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## **Area Knights of Columbus aid local Benedictines**

TUCSON, Ariz. - For the Benedictine Sisters of Perpetual Adoration in the Tucson, Ariz. com-

munity, the Knights of Columbus have been a formidable force.

In addition to financial assistance and hosting fundraisers, Knights from Tucson and Green Valley, Ariz., have completed several projects this past year ranging from picking oranges to repairing handrails in front of the Benedictine Monastery on North Country Club Drive. They also provided the assembly room with a ramp and emergency lighting.

When the Knights learned the Sisters wanted to order a freestanding holy water font, they insisted on providing it for them. They found a skilled woodworker and ceramic artist in Tubac, Ariz., who produced a beautiful font for the monastery chapel.

To thank the Knights for all their wonderful gifts, the community helped celebrate the 125th anniversary of the founding of the Knights of Columbus. They invited the Knights for a Sunday Eucharistic celebration and reception. Nineteen members, in full regalia, added color and solemnity to the occasion. Father Van Wagner celebrated the mass.

The chapel was filled to capacity, which included a delegation from the Arizona State Council of the Knights of Columbus – State Deputy Stanley J. Schroeder, Herbert Maddock and Gary Boscardin.

"May God bless them richly for their service to Church and community," Sister Lenora Black said. "God has truly blessed us with all these friends."

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