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## Dates to Remember

### NOVEMBER 2009

11th Council Meeting  
7:00 p.m. MGMR  
15th Pope Pius XII  
50th Anniversary  
18th Memorial Mass  
St. Jane's Chapel  
19th Fourth Degree  
Christmas Dinner  
25th No Meeting  
26th Happy Thanksgiving

### DECEMBER 2009

9th Council Meeting  
7:00 p.m. MGMR  
12th Children's  
Christmas Party  
2:00 p.m. FFH  
23rd No Meeting  
25th Merry Christmas

### JANUARY 2010

1st Happy New Year  
13th Council Meeting  
7:00 p.m. MGMR  
21st Fourth Degree Mtg.  
27th Council Meeting  
7:30 p.m. MGMR



# KNIGHTWISE



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## GRAND KNIGHT MESSAGE

The end of this year is fast approaching, and to date we have accomplished some noteworthy achievements. Starting with the beginning of Spring, Jeff Leskosky's leadership led the Council to another successful drive for the Pennsylvania Association of Retarded Citizens.

Despite the bad economic times we were able to match our donation of 2008. During the last days of August the Council's participation in the Palmer Community Weekend proved a success notwithstanding the terrible weather which caused multiple problems (rain, mud, electrical malfunctions etc.). My sincere thanks to all.

The Family picnic scheduled for September 27, came to an abrupt halt due in part again to the rain. The event was not rescheduled due to the early arrival of fall weather. Next year we will look to schedule it earlier in the summer with hopes that more families might take part.

The next successful event, the Second Annual Spaghetti Dinner, hosted in October suffered some economic set-back but was still able to be profitable. Our quasi Italian Chefs (Raffert'io, Katz'io, Beat'io, Evanch'io, Hane'io, Gualan'io and the rest of the 'io brothers ) were at the helm of the spaghetti pots, sauce, meat balls, bread and salad. Oops also desert. My thanks again to all.

Jim Szoszorek chairing the COAL Campaign and Walter Evancho with the Football Frenzy Tickets, both doggedly increased our profits over last year for each of these fundraisers.

Frank Gualano's "Keep Christ in Christmas" card sales will be ending with final sales at St. Jane's on one of the last weekends in November. The new selection of cards met favorably during this year's sales and a nice profit is anticipated.

The final big event of the year will take place on Saturday, December 12, 2009. The Knights of Columbus Annual Kiddy Christmas Party will be held at Father Farrell Hall from 2:00 p.m. till 4:00 p.m., due in part by the anticipated size of this year's guests and families.

Thank you all for your support this past year. Mary and I extend our sincere wishes for a Happy Thanksgiving, a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. May the Blessings of Almighty God be with you and your Family throughout the year.

Vivat Jesus,  
Brother Bill  
Grand Knight

Chaplain  
Rev. Keith R. Laskowski

Grand Knight  
William T. Eismont

Deputy Grand Knight  
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Frank S. Gualano, FDD, PGK  
William D. Abert  
Phillip L. Katz, FDD, PFN



### Chaplain's Message

**A**s the new chaplain for Council 345, I would like to thank my brother Knights for the opportunity to serve you in this capacity. The month of November begins with the Feast of All Saints and All Souls. It is a time to reflect on our destiny. We have been given a limited time on earth, to make a real difference. With the help of our God, he allows us to serve him in so many ways. As Knights of Columbus, we attempt to put our faith into action by serving the needs of the Church and our local community.

**D**uring this month of November, we also remember all of those faithful members who have been called home to the Lord. It is good to remember them and to offer prayers on their behalf. May they enjoy their eternal reward.

**I**t is hard to believe that Christmas will be upon us. The season of Advent invites us to reflect on the real meaning of Christmas, the birth of the Christ-child. The busyness of the season can sweep us off our feet, but let us be reminded to take time to encounter this great gift of God. I encourage you to set aside some time for quiet and prayer. Perhaps you could reflect on the Sunday Readings or pray a decade of the Rosary. Take advantage of this time to feed your soul and experience Christmas for the real spiritual value it offers, the immense love our God has for us.

**M**ay our Lord bless all of you, my brother Knights and may this blessing extend to all of your family.

### CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Sir Knight James C. Szoszorek, Union Council 345, Knight of Year 2009.

Jim joined the knights and received his First Degree on January 27, 1993. Jim upon joining took an active part in the Council serving through the chairs to the highest office of Grand Knight. Jim has chaired & co-chaired many council functions and presently serves as the COAL Chairman. Jim earned the title Sir Knight when he received the honors of the Fourth Degree on June 25, 1995.

### Chance Of A Lifetime

Our Annual COAL Campaign is winding down. Each Council Member was mailed books of tickets in September. If you put them aside or buried them on your desk, please dig them out and return the stubs (**without removing the staples**) along with a check in the amount of Six (6) Dollars per book, Ya I know there are Eight (8) tickets in each book, to Jim Szoszorek, 1965-D Cabernet Pl., Easton, PA 18045. Jim has to mail the returns to Philadelphia and needs all returns to him no later than Friday, November 27, 2009.



### FOOTBALL FRENZY

The returns are complete and the tickets sent in. **SO** check the Web Site [www.footballsweeps.com](http://www.footballsweeps.com) each Thursday after the November 1, 2009 games to see if you are a winner. If you forget to check, not to worry. If you are a winner they will mail you a check. Thank you for your support in the sale and purchases of tickets.



### Tempus Fugit Memento Mori

Remember the words of the First Degree. Will you put two hours aside on the evening of Wednesday, November 18, 2009, to remember your deceased Brothers Guido J. Bartolacci, Phillip F. Presto, James M. Reilly and Dominic N. Creasso, who have left us to be with their families, in heaven, who have gone before them. Mass will be Celebrated in the Chapel at Saint Jane Frances de Chantal Church beginning at 7:00 p.m. Light refreshments and fellowship will follow in the Gathering Space. Hope to see you there.

### Fourth Degree

Any Third Degree member in good standing, one year after the anniversary of his First Degree, is eligible for membership in the Fourth Degree. The primary purpose of the Fourth Degree is to foster the spirit of patriotism by promoting responsible citizenship and a love of and loyalty to the Knights' respective countries through active membership in local Fourth Degree groups (called "assemblies"). Certain members of the Fourth Degree serve as honor guards at civic and religious functions, an activity that has brought worldwide recognition to the Knights of Columbus. This was witnessed by the over 1,500 peoples present at the Northampton Deanery Mass held on Monday, September 28, 2009, at Saint Jane Frances de Chantal Church. Twenty-Seven Fourth Degree Knights showed their solidarity with the new Bishop and Forty visiting priests from-out the Deanery. **Bravo Zulu!**



### ANNUAL CHILDRENS CHRISTMAS PARTY

THE ANNUAL CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY WILL BE HELD ON SATURDAY, DECEMBER 12, 2009, AT FATHER FARREL HALL, 1918 WASHINGTON BOULAVARD, EASTON, PA. THE PARTY IS FOR SONS, GRANDSONS, DAUGHTERS AND GRANDDAUGHTERS OF BROTHER KNIGHTS OF UNION COUNCIL 345 AND INCLUDE CHILDREN UP TO AND INCLUDING TEN (10) YEARS OF AGE. BROTHER KNIGHTS ARE ASKED TO CALL FRANK GUALANO, , NO LATER THAN WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 2, 2009. . **Please call Frank Gualano, 610-253-6933**

