



# THE PITTSBURGH KNIGHT

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## UPCOMING EVENTS:



[PITTSBURGH CHAPTER MEETING – MARCH 3 – COUNCIL #2201 – HOMESTEAD, PA](#)

[DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME BEGINS ON MARCH 8 – TURN YOUR CLOCKS AHEAD ONE HOUR!!](#)



[FAMILY OF THE MONTH FORM DUE ON MARCH 15!!](#)



[SPRING BEGINS ON MARCH 19 AT 11:50 PM!!!](#)



## A MESSAGE FROM THE CHAPTER PRESIDENT...



Brother Knights of the Pittsburgh Chapter,

Thank you to Pius XII Council 4925 for hosting the February meeting. It was a great turnout and the food was excellent as usual!

On Tuesday, February 25<sup>th</sup> is the Kickoff to the 40 Days for Life. The event begins at Epiphany Church and there will be a procession to Planned Parenthood. This is going to be a wonderful event and will be attended by over 54 Priests! I am encouraging all councils to support this event and to support holding vigils during the 40 Days of Life.

Please continue working on your Faith in Action Programs. There are only 4 months left to get in your required programs of Spiritual Reflection, Helping Hands, Consecration to the Holy Family, and Novena for Life. The Faith, Community, Family, and Life Programs are great ways to help your parish community and to encourage others to Join the Knights of Columbus!

Mark your Calendars! We will be holding the Three Rivers Mass on May 5<sup>th</sup> in place of our regular Chapter Meeting. This will be a great time to celebrate the first Mass in Pittsburgh with our families and enjoy a meal together afterwards. More information will be coming soon!

Vivat Jesu!

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



The Knights of Columbus mourns the loss of Past Supreme Knight **Virgil C. Dechant**, who passed away in his sleep at the age of 89 during the early morning hours of February 16, 2020. He was the Order's longest-serving supreme knight, holding the office from 1977 to 2000. May his soul rest in peace.  
(more info at [www.kofc.org](http://www.kofc.org))

PITTSBURGH CHAPTER MEETING  
MARCH 3, 2020  
(St. Maximilian Kolbe Church Hall)  
COUNCIL #2201  
HOMESTEAD PA

## DIRECTIONS TO HOMESTEAD COUNCIL #2201:

### Set your GPS units to:

St. Maximilian  
Kolbe Church  
Hall; 363 W  
11th Ave,  
Homestead,  
PA 15120



From Route 28 South:

- ◆ Get on PA-28 South
- ◆ Continue on PA-28 S to Pittsburgh. Take exit 74 from I-376 E
- ◆ Continue on Beechwood Blvd.
- ◆ Take Browns Hill Rd and Homestead Grays Bridge to W 11th Ave in Homestead
- ◆ Meeting is in church hall.

From Monroeville area:

- ◆ Continue on I-376 W/US-22 W to Pittsburgh. Take exit 74 from I-376 W/US-22 W
- ◆ Continue on Beechwood Blvd.
- ◆ Take Browns Hill Rd and Homestead Grays Bridge to W 11th Ave in Homestead
- ◆ Meeting is in church hall.

From Bridgeville area:

- ◆ Get on I-79 N
- ◆ Follow I-79 N and I-376 E to Beechwood Blvd in Pittsburgh.
- ◆ Take exit 74 from I-376 E
- ◆ Continue on Beechwood Blvd.
- ◆ Take Browns Hill Rd and Homestead Grays Bridge to W 11th Ave in Homestead
- ◆ Meeting is in church hall.



## THE SILENT KNIGHT – by Joe Feruzza, TT, FCP

**THE SILENT KNIGHT:** Won't comment on the latest sport's score or current event because God, up front in the Tabernacle, won't really be included in the conversation.

**THE SILENT KNIGHT:** Is always aware of the "Real Presence", Body, Blood, and Divine Humanity of the Eucharist, resting in the Tabernacle, and the mindful bending of his knee, and offers constant recognition of that Miraculous Treasure that we share as Catholics.

**THE SILENT KNIGHT:** Is always conscious, when serving as an Extra-Ordinary Eucharist Minister, that respectful silence is always appreciated by the Priest in the Sacristy, where (according to Canon Law 909), he needs to be preparing to properly celebrate the Mass.

**THE SILENT KNIGHT:** Knows that Jesus, in the Tabernacle, may speak to us, "In The Silence Of Our Hearts", and he should always try to set this example for his fellow parishioners, that they may also benefit from God's Benevolence.

## K of C News and Updates

- ◆ Pope Francis received members of the Knights of Columbus in an audience at the Vatican on Monday, February 10, 2020. The Knights are marking the one hundredth anniversary of their charitable activity in the city of Rome. Pope Francis highlighted the Knights' "faithful witness to the sacredness and dignity of human life", and their aid to Christian communities in the Middle East. Pope Francis concluded his address by entrusting all the Knights "to the loving intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary", and assuring them of his prayers for them and their families, "and for all the good works accomplished by the local Councils worldwide".
- ◆ When **Jackie Robinson** walked into Griffith Park Stadium in Washington, D. C., on May 14, 1957, 9,000 fans broke out cheering. Fans were there to celebrate the man who broke baseball's color barrier during the Interfaith Baseball Game organized by the Knights of Columbus along with B'nai B'rith and the Almas Temple Shrine. Ten years prior, during Robinson's first season in the majors, racial insults were hurled his way. Less than a week after Robinson made his first start on the Brooklyn Dodgers in 1947, they played the Philadelphia Phillies. The Phillies and their manager Ben Chapman verbally abused and racially taunted Robinson. The abuse almost drove Robinson "to the brink of abandoning the 'noble experiment' in pacificism." Robinson had been told by Branch Rickey, the Dodgers owner, to be a player with "guts enough not to fight back" in order to not give racists reasons to keep black players out of the Major Leagues. So **Robinson's teammate, Eddie Stanky, a Knight of Columbus, stepped in and tried to stop the abuse.** As depicted in the movie "42", while Robinson was being taunted during an at-bat, Stanky shouted down the Phillies, calling them cowards and saying, "Why don't you guys go to work on somebody who can fight back? There isn't one of you has the guts of a louse." His story is one of many Knights who defended racial equality, both on and off the baseball diamond. (for complete story, go to [www.kofc.org](http://www.kofc.org) and click under "News Hub".)



## **BASKET RAFFLE FUNDRAISER FOR 122<sup>nd</sup> ANNUAL CONVENTION**

The Convention Committee for the 122<sup>nd</sup> 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](mailto: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  
122<sup>nd</sup> State Convention  
May 15-17, 2020**

## K OF C INSURANCE INFORMATION

**PROTECT WHAT MATTERS MOST –  
YOUR LIFE, YOUR FAMILY, YOUR FUTURE**

In 1882, Father Michael J. McGivney founded the Knights of Columbus as an organization to provide for the financial security of Catholic families. Since that time, the Order has grown to include life insurance, disability income insurance, long-term care insurance, and retirement products.

As a result, our insurance program has come to be the highest rated insurance company in North America. AM Best has rated the Knights of Columbus “A++, Superior” for 42 consecutive years. We take care of our members and are committed to helping people in need. Our Supreme Office executives do not travel in their own private jet. If you watched the Super Bowl, you did not see a Knights of Columbus Insurance Commercial to the tune of \$30,000,000. per one minute of air time.

That is because every penny that goes into our products is returned to our members in the form of insurance and dividends and any profits that exist then go to the various charities that the Knights supports. We are unlike any other insurance company. Knights of Columbus life insurance offers something precious few other financial products can – guarantees. As long as you pay your premiums, the policy proceeds will be there for your beneficiaries should something happen to you. That’s peace of mind, and that’s what we offer with every product in our portfolio. We guarantee the cash value in your whole life policies will be there. We guarantee the rates on your term insurance. We guarantee the rate and your principal in our retirement annuities. On top of those product guarantees, I guarantee that I will offer professional, high-quality service that you would expect from our organization.

That commitment is an essential core value of the Knights of Columbus, and our core values permeate all levels of our organization. We pledge to serve our brother Knights, and their families, according to our Golden Rule: “In all my professional relationships, I pledge myself to the following rule of conduct: I shall, in light of all conditions surrounding those I serve, render that service which, under the same circumstances, I would apply to myself.”

Contact me to arrange for an appointment.

Vivat Jesus!

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# MARCH 2020



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3 Pittsburgh Chapter Meeting	4	5	6	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			### Daylight Savings Time begins on March 8 !!!	***Family of Month Form Due

# APRIL 2020



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
***Family of Month Form Due			1	2	3	4
5 Palm Sunday	6	7	8	9 Holy Thursday	 10	11 Holy Saturday
 12	13	14	15 *** Tax Day	16	17	18
19 Divine Mercy Sunday	20	21	 22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30		