

THE COMPASS

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS POPE PIUS XII COUNCIL 4765

Saint Thomas Aquinas Parish

July 2009

GRAND KNIGHT'S REPORT

Father Mike will be installed as Pastor of Saint Thomas Aquinas Parish on August 29th during the 5:00 PM Mass, (This is a Saturday event). Mike Fratantaro will head the committee to provide food and drink for after the installation. The installation of Officers will take place on August 11 in the Chapel. Mass time is 7:00. As discourteous as it sounds, we need to clean up our roster and remove those members that no longer want to be part of our Council or this Organization. This will hurt us in short term goals, but will benefit the Council in the long term. Monte Carlo night will be in November; Russ has again agreed to head the committee.

DEPUTY GRAND KNIGHT'S REPORT

Rick was not present as he had more pressing things to handle. Rick and Marie's daughter delivered her baby the same day as our meeting. Congratulations to the entire family!

CHAPLIN'S REPORT

Change is challenging to all. It is important that all realize that the Parish, any Parish is actually the parishioners. So far, Father Mike is enjoying the Saint Thomas Aquinas experience. Some ideas that Father would like to see would be; Weekly Exposition in the Chapel, (this would require volunteers – Knights?), increased use of the outdoor shrine, a family rosary night, (October sometime?), and along with this, generally getting families more involved. Also, Father would like to see an annual scripture study & faith formation as well as parish visitation.

UPCOMING EVENTS

July Officer's Meeting	July 30
August Business Meeting	Aug 4
Officer's Installation Mass	Aug 11
Trenton Thunder	Aug 22
August Officer's Meeting	Aug 27
Father Mike's Installation	Aug 29
September Business Meeting	Sept 1
Fourth Degree	Oct 11?

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Financial Secretary Report: Jim Berna reported that he was still getting set up and adjusted, but the goal is to use the K of C site for managing the finances as much as possible.

Treasurer's Report: Still need to get with Rick Kelly to obtain books, etc. Other than that, not much else to report

Membership: We now have 95 members, 80 of which are associate members. Currently there are no degrees scheduled. There is a remote possibility that there will be another Fourth Degree held this fall, stay tuned.

Degree Team: We are still looking for anyone interested in being on the Council's First Degree Team. Anyone interested in being on a degree team should contact Al Scheck.

Color Corps: Any Fourth Degree members interested in joining the Color Corps should contact Al Scheck, he has applications available.

Trenton Thunder: Gerry has the tickets now, game date is August 22. Price is \$11.00 each, remember, children under 12 get to eat free. As always, this game includes fireworks immediately after the game. The Trenton Thunder will be playing the New Hampshire Fisher Cats.

Football Sweeps: Brothers, it is that time again. Rich Powell is always successful, with your help, in making this a great fundraiser for the Council. Let's not let him down.

PRAYERS LIST

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

- Mike & Joe Powell
- Maureen Cochran
- John Brochon's Niece
- Baby Chastity
- Harry Haegele's Brother in law
- Special Intentions
- Rich Powell
- Mike Walker
- And to all in need of our prayers

BAPTISM SCHEDULE

June	Mark Martin
July	Jason Blade
August	Gabe Gallagher

DID YOU KNOW?

Declaration of Independence, full and formal declaration adopted July 4, 1776, by representatives of the Thirteen Colonies in North America announcing the separation of those colonies from Great Britain and making them into the United States.

The Road to Its Adoption

Charity, Unity, Fraternity, Patriotism

Official acts that colonists considered infringements upon their rights had previously led to the Stamp Act Congress (1765) and to the First Continental Congress (1774), but these were predominantly conservative assemblies that sought redress from the crown and reconciliation, not independence. The overtures of the First Continental Congress in 1774 came to nothing, discontent grew, and as the armed skirmishes at Lexington and Concord (Apr. 19, 1775) developed into the American Revolution, many members of the Second [Continental Congress](#) of Philadelphia followed the leadership of John Hancock, John Adams, and Samuel Adams in demanding independence.

The delegates from Virginia and North Carolina were in fact specifically instructed on independence and on June 7, 1776, Richard Henry Lee called for a resolution of independence. On June 11, John Adams, Benjamin Franklin, Thomas Jefferson, Robert R. Livingston, and Roger Sherman were instructed to draft such a declaration; the actual writing was entrusted to Jefferson. The first draft was revised by Franklin, Adams, and Jefferson before it was sent to Congress, where it was again changed. That final draft was adopted July 4, 1776, and Independence Day has been the chief American patriotic holiday ever since. It is interesting to note, however, that the July 4 document is merely a fuller statement justifying the resolution of independence adopted by Congress July 2, 1776.

The Declaration and Its Importance

The Declaration of Independence is the most important of all American historical documents. It is essentially a partisan document, a justification of the American Revolution presented to the world; but its unique combination of general principles and an abstract theory of government with a detailed enumeration of specific grievances and injustices has given it enduring power as one of the great political documents of the West. After stating its purpose, the opening paragraphs (given here in the form used in the engrossed copy) assert the fundamental American ideal of government, based on the theory of [natural rights](#), which had been held by, among others, John Locke, Emerich de Vattel, and Jean Jacques Rousseau.

We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness.—That to secure these rights, Governments are instituted among Men, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed,—That whenever any Form of Government becomes destructive of these ends, it is the Right of the People to alter or to abolish it, and to institute new Government, laying its foundation on such principles and organizing its powers in such form, as to them shall seem most likely to effect their Safety and Happiness.

Prudence, indeed, will dictate that Governments long established should not be changed for light and transient causes; and accordingly all experience hath shewn, that mankind are more disposed to suffer, while evils are sufferable, than to right themselves by abolishing the forms to which they are accustomed. But when a long train of abuses and usurpations, pursuing invariably the same Object evinces a design to reduce them under absolute Despotism, it is their right, it is their duty, to throw off such Government, and to provide new Guards for their future security.

Then follows an indictment of George III for willfully infringing those rights in order to establish an absolute Tyranny over the colonies. The document states that colonial patience had achieved nothing and therefore the colonists found themselves forced to declare their independence. The stirring closing paragraph is the formal pronouncement of independence and is borrowed from the resolution of July 2.

We, therefore, the Representatives of the united States of America, in General Congress, Assembled, appealing to the Supreme Judge of the world for the rectitude of our intentions, do, in the Name, and by Authority of the good People of these Colonies, solemnly publish and declare, That these United Colonies are, and of Right ought to be Free and Independent States; that they are Absolved from all Allegiance to the British Crown, and that all political connection between them and the state of Great Britain, is and ought to be totally dissolved; and that as Free and Independent States, they have full Power to levy War, conclude Peace, contract Alliances, establish Commerce, and to do all other Acts and Things which Independent States may of right do.—And for the support of this Declaration, with a firm reliance on the protection of divine Providence, we mutually pledge to each other our Lives, our fortunes and our sacred Honor.

Signers of the Declaration

Not all the men who helped draw up or voted for the Declaration signed it (Robert R. Livingston, for example, did not) nor were all the signers present at its adoption. All the signatures except six (Wythe, R. H. Lee, Wolcott, Gerry, McKean, and Thornton) were affixed on Aug. 2, 1776. The first is that of John Hancock, president of the Continental Congress. The remaining 55 (see individual articles on each) are those of Josiah Bartlett, William Whipple, Matthew Thornton, Samuel Adams, John Adams, Robert Treat Paine, Elbridge Gerry, Stephen Hopkins, William Ellery, Roger Sherman, Samuel Huntington, William Williams, Oliver Wolcott, William Floyd, Philip Livingston, Francis Lewis, Lewis Morris, Richard Stockton, John Witherspoon, Francis Hopkinson, John Hart, Abraham Clark, Robert Morris, Benjamin Rush, Benjamin Franklin, John Morton, George Clymer, James Smith, George Taylor, James Wilson, George Ross, Caesar Rodney, George Read, Thomas McKean,

Samuel Chase, William Paca, Thomas Stone, Charles Carroll of Carrollton, George Wythe, Richard Henry Lee, Thomas Jefferson, Benjamin Harrison, Thomas Nelson, Jr., Francis Lightfoot Lee, Carter Braxton, William Hooper, Joseph Hewes, John Penn, Edward Rutledge, Thomas Heyward, Jr., Thomas Lynch, Jr., Arthur Middleton, Button Gwinnett, Lyman Hall, and George Walton.

Taken from and for reference go to: http://www.referencecenter.com/ref/reference/Declaration_of_Independence?invocationType=ar1clk&flv=1

OTHER UPCOMING EVENTS

By the Ladies of the Knights

July Meeting (7:00PM Knights Room)	Jul 27
LOK / KOC picnic at STA (12 Noon)	Aug 15
Church Cleaning (10:00 AM)	Aug 22
Ladies Meeting at Cesare's (6:30 PM)	Aug 31
September Meeting with Guest Speaker	Sep 28

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Please wish the following brothers a Happy Birthday:

John Coyne	July 1
Jeffery Ditzler	July 11
Al Scheck	July 13
Al Litz	July 16
Tim O'Donnell	July 16
Deacon John Gallagher	July 17
Chris Cinalli	July 18
Harry Haegele	July 22
Len Lazerick	July 26
Joe Markert, Jr	July 26
Rev. Francis Gallagher	Aug 1
Gabe Gallagher	Aug 2
Mike Donnelly	Aug 6
Dan Glitz	Aug 6
Jason Blade	Aug 13
Rich Powell	Aug 15
Anthony Zito	Aug 22
Sean Powell	Aug 23
Ted Hearn	Aug 24
Tony Cinkutis	Aug 26

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

John Brochon and the breakfast crew are taking the summer off. Breakfasts will return in September.

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 MEMORIAM

Catherine, "Mom", Crehan

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.

HELP WANTED

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

COLOR CORPS EVENTS

No events at this time

NEWSLETTER INFORMATION

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

K OF C INSURANCE

For any questions about the K of C Insurance options please contact our Field Agent, Robert Danhardt, he can be reached at:

Phone: 215-499-1269

E-mail: robert.danhardt@kofc.org

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				Officer's Meeting 7:00 PM		

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		Regular Business Meeting 7:30 PM				
		Officer's Installation Mass 7:00 PM, (Chapel)				
						Church Cleaning 10:00 AM Trenton Thunder 7:05 PM
				August Business Meeting 7:00 PM		Fr. Mike's Installation Mass 5:00PM