



### The History of the Maltese Cross

When a courageous band of crusaders, the Knights of St. John, fought the Saracens for possession of the Holy Lands, they were faced with a new device of war – FIRE.

As the crusaders advanced on Jerusalem, the Saracens pelted them with glass bombs full of naphtha and then threw down flaming torches.

Hundreds of knights were burned alive while others risked their lives to save their kinsmen from painful fiery deaths. Thus these became the first firefighters. Their heroic efforts were recognized by fellow crusaders who awarded them with the badge of honor similar to the cross the firefighters wear today.

Since the Knights of St. John lived nearly four centuries on the island of Malta, in the Mediterranean Sea, the cross came to be known as the Maltese Cross. The firefighter who wears this cross is willing to lay down his life for others, just as the crusaders sacrificed their lives for their fellow man so many years ago.

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**RIDGE FIRE COMPANY**  
**480 RIDGE ROAD**  
**SPRING CITY, PA 19475-9678**

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*32<sup>nd</sup> ANNUAL BANQUET*  
Saturday April 14<sup>th</sup>, 2012



# PROGRAM

**In Memory of  
Chief Linwood Kolb who passed away  
Wednesday January 18th, 2012**



**Chief Kolb served as a Life Member of 55 years and a Chief Officer for 47 years. Chief Kolb held the positions of Chief Engineer (1953), Assistant Chief (1954-1959), Fire Chief (1959-1989), and Deputy Chief (1989-2001). Over the 30 years that Linwood Kolb served as Fire Chief he had advanced the company in countless ways.**

## **WELCOME**

Richard Hedrick

## **PRAYER**

Chaplin Rich Lindberg

## **DINNER**

## **INTRODUCTIONS**

Richard Hedrick

Russell Kolb, *President*

Roger Kolb, *Deputy Chief*

## **GUEST SPEAKERS**

## **DOOR PRIZES & DRAWINGS**

# ***Ridge Fire Company No. 1***

## **Mission Statement**

The Ridge Fire Company, a 100% volunteer organization, is committed to protecting the people, property, and environment within our community. We maintain the safety and welfare of the public by providing the highest quality services to the community. The company advances public safety through its fire prevention and education programs.

Tonight we join in a celebration of another safe year for the local townships.

## **THANK YOU**

We wish to thank everyone for all their loyalty and commitment to the community.

We would like to express our gratitude to all businesses and individuals who donated door prizes. Please patronize these local establishments to show our appreciation for their donations. For a list of donors please visit our web site [www.RidgeFireCompany.com](http://www.RidgeFireCompany.com) and look for the **DONATIONS** link.

## **Firemen's Prayer**

**When I am called to duty, God  
Wherever flames may rage  
Give me strength to save a life  
Whatever be its age.**

**Let me embrace a little child  
Before it is too late  
Or save an older person from  
The horror of that fate.**

**Enable me to be alert  
And hear the weakest shout,  
and quickly and efficiently  
To put the fire out.**

**I want to fill my calling  
To give the best in me,  
To guard my friend and neighbor  
And protect their property.**

**And, if, according to your will,  
I have to lose my life,  
Please bless, with your protecting hand,  
My family and my wife.**

### Line Officers

FIRE CHIEF	Joel McMillan
DEPUTY CHIEF	Roger Kolb
ASST. CHIEF	Ray Kolb
BATTALION CHIEF	Jim McMillan
CAPTAIN	Jonathan Brackbill
LIEUTENANT	Doug Kasznay
CHIEF ENGINEER	Jim McMillan
1 <sup>st</sup> ASST. ENGINEER	Jonathan Brackbill
2 <sup>nd</sup> ASST. ENGINEER	Clint Mowrer

### Company Members

Don Avgerinos	Michael Merroth
Wesley Boyer	Diana Miller
Jonathan Brackbill	Clint Mowrer
Jack Clark	Cory Mowrer
Zach Clark	Thomas Mowrer
Mike Grasso	Siggy Pelna
Thomas Guaschino	Stephen Pelna
Frank Gunson	David Proffitt
Richard Hedrick	Matt Robinson
Josh Heltzel	Alex Rodriguez
Joe Inzone	Timothy Rodriguez
Douglas Kasznay	Ken Ryno
Ray Kolb	Edward Seiler
Roger Kolb	Kyle Smith
Russell Kolb	Ray Stegmaier
Dave Lines	Harry Wagner
Rich Lindberg	Bryan Walt
Beau Loutey	Eric Wintsch
Eliza March	Chris Worthington
Jim McMillan	
Joel McMillan	

### Company Officers

PRESIDENT	Russell Kolb
VICE PRESIDENT	Tom Mowrer
SECRETARY	Rich Lindberg
TREASURER	Jack Clark
FINANCIAL SECT.	Jim McMillan
CHAPLAIN	Rich Lindberg

### Company Trustees

Harry Wagner  
Ray Kolb  
Tom Mowrer  
Frank Gunson  
Doug Kasznay

### Fire Police Officers

PRESIDENT	Mike Merroth
VICE PRESIDENT	Siggy Pelna
CAPTAIN	Richard Hedrick
LIEUTENANT	Thomas Guaschino
SERGEANT	Diana Miller
SECRETARY	Diana Miller
TREASURER	Joe Inzone

### Fire Police

Sandy Arasin	Beau Loutey
Zach Clark	Eliza March
Mike Grasso	Diana Miller
Thomas Guaschino	Joel McMillan
Richard Hedrick	Mike Merroth
Sarah Hedrick	Clint Mowrer
Joe Inzone	Ed Seiler
Douglas Kasznay	Siggy Pelna
Russell Kolb	Harry Wagner
Dave Lines	