

THE COMPASS

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS POPE PIUS XII COUNCIL 4765

Saint Thomas Aquinas Parish

February - March 2010

GRAND KNIGHT'S REPORT

Reports are shorter this month due to the timing of the meeting, held after the Triduum on Tuesday night. The council financial audit is scheduled for Thursday February 4th at 7:00 in the Knights room. All involved need to attend. The school talent show is being held at the same time.

DEPUTY GRAND KNIGHT'S REPORT

Congratulations to our own Bill Kane who recently made his 100th rosary for our armed services, local police, fire and EMT's. Great job and a big thank you!

CHAPLIN'S REPORT

There is no Chaplin's report from the February meeting because Father Mike's remarks were, shall we say, not easily translated to this format. Father challenged us to think with statements and questions that lead to invigorating discussions of; transitions, change, honesty and support.

UPCOMING EVENTS

February Officer's Meeting	Feb 25
March General Meeting	Mar 2
St. Patrick / St. Joseph's Dance	Mar 13
March Officer's Meeting	Mar 25
Third Degree	Apr 11

(Set up will be on Saturday April 10)

REPORTS

Financial Secretary Report: We are making progress on dues collection. Anyone that has not paid yet, please make arrangements. If you have found a mistake in the billing or your 2010 Membership card, please let me know.

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

Degree Team: A Second Degree was held in January. The team did very well considering that it was only the second time that they held a Degree. 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: See Vince Haggerty's note below.

St. Patrick's / St. Joseph's Dance: Old Croydon Cafe will be doing the catering of this annual event. Joe

will be looking for help not just for the event itself, but in ticket sales. Let's not let Joe down, he did a great job in the past and with our help he will undoubtedly do a fantastic job this year. The dance will be Saturday March 13th.

District Deputy: Council Financial Audits are due on or before February 15. A Third Degree Exemplification is scheduled to be held at STA on Sunday April 11. Set up will need to take place on Saturday the 10th.

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

Trenton Thunder: It's never too early to think about a date. Jerry has several dates to choose from. Let him know your thoughts.

meeting and I will correct my mistake.

PRAYERS LIST

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

- The Powell Family, (Joe, Mike, Rich & Sean)
- Harry Haegele's Brother in law
- Bob Grover
- Bill Kane's wife
- Mark Martin's Mother -in-law
- Stella L.
- Debbie Cinalli
- And to all in need of our prayers

BAPTISM SCHEDULE

January	Mike Fratantaro
February	Tony DiTomasso
March	Mike Fratantaro

(Note: For those that would like to see what is done at a Baptism, attend one of the March events with Mike.)

DID YOU KNOW?

SAINT OF THE DAY

Catholic saints are holy people and human people who lived extraordinary lives. Each saint the Church honors responded to God's invitation to use his or her unique gifts. God calls each one of us to be a saint. [Click here](#) to receive Saint of the Day in your email.

February 3

St. Blase

(d. 316)

We know more about the devotion to St. Blase by Christians around the world than we know about the saint himself. His feast is observed as a holy day in some Eastern Churches. The Council of Oxford, in 1222, prohibited servile labor in England on Blase's feast day. The Germans and Slavs hold him in special honor and for decades many United States Catholics have sought the annual St. Blase blessing for their throats

We know that Bishop Blase was martyred in his episcopal city of Sebastea, Armenia, in 316. The legendary *Acts of St. Blase* were written 400 years later. According to them Blase was a good bishop, working hard to encourage the spiritual and physical health of his people. Although the Edict of Toleration (311), granting freedom of worship in the Roman Empire, was already five years old, persecution still raged in Armenia. Blase was apparently forced to flee to the back country. There he lived as a hermit in solitude and prayer, but made friends with the wild animals. One day a group of hunters seeking wild animals for the amphitheater stumbled upon Blase's cave. They were first surprised and then frightened. The bishop was kneeling in prayer surrounded by patiently waiting wolves, lions and bears.

As the hunters hauled Blase off to prison, the legend has it, a mother came with her young son who had a fish bone lodged in his throat. At Blase's command the child was able to cough up the bone.

Agricolaus, governor of Cappadocia, tried to persuade Blase to sacrifice to pagan idols. The first time Blase refused, he was beaten. The next time he was suspended from a tree and his flesh torn with iron combs or rakes. (English wool combers, who used similar iron combs, took Blase as their patron. They could easily appreciate the agony the saint underwent.) Finally he was beheaded.

Comment:

Four centuries give ample opportunity for fiction to creep in with fact. Who can be sure how accurate Blase's biographer was? But biographical details are not essential. Blase is seen as one more example of the power those have who give themselves entirely to Jesus. As Jesus told his apostles at the Last Supper, "If

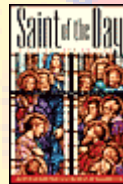
you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask for whatever you want and it will be done for you" (John 15:7). With faith we can follow the lead of the Church in asking for Blase's protection.

Quote:

"Through the intercession of St. Blase, bishop and martyr, may God deliver you from ailments of the throat and from every other evil. In the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit" (Blessing of St. Blase).

Patron Saint of:

Throat ailments



Saint of the Day

Lives, Lessons and Feast
By Leonard Foley, O.F.M.; revised by Pat McCloskey, O.F.M.

OTHER UPCOMING EVENTS

By the Ladies of the Knights

Renewal of Marriage Vows & Dinner Feb 13
Renewal of vows will be at the 5:00 Mass with dinner and dancing following in Crehan Hall.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Please wish the following brothers a Happy Birthday:

Michael Riccardi	Feb 1
J.R. Ojeda	Feb 10
John Reilly	Feb 16
Mario Maruizi	Mar 10
Dennis Schafer	Mar 10
Sean Berna	Mar 16

ANNIVERSARIES

Years of Service Anniversaries:

- Len Lazerick 45 Years
- Charles Worden 45 Years
- Walter Chekay 30 Years

Congratulations to each of these brothers who mark their anniversaries in March!

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 continues to be a Parish social success. As with any program we can always use more volunteers and supporters. The April breakfast will need to be moved one week to accommodate the Third Degree.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Stations of the Cross are held each Sunday in Lent shortly after the 11:00 Mass in the Chapel. This is yet another opportunity for members of the parish to pray and see the Knights and their dedication. Also, Al Litz has obtained a complete set of the stations for use in outdoor services. Thanks for your help with the Stations Al.

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

Gentlemen, the next two events we have are:
Sunday February 14, 2010 at St Martha's Church located at 11301 Academy Rd. Phila. Pa. 19154. Report time is at 9:30 a.m. with the Mass starting at 10:00 a.m. The event is the annual Blue Mass. The next event will be the monthly conclave meeting this month the meeting will be on Wednesday February 17, 2010 starting at 8:00 p.m. The meeting

will be held at Fr. Thomas Ryan Council #5036 located at 9090 Old Bustleton Ave. Phila. Pa. Report time will be at 7:30 p.m. please let me know if you can make any of these two events.

Thanks

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
- Martin Exteriors
- 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@verizon.net ([revised e-mail address](#))



February

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4	5	6
		General Mtg				
7	Exposition of Blessed Sacrament 8	9	10	11	12	LOK 13 Vows renewal & Dinner
Breakfast 14	Exposition of Blessed Sacrament 15	16	17	18	19	20
		Ash Wednesday Conclave				
Stations 21 Of The Cross	Exposition of Blessed Sacrament 22	23	24	25	26	27
				Officer Mtg		
Stations 28 Of The Cross	Exposition of Blessed Sacrament 1	2	3	4	5	6
					First Friday	

March

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4	5	6
	Exposition of Blessed Sacrament	General Mtg				
Stations 7 Of The Cross	Exposition of Blessed Sacrament 8	9	10	11	12	13
Breakfast 14 Stations Of The Cross	Exposition of Blessed Sacrament 15	16	17	18	19	20
		Conclave				
Stations 21 Of The Cross	Exposition of Blessed Sacrament 22	23	24	25	26	27
				Officer Mtg		
Stations 28 Of The Cross	Exposition of Blessed Sacrament 29	30	31	1	2	3

Stations of the Cross are each Sunday in Lent after the 11:00 Mass
Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament each Monday