



# THE PITTSBURGH KNIGHT

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## UPCOMING EVENTS:



FAMILY OF THE MONTH FORM DUE ON OCTOBER 15!!



OCTOBER CHAPTER MEETING – OCTOBER 1 – ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA PARISH – COUNCIL #2555 AT 7:30 PM



COLUMBUS DAY – OCTOBER 14



OCTOBER 31 – HALLOWEEN

NOVEMBER 1 – ALL SAINTS DAY – HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION

DECEMBER 13 – MEMORIAL MASS AND DINNER AT BELLEVUE COUNCIL #1400.

## A MESSAGE FROM THE CHAPTER PRESIDENT...



Brother Knights of the Pittsburgh Chapter,

I would like to thank Fr. Freedy, Fr. Sparacino, and Fr. Ackerman for attending the last Pittsburgh Chapter meeting and providing us with great information about the Seminary programs and the Dry Bones Ministry. If your council is looking to support a new Seminarian for this year, please contact Mike Lynch. He is working to make sure all the Seminarians have support. Also, please continue to pray for vocations in the Pittsburgh Diocese and around the world.

At the last meeting, I brought a polo shirt that is available to purchase. It is a Pittsburgh Chapter Dark Green Polo shirt with the Knights logo as shown below. The cost of the shirt is \$30. If you would like one you can mail a check made out to me at 165 Dinwiddie Dr. New Kensington, PA 15068. Please include the size of the shirt you would like.



Mike Conroy sent an email out this past week highlighting the Pittsburgh Rosary Congress being held at St. Stanislaus Kostka in the Strip District. Please select a date and time for your council to attend this wonderful event! You can sign up at [www.pittsburghrosarycongress.org](http://www.pittsburghrosarycongress.org). This event is a great Faith Program opportunity and could also be a recruiting opportunity for your council if you advertise the event in your church bulletin.

Vivat Jesu!

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

PITTSBURGH CHAPTER MEETING  
 OCTOBER 1 – 7:30 PM  
 ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA PARISH  
 COUNCIL #2555

**SET YOUR GPS/APP FOR DIRECTIONS TO PITTSBURGH CHAPTER COUNCIL MEETING AT ST.**

**CATHERINE OF SIENA – 199 McGovern Boulevard; Crescent, PA 15046**



**From I-79 North:** Get off Exit 65 and take Route 65 towards Sewickley. Continue driving to Ambridge and turn right on 8th St/PA989. Then turn left onto Maplewood Ave. Take the third left onto 11th St. 11th St becomes the Ambridge Aliquippa Bridge. Turn left onto Constitution Blvd/PA51. Continue to follow PA51. St Catherine is on the right just past PA151.

**From I-79 South:** Get off Exit 59B and take I376 towards Airport. Drive past the Airport and get off Exit 48 toward Hopewell. Turn right onto Gringo Rd/PA151 toward Hopewell/South Heights/Ambridge. Continue on PA151 crossing Brodhead Rd. Turn right onto PA51 and St Catherine is on the right.

Individuals who choose to take PA51 through Coraopolis will need to follow detour at Stoop Ferry Rd (Road is closed just before McGovern Blvd since bridge is being removed and replaced).



**K of C DONATES \$250,000 TO AID TO BAHAMAS**

The Knights of Columbus announced it will donate at least \$250,000 in assistance to the Bahamas in the wake of Hurricane Dorian.



Local Knights have already begun to help the islands' more than 70,000 residents who are coping with the massive destruction caused by the natural disaster.

Members of the Knights of Columbus are also preparing to help in Georgia and the Carolinas, which are expected to be affected by Dorian.

**KNIGHTS ADDRESS OPIOIDS CRISIS**



In a single Pennsylvania county, more than 400 people have died from opioid overdoses since 2016. The local Knights of Columbus are doing everything they can to educate their community and save lives.

John F. Kennedy Knights of Columbus Council 372 in Pittston organized The Opioid Fact Forum to inform families on the dangers of opioid abuse and speak candidly about the epidemic. This is just one of the many ways Knights around the world are promoting the culture of life and fighting to protect those who can't protect themselves.

The Knights advertised the event through local newspapers and television, bringing 100 people to the forum. Among the speakers were a drug and alcohol specialist, as well as a local judge and a coroner. Finally, a parent who lost a child to opioid abuse spoke, illustrating the horrible truth of the epidemic — those claimed by overdose were often young people.

Yonki spearheaded the event along with his brother Knights, handing attendees bags of resources. Along with the Knights council's local parishes, they invited members of 15 other local churches to attend. The Knights' diverse marketing strategy also resulted in their event being advertised during Saturday Night Live and the Christian Broadcasting Network on local affiliates.

"We just wanted the people in our service area to know that the Knights of Columbus is taking on the opioids abuse problem," Yonki said.

The Knights concluded the event with a question-and-answer session. Attendees used this time to share their own stories of overdose and its effects on their friends and family. The responsiveness of those present showed the Knights had identified a major need in their community.

*<from kofc.org by Joe Pappalardo>*

## ***WHAT ARE YOU WAITING FOR?***

I don't want to bore you with lots of statistics, but a recent survey from LIMRA (Life Insurance Marketing Research Association) found that only 59% of Americans own life insurance and about half of those are underinsured. So that means that 70% of the population either has no life insurance or has too little life insurance.

So what does that have to do with the Knights? The historian, Christopher Kauffman, spent several years at the Supreme Office and at the Museum, researching the book that he wrote on the 100th anniversary of our founding. That book, Faith and Fraternalism, notes on page 13, "...he [Fr. McGivney] was deeply interested in pursuing the topic of a Catholic fraternal insurance society among groups of Catholic laymen of New Haven." Then on page 35 Mr. Kauffman goes on, "...he [Fr. McGivney again] spent his energy in promoting the insurance feature...his emphasis on business was his pastoral concern for the social and financial security of the family."

Fr. McGivney lived both the social and the financial insecurity of a desperate family, with the breadwinner suddenly taken, that had to be supported. He left the seminary to work and support his mother and siblings. He didn't want other Catholic families to find themselves in such a predicament. That, and uniting men of faith, was the impetus for establishing our Order. Everyone who joined in those first years was insured; that was part and parcel of being in the organization. Now every member has a choice and every member should know what we do, and how we do it. Here's the process I use when I meet with families:

1. Discover – Identify & prioritize your financial goals
2. Gather Data – Collect facts & figures based on your current situation
3. Analyze – Input data, run calculations, identify shortfalls
4. Recommend – Propose a financial strategy designed to satisfy your goals
5. Implement – Choose a financial strategy and implement
6. Periodic Review – Review regularly, measure success, make adjustments

As you can tell, this is a painless process. But it can help any family, at any age, determine if they have blind spots in their coverage. It can help you avoid the pain of being underinsured. With a variety of life insurance products we offer we can help just about any person within any budget.

I don't know about you, but I don't want to buy life insurance...I want to buy what life insurance provides: no change in lifestyle for the survivors...in the house where they want to be. It'll pay for a daughter's wedding, a child's college education and much more. What does life insurance provide? Peace of mind, security, freedom from anxiety, a safeguard from the unknown.

That's where I can help.

Contact me today to arrange for an appointment in your home or wherever is most convenient for you.

Vivat Jesus!

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# OCTOBER 2019



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

# NOVEMBER 2019



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
***Family of Month Form Due					1 ALL SAINTS DAY	2 ALL SOULS DAY
3 DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME ENDS!	4	5 ELECTION DAY	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