



# THE PITTSBURGH KNIGHT

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## UPCOMING EVENTS:



PITTSBURGH CHAPTER MEETING – JUNE 2 – WILL BE HELD VIA ZOOM SOFTWARE – info on page 3.

FAMILY OF THE MONTH FORM DUE ON JUNE 15!!



4th DEGREE EXEMPLIFICATION ON SUNDAY, AUGUST 16



## A MESSAGE FROM THE CHAPTER PRESIDENT...



Brother Knights of the Pittsburgh Chapter,

Our first meeting on Zoom was a great success! We had many brother knights in attendance and it went very well. We will be holding the June meeting via Zoom as Supreme has not yet allowed in person meetings. If anyone needs help setting up a meeting in Zoom or would like to use my account for a council meeting, please let me know. I have a paid account without time restrictions and users can also call into the meeting without the use of a computer.



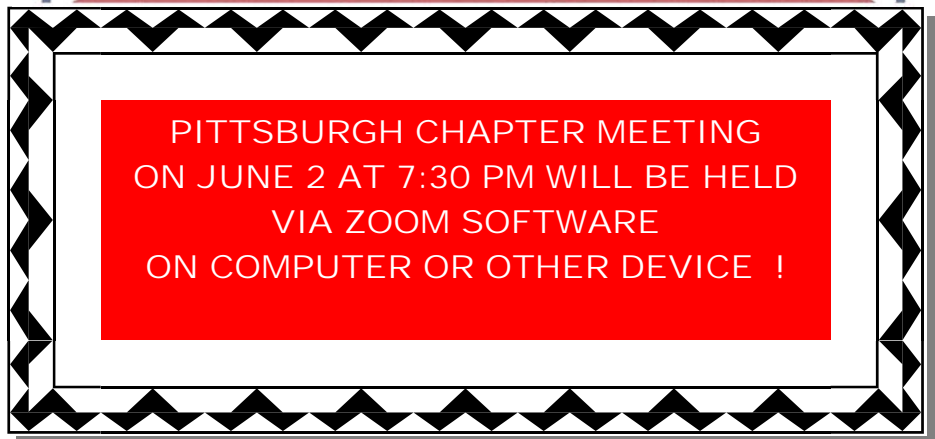
This month we will be voting on new officers for the Pittsburgh Chapter. Our 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President, Mark Zik, will not be able to continue because of family and work obligations, so we now have an opening for a new Secretary. If you are interested, please let me know! There is a complete list of the nominations from the May meeting on page 2 of this newsletter.

There are many opportunities for online degrees through Supreme and remember that all 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree members can participate to become a 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree member.

Please keep safe and keep praying for the health and recovery of everyone!

Vivat Jesu!

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



**K of C News and Updates**

◆ The new officers for 2020-2022 elected at the PA State Convention are as follows:

- State Deputy – Kenneth E. Grugel**
- State Secretary – Raymond J. McLaughlin**
- State Treasurer – Michael P. Lynch**
- State Advocate – George E. Schneider, Jr.**
- State Warden – Anthony J. Ream**

◆ **The 41st Annual State Golf Tournament will be held on August 15th, 2020 hosted by St. Patrick Council #4057 at the Carlisle Barracks Golf Club. 8:30 AM Shotgun Start, Best ball Format; Lunch to follow. \$75 per player and \$30 for prospective knights. Registration forms and further information is available on the state council website at pakofc.us . Note: This is a change from the original site of St. Marys Council and also a change of format from the previous 40 years.**



**NOMINATIONS OF OFFICERS INFO**

The following nominations for new officers were made at the May chapter meeting

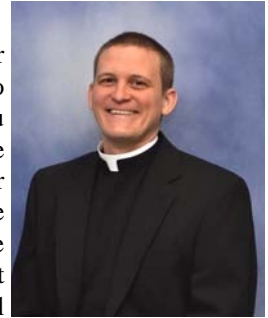
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|---------------------|---------------------------------------|
| President:          | Andrew Smith                          |
| 1st Vice President: | Jim Mannarino                         |
| 2nd Vice President: | Tim Richards                          |
| 3rd Vice President: | Mike Conroy                           |
| Secretary:          | <OPEN>                                |
| Advocate:           | Chuck Hosick                          |
| Treasurer:          | Tom McGinnis                          |
| Controller:         | Gary Williard                         |
| Historian:          | Ed Falvo                              |
| 3-year Trustee:     | Jim Maochi                            |
| 2-year Trustee:     | Joseph Ferruzza                       |
| 1-year Trustee:     | Frank Rozzo                           |
| Warden:             | Larry Emark                           |
| Guards:             | Dan Turek; Bernard J. (BJ) Abbott III |
- Nominations of other guards will be accepted at the June chapter meeting of officers



***Election of new officers at June Chapter Meeting!!!***

**Father Will's Column**

Brother Knights,



A Blessed and Happy Easter Season and Feast of Pentecost to you all. I hope that this finds you well as we continue to navigate the COVID-19 pandemic. May our focus be on the mystery of the cross of the Lord that we are experiencing in a particular way at this time. It seems as if we are still at Good Friday, at the foot of the cross with Mary and the Beloved Disciple. May we be faithful disciples of the Lord during this time. Our persistence in faith in the Lord will allow for a spiritual growth and renewal in the Church. It is unfortunate that we had to cancel the renewal of the Three Rivers Mass, as I and many were looking forward to it. We will have it again in the Lord's time and divine providence. Remain steadfast in your faith (1 Peter 5:9). I send my Easter blessing upon you all and your families.

I commend for your consideration two practices during this time. First, turn a room in your home, into a prayer room (chapel). Dedicate a sacred space in your home, as the early Christians did (see Acts 2:43-47). Second, consider renewing the tradition of the family dinner. If you have lost the practice of a family meal each day, this is the time, when we are in isolation with our immediate family, to renew the family meal. Turn off the TV and have a meal together. This brings about a great deepening of family intimacy. May you and your families be blessed always by the grace of the Lord. May you be kept from all harm and protected always by the guardian angels.

Grace & Peace,

Fr. Will Wuenwschel, Chaplain



## K OF C INSURANCE INFORMATION

**Knights Tied for Most Financially Strong Life Insurer in North America**

In April 2020, Standard & Poors Global Ratings issued a report that ranked all of its rated North American Life Insurance Companies from strongest to weakest. You should be proud to know that your Knights of Columbus are tied for first!\*

The Knights is one of six companies - out of a total of 66 - that has an AA+ rating on financial strength, and a stable outlook. Standard & Poors also lists the Knights as having a “very strong” business risk profile, and an “excellent” financial risk profile. Financial strength and stability are on a lot of people’s minds lately, and it’s reassuring to know that the Knights stand tall among the competition.

However this unprecedented international crisis may be impacting your family, please know that I am here to help you review your situation and discuss how the Knights may be able to help. And - to respect social distancing protocols - we have transitioned to virtual meetings. I can meet with you over the computer or via a phone call whenever you’d like.

So, let’s chat! Let me know some times that work for you, and together we can figure out how the Knights’ best-in-class financial strength can help protect you and your family.

\*Ranking North American Life Insurance Companies from Strongest to Weakest by S&P Global Ratings. April 6, 2020.

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**PITTSBURGH CHAPTER MEETING – JUNE 2 at 7:30 PM – VIA ZOOM**

Are you a beginner to using “ZOOM”? To learn more about using “ZOOM” software for video-conferencing, go to <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9isp3qPeQ0E>

You will need the following meeting information on June 2, 2020.

Remember that the meeting starts at 7:30 PM...log onto ZOOM at least 15-20 minutes early in case you have a problem!!!

**Topic: June Pittsburgh Chapter Meeting**

**Join Zoom Meeting by entering this info: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85336343507>**

**Meeting ID: 853 3634 3507**

**One tap mobile: +16468769923,,85336343507# US (New York)**

**Dial by your location: +1 646 876 9923 US (New York)**



**THE AMAZING NUMBER "40" FROM JOSEPH T. FERRUZZA, FORMER CHAPTER PRESIDENT**

The Latin root of the word "quarantine" is "forty".

So what does the Bible say about 40?

The flood lasted 40 days.

40 years Moses fled Egypt.

40 days Moses stayed on Mount Sinai to receive the Commandments.

Exodus lasted 40 years.

Jesus fasted for 40 days.

Lent is 40 days.

40 days for a woman to rest after giving birth.

A group of theologians thinks the number 40 represents "change". It is the time of preparing a person, or people, to make a fundamental change.

Something will happen after these 40 days. Just believe and pray. Remember, whenever the number 40 appears in the Bible, there is a "change".

Please know that during this "quarantine" rivers are cleaning up, vegetation is growing, and the air is becoming cleaner because of less pollution. There is less theft and murder, healing is happening, and most importantly, people are turning to Christ. The Earth is at rest for the first time in many years and hearts are truly transforming.

So, during this time, enjoy it with your loved ones and return to the family altar together. Family prayer is a great blessing. Through prayer you will see the changes God can work in you and in your home.

Remember we are in the year 2020, and  $20 + 20 = 40$ .

Also, 2020 is the year of the United States Census. Jesus Christ, the savior of the world, was born during a census.

Lastly, 2020 is perfect vision. May our sight focus on the Lord and living according to His perfect vision for us knowing He holds us in the palm of His hand.

May these days of "quarantine" bring spiritual liberation to our souls, our nation, and our world.

The best is yet to come.  
Trust in the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit!

***DIOCESE OF PITTSBURGH GUIDELINES UPDATE ...***

(1) Limited funeral Masses and weddings continue, with cleaning/sanitizing guidelines in place, expanding to groups of no more than 25 people; (2) Churches will be permitted to open for private prayer with safety guidelines in place including seating in designated areas only, the use of masks, hand sanitizers, and social distancing; (3) Churches will be permitted to open for Confessions. Confessionals do not meet public health safety requirements, and as such, Confessions will be heard at posted times and in a manner that preserves the sanctity of the Sacrament. Penitents must practice social distancing and all other safety guidelines; (4) Baptisms can be scheduled but with the restriction of one family baptism per each ceremony and no more than 25 people present. Great care must be given to social distancing, wearing masks, and sanitation precautions; and (5) Livestream of Masses and prayer services will continue.

# JUNE 2020



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	<b>zoom</b> 2 Pgh Chapter Meeting	3	4	5	6
7 Trinity Sunday	8	9	10	11	12	13
 14 Happy Flag Day	15 ***	16	17	18	19	 20 Summer Begins!
 21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30				***Family of Month Form Due

# JULY 2020



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