

THE COMPASS

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS POPE PIUS XII COUNCIL 4765

Saint Thomas Aquinas Parish

December 2010 – January 2011

GRAND KNIGHT'S REPORT

Mark Martin G.K.

Upcoming events are:

- Breakfast Sunday is December 12
- Decorating the Church for Christmas will be December 13 at 6:00 PM
- We will meet on Saturday December 18 to assemble and distribute the Christmas food baskets at 12:00
- The December Officer's Meeting will be December 30 at 7:00 PM
- The January General Business Meeting will be on January 4th. This is a Formal Meeting; all officers are required to wear jacket and tie.
- The January officer's meeting will be on January 27th at 7:00 PM

We are looking for one family that is extra needy this year. Instead of giving a small amount of cash or gift card to all needy families we will seek out one family that is most needy and use the cash and gift cards to help that one family. Last year we gave gift cards totaling \$200.00 to; Father Mike, Deacon John and Father Gallagher. A suggestion was made followed by a motion to do the same again this year. The motion passed. The Saint Thomas Aquinas sign at the front of the church is showing its age and is in need of repair. We have an estimate from a sign company in the amount of \$850.00 to professionally restore the sign. Motions were made and approved to; seek out other estimates as well as to remove the sign for better evaluation. Brother Donnie DeChico has terminal cancer. Please keep him in your prayers. Jim Berna has Donnie's contact information if anyone wants it.

DEPUTY GRAND KNIGHT'S REPORT

Rich Blinn D.G.K.

Thank you to all Veterans on this, the anniversary of Pearl Harbor. (DGK asked all Vets to raise their hands and a rousing round of applause was given to them by all present). Our "Keep Christ in Christmas" sign is a good start during the holiday season; but we

need to be bold and actually wish people a "Merry Christmas." Too many organizations and groups are trying to push Jesus out of Christmas and out of our lives. Without the birth of Christ, there would be no Christmas. Finally; with many families getting together during the entire holiday season and many service men and women coming home for the holidays, be sure to thank them for their service to our country.

CHAPLIN'S REPORT

Rev. Michael Davis Chaplin

First off; thank you to Tom Litz for repairing the school doors. The doors were in violation of codes and Tom's work along with the donation of the hardware by the Council now has them legal again. When one becomes a Knight, there are two requirements; a minimum age requirement and the requirement that the gentleman be a practicing catholic. The term; "practicing" which is used by professionals such as; lawyers and doctors refers to always learning – never perfecting. As practicing Catholics we are always learning about our faith and ourselves. Our Church is a ritual Church with seven sacraments. Our liturgy reflects on our beliefs and the sacraments. To be considered a practicing catholic one must celebrate the sacraments; especially those of reconciliation and communion. As humans we can judge right from wrong. As we celebrate the sacraments our conscience becomes well formed. Having a well formed conscience means that our judgments of right and wrong will be well formed. Taking part in the sacrament of Reconciliation is designed to help us with our conscience. The Church of today is far different than the Church of 20 years ago. To be able to make right judgments we need to keep up with the changes. One thing that is important is that our God is a merciful God and when we don't take advantage of the mercy in the sacrament of Reconciliation; we, ourselves, actually change. Today people expect Catholics to act a certain way. Just look to the news for confirmation of that. In order for us to make right judgments and act as others expect we need to celebrate all of the sacraments and to seek God's mercy often.

UPCOMING EVENTS

December General Meeting	Dec 7
Christmas Food Baskets	Dec 18
December Officer's Meeting	Dec 30
January General Meeting	Jan 4
(This will be a formal meeting – officers need jacket and tie)	
January Officer's Meeting	Jan 27
Saint Patrick's / St. Joseph's Dance	Mar 19

REPORTS

Financial Secretary Report: (Jim Berna), A list of those that we received monies from and paid monies to since the last meeting was read along with total monies received and distributed year to date. Each individual entry since the last meeting was not read in an attempt to be brief. To help avoid the normal holiday bills, invoices for next year's dues will not go out until later in December and will not be collected before January. Supreme Council has made a change to the traveling / membership cards. The color of the cards will no longer change each year. Cards for First through Third degree members will remain white and cards for Fourth Degree members will remain green.

The Warden and Guards will need to pay extra attention to the actual dates now instead of just checking the color of the cards. (The District Deputy in his report confirmed this change from Supreme Council). Report was approved as read

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

Degree Team: (Al Scheck), as reported by our Worthy District Deputy, we will be allowed to read the parts of the First Degree. This change is to help Councils to all have their own First Degree Team. To be part of our First Degree Team as either a primary or back up member, please see me.

COAL: Jim Berna reported that Tony and Dan DiTomasso have reported a net profit on COAL ticket sales of \$321.00

District Deputy: (Steve Sannelli), At the most recent meeting of the Delaware Valley Board of District Deputies it was made clear that we need to get every council back to having a "Family of the Month." The Ultra-sound machine for the Bucks County Women's Shelter is on order. Checks from Supreme and State Councils have been issued. Monies raised by St. Mike's Council will go to operating expenses of the machine. A change in the fee structure for Third

Degree candidates has been approved. The fee for each candidate is going to be \$15.00 with \$6.00 of that going to the host council. Charging for food or beverages for non-candidates is an acceptable practice. In an effort to help every council to form its own First Degree team, Supreme will allow the parts to be read. There is a needy family in the area. A single mother with nine children is seeking help this Christmas. As a District wide event we would like to help this family with actual gifts to the children, (not gifts of money or gift cards). A motion to donate \$150.00 to the cause was made and approved.

Rosaries: (various), Bill appreciates the Council offering to help him with the expense but declines help at this time. Derek noted that contact information is needed to help get Rosaries to those serving our Country. Jim Berna offered to contact his former boss for information.

Discount Cards: (Mike Fratantaro), nothing new. Not planning on cards next year – waiting until 2012. Hopefully the one year off will generate greater interest.

Membership: (Al Scheck) One name was read, the next first degree will be January 11th. We are expecting a minimum of two new members at that time.

Public Relations: (Jim Berna), For those that do not know it, the pamphlet is printed and the cost to of the pamphlets was paid entirely by members donations. Thanks in particular to Rick Kelly for picking up almost the entire amount.

PRAYERS LIST

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

Those in need of our prayers are:

- Josephine Roberts
- Brother Bob Grover
- Brother Donnie DeChico
- Russ Andrews' Mother
- Derek deBeaumont's Aunt
- Dave Crafton
- Jimmy Vaughan's Brother

- Don, (Photographer)

BAPTISM SCHEDULE

DID YOU KNOW?

The Twelve Days of Christmas

I received an e-mail recently relating the song; "The Twelve Days of Christmas" to Catholic teachings with each of the days all meaning specific teachings. I researched it on Snopes.com and found this to be false. However I did learn something similar that is worth passing on.

An lmanac from 1625, in the Bagford Collection, contains the song "A New Dial," which was probably already quite old when the lmanac was printed – from the Oxford Book of Carols, 1928

Chorus:

*|: In those twelve days let us be glad ☺
For God of His power hath all things made.*

What are they that are but one?
What are they that are but one?

We have one God alone
In heaven above sits on His throne:

What are they which are by two?
Two testaments, the old and new,
We do acknowledge to be true:

What are they which are but three?
Three persons in the Trinity
Which make one God in unity:

What are they which are but four
Four sweet Evangelists there are,
Christ's birth, life, death which do declare:

What are they which are but five?
Five senses, like five kings, maintain
In every man a several reign:

What are they which are but six?
Six days to labor is not wrong,
For God himself did work so long:

What are they which are but seven?
Seven liberal arts hath God sent down
With divine skill man's soul to crown:

What are they which are but eight?
Eight Beatitudes are there given
Use them right and go to heaven:

What are they which are but nine?
Nine Muses, like the heaven's nine spheres,
With sacred tunes entice our ears:

What are they which are but ten?
Ten statutes God to Moses gave
Which, kept or broke, do spill or save:

What are they which are but eleven?
Eleven thousand virgins did partake
And suffered death for Jesus' sake:

What are they which are but twelve?
Twelve are attending on God's son;
Twelve make our creed. The Dial's done:

OTHER UPCOMING EVENTS

By the Ladies of the Knights

LOK Meeting at STA	Jan 31
St. Valentine's Day Dinner Dance	Feb 23
LOK Meeting at STA	Feb 28
(Voting for Officers – very important meeting)	
LOK Dinner Meeting	Mar 28

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Please wish the following brothers a Happy Birthday:

Bob Grover	Dec 1
Robert Sauler	Dec 7
John Fratantaro	Dec 8
Bob Gutherman	Dec 11
Tom Pastore	Dec 18
Ron Poserina	Dec 25
John Wolf	Jan 1
John Brewerton	Jan 1
Owen Logan	Jan 6
Rich Rosenblatt	Jan 8
Mike McCormick	Jan 12

ANNIVERSARIES

Two brothers are celebrating 30 years of continuous service with the Knights. They are:

- Joseph Fanini
- Michael Riccardi.

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 remains a great social function within the Parish and community. While we take off for the summer, don't forget to tell your friends about us when we re-open in September.

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

Sir Knight Donald, "Donnie" DeChico returned home to Our Lord on Saturday December 18. How amazing as this was the day we distributed food to the needy. Donnie's viewing was attended by 47 Knights and he had 12 Corpsmen at his funeral mass.

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)

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
- Robern Inc

The Sisters of the Blessed Sacrament were delighted with the help they received from the Knights on the night of their auction. The Sisters raised \$40,000.00 that evening, (\$10,000.00 of which was a donation from PARX Casino on Street Road in Bensalem). Based on the success of this event; the Sisters have planned a second one for the last weekend in September 2011.

Your help will, as always, be greatly appreciated.

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Sean and Debbie Powell on the recent birth of their grandson. All are reported to be healthy.

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 ([revised e-mail address](#))

December

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

January

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