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# The Tomko Report

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## Assembly Officers

### **Faithful Friar**

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### **Faithful Navigator**

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### **Faithful Captain**

Michael Turner

### **Faithful Pilot**

(open)

### **Faithful Comptroller**

Steve Sagrastano

### **Faithful Purser**

(open)

### **Faithful Scribe**

Larry Huber

### **Faithful Admiral**

Mike Covais, PFN 215-368-4483

### **Inside Sentinel**

Louis D. Bondi

### **Outside Sentinel**

Leonard Kelly

### **Trustees**

3 Year Rich Wieda, PFN  
2 year Timothy Bungay, PFN  
610-272-4341  
1 year Mike Santangelo

### **Color Corps Commander**

Jack C. Piazza 610-272-6328

## Meetings:

**Conclaves:** Second Wednesday at 7:30 PM—Pius IX Council Hall, 8th and Kenilworth Streets, Lansdale PA

**Officer's Meeting:** Fourth Wednesday, same time & place.

## Navigator's Message:

Brother Sir Knights,

I am proud and honored to be the newly elected Faithful Navigator of this Assembly for the fraternal year 2009-2010. Although I have been a Fourth Degree Knight for over ten years, I have been an active member of the Assembly for a relatively short time. Following in the footsteps of my predecessors will certainly be a challenge. The upcoming year includes an ambitious calendar of events that focus on service to our churches, support for vocations and fraternal interaction with our brother Knights and their families. See our calendar of events here or on our website.

The **Father Joseph C. Tomko Assembly** is comprised of seventeen councils. I encourage every Sir Knights, especially those who recently joined our ranks on May 24<sup>th</sup>, to attend and participate in the monthly meeting held on the second Wednesday of every month. Meet our new officers and renew acquaintances with old friends. Our meeting place is the council hall of Pius IX Council #4396 on the corner of W. Eighth St. and Kenilworth Ave. in Lansdale. For GPS owners, the address is: 258 W. Eighth Street, Lansdale 19446.

I look forward to meeting each new member and every "returning" member. My hope is that everyone enjoyed a restful summer break and will come back to our monthly meetings refreshed and ready to continue the call to serve.

Knights of Columbus - in service to one, in service to all.

**Fraternally, John Hiller, Faithful Navigator**

## **Assembly Picnic**

On Sunday, August 30<sup>th</sup> from 1:00pm to 6:00pm, the Fr. Tomko Assembly is having a **Summer Picnic** at the **Norristown Cedar Club, 810 Germantown Pike in Norristown**. Come join the festivities.

There will be plenty of food, refreshments and live musical entertainment.

Open to all Fourth Degree Knights and their families. There is no cost to attending provided you let us know you are coming!

Please call **Jim Cahill** at 610-277-3882 for directions and to tell Jim the number of adults and children who will be attending.

Hope to see you there!

## **WANTED: A PILOT**

Following the June election, there remained a vacancy at one of the key positions in the Assembly – Faithful Pilot. The duties of the Pilot are to help organize several of the service and social events held during the fraternal year. We need someone to step up and fill this important role. To those eager to fill the role of Faithful Pilot, please make your wishes known to any of the Assembly officers before our September meeting.

## OLDIES DANCE NIGHT

*(Benefits the 2nd Annual Nun's Christmas Party)*

Guys: Break out the leather jacket and put the grease in your hair. Gals: Put on your best poodle skirt and bobby socks. Let's put our dancin' shoes on!

**Date & Time:** September 19, 2009 from 7-11 PM  
**Place:** Epiphany of Our Lord Parish Hall, Plymouth Meeting PA  
**Price:** \$25 per person  
**Menu:** CATERED, TBD  
**Includes:** Beer, Wine, Soda, BYOB  
**Music:** Pashion – Live Music  
**Tickets/Information/Reservations:** Jim Cahill at 610-277-3882



Remember, this is for the nuns of Montgomery County! Be there or be square.



**The Class of 2009:** Newest 22 Sir Knights of Tomko Assembly Pose with Vice Supreme Master of the Calvert Province, **Ralph Rossi** PSD seated at far left, and Faithful Navigator of Tomko Assembly (2008-2009) **Michael Covais**, PGK, kneeling at far right. Picture taken May 24, 2009 (lady Marian Covais)

### Color Corps Guidelines-New Members Welcome

The Fr. Tomko Assembly Officers have adopted new guidelines for those Knights interested in joining the Color Corps. Knights may express their interest to **John Hiller, Faithful Navigator**, at any meeting or phone him at 215-361-2449. The Color Corps is under the direction of **Jack Piazza, Commander**.

- Interested Knights must be in good standing with their council and with the Fr. Tomko Assembly as evidenced by their record of current dues and regular attendance
- Candidates should possess a tuxedo, sword, service baldric and white gloves;
- Once admitted to the Color Corps, each member must be available for training by the Color Corps Commander. Each new member will be fitted with a proper length cape and chapeau. At their option, new members may purchase their own cape and/or chapeau.
- Members should demonstrate their dedication to the Color Corps by attending as many events as possible.
- An inactive Color Corps member may be asked to return his borrowed cape and chapeau.

## Color Corps Commander's Report

Any Council, Church, Civic or Patriotic group wishing to have the services of the Father Joseph C Tomko Color Corps to participate at their function should submit a written request.

Please include in your letter the type of function, date, location, and contact number. The letter must be sent to me at 918 Stanbridge Street, Norristown, Pa 19401-3664. Please no telephone calls!

Thank You, SK Jack C. Piazza PGK, Color Corps Commander



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Cardinal Justin Rigali, Archbishop of Philadelphia poses with Members of Tomko Assembly's Color Corps at a communion dinner at St. Maria Goretti at the event installing the new tabernacle. From left, Jim Cahill PFN, Mike Branca, PFN, Mike Covais, Navigator, Steve Rozelli, Jack Piazza, Color Corps Commander, Cardinal Rigali, Rich Wieda, PFN, Steve Novitski, and Leonard Kelly. Not pictured, John Hiller, Captain

### Installation of Officers

The Father Joseph C. Tomko Assembly will officially install its 2009-2010 officers on **September 23<sup>rd</sup>** at **Corpus Christi Parish in Upper Gwynedd**. Conducting the installation will be Gordon Jefferies, FSA, Master Pennsylvania East Calvert Province.

A Mass at 7:00pm will precede the installation with a buffet dinner to follow. A listing of the Assembly officers can be found on the left hand column on page 1 of this newsletter.

### **FOURTH DEGREE EXEMPLIFICATION**

The second Exemplification of 2009 will be held at the Dolce Hotel in Valley Forge on October 11<sup>th</sup>. This is an excellent opportunity for those Knights who have been unavailable for previous ceremonies held over the Memorial Day weekend.

Events and times are as follows:

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| 10:00       | Mass   |
| 11:00       | Brunch for candidates and their ladies         |
| 12:30       | Registration of candidates                     |
| 1:30 – 3:30 | Exemplification ceremony                       |
| 4:00 – 5:00 | One-hour cocktail reception at the Dolce Hotel |

Interested candidates should contact your council's Grand Knight or **John Hiller, FN at 215-361-2449** to complete the necessary paperwork. Candidates must have been a member of the Knights of Columbus on or before April 11, 2009.

### **2nd Annual Nuns' Christmas Party**

We are planning a **Christmas Party on December 6th 2008** at Corpus Christi Father Doyle Hall, Lansdale for all of the sisters for our entire Assembly area. We are asking all member councils to participate by providing transportation to any Nuns in your council parishes. Also we are expecting all Councils to support our fundraiser. We are having an **Oldies Night fundraiser on September 19** (see other article) to pay for this event.

If you have Religious in your Council Parishes or wish to be on the committee please contact me to help coordinate this event. **Jim Cahill, PFN at 610-277-3882.**

# Calendar Of Events

| Date         | Event:  |
|--------------|---|
| August 26    | Officer's Meeting (Sterling Steak House, King of Prussia) 6:30 PM |
| August 30    | <b>Assembly Picnic</b>  |
| September 9  | Conclave-Pius IX, Lansdale 7:30 PM                                |
| September 19 | <b>Tomko Oldies' Dance, held at Epiphany Parish 7:00 PM</b>       |
| September 23 | <b>Officer's Installation and Mass</b>                            |
| October 11   | <b>Exemplification of the 4th Degree (second for 2009)</b>        |
| December 6   | <b>Nun's Christmas Party 1PM</b>                                  |

## Tomko Veterans Project Report

The patients at the State run facility can still use our help. It seems that many patients do not receive any visitors. Project Chairman Tim Bungay is seeking volunteers who could free up an hour or two to visit with a veteran. If you can spare some time, or wish to make a donation for the TV project, please **call Tim at 610-272-4341**

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