

April-May 2007

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Thompson
- Treasurer
Kurt Saulinas
- Advocate
Manus McHugh
- Warden
Mike Kelly
- Financial Secre-
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McGovern
- Inside Guards
John Devenney
& Ed Koza
- Outside Guards
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Ralph Cartwright
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rio
- Trustee Second
Year Dave Bauer
- Trustee First Year
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- Lecturer
John Rossi

Knightly News

From the Grand Knight



Greetings Doyle Council!

It's been quite awhile since I've done a newsletter so let's get to it. This will probably be my last newsletter as Grand Knight, so let's look back at all we've done, and what's ahead.

First **a look ahead**. The current nominees for the next administration are: Grand Knight Bob Kozloski, Deputy GK Mike Kelly, Chancellor David Lee, Warden David Carrozza, Recording Secretary Jim Thompson, Treasurer Kurt Saulinas, Advocate Ken Barton, and Guards Ed Koza, Dan Di Emedio, Ralph Cartwright, Vance Gill, Skip Lentz. Trustees will be me, Jim Rebarchak, and Bob Patey. Nominations will be open right up until the elections at the June meeting, so if you wish to nominate anyone for office, you have until then.

We also have two prime events left for the fraternal year: our trivia night on June 23, and the remainder of the ARC collection (\$720 so far...)

Other exciting events in the fall are: the Charter Night for the 20th anniversary, and we are working on a Frank Sinatra Night on September 28.

Lastly, **the next meeting on June 4** will be my last as Grand Knight. **My only wish for that evening is to try to get as many brother knights to be with us at that meeting to see me off and to welcome the new Grand Knight. Please make every effort to attend!** We will have refreshments as has been our standard lately and we expect this to be a fun evening.

Let's take **a look back** of what's happened recently: First let's welcome new members **Jim Peterson, Matthew Lendzinski, and Jim Malloy**. We've also had some record-breaking events—collecting over \$720 at the ACME for the ARC, serving 288 at a pancake breakfast in April, and having perhaps our most successful St. Patrick's Dance Ever! We've also completed our Free-Throw contests, had another breakfast in February, performed an honor guard for new priest Fr. Keith from Corpus Christi, had two events with Cardinal Justin Rigali, collected roadside trash on our adopt-a-highway section of US202, and supported the MS foundation, Lansdale Catholic, and more! Truly a busy four months for us. You want pictures? Too many to print, so visit our website!

But if we review our **last two years**, we've accomplished quite a bit—we've had many, many events, raised and donated over \$15,000, performed several thousand hours of service to the parishes and community, established an email chain and website, increased meeting turnout, posted our membership at its highest numbers ever, and in 2005-2006 was awarded **Star Council** for the first time ever. (cont'd)

Council Awards

Knights of the Month January — Ed Koza, February-March DGK Bob Kozloski, April Mike Gavaghan, May Dan DiEmedio

Council Awards—Regional Gold Service Award for the ARC 2006—

(most money collected per capita in the Eastern Region at \$35.14 per member)

(from pg 1): So what lies ahead? I recall the last newsletter by Bob Patey (his famous *Peach Be With You* letter), and realized I need to write on of my own. We did manage to establish a solid succession of new administrations and a new format to get the work spread out among the officers—the DGK does the awards, there are membership health & welfare committees, leadership at the breakfasts, things like that. We need to continue this—Grand Knight is a very big job, and my family has at times sacrificed an awful lot of my availability when they needed me. The way to solve this is not only participation, but active leadership at key committees, and to get the officers to pick up even more of the workload of the Grand Knight.



We've at times appointed members to committee chair posts that are meaningless, but we send the paperwork into New Haven with just a name. This will change—I will work with the new Grand Knight and we will establish firm and active committee positions. This will work much better for us and for the GK. One committee I will retain is website content (along with webmaster Bob King). Not sure if I will continue with the ARC. Also, I will find a project for the Trustees, so we will have a Trustee report. Probably this will be the degree team.

It has been a great deal of fun working with you all. Please give the next GK all the support you have given me and we will continue to be the most productive council in the state.

Vivat Jesus,
Michael Covais, Grand Knight



Calendar of Upcoming Events

Upcoming Events

Trivia Night June 23 at the Doyle Hall—Doors open at 7PM, Game Starts at 7:30PM. Bob Patey Chairman 610-584-8923

UPCOMING MEETINGS

Council Meeting with Elections: June 4, 8:00 PM—Last meeting at Doyle Social Hall, last meeting for fiscal 2006-2007:

Council Monthly Business Meetings (Parish Hall Meeting Room, Corpus Christi at 8:00, rosary at 7:30) July 2, August 7—Check website for any changes

Council Executive Board Meetings - held in the Parish Hall at Corpus Christi Church at 7:15PM unless otherwise noted (open to all members) June 24, July 30, August 28

UPCOMING DEGREES (SEE WEBSITE FOR DETAILS):

None scheduled at this time—please check at www.kofc9715.org/UpcomingDegrees.asp for the latest calendar

FUTURE EVENTS ARE (DETAILS AND SIGNUP WILL BE LATER):

ARC Measure-Up Program — Collection at Corpus Christi will take place in June

Roadside Clean-up—Fall 2007

Council Charter Dinner 20th Anniversary—Fall 2007 TBD



This month's pictures: (*facing top*): St. Patrick's Day dance:

The Pride of Erin entertains the crowd (*bottom left*) Cardinal

Rigali joins Doyle Council's 4th Degree for the healing Mass

(*bottom right*) Dave Bauer PGK and Jack Spielberger kick off the ARC Campaign (*this page, top*)

Irish Dancer Liz Saulinas, daughter of our Treasurer at the St. Patrick's Day Dance shows her form, (*bottom*) Father Keith Chylinski celebrates his first Mass at Corpus Christi with Doyle council's 4th Degree, and Seminarian Tony Rossi.



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Contact the Grand Knight

If you need to contact me, Grand Knight Mike Covais for any reason, please feel free to call me at home **(215) 368-4483**, on my cell phone **(215) 858-4667**, or by e-mail at **grandknight@kofc9715.org** (note: I read email every day).

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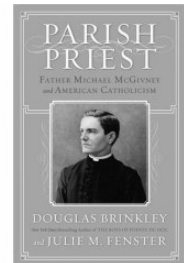
Would you like to receive council news and information as it happens? Please join our council email list! Currently, we have 61 members on our email list. We'd like to get you on board too. It's easy—simply send an email to me at **grandknight@kofc9715.org**, and we'll add you to the list! Thanks!



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Of Interest: The "Doyle Council Book Club":

Our council has purchased several copies of Parish Priest, by **Douglas Brinkley and Julie Fenster**. If you would like to borrow one for a month, all you need to do is attend a council meeting. We will be lending these out every month to members who want them (first come-first served). The book is also available at www.amazon.com for \$15.72. This book is easy reading and quite enjoyable. It also explains why we do what we do as Knights.



Of Interest: Malvern Retreat House The Malvern Retreat House, owned and operated by Catholic laity since 1921, serves the spiritual needs of lay men and women of all ages, as well as clergy and religious of many denominations, through the retreat experience. Rooted in the Gospel Truths of Jesus Christ, they provide a place of hospitality in a unique and peaceful environment. Many Doyle Council Members have attended. Visit their website at www.malvernretreat.com, or call 610-644-0400 for more information