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A MESSAGE FROM THE CHAPTER PRESIDENT...



Brother Knights of the Pittsburgh Chapter,

I hope all of you by now know about the new degree ceremony that combines the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd degree into one 30 minute ceremony (see detailed information on page 2 of this newsletter). I had the honor of presenting the new degree as a member of the team on January 21 at Council 4242 in Verona. The new exemplification is very nice and has been received well. At the degree we had 7 new Knights and 22 Brothers moving from the 1st or 2nd degree to their 3rd degree. We also had at least 30 family, friends, and brother knights observing the degree. The degree was done in the church. If you have not had a chance to see the degree, please ask your GK for a link to the video.

If anyone would still like a Pittsburgh Chapter polo shirt, please email me at asmithc4242@hotmail.com with your size. I can still order the shirts. The cost of the shirts is \$30.

Thank you to all of the officers and directors for all of the hard work put in this year to make the Pittsburgh Chapter a great success and a place for learning and making our councils better. We still have a lot of work ahead.

Vivat Jesu!

Andrew Smith, President, Pittsburgh Chapter of the K of C



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
IN SERVICE TO ONE. IN SERVICE TO ALL.

PITTSBURGH CHAPTER MEETING
FEBRUARY 4, 2020
PIUS XII COUNCIL #4925
MONROEVILLE

***DIRECTIONS TO PIUS XII
(St. Bernadette's Parish,
Monroeville PA)***

***For those of you with a GPS unit,
St. Bernadette's Parish is located
at 245 Azalea Drive, Monroeville
PA***

From Route 28 (North or South), go to Harmarville and enter the Pennsylvania Turnpike, then follow the directions below:

- ◆ Take exit Pittsburgh Interchange (57) onto William Penn Hwy (US-22-BR) toward Monroeville
- ◆ Turn right onto Center Rd 0.2 mi/
- ◆ Turn left onto Garden City Dr 0.2 mi/
- ◆ Bear left onto Azalea Dr 439 ft/
- ◆ Your destination on Azalea Dr is on the left.

If you are coming from downtown Pittsburgh area, take the Penn Lincoln Parkway (I-376 East and follow the directions below:

- ◆ Take exit #84A/PA-48 S/ Monroeville onto Mossdale Blvd
- ◆ Turn right onto William Penn Hwy (US-22-BR)
- ◆ Turn right onto Center Rd 0.2 mi
- ◆ Turn left onto Garden City Dr 0.2 miles
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K of C News and Updates

At the January chapter meeting, PSD/MPC **Eric Johnson** presented a video of the new combined degree format which is named the **Exemplification of Charity, Unity and Fraternity**. In the future, new members can receive the 1st, 2nd and 3rd degrees at one time by attending one of these exemplifications instead of attending separate ceremonies. The video illustrating the new degree format was well-received by those attending. The new combined degree takes approximately 30 minutes. The new degree format incorporates many of the aspects of the "old" degree ceremonies and is also now a "public" ceremony – the veil of secrecy is now lifted. It is hoped that young men will be more apt to join the order with this new format. Here are some **Frequently Asked Questions and Answers** regarding this degree:

- ◆ It is preferred that the new degree be conducted in Church following Mass.
- ◆ The presenters should be the very best council member presenters available (e. g. deacons, lecturers, former degree team officers, etc.)
- ◆ The preferred attire for candidates would include a sports jacket to facilitate pinning with the emblem of the Order.
- ◆ Families and other observers are welcome to attend.
- ◆ Knighting is no longer conducted using a sword. As stated in the new degree, *"our sword is good works informed by faith."*
- ◆ The presenters do not have to deliver the degree by memory although that would be the ideal standard.
- ◆ There is no *"pledge of secrecy"* for this new degree format.
- ◆ The Financial Secretary will distribute membership cards following the exemplification – it is not part of the degree script.
- ◆ It is required that the Field Agent and General Agent be notified of the exemplification.
- ◆ The new degree format is intended to be a Council ceremonial function.
- ◆ It is not necessary to discuss the previous ceremonials with the new candidates.
- ◆ Current members that are First or Second Degree members may take the new degree and will become Third Degree members.
- ◆ If the pastor will not allow the new degree to be conducted in church or if a church is not available, the degree may be held at another dignified location.
- ◆ Teams conducting the new degree do not have to be certified.
- ◆ The Exemplification Report (#450) will be modified for use for the existing degrees and the new degree format.
- ◆ The "old" degree format can be used for an indeterminate amount of time.
- ◆ A council cannot vote to keep the old degrees and robes. The Supreme Council is offering the councils the option to continue a parallel path for an indeterminate time. The Board of Directors owns all ceremonials and can recall any and all at their discretion. The State Deputies are granted latitude in all ceremonials conducted within their state.
- ◆ If an online members is attending the new degree and at the very last minute wants to join, accept him in and then take care of the details afterwards.
- ◆ Use of the Carolingian Crucifix and Membership Medallion is very popular and can continue as "gifts" to the new members and/or other acceptable ways.
- ◆ A new Constitution Roll (#343) will become available in the near future.
- ◆ Councils should continue to assess an Initiation Fee of \$10 (this will help cover the cost of the Candidate Kit (\$537), ceremonial baldrics, etc.).
- ◆ The ceremonial baldrics should be available for council officers for council functions (Memorial Masses, Installation of Officers, Civic Events, and Parades).
- ◆ Families cannot attend the "old" degree ceremonials – only the new format.

FORTY PRIESTS

KICK-OFF  40 DAYS FOR LIFE™



Tuesday, Feb. 25th at 5:30pm

With a Mass at Epiphany Church in Pittsburgh (*Bishop William Waltersheid as main celebrant and Fr. Joe Freedy as homilist*) followed by a **Eucharistic Procession to Planned Parenthood!** (including an official dedication of these 40 Days to the Immaculate Heart of Mary)



For more information go to 40DaysforLifePittsburgh.com

or email nbruni@40daysforlifepgh.com or call 412-926-9413

Bishop's Project Meeting Report

by, Joseph Ferruzza, TT, FCP

The Bishop's Project meeting was held Friday, January, 17. At St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church, on 330, Third Ave. , Carnegie, PA.

There were approximately 33 brothers present, representing 16 Councils. Treasurer, Gary Williard, DD 125, reported that at this point in time, we are showing a gross income of \$122,589.90, minus \$34, 786.78, in costs, for a Jan. 14, net of \$80,863.39. Chairman Joe McCullough urged the Councils, to consider holding their T-Roll or Penny drives in the few remaining weeks left in the campaign. Frank Rozzo, FSW, lamented the fact that only 608, of a possible 7700 members have sent their donations in. The Awards Committee Chair, Master Mike Lynch, stated that 5 councils have made their goal, others have shown no activities. He reminded the GK's that, "to qualify for an award, at least one activity has to be listed."

Our congratulations were expressed to the Councils and Assembly present at the meeting, who presented their donations, those were: St Joseph The Worker, #5947, \$1871,00, J. F. Kennedy, #5501, \$4056.00, and Arch Bishop Canevin Assembly, \$500.00. Many thanks to their efforts !!! It is interesting to note that only 4 Assemblies out of 11, have donated as of this date. Deacon Sean Petrisco, FM, our statistician, stated that \$780. 00 was brought in on-line by "Pay Pal".

An Audit for the Bishop's Project will be held, Wed. Mar. 4th, at Treasurer Gary Williard's residence.

Supreme Representative Eric Johnson, PSD, stated that Council Activity such as the Bishop's Project is now required by Supreme, (for "Star Council"). He went on to say that the new "Universal Degree" is now effective, and all the DD's and GK's will get notice. He also said our jurisdiction is 23 percent ahead of last year, at this time, in membership. The North-East is bringing in 7 new members a day!!!

Gary Damich, FAA, reminded the GK's to send their "Special Olympics" form, and that the Special Olympics can always use your help, just Email specialolympics.org.

State Membership Director, Jack Rosati, reminded all DD's of the importance of holding their District Meetings to relay all the new info learned at their seminar. He also asked that they remind their Councils to send in the "Survey of Fraternal Activity", #4584. He stated our new membership achievement, stands at a respectable 48.94 percent, but the number we are looking for is 55 percent.

The Bishop's Project Appreciation Dinner will be held at the Monroeville Double Tree, on Wed. April 15th at a cost of \$32,00 per person , or \$60.00 per couple.

Father Ben Vaghetto, our spiritual leader, stated that the Bishop has written a letter to all Priests in the Diocese, praising the Knights and their efforts for the McGuire Home and the St. Anthony School Programs. He then gave all present his usual excellent inspirational blessing.

Our next two meetings are Fri. Feb. 28th and Fri. Mar. 27th.

BASKET RAFFLE FUNDRAISER FOR 122nd ANNUAL CONVENTION

The Convention Committee for the 122nd Annual Convention of the Pennsylvania State Council Knights of Columbus is excited to be hosting the Convention here in the Western Region on May 15-17, 2020. The Convention will be held at the DoubleTree in Greentree, Pittsburgh, PA, and we are looking forward to sharing the beautiful city of Pittsburgh with our Brother Knights. As is customary, the Convention Committee is coordinating a Basket Raffle Fundraiser to help defray the costs associated with the event. The success of this fundraiser depends solely on the contributions of our Brother Knights. Your generous donations of items for our Basket Raffle will ensure that we have an array of wonderful prizes to appeal to all of those attending the Convention.

Your donations can be in a variety of forms, including:

- A fully prepared basket, or standalone item;
- One or several items to be combined with other donations to create a basket;
- Gift cards for Restaurants, Stores, or Services that are good throughout the State of Pennsylvania; or
- A Monetary Donation (checks made payable to Western Section Knights of Columbus).

Please note that we are not able to include wine, beer, or liquor in the basket auction items, however, gift cards to places such as 'Fine Wine & Good Spirits' stores or an area winery are acceptable.

If you can participate, please reach out to the Basket Auction Chairman, Tim Richards, so that he can coordinate the donations to ensure that we have a variety of themes and prizes, preferably with a local, Western Region flare. Our goal is to have about twenty to twenty-five themed baskets. To ensure adequate time for combining items and to plan for appropriate space and setup for the basket auction, please make arrangements to provide donations by April 15, 2020. Again, please contact Tim Richards at timmy1825@aol.com or 412-699-9199 (mobile/text) to coordinate drop-off or pick-up. To mail donations, please send to 2020 PA State Convention c/o Tim Richards, 1403 Delaware Avenue, White Oak, PA 15131.

Thank you for your consideration of supporting the
2020 PA State Convention of the Knights of
Columbus.

Vivat Jesus,

Tim Richards, DD #108
Basket Auction Chairman



**Western Section
122nd State Convention
May 15-17, 2020**

K OF C INSURANCE INFORMATION

DO YOU HAVE 2020 VISION?

As we move into the 2nd month of the new year (and new decade) it's common to review the past year and look at what we'd like to accomplish in the new one. Already there's been much advertising and talk about 2020 and the relation to our eyesight...how we'll be able to see more clearly, look at the year with new vision, not be shortsighted.

Of course, all this talk about the future brings us to the usual thinking about the new year...making resolutions. That is a good thing! All of us want to resolve to do those things that will lead to happier, healthier lives. Some of the most common resolutions are to lose weight, get in shape and exercise more. Others resolve to stop smoking.

If you think about the spiritual, many new year's resolutions concern having a more centered prayer life or receiving the sacraments more often. Many of my friends think more about quality time...quality time spent with their family and friends; those that are most important in their lives.

As you think about family, one resolution I can help you keep is to update your Family Service Record and take stock of your financial goals. Are you where you want to be? Do you have a plan? With our professional approach using the Profiles+ Forecaster financial needs analysis you can see if there are any gaps in your coverage and how close you are to achieving your goals and aspirations.

Many members are not aware of all the products we have to offer: Life insurance, long term care insurance, disability income insurance and retirement annuities. These products can help protect your family in all the financial situations where you might find yourself. Life insurance protects your loved ones financially if you are not here to help provide. The need for life insurance changes at different stages of a person's life: Young and unmarried members and the man retiring next month each have life insurance needs, but the type and amount may vary widely. I can give you some advice on that. Disability income insurance provides a paycheck if you are sick or hurt and can't work. If your company offers some, do you know how much, for how long and is it taxable? I can help sort that out. Long term care insurance protects those assets you've worked so hard all your life to accumulate. Don't deplete all the family's savings for a care event when the Knights can take on that risk. With all the concern about market volatility and the health of Social Security, our fixed rate annuities guarantee a minimum interest rate for life, the safety of conservative investment strategy and an income stream you cannot outlive.

What's most important to you and your family? There is no cookie cutter answer. That's why I meet with members and their spouses and first determine what issues are of most concern to you. From there I can help analyze where you are in relation to your goals and construct a plan to get you where you want to go. All done in the comfort of your home and at your convenience.

As a brother Knight and your field agent I have so much more responsibility than a simple financial advisor or stock broker. We'll look at your dreams, goals and aspirations for 2020 and beyond. Resolve today to meet with me and ensure that at the end of this new year, your financial picture will be seen with 2020 vision.

Vivat Jesus!

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FEBRUARY 2020



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
***Family of Month Form Due						1
2 Groundhog Day; Super Bowl Sunday	3	4 Pittsburgh Chapter Meeting	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14 	15 ***
16	17 	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25 Mardi Gras	26 	27	28	29

MARCH 2020



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3 Pittsburgh Chapter Meeting	4	5	6	7
8 Daylight Savings Time Begins	9	10	11	12	13	14
15 ***	16	17 	18	19 SPRING	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				***Family of Month Form Due