

THE COMPASS

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS POPE PIUS XII COUNCIL 4765

Saint Thomas Aquinas Parish

January 2009

GRAND KNIGHT'S REPORT

Third Degree exemplification will be held on 29 March 2009. There was a better turnout to help with the Christmas baskets, but we could still easily use more helpers. The Ladies are asking for our help with their Valentine's Day vowel renewal. Tickets are available for \$30.00 each. A letter of thanks from one of our parishioners. Harry and Sue have asked for support from the Council for their Parish Shrimp Scampi dinner, (more on that below).

DEPUTY GRAND KNIGHT'S REPORT

Like Mike said, turnout for the Christmas baskets was better, but still disappointing. This is one task that fills far more than anyone could otherwise imagine.

CHAPLIN'S REPORT

Thanks to all for your continued help and support. Mom seems to be settling in and hopefully all will work out. Thanks to Rich Brown for all of his dedication.

MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

Three names were read and approved for the next First Degree.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Next General Meeting	February 3
Officer's Meeting	January 26
First Degree	February 10
Second Degree	February 12
February Officer's Mtg.	February 26
March General Mtg.	March 3

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Financial Secretary Report: 2009 dues are now due. Please see Russ if you have not received your invoice or have any difficulties. Payments were approved at the General Meeting for; COAL, 3 on 3 Basketball; B & B Hardware.

Membership: Three names were read and approved for membership. Hopefully all three will be available for the next First Degree.

Poster Contest: John reports that the poster contest is closed with no takers. Hang in there

John, very few things catch on during the first try!

Council Social: John Wallover is already hard at work on next year's Council Social. The event is scheduled for Saturday 20 June, (John, please correct me if I have the date wrong) at Regina Coeli Hall. 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.

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

50th ANNIVERSARY

1 April 2009 marks the Council's 50th 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, or Jim Berna, 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 50th 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 Niece
- Mom Crehan
- St. Michael Archangel Council
- Roe v. Wade

BAPTISM SCHEDULE

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 (Wrong date listed in last newsletter)	Apr 18
Ladies Anniversary Dinner	
4th Degree	May 30
Council Social Event	Jun 20

DID YOU KNOW?

My apologies for not getting this newsletter out sooner or for having a better article for this section. I have been fighting the same cold as everyone else in North America. What has crossed my mind lately is the way we feel about the new year, (not always held in the middle of winter, but that is another story). We tend to go about setting dreams and goals for making our lives better. But did you ever stop to realize that keeping those resolutions is so difficult because we have forgotten to notice what we need to stop doing in order to start doing something else? Take for example a resolution to pray the rosary every day. Before we can succeed at doing it, we first need to identify what is keeping us from doing it now. Then, go about ending that habit so we can start a new one. I have read that psychologists say that it takes a minimum of three weeks of doing something every day for it to become a habit. And if you feel down a bit because you are having trouble keeping your New Year's resolutions, look at things the way Thomas Edison did. It was not how many failures he had in making his first working light bulb, it was the number of ways he found not to make one.

OTHER UPCOMING EVENTS

By the Ladies of the Knights

January Meeting	Jan 26
Vows Renewal	Feb 14
February Meeting (Nominations for Officers)	Feb 23
March Meeting (At Cesar's - Elections held)	Mar 30

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Please wish the following brothers a Happy Birthday:

John Wolf	Jan 1
John Brewerton	Jan 1
Russ Andrews	Jan 1
Owen Logan	Jan 12
Mike McCormick	Jan 12
Al Wolf	Jan 26
Mike Riccardi	Feb 1
Lou Balot	Feb 3
J.R. Ojeda	Feb 10
Derek deBeaumont	Feb 12
John Reilly	Feb 16
Dan DiTommaso	Feb 25
Bob Kringe	Feb 26

ANNIVERSARIES

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

Richard Labor	45 years this January
Howard Griffiths	5 years this February
Steve O'Conner	5 years this February
Al Litz, Jr.	45 years this February

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.

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/>

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 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.

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."

WANTED

YOUR KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS, POPE PIUS XII COUNCIL #4765, WILL BE MARKING THEIR 50TH ANNIVERSARY IN APRIL. IN AN EFFORT TO BEST HONOR THOSE THAT HAVE BEEN PART OF THE COUNCIL, WE ARE LOOKING FOR ANY; PICTURES, STORIES, HISTORY OR OTHER ITEMS THAT RELATE TO THE COUNCIL AND ITS HISTORY. PLEASE CONTACT JIM BERNA AT 215-788-7004 OR BY E-MAIL AT BUOYZ3@AOL.COM
(A notice scheduled to appear in the parish bulletin)

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.