St Pius X Council 10762 Newsletter



GK Frank Saavedra July 2011

Brothers.

Let me start by thanking you for putting your trust in me to be the Grand Knight for this council. I will try to not mess things up too much. With the help of everyone in the council I expect we will have a good and even fun year.

At the state convention this year, the Supreme Advocate said something that stuck in my head. As part of his talk to the delegates, he said that the Knights of Columbus have become the backbone of the Catholic Church. That's not a direct quote, but I believe he means that the Knights are the most important lay organization of the church. It seems to me that each council then should play that role in their parish. That is to say that our council should be seen as the most important lay organization in St. Pius. My goal for this year is to make that happen.

To that end, we need to start giving more priority to works of charity that touch St. Pius. Every year we send brothers to work at the Benedictine Monastery doing various jobs that need to get done. We have to start doing that at St. Pius on a frequent basis. We need to continue and even increase our help to religious education at Pius. We need to provide help to keep our food pantry from getting short

on supplies. There are many other things we can get involved with to help our parish and parishioners.

This doesn't mean we should stop reaching outside the parish as we do today. That needs to continue. What I'm saying is that charity begins at home, and St. Pius is our home. As we get this rolling and start organizing different activities, you will start to see requests being made in meetings and in email notes asking for your help on things for St. Pius. This may include helping the elderly and infirmed of our parish. God Bless!

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| 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."

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Our New Officers for 2011 - 2012

Below you will find the recently elected officer's and their positions.

Grand Knight - Frank Saavedra
Deputy Grand Knight - George Pollock
Chancellor - William Bowne
Recorder - Dean Dickherber
Advocate - Emmanuel(Dutch) Steenbakker
Treasurer - Joe Mrazik
Warden - Kent Maas
Inside Guard - Phil Boris
Outside Guards - Ralph De Nogean; Efren Morales
3-year Trustee - Brian Landry

Congratulations to each and every one of you!

Installation of Officers

The installation of officers will take place on Saturday, July 30th at the 5 PM Mass. A dinner will take place following Mass in the Tanque Verde Room. The dinner will be a pot luck with the main course being provided by the council.

Those whose last name begins with the letter A thru M are asked to bring a salad. Those whose last name begins with the letter N thru Z are asked to bring a dessert. Please wear your red shirts for this.

70 Years in the Knights!

Our next business meeting, July 14th will be preceded by a short celebration. Our Brother, Jim Byrne, has achieved 70 years of uninterrupted membership in the Knights of Columbus.

He will be recognized for this outstanding achievement before the start of the meeting, and his wife and possibly others from his family will be there for the celebration. This will start at 7 PM, so please arrive at or before 7 PM to honor and celebrate with Jim.

Charity Raffle Check Presentations



Our Council, in conjunction with the Knights of Columbus, Arizona State 2011 Charity Raffle raised the second highest amount of money (\$11,025) in their raffle sales effort. A check for \$2756.25 was presented to each of our selected charities; The Kim Conca Memorial Foundation at St Joseph Carondelet and The Tucson

Reachout Pregnancy Center. A second check for \$500 from our Council was added to each amount.

Pregnancy Center

Reachout

We also presented Father Harry with a check for \$2000 for help with parish expenses.

A message from Brother Dave Conca:

Gentlemen,

I wanted to say thank you so much for today. In the face of what happened to our family, founding and funding Kim's Foundation to help others here in Tucson has helped me to feel that Kim's passing was not in vain...and I appreciate the Knights choosing to give so generously to this cause. I will be working to come up with some late summer/fall fundraisers to sustain Kim's Foundation.

Nancy Kirk of Carondelet, was ecstatic! She will use the money to purchase much needed equipment for St. Joseph's Hospital. We were both surprised by the 'bonus' money! Again, many thanks.

I hope to be able to contribute more than a monthly book review to the council, once I am able to figure out being a single parent of three, to be able to give back and somehow repay all that you've done for me and my children. I truly am grateful.

Brother Dave Conca

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Degree Presentations, Awards and New Members



Dan Pinda (middle) - Fourth Degree - June 11 in Phoenix

Knight of the Month - June 2011 Joe Gulotta

Family of the Month - June 2011 Tom & Trish Cormier

Knight of the Month - May 2011 **Pat Maurice**

Family of the Month - May 2011 **Bob & Lindajoe Grell**

Knight of the Month - April 2011 **Ed McGilvray**

Family of the Month - April 2011

Joe & Anna Gulotta

Knight of the Year - Joe Gulotta

Joe has been selected for Knight of the Year for several reasons. Probably the single most important reason is the results of this year's raffle ticket sales. Our council has the 2nd highest number of ticket sales in the state. That is a great accomplishment in itself. When you consider that the first place council has a much greater number of Knights, the ticket sales results are that much more impressive.

Joe has also contributed in other ways to the success of our council. He volunteered at every fish fry to take tickets and money at the door. He attended officer meetings even though that wasn't a requirement for him, and made many contributions from his experience and insight. He worked with Fr. Harry to arrange for us to publicly hand over our ticket sales money to our chosen charities. This was done immediately before a Sunday Mass.

I found Joe to be a tremendous help to the running of this council, and I look forward to continue gaining from his wealth of ideas and creativity.

Family of the Year Tom & Trish Cormier

Tom and Trish Cormier have been the mainstay of the Confirmation Classes at St. Pius for many years. Tom has made it clear that he has a passion for working with kids to get them confirmed in The Church. The importance of working with the young for this important accomplishment cannot be overstated. It is a critical step in the journey of Catholicism.

I believe that children are gifts from God. When it's time God will ask us how we took care of those gifts. Tom and Trish will be able to say that they have taken great care of the gifts they have been given. They will also be able to say that they have taken care of many gifts given to others.

If that weren't enough, Tom and Trish have been involved in many activities of Youth Ministry. They have also taken responsibility for the Annual Religious Appreciation Dinners. They didn't just work hard in doing all this, they did it in such a way that they are appreciated and even loved by those they have worked with and helped. They are a blessing to St. Pius, and a blessing to The Church.

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Readers Review

Same Kind of Different As Me

By Ron Hall and Denver Moore

Meet Denver, a man raised under plantation-style slavery in Louisiana in the 1960s; a man who escaped, hopping a train to wander, homeless, for eighteen years on the streets of Dallas, Texas. No longer a slave, Denver's life was still hopeless-until God moved. First came a godly woman who prayed, listened, and obeyed. And then came her husband, Ron, an international arts dealer at home in a world of Armanisuited millionaires. And then they all came together.

But slavery takes many forms. Deborah discovers that she has cancer. In the face of possible death, she charges her husband to rescue Denver. Who will be saved, and who will be lost? What is the future for these unlikely three? What is God doing?

Same Kind of Different As Me is the emotional tale of their story: a telling of pain and laughter, doubt and tears, dug out between the bondage of this earth and the free possibility of heaven. No reader or listener will ever forget it.

Golf Tournament in November! Stay tuned for more information!!





Self Defense Classes

For more information please contact: Frank Saavedra kofckarate@yahoo.com



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,

> Amen. - carrier -

You do for the love of us.

Peter Anelli Ed Marsh Angela Aultman Tony Marino Nancy Blanchard Josephine Morales Alice De Nogean Jim Moriset Carmen Donnelly Chad Mullenberg Ginny Dugan Jack Perry Linda Grell Steve Pieper Jerry Hennelly Gayle Schlagel Joe Kerns Carl Seymour Mike Vilas Rick Madden

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

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July 3 - Blood Drive

We are sponsoring a blood drive from 7:30 - 12:30 in the Desert rooms. Contact the Red Cross for an appointment: 230-7295. All presenting donors will be entered into a weekly drawing for a staycation and a daily drawing for a \$50 gas card.

July 4 - Have a Happy 4th of July!!

The United States is truly a diverse nation made up of dynamic people. Each year on July 4, Americans celebrate that freedom and independence with barbecues, picnics, and family gatherings. Through the Internet we are learning about and communicating with people of different nations, with different languages and different races throughout the world. Bringing the world closer with understanding and knowledge can only benefit all nations.

July 14 - 70 Years in the Knights!

Our Brother, Jim Byrne, has achieved 70 years of uninterrupted membership in the Knights of Columbus.

At 7 PM prior to the Business Meeting a short celebration will take place to honor and celebrate with Jim and his family.

July 30 - Installation of Officers

After the 5 PM Mass the Installation of Officers will take place. Please wear your red shirts and attend the Mass.

More information is on Page 2!

No August Events have been scheduled. However, should that change we will send out email and update the web site.



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