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UPCOMING EVENTS:



PITTSBURGH CHAPTER MEETING – MONDAY – AUGUST 3 - via ZOOM (MORE INFO ON PAGE 2)

FAMILY OF THE MONTH FORM DUE ON AUGUST 15!!



4th DEGREE EMPLIFICATION ON SUNDAY, AUGUST 16



LOOKING FOR A MASS ONLINE?



If you are looking to view a Catholic mass online via your computer, smart phone, or tablet, you might want to try the following website:

<https://mass-online.org/>

Here you can find links to Holy Masses online from different parishes all around the world.

A MESSAGE FROM THE CHAPTER PRESIDENT...



Brother Knights of the Pittsburgh Chapter,

Because of the new restrictions set by the Governor of PA, we will be hosting the August meeting with Zoom. We will also be moving the meeting to **Monday, August 3, 2020 at 7:30pm**. The reason for the day change is the Supreme Convention is virtual and begins on the 4th. Many Chapter members will be involved with this and will be busy.

I hope that all are doing well and staying safe. At this time of need everywhere, please contact your Chaplain or Parish Priest to see if there is anything that can be done to help the Parish. I am sure there is opportunities with sanitizing the church and temperature checking. The Chaplain may have some other ideas for the Knights to help!

As a District Deputy, I have been working with councils on budgets. I am realizing that this is going to be a trying year when it comes to fundraising and especially the Bishops Project. Please consider the Football Sweepstakes and the COAL programs as ways to fundraise without meeting in person. I have heard that many councils have mailed tickets to members asking for them to help the council in these trying times by purchasing 2 tickets. The Sweeps program will be running no matter what happens with football games this year. If any games are cancelled or postponed, historical data (chosen by FundCrazr) will be used to determine winners. I do believe that games will be played this year as Hockey, Baseball, Golf, Soccer, and Auto Racing have all returned to competition or will be shortly. Vivat Jesu!

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

HAVE YOU PURCHASED A 2020 FOOTBALL FRENZY TICKET YET?

THIS CRAZ IS IN SUPPORT OF:

FUND CRAZR

ORIGINAL DISCOUNT CODE: SVE-TSP-MGV
TICKET NUMBER: 11001

Pennsylvania Knights West

WEEKLY PRIZES TOTALING TO \$25,000

HIGHEST	\$400	15TH HIGHEST	\$30
2ND HIGHEST	\$300	16TH HIGHEST	\$20
3RD HIGHEST	\$200	17TH HIGHEST	\$10
4TH HIGHEST	\$180	LOWEST	\$150
5TH HIGHEST	\$150	2ND LOWEST	\$100
6TH HIGHEST	\$120	3RD LOWEST	\$80
7TH HIGHEST	\$110	4TH LOWEST	\$60
8TH HIGHEST	\$100	5TH LOWEST	\$40
9TH HIGHEST	\$90	6TH LOWEST	\$30
10TH HIGHEST	\$80	7TH LOWEST	\$20
11TH HIGHEST	\$70	8TH LOWEST	\$10
12TH HIGHEST	\$60	PER WEEK	\$2,500
13TH HIGHEST	\$50	TOTAL	\$25,000
14TH HIGHEST	\$40		

YOUR TERMS FOR EACH WEEK OF THE 2020 SWEEPSTAKES

NOV 1	NOV 8	NOV 15	NOV 22	NOV 29	DEC 6	DEC 13	DEC 20	DEC 27	JAN 3
CLE	ATL	DEN	IND	BAL	DET	DET	DAL	DAL	BAL
HOU	HOU	MIA	LAC	JAX	KC	MIA	HOU	HOU	JAX
KC	MIN	NO	MIN	NYJ	LAC	NO	LAC	MIA	PHI
SEA	TEN	PHI	PIT	TEN	PHI	TB	NO	PHI	TB

USE YOUR DISCOUNT CODE TO SHOP THE CRAZSAVR STORE ONLINE FOR GREAT DEALS AT: WWW.FUNDCRAZR.COM
Check results at www.fundercrazr.com

PITTSBURGH CHAPTER MEETING ON AUGUST 3 (MONDAY) VIA ZOOM (MORE INFO ON PAGE 2)

K of C CHAPTER MEETING INFORMATION

Due to the mandates issued by Governor Wolf in July, it will not be possible to meeting "in person" for the Pittsburgh Chapter meeting previously scheduled for the Thomas P. Conroy (Natrona) Council #2602. Therefore, we will be meeting on **August 3 (Monday)** via Zoom. Info below.

Zoom Meeting – MONDAY, AUGUST 3, 7:30 pm

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83215202701?pwd=TTNPOVR4YngvdhBNUV3TS1VWlhUT09>

Meeting ID: 832 1520 2701

Passcode: 030315

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To enter via phone, dial 1 646 876 9923

Passcode: 030315

How Knights added "Under God" to the Pledge

The Pledge of Allegiance has undergone several revisions since it was initially written back in 1892 by Baptist minister Francis Bellamy. The last significant change came in 1954 during the midst of the Cold War, when President Dwight Eisenhower signed a congressional resolution adding the words "under God."

This revision would have never happened without advocacy by the Knights of Columbus.



In a letter thanking the Order, President Eisenhower stated that these words

"remind Americans that despite our great physical strength we must remain humble. They will help us to keep constantly in our minds and hearts the spiritual and moral principles which alone give dignity to man, and upon which our way of life is founded."

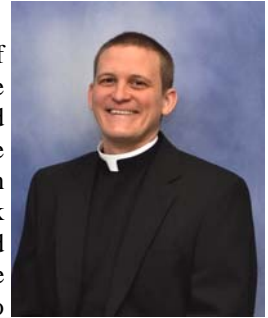
The original Pledge had no references to God. However, the Knights personally inserted "under God" into their recitations at the opening of Fourth Degree assembly meetings in 1951. Momentum grew within the Knights to petition the United States Congress to revise the Pledge.

The congressional resolution was adopted by the House and Senate, and President Eisenhower signed it on June 14, 1954. Several years later, St. John Paul XXIII "expressed his gratification" to the Knights of Columbus for their advocacy because "some 30 million children, at the beginning of each school day, acknowledged the existence of God and their dependence upon Divine Providence."

<from Knightline by Andrew Fowler>

Father Will's Column

Brother Knights,



During the month of August, the Church celebrates the Feast of the Transfiguration, and the Solemn Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. These two feasts speak about the importance of body and soul. The catechism says, "The unity of soul and body is so profound that one has to consider the soul to be the "form" of the body... their union forms a single nature." (CCC 365) The Feast of the Transfiguration shows us that Christ has a glorified body and that we anticipate a glorified body as we say in the Creed "I believe in the Resurrection of the body." This gives the Christian believer hope in a time when we see that the mortal body is so susceptible to disease, virus, decay, and even death. Our hope is in the resurrection of our bodies just as Christ has been resurrected from the dead. We celebrate in the Feast of the Transfiguration that Christ gives us a sign of hope that He is "the Resurrection and the Life." (John 11:25) When we live for Christ we have firm faith and hope that we are now participating and will one day fully participate in the glorified life of Christ.

The Solemn Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary gives us even greater hope that not only the divine person of Christ is the Resurrection but that humanity now shares, in the person of Mary, in the resurrection of the body. We believe that, "The Immaculate Virgin... was taken up body and soul into heavenly glory... The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin is a singular participation in her Son's Resurrection and an anticipation of the resurrection of other Christians." (CCC 966) In this feast we see that we anticipate the resurrection of our bodies. All the saints in heaven are awaiting the resurrection of their bodies, because the soul and body are made for unity. The Blessed Virgin by the grace of God participates in Christ's resurrected body.

This Solemn Feast is a holy day of obligation but because of the current restrictions the bishop's have given a dispensation from the obligation. Under normal conditions we have a moral and spiritual 'obligation' to attend mass on Sunday's (the day of the Resurrection) and Holy Days. In recent years the term 'obligation' has been taken in a negative connotation. We should not see it as a negative but as a gift that the Church provides to instruct the People of God to a pure and holy worship of the Lord. The 'law' of obligation moves us to know what we are created by God to do. This law of the obligation of attending mass, shows us we are made to worship God in community. It should lead us to

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a holy desire to worship God out of love for the Lord, God. Love of God should be our ultimate reason to want to go to mass. The Catechism states, "Participation in the communal celebration of the Sunday Eucharist is a testimony of belonging and of being faithful to Christ and to his Church. The faithful give witness by this to their communion in faith and charity." (CCC 2182)

Although at this time we do not have the obligation to attend mass on Sunday and Holy Days of obligation, we are still called to 'rest' in the Lord. If one is compromised in their health, feeling sick, or has an unsettled conscience about attending mass or other public events, then they not only have a dispensation from attending mass, but also a moral obligation to stay home. These feast days remind us of our need to find our rest, hope, and strength in the Lord. On these holy days, even if you are unable to attend mass and receive the Eucharist, the source of our strength, then I invite you to make the day holy by participating in acts of charity to others, spending time in prayer, reading scripture, or some other form of making the day holy for the Lord. Our hope is in the resurrection of the body. May we grow in faith and hope in Christ during these difficult times, always proclaiming with witness of our lives, that Jesus Christ is Lord.

Grace and Peace.

Fr. Will Wuenwschel, Chaplain

STATE COUNCIL SCHOLARSHIPS 2020 COAL DRAWING

AWARD	TICKET #	WINNER'S INFORMATION	COUNCIL
1 st PRIZE 2020 CHEVROLET SPARK – 4 DR	0467600	Council 5947	5947
2 nd PRIZE PAIR OF HONDA SCOOTERS	0773254	A Di Angelantoni Camp Hill, PA	4068
3 rd PRIZE IRISH VACATION	0608052	Matt Bocchi	11388
4 th PRIZE HISTORIC TRAIN JOURNEY WESTERN U.S. - 9 DAYS	0724791	David J Ceraul .Bangor, PA	3862
5 th PRIZE CALIFORNIA COAST & WINE COUNTRY - 8 DAYS	0066152	Council 2277	2277
6 th PRIZE ALASKA CRUISE 7 DAYS	0409940	Brian Elmer Philadlphia,PA	6145
7 th PRIZE NATION PARKS 8 DAYS	0378101	Theodore R Miller Lancaster, PA	12532
8 th PRIZE NEW ENGLAND/ CANADA CRUISE	0324378	Joe Fagnani Media PA	3885
9 th PRIZE CASH PRIZE \$ 2,000.00	0247732	Angela Loreto Columbia, PA	2294
10 th PRIZE OPRYLAND VACATION 7 DAYS	0807919	Glenn Trevellini	5501
11 th PRIZE KALAHARI VACATION 5 NIGHTS	0064252	Dorothy Kasunich Midland, PA	2005
12 th PRIZE LAS VEGAS 4 DAYS W/\$300.00 CASH	1020647	Bill Hoydt Macungie, PA	528
13 th PRIZE CANCUN VACATION 6 NIGHTS	0687552	Carol Duffy Pottstown, PA	14090
14 th PRIZE CASH PRIZE \$1,000.00	0712177	Philip Trippodi Stroudsburg, PA	12114
15 th PRIZE 60" HD SMART TELEVISION	0040555	Carol Seese Bensalem, PA	17417
16 th PRIZE 256 GB IPAD PRO WWI-FI	0019304	Richard Boyer Biglerville, PA	14035

K OF C INSURANCE INFORMATION

WE STAND STRONG ON ETHICAL GROUND

Some people believe that ethics in business is a contradiction in terms. They think that in order to be profitable, a company and its leaders must abandon morality and embrace the dark, greedy side that they see so often in the news and in movies. At the Knights of Columbus, we know this is not true. A business can be both ethical and successful. We are.

As a Catholic organization, we understand the value and importance of our core beliefs and the original mission of Venerable Father Michael J. McGivney. In fact, much of the strength and financial security we provide to members and their families can be attributed to our ethical, moral standards.

More than 96 percent of Knights who buy our life insurance keep it, year in and year out. The Order takes this commitment to our members very seriously. This means carefully planning when it comes time to invest. Our professional staff researches all transactions to insure that they fall in line with Catholic values. If a transaction makes them uncomfortable, they do not make it.

“We exclude any company engaged in activity that conflicts with Catholic moral teaching: companies directly involved in abortion, contraception, human cloning, embryonic stem cell research, for-profit health care that pays for any of these, or pornography,” said Supreme Knight Carl Anderson. “There are many companies in the pharmaceutical and communications industries that would undoubtedly provide excellent returns for us, but which are not in our portfolio because they engage in research and development or programming in ways that violate the sanctity or dignity of human life.”

In the end, the Knights of Columbus investment strategy is motivated by morality, not money. Yet, each year we remain profitable, increase our assets and stay dedicated to this vision that will keep the Order financially sound for generations to come.

But do not just take our word for it. The Knights of Columbus was named a “World’s Most Ethical Company” by the Ethisphere Institute for the third year in a row. We were one of only two life insurance companies to earn the honor.

“Faithful Catholics have choices when buying life insurance,” said the Supreme Knight. “But they know that at the Knights of Columbus their policy is supplied by an insurer that shares their moral and ethical values and is guided in all of its investment and sales practices by those values.”



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KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS STATUES ...

Sculptures of the explorer were erected in the 19th and 20th centuries across the state, which has a large Italian-American population, but many were taken down this summer following widespread racial injustice protests that began following the killing of George Floyd at the hands of Minneapolis police.

Demonstrators have targeted the statues because they say the Italian explorer was responsible for the genocide and exploitation of native peoples in the Americas.

The Columbus statue in New Haven, CT was removed on June 24 by city officials after petitions were circulated calling for it to come down. But a group claiming to represent close to 200 ancestors of those who gifted the statue in 1892 have filed a state lawsuit against its removal. City officials, who are seeking to dismiss that lawsuit, have said they are considering options, including the possibility of moving the monument to the Knights of Columbus Museum in New Haven.

Although they did not put up the statues, according to spokesman Joseph Cullen, the Knights of Columbus believe that society needs to have a “civil debate on these issues and not settle differences with mob violence and destruction, and he also said his organization has no intention of changing its name.

AUGUST 2020



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
***Family of Month Form Due						1
2	3	4 Pgh Chapter Mtg.	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					August 15 – Assumption of Mary, Holy Day

SEPTEMBER 2020



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
***Family of Month Form Due		1	2	3	4	5
6	7 Labor Day	8	9	10	11 9.11.2001 PATRIOT DAY	12
13	14	15 ***	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30			