

THE COMPASS

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS POPE PIUS XII COUNCIL 4765

Saint Thomas Aquinas Parish

August - September 2010

GRAND KNIGHT'S REPORT

Mark Martin G.K.

Upcoming events are:

- Trenton Thunder on Saturday 14 August
- August Officer's meeting will be on 26 August
- The September general meeting will be on 7 September. This is a formal meeting, all officers must wear jacket and tie. We will also advertise this meeting as we plan on reviewing and voting on our dues structure for 2011
- Grand Knight meeting will be on 16 September
- Membership blitz weekend will be 18 – 19 September
- Open house will be on Tuesday 21 September. Families are encouraged to attend

The semi-annual financial audit has been completed and sent in to Supreme Council. Thanks to all involved in making this a relatively painless process. The Officer's Installation Mass could have been better attended, both by officers and their families. A note of thanks goes out to the wives that supplied us with the deserts that were offered after the mass. We need to review how we are going to increase attendance and participation at next year's installation mass. The Council has paid for repairs to the large commercial refrigerator in the kitchen. The cost of the repairs to the unit totaled \$475.00. Since we do not pay hall rent for our meetings, it is the least that we can do and it was certainly less expensive than replacing the unit. Ms Noone is very supportive of the Knights and their Poster and Essay contests along with the proposed canned goods drive. Our liability insurance policy will be up for renewal in October. The cost has remained relatively stable at \$2.xx per member.

DEPUTY GRAND KNIGHT'S REPORT

Rich Blinn D.G.K.

Welcome back Tony DiTommaso. Thanks to Tony and his son Dan for heading this year's COAL program. The COAL program will start a little later this year while we first promote the more profitable Football sweeps. This year, the football sweeps program is being headed by Gabe Gallagher and Tom

Litz. Thanks guys for stepping up and heading this important fundraiser for the Council.

CHAPLIN'S REPORT

Rev. Michael Davis Chaplin

You, (the Knights), are the "go to" group. Whenever something needs to be done, the Knights can be counted on for their help and support. Currently St. Thomas Aquinas Parish, like all parishes is in need of increasing Mass attendance. We are a **Catholic** organization and we are supportive of the mission of the Church in that we invite people to worship. In all that we do, we can always do better. By being welcoming, and a Knight, and proud of our faith, we can encourage others to come back to the Church. We as Knights and Catholics need to be recognized as welcoming groups. Therefore, I ask that you help, by your actions and interactions with others, to increase attendance at Mass.

UPCOMING EVENTS

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| August Officer's Meeting | Aug 26 |
| September General Meeting | Sep 7 |
| Blitz Weekend | Sep 18- 19 |
| Open House | Sep 21 |
| September Officer's Meeting | Sep 30 |
| 10 Yr Anniversary St. Katherine Drexel | Oct 2 |

REPORTS

Financial Secretary Report: (Jim Berna), As a non-profit organization we are doing an excellent job of not making a profit. Since our last audit, we actually spent more than we took in by \$688.83. This amount is from our checking account and represents the monies that we normally operate with. (Treasurer John Brochon mentioned in his report that our Vanguard account earned \$2000.00 in interest) While we are "making money" in the area of interest on savings and investments, these funds are for emergency purposes and are not generally considered part of our normal operational monies. Suggest having an insurance agent at a future meeting. We should be encouraging members to become insurance members.

Treasurer's Report: (John Brochon) Account balances were read. Report was approved by all in attendance.

Degree Team: (Al Scheck), Degrees are generally on hold during the summer. We are looking at having a first degree sometime in September.

Color Corps: The Color Corps Commander is John Wallover. John has issued a list of upcoming events and they are listed further on in this newsletter.

District Deputy: (Steve Sannelli), Greetings for the State Deputy George Koch. Not too much to report. If you do want to have an insurance field agent attend a meeting, and one should be at every meeting, contact the General agent. There have been changes in the field agents and going through the General Agent is the best way to insure participation by the field agent. Is the Council going to participate in the upcoming District sporting events, (free throw, etc)?

Rosaries: (Bill Kane), 1500 have been made and shipped. We have requests for more from a VA group in Florida.

Trenton Thunder: (Gerry Smedley), Tickets are still available; we still have plenty at this time. Everyone that attended the game seemed to have a great time. The weather turned out to be wonderful and the fireworks were spectacular

Discount Cards: (Mike Fratantaro), Sales are currently slow, and we still have cards available.

Membership: (Al Scheck) The name of prospective member was read for the second time.

Public Relations: (Jim Berna), Just waiting on the Ladies' to finish their part. They have since finished. A black and white version was printed for the Croydon Neighborhood picnic – several were handed out. Working on getting the color pamphlet printed.

PRAYERS LIST

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

- Howard Baziko, (Ba zee ko)
- Don Aikins, the photographer we often use
- Joe Powell is improving nicely
- Friend of Tony D.

BAPTISM SCHEDULE

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| September | Rich Brown |
| October | Mark Martin |

DID YOU KNOW?

The Lord's Prayer

Christ said "This, then, is how you should pray:"
"Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one" (Matt. 6:9-13).

What does the Lord's Prayer contain?

It contains a short Preface and Seven Petitions.

What do you call its Preface?

These words: 'Our Father in heaven.'

What does the Father remind us of?

That God is our Father, so good and so worthy of veneration that there is no earthly father like Him; and that we, therefore, ought to pray to Him with a childlike reverence, love, and confidence.

Why do we say 'our Father', and not my Father?

Because, God being the Father of all men, we are all His children, and should therefore love one another as brothers, and pray for one another (cf. Mal. 2:10).

Why do we add these words: 'Who art in Heaven'?

To call to our mind, (1.) That God, though he is everywhere, dwells especially in Heaven, where we shall one day see Him face to face (cf. 1 Cor. 13:12) (see also the New Testament use of God and Heaven.) (2.) That we are but pilgrims upon earth, and that our true country is in Heaven; and (3.) That when we pray, we must detach our hearts from all earthly things, and raise them up to Heaven.

What do we ask for in the First Petition: 'Hallowed be Thy name'?

That the name of God may never be profaned or blasphemed, but that God may be rightly known, loved, and honored by us and by all men.

Why is this the First Petition?

Because we are to esteem the honor and glory of God more than all things else.

What do we ask for in the Second Petition: 'Thy Kingdom come'?

(1.) That the kingdom of God, the Church, may be more and more extended upon earth; (2.) That the kingdom of divine, grace and love may now be established in our hearts, in order that, (3.) After this life, we may all be admitted into the kingdom of Heaven.

What is the meaning of the Third Petition: 'Thy will be done on earth as it is in Heaven'?

We ask that we and all men may do the will of God on earth as faithfully and cheerfully as the Angels and

Saints do it in Heaven; and We profess that, in all things, we submit ourselves to the holy will of God.

What do we ask for in the Fourth Petition: 'Give us this day our daily bread'?

We ask that God would give us all that is daily necessary for our soul and body.

Why does Christ bid us ask for our daily bread?

To teach us that we should wish only for necessities, not for riches and abundance. "Having food and wherewith to be covered, with these we are content." (1 Tim. 6:8).

What do we ask for in the Fifth Petition: 'Forgive us our trespasses, as We forgive them that trespass against us'?

That God would so forgive us all our sins as we forgive others who have offended us. (See Luke 6:37.)

May those who do not forgive expect forgiveness themselves?

No; on the contrary, they pass judgment upon themselves as often as they say the Lord's Prayer. "And when you stand praying, if you hold anything against anyone, forgive him, so that your Father in heaven may forgive you your sins." (See Mark 11:25)

What do we ask for in the sixth Petition: 'Lead us not into temptation'?

We ask that God would remove from us all temptations and all the dangers of sin, or, at least, give us grace sufficient to resist them.

By whom are we tempted to sin?

(1.) By our own flesh or concupiscence; 'for the flesh lusts against the spirit' (Gal. 5:17) (2.) By the World, i.e., by its vain pomp, bad example, and wicked maxims; and (3.) By the Devil, 'who, as a roaring lion, goes about seeking whom he may devour' (1 Pet. 5:8).

Why does God permit us to be tempted?

(1.) To keep us humble; (2.) To try our faithfulness or to punish our unfaithfulness; and (3.) To increase our zeal for virtue, and our merits.

'Lest the greatness of the revelations should exalt me, there was given me a sting of my flesh, an angel of Satan, to buffet me' (2 Cor. 12:7). 2. "[F]or the Lord your God tries you, that it may appear whether you love him with all your heart, and with all your soul, or not." (Deut. 13:3). 'Blessed is the man that endures temptation; for when he hath been proved he shall receive the crown of life, which God hath promised to them that love him' (James 1:12).

Is temptation in itself a sin?

Temptation in itself is not a sin; but to expose

ourselves heedlessly to temptation, or to yield to it, is a Sin. For our consolation and Instruction, Christ Himself allowed the Devil to tempt Him (See Matt. 4:1-11)

What must we do in order that we may not yield?

We must especially watch and pray, as Christ our Lord says: 'Watch and pray that you will not fall into temptation' (Matt. 26:41).

What do we ask for in the Seventh Petition: 'But deliver us from evil'

That God would preserve us from all evil of soul and body, especially from sin and eternal damnation.

Why do we add the word 'Amen'?

To express by it our ardent desire, and also our confidence of being heard.

Always say the Lord's Prayer with reverential attention, remembering that we have received it from our Divine Redeemer Himself.

This information came from:

<http://www.healingscripture.com/LordsPrayer.shtml>

OTHER UPCOMING EVENTS

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| LOK Meeting at Cesare's | Aug 30 |
| Soup and Conversation | Nov 7 |

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Please wish the following brothers a Happy Birthday:

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| Rev Francis Gallagher | Aug 1 |
| Gabe Gallagher | Aug 2 |
| Michael Donnelly | Aug 6 |
| Daniel Glitz | Aug 6 |
| Rich Powell | Aug 15 |
| Anthony Zito | Aug 22 |
| Sean Powell | Aug 23 |
| Ted Hearn | Aug 24 |
| Tony Cinkutis | Aug 26 |
| Paul Kerins | Sep 3 |
| Howard Griffiths | Sep 10 |
| Bill Kane | Sep 11 |
| Joe Cochran | Sep 18 |
| Bill Gelinas | Sep 26 |

ANNIVERSARIES

Ted Hearn has made five year anniversary. Great job Ted!

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.

HELP WANTED

The Sisters of the Blessed Sacrament are holding a much needed fundraiser on Saturday 2 October. This is a very important event for the Sisters as donations are a critical need for them. They, through Bob Gutherman, have asked for our assistance that evening. If you can help, please let Bob Gutherman know that you are willing and available.

BREAKFAST SUNDAY

Breakfast Sunday returns on Sunday September 12. We are always looking for helpers and customers. Show your support by turning out and enjoying the company of the members of the STA Parish family.

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament takes place each and every Monday in the Chapel. Please remember this valuable time and resource for finding peace and answers.

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

No one returned home to God since the last newsletter.

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.

COLOR CORPS EVENTS

(John Wallover)

The installation of officers will be held at the Missionary Sisters of the Blessed Sacrament Chapel on Solly Avenue in Philadelphia on Sept 15. Report time is 6:00. Sisters of the Blessed Sacrament 10th anniversary mass of the Canonization of St. Katherine Drexel at the Cathedral Basilica of Saints Peter & Paul on October 3rd. Report time is 1:30 PM. (The sisters will be providing a bus at a cost of \$20.00 per person for those that prefer not to drive to the Cathedral). A memorial mass for the deceased members of the Sisters of the Blessed Sacrament will be in the Sisters' Chapel on November 17th. Report time is 6:30 PM.

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
- Martin Exteriors
- Wal-Mart, Bristol Commerce
- ACME Woodhaven & Bensalem
- Shop-Rite Bensalem
- Richard S. Brown Electrical Contractors
- B & B True Value Hardware

CONGRATULATIONS

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@verizon.net

August

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| 1 | 2 | 3 General Mtg | 4 | 5 | 6 | |
| 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 Trenton Thunder |
| 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 |
| 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 Officer's Mtg | 27 | 28 |
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September

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| Breakfast Sunday 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 Blitz Weekend |
| 19 Blitz Weekend | 20 | 21 Open House | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 |
| 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 Officer's Mtg | 1 | |