



# THE PITTSBURGH KNIGHT

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## UPCOMING EVENTS:



PITTSBURGH CHAPTER MEETING – AUGUST 3 – NATRONA COUNCIL #2602



FAMILY OF THE MONTH FORM DUE ON AUGUST 15!!



ASSUMPTION OF MARY – AUGUST 15.



## A MESSAGE FROM THE CHAPTER PRESIDENT...

My Brother Knights of the Pittsburgh Chapter,



As summer slowly starts to fade into fall, this time of year is always a time of transition. And this year, transitioning is even more significant. Not only are we transitioning from hot summer days to cooler fall nights and students heading back to school, but we are also slowly transitioning from a significant time of Global Pandemic back to our pre-pandemic normal. Of course, things will never fully return to what we remember as normal. To help us wade through these uncharted waters, Supreme has published a guide – COVID Recovery Program – to aid in the transition. The guide and other resources are available on the Supreme website, www.kofc.org. Information on training provided by Supreme Representative Eric Johnson and State Treasurer Mike Lynch will be available soon. Exposure to these topics and many other important events and changes is why it is always a great idea to attend Chapter Meetings! Every Council should send at least one member to attend. Remember any Third-Degree Member is welcome to attend these informative meetings. And as things continue to transition back to normal, we will return to charging a Per Capita fee for Chapter Membership.

As many of you may have noticed, Events are also making a comeback. Please make sure that your Councils are aware of these important upcoming events:

August 9, Silver Rose Prayer Service, St. Thomas the Apostle Parish at St. Maximilian Kolbe Worship Site in Homestead, PA at 6:30 pm

August 14, PA State Golf Tournament – Information available on the State website.

· August 31, Bishop’s Project Kick-off Dinner – Information available on the Chapter website.

· September 27, PA State March for Life in Harrisburg, PA – Information available online at <https://marchforlife.org/first-annual-pennsylvania-march-for-life/>

· October 10, Columbus Day Dinner – Information will be on the Chapter website soon.

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### Statement on Pope Francis’ Action Regarding New Restrictions on the Celebration of Latin Masses

Under the new norms from Pope Francis. Bishop Zubik confirms the continued existence of Most Precious Blood of Jesus Parish without any alterations. There will be no changes to Masses at Most Precious Blood of Jesus Parish.

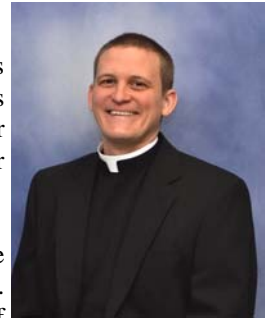
PITTSBURGH CHAPTER MEETING  
FOR AUGUST 3RD  
AT NATRONA COUNCIL #2602  
28 GARFIELD STREET  
NATRONA PA 15065-2622

**A MESSAGE FROM OUR CHAPLAIN**

Dear Brother Knights,

During August, we celebrate the Solemn Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Now is a great time to reflect on this mystery of the Lord. The Risen Lord Jesus ascended into heaven, that is to say, by His divine power. The Blessed Mother was 'assumed' in heaven, that is, by the divine power of her Son, Jesus. The Lord's Resurrection and Ascension lifted her to heaven. It is not by her power but by her humility that the Lord's power works to bring her to heaven.

As we remember this special feast day, we are reminded that we were brought low during the past year and a half. Now it is time for us to allow the Lord's grace to lift us to new heights of heaven. We must humble ourselves. A few ways to do so is to commit ourselves once again to that promise of praying the rosary. The other is that if you have not and are able, it is time to return to Mass. Finally, as Knights, we must lead the way and invite those struggling with faith to return to Mass. Invite a friend, neighbor, or anyone in your influence to join you for Mass. It is time that we allow the grace of God to assume us, that is, lift us up to praise him, especially at the Holy Mass.



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

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Our Founder's Feast Day is August 13. If you haven't done so already, please become a member of the Father McGivney Guild. To join go to [www.kofc.org](http://www.kofc.org). In the search window, type in Father McGivney Guild, and it will take you to the page where you can fill in the information to join the Guild. It costs nothing except a couple minutes of your time. This Guild supports the efforts to canonize our Founder.

Recruiting a new member into the Order is the most important and noteworthy accomplishment that any Knight can attain. New members keep our organization vibrant and in tune with the pulse of our local communities. As I mentioned last month, the Box of Joy program is one project I would like to see our Chapter support. I have volunteered to be the Pittsburgh Diocesan Chairman for the Box of Joy Program. The Boxes will be available soon. Please review the online resources at <https://crosscatholic.org/box-of-joy/resources/> now to get your Council involved in this important project. Box of Joy is a fun, simple way for your council, parish, school, or ministry to help children in developing countries experience the joy of Christmas.

In closing, I had to cancel the Officers Meeting, however, several officers and I did meet to conduct an audit and review the budget for this Fraternal Year. I apologize for having to cancel the Officers Meeting, and I extend my thanks to those who were able to attend the Audit and Budget Review and to Chapter Controller, Gary Williard, for hosting the meeting.

Vivat Jesus!

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

**DON'T FORGET TO  
INFORM YOUR COUNCILS  
ABOUT THE FOOTBALL  
FUND CRAZR!**

**COST IS ONLY \$10**

**WEEKLY PRIZES OF \$2500**

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TICKET NUMBER: 13928

**Pennsylvania Knights**

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	
13TH HIGHEST \$50	PER WEEK \$2,500
14TH HIGHEST \$40	TOTAL \$25,000

YOUR TERMS FOR EACH WEEK OF THE 2021 SWEEPSTAKES

NOV 7	NOV 14	NOV 21	NOV 28	DEC 5	DEC 12	DEC 19	DEC 26	JAN 2	JAN 9
LAC	ARI	GB	ARI	BAL	CIN	BUF	CHI	DET	BUF
LAR	CIN	KC	DAL	CIN	CLE	MIA	DAL	HOU	CAR
LV	CLE	NYG	IND	KC	NO	NO	JAX	NO	MIA
MIA	NYG	NYJ	PIT	MIA	NYG	NYJ	LAR	NYJ	NYJ

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## INSURANCE INFORMATION

### WHERE DO YOU STAND IN PROTECTING YOUR FAMILY?

Summer is in full swing, vacations and backyard barbecues, outdoor sports and yardwork! I look forward to this time of year with flowers in bloom and thoughts of a much needed and anticipated summer vacation. I hope your summer is going well for you!

In previous messages I mentioned taking stock of all the things that need to be done around the house. And I further suggested that taking stock should extend to seeing where you and your family stand when it comes to financial protection. It's interesting to read about Blessed Michael McGivney's attitude in Faith and Fraternalism by Christopher J. Kauffman: "Though he [Fr. McGivney] seems to have been well aware of the value of ceremonials as the binding force for fraternal unity, he spent his energy in promoting the insurance feature." You know the story well; how the untimely death of his father nearly derailed Fr. McGivney's plans to become a priest. As the curate of St. Mary's, he encountered families in similar situations. So, it's no wonder he was so practical when it came to making sure families were financially sound.

In my position I feel a deep kinship with Fr. McGivney in helping to protect Catholic families. I see myself as your partner in facing this planning process. You don't have to go it alone. With our new financial need's analysis tool, with cutting edge software, robust and in-depth, we can approach this together. Since my last message a number of members reached out to me. Let me give you a fictionalized account about two of them. I recently met with a brother Knight and his wife who have a couple of young children. Together, we were able to see that based on what this couple wanted for their family, there was a need in two particular areas. One, the brother's group life insurance, while free as a benefit, was not enough to do what he wanted his life insurance to do. He desired more to make sure, if he had an untimely passing, his wife and children could stay in the same home, could still attend Catholic grade school and could afford to make a college education a reality. The other area that he had not thought about was what I call the "death of his earning power." What if he became sick or hurt and could not work? His employer provided very minimal coverage for a few months, but after that there was nothing. We explored how the Knights could fill that void and make his family whole. All this from spending time with me. The best part for him...and for you, is that this service is absolutely free. Many others in the industry charge fees for this kind of analysis. It's a fraternal benefit that I am happy to provide.

The other couple was recently retired. Well past the stage of this former young couple. I completed a financial needs analysis for them. They were in very good shape financially; had all their proverbial ducks in a row in almost every area. The area that they were concerned with was an extended care event. How could they protect all that they had worked for and saved in the event of needing help with daily living activities? I was able to help them plan for that and shift the financial burden to the Knights. The other issue they looked at was setting aside a little of what they had saved to help their grandchildren. We were able to set up a plan to pass that money tax free to them.

Maybe you have similar concerns; meeting with me can allay them. I am your partner as we share our brotherhood in the Order. That kind of relationship is rarely found elsewhere in the financial services world. Let's get together and see where you stand.

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# AUGUST 2021



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

# SEPTEMBER 2021



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