

# THE COMPASS

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS POPE PIUS XII COUNCIL 4765

Saint Thomas Aquinas Parish

March 2009

## GRAND KNIGHT'S REPORT

Certificates were presented to; Joe Gibbs, Dave Marion and Jim Vaughan for making their First and Second degrees in February. John Ottinger finally received his Second degree certificate from September. Third Degree is set for Sunday 29 March. Candidates are to arrive between 12:00 and 12:15. This is a very formal degree. Candidates must wear a jacket and tie. Any Third degree members interested in making their Fourth Degree need to contact Mike for more information.

## DEPUTY GRAND KNIGHT'S REPORT

ARC collection will be starting soon. Word has it that PA will be lowering or eliminating its contributions to ARC, that will make this year's effort that much more important to this wonderful organization. Signup sheets will be available at the next meeting.

## CHAPLIN'S REPORT

(Father was not at the March meeting.)

## MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

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

Joseph Munday

At the Masses on the weekend of 14 / 15 March we will read our traditional message on membership in the Knights. All brothers at each Mass will be asked to stand and be recognized.

Please wear any Knights apparel that you may have.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

Officer's Meeting	March 26
Second Degree	March 24
Third Degree	March 29
Next General Meeting	April 7
50th Anniversary	April 26
April Officer's Meeting	April 30

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

Financial Secretary Report: Attendees & Alternates are needed for; Delaware Valley Caucus & State Conventions. Any Brother interested in running for a Council office can see

Russ for a description of the duties and responsibilities for each position. Nominations will occur at the May meeting.

Membership: A First Degree will be held at the Council on Tuesday 10 March. A Second Degree will be held on Thursday 12 March at Regina Coeli. A Second Degree will be held at St. Joseph the Worker Council on 24 March. 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 and John Wallover are going for roles with the Second Degree team. Certification is scheduled for March 24 at St. Joseph the Worker. Al is still looking for those interested in parts for our First Degree team, as well as back up persons for the Second degree team. Let Al know if you are interested.

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 has volunteered to head this committee. Joe has the date set for Saturday 14 March. He will be looking for volunteers for; set up, clean up, selling 50/50's, etc. Please do whatever you can to help our Joe and the rest of the committee for this event.

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

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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 prices are \$45.00 per couple. 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.

**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, 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 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 Niece
- Mom Crehan
- Officer Chris Jones Family
- Tony DiTommaso
- Special Intentions

**BAPTISM SCHEDULE**

March	Mark Martin
April	Jason Blade
May	Gabe Gallagher

**UPCOMING EVENT NOTICE**

1st Degree @ Council	Mar 10
2nd Degree @ Regina Coeli	Mar 12
St. Patrick's Dance	Mar 14
2nd Degree @ St. Joseph the Worker	Mar 24
3rd Degree Exemplification	Mar 29
50th Anniversary Celebration	Apr 26
(Date updated)	
Ladies Anniversary Dinner	
Golf Outing	May 4
4th Degree	May 30
Council Social Event	Jun 14

**DID YOU KNOW?**

St. Patrick, the patron saint of Ireland, is one of Christianity's most widely known figures. But for all his celebrity, his life remains somewhat of a mystery. Many of the stories traditionally associated with St. Patrick, including the famous account of his banishing all the snakes from Ireland, are false, the products of hundreds of years of exaggerated storytelling.

**Taken Prisoner By Irish Raiders**

It is known that St. Patrick was born in Britain to wealthy parents near the end of the fourth century. He is believed to have died on March 17, around 460 A.D. Although his father was a Christian deacon, it has been suggested that he probably took on the role because of tax incentives and there is no evidence that Patrick came from a particularly religious family. At the age of sixteen, Patrick was taken prisoner by a group of Irish raiders who were attacking his family's estate. They transported him to Ireland where he spent six years in captivity. (There is some dispute over where this captivity took place. Although many believe he was taken to live in Mount Slemish in County Antrim, it is more likely that he was held in County Mayo near Killala.) During this time, he worked as a shepherd, outdoors and away from people. Lonely and afraid, he turned to his religion for solace, becoming a devout Christian. (It is also believed that Patrick first began to dream of converting the Irish people to Christianity during his captivity.)

**Guided By Visions**

After more than six years as a prisoner, Patrick escaped. According to his writing, a voice-which he believed to be God's-spoke to him in a dream, telling him it was time to leave Ireland. To do so, Patrick walked nearly 200 miles from County Mayo, where it is believed he was held, to the Irish coast. After escaping to Britain, Patrick reported that he experienced a second revelation-an angel in a dream tells him to return to Ireland as a missionary. Soon after, Patrick began religious training, a course of study that lasted more than fifteen years. After his ordination as a priest, he was sent to Ireland with a dual mission-to minister to Christians already living in Ireland

and to begin to convert the Irish. (Interestingly, this mission contradicts the widely held notion that Patrick introduced Christianity to Ireland.)

### **Bonfires and Crosses**



Familiar with the Irish language and culture, Patrick chose to incorporate traditional ritual into his lessons of Christianity instead of attempting to eradicate native Irish beliefs. For instance, he used bonfires to celebrate Easter since the Irish were used to honoring their gods with fire. He also superimposed a sun, a powerful Irish symbol, onto the Christian cross to create what is now called a Celtic cross, so that veneration of the symbol would seem more natural to the Irish. (Although there were a small number of Christians on the island when Patrick arrived, most Irish practiced a nature-based pagan religion. The Irish culture centered around a rich tradition of oral legend and myth. When this is considered, it is no surprise that the story of Patrick's life became exaggerated over the centuries-spinning exciting tales to remember history has always been a part of the Irish way of life.)

To learn more about St. Patrick and St. Patrick's Day, symbols, etc., visit the site this article came from:

<http://www.history.com/content/stpatricksdays>

### **OTHER UPCOMING EVENTS**

By the Ladies of the Knights

March Meeting	Mar 30
Church Cleaning	April 4
April Meeting	April 27
Installation of Officers	May 18

### **HAPPY BIRTHDAY**

Please wish the following brothers a Happy Birthday:

Mario Maurizi	Mar 10
Dennis Schafer	Mar 10
Sean Berna	Mar 16
Paul Capelli	April 4
Joseph Supon	April 16
Mike Walker	April 18

### **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?)

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](http://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 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.

### LOK ELECTIONS

The members of Pope Pius XII Council wish to congratulate the 2009-2011 Officers of the Ladies of the Knights. They are:

- Marilyn Smedley - President
- Marie Kelly - Vice President
- Agnes Meek - Treasurer
- Eileen Brown - Secretary

### 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,

I have three new events coming up beginning next Monday. On Monday March 16,

2009 Location St Martin of Tours Roosevelt Blvd. and Cheltenham Ave, report time will be 6:30 p.m. and the Mass will be at 7:00 p.m. The event will be the installation of Monsignor. The next event will on Wednesday March 18, 2009 at St Katherine Drexel Shrine on Bristol Pike in Bensalem, Pa. This is the St Katherine Drexel Mass report time will be 6:30 p.m. and the Mass will start at 7:00 p.m. there will be refreshments afterwards. the next Event will be at the same location as the last one. This event will be the International Day Of The Unborn Mass sponsored by the Pokrova Council. Report time will be at 6:30 p.m. and the Mass will start at 7:00 p.m. This will take place on Wednesday March 25, 2009 at St Katherine Drexel Shrine. If you can make any of the above events please let me know.

Thank you  
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](mailto:buoyz3@aol.com).

### THANK YOU

Joe Kelly and all the members of Pope Pius XII Council want to thank Old Croydon Cafe for their excellent and hard work with providing the food for our St. Patrick's Dinner Dance. Old Croydon Cafe offers great food at reasonable prices, any question, just drive by on any Sunday. One way to show your appreciation is to visit Old Croydon Cafe and let them know their hard work is noticed. As a side note, Old Croydon also provides potatoes for our monthly Sunday breakfast - always a hit.

A thank you from Mrs. O'Neil for our support of the 3 on 3 basketball tournament and our donation to the basket auction. Finally thank you to Rita Kronenbitter for her donation of \$50.00 to the Council