

# THE COMPASS

## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS POPE PIUS XII COUNCIL 4765

Saint Thomas Aquinas Parish

November - December 2009

### GRAND KNIGHT'S REPORT

Breakfast Sunday has resumed. It is held on the second Sunday of each month. Come on out and show your support. The Council's Memorial Mass will be on November 17 at 7:00 in the Church. The Fourth Degree Assembly will be holding their Memorial Mass on the 18th at The Sisters of the Blessed Sacrament. Monte Carlo set up report time is 1:00. All volunteers need to arrive at 6:00. The November Officer's meeting will be held on Tuesday the 24th. Our next formal meeting will be in January. Remember; at a formal meeting, all officers need to wear jacket and tie. We will put up our "Keep Christ in Christmas" sign up on December 5 at noon.

### DEPUTY GRAND KNIGHT'S REPORT

Nothing to report at this time

### CHAPLIN'S REPORT

This is the feast of St. Charles Borromeo. The year of the priest is about a call to holiness. It is not just about becoming a priest, but how each of us answers our call to holiness. Please pray not only for more calls to the priesthood, but also for your priest and all priests.

### UPCOMING EVENTS

November General Meeting	Nov 3
Monte Carlo Night	Nov 14
Thanksgiving Food Baskets	Nov 21
November Officer's Meeting	Nov 24
December General Meeting	Dec 1
St. Patrick / St. Joseph's Dance	Mar 13
Third Degree	Apr 11

### REPORTS

Financial Secretary Report: Congratulations to Rev. Michael Davis, our newest member. Invoices for dues will be mailed out in December. If, due to hardships, you are going to have problems paying your dues, contact the F.S. or Grand Knight. Membership cards will not be issued to brothers that are not current in their dues.

Treasurer's Report: Account balances were read. Report was approved by all in attendance. Breakfast Sunday is alive and well.

Monte Carlo Night: As many of you now know, the Monte Carlo night scheduled for Nov 14, to raise

money for the parish was cancelled at the last minute. Like all disappointing news, the reasons may seem somewhat confusing, but Father Mike has assured us that the decision was made in the best interest of the Parish and Council 4765.

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.

District Deputy:

Golf Outing: Rich Powell is already working on the golf outing for 2010. The date will be Saturday May 15.

Football Sweeps: A modest profit was made during this year's Football sweeps campaign. Thanks to Jason Blade for, pardon the pun, picking up the ball this year.

ARC: We finished 5th in the State of PA for ARC collections in 2009. Good job, especially in these financial times. Chris Cinalli has volunteered to head the 2010 ARC campaign. He will be helped by Lou Balot, who was Mark's assistant in 2009.

COAL Tickets: Fall brings not only the Football sweeps but the COAL tickets as well. Money raised by this worth campaign helps support the Knight's scholarship program. John Wallover will be heading this year's campaign with guidance from Bob Krings.

K of C License Plate: Jim Berna applied for and received his plate. Based on my experience, please allow 10 weeks +/-, but trust me it is well worth it. You do need to be a member in good standing in order to obtain a plate.

### PRAYERS LIST

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

- The Powell Family, (Joe, Mike, Rich & Sean)
- Maureen Cochran
- John Ottinger's Brother in law
- Harry Haegele's Brother in law
- Mike Fratantaro's sister Mary
- Bob Grover
- Tom Pastore's brother

*Charity, Unity, Fraternity, Patriotism*

- Pat Kelly
- Mark Martin's brother
- Pat Litz
- Debbie Cinalli
- And to all in need of our prayers

### BAPTISM SCHEDULE

November	Tony DiTomasso
December	John Wallover

### DID YOU KNOW?

## The Thanksgiving Story



Most stories of Thanksgiving history start with the harvest celebration of the pilgrims and the indians that took place in the autumn of 1621. Although they did have a three-day feast in celebration of a good harvest, and the local indians did participate, this "first Thanksgiving" was not a holiday, simply a gathering. There is little evidence that this feast of thanks led directly to our modern Thanksgiving Day holiday. Thanksgiving can, however, be traced back to 1863 when Pres. Lincoln became the first president to proclaim Thanksgiving Day. The holiday has been a fixture of late November ever since.

However, since most school children are taught that the first Thanksgiving was held in 1621 with the pilgrims and indians, let us take a closer look at just what took place leading up to that event, and then what happened in the centuries afterward that finally gave us our modern Thanksgiving.

The Pilgrims who sailed to this country aboard the *Mayflower* were originally members of the English Separatist Church (a Puritan sect). They had earlier fled their home in England and sailed to Holland (The Netherlands) to escape religious persecution. There, they enjoyed more religious tolerance, but they eventually became disenchanted with the Dutch way of life, thinking it ungodly. Seeking a better life, the Separatists

negotiated with a London stock company to finance a pilgrimage to America. Most of those making the trip aboard the *Mayflower* were non-Separatists, but were hired to protect the company's interests. Only about one-third of the original colonists were Separatists.

The Pilgrims set ground at Plymouth Rock on December 11, 1620. Their first winter was devastating. At the beginning of the following fall, they had lost 46 of the original 102 who sailed on the *Mayflower*. But the harvest of 1621 was a bountiful one. And the remaining colonists decided to celebrate with a feast -- including 91 Indians who had helped the Pilgrims survive their first year. It is believed that the Pilgrims would not have made it through the year without the help of the natives. The feast was more of a traditional English harvest festival than a true "thanksgiving" observance. It lasted three days.

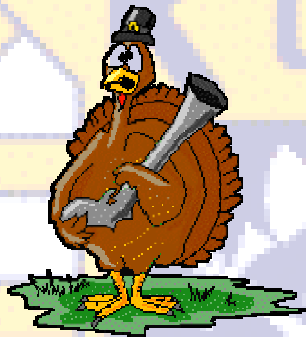
Governor William Bradford sent "four men fowling" after wild ducks and geese. It is not certain that wild turkey was part of their feast. However, it is certain that they had venison. The term "turkey" was used by the Pilgrims to mean any sort of wild fowl.

Another modern staple at almost every Thanksgiving table is [pumpkin pie](#). But it is unlikely that the first feast included that treat. The supply of flour had been long diminished, so there was no bread or [pastries](#) of any kind. However, they did eat boiled [pumpkin](#), and they produced a type of fried bread from their corn crop. There was also no milk, [cider](#), potatoes, or butter. There was no domestic cattle for dairy products, and the newly-discovered potato was still considered by many Europeans to be poisonous. But the feast did include fish, berries, watercress, lobster, dried [fruit](#), clams, venison, and plums.



This "thanksgiving" feast was not repeated the following year. Many years passed before the event was repeated. It wasn't until June of 1676 that another Day of thanksgiving was proclaimed. On June 20 of that year the governing council of Charlestown, Massachusetts, held a meeting to determine how best to express thanks for the good fortune that had seen their community securely established. By unanimous vote they instructed Edward Rawson, the clerk, to proclaim June 29 as a day of thanksgiving. It is notable that this thanksgiving celebration probably did not include the Indians, as the celebration was meant partly to be in recognition of the colonists' recent victory over the "heathen natives," (see the [proclamation](#)).

A hundred years later, in October of 1777 all 13 colonies joined in a thanksgiving celebration. It also commemorated the patriotic victory over the British at Saratoga. But it was a one-time affair.



George Washington proclaimed a National Day of Thanksgiving in 1789, although some were opposed to it. There was discord among the colonies, many feeling the hardships of a few pilgrims did not warrant a national holiday. And later, President Thomas Jefferson opposed the idea of having a day of thanksgiving.

It was Sarah Josepha Hale, a magazine editor, whose efforts eventually led to what we recognize as Thanksgiving. Hale wrote many editorials championing her cause in her *Boston Ladies' Magazine*, and later, in *Godey's Lady's Book*. Finally, after a 40-year campaign of writing editorials and letters to governors and presidents, Hale's obsession became a reality when, in 1863, President Lincoln proclaimed the *last* Thursday in November as a national day of Thanksgiving.

Thanksgiving was proclaimed by every president after Lincoln. The date was changed a couple of times, most recently by Franklin Roosevelt, who set it up one week to the next-to-last Thursday in order to create a longer Christmas shopping season. Public uproar against this decision caused the president to move Thanksgiving back to its original date two years later. And in 1941, Thanksgiving was finally sanctioned by Congress as a legal holiday, as the *fourth* Thursday in November.



Taken from:  
<http://wilstar.com/holidays/thankstr.htm>

#### OTHER UPCOMING EVENTS

By the Ladies of the Knights  
 Soup & Conversation Nov 1  
 November Meeting @ Cesares Nov 30

#### HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Please wish the following brothers a Happy Birthday:

Gerry Smedley	Nov 2
Charles Worden	Nov 5
Richard Labor	Nov 14
Mark Kolesar	Nov 28
John Brogan	Nov 30
Bob Grover	Dec 1
Robert Sauler	Dec 7
John Fratantaro	Dec 8
Bob Gutherman	Dec 11
Tom Pastore	Dec 18
Ron Poserina	Dec 25
Steven O'Conner	Dec 26

#### ANNIVERSARIES

Congratulations to Bob and Lynne Gutherman. Bob and Lynne celebrated their 20th wedding anniversary on November 3rd. Here's wishing you at least 20 more! Years of Service Anniversaries:

- Rev. Myron Badnerosky 50 Years
- Rev. Francis Gallagher 45 Years
- Owen Logan 35 Years
- George Pizzullo 35 Years

- John Brogan, Harry Haegele, Mike McCormick and John Wallover, Dan Glitz are all celebrating 5 years  
Congratulations Brothers!

### 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 at a meeting to place an order.

### BREAKFAST SUNDAY

Breakfast Sunday is the second Sunday each month. November was a great turnout. Tony Cinkutis brought his friends from SEPTA. Volunteers and ideas are always welcome.

### 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

Fortunately, no one has returned to God recently

### 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:

- Christmas Food Baskets

### COLOR CORPS EVENTS

Here is a sampling of Color Corps events held in November. If you have an interest in being part of the Color Corps and being involved in some very beautiful events, contact Al Scheck and he can make the necessary contacts.

Friday 11/6/09 at St Joseph the Worker Council Hall for the annual Memorial Mass followed by a dinner. Mass starts at 7:00 p.m. and report time will be at 6:30 p.m. the Council is located at 1492 Woodbourne Rd. Levittown, Pa.

The last event will be held at St. Martha Church on Sunday 11/08/09 for the annual Veterans' Day Mass. St. Martha is located at 11301 Academy Rd. Phila. Pa. Mass starts at 10:00 a.m. and report time is 9:30 a.m.

Please keep the dates open and let me know whether you can make them our not as I have to let the councils know how many are attending.

Vince

### THANK YOU

You may or may not know of the business that help; the Knights, the LOK and our parish. Here is an opportunity to let you know who they are in hopes that you might re-pay their kindness and generosity:

- Schmidt's Flowers in Bristol
- Old Croydon Café
- Cesares Restaurant in Bristol
- Wal-Mart, Bristol Commerce
- ACME Woodhaven & Bensalem
- Shop-Rite Bensalem
- Richard S. Brown Electrical Contractors
- B & B True Value Hardware

### 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](mailto:buoyz3@aol.com)

November

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3 General Mtg	4	5	6 First Friday	7
8 Breakfast	9	10	11	12	13	14 Monte Carlo Cancelled
15	16	17 Memorial Mass	18 4th Degree Mass	19	20	21 Food Baskets 12:00
22	23 Officer Mtg	24	25	26 Thanksgiving Day	27	28
29	30	1	2	3	4	5

December

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 General Meeting	2	3	4 First Friday	5
6	7	8 Feast Immaculate Conception	9	10	11	12
13 Breakfast	14	15	16	17	18	19 Food Baskets 12:00
20	21	22	23	24 Christmas Eve Day	25 Christmas Day	26 Boxing Day
27	28	29	30	31 New Year's Eve Day	1 New Year's Day	2
3	4	5 January Mtg Formal*	6	7	8	9

\* Formal meeting - all officers must appear in jacket and tie