

# THE COMPASS

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS POPE PIUS XII COUNCIL 4765

Saint Thomas Aquinas Parish

October 2008

## GRAND KNIGHT'S REPORT

Certificates were handed out to; Kyle Berna, and Jason Blade who all made their Second Degree on Sept 11. Tom Litz received his certificate in recognition of 25 years of continuous service. First Degree at STA on 14 Oct. Saint Michael the Archangel Council is number 14626. STA School is raising funds through the selling of discount cards. Any one interested, see Mike. The cost is \$10.00 per card. A Third Degree will be held at STA in March 2009.

## DEPUTY GRAND KNIGHT'S REPORT

Mark has offered again to help Harry in any way necessary with the holiday food baskets.

## CHAPLIN'S REPORT

Thank you to everyone for all that you have done. The new means of egress is being built for the church hall. This is a requirement of Bristol Township. We need to tighten up and caulk the panels above the windows in Aquinas Hall. The School will again hold a car raffle. This year, the car is a 2009 Honda Fit, (great gas mileage). Father's test results are in. Considering all things, the results are good.

## MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

We will be holding our membership blitz this October. This time, when the information about the Knights is read at Mass, all Knights in attendance should stand in place to be seen. Kyle Berna has put together a PowerPoint presentation that can be used during the breakfasts, and blitz activities to highlight the benefits of membership in; the Knights, the Ladies and the Squires.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

Next General Meeting November 5  
(This will be on the Wednesday after Election Day)

Officer's Meeting October 30

December Meeting December 2

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

Financial Secretary Report: Account totals were read at the meeting, (not available for publication). However, \$7000.00 was given to Father from the account that holds the funds from the Shrine, etc.

Membership: No new names were read. Membership Blitz is in October. The normal announcement will be read at all the Masses October 18 & 19. Open house will be Thursday 23 October at 7:30. Come on out and show perspective members what we are really all about.

Monte Carlo Night: In spite of low turnout, Monte Carlo night still turned a profit for the parish. \$1200.00 was raised after costs. Great job Russell and thanks for volunteering to chair the event for next year. A thank you also goes out to the Ladies of the Knights for their help and support.

Poster Contest: John Wallover is chairing and organizing the Knights Drug and Alcohol awareness poster contest. The contest is open to all children ages 8 to 14. Winners go from the Council level up to Supreme being judged at various levels.

Council Social: John Wallover is already hard at work on next year's Council Social. Tentative dates are either Sunday 14 June or Saturday 20 June. Any one that feels one date is better than the other, please let John know.

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

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Degree Team: Our First Degree Team will be conducting the First Degree on 14 October. There are still plenty of openings for back up positions. You do not have to be a Third Degree member to be on the degree team.

Coal Tickets: Bob Kringe has the COAL tickets available. Bob needs books returned by the November business meeting.

Sweeps Tickets: Once again, we are off to a great start with the football sweeps tickets, thanks in large part to Rich Powell for chairing this program.

Anyone interested in getting tickets needs to contact Rich Powell.

Golf Outing: Next year's golf outing is scheduled for April 18. Thanks Rich for the early start.

Food Baskets: Harry has set 22 November and 20 December as the dates to assemble and distribute the food baskets for the needy. Please do your best to help assemble the baskets. Due to the state of the economy, we are expecting this to be a particularly hard year for many. If you know of anyone in need, please let Harry know.

### 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 outdo himself with the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary; he just needs your help.

## INFORMATION NEEDED

I am still looking for information from knowledgeable sources as far as facts about the Knights of Columbus is concerned for the newsletter. Everything should be a bit of a learning experience, and this is a great way to help our newer members to learn as much as our older and wiser members. In keeping with that theme, it would be great to have a fact or two about our faith in the newsletter each month. Finally, as you will see a little further down, we are now listing not just birthdays, but service anniversaries. Since the Knights is a family based organization, wedding anniversaries and ordination anniversaries would also be nice to list. Any information is always gratefully appreciated.

### SICK LIST

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

- Joe Powell, (Rich & Sean's father)
- Trevor Grimes and Family
- Bob Grover's daughter Monica
- Lee Williams
- The United States of America
- Derek's aunt & family
- Mom Crehan
- Father's two cousins
- All brothers in need

### BAPTISM SCHEDULE

October	Tony DiTommaso
November	Mark Martin
December	

### SPECIAL EVENT NOTICE

As you all know, the Sisters of the Blessed Sacrament are holding a re-dedication of the Shrine of Saint Katherine Drexel on All Saints Day, 1 November. They have specifically asked that the Knights of Columbus help out in any way possible; either by physically helping out or just being present.

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Bob Gutherman has been handling this event for the Knights and the Sisters. The Sisters are expecting a very large turn out and parking is bound to be tight. Any one that can carpool or take brothers with them will be most helpful. Contact Bob for times, etc.

### **DID YOU KNOW?**

**Halloween**hăl'əwēn', hăl'–, Oct. 31, the eve of [All Saints' Day](#), observed with traditional games and customs. The word comes from medieval England's All Hallows' eve (Old Eng. *hallow*=saint). However, many of these customs predate Christianity, going back to Celtic practices associated with Nov. 1, which was Samhainsä'wīn, the beginning of winter and the Celtic new year. Witches and other evil spirits were believed to roam the earth on this evening, playing tricks on human beings to mark the season of diminishing sunlight. Bonfires were lit, offerings were made of dainty foods and sweets, and people would disguise themselves as one of the roaming spirits, to avoid demonic persecution. Survivals of these early practices can be found in countries of Celtic influence today, such as the United States where children go from door to door in costumes demanding trick or treat.

See N. Rogers, *Halloween: From Pagan Ritual to Party Night* (2002), D. J. Skal, *Death Makes a Holiday: A Cultural History of Halloween* (2002).

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### **OTHER UPCOMING EVENTS**

By the Ladies of the Knights

October Meeting	Oct. 27
Soup & Conversation	Nov. 2

The Ladies of the Knights hold the Soup and Conversation year as a fund raiser and a chance to “kick back and enjoy each other’s company.” Please show the Ladies just how much we appreciate all that they do for us throughout the year by taking part in this very tasty event.

### **HAPPY BIRTHDAY**

Please wish the following brothers a Happy Birthday:

Jim Fallon	Oct 1
Mark Kintzell	Oct 3
Rick Kelly	Oct 7
John Wallover	Oct 21
John Masko	Oct 29

### **HAPPY ANNIVERSARY**

The members of Council 4765 wish to offer a happy anniversary to:

Sean Powell	5 Years
Ray Rutherford	5 Years +

### **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.

### **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**

The Sunday breakfasts are back on but are in trouble due in large part to a lack of attendance. John Brochon and crew are looking at scaling back the breakfasts if turn out does not improve. This event raises money for the parish.

### **SICK CALL**

Jerry Smedley recently underwent eye surgery. (There is no truth to the rumor that Marilyn poked him in the eye). Best wishes Jerry for a full and speedy recovery.

### **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/>

Council 4765

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

To join the group for 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.

### **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).

