

THE COMPASS

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS POPE PIUS XII COUNCIL 4765

Saint Thomas Aquinas Parish

January - February 2010

GRAND KNIGHT'S REPORT

On Saturday the Keep Christmas sign will be taken down and stored. Any one that can help will be greatly appreciated. The next breakfast Sunday will be on the 10th. February 4th will be the Council's financial audit. The time for this will be 7:00 and the Council GK, DGK, FS, Treasurer and all three Trustees need to be present. The Ladies' St. Valentines' dance is February 13, starting immediately after the 5:00 Mass. We have secured a liability insurance policy. This will cost the Council \$207.00 annually but does cover the Ladies of the Knights at no additional expense. We will still need to obtain a rider and liquor license whenever we hold an event with admission charge and alcohol of any type is served or present. We have not had any new members in over six months. Let's consider hanging out at the doors of the Church one weekend a month with information. We are going to provide food baskets for the needy this Easter. It is one of the Church's holiest days and we should not ignore it.

DEPUTY GRAND KNIGHT'S REPORT

Several thank you notes were received and read from people that were helped recently by the Knights through our food basket program. This year, each family receiving a food basket at Christmas also received \$22.00. While this was very good it would be better if the money was distributed more on need then equally amongst all. Families with children should receive more to help provide for a happier Christmas day for their children.

CHAPLIN'S REPORT

The Knights are definitely the; "Go to" organization in this parish. However, physical and monetary tasks are not the only needs of the parish. We also need Prayers for:

- The parish itself and the school
- Vocations - by 2025 there will be more parishes then priests

Our presence at the Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament is a statement to others and a sign of our faith. Being there can encourage others to attend. There will be a Triduum for St. Thomas Aquinas February 1,2 & 3. Each night will be a homily, time

for reflection, and benediction. It will start at 7:00 and should only last about one-half an hour. Lastly, we need to increase attendance at Mass each weekend. Be creative in your thoughts and ideas.

UPCOMING EVENTS

January General Meeting	Jan 5
Second Degree	Jan 26
January Officer Meeting	Jan 28
February General Meeting	Feb 2
Council Financial Audit	Feb 4
February Officer's Meeting	Feb 25
St. Patrick / St. Joseph's Dance	Mar 13
Third Degree	Apr 11

(Set up will be on Saturday April 10)

REPORTS

Financial Secretary Report: The new membership cards are available to all that have paid their dues. Those not present will have their cards mailed out with the newsletter. The Delaware Valley Caucus is coming up. We need attendees and alternates for this important event.

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

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: See Vince Haggerty's note below.

St. Patrick's / St. Joseph's Dance: Joe Kelly has stepped up again to chair this valuable fund raiser and overall good time 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: A District meeting will be held on Tuesday Jan 19 in the Knight's room. While all are welcome, if you are not a normal member of these meetings, please keep your comments from interfering with the meeting.

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

K of C License Plate: Anyone interested in obtaining a K of C license plate for their car, please contact your Financial Secretary. He has the forms and needs to attest that you are a member in good standing.

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

Dues: This is never a pleasant subject, but the time is here. For all of those that have already paid their dues, thank you. If you have not paid yet, please get in touch with either Jim Berna or Mark Martin to make arrangements. If you have not received an invoice yet, please let me know. If your card does not have the Council Seal on it, please see me at the next 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
- Nancy Jaffee
- Bob Grover
- Bill Kane's wife
- Mark Martin's Mother -in-law
- Tom Litz & his Sister-in-law
- 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?

The Season of Epiphany

Dennis Bratcher

In western Christian tradition, January 6 is celebrated as Epiphany. It goes by other names in various church traditions. In Hispanic and Latin culture, as well as some places in Europe, it is known as Three Kings' Day (Span: *el Dia de los Tres Reyes, la Fiesta de Reyes, or el Dia de los Reyes Magos*; Dutch:

Driekoningendag). Because of differences in church calendars, mainly between the Eastern Orthodox and the western Catholic and Protestant traditions, both Christmas and Epiphany have been observed at different times in the past. Today, most of the Eastern Orthodox traditions follow the western church calendar. The exceptions are some Greek Orthodox Churches and related traditions (for example, Russian and Serbian Orthodox) that still follow the older calendar and celebrate Epiphany as the Theophany on January 19th.

Epiphany is the climax of the Advent/Christmas Season and the [Twelve Days of Christmas](#), which are usually counted from the evening of December 25th until the morning of January 6th, which is the Twelfth Day. In following this older custom of counting the days beginning at sundown, the evening of January 5th is the Twelfth Night. This is an occasion for feasting in some cultures, including the baking of a special King's Cake as part of the festivities of Epiphany (a King's Cake is part of the observance of [Mardi Gras](#) in French Catholic culture of the Southern USA). In some church traditions, only the full days are counted so that January 5th is the Eleventh Day of Christmas, January 6th is the Twelfth Day, and the evening of January 6th is counted as the Twelfth Night.

In traditional Christian churches [Christmas](#), as well as [Easter](#), is celebrated as a period of time, a season of the church year, rather than just a day. The Season of the Church Year associated with Christmas actually begins with the first Sunday of [Advent](#), four Sundays before Christmas Day. Advent is marked by expectation and anticipation in preparing to celebrate the coming of Jesus. [Christmas](#) begins with Christmas Day December 25 and lasts for [Twelve Days](#) until [Epiphany](#), January 6, which looks ahead to the mission of the church to the world in light of the Nativity. The one or two Sundays between Christmas Day and Epiphany are sometimes called Christmastide. For many Protestant church traditions, the season of Epiphany extends from January 6th until [Ash Wednesday](#), which begins the season of [Lent](#) leading to [Easter](#). Depending on the timing of Easter, this longer period of Epiphany includes from four to nine Sundays. Other traditions, especially the Roman Catholic tradition, observe Epiphany as a single day, with the Sundays following Epiphany counted as [Ordinary Time](#). In some western traditions, the last

Sunday of Epiphany is celebrated as Transfiguration Sunday.

<http://www.crivoice.org/cyepiph.html>

The term *epiphany* means "to show" or "to make known" or even "to reveal." In Western churches, it remembers the coming of the wise men bringing gifts to visit the Christ child, who by so doing "reveal" Jesus to the world as Lord and King. In some Central and South American countries influenced by Catholic tradition, Three Kings' Day, or the night before, is the time for opening Christmas presents. In some eastern churches, Epiphany or the Theophany commemorates Jesus' baptism, with the visit of the Magi linked to Christmas. In some churches the day is celebrated as Christmas, with Epiphany/Theophany occurring on January 19th.

The colors of Epiphany are usually the colors of Christmas, white and gold, the colors of celebration, newness, and hope that mark the most sacred days of the church year. In traditions that only observe a single day for Epiphany, the colors are often changed after Epiphany to the colors of [Ordinary Time](#), usually green or thematic sanctuary colors, until Transfiguration Sunday, the last Sunday before the beginning of Lent. The colors for Transfiguration Sunday are usually the colors of Holy Days, white and gold.

As with most aspects of the Christian liturgical calendar, Epiphany has theological significance as a teaching tool in the church. The Wise Men or Magi who brought gifts to the child Jesus were the first Gentiles to acknowledge Jesus as "King" and so were the first to "show" or "reveal" Jesus to a wider world as the incarnate Christ. This act of worship by the Magi, which corresponded to Simeon's blessing that this child Jesus would be "a light for revelation to the Gentiles" (Luke 2:32), was one of the first indications that Jesus came for all people, of all nations, of all races, and that the work of God in the world would not be limited to only a few.

The day is now observed as a time of focusing on the mission of the church in reaching others by "showing" Jesus as the Savior of all people. It is also a time of focusing on Christian brotherhood and fellowship, especially in healing the divisions of prejudice and bigotry that we all too often create between God's children.

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:

John Wolf	Jan 1
John Brewerton	Jan 1
Russ Andrews	Jan 1
Owen Logan	Jan 6
Rich Rosenblatt	Jan 8
Mike McCormick	Jan 12
Al Wolf	Jan 26
Michael Riccardi	Feb 1
J.R. Ojeda	Feb 10
John Reilly	Feb 16
Robert Krings	Feb 26

ANNIVERSARIES

Years of Service Anniversaries:

- Anthony Zito 30 Years

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.

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.

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Sean and Debbie Powell on the January 9th marriage of their daughter Katelyn. May Katelyn and her husband Christopher be twice as happy in marriage as Sean and Debbie!

COLOR CORPS EVENTS

We have three events coming up in the next month. The first one is this Wednesday 1/20/10 at St Martha Church located at 11301 Academy Rd. Phila. Pa. This is the conclave meeting for the 4th degree. Report time is 7:30 p.m. Gentlemen if you are going to attend the meeting please wear your color corps uniform. The second event is a second meeting for the color corps on Wednesday 1/27/10 again at St Martha Church at the above address. If you attended the first meeting than you do not have to attend this one. If you did not make the first meeting please make this meeting as we want to get everyone certified in the sword as well as go over all the changes that have taking place the past few years. The third event is once again at St. Martha Church on Sunday 2/14/10 at the 10:00 a.m. Mass. The report time will be 9:30 a.m. The event is the Annual Blue Mass the hold. If you have any questions please get in

touch with me and, also, please let me know if you can make any of the listed events.

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](#))

January

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2
					New Year's Day	
3	Exposition of Blessed Sacrament	4	January Mtg Formal*	5	6	7
			Feast of The Epiphany Of the Lord	8	9	
10	Exposition of Blessed Sacrament	11		12	13	14
Breakfast					15	16
17	Exposition of Blessed Sacrament	18		19	20	21
					22	23
24	Exposition of Blessed Sacrament	25		26	27	28
			2nd Degree		Officer Mtg	29
31	Exposition of Blessed Sacrament	1		2	3	4
					5	6

February

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	Exposition of Blessed Sacrament	1		2	3	4
			General Mtg After Triduum		5	6
7	Exposition of Blessed Sacrament	8		9	10	11
					12	13
14	Exposition of Blessed Sacrament	15		16	17	18
Breakfast					19	20
21	Exposition of Blessed Sacrament	22		23	24	25
					Officer Mtg	26
28	Exposition of Blessed Sacrament	1		2	3	4
					5	6