



AUGUST 2010 ISSUE PIUS XII COUNCIL #4925 Meetings: 1st & 3rd Mondays 8PM, VFD # 6, 600 Garden City Drive, Monroeville, PA

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CHAPLAIN'S LOG

Dear Brother Knights:

On July 6, 2010, it was a great opportunity for me to participate in a Knights of Columbus Chapter meeting that was hosted at Saint Bernadette Parish, Biedenbach Hall. I was pleased to see so many



brother knights from throughout our region, including many members of our own Pius XII Council #4925. It was an occasion for prayer, to listen to the reports of the many activities of the councils represented and to conclude the evening with food and fellowship.

Following the meeting, I began to pray about the many efforts to share our Catholic faith and advance the mission of the Knights of Columbus. An area that all of us need to reflect on is how we reach out to attract and invite others to consider joining the Knights of Columbus as a member.

My own journey in the Knights of Columbus began as a Columbian Squire many years ago at the invitation of a school classmate. Until I had been invited to explore the mission of the Knights of Columbus, I really had no understanding of the scope of the efforts the Knights engage in faithfully day after day. Through the years, I went on to receive my first, second and third degrees in Charleroi, PA – William D. Fries Council #956. I then had the awesome responsibility to serve as Recorder for a time before my entrance into seminary in 1991.

Throughout the years of my seminary formation, I often received many notes of prayers and support financially through the generosity of my home council. Upon ordination as a priest in 1997 it was a tremendous blessing to have the Knights of Columbus present at the Mass of Thanksgiving. To my surprise and delight at that Mass I also received a beautiful chalice as a gift from my council. Without the prayers and support of my brother knights that continues today, I would not be the priest that I am in ministry now – I am humbled by dedicated and generous ministry of the Knights of Columbus.

Imagine what a difference that you can make in another man's life by inviting them to consider becoming a member of our Knights of Columbus Council. Think about it for a moment, if each of us would pray about and then

ask one person whom we think would serve as a faithful member and co-worker to further the efforts of the Knights of Columbus – what a difference that can be made in their lives and in ours through their active participation with us!

Who is it right now that you think would serve to be a faithful member of our council? Is it someone in your own home, a neighbor, a fellow parishioner, a co-worker? Pray to the Holy Spirit and you will be guided.

Let us each make a sincere effort this month to ask at least one person whom we know to consider becoming a brother knight with us. I know my classmate made the bold and courageous invitation to me many years ago and my life has been all the more blessed because of his invitation to me. Someone right now is waiting for you to do the same!

With every good wish and prayer for you and your families, especially in these enjoyable days of summer, I am

Sincerely yours in Christ,
Reverend Edward L. Yuhas
Chaplain

GRAND KNIGHT'S REPORT

Dear Brother Knights,

I want to thank you for the confidence you have in me by electing me as your Grand Knight for another year. It has been as great learning experience for me. We



completed our goals for the Bishops Project, Christmas food baskets, picnic, etc. I thank the members of the council who have helped with the Tootsie Roll drives, Penny Collections, and Christmas Seals. We will be looking forward for your help with the drives for this year's Bishop's Campaign. Remember Charity is one of our goals.

On July 6, our council hosted the monthly chapter meeting at Biedenbach Hall. Thank you, Fr. Yuhas, for filling in as Chaplain. I want to thank the brother knights for helping with the chapter meeting, especially Dom Di Ninno for preparing the food.

We didn't have a good drive recruiting new members to take over and replace us older members. We hope to have a better recruiting drive this year.

RECRUITING IS OUR ORGANIZATION'S FUTURE.

See you at the council picnic.
VIVAT JESUS,
Bill Syrek, G.K

PRAY FOR OUR SICK AND +DECEASED

John Fisher, Rose Kosar, Ed Jager, Jackie Yuhas,
Vince Ventresca, Ruth Curl, Leon Popson,
Joyce Burke (+), Don Palmieri (+),
Rita Bossart, Rev. Ken Oldenski,
Chris Garcia, Nina Kanuck (+), B. Kevin Burke,
Bob Reed (+), John & Mary Pappo, Harry Walter (+)



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Aug 1 Annual Picnic, Evergreen Park
Aug 9 8:00 PM Officer's Meeting
Aug 16 8:00 PM Regular Meeting, GC VFD#6
Aug 30 8:00 PM Regular Meeting (Labor Day make up)

HAPPY BIRTHDAY, BROTHERS – August

7 Raymond M. Monath
10 Edward C. St. Andre
10 John C. Webster
13 Thomas E. Moore
15 Greg Blake
15 John A. Corrado, Jr.
17 Daniel P. Burke
18 George J. Kirk III, 24 Anthony Hovan, Jr.
25 Dominc A. Di Ninno, 28 Robert Condrac
29 Shawn A. Hovan, 31 Michael T. Castagnero
31 Albert R. Catullo



40 DAYS FOR LIFE

This fall, from September 22 – October 31, our community is uniting with hundreds of other cities around the world for the largest and longest coordinated pro-life mobilization in history: the 40 Days for Life campaign. Recognizing that "with God all things are possible," people of faith are praying that this effort will help bring an end to the tragedy of abortion.

Learn how you can speak up for those who cannot speak for themselves here in Pittsburgh by contacting Nikki Bruni at 412-926-9413, nbruni@comcast.net, or by visiting: www.40daysforlife.com/pittsburgh

TAP WINNERS

The names of the 2010 TAP recipients were drawn at the July 19th meeting. They are Samantha Schnelbach, entering her Senior year at Serra High, Colin Dorcak, who will be in 5th grade at St. Bede School, Colin Domowicz, entering 5th grade at St. George School in Erie, Sammy Di Ninno, entering 5th grade at Mother of Sorrows School and Brandon Markosek, who will be a Senior at Trinity High in Camp Hill. Each of their schools will receive a \$250 check toward their tuition. Congratulations to the winners and their parents.

HELP WANTED – PHONE TREE

The council phone tree was created several years ago as a means to spread the word quickly about an upcoming event or a wake service for a brother knight. It takes over 35 dedicated knights to properly man this

pyramid scheme. All of them must do their part to ensure that all of our brother knights get the correct information in a timely manner.

In a few instances it has been disheartening when another brother knight, perhaps a good friend of the deceased, tells you that he never got a call. We thank all the members of the phone tree for their dedication to this ministry and ask them to continue. We could use a few volunteers to replace others who have gone to their eternal reward. Please call Clay at 412-372-6672 if you are willing to serve. We particularly welcome those in the council e-mail group. Messages tend to be relayed more accurately if they are first received in print. If you have internet access and have not yet signed on to the Pius XII email group, please do so; eventually this will greatly lighten the burden for the phone tree. Thanks.

CONGRATULATIONS FATHER NICK!

Effective Monday, July 12th, Father Nick Vaskov was assigned to Parochial Vicar of St. Paul parish in Oakland. As part of this assignment, Father Vaskov is also part time chaplain at Central Catholic High School, Oakland Catholic High School, The Art Institute of Pittsburgh, Point Park University, and Robert Morris University. (That's quite a list! Keep Father Nick in your prayers!).

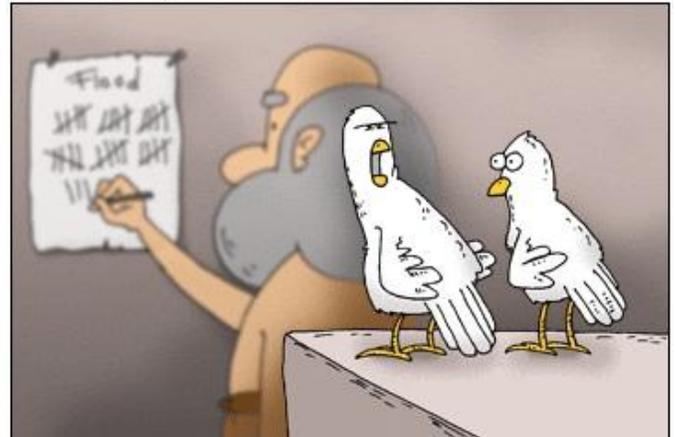
TOOTSIE ROLL DRIVE AUGUST 14th

The drive is at the Shop & Save Broadway Blvd. (on Et130 Haymaker Village, near Trafford). 10am – 4pm on Saturday, August 14th. Time slots are 10-12, 12-2, and 2-4. Volunteers are needed, please contact Greg Blake at 412-609-4211 to sign up and help out!

PA STATE GOLF TOURNAMENT

The Annual PA State Golf Tournament is August 20, 2010 at Sinking Valley Country Club. Social Thursday evening at 7:30. Shotgun start Friday August 20 at 8 AM. Details and entry form available by following the link: <http://kofc2602.webs.com/pastategolftournament.htm>

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OH I TOTALLY FOUND LAND A FEW DAYS AGO,
I'M JUST REALLY ENJOYING HAVING IT ALL
TO MYSELF FOR A BIT