

# THE COMPASS

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS POPE PIUS XII COUNCIL 4765

Saint Thomas Aquinas Parish

November 2008

## GRAND KNIGHT'S REPORT

Third Degree exemplification will be held on 29 March 2009. Turnout was decent for the Thanksgiving food baskets. There were some minor problems with addresses.

Pictures from the event are on the web. The Ladies are looking for our help with the Christmas Bazaar. They are always willing to help us, so let's not let them down.

Reminder; we are meeting at noon on December 20 to assemble and distribute the Christmas food baskets. If you have never done this, you will surely find it very self-rewarding

## DEPUTY GRAND KNIGHT'S REPORT

ARC has totaled everything up and we are second in the state as far as amount raised per member. We raised over \$3100.00 for this worthy organization. We still could use more brothers helping out with the Christmas food baskets. With 21 families in need, the more support the better.

## CHAPLIN'S REPORT

Thank you to all for the many things that you have done. There will be a Mini-Retreat in March. We will decorate the Church for Christmas on December 15, come out if you are able, we are in need of ladders. The Keep Christ in Christmas sign could use some lights. Renovations on the Hall may be coming to a halt due to a decrease in available State funds. Finally, there is some renewed hope for a return of religion to Cuba. Please keep that country in your prayers.

## MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

The October membership blitz was well received. Two applications were completed, a third is considering joining. Thanks to all that participated in this event.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

Next General Meeting December 2

Christmas Food Baskets Dec. 20

(Meeting time is Noon on the 20th)

January General Meeting Jan. 6

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

Financial Secretary Report: Bills for the 2009 Membership dues were handed out at the meeting. You can either pay them at the next meeting or mail them in to Russ. His address is on the invoice. Any questions or problems about your dues, contact Russ.

Membership: The names of two potential candidates were read for a second time. Remember, membership is very important. Don't miss an opportunity to speak to someone about the benefits of membership in the Knights.

Poster Contest: John reports that the poster contest is underway. There has been some interest in the CCD classes. Hang in there John, every new venture has its bumps in the beginning.

Council Social: John Wallover is already hard at work on next year's Council Social. The event is scheduled for Saturday 14 June. John will be looking for help with menu, etc.

Degree Team: Remember what it was like making your First Degree? Interested in being part of the Council's degree team? Contact Al Scheck, he has openings for back up roles.

Coal Tickets: Thanks again to Bob for handling this very important event.

Sweeps Tickets: Hats off to Rich Powell for again another fine year with the Football sweeps, (and to Tony Cinkutis for again being the top seller). Rich and his efforts have netted the Council \$1,000.00

Golf Outing: Next year's golf outing is scheduled for May 2. Thanks Rich for the early start.

Food Baskets: Harry has set 20 December as the date to assemble and distribute the food baskets for the needy. Please do your best to help assemble and possibly deliver the baskets.

### 50<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY

1 April 2009 marks the Council's 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. This momentous event needs to be an all out, big time celebration. A committee is forming for directing this event. There have been a lot of good ideas so far, but we still have a long way to go. Please get involved if at all possible. Kyle Berna is going to build a Power Point presentation showing the history of Pope Pius XII Council. Please help out by giving Kyle any; pictures, stories, or history of the Council. Kyle did an excellent job with a Knights of Columbus Power Point and we are confident that he will out do himself with the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary; he just needs your help.

### SICK LIST

Please keep the following brothers and / or their family members in your prayers:

- Joe Powell, (Rich & Sean's father)
- Derek's Aunt
- Russ' Co-worker
- Marion Long
- Lorraine Breaker
- Joe Kelly's Sister

### BAPTISM SCHEDULE

December	Rick Kelly
January	Al Litz
February	Lou Balot

### UPCOMING EVENT NOTICE

St. Patrick's Dance	Mar 14
Home & School Beef & Beer	Mar 28
3rd Degree Exemplification	Mar 29
50th Anniversary Celebration	Apr 28
Ladies Anniversary Dinner	
4th Degree	May 30
Council Social Event	Jun 14

### DID YOU KNOW?

One of oldest Christmas symbols is the Candy Cane. It represents the Shepherd's Crook, as for the Shepherds were one of first to experience the birth of Jesus.

The wide red stripe represents the sacrifice of Christ -- *"For by the stripes we are healed"*. As for the red narrow stripes, it represents our own sacrifices -- *"in giving"*, and the white stripe is a symbol of purity.

In the Old Testament, the peppermint plant is a member of the hyssop family, a medicine herb which is used for cleansing.

The ritual of breaking bread is still a custom in many countries, as Christ's body was broken for you. The same custom goes for the candy cane, brake the candy cane and share it with somebody, thus sharing in the sweetness of the true meaning of Christmas.

To learn more about Christmas History and traditions visit:

[http://www.inglewoodcarecentre.com/history/Christmas\\_history2.htm](http://www.inglewoodcarecentre.com/history/Christmas_history2.htm)

Merry Christmas!	Feliz Navidad!
Joyeux Noel!	Buon Natale!
Frohliche oder frohe Weihnachten!	

### OTHER UPCOMING EVENTS

By the Ladies of the Knights	
Christmas Bazaar	Dec 7
January Meeting	Jan 26
Vows Renewal	Feb 14

### HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Please wish the following brothers a Happy Birthday:

Bob Grover	1 Dec
Bob Sauler	7 Dec
John Fratantaro	8 Dec
Bob Gutherman	11 Dec
Tom Pastore	18 Dec
Ron Poserina	25 Dec
Steve O'Conner	26 Dec

### **CELL PHONE BENEFITS**

Today, the cell phone is about as common as the house phone. More and more, it is even replacing the house, "land line" as the primary means of communication. While there are many stories on the internet about what magical things a cell phone can do, (most of the stories are false), there is one important benefit having a cell phone provides. Today's Emergency Medical Technicians, EMT's, will check a person's cell phone for important contacts when an emergency takes place. In your contacts list the following titles with the appropriate phone number, (not names):

- ICE, In case of emergency
- Wife, (or husband)
- Parent
- Child

This is just another way that technology really can improve our lives.

### **K of C APPAREL**

You have undoubtedly seen brothers wearing; shirts, jackets and hats with the Knights of Columbus logo and Pope Pius XII Council. Ever wondered where they got them? You can get them to, just talk to Rich Powell to place an order.

### **BREAKFAST SUNDAY**

Breakfast Sunday is the second Sunday of each month. There will be a breakfast Sunday in November and December. Future breakfasts are dependent on attendance at these two events.

### **IN MEMORIUM**

No one returned home lately

### **WEB SITES**

Looking for information on the Knights of Columbus? Try these web sites for; information forms, etc.

Main Site [www.kofc.org](http://www.kofc.org)

State Site <http://www.pakofc.us/>

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<http://kofc.buxcom.net/>

<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/KofC4765/>

To join the yahoo group for the Council, you can sign up through the web site. Those without a Yahoo account simply need to establish an e-mail account. This is totally free.

### **KEEPING IN TOUCH**

Recently we have come across several brothers that have changed their; e-mail, home address and / or phone number. Please keep your Financial Secretary informed of any and all changes in your contact information. Your help is greatly appreciated.

### **OPPORTUNITIES**

It's never too early to start thinking about opportunities within the Knights. In June, the position of Recorder will be available. Think that you might be interested in an Officer's position? Now is the time to start, as Father Larry says, "Praying over it."

### **NEWSLETTER INFORMATION**

Any brothers that have something that they want listed in this newsletter should contact Jim Berna. Jim can be reached at 215-788-7004, or by e-mail at [buoyz3@aol.com](mailto:buoyz3@aol.com).



**Preparing the food baskets for distribution at Thanksgiving. Many are in need, all can help.**