

Invitation and News Release

Kino Heritage Society

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What: Kino: 50th Anniversary Celebration: Arizona's Kino Statue Dedication in U.S. Hall of Heroes
When Date: February 14, 2015
When Time: Saturday morning 10 am to 12 noon
Where: Arizona Historical Society Museum at 949 E. Second Street in Tucson.
Admission: Free Admission. Open to the Public.
Events: 10 am Program celebrating 50th anniversary of dedication of Arizona's Kino Statue; Blessing by Bishop Kicanas of Kino Statue Replica on Museum grounds. Concluding Remarks by Richard Fimbres, Vice-Mayor, City of Tucson
11 am Reception Honoring Special Guests: Dr. Bernard "Bunny" Fontana and Dr. James "Big Jim" Griffith
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All are invited to join with Bishop Kicanas and The Kino Heritage Society in celebrating the 50th anniversary of the dedication of the statue of Father Eusebio Francisco Kino that is part of the collection of National Statutory Hall of Heroes and that now stands at the United States Capitol Building Visitors Center.

The State of Arizona honored Kino by naming him as one of Arizona's two heroic representatives to our Nation and by presenting his statue at the dedication ceremony held in Washington D.C. on Arizona Statehood Day in 1965. After the U.S. ceremony the Federal government of Mexico funded an international team of scientists who discovered Kino's skeletal remains in May 1966 in Magdalena, Sonora.

Father Eusebio Francisco Kino (1645-1711), was recognized by the Arizona Legislature as " Arizona's foremost pioneer.... illustrious for his early missionary work, exploration and cartography." Father Kino was called by the eminent historian Lawrence Clark Powell as" the noblest Southwesterner of all. "Father Kino cause for sainthood is under consideration by the Catholic Church.

This February's 50th anniversary celebration will be held on Saturday February 14, 2015 from 10 am to 12 noon at the Arizona Historical Society Museum at 949 E. Second Street in Tucson. The celebration will start at 10 am with a program about the statue and its dedication along with a blessing by Bishop Kicanas of the Kino statue replica that is located on the Museum grounds and will conclude with remarks by Richard Fimbres, Vice-Mayor, City of Tucson. At 11 am a reception will follow with light refreshments honoring special guests Dr. Bernard "Bunny" Fontana and Dr. James "Big Jim" Griffith. Both professors have devoted their lives & scholarship to the better understanding of the people & culture of our Sonoran Desert.

In Mexico, the organization Por Los Caminos de Kino will be celebrating the anniversary by retracing one of Father Kino's trails by riding on horseback for 4 days on its 28th annual cabalgata pilgrimage. In Italy, the government of the Province of Trent along with the Padre Kino Cultural Association will be sponsoring a music festival.

There is no charge. Free parking is located 1 block west of the Museum at the U of A's Main Gate Garage Please RSVP to The Kino Heritage Society at 520 325-2366 or at padrekino@live.com. <Page 1 of 1> <End>