

THE COMPASS

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS POPE PIUS XII COUNCIL 4765

Saint Thomas Aquinas Parish

April 2009

GRAND KNIGHT'S REPORT

Third Degree Certificates were presented to; Kyle Berna, Jason Blade, Joseph Gibbs, Dave Marion, John Ottinger, Thomas Pastore and James Vaughan. Thanks to all the brothers that helped make the degree a success. Once again, the State was impressed with all that we did. Al Litz received a letter from Senator Arlen Specter. The Senator renewed his pledge to help those that need it. Thanks again to Mark and Lou for their work on this year's ARC campaign. The Council approved a motion to participate in the 2009 Croydon Memorial Day parade. A motion was also approved to take out a full page ad in the Croydon Civic Association's book.

DEPUTY GRAND KNIGHT'S REPORT

ARC collection has started. Sign-up sheets, buckets and rulers are available. Due to the loss of several collection sites, and ARC's need for increased help, we will be well challenged this year. To help offset some of the lost sites, several Friday night collection sites have been set up. Please come out and help this worthy cause.

CHAPLIN'S REPORT

Nothing other than Mom is doing a better. She sends her thanks to all for their continued prayers.

MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

Two names were read. The next First Degree will be held on 28 April at STA.

UPCOMING EVENTS

50th Anniversary	April 26
First Degree	April 28
Officer's Meeting	April 30
Golf Outing	May 2*
May General Meeting	May 5
Fourth Degree	May 24*
May Officer's Meeting	May 28
Council Social	June 14

*These two events were shown with incorrect dates in the last edition.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Financial Secretary Report: Bills were approved for; Jim Berna, (newsletter, etc.), John Brochon,

(supplies) and Rick Kelly, (food for third degree). Officer nominations for our next year will take place at the May business meeting. All should attend as this is a very important part of Council business. Additionally, anyone interested in an office can view the details, Russ has all of the information.

Membership: A First Degree will be held at the Council on Tuesday 28 April. Report times for these events is; 7:00 PM at St. Thomas Aquinas.

Council Social: John Wallover is already hard at work on next year's Council Social. The event is scheduled for Sunday 14 June at Regina Coeli Hall. John will be contacting St. Michael the Archangel council to invite them to participate in this as well. John will be looking for help with menu, etc.

Degree Team: Jim Berna, Mike Fratantaro and John Wallover have been certified in roles on the District's Second Degree Team. Great going. We are still looking for anyone interested in being on the Council's First Degree Team. Anyone interested needs to contact Al Scheck.

Golf Outing: Next year's golf outing is scheduled for May 2. Rich will again be looking for volunteers. He will have signup sheets available. Any time that you can give Rich is greatly appreciated. Let's not let Rich down, this is an important fund raiser for the council.

St. Patrick's St. Joseph's Dance: Once again Joe Kelly and his team have done a fantastic job with this annual event. Joe and his group raised a profit of \$2340.00. Great job Joe to you and your team!

50th Anniversary Celebration: Rick Kelly and his team are making great progress on our 50th Anniversary celebration. Plans are for the celebration to take place at Georgine's on Sunday 26 April. Event time is 6:00 to 10:00. If any of our more senior brothers want to attend, but have difficulties with driving during the night hours, contact myself or someone in the council. We will be more than happy to help you out. Tickets

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prices are \$20.00 per person. (Widows, PGK's, Charter members and the needy are getting special ticket prices) See Rick for more details. The team is in need of any help you can give, so - please make it a point to help them out.

50th ANNIVERSARY

1 April 2009 marks the Council's 50th Anniversary. This momentous event needs to be an all out, big time celebration. Rick Kelly and his group have been hard at work trying their best to make this a truly momentous occasion. All that you need to do now is show up. The dinner will be held at Georgine's on Sunday April 26 from 6:00 until 10:00. Suit and tie is suggested, but not required, (if you don't own one, don't worry about it).

SICK LIST

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

- Joe Powell, (Rich & Sean's father)
- Bob Grover
- Rich Constance' Mother
- Tony Cinkutis' friend
- Mom Crehan
- Special Intentions

BAPTISM SCHEDULE

March	Mark Martin
April	Jason Blade
May	Gabe Gallagher

DID YOU KNOW?

April Fools' Day: Origin and History

The uncertain origins of a foolish day

by David Johnson and Shmuel Ross

[April Fools' Day](#), sometimes called All Fools' Day, is one of the most light hearted days of the year. Its origins are uncertain. Some see it as a celebration related to the turn of the seasons, while others believe it stems from the adoption of a new [calendar](#).

New Year's Day Moves

[Ancient cultures](#), including those as varied as the Romans and the [Hindus](#), celebrated New Year's Day on or around April 1. It closely follows the [vernal equinox](#) (March 20th or March 21st.) In medieval times, much of Europe celebrated March 25, the Feast of Annunciation, as the beginning of the new year.

In 1582, [Pope Gregory XIII](#) ordered a new calendar (the [Gregorian Calendar](#)) to replace the old Julian Calendar. The new calendar called for New Year's Day to be celebrated Jan. 1. That year, [France](#) adopted the reformed calendar and shifted New Year's day to Jan. 1. According to a popular explanation, many people either refused to accept the new date, or did not learn about it, and continued to celebrate New Year's Day on April 1. Other people began to make fun of these traditionalists, sending them on "fool's errands" or trying to trick them into believing something false. Eventually, the practice spread throughout Europe.

Problems With This Explanation

There are at least two difficulties with this explanation. The first is that it doesn't fully account for the spread of April Fools' Day to other European countries. [The Gregorian calendar](#) was not adopted by England until 1752, for example, but April Fools' Day was already well established there by that point. The second is that we have no direct historical evidence for this explanation, only conjecture, and that conjecture appears to have been made more recently.

Constantine and Kugel

Another explanation of the origins of April Fools' Day was provided by Joseph Boskin, a professor of history at Boston University. He explained that the practice began during the reign of [Constantine](#), when a group of court jesters and fools told the Roman emperor that they could do a better job of running the empire. Constantine, amused, allowed a jester named Kugel to be king for one day. Kugel passed an edict calling for absurdity on that day, and the custom became an annual event.

"In a way," explained Prof. Boskin, "it was a very serious day. In those times fools were really wise men. It was the role of jesters to put things in perspective with humor."

This explanation was brought to the public's attention in an Associated Press article printed by many newspapers in 1983. There was only one catch: Boskin made the whole thing up. It took a couple of weeks for the AP to realize that they'd been victims of an April Fools' joke themselves.

Spring Fever

It is worth noting that many different cultures have had days of foolishness around the start of April, give or take a couple of weeks. The Romans had a festival named Hilaria on March 25, rejoicing in the resurrection of [Attis](#). The Hindu calendar has [Holi](#), and the Jewish calendar has [Purim](#). Perhaps there's something about the time of year, with its turn from winter to spring, that lends itself to lighthearted celebrations.

Observances Around the World

April Fools' Day is observed throughout the Western world. Practices include sending someone on a "fool's errand," looking for things that don't exist; playing pranks; and trying to get people to believe ridiculous things.

The French call April 1 *Poisson d'Avril*, or "April Fish." French children sometimes tape a picture of a fish on the back of their schoolmates, crying "Poisson d'Avril" when the prank is discovered.

[This article was taken from www.infoplease.com](http://www.infoplease.com)

OTHER UPCOMING EVENTS

By the Ladies of the Knights

April Meeting	April 27
Installation of Officers	May 18

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Please wish the following brothers a Happy Birthday:

Paul Capelli	April 4
Joseph Supon	April 16
Mike Walker	April 18
Rev Myron Badneroskky	May 1
Scott Newmann	May 2

Mike Fratantaro	May 5
Jim O'Donnell, Jr.	May 9
John Whelihan	May 12
Mark Martin	May 12
Walter Chekay, Jr.	May 18
Harry McGuckin	May 20
Tony DiTommaso	May 26
George Gleason	May 29
Rev. Larry Crehan	May 29
Joe Fanini	May 30

ANNIVERSARIES

The Council wants all to congratulate the following brothers on their years of service:

John Coyne	50 Years
James Fallon	50 Years
John Masko	50 Years

(All in April, can you guess the date?)

There is another Brother that will mark 50 years of continuous service later this year. Anyone want to take a guess?

Congratulations to all you truly are an inspiration!

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. Lately the attendance has greatly improved, so they continue as scheduled. Let's not forget to thank John Brochon for his continued and sometimes thankless work for making the Breakfast Sunday a success. John wants all to know that the April Breakfast Sunday will be held one week earlier, on Palm Sunday.

WEB SITES

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

Main Site	www.kofc.org
State Site	http://www.pakofc.us/
Council 4765	http://kofc.buxcom.net/
	http://groups.yahoo.com/group/KofC4765/

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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.

IN MEMORIUM

No one from the Council returned home lately

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.

COUNCIL ELECTIONS

Nominations for officers will take place at the May general meeting with the elections taking place at the June meeting. Any one that wants to learn more about the various officer positions, duties, and responsibilities can contact Russ Andrews. Russ has all the information.

Remember, you need to be a Third Degree member or higher and be willing to do the work. Some positions require more time than others, so you must be willing and able to give the position you seek the proper time.

HELP WANTED

A summary of all the activities that are in need of volunteers.

- Degree Teams, (First & Second)
- 50th Anniversary Celebration
- ARC Collections & Bake Sale
- Golf Outing
- Croydon Memorial Day Parade
- Council Social
- Parish Picnic

COLOR CORPS EVENTS

Vince Haggerty has sent me an e-mail regarding upcoming Color Corps events.

Gentlemen, the next event we have will be the conclave meeting this coming Wednesday April 15, 2009 at the Holmesburg council located at 3300 Knorr St. Phila, Pa. The meeting starts at 8:00 p.m. and the report time will be at 7:30 p.m. Also, if any corp men are going to attend the exemplification on Memorial day week end

and want to attend in Corp please let me know as soon as possible so I may let our Worthy Marshall know. Last time I heard they needed about 60 members of corp as they have changed the degree. If interested you may have to attend 5 or 6 practices before the degree date as of this time I do not know if they are still planning any practices.

Vince

NEWSLETTER INFORMATION

I am missing birthday information on our most recent members. If you think that I may not have your information, please see me at a meeting or contact me at home. 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.



Some of our newest Third Degree Brothers. From left to right; John Ottinger, Jason Blade, Dave Marion, Kyle Berna, Jimmy Vaughan.