

THE COMPASS

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS POPE PIUS XII COUNCIL 4765

Saint Thomas Aquinas Parish

March - April 2010

GRAND KNIGHT'S REPORT

The annual financial audit has been completed and submitted. The March Officer's meeting will be on Wednesday the 31st allowing all to attend Holy Thursday services. March is membership blitz month. The speech will be read at all the Masses on the 6th & 7th. Open house will be on Wednesday the 10th at 7:00. We will present John Vizza with his checks towards his educational expenses at the Seminary at the end of the 5:00 Mass on Saturday the 13th. Please try to attend and show your support. The Saint Patrick's dance set up will be on Saturday after Market Day. The party itself is scheduled to run from 7 - 11. Relics of Saint John Vianney will be at St. Thomas for one week starting around March 22. We will be doing Easter baskets for the needy this year. Set up and distribution is set for March 27. Our Council is hosting a Third Degree on Sunday April 11. Set up will be on Saturday the 10th at noon. Our annual awards dinner will be on Wednesday May 5.

DEPUTY GRAND KNIGHT'S REPORT

We will need to make arrangements to pick up the relics from Our Lady of Fatima parish. The Sisters of Saint Joseph are requesting funds to help offset the cost of a trip to Washington DC. They are asking for us to cover the cost of one or two Sisters at a cost of \$35.00 each. The request was voted on and approved for the Council to cover the cost of two Sisters.

CHAPLIN'S REPORT

Father Mike was busy enjoying a previously scheduled event and was not able to attend.

UPCOMING EVENTS

March General Meeting	Mar 2
St. Patrick / St. Joseph's Dance	Mar 13
Easter Baskets	Mar 27
March Officer's Meeting (Wednesday before Easter)	Mar 31
April General Meeting	Apr 6
Third Degree (Set up will be on Saturday April 10)	Apr 11
April Officer's Meeting	Apr 29

REPORTS

Financial Secretary Report: We are making progress on dues collection. Second notices are about to be sent out to those that have not already paid. If you are experiencing difficulties, please get in touch with Mark or myself.

Treasurer's Report: Account balances were read. Report was approved by all in attendance. Due to our rate of spending and a reduction in fund raisers, we may need to move money from the one account to another to cover expenses. A motion was made and approved for this transaction if needed.

Degree Team: The Second Degree team members went on the road and held a Second Degree at St. Joseph the Worker Council. They are starting to come together nicely as they get more experience. There will be a First and Second Degree held at the Pius XII Council on Tuesday March 16. Report time for candidates is 7:00 PM. 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. Ticket sales have been light. We really need a good showing if we are planning on continuing the programs that have been started and previously supported by this Council.

District Deputy: 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 busy working on the golf outing for 2010. The date will be Saturday May 15. The time is quickly approaching, please be ready to volunteer to help.

ARC: Chris has dates available starting on the weekend of April 10 & 11. Chris will be looking for two brothers per two hour time slot one each day. All of the collection sites will be in either Bristol or Bensalem. Please sign up at the next meeting or contact Chris by phone or e-mail.

Trenton Thunder: Spring means baseball and Gerry has tickets available for our night at the Trenton Thunder. The date is Saturday August 14.

PRAYERS LIST

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

- Young Ryan Vile
- Cindy Fold
- Lou Balot's friend
- And to all in need of our prayers
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BAPTISM SCHEDULE

March	Mike Fratantaro
April	Dan DiTomasso
May	Jason Blade

(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?

Throughout its long and fascinating history, daylight saving time has had a remarkable impact on a wide variety of unexpected areas--from Middle East terrorism to feuding twin cities, voter turnout to time-change riots, radio stations to trick-or-treaters, and opera performances to manslaughter charges.

Draft Status, Vietnam War

A man, born just after 12:00 a.m. DST, circumvented the Vietnam War draft by using a daylight saving time loophole. When drafted, he argued that standard time, not DST, was the official time for recording births in his state of Delaware in the year of his birth. Thus, under official standard time he was actually born on the previous day--and that day had a much higher draft lottery number, allowing him to avoid the draft.

Bombing Thwarted

In September 1999, the West Bank was on Daylight Saving Time while Israel had just switched back to standard time. West Bank terrorists prepared time bombs and smuggled them to their Israeli counterparts, who misunderstood the time on the bombs. As the bombs were being planted, they exploded--one hour too early--killing three terrorists instead of the intended victims--two busloads of people.

Halloween Trick-or-Treaters

Through 2006, Daylight Saving Time in the U.S. ended a few days before Halloween (October 31). Children's pedestrian deaths are four times higher on Halloween than on any other night of the year. A new law to extend DST to the first Sunday in November took effect in 2007, with the purpose of providing trick-or-treaters more light and therefore more safety from traffic accidents. For decades, candy manufacturers lobbied for a Daylight Saving Time extension to Halloween, as many of the young trick-or-treaters gathering candy are not allowed out after dark, and

thus an added hour of light means a big holiday treat for the candy industry. Anecdotally, the 2007 switch may not have had much effect, as it appeared that children simply waited until dark to go trick-or-treating.

Chaos of Non-Uniform DST

Widespread confusion was created during the 1950s and 1960s when each U.S. locality could start and end Daylight Saving Time as it desired. One year, 23 different pairs of DST start and end dates were used in Iowa alone. For exactly five weeks each year, Boston, New York, and Philadelphia were not on the same time as Washington D.C., Cleveland, or Baltimore--but Chicago was. And, on one Ohio to West Virginia bus route, passengers had to change their watches seven times in 35 miles! The situation led to millions of dollars in costs to several industries, especially those involving transportation and communications. Extra railroad timetables alone cost the today's equivalent of over \$12 million per year.

Minneapolis-St. Paul

The Minnesota cities of Minneapolis and St. Paul once didn't have twin perspectives with regard to the clock. These two large cities are adjacent at some points and separated only by the Mississippi River at others, and are considered a single metropolitan area. In 1965, St. Paul decided to begin its Daylight Saving Time period early to conform to most of the nation, while Minneapolis felt it should follow Minnesota's state law, which stipulated a later start date. After intense inter-city negotiations and quarreling, the cities could not agree, and so the one-hour time difference went into effect, bringing a period of great time turmoil to the cities and surrounding areas.

Time Change Riots

Patrons of bars that stay open past 2:00 a.m. lose one hour of drinking time on the day when Daylight Saving Time springs forward one hour. This has led to annual problems in numerous locations, and sometimes even to riots. For example, at a "time disturbance" in Athens, Ohio, site of Ohio University, over 1,000 students and other late night partiers chanted "Freedom," as they threw liquor bottles at the police attempting to control the riot.

Radio Stations

AM radio signals propagate much further at night than during the day. During daytime, more stations in neighboring areas can broadcast on the same frequency without interfering with each other. Because of this situation, there are hundreds of stations licensed to operate only in the daytime. Daylight Saving Time can affect the bottom line of these daytime-only radio stations: during parts of the year it can cause the stations to lose their most profitable time of day--the morning drive time. The gain of an hour of daylight - and thus broadcast time - in the

evening does not fully compensate for the morning loss.

More Daylight Savings Time stories will appear in the fall edition. This information taken directly from:
<http://www.webexhibits.org/daylightsaving/k.html>

OTHER UPCOMING EVENTS

By the Ladies of the Knights

Church Cleaning at 10:00 AM	Mar 27
LOK Meeting at Cesare's	Mar 29
LOK Meeting w/special guest	Apr 26

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Please wish the following brothers a Happy Birthday:

Mario Maruizi	Mar 10
Dennis Schafer	Mar 10
Sean Berna	Mar 16
Paul Capelli	Apr 4
Joseph Supon	Apr 16
Jimmy Vaughan	Apr 19

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 Sunday April 18th in order 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,

We have four upcoming events. The first one will be held on Saturday March 13, 2010 at The Men's Spirituality Conference being held at Archbishop Ryan High School Located at 11201 Academy Road Phila. Pa 19154. The report time will be at 3:15 p.m. and the Mass will be at 4:00 p.m. This is the closing Mass for the Conference and the Cardinal will be saying Mass.

The next event will be on Sunday March 14, 2010 at St. Martha Church for their Annual Communion Breakfast. The report time will be at 7:30 a.m. with the mass to be at 8:00 p.m. The address is 11301 Academy Rd Phila. Pa 19154. I need to let them know how many will be attending this event by 3/10/10 so please let me know A.S.A.P. if you are going to make this. Also, remember to set you clocks ahead one hour on the 13th before you go to bed.

The next two events will take place at the same location just a week apart. The first one is the Assemblies annual R.S.V.P. Mass being held on Wednesday March 17, 2010 at St Katharine Drexel Shrine. The address is 1663 Bristol Pike Bensalem Pa. 19020 report time will be 6:30 p.m. with the Mass starting at 7:00 p.m.

The next event will be on Thursday March 25, 2010 at the same location as our Mass. This event is for the Pokrova Councils Devine Liturgy For The Unborn. The report time is 6:00 p.m. with the service starting at 6:30 p.m.

Please let me know if you can make any of these events.

Thank You
Vince

- B & B True Value Hardware

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

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](#))



March

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4	5	6
		General Mtg				
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
						St. Patrick's Dance
Stations Breakfast Daylight Savings	14	15	16	17	18	19
			Assembly Mass			20
Stations Of The Cross	21	22	23	24	25	26
						Food Baskets 12:00
Stations Of The Cross	28	29	30	31	1	2
			Officer Mtg	Holy Thursday	Good Friday	3

April

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2	3
				Holy Thursday	Good Friday	
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Easter Sunday		General Mtg				ARC Collection
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
3rd Degree ARC Collection						ARC Collection
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
ARC Collection						ARC Collection
25	26	27	28	29	30	1
ARC Collection				Office Mtg		ARC Collection

Stations of the Cross are each Sunday in Lent after the 11:00 Mass

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament each

Monday