



# THE PITTSBURGH KNIGHT

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## UPCOMING EVENTS:



JANUARY MEETING AT HOLY FAMILY COUNCIL

#4242 –

JANUARY 4, 2022 – 7:30 PM – ST. IRANEUS CHURCH; 387 MARYLAND AVENUE, OAKMONT PA 15139 – see page 4 for ZOOM Option



FAMILY OF THE MONTH FORM DUE ON JANUARY 15!!



ANNUAL THREE RIVERS MASS – ST. ANTHONY'S CHAPEL; TROY HILL (1704 HARPSTER STREET, PITTSBURGH PA 15212) - SATURDAY, APRIL 23 AT 10 AM.



*CONDOLENCES TO THE FAMILY OF CHAPTER PRESIDENT TIM RICHARDS ON THE PASSING OF HIS FATHER, ROBERT RICHARDS, ON DECEMBER 1, 2021. MAY HE REST IN PEACE.*

## A MESSAGE FROM THE CHAPTER PRESIDENT...

Winter arrived today as I sit down to write this newsletter, on the winter solstice at 10:59 a.m., the moment the North Pole is aimed farthest away from the sun on the 23.5-degree tilt of the Earth's axis.



The date of the winter solstice varies from year to year, and can fall anywhere from December 20-23, but the 21st and 22nd are the most common dates. The reason for this is because the tropical year – the time it takes for the sun to return to the same spot relative to Earth – is different from the calendar year.

As we take a moment from our busy lives to celebrate the birth of our Lord, Lady Tiffany and I pray your holidays are filled with love and your New Year is filled with Peace and Joy. We continue praying for a much better 2022 where we can reunite with loved ones as we have in the past.

Financial Secretary's and Faithful Controller's, please ensure that your Council's and Assembly's 1728 Fraternal Surveys are completed and submitted by January 31<sup>st</sup>. The original should be mailed to Supreme, Copy's to State Officials and District Officials.

As COVID-19 restriction begin again, please take caution with family members. Let us pray this ends soon.

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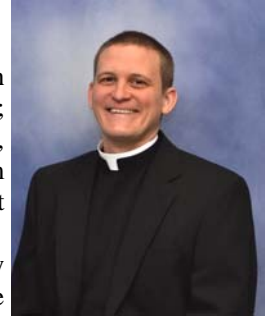
PITTSBURGH CHAPTER MEETING  
TUESDAY, JANUARY 4, 2022 – 7:30 PM  
HOLY FAMILY COUNCIL #4242  
ST. IRANEUS CHURCH, 387 MARYLAND AVENUE, OAKMONT, PA 15139

## A MESSAGE FROM OUR CHAPLAIN

Brother Knights,

A Blessed Christmas Season and joyous New Year to all. The Christmas Season continues through January 9<sup>th</sup> with the Great Feast of the Baptism of the Lord. Christmas is filled with special feast days; the Solemnity of the Holy Family (December 26<sup>th</sup>), Saint John, Apostle, Evangelist (December 27<sup>th</sup>), Holy Innocents (December 28<sup>th</sup>), Mary Mother of God (January 1), Epiphany (January 2), and Baptism of the Lord (January 9). All these feasts days make this Season of Christmas special. They keep Christ in Christmas.

This is the Season of Joy, Peace, and Grace of God. God has become man. May the Holy Family protect you and your families during this Holy Christmas Season, and always. May you have an abundance of God's blessings this New Year.



**Father Will Wuenschel**  
Saint Aidan Parish  
St Alphonsus & St. Alexis Churches

## SUPREME ASSESSMENTS REINSTATED AS OF 1/1/2022

Given the gradual return to normalcy in council operations, the Board of Directors voted to reinstate the assessment process beginning January 1, 2022, which had until now been waived during the COVID-19 pandemic.

The standard assessments are as follows:

- **Per Capita** assessment in the amount of \$1.75 will be levied on the membership of record as of January 1, 2022 (excluding honorary and exempt members).
- **Catholic Advertising** assessment in the amount of \$0.50 will be levied on the membership of record as of January 1, 2022 (excluding honorary and exempt members).
- **Culture of Life** assessment in the amount of \$1.00 will be levied on the membership of record in the United States and Canada as of January 1, 2022 (excluding honorary, honorary life, exempt and inactive insurance members).

## CATHOLIC NEWS...

- ◆ On the second day of his visit to Cyprus on December 3, 2021, Pope Francis met with the Holy Synod of the Cypriot Orthodox Church. During his address, **the Pope underlined the common bonds between the Catholic and Orthodox Churches and his desire to deepen ecumenical dialogue.** Pope Francis assured those present of his prayers and closeness, and that of the Catholic Church, in the most troubling problems that beset them and “in the best and boldest hopes that spur you on.” “Your sorrows and your joys are also ours; we sense them as our own. At the same time, we feel great need of your prayers.”



- ◆ **Happy Birthday to Pope Francis who celebrated his 85th birthday on December 17, 2021.** Pope Francis celebrated with a group of refugees to the Vatican whom he helped to gain asylum in Italy. The refugees arrived in Italy on Dec. 16 after the pope helped to arrange their transfer from Cyprus to Italy during his apostolic trip to Greece and Cyprus earlier this month.

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Lastly, if you have not already done so, please reserve the weekend of May 13-15, 2022, for our 124th Pennsylvania State Convention will be held at Kalahari Resort and Convention Center, Mount Pocono, PA. The venue is beautiful and will be a wonderful weekend. We are praying that COVID-19 restrictions are lifted, and we can participate in person and reconnect with our fellow Knights.

### “Perspective”

For a small amount of perspective at this moment, imagine you were born in 1900. When you are fourteen, World War I start, and ends on your 18th birthday with twenty-two million people killed. Later in the year, a Spanish Flu epidemic hits the planet and runs until you are twenty. Fifty million people die from it in those two years. Yes, fifty million.

When you are twenty-nine, the Great Depression begins. Unemployment hits 25%, global GDP drops 27%. That runs until you are thirty-three. The country nearly collapses along with the world economy. When you turn thirty-nine, World War II starts. You are not even over the hill yet.

When you are forty-one, the United States is fully pulled into WWII. Between your 39th and 45th birthday, seventy-five million people perish in the war and the Holocaust kills six million. At 52, the Korean War starts and five million perish.

At 64 the Vietnam War begins, and it does not end for many years. Four million people die in that conflict. Approaching your 62nd birthday you have the Cuban Missile Crisis, a tipping point in the Cold War. Life on our planet, as we know it, could well have ended. Great leaders prevented that from happening.

As you turn seventy-five, the Vietnam War finally ends. Think of everyone on the planet born in 1900. How do you survive all of that? A kid in 1985 did not think their 85-year-old grandparent understood how hard school was. Yet those grandparents (and now great grandparents) survived through everything listed above.

Perspective is an amazing art. Let us try and keep things in perspective. Let us be smart, help each other out, and we will get through all of this. In the history of the world, there has never been a storm that lasted. This too, shall pass.

**Tim Richards, President, Pittsburgh Chapter  
Pittsburgh Chapter of the K of C**



**PA WEST REGIONAL FREE THROW**  
**Saturday, March 5, 2022**  
**St Joseph High School**  
**800 Montana Avenue**  
**Natrona Heights, PA 15065**



Time is quickly approaching for all Local and District free throws to be conducted. Upon completion of your District free throw, have the person in charge of the free throw mail only the winner forms to me. A copy of the winner forms should be made before sending me the originals. Participants, boys and girls, are to have a copy of their Birth Certificate with the winner forms. However, the winners can bring their copies with them the day of the Regional Free Throw (see above). *HELP AT THE REGIONAL IS SOLICITED AND IS GREATLY APPRECIATED.* Registration begins at 10:00 AM and Competition begins at 11:00 PM

Mail winners forms to:

**Gary L Williard**  
**54 Florence Drive**  
**Pittsburgh, PA 15220**

gwilliard@earthlink.net (mailto:gwilliard@earthlink.net)

Phone: 412 279-0472 Cell 412 491-1572

<Note: Masks may be required at the Regional due to COVID requirements at that time>

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**THERE WILL BE A ZOOM OPTION FOR THE PITTSBURGH CHAPTER MEETING  
ON JANUARY 4, 2022 !!!**

Join Zoom meeting by going to this website:

**<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82233719461>**

Meeting ID: **822 3371 9461**

One tap mobile: +16468769923,,82233719461# US (New York)



## IT'S NOT TOO LATE....

The first principle of our Order is charity, and it has long been the proud boast of the Knights of Columbus that we are “the strong right arm of the local Church.”

These come together in the annual Bishop’s Project to benefit the St. Anthony Schools Program and the McGuire Home, both of which assist children with physical and developmental challenges.

For two generations, this has been a tremendously important project of the Pittsburgh Knights of Columbus.

During that time, this Project has made a real difference in the lives of thousands of children and their families, and it represents the highest ideals of the Knights of Columbus.

It’s not too late....there is still time for you or your council to contribute to this year's drive, which you can do online or by mailing a check to Bishop’s Project, P.O. Box 9691, Pittsburgh, PA 15226. Make sure to indicate your council number on the check so that your council gets credit for the donation.

**Michael O’Connell  
1st Vice-President, Pittsburgh Chapter, K of C**

# JANUARY 2022



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
**Family of Month Form Due	January 1st – Solemnity of Mary					1
2	3	4	5	6 Epiphany	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15 **
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	31					

# FEBRUARY 2022



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
**Family of Month Form Due		1	2 Groundhog Day	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13 Super Bowl	14	15 **	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28					