

THE COMPASS

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS POPE PIUS XII COUNCIL 4765

Saint Thomas Aquinas Parish

September 2009

GRAND KNIGHT'S REPORT

We are looking for committee members to review applications for food baskets at Thanksgiving and Christmas. Rick Kelly has already volunteered. Our Fall membership blitz will be the weekend of October 3rd & 4th with an open house on Wednesday October 7th. Father Mike's installation mass and reception went wonderfully. Thanks to all for your help and participation. Father has expressed an interest in changing the Ladies of the Knights Picnic to a Parish wide picnic. The tentative date for this is June 5, (the first Saturday in June). Helen Walker sent a note expressing her thanks to the Knights for their showing at Mike's viewing and funeral mass. Starting with the passing of our next brother, his wife or oldest surviving child will receive a Knights of Columbus bible. Rich Rosenblatt has been trying to get everything together for this year's soccer challenge, but he believes that we may be starting too late. There is always next year.

DEPUTY GRAND KNIGHT'S REPORT

Nothing to report at this time

CHAPLIN'S REPORT

Thanks for not only all of the work that went into the Installation Mass and reception but for the warm welcome that was shown to Mom and Sister as well as the entire family. (It looks like the parish may be adopting another Mom)

UPCOMING EVENTS

September General Meeting	Sept 1
September Officer's Meeting	Oct 1
Blitz Weekend	Oct 3 & 4
October General Meeting	Oct 6
Open House	Oct 7
Fourth Degree	Oct 11
October Officer's Meeting	Oct 29
November General Meeting	Nov 3
Monte Carlo Night	Nov 14

REPORTS

Financial Secretary Report: This will be my first go around with the dues process. Look for as many things to be computer based as possible. Bills and receipts were read and paid. One brother made an

anonymous donation of \$200.00 towards the cost of Father Mike's installation reception. Thank you Brother!

Treasurer's Report: Account balances were read. Report was approved by all in attendance. We are again working on a phone tree. Please indicate how you would prefer to be contacted; phone or e-mail and also verify that the information that we have is correct.

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.

Trenton Thunder: The game was rained out. Some went to other games during the week.

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 Kringe.

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
- Mark Martin's brother
- And to all in need of our prayers

Charity, Unity, Fraternity, Patriotism

BAPTISM SCHEDULE

September	Bob Gutherman
October	Lou Balot
November	Tony DiTomasso
December	John Wallover

DID YOU KNOW?

The History of Labor Day

For other Labor Day information, visit our [Labor Day 2009 page](#).

Labor Day: How it Came About; What it Means
Labor Day, the first Monday in September, is a creation of the labor movement and is dedicated to the social and economic achievements of American workers. It constitutes a yearly national tribute to the contributions workers have made to the strength, prosperity, and well-being of our country.

Founder of Labor Day

More than 100 years after the first Labor Day observance, there is still some doubt as to who first proposed the holiday for workers.

Some records show that Peter J. McGuire, general secretary of the Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners and a cofounder of the American Federation of Labor, was first in suggesting a day to honor those "who from rude nature have delved and carved all the grandeur we behold."

But Peter McGuire's place in Labor Day history has not gone unchallenged. Many believe that Matthew Maguire, a machinist, not Peter McGuire, founded the holiday. Recent research seems to support the contention that Matthew Maguire, later the secretary of Local 344 of the International Association of Machinists in Paterson, N.J., proposed the holiday in 1882 while serving as secretary of the Central Labor Union in New York. What is clear is that the Central Labor Union adopted a Labor Day proposal and appointed a committee to plan a demonstration and picnic.

The First Labor Day

The first Labor Day holiday was celebrated on Tuesday, September 5, 1882, in New York City, in accordance with the plans of the Central Labor Union. The Central Labor Union held its second Labor Day holiday just a year later, on September 5, 1883.

In 1884 the first Monday in September was selected as the holiday, as originally proposed, and the Central Labor Union urged similar organizations in other cities to follow the example of New York and celebrate a "workingmen's holiday" on that date. The idea spread with the growth of labor organizations,

and in 1885 Labor Day was celebrated in many industrial centers of the country.

Labor Day Legislation

Through the years the nation gave increasing emphasis to Labor Day. The first governmental recognition came through municipal ordinances passed during 1885 and 1886. From them developed the movement to secure state legislation. The first state bill was introduced into the New York legislature, but the first to become law was passed by Oregon on February 21, 1887. During the year four more states — Colorado, Massachusetts, New Jersey, and New York — created the Labor Day holiday by legislative enactment. By the end of the decade Connecticut, Nebraska, and Pennsylvania had followed suit. By 1894, 23 other states had adopted the holiday in honor of workers, and on June 28 of that year, Congress passed an act making the first Monday in September of each year a legal holiday in the District of Columbia and the territories.

A Nationwide Holiday

The form that the observance and celebration of Labor Day should take were outlined in the first proposal of the holiday — a street parade to exhibit to the public "the strength and esprit de corps of the trade and labor organizations" of the community, followed by a festival for the recreation and amusement of the workers and their families. This became the pattern for the celebrations of Labor Day. Speeches by prominent men and women were introduced later, as more emphasis was placed upon the economic and civic significance of the holiday. Still later, by a resolution of the American Federation of Labor convention of 1909, the Sunday preceding Labor Day was adopted as Labor Sunday and dedicated to the spiritual and educational aspects of the labor movement.

The character of the Labor Day celebration has undergone a change in recent years, especially in large industrial centers where mass displays and huge parades have proved a problem. This change, however, is more a shift in emphasis and medium of expression. Labor Day addresses by leading union officials, industrialists, educators, clerics and government officials are given wide coverage in newspapers, radio, and television.

The vital force of labor added materially to the highest standard of living and the greatest production the world has ever known and has brought us closer to the realization of our traditional ideals of economic and political democracy. It is appropriate, therefore, that the nation pay tribute on Labor Day to the creator of

so much of the nation's strength, freedom, and leadership — the American worker.

Information copied from:

<http://www.dol.gov/OPA/ABOUTDOL/LABORDAY.HTM>

OTHER UPCOMING EVENTS

By the Ladies of the Knights

September Meeting with Mike Bannon	Sep 28
Soup Event Meeting	Oct 20
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:

Paul Kerins	Sep 03
Howard Griffiths	Sep 10
Bill Kane	Sep 11
Joe Cochran	Sep 18
Bill Gelinas	Sep 26
James Fallon	Oct 1
Mark Kintzell	Oct 3
Rick Kelly, (DGK)	Oct 7
John Wallover	Oct 21
John Masko	Oct 29

ANNIVERSARIES

Bob Gutherman reports that 2009 is the Jubilee year for Saint Katherine Drexel. Look for celebrations centered around her Jubilee.

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 resume on Sunday September 14. Come on out and not only show your support but get re-acquainted with those that you have not seen since May.

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

While we are blessed that none of our brothers past recently, Mike Fratantaro's sister Joan did pass in August. Please remember her and the entire Fratantaro family in your prayers.

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:

- Football Sweeps Sellers
- COAL Tickets
- Monte Carlo Night

COLOR CORPS EVENTS

Gentlemen, we have the installation of officers for the 4th degree this coming Wednesday September 16, 2009 at St. Katharine Drexel Shrine located at 1663 Bristol Pike (route 13) Bensalem Pa 19020 Mass starts at 7:00 p.m. and report time will be at 6:30 p.m. Food and drink will follow this event please let me know as soon as possible if you are going to make this event as Pat needs to give a number to the caterers by Monday.

Our next event will be held on Sunday September 27, 2009 at Assumption B.V.M. Located at Bristol Rd. and Meadowbrook Rd. Feasterville Pa. 19053 Mass is at 12:00 p.m. with the report time being 11:30 a.m. This Mass is being said by the Cardinal and will just be his general visit to the parish. Please let me know if you can attend this event.

Gentlemen, sorry about the late notice of this event but I just got my computer up and running after being hacked. Our next event will be on this Thursday September 10, 2009 at Maternity B.V.M. located at 9220 Olde Bustleton Ave. Phila. Pa, 19115. Report time is 6:30 p.m. with the 9/11 Ecumenical Memorial starting at 7:00 pm. This event should take about one hour to do. If you can make this event please let me

know I do not know if I can make it as I am coming down with a cold. But, I hope to be there. Gentlemen, I just talked to our Worthy Navigator Pat Corey and was informed that the Pastor Emeritus of Our Lady of Fatima has passed away. His viewing is scheduled for this coming Sunday and Monday. Due to another commitment I will not be able to attend this event but I encourage all members of the Color Corp to please make this event that can make it. The location of this event is Our Lady of Fatima Church Street Rd. and Mechanicsville Rd. Bensalem, Pa. 19020. The time of this event will be 4:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. with a mass to follow. On Monday 9:00 a.m. until 11:00 a.m. with the funeral Mass taking place at 11:00 a.m. The name of the Priest is Fr. Thomas Homa and Rudy Young will be running this event in my place. Please again gentlemen try to make this event in Color Corp uniform.

Thank You,
Vince

(My apologies for not getting this newsletter out sooner. As you can see, there are a lot of opportunities for Color Corps members, so please give being a Corpsman some serious thought.)

K OF C INSURANCE

Our field agent is Bob Danhardt. The Knights have more to offer than just life insurance, so give Bob a call and learn about all that is offered. Bob is in St. Michael the Archangel Council and can be contacted at 215-499-1269 or Robert.Danhardt@kofc.org.

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

NEWS WORTH ITEMS

Former Representative Mike Fitzpatrick was good enough to spend some time with us at our September meeting. As you may or may not know, Mike is a brother Knight and had spent several years as our Representative in Washington. Mike was clearly not there to campaign, but his purpose and message was

on voting a good catholic conscience and the five non-negotiable items that we all need to consider when voting for any candidate on any level. He also discussed the Freedom of Choice Act which is currently coming under fire in Washington. This could have serious implications on how catholic hospitals operate.

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

September

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

October

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 Officer Mtg	2 First Friday	3 Member Blitz
4 Breakfast Mbr. Blitz	5	6 General Mtg	7 Open House	8	9	10
11 4th Degree	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29 Officer Mtg	30	31 Halloween
1 All Saints Day	2 All Souls Day	3 General Mtg	4	5	6	7