



# The Desert Knight



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## 4th Degree's Italian Dinner Brought in Needed Funds In October, 09

*Maureen Connolly, Helen and Ray Pers*

*Chris Obral  
Somebody's gotta cook*



*Fr. Lombardo,  
Blessed the Meal.  
Faithful Navigator  
Ray Obral, The Man  
In Charge.*

*Gary  
Gaisaille  
And some-  
body's gotta  
clean up*



*Ernestina and Tony Otero, Steve Ancell, Salad Makers*



*Woody Widlak, Official Taster*

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 SK Jerry DePuma  
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 Preciado, SK Jerry Bonham

**Bingo Kitchen needs your help!**  
**Call Bob or Alice Manning: 742-7954**

## Grand Knight's Message



Chester DeSantis  
 Grand Knight  
 2009/2010

### Brother Knights:

I hope all of you, now that the holidays have come and gone, are looking forward to a Blessed New Year. Our Deputy G.K., David Maple, had to resign due to health and personal problems. I'm grateful our present officers were willing to move up in office. Henry Andrade from Chancellor to Deputy G.K. and Pedro Pacheco from Recorder to Chancellor. Steve Volholzer was nominated and accepted as our new Recorder.

Please welcome our newest members: Albert Celaya, David Overton, John Raymond and Chris Serrano. I'm looking forward to their participation in all of our endeavors. Our project helping the Sisters of the Immaculate Heart of Mary is still ongoing. We'll need volunteers to help with improvements which are slowly taking place. Thank you to all that participated - especially David Maple and Ray Ellis. I will see you at our Jan. 13 business meeting. We will provide food and drinks so come hungry.

Vivat Jesus,

Chester DeSantis, GK

**Attention All 3rd Degree Knights!  
 Become a 4th Degree Knight!**

**There will be a 4th Degree Exemplification on  
 Saturday, January 16th, 2010 at the  
 Holiday Inn Palo Verde  
 Prepare Yourself. Talk to your sponsor. Now!**

# Birthdays

## February

### January

Date	Name
3	Richard V Aguilar
7	Rev Jose M Padilla Elquezabal
8	Michael Daley
8	Michael J Ortiz
10	Richard J Tracy
11	Raymond E Guenette
12	Frank Reiser
12	Modesto G Yang
13	Larry G Waller
14	Arthur E Durrant
14	John J Lohse
14	Albert Otero
16	Dr Darrell D Wotta
17	Robert C Hutchinson
18	Frederick G Kelly
19	Johnny C Garcia
19	Henry Granillo
20	Andrew J Galen
20	Allan L Persson
22	Rev Mark Long
23	George A Lopez
26	Rev Viloifulo Valderrama
30	Gary Gazaille
31	Gerald G Rojewski
31	Edward E Walinski

Date	Name
2	John R Feld
2	Robert E Mcfeeters
4	Dea Anthony P Underwood
5	Alfio Scalia
6	Tracy A Suitt
7	Antonio F Conte
7	Leo A Longoria
7	Jack Yancick
8	Rev Joseph A Lombardo
8	Raymond J Obral
8	Scott H Zeitler
11	Eugene V Benevenia
13	Louis J Centobene
14	Thomas J Charland
14	James E Markley
14	Bernard M Reinhart
16	William J MCGroarty
17	Patrick K O Brien
18	Lawrence Susi
19	Deacon John Keating Ackerley
19	Robert E Petersen
20	Jesus N Saenz
21	Timothy P Reidy
22	Fr. Frank G Cady
23	E Scott Neighbor
25	John G. Dancil
25	Thomas L Flanigan
25	Richard A Kiser
28	Gary R Figge

### Assembly Birthdays

#### Date Name Council

Date	Name	Council
7	Carl W Hooks	12345
13	Timothy C Hudnall	2493
17	Richard Lavoy	12345
19	Joseph A Mc Gowan	12345
19	Mark F Willimann	14089
28	David M Forgue	6933
28	Gary M Mc Carthy	6933

### 2010 Calendar of Events

**January — Meetings**  
 Wed. 6th 8077 Officers' Mtg.  
 Wed. 13th 8077 Bus. Mtg.  
 Wed. 20th 2308 4th Deg. Mtg.  
 Renewal of Vows, Tuxedo  
 Wed. 27th 8077 Social Mtg.

**Other January Activities**  
 Fri. 15th Ann. Survey and Dues due  
 Sat. 16th 4th Degree Exemplification,  
 Holiday Inn, Palo Verde  
 Sat. 23rd Tucson Right to Life March  
 Sat. 30 Sisters of Immaculate Heart  
 BBQ, 3 P.M.

**February — Meetings**  
 Wed. 3rd 8077 Officers' Mtg.  
 Wed. 10th 8077 Bus. Mtg.  
 Wed. 17th 2308 4th Deg. Mtg.  
 Wed. 24th 8077 Social Mtg.

**Other February Activities**  
 Mon. 8th Chapter Mtg.  
 Sat. 13th Wives Night Out (?)  
 Sun. 14th Valentine's Day  
 Mon 15th, Presidents' Day,  
 Semi-Annual Council  
 Audit Due  
 Fri. 4th Degree Fish  
 Fry Starts  
 Fri. 26th 4th Degree Fish Fry

## A Salute to our WW II and Korean Veterans

On Veterans Day, 2009, the 4th Degree, Father Henry Miller Assembly # 2308, honored the veterans of WW II and the Korean Conflict by providing them and their guests with a meal in the school gym. The food was great and well-appreciated by all in attendance. Boy Scouts from Troop 209 performed a flag ceremony and served as waiters at the dinner.



*Photos by Spencer McAllister, a Korean Veteran*



*The veterans and their guests and scouts*



*Boy Scout Troop 209 with three Sir Knights in back: SK Max Jimenez , in white shirt, Faithful Navigator SK Ray Obral, center, and SK Gary Gazaille*

## Larry Kiser, Knight Extraordinaire!

Larry is the second son of four boys and one girl of Wade & Almeda Kiser, born in a small house in Augusta County Virginia December 31, 1947 @ 3AM. His father had his left leg crushed by a log a few years later and the family saw hard times for years. Larry grew up without electricity for years reading by coal oil (Kerosene) lamps or firelight and not having indoor plumbing. After learning to read, Larry was an avid reader. He got into more trouble for reading when he was supposed to be doing chores than anything else. The family always lived in the country & grew most of their own food or picked it wild. (Larry had a phone before his parents did after he joined the Air Force.) Larry graduated from Elkton Senior High School in Elkton, Maryland majoring in Auto Mechanics. He joined the Air Force right out of High School and was an Automatic Radar Technician, spending six weeks in Basic Training & nine months in tech school on an accelerated program. He spent four and a half years @ Point Cabrillo California as part of an Electronic Warfare Training School. The site simulated an enemy SAM site. Larry learned to Square Dance in Fort Bragg (Population 4770), California which was a few miles north of the Radar Site and where most of the site personnel lived.

One week before Thanksgiving in 1971 he was transferred to Edwards AFB in Southern California to be an MCGS technician which was a different radar system. He was sent to DM AFB in Tucson, Arizona January, February & March of 1972. He went to a Square Dance Class and met Patricia (Pat) Sherlock who agreed to marry him after a short courtship and they were married June 2, 1972. They have three sons, Richard, Charles (Charlie) and Stephen. Richard is married to Deacon Leo Longoria's youngest daughter Rosanna and they have two children, Samuel (Sammy) and Angelina. Stephen married Rene this last May 1<sup>st</sup> and she has two children from a previous marriage, Tyler and Katelyn. Charlie still lives at home.

In 1982 when the boys said "Why do we have to go to church when Daddy doesn't" he started attending Mass with his family. In 1991 he joined the Catholic Church and his Brother-In-Law, Fran Sherlock, proposed him for the Knights. He took his 1<sup>st</sup> Degree April 21, 1991 and his 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Degrees on May 8, 1991. He was elected to Outside Guard for 1991-1992 and also took over Council Director. The following year he was elected Warden and continued as Council Director. During that time he took over the editing, publishing and mailing the Council Newsletter called the Champeau Chatter. His wife and sons were his "staff" and they were the ones that collated, folded and stapled the newsletter. Larry would then run it thru the Church's Postage Meter and take it to the Main Post Office if no one else was available to do that. He also did the "Bread Run" for several months.

When James Maino's term as Financial Secretary was coming to an end, Larry stated "I can do that. I have the names and addresses already due to the newsletter." He has publically apologized to Jim quite often since then since he had thought that it was an easy job. He did his three years in that position and then was a Trustee for two years. He again took over as Financial Secretary filling Willie Watts last year due to a change in Willie's work. He was again a Trustee and then when Jerry Bonham moved to the Dakotas to be near family he again took over as Financial Secretary and has held that post for five and a half years.

Recently Larry has been diagnosed with Prostate Cancer and a Heart Condition as well as the several other medical problems that he has had for several years. Because of this he is stepping down from the Financial Secretary position at the end of his current term which ends June 30, 2010.



Pat Sammy Larry Angelina

**Editor's Note: Larry doesn't mention in his short biography that he was chosen *Knight of the Year* for 2009 for the State of Arizona by Master of the 4th Degree Mike Kingman. Also, he failed to mention that he's a *Past Faithful Navigator*.**

**His wife, Pat, and his grandchildren can always be seen scurrying around at the annual fish fries, cleaning tables, setting up chairs and assisting grandpa to make change at the entrance table.**

**Larry is an unbelievable detailed record keeper. As editor, I request birthdays of the knights for each month and he sends me, in the blink-of-an-eye, all the birthdays for those months! He, also has an address file for each knight as well as e-mail addresses, phone numbers, etc.**

**It's been a pleasure working with you, Larry! You're going to be a hard man to replace. SM**



**Larry Kiser. PFN  
Knight of The Year  
Financial Secretary,  
Comptroller**

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## News From The Fourth Degree

Ray Obral  
 Faithful Navigator  
 Fr. Henry Miller Assembly # 2308  
 2009/2010



### Worthy Sir Knights;

As we come to the end of 2009, and half way through this Fraternal Year, I want to wish everyone a very Happy and Prosperous New Year in 2010 filled with wealth, health and happiness!

Up-coming events for our Assembly are as follows: a Fourth Degree Exemplification in Tucson, January 16<sup>th</sup>; our Renewal of Commitment at our next Business meeting, January 20<sup>th</sup> at 7 PM (please dress appropriately, in your Tuxedo's for this respectful ceremony); and the start of Annual Lenten Fish Fry's beginning on February 19<sup>th</sup> for the next six Fridays. We will be very busy and as always will need all your help.

Sir Knights, I ask that if you know any Third Degree Knights, please ask them to come into the Fourth Degree. If you have any questions and/or need registration forms, please call me.

We are going to use one of the next Sundays, after getting permission, to ask for donations to the Wheelchair Fund. I have a KofC Wheelchair and will ask Sir Knights for assistance during the Masses. Please help so we can help others.

Thanks to the Holy Spirit, we have a Catholic Radio Station in Phoenix. KIHP Radio 1310 AM, Immaculate Heart Radio. It is one of 24 sister stations throughout the Southwestern United States and just recently started. Please give a listen when in the Phoenix area or access it through the internet at [www.ihradio.org](http://www.ihradio.org).

Your Faithful Navigator,

FNRay, 403-5003

