

THE COMPASS

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS POPE PIUS XII COUNCIL 4765

Saint Thomas Aquinas Parish

May-June 2010

GRAND KNIGHT'S REPORT

To all that helped with Third Degree, thank you for all of your hard work in the set up and running of the event. Once again, Council 4765 and STA were recognized for an outstanding job. We need to arrange for the baptisms in May through July, (see the schedule below). Comments are being kept short due to the nominations of officers at the May meeting.

DEPUTY GRAND KNIGHT'S REPORT

A receipt was handed in for the flowers around the outside of the parish buildings. Miss Farrin, the 8th Grade teacher at STA sent a thank you note for our donation to help the class on their trip to New York. We have been asked to support the basked auction by donating a basket. We will include Trenton Thunder tickets, two discount cards and assorted other goodies. The LOK Awards dinner is May 24. Let Marie Kelly know if you are planning on attending.

CHAPLIN'S REPORT

Thank you to the Knights for taking the initiative to get the relics of St. John Vianny here. Did you know that every priest serves God's people, not his people or parish? Service often brings energy and doing works of service energizes people. Continue to pray for all priests and always be true to your mission as; Knights, Brothers and people of God.

UPCOMING EVENTS

May General Meeting	May 4
Golf Outing	May 15
May Officer's Meeting	May 27
Fourth Degree	May 30
Memorial Day Parade	May 31
June General Meeting	June 1
June Officer's Meeting	June 24

REPORTS

Financial Secretary Report: We are now capable of providing an income statement at each meeting thanks to the K of C site. From the first of the year through April we spent almost exactly as much as we took in. Paying dues and supporting our fundraising programs are essential for the Council's financial well being. We cannot do the works that we want to if we do not have the funds. Please check your identification cards.

If it is not plastic and is not white, see Jim Berna as soon as possible to correct the problem.

This year we finally complied with IRS requirements and filed a tax return using form 990 E-Z. This is important as failure to file this year could have resulted in the Council losing its tax exempt status. This form will now be filed each year in accordance with IRS and Supreme Council requirements.

Treasurer's Report: Account balances were read. Report was approved by all in attendance. As of the beginning of May we still did not need to transfer funds to cover expenses.

Degree Team: We are still looking for anyone interested in being on either the Council's First Degree Team, or the District's Second Degree Team playing either a primary role or as a backup. Anyone interested in being on a degree team should contact Al Scheck.

Color Corps: See Vince Haggerty's note below.

Discount Cards: To date we have raised \$620.00 for the Council

District Deputy: Thank you to the Color Corps for turning out for the First Communion at STA. There will be a Blue Mass at St. Mike's and the Color Corps has been asked to be present.

Golf Outing: It looks like our prayers, or Father Mike's blessings, provided outstanding weather for the annual golf outing. Thanks to Rich and his team for another fantastic event. This year's event raised over \$4200.00 for the Council.

ARC: Chris has taken on the responsibilities for this year's ARC campaign and it doing an admirable job. Please keep in mind the importance of this campaign and what we are collecting for. If you cannot make your scheduled time, please give Chris notice so that he can find a back up for you if you cannot.

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

Sunshine Committee: Thankfully all are well

PRAYERS LIST

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

- Triplets Nicholas, Anna & Alyssa
- Joe Powell
- John Wallover's friend
- The oil spill in the Gulf
- And to all in need of our prayers

BAPTISM SCHEDULE

May	Al Litz
June	Al Scheck / Mike Fratantaro
July	Mike Fratantaro / Al Scheck

DID YOU KNOW?

A [feast](#) of the [universal Church](#) which commemorates the Descent of the [Holy Ghost](#) upon the [Apostles](#), fifty days after the [Resurrection of Christ](#), on the ancient [Jewish](#) festival called the "feast of weeks" or [Pentecost](#) ([Exodus 34:22](#); [Deuteronomy 16:10](#)). *Whitsunday* is so called from the white garments which were worn by those who were [baptised](#) during the [vigil](#); *Pentecost* ("Pfingsten" in [German](#)), is the Greek for "the fiftieth" (day after [Easter](#)).

Whitsunday, as a [Christian feast](#), dates back to the first century, although there is no evidence that it was observed, as there is in the case of [Easter](#); the passage in [1 Corinthians 16:8](#) probably refers to the [Jewish feast](#). This is not surprising, for the [feast](#), originally of only one day's duration, fell on a [Sunday](#); besides it was so closely bound up with [Easter](#) that it appears to be not much more than the termination of [Paschal tide](#).

That Whitsunday belongs to the [Apostolic](#) times is stated in the seventh of the (interpolated) fragments attributed to [St. Irenæus](#). In [Tertullian](#) (*On Baptism 19*) the [festival](#) appears as already well established. The [Gallic](#) pilgrim gives a detailed account of the [solemn](#) manner in which it was observed at [Jerusalem](#) ("Peregrin. Silvæ", ed. Geyer, iv). The [Apostolic Constitutions](#) ([Book V, Part 20](#)) say that Pentecost lasts one week, but in the [West](#) it was not kept with an [octave](#) until at quite a late date. It appears from [Berno of Reichenau](#) (d. 1048) that it was a debatable point in his time whether Whitsunday ought to have an [octave](#). At present it is of equal rank with [Easter Sunday](#). During the [vigil](#) formerly the [catechumens](#) who remained from [Easter](#) were [baptized](#), consequently the

[ceremonies](#) on Saturday are similar to those on [Holy Saturday](#).

The [office](#) of Pentecost has only one [Nocturn](#) during the entire week. At [Terce](#) the "[Veni Creator](#)" is sung instead of the usual [hymn](#), because at the third hour the [Holy Ghost](#) descended. The [Mass](#) has a [Sequence](#), "[Veni Sancte Spiritus](#)" the authorship of which by some is ascribed to King Robert of [France](#). The [colour](#) of the [vestments](#) is red, symbolic of the [love](#) of the [Holy Ghost](#) or of the tongues of fire. Formerly the [law](#) courts did not sit during the entire week, and servile work was forbidden. A [Council of Constance](#) (1094) limited this prohibition to the first three days of the week. The [Sabbath](#) rest of Tuesday was abolished in 1771, and in many missionary territories also that of Monday; the latter was abrogated for the entire [Church](#) by [Pius X](#) in 1911. Still, as at [Easter](#), the [liturgical](#) rank of Monday and Tuesday of Pentecost week is a Double of the First Class.

In [Italy](#) it was customary to scatter rose leaves from the ceiling of the churches to recall the [miracle](#) of the fiery tongues; hence in [Sicily](#) and elsewhere in [Italy](#) Whitsunday is called *Pascha rosatum*. The Italian name *Pascha rossa* comes from the red colours of the [vestments](#) used on Whitsunday. In [France](#) it was customary to blow trumpets during [Divine service](#), to recall the sound of the mighty wind which accompanied the Descent of the [Holy Ghost](#). In [England](#) the gentry amused themselves with horse races. The Whitsun Ales or merrymakings are almost wholly obsolete in [England](#). At these ales the Whitsun plays were performed. At [Vespers](#) of Pentecost in the [Oriental Churches](#) the extraordinary service of [genuflexion](#), accompanied by long poetical [prayers](#) and [psalms](#), takes place. (Cf. Maltzew, "Fasten-und Blumen Triodion", p. 898 where the entire [Greco-Russian](#) service is given; cf. also Baumstark, "Jacobit. Fest brevier", p. 255.) On Pentecost the [Russians](#) carry flowers and green branches in their hands.

Taken from the Catholic Encyclopedia on line at <http://www.newadvent.org/cathen/15614b.htm>

OTHER UPCOMING EVENTS

By the Ladies of the Knights

Installation of Officers May 24
(Cesear's in Bristol)

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Please wish the following brothers a Happy Birthday:

Rev. Myron Banderosky	May 1
Scott Newmann	May 2
Mike Fratantaro	May 5
Jim O'Donnell, Jr	May 9
John Whelihan	May 12
Mark Martin	May 12
Walter Chekay	May 18
Harry McGuckin	May 20
Tony DiTommaso	May 26
George Gleason	May 29
Joe Fanini	May 30
John Brochon	Jun 3
Kyle Berna	Jun 7
Rich Blinn	Jun 9
George Pizzullo	Jun 12
Tom Litz	Jun 17
Ed Hilderley	Jun 19
Jim Berna	Jun 19
Rich Brown	Jun 21
Joe Kelly	Jun 27

ANNIVERSARIES

Years of Service Anniversaries:
Rich Powell 5 Years

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations and welcome to the Council go out to George LeQuier our newest member. George made his First and Second Degrees in March.

Congratulations also go out to Rich Brown and Joe Mundy on making their Third Degree on April 11.

Finally, welcome to the Council to Donnie DeChico. Donnie has felt like a member of Council 4765 for a while; now he has made it official.

Congratulation also goes out to those recognized at our annual awards banquet. This year's recipients of awards are;

- Bill Kane for his dedicated service in making cord rosaries for those that serve our community and country.
- Family of the year went to the Litz family. Al and Tom with their work on the outdoor Stations exemplify Knight's work in the parish and community
- Knight of the year was awarded to Jim Berna

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

We will be taking the summer off again this year. The STA Breakfast Club, managed by John Brochon and staffed mostly by the Knights and Ladies of the Knights has become not only a fund raiser for the school but an important social function as well. Breakfast Sunday will return in September and we hope to see you then. A special note of thanks needs to go out to Donna Ottinger. For our May breakfast, Donna made several trays of quiche. Thank you also needs to go out to Danny and the crew at Old Croydon Café. Old Croydon Café donates two full trays of potatoes to the breakfast each month. The next time you're in OCC, make it a point to thank them for their support.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

For those that do not get the opportunity to see what is happening around the parish, Al and Tom Litz have added to the reflexion area between the church and the rectory. Together they have erected an outdoor set of Stations of the Cross. Contrary to popular belief, you do not have to wait until Lent to say the Stations. Stop by and see what Al and Tom have done and if you have the time...

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.

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

COLOR CORPS EVENTS

Vince's notes on upcoming Color Corps events was from April through 8 May. For those considering joining the Color Corps, uniforms are becoming available, and I for one have found the events to be very enjoyable. If you are interested in joining the Color Corps, please get with John Wallover.

THANK YOU

You may or may not know of the business that help; the Knights, the LOK and our parish.

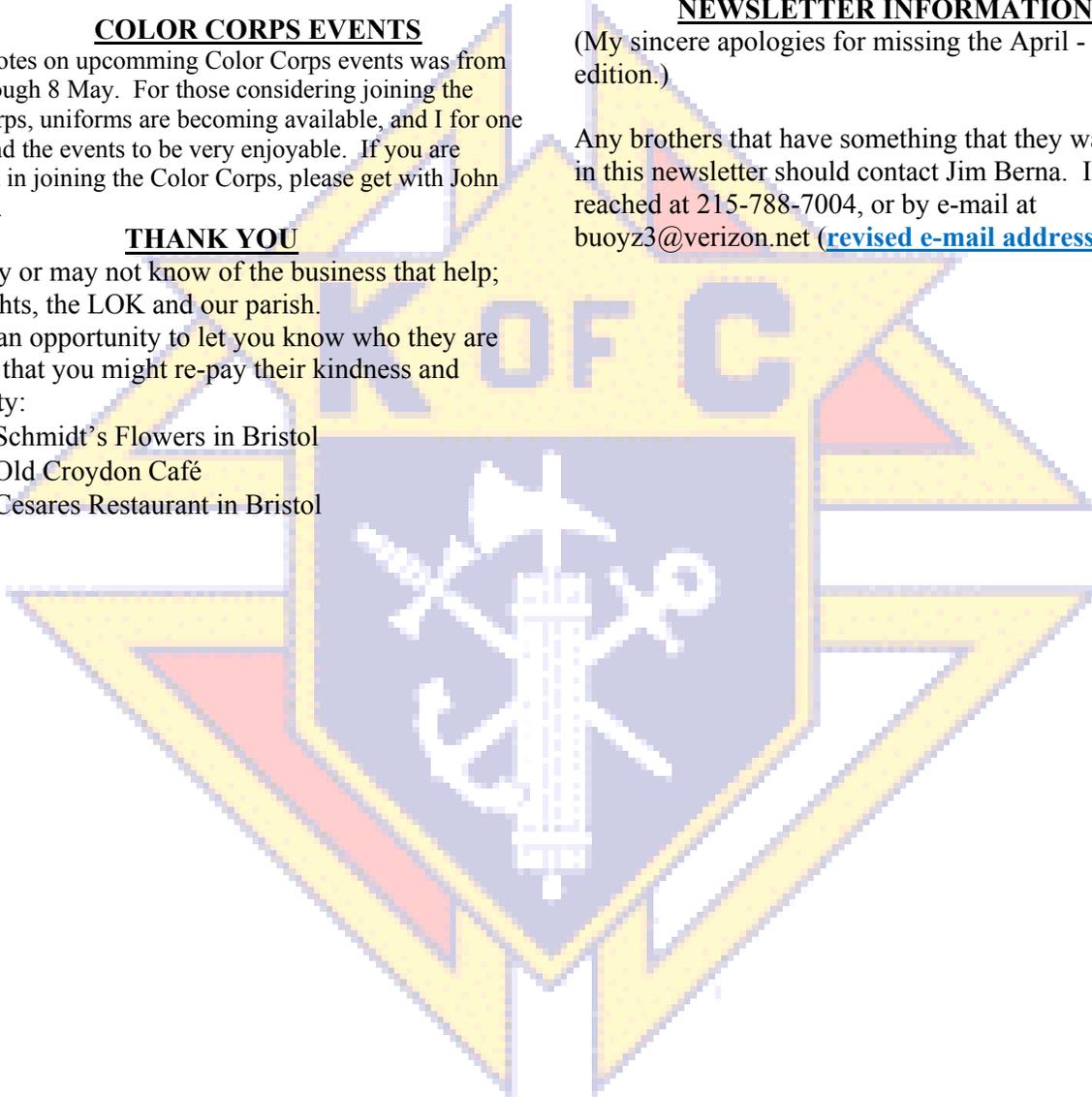
Here is an opportunity to let you know who they are in hopes that you might re-pay their kindness and generosity:

- Schmidt's Flowers in Bristol
- Old Croydon Café
- Cesares Restaurant in Bristol

NEWSLETTER INFORMATION

(My sincere apologies for missing the April - May edition.)

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](#))



MAY

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 ARC Collection
2 ARC Collection	3	4 Business Mtg	5 Awards Banquet	6	7	8 ARC Collection
9 ARC	10	11	12	13 Assencion	14	15 ARC Collection
16 ARC Collection	17	18	19	20 Thursday Kgt's Rm clean	21	22 ARC Collection
23 ARC Collection	24	25	26 Conclave (Elections)	27	28	29
30 4th Degree Valley Forge	31 Memorial Day Parade	1	2	3	4	5

JUNE

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 Business Mtg *Elections*	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16 Conclave (STA)	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24 Officer's Mtg	25	26
27	28	29	30	1	2	3