

THE COMPASS

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS POPE PIUS XII COUNCIL 4765

Saint Thomas Aquinas Parish

October - November 2010

GRAND KNIGHT'S REPORT

Mark Martin G.K.

- Upcoming dates read.
 - Waiting for invoice to renew insurance.
 - 2 candidates attended the open house.
 - 9/11 service was great, thanks to the Ladies for their help.
 - We have asked the school to help us by collecting canned goods, also please bring any canned items to the Nov meeting.
 - Need help painting the hall
 - Please update contact info
 - Please support Home and School by attending Oktoberfest.
- Our liability insurance policy will be up for renewal in October. The cost has remained relatively stable at \$2.xx per member.

DEPUTY GRAND KNIGHT'S REPORT

Rich Blinn D.G.K.

2 letters read: Supreme re: Br. Andre and Thank you note for rosaries.

CHAPLIN'S REPORT

Rev. Michael Davis Chaplin

Please invite others to come to Parish activities. Your invite carries a lot of meaning. Our Primary work as a Church is to Evangelize! We can learn a lot from non denominational churches by using their example of talking about Jesus. Look for opportunities to share how the Lord has helped you. John Brogan and I are working with Sr. Louise Alff from the Archdiocese and we will formally begin our Evangelistic work in 2011.

UPCOMING EVENTS

October Officer's Meeting	Oct 27*
November General Meeting	Nov 3*
Second Degree	Nov 9
Annual Memorial Mass	Nov 16
Thanksgiving Food Baskets	Nov 20
November Officer's Meeting	Dec 2
December General Meeting	Dec 7

*These meetings are being held on Wednesdays

REPORTS

Financial Secretary Report: (Jim Berna), Receipts and YTD balance sheet read and approved

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

Degree Team: (Al Scheck), We are always looking for brothers to be part of our degree team. If you are interested in a part, or as a back up for a part, please contact Al.

Color Corps: The Color Corps Commander is John Wallover. John has issued a list of upcoming events and they are listed further on in this newsletter.

District Deputy: (Steve Sannelli),

Field Agent: (Rhett Ragsdale), Rhett is the Field Agent covering our Council. If you have any questions about your policy or want information on the Knight's insurance program contact Rhett at; 215-504-0917 or Rhett.ragsdale@kofc.org.

Rosaries: (Bill Kane), 1500 have been made and shipped. We have requests for more from a VA group in Florida.

Sunshine: (Rich Blinn DGK) Will send basket to Aaron McGuire. Let me know if any brothers are ill.

Discount Cards: (Mike Fratantaro), A motion was made and approved to lower the price of the cards to \$5.00 each.

Membership: (Al Scheck), The names of two candidates were read, both read for the 3rd time First Degree scheduled for 19 October.

COAL Tickets: (Dan & Tony DiTomasso), Thanks to all who have turned in tickets, Dan will get with Jim Berna at breakfast to process funds received to date.

Football Sweeps: (Gabe Gallagher), 31 tickets are still available. Tickets need to be returned by the night of the 1st Degree – October 19.

Squires: (Kyle Berna), Have approached District Deputy about opening up to other Councils in order to get enough members.

Student Award: (Kyle Berna), Plan is to give the award in January and May / June. Kyle will meet with Ms. Noone to discuss and to get her thoughts.

Public Relations: (Jim Berna), Just waiting on the Ladies' to finish their part. They have since finished. A black and white version was printed for the Croydon Neighborhood picnic – several were handed out. Working on getting the color pamphlet printed.

PRAYERS LIST

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

- Dave Crafton
- Mr. Powell
- Bill Kane
- Mike Frat's Niece
- Rich Powell's friend
- Dennis Schaffer's father
- Jason Blade's girlfriend

BAPTISM SCHEDULE

September	Rich Brown
October	Mark Martin

DID YOU KNOW?

Commemorating a conflagration

Fire Prevention Week was established to commemorate the Great Chicago Fire, the tragic 1871 conflagration that killed more than 250 people, left 100,000 homeless, destroyed more than 17,400 structures and burned more than 2,000 acres. The fire began on October 8, but continued into and did most of its damage on October 9, 1871.

According to popular legend, the fire broke out after a cow - belonging to Mrs. Catherine O'Leary - kicked over a lamp, setting first the barn, then the whole city on fire. Chances are you've heard some version of this story yourself; people have been blaming the Great Chicago Fire on the cow and Mrs. O'Leary, for more than 130 years. But recent research by Chicago historian Robert Cromie has helped to debunk this version of events.

The 'Moo' myth

Like any good story, the 'case of the cow' has some truth to it. The great fire almost certainly started near the barn where Mrs. O'Leary kept her five milking cows. But there is no proof that O'Leary was in the barn when the fire broke out - or that a jumpy cow sparked the blaze.

Mrs. O'Leary herself swore that she'd been in bed early that night, and that the cows were also tucked in for the evening.



But if a cow wasn't to blame for the huge fire, what was? Over the years, journalists and historians have offered plenty of theories. Some blamed the blaze on a couple of neighborhood boys who were near the barn sneaking cigarettes. Others believed that a neighbor of the O'Leary's may have started the fire. Some people have speculated that a fiery meteorite may have fallen to earth on October 8, starting several fires that day - in Michigan and Wisconsin, as well as in Chicago.

The biggest blaze that week

While the Great Chicago Fire was the best-known blaze to start during this fiery two-day stretch, it wasn't the biggest. That distinction goes to the Peshtigo Fire, the most devastating forest fire in American history. The fire, which also occurred on October 8th, 1871, and roared through Northeast Wisconsin, burning down 16 towns, killing 1,152 people, and scorching 1.2 million acres before it ended.

Historical accounts of the fire say that the blaze began when several railroad workers clearing land for tracks unintentionally started a brush fire. Before long, the fast-moving flames were whipping through the area 'like a tornado,' some survivors said. It was the small town of Peshtigo, Wisconsin that suffered the worst damage. Within an hour, the entire town had been destroyed.

Eight decades of fire prevention

Those who survived the Chicago and Peshtigo fires never forgot what they'd been through; both blazes produced countless tales of bravery and heroism. But the fires also changed the way that firefighters and public officials thought about fire safety. On the 40th anniversary of the Great Chicago Fire, the Fire Marshals Association of North America (today known as the [International Fire Marshals Association](#)), decided that the anniversary of the Great Chicago Fire should henceforth be observed not with festivities, but in a way that would keep the public informed about the importance of fire prevention. The commemoration grew incrementally official over the years.

In 1920, President Woodrow Wilson issued the first National Fire Prevention Day proclamation, and since 1922, Fire Prevention Week has been observed on the Sunday through Saturday period in which October 9 falls. According to the National Archives and Records Administration's Library Information Center, Fire Prevention Week is the longest running public health and safety observance on record. The President of the United States has signed a proclamation proclaiming a

national observance during that week every year since 1925.

This material was taken from:

<http://www.nfpa.org/itemDetail.asp?categoryID=1439&itemID=34426&URL=Safety%20Information/Fire%20Prevention%20Week%202010/About%20Fire%20Prevention%20Week>

OTHER UPCOMING EVENTS

Set up for Soup & Conversation Nov 6
(Set up time is 2:00 PM)
Soup and Conversation Nov 7
(2:00 – 4:00 PM)

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Please wish the following brothers a Happy Birthday:

James Fallon	Oct 1
Mark Kintzell	Oct 3
Rick Kelly	Oct 7
John Wallover	Oct 21
John Masko	Oct 29
Jerry Smedley	Nov 2
Charles Worden	Nov 5
Rich Labor	Nov 14
Mark Kolesar	Nov 28
John Brogan	Nov 30
Howard Griffiths	

ANNIVERSARIES

We have some heavy hitters with anniversaries in October and November:

- John Wolf celebrates 50 years in October
- Paul Capelli celebrates 30 years in November
- Joseph Supon celebrates 30 years in November
- Chris Cinalli celebrates 5 years in November
- Bob Gutherman celebrates 5 years in November
- Al Wolf celebrates 5 years in November

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.

HELP WANTED

Several chores still need to be done around the Parish including power washing the shrine. Please do your best to help out.

The Thanksgiving baskets, (boxes), for those in need will be assembled and distributed on Saturday November 20. All are encouraged to attend and help assemble and / or deliver.

BREAKFAST SUNDAY

November 14 and December 12 are breakfast Sundays. The breakfast crew will be serving from 8:00 until 11:00. We are always looking for helpers and customers. Show your support by turning out and enjoying the company of the members of the STA Parish family.

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

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

(John Wallover)

Upcoming events for the Color Corps:

November 5: St. Joseph the Worker Council Annual Memorial Mass. Mass is at 6:30, report time is 6:00

November 7: St. Martha's Veteran's Day Mass; 11301 Academy Rd., Philadelphia. Mass time is 10:00 AM; report time is 9:30.

November 14: Fr. Ryan Council is celebrating 50 years with a Mass at St. Cecilia's Church, 535 Rhawn Street, Philadelphia. Mass time is 12:30, report time is 12:00

November 16: Pope Pius XII Council Memorial Mass at St. Thomas Aquinas. Mass time is 7:00 with a report time will be 6:30

November 17: St. John Neumann Assembly annual Memorial Mass at the Sisters of the Blessed Sacrament. Mass time will be 6:30 with a report time of 6:00 PM in the Chapel

- 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

CONGRATULATIONS

Please welcome our newest brother Andrew Grillo. Andy made his First Degree on 19 October. Kyle Berna now has a Color Corps Uniform, congratulations to Kyle on joining the Color Corps.

THANK YOU

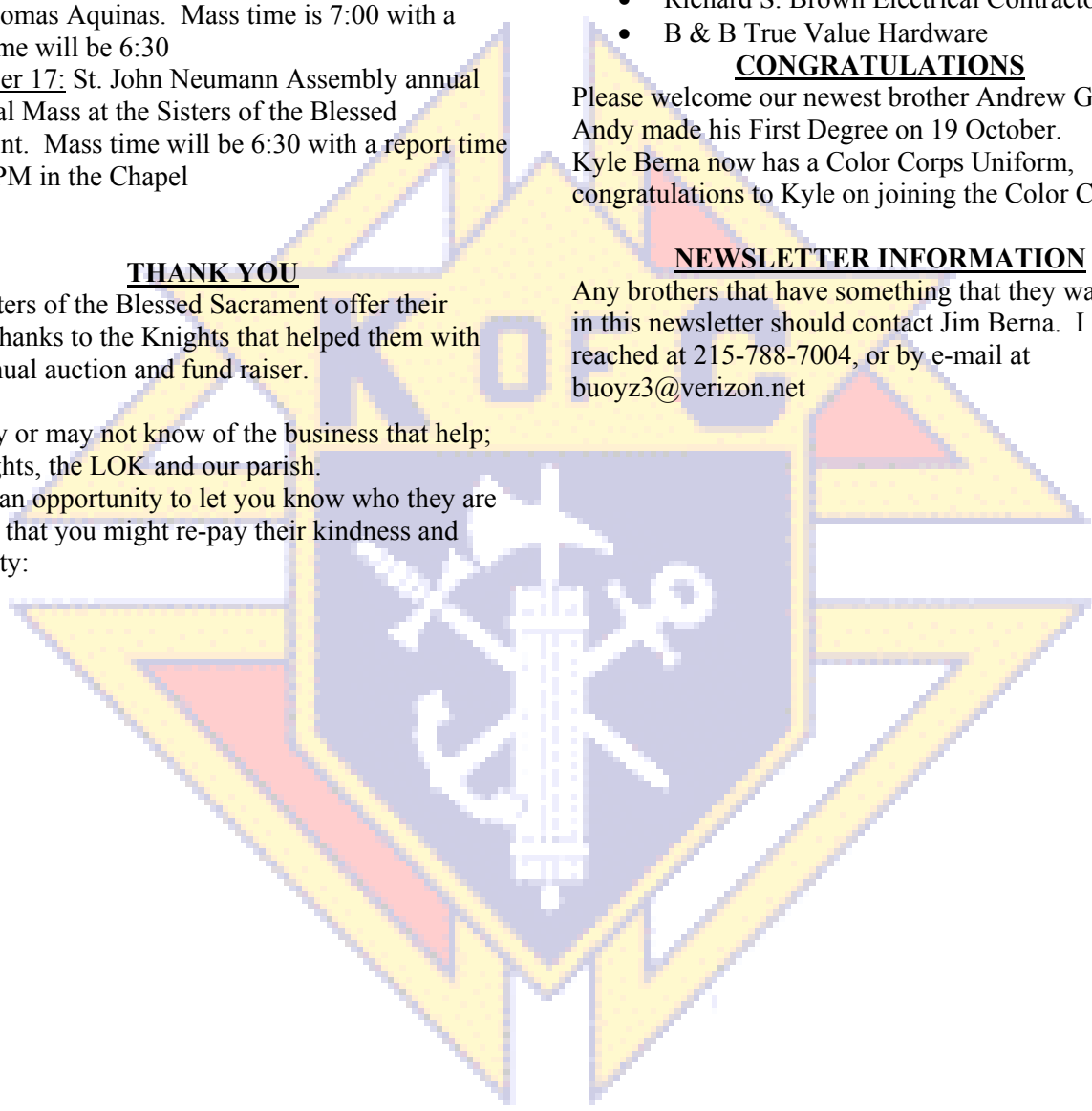
The Sisters of the Blessed Sacrament offer their sincere thanks to the Knights that helped them with their annual auction and fund raiser.

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:

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



October

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
Breakfast Sunday	17	18	19	20	21	22
		1st Degree	Assembly Meeting		Confirmation	
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
			Officer's Mtg			
31	1	2	3	4	5	6
Halloween			Business Meeting			

November

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4	5	6
			Business Mtg			
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
		2nd Degree				Soup & Conversation Set up (2:00 PM)
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
Breakfast Soup & Conversation		Council Memorial Mass	Assembly Memorial Mass			Thanksgiving Baskets
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
				Thanksgiving Day		
28	29	30	1	2	3	4
				Officer's Mtg		