



# The Desert Knight



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## Newspaper Sales A Steady Fund Raiser for Council



*Mike Connolly has been on the job for many hours already!*

You see them out there every Sunday selling newspapers after every Mass. In winter it could be mighty cold and in summer – well, you know what *that* means. According to Bob Manning, the newspaper coordinator, the men, and sometimes with help from their spouses, *work a full 6 hours* each Sunday when it's their Sunday to work. The volunteers are: 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday, Tom Canenisch, 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday, Mike Connolly, 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday, Bob Manning and 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday, Jim Sweetman. Bob



*When not selling newspapers, Bob and Alice sell hamburgers!*

reports that during the last 3 years newspaper sales have taken in a total of **\$10,690.85!** This includes **\$2,748.55** in tips. Bob says this averages out to **\$11.42** per hour. The money goes into the general fund of Council 8077.

*(Bob and Alice Manning are going to be gone for a good portion of July and August. Please help out during this time. Also, full time, one Sunday per month volunteers, would be appreciated, says Bob. Call Bob at 742-7954.)*

## Essay Contest Winners Receive Awards from 4<sup>th</sup> Degree



Former teacher Spencer McAllister, Essay Coordinator for the 4<sup>th</sup> Degree for the past 6 years (with considerable help from Antonio Otero), has awarded Barnes and Noble gift certificates to 6 SEAS students and 6 Immaculate Heart students. Each year the winners receive \$50, \$30 and \$20 for 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> place respectively. At left, Spencer presents a gift certificate to Roni Egurola from SEAS for her winning essay on the topic “What does Patriotism Mean to Me? How Can I Demonstrate My Patriotism?”

*photo by Patricia McAllister*

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## Grand Knight's Message



Stephen Ancell  
Grand Knight  
2008/2009

Brothers,

As we begin this new fraternal year, I would like this council to dedicate itself to fostering greater fraternal bonds. I believe this greater fraternity building will aid us as we serve the needs of our parish. Brothers come forward and volunteer for one or two of the many programs we sponsor here in the parish. We have been asked by our pastor to find ways of fostering community within the parish. I am very grateful for the brothers that have begun a once a month Friday night dinner toward this end. We would now like to begin a once a month, Sunday morning sausage and egg breakfast. Both of these endeavors can succeed only with your support. Come in feed your families, or volunteer some of your time.

Some of us are currently exploring one more new idea to get our 3rd degree arm more involved in the greater Tucson community. I wish to have this council aid our brothers in their fund raising efforts at marathon events or bicycling events. I would also like to have this council sponsor water stops or the equivalent at these events. This might be considered a form of evangelization if we are willing to talk to people and invite them into the church. Consider for yourselves where this could lead!

Vivat Jesus

Stephen Ancell, Grand Knight

## Sunday Morning Sausage Breakfast

Our pastor, Father Joseph Lombardo, has expressed an interest in having a once a month Sunday morning breakfast served to parishioners. His wishes are that we would help foster a greater sense of community with the parish. Our council has the membership necessary to undertake this mission. I would like to have 4, 4- member teams to operate this service project. Each member would be volunteering 3 mornings a year. If you are a knight who is willing to donate these 3 mornings please contact me. Stephen Ancell at [slancell@comcast.net](mailto:slancell@comcast.net).

Vivat Jesus, brothers  
Stephen Ancell, GK

## Special Call For Help!

Brothers! The Bingo Kitchen is still in need of volunteers for both Tuesday night and Saturday morning. It's fun, easy work and you will be working with some great people. Call Bob or Alice Manning:

**742-7954**

# Birthdays

## July

Date	Name
1	Patrick M. Freel Sr
1	Michael W Marcellin
6	Phillip J. Jaramillo
9	Dominic L. Tondelli
12	Charles T. Bent Jr
12	Tom J Oger
13	Stephen L. Ancell
13	Eugene G. Martin
14	Walter E. McCulloch Jr
15	John Nunziato
16	Armando G Lopez
16	Richard M. Swinick
16	Christopher W Tober
17	Gerard C. DePuma Sr Rev Manuel Fragoso Carranza
17	Alex Q. Lopez
17	Marvin Santaella
18	Joe G Villegas
19	Anthony Giammarino PGK Dcn Francis C. Sherlock
19	Francisco E. Jimenez
20	Mark S. Hoard
21	PGK Willie A. Watts Jr
23	Donald E. Emmons
27	Thomas E Johnson
29	Robert B Yrigoyen
31	Dcn Alfred E Caponigro

## August

Date	Name
1	James L Harasha
1	PGK James M. Slattery
2	John F. Dunn
2	Ben J. Higgins
2	Gregory S. Rines
2	David P Schodroski
2	Charles C. Valencia
3	Robert J Barth
3	Gregory L Brennan
3	Dcn William J Krueger
4	Walter L. Tabaj
5	Andrew D. Diodati
5	David R. Holst
6	Estevan A. Abril
6	Robert M Cavazos
6	Anthony C Niese
6	Donald E. Young
7	Jonathan T. Watts
9	Richard L. Morgan
11	Richard R. Aragon
11	Robert L. Cervi
11	PGK Ricardo D. Preciado
12	Raymond A Pers
12	Harold Simmons
12	PGK Geoffrey A. Wadman
13	Joseph M. Abate
14	David L Marks
15	George N Scheller
16	Robert S Piotroski
17	Steve R. Hardman
17	David M. Robillard
17	Dcn Jose S. Zapata
18	Maccay Marshall
19	Joe J. Barno

20	Dave W. Chohon
20	Samuel R. Visconti
21	Calvin W King
22	John J. Hartigan Jr
22	Reno Tondelli
23	Louis R. Lopez
24	PGK Gerard M. Freeh
24	John Sorrentino
28	Stephen A. Kiser
29	Joseph Rinkowski
30	PGK Michael J. Flynn
31	Daniel G Cutler

## Assembly Birthdays July

Date	Name	Council
2	John J. Kubat	5542
11	Harry G. Percupchick	12345
12	Daniel W. Mc Henry	12345
14	Robert L. Hamill	5542
14	Frank W. Cox	6933
22	Louis J. Giovannini	9380

## August

Date	Name	Council
11	Richard R. Aragon	5542
15	James C. Richey	12345
19	Michael D. Schaffer	13272
31	Dcn Russel L. Majesky	5542

**Happy Birthday to  
All You Fine  
Brothers!**

# Ordination to Priesthood

**Fr. Robert A. Rodriquez**, newly ordained priest, joined two other men as Tucson Bishop Gerald F. Kicanas ordained them into the priesthood Saturday, June 7<sup>th</sup>, 2008. Fr. Robert has been assigned to SEAS as a Parochial Vicar serving with Rev. Mark J. Long who also is a Parochial Vicar. Both priests will be serving along side the Rev. Joseph A. Lombardo, Pastor and the Rev. Thomas Millane, Pastor Emeritus. In the photo at left, Fr. Rodriquez moments after being ordained as his proud parents observe.

*Photos by Janet DePuma*



## *Louis Centobene* *Faithful Navigator of the Year* *for the State of Arizona*

**Master of the 4<sup>th</sup> Degree Armand Brooks** recently elevated Louis Centobene, Immediate Past Faithful Navigator of Assembly 2308, to the honorary title "Faithful Navigator of the Year for the State of Arizona" for exemplary accomplishments during the past Fraternal Year of the 4<sup>th</sup> Degree.

Faithful Navigator Louis Centobene  
with his wife Patty

*Photo by Spencer McAllister*



# Activity Calendar

## July, 2008

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2 Officers' Meeting 8077	3	4 <b>Independence Day!</b> Knights at St. Joseph's Youth Camp	5 <b>Continue Youth Camp. Free Camp with Families</b>
6 <b>Youth Camp thru Today</b>	7 Tucson Chapter Meeting	8	9 Bus. Meeting 8077	10	11 Council 5133 Fund Raiser Knights with the Sidewinders	12 Council 8077 Officers' Installation
13	14	15	16 Assembly Meeting 2308	17	18	19 Hall Set-up 8:00 AM
20	21	22	23 Social Meeting 8077	24	25	26 Hall Set-up 8:00 AM
27	28	29	30 Family Night 8077	31		

## August, 2008

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2
3	4	5	6 Officers' Meeting 8077	7	8	9
10	11 Tucson Chapter Meeting	12	13 Bus. Meeting 8077	14	15	16
17	18	19	20 Assembly Meeting 2308	21	22	23 Hall Set-up 4 <sup>th</sup> Deg. Officers' Installation 2308
24 AZ K/C Night at Ballpark PHX	25	26	27 Social Meeting 8077	28	29	30
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Jesus brings new life to those of us here on earth, and He can bring a new exciting life into your marriage. Plan to enrich your marriage by attending a **Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend**. The next Weekend is October 3-5 in Tucson.

**Contact: (602) 242-6141 or [Cwessel@csc.com](mailto:Cwessel@csc.com).**

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## News From The Fourth Degree

**Jerry DePuma**  
 Faithful Navigator  
 Fr. Henry Miller Assembly # 2308  
 2008/2009



Dear Brother Knights,

As I start the office of Faithful Navigator, I would like to thank last year's officers for a job well done. I would also like to thank those who agreed to be officers for this fraternal year. This coming year will hold many opportunities for us to become more "visible".

In August I will be starting the Knights of Columbus Squires program in St. Elizabeth Ann Seton School. This program is for boys between the ages of 10 to 18. It will be a great opportunity to introduce ourselves, and our work, to the fathers of those boys, many of whom don't know what we are all about.

The usual fundraisers will take place again this year. We will be having the spaghetti dinner, Our Lady of Guadalupe dinner dance, the Fish Fry, etc. This year I would like to have an "International Night" where we will present the foods from different countries for all to sample. This will be to raise funds for the Veterans Administration Hospital, and will require us to find cooks for different nationalities to prepare the food. (Ladies??) I am open to suggestions as to what else we can do to raise funds for various charities.

These functions are not limited to the Fourth Degree. All of our Knights and families are welcome to participate.

Of course all of the activities will require help. Brother Knights have always been ready, willing, and able to participate and for this I am extremely grateful. However, I would sincerely like to see more of you out helping with these fundraisers. They are a lot of work, and that means a lot of help is needed. Please consider helping if you don't already.

The Installation of Fourth Degree Officers will take place at the church on August 23<sup>rd</sup>, followed by a dinner and dance in the church hall. All are welcome to attend.

Congratulations to PFN Louis Centobene for his election as "Faithful Navigator of the Year" by the State Officers...GO LOUIE!!

I am looking forward to serving as your Faithful Navigator.

Vivat Jesus  
 Jerry DePuma  
 Faithful Navigator

### Flag Retirement Ceremony

A Flag Retirement Ceremony will take place on the grounds of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church on November 11, 2008 beginning at 10:00 AM. The flag to be retired is one that was flown by our troops stationed in Iraq. This ceremony is open to the public and all are invited to attend. Military units from the Army, Navy, Marines and Air Force will participate. Also included will be members of local Law Enforcement Organizations and the Northwest Fire Fighters Department.

This Patriotic Ceremony is being presented by the Knights of Columbus, Fr. Henry Miller Assembly # 2308.

Additional Flags will also be destroyed (retired) by the Knights following the Official Ceremony.