

THE COMPASS

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS POPE PIUS XII COUNCIL 4765

Saint Thomas Aquinas Parish

January – February 2011

GRAND KNIGHT'S REPORT

Mark Martin G.K.

Upcoming events are:

Upcoming calendar dates read.

- John Whelihan will chair St. Patrick's / St. Joseph's dance. The Dance is scheduled for March 19. Please give John your help and support.
- John Ottinger and Rich Brown will chair ARC.
- We are planning a cleanup of the Knight's room.
- We will remove the "Keep Christ in Christmas" sign on 01/15

To all that attended Donnie's viewing and funeral mass, a heartfelt; "Thank you!" The funeral director noted that there were over 40 Knights that attended Donnie's viewing. There were 8 Color Corps members to honor Donnie at his funeral mass. I am sure that Donnie would have been very happy with the support shown.

Once again this year the guys did a great job with the holiday food baskets. Thanks to all that came out and supported the effort. Next year, we could use more people, especially drivers. This year several brothers had to take 5 or more boxes for delivery.

DEPUTY GRAND KNIGHT'S REPORT

Rich Blinn D.G.K.

- Read thank you letters from several families who received baskets.
- Andy Grillo: presented with 2nd degree certificate.
- Thanks: John Wallover for his work with the degree team.

CHAPLIN'S REPORT

Rev. Michael Davis Chaplin

- Be mindful of your own Baptism as we conclude the Christmas season. Each of us is anointed through the Sacraments to

do the Lord's work. Please give witness to your Faith.

- We are very likely to see restructuring within the Archdiocese in the near future.
- We have to set Parish goals for vibrancy: Soon we will be asked to evaluate our Parish, included in the evaluation will be Mass attendance as well as how frequently our Parishioners utilize the Sacraments (especially Reconciliation).
- Please participate in the Sacraments at our Parish. Our future depends on it!

UPCOMING EVENTS

January General Meeting	Jan 4
(This will be a formal meeting – officers need jacket and tie)	
Semi-Annual Financial Audit	Jan 18
Second Degree at Regina Coeli	Jan 20
January Officer's Meeting	Jan 25*
*This meeting was moved to accommodate the Triudium	
Triudium	Jan 26 - 28
February General Meeting	Feb 1
February Officer's Meeting	Feb 24
Retreat at Malvern	Mar 11 – 13
(Contact Tony & Dan DiTommaso for information)	
Saint Patrick's / St. Joseph's Dance	Mar 19

REPORTS

■ **Financial Secretary Report:** (Jim Berna),

- Receipts and YTD financials were read.
- Dues notices were sent. Membership cards are available tonight.
- This month's newsletter will include a member info form. Please fill it out and return promptly.

Treasurer's Report: (John Brochon) Account balances were read. Report was approved by all in attendance. Breakfast Sunday continues each month. Please show your support.

Degree Team: (Al Scheck) There will be a First Degree at the Council on January 11. Report time is 7:00.

COAL: Closed out until next year.

District Deputy: (Steve Sannelli)

Rosaries: 50 new rosaries were completed and blessed by Father Mike.

Discount Cards: (Mike Fratantaro), nothing new. After some discussion at the December meeting it was agreed that the Council would have the discount cards again in 2011. Thanks in advance to Mike Fratantaro for once again heading this valuable fundraiser. This year, Lou Balot will assist Mike with this project.

Membership: (Al Scheck) One name was read, the next first degree will be January 11th. We are expecting a minimum of two new members at that time.

Public Relations: (Jim Berna) Nothing to report

Insurance: (Rhett Ragsdale):

I am impressed with this Council and its numerous activities. At a time when The Church is undergoing a seemingly lack of growth, the Knights of Columbus continue to grow.

Rhett spoke to the benefits of the Knight's insurance program and will be available after the meeting to answer any questions.

PRAYERS LIST

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

Those in need of our prayers are:

- Catherine LeQuier
- Sandy Glover
- Josephine Roberts
- John Lawler jr.
- Lou Balot's Sister in Law
- Tony's Brother in Law Carl
- Don the photographer

BAPTISM SCHEDULE

February

Jimmy Vaughan

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.

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.

Symbols of Epiphany

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.

The traditional liturgical symbols of Epiphany are usually associated with the Magi. The symbols include either three crowns or a single crown, various portrayals of the Magi or Wise Men, three gifts, a five pointed star, or a combination of a star and crown. A more modern symbol of Epiphany is a globe or a stylized portrayal of the world.

Around January 6, the symbol **+C+B+M+** with two numbers before and two numbers after (for example, **20+C+B+M+10**) is sometimes seen written in chalk above the doorway of Christian homes. The letters are the initials of the traditional names of the Three Magi: Caspar, Melchior and Balthasar. These letters also abbreviate the Latin phrase *Christus mansionem benedicat*, "May Christ bless the house." The beginning and ending numbers are the year, 2010 in the example above. The crosses represent Christ.

Marking the lintels of doorways is an old European practice that originally had overtones of magic (protection of the house). However, the symbols are now used throughout the world and usually represent a traditional Epiphany prayer and blessing.

Taken from and for more information:
<http://www.crivoice.org/cyepiph.html>

OTHER UPCOMING EVENTS

By the Ladies of the Knights

LOK Meeting at STA	Jan 31
St. Valentine's Day Dinner Dance	Feb 13
LOK Meeting at STA	Feb 28
(Voting for Officers – very important meeting)	
LOK Dinner Meeting	Mar 28

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Please wish the following brothers a Happy Birthday:

John Wolf	Jan 1
John Brewerton	Jan 1

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Owen Logan	Jan 6
Rich Rosenblatt	Jan 8
Mike McCormick	Jan 12
Al Wolf	Jan 26
Michael Riccardi	Feb 1
Lou Balot	Feb 3
J.R. Ojeda	Feb 10
John Reilly	Feb 16
Dan DiTommaso	Feb 25

ANNIVERSARIES

The following brothers are all celebrating important anniversaries in January and February:

- John Fratantaro, 45 years
- Joseph Fanini & Michael Riccardi 30 Years
- Jeffery Ditzler & Tim O'Donnell, 25 years
- Mark Kolesar, Mark Martin & Jim O'Donnell, Jr. 5 years

Congratulations Brothers!

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 is held each month; September through May in Crehan Hall. This is both a parish social function as well as a parish fundraiser. Come on out and join us for a great time of fellowship.

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

John Coyne Jr. returned to our brother Jesus on Wednesday 19 January 2011. (Note the significance of

that date in the story of the Epiphany). Please keep; Jack, his wife Doris and his entire family in your prayers.

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)

Conclave (11301 Academy Rd)	Jan 19
Memorial Mass	Feb 13
Conclave (3407 Welsh Rd.)	Feb 16
Assembly RSVP Mass (St. Elizabeth Chapel-Blessed Sacrament Sisters)	Mar 16

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

For those of you that do not already know, our holiday food basket program was helped through not only donations from brothers but also from Shop – Rite of Bensalem. They donated 10 turkeys to our Thanksgiving food baskets. Also helping the Cause was Robern Inc in Bristol, PA. The associates of Robern collected 60 +/- pounds of canned goods which they donated to our Christmas food basket program.

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations are in order for:

- Andy Grillo – On making his Second Degree

- Trevor Berna, Jeffery Ladd and David Walker; all of whom made their First Degree on January 11.
- Trevor Berna – On Making his Second Degree

BUS TRIP INFORMATION

We are looking to put together a day of fun and learning with a bus trip to New Haven and Saint Mary's. The tentative date for the trip is Saturday March 26th. The current estimated cost of the trip will be approximately \$35.00 per person plus meals. Anyone interested in going on the trip should contact Mark Martin as soon as possible. Mark's home phone number is: 215-785-3419.

PARISH IMPROVEMENTS

The Wayside Shrine is in need of some improvements. The Shrine was cleaned before Christmas and the floor is showing years of age and wear. Dan DiTommaso has suggested a designer concrete finish for the Shrine. Dan's brother-in-law is in the business and will help with the cost of the project. Dan presented samples at the January meeting. If you would like more information, or you would like to see some actual work, stop by Dan and Tony's house. Their front porch has an application and it looks great!

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
2	3	4 General Meeting	5	6	7 First Friday	
9 Breakfast Sunday	10	11 First Degree	12	13	14	15
16	17	18 Financial Audit	19 Assembly Meeting	20 Second Degree (Regina Coeli)	21	22
23	24	25 Officer's Meeting	26 Triudium 7:00	27 Triudium 7:00	28 Triudium 7:00	29
30	31	1 General Meeting	2	3	4 First Friday	5

February

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 General Meeting	2	3	4 First Friday	
6	7	8	9	10	11	12 LOK St. Valentine's Dinner / Dance
13 Breakfast Sunday	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23 Assembly Meeting	24 Officer's Meeting	25	26
27	28	1 General Meeting (March)	2	3	4 First Friday	5

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament occurs each Monday in the Chapel

PERSONAL INFORMATION FORM
(PLEASE PRINT)

CONTACT INFORMATION

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY, STATE, ZIP CODE: _____

HOME PHONE: _____

CELL PHONE: _____

E-MAIL: _____

IN THE EVENT OF AN IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT OR INFORMATION PLEASE CONTACT ME:

___ HOME PHONE ___ CELL PHONE ___ E-MAIL

PERSONAL INFORMATION

YOUR BIRTHDAY, (MM/DD/YR): _____

WIFE'S NAME: _____

YOUR WIFE'S BIRTHDAY, (MM/DD/YR): _____

WEDDING OR ORDINATION DATE, (MM/DD/YR): _____

NEXT OF KIN INFORMATION

IF YOUR NEXT OF KIN IS NOT YOUR WIFE, PLEASE COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY, STATE, ZIP CODE: _____

HOME PHONE: _____

CELL PHONE: _____

E-MAIL: _____