



# The Shield

*"There is Strength in Unity"*

The Newsletter of

**Pope John Paul I Council - Knights of Columbus**

Serving Visitation BVM & Saint Teresa of Avila Parishes

February 2010 Issue XXX, Vol II

## The Grand Knight's Corner

### Brother Jack, We Will Miss You

#### My Brother Knights,

At our October 2009 Installation Dinner and Mass, we paid special tribute to Jack Kees – a past Grand Knight and longtime officer of our Council. We were — and always will be — thankful for the many selfless hours that this good natured, humble, loving



Roger Tartaglia

and gentle man devoted to Council 7565. Jack was a devoted spouse and father, a strong and ardent Pro-Life supporter. He died on St. Valentine's Day, on which we celebrate the patron saint of love, young people and happy marriages. It was a happy day on which Jack was welcomed Home.

As we prepare ourselves this Lent for Holy Week, we can be grateful for having had Jack as a defining example of Catholic Knighthood. In the words of our Supreme Chaplain, Bishop Thomas V. Daily, "The very nature of the Gospel and of the Church is to expand, not to retract." That was the very nature of our Brother Knight, Jack. Even through his declining health, he exemplified continued expansion and not retraction of Faith and spirit.

Jack's devotion, self-discipline and prayer in honor of Faith, family and friends are a legacy of the discipleship of Christ — the ideal Lenten preparation into Easter and Eternal Life.

Thank you, Jack.

*- Roger Tartaglia, Sr., Grand Knight*



Bishop Joseph McFadden joins Council 7565 Knights at start of March for Life 2010 in Washington, D.C. on Jan. 22.



**HOLY PRIESTS FOR A HOLY PEOPLE**

## 30th Anniversary Gala To Honor Our Priests

What began with an idea has quickly become reality with the help and support of a dedicated group of Brother Knights.

Save the Date ! Our Council will host our 30th Anniversary Dinner on May 22, 2010 in our Parish Hall. A suggestion was unanimously applauded by our Council Officers and thus, the dinner will be dedicated to the Year of the Priest in recognition of the priests who have served both Visitation BVM and St. Teresa Avila parishes the past 10 years under pastors Msgr Thomas Murray and Msgr. Andrew Golias. Both expressed their sincere gratitude for such a gesture of thanks from the Knights in this Year of the Priest. Invitations to the priests are en route at press time and ticket promotions/sales in the parishes will be launched with a Bulletin insert in the coming weeks. Tickets are priced at \$35. It is our hope that every parish organization will be represented at the dinner, which is open to the public as many will want to honor their special priests.

Contact Chairman Kevin Mulligan or an officer to join one of the many subcommittees. Your help is needed !

**WE HOPE YOU'LL JOIN US FOR OUR LENTEN RETREAT AT VISI MARCH 6 !**

## Faith



### On the Battle Field

We need the support of Our Lady—We are Her Knights  
**PRAY THE ROSARY**

#### Adoration Schedule

Perpetual Adoration Chapel at Visitation BVM is always open for you.

**Our Knights hour is 9-10 PM every Friday.**

**Please join our group, the parish needs you!**

**Contact an officer or John Gatto (610-630-8405)**

Current schedule: March 5 Bob Barnes March 12 Roy Sullivan March 19 Ralph Garcia March 26 Kevin Mulligan April 2 Bud Swedkowski April 9 Paul Ondik April 16 Rob Cusella April 23 Bob Barnes April 30 Roy Sullivan.

## Calendar

- **March 6: Morning Retreat, 8 a.m.**
- **March 6: Graterford Prison Mass 6 pm (depart Visitation at 5 p.m.)**
- **March 13: Men's Spirituality Conference Archbishop Ryan HS**
- **March 16: Next Meeting, Larkin Center**
- **April 10: Run for Life, 9 a.m. Farm Park**
- **April 20: April Meeting, Nominations**
- **April 23-25: ARC Drive**
- **May 18: May Council Meeting**
- **May 22: 30th Anniversary Dinner**
- **May 29-30: Fourth Degree Weekend**

### SAVE THE DATE !

Saturday, May 22

**30th Anniversary Dinner**

**Honoring a Decade of Parish Priests**

**Tickets Go On Sale Soon !**

### Calling Brother Knights

**Your Council is Alive !**

**Come Experience the Fun and Fellowship**

**We Need Everyone Back!**

**Plan to Join Us March 6 or 16th !**

## Officers

### COUNCIL OFFICERS 2009/2010

CHAPLAIN.....	Rev. Edward J. Kelly (539-5572)
GRAND KNIGHT.....	Roger Tartaglia (584-5261)
DEPUTY GR. KNIGHT.....	John Gatto (630-8405)
CHANCELLOR.....	Roy Sullivan (935-1936)
WARDEN.....	Rob Cusella (631-1534)
RECORDER.....	Kevin Mulligan (630-1636)
TREASURER.....	Paul Ondik (613-6211)
ADVOCATE.....	Barry Dressler (539-5020)
OUTSIDE GUARD.....	Chris Kernozeck (666-5945)
INSIDE GUARD.....	Ed Wallace (631-0463)
1 YR. TRUSTEE.....	Kevin McArdle, PGK (539-7988)
2 YR. TRUSTEE.....	Greg Fornal, PGK (489-0729)
3 YR. TRUSTEE.....	Rick Kettinger (584-1404)
FINANCIAL SEC.....	Bud Swedkowski, PGK (630-0861)

### 'A Baby's Breath' Run for Life A Day of Service for Council 7565

A Baby's Breath, will host its annual Run for Life on Saturday April 10 at 9 a.m. at the Norristown Farm Park. Last year several Council members volunteered as marshals at this fun and worthy event. Our help was greatly appreciated and is requested again for this year.

There are two Run for Life events, the One Mile Walk/Fun Run, and the 5K Run. We will need two marshals for the One Mile, and 13 marshals for the 5K Run. Marshals stand at a location (usually at a key turn or intersection of the race course) and cheer on the run participants, keep them on course and assisting in monitoring safety along the route. With the Mile event starting at 9 a.m., marshals need to be there between 8:15 and 8:30.

Please consider helping out as a marshal or even being a participant. Call or e-mail brother Bud Swedkowski 610-630-0861 or [budswed@verizon.net](mailto:budswed@verizon.net) to sign up or if you have any questions.

### Fr. Kelly to Lead Retreat Day on March 6

Rev. Edward Kelly, Chaplain of Council 7565, will lead the men of the parish in the Annual Lenten Retreat Day March 6th in Visitation BVM's Lower Church. The 2009 Retreat Day will begin at 8 a.m. with coffee and donuts in the Larkin Center. The Retreat will include the Sacrament of Reconciliation, Celebration of the Eucharist, Private Reflection and a Discussion/Question and Answer session with Father Kelly.

Father Kelly made last year's experience a memorable and moving one for all in preparation for the Resurrection !

**Archdiocese Men's Spirituality Conference**

**March 13th, Archbishop Ryan HS**

**Register Now at [www.archphila.org](http://www.archphila.org) and**

**Join us on the Bus from Visi (Kevin 610-630-1636)**

**Mike Piazza, Jesse Romeo, Commissioner Ramsey, More**