

THE COMPASS

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS POPE PIUS XII COUNCIL 4765

Saint Thomas Aquinas Parish

October - November 2009

GRAND KNIGHT'S REPORT

Thanks to all of the brothers that called or visited Mike Fratantaro during his recent hospital stay. Thanks to Rich Blinn for seeing that a fruit basket was sent to Mike's house. The blitz speech went well, good job and thanks to all that were part of it. There will be no Fourth Degree on the 11th. John Ottinger did a wonderful job making our new memorial cross. The name plaques have been ordered and we are ordering extra blanks so that future names will match. Remember, the Ladies are holding their Soup & Conversation on 1 November. As always, any help we can give will be greatly appreciated. Set up will be on Saturday the 31st at 1:00. The Ladies' annual bazaar will not be held this year because they have no one to Chair the event. If any brother is interested in Chairing this and working with the Ladies' let us know.

DEPUTY GRAND KNIGHT'S REPORT

Nothing to report at this time

CHAPLIN'S REPORT

Thanks and great job to all involved in the blitz weekend. The speech was delivered well and overall feedback was good. Rosary Crusade being held at both St. Thomas and Our Lady of Fatima

UPCOMING EVENTS

October Officer's Meeting	Oct 29
Set up for Soup & Conversation	Oct 31
November General Meeting	Nov 3
Monte Carlo Night	Nov 14
Thanksgiving Food Baskets	Nov 21
November Officer's Meeting	TBD

REPORTS

Financial Secretary Report: Nothing to report at this time, other than the K of C license plate seems to be a process that requires patience.

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

Membership: We are holding a membership blitz weekend on October 3 & 4 with an open house on Wednesday October 7. We would like to have as many brothers as possible attending the weekend

masses wearing Knights apparel and to attend the open house.

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.

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

Football Sweeps: Brothers, it is that time again. Rich is very involved with a personal project and has asked that someone take this over for this year. Jason Blade has stepped up and I know that he will get from Rich much guidance and from us all of the support that we would normally give Rich. (Good luck with your project Rich)

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.

PRAYERS LIST

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

- Mike & Joe Powell
- 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
- Pat Kelly
- Mark Martin's brother
- Pat Litz
- And to all in need of our prayers

BAPTISM SCHEDULE

October	Lou Balot
November	Tony DiTomasso
December	John Wallover

DID YOU KNOW?

Charity, Unity, Fraternity, Patriotism

Basic Facts About All Saints Day

Liturgical Color(s): White

Type of Holiday: Solemnity, Holy Day of Obligation

(West); Feast (East)

Time of Year: November 1 (in the East, the Sunday after Pentecost)

Duration: One Day

Celebrates/Symbolizes: All Saints, known and unknown

Alternate Names: All Hallows, Halloween, Halloween

Scriptural References: Mark 12:26-27; Ephesians 6:18; Hebrews 12:1, Revelation 5:8

Introduction

The Feast of All Saints is a holy day of the Church honoring all saints, known and unknown. This is much like the American holidays Veterans Day and Presidents Day, where many people are honored on one day. While we have information about many saints, and we honor them on specific days, there are many unknown or unsung saints, who may have been forgotten, or never been specifically honored. On All Saints Day, we celebrate these saints of the Lord, and ask for their prayers and intercessions. The whole concept of All Saints Day is tied in with the concept of the [Communion of Saints](#). This is the belief that all of God's people, on heaven, earth, and in the state of purification (called *Purgatory* in the West), are connected in a communion. In other words, Catholic and Orthodox Christians believe that the saints of God are just as alive as you and I, and are constantly interceding on our behalf. Remember, our connection with the saints in heaven is one grounded in a tight-knit *communion*. The saints are not divine, nor omnipresent or omniscient. However, because of our common communion with and through Jesus Christ, our prayers are joined with the heavenly community of Christians. St. Cyril of Jerusalem (AD 350) testifies to this belief:

We mention those who have fallen asleep: first the patriarchs, prophets, apostles, and martyrs, that through their prayers and supplications God would receive our petition...([Catechetical Lecture](#) 23:9).

The Catholic Catechism concisely describes this communion among believers, by which we are connected to Christ, and thus to one another:

"Being more closely united to Christ, those who dwell in heaven fix the whole Church more firmly in holiness...They do not cease to intercede with the Father for us...So by their fraternal concern is our weakness greatly helped."

"...as Christian communion among our fellow pilgrims brings us closer to Christ, so our communion with the saints joins us to Christ, from whom as from its fountain and head issues all grace, and the life of the People of God itself: We worship Christ as God's Son; we love the martyrs as the Lord's disciples and imitators, and rightly so because of their matchless devotion towards their king and master. May we also be their companions and fellow disciples ([CCC](#) 956, 957)!"

There are [thousands of canonized saints](#), that is those individuals officially recognized by the Church as holy men and women worthy of imitation. Because miracles have been associated with these people, and their lives have been fully examined and found holy by the Church, we can be assured they are prime examples of holiness, and powerful intercessors before God on our behalf. There are also many patron saints, guardians or protectors of different areas and states of life. For instance, St. Vitus is the patron saint against oversleeping, and St. Joseph of Cupertino is the patron saint of air travelers. It may sound crazy to have a patron saint against oversleeping, but keep in mind the Church has something meaningful for *every* area of our human lives. All of these saints are celebrated throughout the year, as many have their own feast days (for instance, St. Hilary of Poitiers, whose feast day is celebrated January 13).

History

Christians have been honoring their saints and martyrs since at least the second century AD. [The Martyrdom of Polycarp](#), probably written near the middle of the second century, attests to this reality:

Accordingly, we afterwards took up his bones, more precious than the most exquisite jewels, and more pure than gold, and deposited them in a fitting place, so that

when being gathered together, as opportunity is allowed us, with joy and rejoicing, the Lord shall grant us to celebrate the anniversary of his martyrdom, both in memory of those who have already finished their course, and for the exercising and preparation of those yet to walk in their steps (18).

Initially the calendars of saints and martyrs varied from location to location, and many times local churches honored local saints. However, gradually feast days became more universal. The first reference to a general feast celebrating all saints occurs in St Ephrem the Syrian (d. AD 373). St. John Chrysostom (d. AD 407) assigned a day to the feast, the first Sunday after Pentecost, where in the Eastern Churches the feast is celebrated to this day. In the West, this date was probably originally used, and then the feast was moved to May 13th. The current observance (November 1) probably originates from the time of Pope Gregory III (d. AD 741), and was likely first observed on November 1st in Germany. This fact makes the connection of the All Saints Feast with the pagan festival Samhain less likely, since Samhain was an *Irish* pagan feast, rather than German.

The vigil of the Feast (the eve) has grown up in the English speaking countries as a festival in itself, [All Hallows Eve](#), or Halloween. While many consider Halloween pagan (and in many instances the celebrations are for many), as far as the Church is concerned the date is simply the eve of the feast of All Saints. Many customs of Halloween reflect the Christian belief that on the feast's vigils we mock evil, because as Christians, it has no real power over us. However, for some Halloween is used for evil purposes, in which many Christians dabble unknowingly. David Morrison explains the proper relationship between [Christians and Halloween](#). Various customs have developed related to Halloween. In the Middle Ages, poor people in the community begged for "soul cakes," and upon receiving these doughnuts, they would agree to pray for departed souls. This is the root of our modern day "trick-or-treat." The custom of masks and costumes developed to mock evil and perhaps confuse the evil spirits by dressing as one of their own. Some Christians visit cemeteries on Halloween, not to practice evil, but to commemorate departed relatives and friends, with picnics and the last flowers of the year. The day after All Saints day is called [All Soul's Day](#), a day to remember and offer prayers up on behalf

of all of the faithful departed. In many cultures it seems the two days share many customs. See the [Oxford Dictionary of the Christian Church](#) for more information.

Taken from:

<http://www.churchyear.net/allsaints.html>

OTHER UPCOMING EVENTS

By the Ladies of the Knights

October General Meeting	Oct 26
Soup Event Meeting	Oct 27
Soup & Conversation	Nov 1
November Meeting @ Cesare's	Nov 30

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Please wish the following brothers a Happy Birthday:

James Fallon	Oct 1
Mark Kintzell	Oct 3
Rick Kelly, (DGK)	Oct 7
John Wallover	Oct 21
John Masko	Oct 29
Gerry Smedley	Nov 2
Charles Worden	Nov 5
Richard Labor	Nov 14
Mark Kolesar	Nov 28
John Brogan	Nov 30

ANNIVERSARIES

Congratulations to Joe and Marge Kelly. Joe and Marge celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary on October 13th. Here's wishing you at least 25 more!

Years of Service Anniversaries:

- Rev. Myron Badnerosky 50 Years
- Rev. Francis Gallagher 45 Years
- John Brogan, Harry Haegele, Mike McCormick and John Wallover 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

The Parish Sunday Breakfasts remain and excellent way to keep in touch and to make new friends. It is an ideal venue to learn the names of fellow parishioners, to promote the Knights as an organization.

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

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:

- COAL Tickets
- Monte Carlo Night

COLOR CORPS EVENTS

Gentlemen, here are the next three events on our calendar. The first is our monthly Conclave meeting being held on Wednesday 10/21/09 starting at 7:30 p.m. and will be held at the Holmesburg council at 3300 Knorr St. Phila. Pa. 19149.

The second event will be on 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. Marta 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

K OF C INSURANCE

Membership growth is everyone's goal

The membership blitz is a tried and true way for councils to increase their numbers. We see these pushes often in March, in celebration of Founder's Day, and again in October. These drives are successful because brother Knights are more visible than normal, during and after Masses and at special events. We remember to ask each and every Catholic gentleman to join our ranks for the good of the Church, community and Order.

At the beginning of the fraternal year, we set our eyes on the goal of achieving the Star Council Award. This means running many successful and varied programs throughout the year and using this activity to spread the word about the Order. This will bring in new members.

Don't forget the strength of our life insurance, long-term care and annuities products is also a selling point of membership. For more than 125 years, our insurance has been "making a difference for life." Our ratings are among the best in the business. For the 17th consecutive year, the Knights of Columbus insurance program has earned Standard & Poor's highest rating, and for the 34th consecutive year, A.M. Best Company has given us its highest financial strength rating.

I can help not only in explaining to prospects our outstanding insurance products, but also on the many other benefits of becoming a knight. I am happy to be an advocate for the Order.

As your professional Knights of Columbus insurance agent, I look forward to helping us grow in fraternity.

Fraternally,
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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
- Cesare's Restaurant in Bristol
- Wal-Mart, Bristol Commerce
- ACME Woodhaven & Bensalem
- Shop-Rite Bensalem
- Richard S. Brown Electrical Contractors
- B & B True Value Hardwar

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

October

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2	3
4	5	6 General Mtg	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29 Officer Mtg	30	31 Halloween

November

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Soup & Conv. All Saints Day	All Souls Day	Election Day	General Mtg Special Day		First Friday	
8 Breakfast	9	10	11	12	13	14 Monte Carlo
15	16	17	18	19	20	21 Food Baskets 12:00
22	23	24	25	26 Thanksgiving Day	27	28
29	30	1 December General Mtg	2	3	4	5