



## GRAND KNIGHTS NOTE

Brothers

This past month the Columbia focused on the family and how as husband and wife, father and mother and Grandparents our faith is extremely sacred and the most important part of our Catholic life. Our children observe and learn the importance of commitment and caring for one another that makes our faith to our Lord strong.

We are beginning Advent and it is important that we have our family participate in remembering our Holy Parents Joseph and Mary and how they prepared for the coming birth of their son and our Savior Jesus. I ask that you remember them during the coming weeks and take a moment each evening to pray with your family for this coming of the Joyful event of his birth. Coni and I pray you will all have a Merry Christmas and the Peace of Christ be with all.

God Bless and Vivat Jesus,  
GK Landry

## The History of the Advent Wreath

Below is an excerpt from the online Catholic Education Resource Center about the history of the Advent wreath. A more complete read is available at on their site. Visit [www.catholiceducation.org/articles/religion/re0132.html](http://www.catholiceducation.org/articles/religion/re0132.html) for more information.

The symbolism of the Advent wreath is beautiful. The wreath is made of various evergreens, signifying continuous life. Even these evergreens have a traditional meaning which can be adapted to our faith: The laurel signifies victory over persecution and suffering; pine, holly, and yew, immortality; and cedar, strength and healing. Holly also has a special Christian symbolism: The prickly leaves remind us of the crown of thorns, and one English legend tells of how the cross was made of holly. The circle of the wreath, which has no beginning or end, symbolizes the eternity of God, the immortality of the soul, and the everlasting life found in Christ. Any pine cones, nuts, or seedpods used to decorate the wreath also symbolize life and resurrection. All together, the wreath of evergreens depicts the immortality of our soul and the new, everlasting life promised to us through Christ, the eternal Word of the Father, who entered our world becoming true man and who was victorious over sin and death through His own passion, death, and resurrection.

Meeting / Event	Date	Time	Location
1st Degree or Degree Team Practice (Candidates report at 7:00 P.M.)	1st Thursday of every month	7:30 P.M.	Hopi Room - St Pius
Business Meeting	2nd Thursday of every month	7:30 P.M.	Hopi Room - St Pius
Social Meeting	4th Thursday of every month	7:30 P.M.	Hopi Room - St Pius

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

GK Brian Landry



# Awards

## Family of the Month - Brian and Betsey Deevers

Brother Brian and Betsey Deevers and their children have been selected as Family of the Month of November.

Brian and Betsey opened their hearts and home to Dave and Kim Conca's children Tonio, Autumn and Cody during Kim's illness. It was their charity and friendship for the Conca family that made it possible for Brother Dave to be close to Kim during her illness. It is these virtues that strengthen the meaning of our belief in Family and fraternity to our Brothers.

Brian and Betsey, we are blessed to know you and thank you for being part of Parish and Community.

God Bless



### Don't forget about our web site!

The web site at [www.kofctucson.com](http://www.kofctucson.com) has the events that are coming up should you misplace your newsletter as well as contact information, prayer request list, photos and much more.

There is an order form for shirts, hats, windbreakers, etc. with our KofC emblem, St. Pius and council information as well as your name embroidered if you need a replacement or have not purchased yours yet. There are a few photos for examples there too!

The first link is to a fill-in PDF that will do the addition for you when you put in the number of items you wish to purchase. The second link is to bring up a PDF for printing that you can fill-in yourself with pen in case you have trouble with the auto fill-in form.

Let me know if you would like to see anything else up on the web and perhaps we can make that happen!



## Birthdays in December

Jason C Murray .....	1206
Raul A Miranda .....	1209
Joseph F Cisek .....	1213
Brian A Deevers .....	1213
Richard A Bonet.....	1216
Richard E Macgregor.....	1216
Nicholas C Romano .....	1220
Fred C Falgiano.....	1223
Richard H Goddard .....	1223
James S Nicklaus .....	1226
John G Walker.....	1226
Joseph Rosiles.....	1230

## Readers Review

by Bob Messenger

### *The Shack*

by William P. Young

I was told by friends that this book was absolutely a wonderful read so I borrowed the book and began reading. At first, I had difficulty staying focused because of all the detail, but as I read on I became thorough engrossed with the story. A work of fiction, but stirring nonetheless.

William P. Young's book has an intriguing premise. Years ago, a father name MacKenzie Phillips took his children camping and lost one of them to a man who has kidnapped and killed others. Mack has grieved since then. His marriage has struggled. Understandably, his relationship with God has suffered. Then, one wintry day, he receives a note in his mailbox inviting him back to the woods, to the shack in which his daughter's dress and bloodstains were found. The note, it would seem, is from God.

From this simple yet effective premise, Young leads Mack Phillips back to his point of despair and anger. The encounters he then has with God there in "The Shack" serve as thought-provoking moments for both Mack and the reader. This is not the God of stodgy Sunday school classes. The descriptions here are startling, while remaining true to the nature of God's love and grace as portrayed through Scripture. Not only are they startling, they're wise and moving and beautiful.



Having spent a wonderful time with my family over the Thanksgiving holiday I was reminded of an article written by Nancy J. Carmody that outlined what she was thankful for. Because this season is a time of reflection and family gathering I thought I would like to share this with you. Perhaps you have seen it before but nonetheless I think each of us can relate to every line:

### *I am thankful for*

- ...the mess to clean up after a party because it means I have been surrounded by friends.
- ...the taxes I pay because it means that I'm employed.
- ...the clothes that fit a little too snug because it means I have enough to eat.
- ...my shadow who watches me work because it means I am out in the sunshine.
- ...the spot I find at the far end of the parking lot because it means I am capable of walking.
- ...all the complaining I hear about our government because it means we have freedom of speech.
- ...that lady behind me in church who sings off key because it means that I can hear.
- ...lawn that needs mowing, windows that need cleaning and gutters that need fixing because it means I have a home.
- ...my huge heating bill because it means that I am warm.
- ...weariness and aching muscles at the end of the day because it means that I have been productive.
- ...the alarm that goes off in the early morning hours because it means that I am alive.

(Adapted from "I am Thankful" by Nancy J. Carmody, Family Circle, 11/99)

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### **National Night of Prayer**

We can't forget the ones that won't have a chance to enjoy all of the things in life that each of you get to experience, especially during this time of the year.

Immediately following the 6:30 PM mass at St Pius X on December 8th (The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary) prayers for life will be offered for one hour. Father Harry has requested that this information be placed in the bulletin for December 5th and it will also be on powerpoint at the masses on that day and on Saturday (12/4) evening.

We reviewed a prayer list with Father Harry which was given to Deacon Dennis, who will be presiding over the services that evening. Fr Harry recommended the prayers suitable for the service along with the saying of the rosary. SK Fred Falgiano will assist Deacon Dennis with the service.

Since it is a Holy Day of Obligation I hope that all Knights and their families will attend the 6:30 PM mass and show your support for the Pro-Life movement.

Father Harry is very supportive of the event and staunch supporter Pro-Life.





## Christmas Social

The Knight's Christmas Social will be held on Saturday December the 18th at 6:30pm in the Arizona Room. The council is supplying 2 turkeys, 2 hams and the beer, soda & wine.

Knights please bring the following to accompany the main course:

- Last names beginning with A-H: salads or appetizers
- Last names beginning with I- Q: sides like stuffing, potato dishes, vegetables etc.
- Last names beginning with R-Z: Deserts

Please plan on attending and use this opportunity to enjoy this evening to socialize with your Brother Knights and their families.

## Commemoration and Celebration

Our Commemoration and Celebration Saturday, November 6 was a total success. We honored the memory of our brother Knights and loved ones. We assembled at 4:30 PM in the Church Lobby. We proceeded down both sides of the church. Thirty one candles were placed on the altar before the 5 PM Mass by Knights in Red Shirts. Father Harry was very helpful and said Mass. After Mass, (57) Knights and family members attended the Dinner at the Hilton East Hotel. Brother Tom Eagan read a few letters received from widows that could not attend. Please check the Photo Gallery on our website ([www.kofctucson.com](http://www.kofctucson.com)) to review the photos taken at both locations.



## 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.

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| Peter Anelli    | Joe Kerns       |
| Angela Aultman  | Ed Marsh        |
| Nancy Blanchard | Tony Marino     |
| Kim Conca       | Jim Moriset     |
| Claude Crowe    | Chad Mullenberg |
| Carmen Donnelly | Jack Perry      |
| Ginny Dugan     | Steve Pieper    |
| Linda Grell     | Gayle Schlagel  |
| Jerry Hennelly  | Mike Vilas      |

To add or remove someone  
 from this list, contact  
 Deacon Dennis Ranke, 885-8145  
 or Bob Messenger, 290-8671  
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## Self Defence Classes

For more information please contact:

**Frank Saavedra, [kofckarate@yahoo.com](mailto:kofckarate@yahoo.com)**





**December 3 & 4 - Children's Christmas Party Setup**

Please give of your time to help set up the Children's Christmas Party and put smiles on their faces. Make Santa's visit a wonder experience for them.

**December 5 - Children's Christmas Party**

Santa should arrive around 12 PM - bring your kids and grandkids and let them enjoy telling Santa what they want for Christmas and get a small toy to go away with. A pancake breakfast precedes Santa's arrival so be sure to get there early enough to support our helpers or treat your family to a great breakfast!

**December 8 - National Night of Prayer**

Information can be found on page 3

**December 18 - Council Christmas Social**

A Christmas social will be held in the Arizona Room. Details on page 4.

**December 25 - Christmas**

We have had fun at the Christmas Party and have finished up with placing gifts under the tree for our family, friends and those less fortunate. Do not forget the reason we celebrate and while enjoying your Christmas feast or before opening your presents give thanks to God and wish Him a happy birthday.

**January 1 - Happy New Year!!**

**January 2 - Pancake Breakfast and Blood Drive**

This is our first pancake breakfast of the New Year. Please help us make this successful by contributing a few hours of your time to serve, clean up, pour coffee or any of the other services that are necessary to pull this off each month. Fred Falgiano will be making appointments for blood draw. Please call him at 520-661-4317 to secure your spot now!

**January 22 - Pro-Life Rally**

MASS FOR LIFE:

Saturday, January 22, 2011; St Augustine's Cathedral  
Mass: 9:00 AM; Bishop Kicanas Celebrating

MARCH FOR LIFE:

March to Holy Hope Cemetary 10:30 AM - 12:30 PM

HOLY HOPE CEMETARY:

Memorial Service 12:30 PM

Rose Ceremony at the "Monument to Rachel"

To sign up for this all important event please contact Fred Falgiano at 520-661-4317 so we can coordinate carpools for transportation to and from the site. If you plan to go on your own, please let Fred know. For more detailed information and history of the March itself and the Right to Life movement you can go to

<http://www.tucsonmarchforlife.org>

**January 22- 23 Diaper Drive for the Reachout Center Inc.**

Bring diapers to Mass and leave at Knights of Columbus table in front of church.

**January 29 - Council Free Throw**

Open to all children of the St Pius X community ages 10 thru 14. Awards and advancement to the District Free-Throw will be presented and announced at completion of the morning competition.



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