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Flag Retirement Ceremony on Veterans' Day a Resounding Success

On November 11, 2008, Veterans' Day, the Knights of Columbus 4th Degree, Assembly 2308 Honor Guard, with help from other knights, performed a flag Retirement Ceremony. An American Flag that had flown over a combat zone company in Iraq was sent to us to be disposed of properly by burning. On hand to participate and bear witness to the ceremony were several members of the Armed Services, as well as local firefighters and police officers. SEAS Principal Suzanne Shadonix and some of her students also participated. Father Tom was on hand to give the invocation.

Past Faithful Navigator Ricardo Preciado who is a retired Master Chief Petty Officer in the U.S. Navy was the organizer of the ceremony.

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Three members of the Honor Guard of the U.S. Air Force arrive to perform their duties.



Faithful Navigator Jerry DePuma ignites the star field.



A Marine Staff Sergeant, left, and an Army colonel.

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Annual Council Men's Retreat

Fr. Mark Long Retreat Master

The retreat will be held on **Saturday, January 24, 2009** in the basement. Registration from **7:30 to 8:00 A.M.** The day includes a continental breakfast and lunch. Mass will be celebrated during the retreat. Fr. Long will be available for private conversations and confessions. For information contact Church Activities Director, Brother Knight Salvatore P. Gentile, **744-3036** or Grand Knight, Stephen Ancell, **293-4371**.

Grand Knight's Message

Stephen Ancell
 Grand Knight
 2008/2009



Brothers:

Most of you, my brothers, will receive this before Christmas so I am taking this opportunity to wish you and your families The Best of Christmas Wishes.

I have purposely not worked on you, my brothers, so diligently this calendar year for recruiting. That is changing, Now is when we need to connect with new catholic gentlemen and their families to offer them the support that our life insurance programs can provide. In my opening remarks for this year I asked for each of you to recruit one new member this year. That is not asking much but we have only exemplified two new knights. Please give more attention to this portion of the needs of the council, new members with new ideas, and fresh energy to help liven things up.

In your membership billing envelop this month you will see a \$3.00 assessment from Supreme. This money is to provide a solid core fund whereby our national organization can supply support to states that are considering voting petitions concerning marriage and or choice. As catholic gentlemen we need to support these campaigns nationwide. There was \$100,000.00 sent to our state in the last campaign season to get our views on the marriage proposal put forward so that all could support that which is right.

I would like to invite all brothers and their spouses to join us at the parish hall on December 31st for a truly enjoyable evening to bring in the new year! We have carved beef on the menu and we have a new DJ this year so come in and enjoy your parish facilities. We have a safe place to be together let us enjoy each others company for the evening.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Stephen Ancell, Grand Knight

Eagle Scout Court of Honor

On October 25th our scout troop recognized their latest young man to achieve the rank of Eagle. **Joshua Meehan** was awarded his badge of Eagle at a very well put together ceremony. He was given a Bible to take with him and the ability to purchase a US savings bond both provided by our council. This council can be pleased with the dedication shown in the troop that we charter.

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Flag is escorted to cutting table. Fr. Tom at podium with Jerry Bonham on music and retired Master Chief Ricardo behind.. Cutters at table; Frank, Al, Chester and Gary. Honor Guard: Louis, Mike, Jim, Frank and Merv.



Willie Watts



The Spectators

Calendar of Events

January, 2009

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7 8077 Officer Meeting	8	9	10
11	12	13	14 8077 Business Meeting	15	16	17 4th Deg. Exemplification
18 Retired Priests' Dinner	19	20	21 2308 4th Deg. Meeting	22	23	24 Retreat With Fr. Long
25	26	27	28 1st Degree 8077 Social Meeting	29	30	31

February, 2009

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4 8077 Officer Meeting	5	6	7
8	9	10	11 8077 Business Meeting	12	13	14
15	16	17	18 2308 4th Deg. Meeting	19 Priest Appreciation Dinner	20	21
22	23	24	25 8077 Social Meeting	26	27	28

Birthdays

Month	Date	Name
January	1	Louis B Elia
January	3	Richard V. Aguilar
January	7	Rev Jose M. Padilla Elqueza
January	8	Michael W. Daley
January	8	Michael J. Ortiz
January	10	Richard J. Tracy Sr
January	11	Raymond E. Guenette
January	12	Moto G. Yang
January	13	Larry G Waller
January	14	Arthur E. Durrant Jr
January	14	John J Lohse
January	14	Albert Otero
January	17	Robert C. Hutchinson
January	18	Frederick G Kelly
January	19	Johnny C. Garcia
January	19	Henry Granillo
January	20	Andrew J. Galen
January	20	Allan L. Persson
January	23	George A Lopez
January	26	Rev Viloifulfo Valderrama
January	28	Gary M. McCarthy
January	30	PGK Gary Gazaille
January	31	Gerald G. Rojewski
January	31	Edward E Walinski

Month	Date	Name
February	1	Jose F. Maestas
February	2	John R Feld
February	2	Robert E McFeeters
February	4	Dcn Anthony P. Underwood
February	5	Alfio Scalia
February	6	Tracy A Suitt
February	7	Antonio F. Conte
February	7	Dcn Leo A Longoria
February	7	Jack Yancick
February	8	Rev Joseph A. Lombardo
February	8	PGK Raymond J. Obral
February	8	Scott H. Zeitler
February	11	Eugene V. Benevenia
February	13	PGK Louis J. Centobene
February	14	Thomas J. Charland
February	14	James E. Markley
February	14	Bernard M Reinhart
February	16	William J. McGroarty
February	17	Patrick K. O'Brien
February	19	Dcn John K Ackerley
February	19	PGK Robert E. Petersen
February	20	Mark A. Mendoza
February	20	Jesus N. Saenz
February	21	Timothy P Reidy
February	22	Rev Frank G. Cady
February	23	E "Scott" Neighbor
February	25	John G. Dancil
February	25	Thomas L. Flanigan
February	25	Richard A. Kiser
February	28	Gary R Figge

Happy Birthday to all you fine brothers!

Month	Date	Assembly Name	Council
February	3	Fr. Richard Troutman	6933
February	9	C. Philip Sloan	12345
February	17	John G. Raymond, III	6933
February	21	Mervyn R. Stuckey, PFN	12345
February	23	Peter P. Shantic	12345
February	26	Jorge A. Flores	5542
February	26	Donald J. Huber	12345
January	7	Carl W. Hooks	12345
January	13	Timothy C. Hudnall	2493
January	19	Mark F. Willimann	14089
January	19	Joseph A. Mc Gowan	12345
January	28	David M. Forgue	6933

Special Announcement
Mark February 19th on your calendar. This is the date of the *Annual Priest's Appreciation Dinner*. We, the knights, will cook for and serve the priests, including the Bishop. Servers will dress in tuxedos. For details call Grand Knight Steve Ancell, 293-4371, Deputy Grand Knight, Chester DeSantis, 682-7716 or Warden, Jerry DePuma, 229-0752.

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News From The Fourth Degree

Jerry DePuma
Faithful Navigator
Fr. Henry Miller Assembly # 2308



Worthy Sir Knights:

Another year is over, and we have seen some good things completed as well as some upsetting events.

We had a successful flag retirement ceremony with a flag that flew over a base in Iraq. People who didn't know how an old flag was retired, learned how and why it was burned. I am thankful to the wives for providing the refreshments, as well as to Rich Preciado for putting it together. People liked it so much that we were invited to various schools to do flag retirements for the children there. What an honor for us to be able to show how we respect and love our country and our flag! That same evening we had a dinner in the gym to honor our World War II veterans that was a complete success. Thanks to Tony Otero and his crew for all the planning and hard work that went into it.

You have all probably heard the sad news that the church was broken into and the tree and Christmas gifts were stolen. Father Lombardo also lost his father this Christmas season. Our heartfelt condolences go out to our Pastor and his family.

We are collecting personal items to bring to our veterans at the VA Hospital. It needn't be anything expensive, just toothpaste, tooth brushes, lotions, shaving cream etc. Please do

what you can to help, here. After all, look at what these men and women did for us and our country. Each time we use a freedom that is ours, a special prayer should go out for these men and women and all the others like them.

We will again be having a fund raiser for the monastery and the VA Hospital, but at this time we are not sure what it will be. I am hoping to have an international night with foods from different countries, but that's not been decided.

On January 17th there will be a fourth degree exemplification down at Holiday Inn Palo Verde, and I would like to invite any interested third degree Knights to join the fourth degree. If you have any questions please give me a call or see me at the meetings.

I hope you all had a very Merry Christmas and will have a happy, healthy New Year.

Vivat Jesus
 Your Faithful Navigator
 Sir Knight Jerry DePuma

Fourth Degree Exemplification

When: Saturday, January 17th
Where: Holiday Inn, Palo Verde
(On Palo Verde, just north of I-10)
Eligibility: Any 3rd Degree Knight
in good standing.