of all Federal executive branch employees. Many of these requirements also apply to volunteers. In general, the Hatch Act provides that **WHILE ON DUTY FOR THE VA** [in a Government building, while wearing your VA identification badge or using Government resources (including VA e-mail)]; -- **YOU MAY NOT**

- Take any action for or against any political party or candidate for partisan political office. For example, while on duty or in your VA position, **you may not forward an e-mail (including political cartoons), or post a comment on a blog or social media site, that expresses an opinion about a current candidate or political party.**
- Solicit, accept, or receive political contributions at **any time when you are representing SAVAHCS.** For example, you may not post a link to a partisan candidate's contribution page on your social media site or share an invitation to a political fundraising event you received via Twitter or Facebook.
- Display campaign materials or items.
- Wear partisan political buttons, t-shirts or other items.
- Use your official title, or trade on your VA position, while participating in any political activity. For example, you may not refer to your official VA position in an effort to bolster the political activity statements you post on social media sites or blogs.
- Solicit or discourage the political activity of an individual who has business with the VA.

Subject to the above prohibitions, YOU MAY –

- Register and vote as you choose.
- Serve as an election clerk, judge or similar officer at polling places.
- Contribute money to a political party, candidate for partisan political office, or partisan political organization.
- Be a member of a political party or partisan political group, including posting on a social media site that you are a member of such organization.
- Express your opinion both privately and publicly on political subjects.
- Be a candidate in an election; and actively participate in partisan political campaigns and political parties, as long as you are not: on duty, in a federal workplace, using government resources.

The above contains general guidance on the permissible and prohibited activities under the Hatch Act and does not cover all possible scenarios. Therefore, if you have any questions please contact the Voluntary Service Office at (520) 629-1822.

VAVS Says Farewell to Donna Demes

Voluntary Service sends Donna well wishes in her new position at SAVAHCS in the Finance Department

Ice Cream Social



On July 7, SERVE youth volunteers hosted an ice cream social for Veterans in the Community Living Center, Building 60.

Last Chance to Submit Hours and Donations!

It is important that all volunteers be aware this fiscal year is quickly coming to an end. Fiscal Year 2016 started on October 1, 2015 and will end September 30, 2016. All volunteer hours and donations are recorded and credited according to the fiscal year. Please do not delay. All of your hours and donations must be submitted to Voluntary Service by October 1, 2016. Be sure that you and your organization are given proper credit. The numbers are important to us all. If you still have hours and donations to report, send an email to Jason.Hastings@va.gov or submit a hardcopy and turn it in to the Voluntary Service Office, Building 58 by September 26, 2016. This information is recorded into the national VA Voluntary Service database. If you have any questions about this deadline, please call the Voluntary Service Office at (520) 629-1822.

Knights of Columbus Donation



The Knights of Columbus Council 10441 present Kelly Laurich, Arizona Fisher House Manager with a gift card for house supplies. Thank you to the Knights of Columbus for supporting the Arizona Fisher House.

New Voluntary Service Program Assistant

Jason Hastings, is originally from Deming, New Mexico. After graduating high school, he moved to Arkansas and joined the United States Air Force in 1991. He was honorably discharged in October 1999. In June, 2007 he moved to Tucson and began working at SAVAHCS in April 2013 as a Telephone Operator. In June he joined the Voluntary Service Department. Jason is very pleased with his new job and looks forward to meeting each volunteer. Welcome Jason!



SERVE Youth Volunteer Program

The Summer SERVE Youth Volunteer Program officially began on June 6. This year 45 students between the ages of 14-18 volunteered in a variety of areas throughout the hospital, including Administrative Medicine, Dental Clinic, Medical Sub – Specialties, Pathology, Patient Transport, Physical Therapy, Primary Care, Public Affairs/



Medical Media, Prosthetics, Recreation Therapy and Veteran Canteen Services. The SAVAHCS staff and volunteers were very supportive in welcoming and mentoring these energetic and eager volunteers. The experience the students receive as volunteers is invaluable as they learn the importance of the VA's mission in addition to opportunities in health care.

In recognition of our youth volunteers' efforts, a bowling party and lunch was sponsored by several VAVS organizations on July 22 at a local bowling alley. Voluntary Service would like to thank the following organizations who sponsored this summer's student volunteers. These organizations include the American Legion Auxiliary, Benevolent and Protective Order of the Elks, Gold Star Wives of America, Jewish War Veterans, Knights of Columbus, Ladies Auxiliary to the Veterans of Foreign Wars, National Society of the Daughters of American Revolution and the Women's Army Corps Veterans Association. Each organization made a \$40 donation per student. The donation assisted with the cost of volunteer t-shirts and funds for the recognition bowling party. In return, each organization is credited the hours for the youth they sponsored.

Thank you to all who supported the SERVE Youth Volunteer Program!

DAV Volunteer Driver of the Year



The SAVAHCS Acting Associate Director, Steve Sample, and Bruce Nogar, Tucson VA's Disabled American Veterans (DAV) Hospital Transportation Coordinator, presented the 2016 DAV Volunteer

Driver of the Year Award to Mr. Dan Wildermuth. Mr. Sample, also presented Mr. Wildermuth with a SAVAHCS coin for his dedication of service to our Veterans. Mr. Wildermuth is part of the DAV volunteer driver program at the Tucson VA, which serves Veterans by transporting them to and from medical appointments. The DAV transportation operates four vans for the Tucson VA, which includes 34 volunteer drivers.

Thank you for your service to our Veterans Mr. Wildermuth!

Volunteer Opportunities- You Are Our Best Recruiters!

- **Volunteer Transportation Network Drivers** - Drive Veterans in a government van to medical appointments at the SAVAHCS main campus. Drivers are needed for Casa Grande and Yuma.
- **Caregiver Support Volunteers** - visit housebound Veteran patients and provide quality one-to-one social interaction. Provide support for the Veteran's caregiver. Visits are meant to engage the Veteran in enjoyable one-on-one interaction, volunteer provides no hands on care.
- **Volunteer Concierge** - Provide friendly and helpful assistance to Veterans and guests in inpatient and outpatient areas. Project polished appearance, confident demeanor, commitment to excellence, and a customer-first attitude. Monday-Friday 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
- **Truthpoint Surveyor** - Assist staff in the Patient Feedback Program by calling Veterans following their medical appointments and documenting responses. Requires good typing and phone skills. Monday-Friday 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
- **Evening Runner/Transporter** - Escort patients, deliver supplies, stock linens and patient rooms and administrative tasks as needed. Monday- Sunday 4:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.
- **VetLink Kiosk Navigator** - Assist Veterans with using the Veteran Point of Service Kiosk in the outpatient clinic areas. Flexible Schedules.
- **Massage Therapist** - Massage Therapist to provide massages to Veterans in the Community Living Center and Outpatient Mental Health Programs. Must have valid Massage Therapy License.
- **Barber** - Licensed Barber or Cosmetologist to provide haircuts for Veterans in the Community Living Center and/or Veterans Homeless Program.

SERVE Lunch & Learn



SERVE youth volunteers participated in a lunch and learn on July 8 where they had the opportunity to observe a mock Code Blue conducted by SAVAHCS clinical staff. The youth then had an opportunity to visit with the staff. Thank you to the SAVAHCS clinical and educational staff for making this possible for our youth volunteers!

Voluntary Service Newsletter Editorial Board

- *Steven J. Sample*, Acting Associate Director
- *Deborah Brookshire*, Chief, Voluntary Service
- *Mandy Martell*, Voluntary Service Specialist
- *Cathi Starr*, Caregiver Support Volunteer Coordinator
- *Kelly Dolan*, Voluntary Service Assistant
- *Kimmy Kamerer*, Voluntary Service Program Support Assistant
- *Jason Hastings*, Voluntary Service Program Support Assistant
- *Rachelle Marvin*, Secretary
- *Medical Media*

This newsletter has been created to showcase the work of our volunteers and provide information about SAVAHCS and Voluntary Service programs.

We Want to Hear from You!

If you have any comments, questions, story ideas, etc., please contact:

**Southern Arizona
VA Health Care System
Attn: Voluntary Service (9-135)
3601 S. 6th Avenue, Tucson, AZ 85723
(520) 629-1822 or email
Mandy.Martell@va.gov**

Volunteer Badge Reminder

All SAVAHCS regularly scheduled volunteers are required to wear their volunteer ID badge while working in their assigned volunteer position. Most volunteer badges expire within one year of issue. Please be aware of when your badge expires and contact the Voluntary Service Office at (520) 629-1822 one month prior to your badge expiration date to schedule an appointment for your badge renewal.



U.S. Department
of Veterans Affairs
Veterans Health
Administration

Voluntary Service (9-135)
Southern Arizona VA Health Care System
Tucson, Arizona 85723





History of the 4th Degree Knights

The history of the creation of the Fourth Degree of the Knights of Columbus of is directly linked to the social and political climate in the United States at the turn of the last century. It is in that light that the connection between the Fourth Degree and its Color Corps, that has grown to be the most visible aspect of the Knights, must be seen.

The idea of adding new degrees to the Order's original three, (Charity, Unity, Fraternity) first came to light in 1886. Supreme Knight James T. Mullen appointed a committee to look into forming two new "commander" degrees. That same year the Connecticut Catholic, a local newspaper, carried an advertisement calling members of local Knights of Columbus councils to meet to form a "Uniformed Legion." The idea for this new unit arose from a growing nation wide sense of Nationalism, or what we would call today Patriotism. The unknown author in Connecticut was not alone in wanting a visible organization.

Little happened at this time because there was not enough wide spread interest in creating additional new degrees. The Order's leaders balked at the idea of a Uniformed Legion for the simple reason that the cost for the "Uniform" was well over \$100.00. They feared the "Legion" would cause an economical class split between wealthy and poorer members of the Order.

Following the Spanish American War, it was decided that there should be one new Degree added based on the principle of Patriotism. In 1899, Edward L. Hearn was elected Supreme Knight and he immediately appointed a committee to establish and format the new Degree to be given the following year.

In order to qualify for this Degree each candidate had to be a Third Degree member of the Knights of Columbus in good standing for three years, and show evidence of distinctive service to the Order, church, and community. Finally the candidate had to have a letter from his priest stipulating that he had received communion within the past two weeks.

The first Exemplification of the new Degree was scheduled to be held in the Astor Hotel in New York City on February 22, 1900. However, there were so many candidates, the Exemplification had to be moved to a larger venue. Therefore the site was moved to the Lenox Lyceum. At this first Exemplification of the Fourth Degree 1,100 members of the Knights of Columbus, being in good standing "took their fourth." The second Exemplification, held in Boston on May 8, 1900 saw another 750 Third Degree knights join the ranks of Sir Knights.

In the early years of the Fourth Degree, members met as part of their councils, mostly after meetings. In 1910, during a reorganization of the Order's leadership, the first Assemblies were created. Additionally the position of Supreme Master was established to lead the Fourth Degree internationally. Vice Supreme Masters lead Provinces and Masters head Districts. This system has spread and flourished as Sir Knights not only serve their local Church through their service to local councils but also their joint efforts in these Assemblies.

The Honor Guard, first called for in 1886 was officially formed in 1902, for ceremonial purposes. Since that time, the uniforms of the Color Corps have varied, however all have shared the similar theme of mariners. Most noticeable in today's current uniform is the chapeau worn with ostrich feathers. In the year 2000, the Patriotic (Fourth) degree celebrated its 100th anniversary with approximately 252,000 member Sir Knights!!!