

The Compass

Special Ceremony Celebrates the Arrival of Our Charter.



On Sunday, March 8, 2009, Council 14654 of the Knights of Columbus celebrated the arrival of its charter. District Deputy, Gary Reinert, presented the charter to our Grand Knight, John Cocco, on behalf of the Supreme Knight and the Board of Directors. The presentation and blessing of this document is evidence of our right to exist and function as a council. Senator O'Pake, who is a Knight, addressed the Council members and their families and spoke about some of the wonderful work accomplished by the Knights of Columbus. (Continued on p. 3)

The Message From the Supreme Knight



May your council long continue to flourish and set a good example for its members. May you all enjoy every blessing and satisfaction that true exemplification of our principles can bestow, and may the success of our Order be transmitted through your council in this second century of our existence and many years beyond.

*-From the Speech Delivered by
the District Deputy,
Gary Reinert.*



Shown at the top, left, Father Phil Rodgers, Chaplain of Council 14654, blesses the charter at the end of the 11:15 mass.

Shown at the left are the members of the St. Benedict Church Knights of Columbus, Council 14654.

UPCOMING EVENTS

May 17, 2009

A **Second Degree Ceremony** will be held in Downingtown, PA. Please see your Grand Knight, John Cocco for details.

May 23, 2009

A **Fourth Degree Ceremony** will be held at 12 noon in King of Prussia. Please see your Grand Knight, John Cocco for details.



June 27, 2009

Our **First Annual "Pig Roast" and Block Party** will be held at the church picnic ground. This will be a day of family activities, great food and information on home safety. Don't miss out on this exciting event.

TEN MEMBERS OF COUNCIL 14654 ACHIEVE THE THIRD DEGREE

On Sunday, March 1st, The following members of St. Benedict Church Knights of Columbus Council 14654 achieved their Third Degree.

Bill Benonis	Bill Brann	Anthony Crisi	Mike Donlan	John Lindsey
Chuck Keating	Matt Reagan	Mike Reiman	Andy Terrifay	Paul Wirkus

TEN MEMBERS OF COUNCIL 14654 ACHIEVE THE FIRST DEGREE

On Sunday, March 29th, The following members of St. Benedict Church Knights of Columbus Council 14654 achieved their Third Degree.

Steve Chuprinsky	W. Chris Davis	E. Thomas Henefer	Steven W. Keech
Thomas Less	Terrance Loeper	Michael Maiers	Matthew Martini
Christopher Mensak	Anthony Rodriguez		

FOUR MEMBERS OF COUNCIL 14654 ACHIEVE THE THIRD DEGREE

On Sunday, March 29th, The following members of St. Benedict Church Knights of Columbus Council 14654 achieved their Third Degree.

Richard Conti	John Coccia	Chuck Keating	Mark McFadden
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THE CHARTER CEREMONY.....A DAY OF FRATERNITY.....



The Charter Ceremony was followed by a pot luck lunch in the meeting hall. The room quickly overflowed with members and guests.



After the blessing by Father Phil, all were treated to a smorgasbord of tasty dishes. The room bubbled with laughter and friendly conversation. This was our first opportunity to share a meal and to meet the families of our brother Knights. We thank all the knights and their families,

the members of the Prime Timers, and all of the generous members of our parish for providing such a wonderful feast. We pray that our newly formed council will be bound by acts of charity, unfailing unity, a spirit of fraternity and unending patriotism.



WEBSITE DEVOTED TO THE HOLY ROSARY

Here's a great website devoted to the Holy Rosary. The web designer is an Italian engineering student who started out without any knowledge of HTML or website construction. He is truly passionate about the Rosary and to serving Christ.

<http://www.theholynosary.org/>

GRAND KNIGHT'S CORNER

My Brothers,

Welcome to the second edition of our newsletter The Compass. It's hard to believe that it is just six months since we have formed the Council and all we have accomplished. I want to congratulate all of you on our first successful membership blitz. At the conclusion we were able to welcome 10 new First Degree Knights, and welcome back to our order one 3rd Degree Knight. Please promote our council to others in our wonderful parish. We have many men in our Parish interested in becoming a Knight but have yet to take the next step. Reach out to these men if you know them and encourage them to join our ranks. Also, if you know of an existing Knight who would like to transfer into our Council please have him contact Kevin Kozlowski.

Our first significant fundraiser is scheduled for June 27th. We will be hosting a Pig Roast and Block Party. The theme is to promote Public Safety and Community Awareness. Gentlemen, we need your help. This fundraiser requires people to chair committees as well as staff the event. This fundraiser will provide the necessary cash to implement more of the charitable work we plan to take on.

Along with my request for help, I would like to encourage more involvement in your council. We all have busy lives and responsibilities. I would like to see greater attendance at our meetings. Even if it is just one hour per month, we need your input and talents to continue the significant progress we have made. We welcome your contributions. Please visit our Council website www.knightsofsaintbenedict.org for upcoming events and news. In an effort to promote brotherhood and simply get to know each other and our families better, I will be working on an event that will bring us all together. I will be keeping you abreast of the plans in the near future.

The upcoming 4th Degree Exemplification is a patriotic Degree held in May for those of us who are eligible. I was very proud to relay to our District Deputy, and State Officers that we had over 30 members who could take this final step into Knighthood. If you are eligible to take this final step into Knighthood, I encourage you to complete the journey.

Vivat Jesus
John Cocco

VISIT OUR WEBSITE

Check out our new website. Visit "KnightsofSaintBenedict.org". Get updates and keep in touch with your officers. Find interesting links to your brother knights.

<http://www.knightsofsaintbenedict.org/>

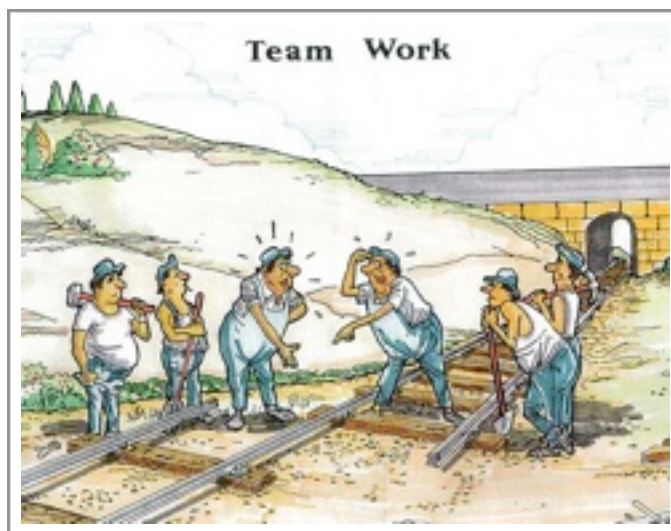
THE CHAPLAIN'S CORNER: FATHER PHIL RODGERS

Marian devotion is to the month of May, like Christmas is to the month of December. Marian devotion is part of our Catholic Faith tradition that we have come to honor and hold in esteem. A good reminder that May is Mary's month is Mothers Day! Just as we honor the women in our parish who have acted in a Motherly-way toward children, so to Mother Mary brings comfort and blessing to her spiritual children, and that calls us to honor her. While there are many wonderful May traditions like: May processions, May crownings, singing Marian hymns etc., there is one prayer that beautifully links Mary's month of May to our Easter season of Jesus Resurrectuion. And that special prayer is the REGINA CAELI or Queen of Heaven. Consider praying this prayer with your family at your Sunday meals, especially on Mother's Day.

Queen of Heaven, rejoice, alleluia:
For He Whom you merited to bear, alleluia,
Has risen, as He said, alleluia.
Pray for us to God, alleluia.
Rejoice and be glad, O Virgin Mary, alleluia.
Because the Lord is truly risen, alleluia.
Let us pray.
O God, Who by the Resurrection of Your Son,
our Lord Jesus Christ,
granted joy to the whole world:
grant we beg You,
that through the intercession of the Virgin
Mary, His Mother,
we may lay hold of the joys of eternal life.
Through the same Christ our Lord. AMEN

FROM OUR FINANCIAL SECRETARY, LEN KARVER

Brothers All,
We are doing very well logging our Service Hours on our Survey of Fraternal Activity Form. Year to date, our Council has logged 880 hours of group activity. Visits to the Sick and Bereaved is currently at 14 as well.
Regarding Dues Collection, not counting the new members that have just joined us, we are at a 98% payment level for 2009.



MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORS CORNER, KEVIN KOZLOWSKI, DEPUTY GRAND KNIGHT

Our membership roll is now at 52 men. I would like thank all that helped out with the membership blitz in March 2009. It was a success as we met our goal of 10 new members. We will be holding another blitz in October 2009.

Knights of Columbus Member Benefits:

Here is a list of the many tangible rewards for you and your family.

1. Columbia largest Catholic family magazine
2. Rosary Program to new and readmitted members.
3. Daily Mass Remembrance at St. Mary's Church New Haven, Conn.
4. Insurance Program for you and your family.
5. Annuity Program
6. Long-Term Care Insurance
7. Member/Spouse Fraternal Benefit coverage accidental death.
8. Orphan Benefit
9. Family Fraternal Benefit
10. New Member Plan on whole life policy.
11. Widows Benefits
12. Scholarships/Fellowships six different college scholarship programs and two graduate fellowship programs; and scholarship programs for seminarians.
13. Matthews and Swift Educational Trust Fund
14. Leadership Development
15. Fourth Degree
16. Honorary Life Membership at Age 70
17. Catholic Information Service
18. Membership Card entitles participation throughout the world.
19. Family Activities "Family of the Month/Year" programs.
20. Athletic and Youth Programs

New Members:

If you are interested in becoming a Knight or would like more information about our Knights of Columbus at St. Benedict Council

Please contact Kevin Kozlowski, Deputy Grand Knight and Membership Director:

Home Phone #: 610-775-1983 or Mobile Phone #: 570-335-4482

BLOCK PARTY AND PIG ROAST INFORMATION AND ROSTER

As you know, our first major event is scheduled for Saturday, June 27th from 11:00 am until 6 pm. The "Block Party" will focus on home safety and will provide and pulled pork dinner and rides for the kids. It will be a day of family fun.

This event will require a very large number of people to be successful. All Knights are expected to work during the entire day on Saturday. We will also need help from family members and friends, especially from the parish. Although we will circulate sign-up sheets to help organize the work force, we need assistance to preplan the activities.

Below is a list of responsibilities for this event. Please look at the list and decide where you would like to assist. Please contact Frank Burns and let him know your preference. If we all pitch in now, this will be a great event.

Dinner and Raffle Tickets	Mike Reiman
Publicity, Signs and Price List	Paul Wirkus, Andy Terifay and Mark McFadden
Set Up/Clean Up	Bill Brann and Scouts
Entertainment	Frank Burns
Kitchen	Tom Connelly
Pig Roast and Sides	Tom Connelly
Chuck Wagon and Other Food	Gary Gibson
Beer	Tom Dobson and Dave Jones
Soft Drinks	Rich Conte
Ticket Booth/Rides	
Sanitation	John Lindsey and Richard Meyers
Money Counting	Len Karver
Police/Fire Department	John Cocco
Neighborhood Watch	Frank Burns
Parking	Kevin Kozlowski and Matt Martini
Alarm Companies	Nick Gatto
Blood Mobile	Chris Keenan
Swing Set	Anthony Crisi
Antique Car Club	Steve Keech

Our Prayers are with Matt Reagan and His Family

We were all sorry to hear about the passing of Kyle Reagan, brother of knight, Matt Reagan. Kyle lost his battle with ALS on Tuesday, April 7, 2009. Please keep Matt and his entire family in your prayers.



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