

December 2009
Year End Report

Knights of Columbus News

Publication of Reverend George P. Ettorre Council #13662
Saint Francis of Assisi Parish, Norristown, Pa.



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Rev. Vincent Welsh
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Vincent DeCarlo
Advocate
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Warden
Antonio Antunes
Inside Guard
Thomas Salvo
Outside Guard
Charles Wood
Trustees
James Cahill PGK
Stephen Novitski PGK
Robert Criste PGK
Historian
Francis Korkus

Meeting Night
3rd Monday
At Church
7:00 PM

SaintFrancisKnights.org

Council 13662 Membership 2009

We exceeded our quota for "new members" for 2009 - thank you gentlemen.

2009 QUOTA	2009 ACTUAL	TOTAL MEMBERSHIP: 39
New Member Quota: 3	Added: 4	Regular Members: 29
Insurance Members: 3	Added: 1	Insurance Members: 10

Congratulations to our members who received Degrees this year:

Rev. Vincent F. Welsh - 1st, 2nd, 3rd
Antonio R. Antunes - 2nd, 3rd
Charles C. Hurd - 1st, 2nd, 3rd
Christopher J. McDonnell - 1st
Harry A. Olson - 3rd
Thomas Salvo - 2nd
Michael Santangelo Jr. - 1st
Kevin E. Sugalski - 4th
Charles J. Wood - 3rd

All members are requested to invite your practicing Catholic gentlemen friends at SFA Parish to join our K of C Council. **Our goal is to become the premiere men's organization serving Saint Francis of Assisi Parish of Norristown.** Our members consist of parish employees, volunteers and parishioners, and even non-parishioners, many of whom also serve in other Parish functions, such as Eucharistic Ministers, Choir, Safe Environment, St. Vincent DePaul Society, P.R.E.P., Scouting, Ushers, etc. In addition to making donations to or serving other Parish organizations, we contribute to the Sisters of Charity Homeless Shelter in Norristown and several other local charities, plus State and National K of C Charities. Join us, and help make a difference.

If you are a Brother Knight and are not active in our Council, please come to our next meeting on 12/21/09. If you need a membership application for a friend, contact Ken Poorman at 610-631-5090 or kpoorman@verizon.net.



Fourth Degree Events



James Cahill

Jim Cahill PGK was guest of honor at the Father Tomko Assembly annual Spring dinner dance on St. Valentine Day, February 14, 2009. Mr. Cahill is the Immediate Past Faithful Navigator of Father Tomko Assembly #934. He received a Papal Blessing from Pope Benedict XVI presented by Reverend Monsignor Thomas Flannigan, Faithful Friar of Fr. Tomko Assembly. There were eight couples from Saint Francis of Assisi Parish Norristown in attendance at the elegant event at the Masonic Hall in Burnside. Congratulations Jim!

Kevin E. Sugalski

Kevin Sugalski (3rd from left) received his Fourth Degree on Sunday May 24, 2009 at the East District Exemplification, held at the Dolce Hotel in King of Prussia. He was accompanied by Bob Criste, Jim Cahill and Ken Poorman of our Parish. Kevin was among 191 Candidates, including 6 Priests, receiving the 4th Degree. Mr. Sugalski, a member of the Rev. George P. Ettore Council #13662 and Saint Francis of Assisi Parish, was inducted into the Father Tomko Assembly #934 of Lansdale PA.



Celebrant of the Mass was Rev. Msgr. Francis W. Beach, MA. MDiv. of SS. Simon & Jude Parish in West Chester Pa. There was a special luncheon for the ladies during the exemplification. Rev. Msgr. Thomas P. Flannigan, DEd. MDiv. of Corpus Christi Parish in Lansdale Pa. greeted guests at the Fr. Tomko Hospitality Hall after the formal banquet. The affair was attended by approximately 600 people, including several couples from Saint Francis of Assisi Parish in Norristown. The next 4th Degree will be held Sunday, May 30, 2010. We expect to have several candidates from St. Francis of Assisi Parish Norristown.



SFA Carnival

The Saint Francis of Assisi Carnival was held May 12 through 16, 2009. Thanks to our Council members and their families who worked at the carnival, selling tickets, preparing and serving food, and cleaning up after. Many of our members look forward to helping at the Carnival every year.



Family Picnic

Our annual Family Picnic was held in August at the Norristown Cedars Club, sponsored by Father Tomko Assembly. Several SFA Council members and their families were in attendance to enjoy the catered event, live music, and games for the children.



St. Vincent de Paul Society

Tony Antunes was instrumental in making one of our Council's primary objectives to support other Parish organizations, such as St. Vincent de Paul, in their efforts to serve the parish, school and community.

Serve the Poor - several of our Knights teamed with Tony's St. Vincent DePaul group to assist the poor in our community. Our members went to the St. Vincent de Paul warehouse in Philadelphia in October and obtained beds and bedding, and delivered them to a needy family in Norristown, who were all sleeping on the floor.

Fall Clothing Drive - Our K of C members supported the St. Vincent DePaul fall clothing drive. Our members collected clothing and delivered it to the St. Vincent DePaul Society in November 2009.



Mike Santangelo PGK stepped up to the plate once again and worked the Special Olympics at Villanova University in November. *Special Olympics* is an international nonprofit organization dedicated to empowering people with intellectual disabilities to become physically fit, productive, and respected members of society through sports training and competition. Our Council also contributed to the "Arc PA" campaign.



Michael A. Santangelo Jr. is a new member of our Council, and he is working on his Eagle Scout Award. His father is a Scoutmaster, and very active in taking the Scouts camping and meeting all of their requirements to advance in rank. When Michael receives his Eagle badge, he will rank among some famous people, e.g. Astronaut Neil Armstrong, first man on the moon; U.S. President Gerald Ford, first Eagle to be President of the U.S.; Billionaire H. Ross Perot, and many others. Good luck Michael!

Our Council is going to have a "**Crab Cake Fundraiser**" so that we can remain a viable organization at St. Francis of Assisi Parish, and meet our charitable contribution commitments to our Church, our School and our Community. Please watch the SFA weekly bulletin for our "Crab Cake Sale" in February and March, Lent 2010. We will take orders for Capt'n Chucky's famous "Smith Island" Jumbo Lump Crab Cake. Capt'n Chucky makes them fresh in Newtown Square with tender jumbo lump crab meat, in a mayonnaise flavored cream sauce – no breading - not frozen. If you like crab, you will love these crab cakes.



Sister Grace & Diana Poorman

Mrs. Carmella Cahill and Bob Criste PGK were instrumental in managing the annual "**Nun's Christmas Party**" on Sunday, December 6, 2009. Father Tomko Assembly sponsored the annual event at Corpus Christi Parish Hall in Lansdale, thanks to Msgr. Flannigan, Pastor. It was attended by more than 60 Sisters, including our Sisters of SFA Parish. Thanks to the many Knights and their families who served at the event. There was a nice catered buffet, live music, and a visit by Santa. We simply cannot express our appreciation for our Sisters strongly enough. May God bless them all, and grant us many more vocations in the future.

Christmas Caroling Event

Chris McDonnell has arranged for our Council to sponsor a Christmas Caroling event at the Jefferson Apartments in Jeffersonville Pa. on Tuesday, December 22, 2009 at 7:00 P.M. Thanks to Chris for making the arrangements, and to **Anne Korkus** for directing the music. St. Francis parishioners, our choir and musicians join in this event. After the event, there will be a reception for the carolers in the Rectory. Please join us for this festive occasion of bringing the spirit of Christmas to the people at Jefferson Apartments. Bring a friend, or your children or grandchildren. It is a joyous event for all.



Keep Christ in Christmas

Jim Cahill PGK has about 60 "Keep Christ in Christmas" magnets for sale. In a time when all things religious are being discouraged and swept away, it's refreshing to know that the Order sponsors "Keep Christ in Christmas" campaigns to remind people that Christmas is above all a holy day celebrating the birth of Christ. If you would like to purchase a "Keep Christ in Christmas" magnet from our Council, you may call Jim on 484-686-8044. They are \$5.00 per magnet.

Knight of the Year

Francis J. Korkus received the "Knight of the Year Award" for his tireless good work as Historian of Rev. Ettore Council #13662. Fran's photographs will remain as a legacy for our Council, in a photo album he has prepared for us. He is also placing the photographs on a CD, and we will let you know when the CD's are available. Fran is also an active member of the Fr. Tomko Assembly Color Corps. Thanks again for your dedication Franne.



K of C Free Throw Championship



Kevin Sugalski has arranged for our Council to sponsor a basketball event for children ages 10 to 14 on Sunday, January 10th at 3:00 P.M. at the SFA Gym. Thanks to Kevin for heading up this event, and to **Mr. John Connor**, President of our CYO and several of his Coaches for providing vital assistance at the event. The winning girls and boys will receive an Award Certificate, and can go on to compete in the Regional Championships in February. State Championships will be held in March 2010.

K of C School Awards

Joe DeGrazio will be arranging for our annual K of C School Awards which will be forthcoming in June to a girl and boy 8th grade student at SFA who exemplifies the spirit of Christian service to our Church, School and Community. The award consists of a U.S. Saving Bond and a calculator for High School math for each of the two students. May God bless the children and youth of Saint Francis of Assisi Parish.



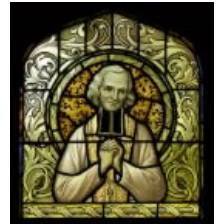
K of C Altar Server Awards



Ken Poorman will be arranging for our annual K of C Altar Server Awards which will be presented to all SFA Altar Servers by **Father Vincent Welsh** in June at the Awards Ceremony. Each Altar Server will receive a K of C Certificate of Appreciation.

Please pray for our Altar Servers . . . think about their dedication in serving at Mass every day of the year, several times on weekends, plus special occasions like Holy Days, weddings, and funerals. May God bless them.

Saint John Vianney Relic Tour! The Knights of Columbus is sponsoring a tour of relics of Saint John Vianney, the Patron Saint of Parish Priests, to our 267 Parishes and high schools in the Archdiocese of Philadelphia in the "Year of The Priest." Miracles performed throughout his life included obtaining money for charities and food for orphans; he also had supernatural knowledge of the past and future, and could heal the sick, especially children. The relic will be at St. Francis of Assisi Parish in Norristown from December 12, 2009 to January 6, 2010. Please pray for vocations.



Our Members Make a Difference . . .



- » **68.7 Million Hours of Volunteer Service in 2009**
- » **\$150 Million in Charitable Contributions in 2009**
- » **413,402 Blood Donors in 2009**
- » **\$1.3 BILLION Charitable Contributions in the last 10 years!**