

The Compass

Fourteen Members of Council 14654 Achieve Fourth Degree

The symbol for the fourth degree consists of three parts, which represent the Holy Trinity. The dove symbolizes the Holy Spirit and Peace, while the globe represents God, the creator of the earth and the universe. The cross is the symbol of Jesus Christ. The cross used for the fourth degree is the same cross found on the clothing worn by knights during the crusades.

The colors found in the symbol of the fourth degree are red, white and blue. These are the same three colors used in the flag of the United States of America. The purpose of the fourth degree is to foster patriotism and loyalty to country.



At a special ceremony held on Memorial Day weekend, fourteen members of Council 14654 achieved their fourth degree. The two day event was held in King of Prussia. Each member has now earned the title of Sir Knight. It is with great pride that we congratulate these fine brothers. Well done!

John Coccia

John Cocco

Thomas Dobson

Nick Gatto

Gary Gibson

James Gregor

Dave Jones

Len Karver

Chris Keenan

Kevin Kozlowski

Tim Lindley

Peter Nelson

Clark Urban

Steven Wagner

UPCOMING EVENTS

Saturday, October 24, 2009

Youth Group Halloween Party at the Church.
All available knights are asked to help.

Sunday, October 25, 2009

There will be a **special insurance meeting** in the church hall. A presentation will be made by Greg Fitzpatrick, our insurance representative. Please bring your questions and your spouse.



Tuesday, October 27, 2009

The **Pius IX Assembly meeting** will be held in the church hall for all fourth degree knights. The meeting will start promptly at 7:30 pm.

Saturday, November 7, 2009

The **First Anniversary Celebration**

5:00 pm Mass at St. Benedict

6:30-7:00 pm Cocktail Hour at Holiday Inn

7:00-8:00 pm Dinner at Holiday Inn

THREE MEMBERS OF COUNCIL 14654 ACHIEVE THE THIRD DEGREE

On Sunday, September 27, 2009, the following three members of Council 14654 achieved the rank of third degree. Congratulations gentlemen!

Steve Chuprinsky

Steve Keech

Matt Martini

COUNCIL 14654 HOLDS IT'S FIRST SOCCER CHALLENGE

On Sunday, September 27, 2009, Council 14654 held it's first "Soccer Challenge". Three of the youngsters that participated in the event became council champions. They moved on to become champions in the district competition. The Regional competition will be held on Saturday, October 24th. We wish success to these fine youngsters. Kudos to John Coccia and the knights that organized and ran this event.

GRAND KNIGHT'S CORNER

My Brothers,

Welcome back to fall and welcome back to another edition of our newsletter. While it has been some time since we have done a newsletter, needless to say our Council has been busy. I am extremely proud of the work we have done over the Summer, I know its the time of year when everyone likes to go away, however all of you have stepped up to the plate to make various things happen for our Council and our Parish Community. Our membership continues to grow, and also the commitment of service to our parish. While we succeeded on our first major fundraiser our block party we also thrived in assisting with a Military Mass and an Evening of Reflections for Vocations and honoring the Alter Servers of the parish. Spirit weekend concluded with more men in our parish showing interest in becoming Knights. We also held our first Soccer Challenge, that with unfavorable weather was still a success. We have a huge celebration in which all of you should be proud of. Our first Anniversary banquet is Saturday November 7th. We will start the evening with 5PM Mass in which we will honor our departed Brother Knights. In the upcoming weeks and months there is still much to do on behalf of the Knights of Columbus, and I thank all of you for your continued efforts in making our council a success.

John



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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

Where Charity and Love are found....

On July 7 Pope Benedict XVI gave to the world his encyclical Caritas in Veritate (Charity in Truth). This social encyclical addresses the global economic crisis. This is our Holy Father's third encyclical. He applies the themes of his first and second encyclical-love and hope to the world's major social issues. There are many strong thoughtful points to ponder in his teaching. For example our Holy Father states "Practicing charity in truth helps people to understand that adhering to the values of Christianity is not merely useful but essential for building a good society and for true integral human development."

Our Holy Father seems to be telling us that when we act in an unselfish way either in the sphere of economic problems or social issues like immigration, globalization or poverty, we will create building blocks for a just society that reflects the Creators plan. During the month of October our parish will collect can goods to refill the shelves of our food pantry for the poor and needy of southern Berks County. Think CHARITY, act today.

Fr. Phil



Think Charity!
Act TODAY!

COUNCIL 14654 KNIGHT OF THE MONTH, WRITTEN BY TOM DOBSON

Sir Knight Clark Urban

Clark Urban became a Knight at 17 years old. Special permission was granted by the Bishop to allow Clark to become a Knight as he was about to join the Air Force and serve in the Korean War. He took his 1st, 2nd and 3rd Degrees on the same day. Clark was drawn to the Knights because his Father and all of his Uncles were Knights. In May of 2009 Clark became a Sir Knight when he received his 4th Degree. Clark is also a Charter member of our Council.

Clark has led a very interesting life. After serving in Korea, he was stationed in Red Bluff, California where he met and married his wife of 51 years, Donna. From the Air Force, Clark went to work for the restaurant chain Sambos in 1968. He would spend the next 10 years in the restaurant business until 1978 when he joined Marathon Oil. Over a 20 year period Clark and his family lived in Mississippi, North Carolina, Ohio and Wisconsin. In 1992 He left Marathon Oil to work at Getty until he retired in 1999.

Clark and Donna have been members of the Church of St. Benedict since 1992. They are parents to three girls and one boy. They also are proud Grandparents to five Grand Children and now have two Great Grandchildren. Clark says being a Knight is very important to him because of our Charitable work, Religious values and the importance placed on family in our Order.

BIRTHDAY WISHES GO OUT TO THE FOLLOWING KNIGHTS

October

10th Steve Chuprinsky
13th John Coccia
17th George Terefenko
22nd Mark McFadden
23rd Mike Donlon
26th Steve Keech
26th Jim Pleitner

November

9th Ed Deren
14th Matt Reagan
18th Rich Conte
20th Tom Dobson
22nd Bill Brann
27th Brian Heath



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