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UPCOMING EVENTS:



ALL SAINTS DAY – NOVEMBER 1 – HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION

NOVEMBER 3 – VOTING DAY 

PITTSBURGH CHAPTER MEETING – NOVEMBER 3rd via Zoom – See more information on page 3 !!!

FAMILY OF THE MONTH FORM DUE ON NOVEMBER 15!!



NOVEMBER 26 – THANKSGIVING DAY



ADVENT BEGINS ON NOVEMBER 29 !!!!

A MESSAGE FROM THE CHAPTER PRESIDENT...

Worthy Brothers,



I would like to thank the Homestead Council for hosting the Pittsburgh Chapter Meeting in September. It was great to get together again in person and to enjoy such wonderful food after the meeting.

During this meeting, we had an excellent speech by Fr. Joe Freedy. He spoke about the Dry Bones Project (<https://www.drybonespgh.org/>) near Grove City that he is purchasing to help our youth become closer to Christ. He also spoke about his new initiative to create a Catholic Hospice in Pittsburgh. He is looking for Donations to these projects from the Councils of the Pittsburgh Chapter. Our Church is having difficult times right now and this is one way to help fix the problem beginning with the youth of our area. Please see the website above for more information and how to make a donation.

Another program that the Pittsburgh Chapter is now going to help council members support is the Box of Joy Program. <https://crosscatholic.org/box-of-joy/> This is a program by the Cross Catholic Outreach that is very easy to do and requires no money from the council or the Pittsburgh Chapter. Councils can sign up and have empty boxes sent to them. They had out these boxes to the members and the members fill them with items. The boxes are then returned and they are shipped overseas to help kids in need. This is a great program to help those in need and to help put a smile on a Child's face this Christmas season

This year, for the Memorial Mass, we are going to join Council #2201 for their 100th Anniversary celebration on December 20th, 2020. The event will start at 4 pm with Mass and will be followed by a dinner. More details will follow.

Thank you for all you do!

Vivat Jesu!

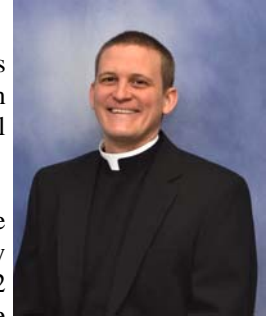
Andrew Smith, President, Pittsburgh Chapter of the K of C

PITTSBURGH CHAPTER MEETING
NOVEMBER 3
VIA ZOOM
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A MESSAGE FROM OUR CHAPLAIN

Brother Knights,

November is a solemn month to call to mind our hope in the Resurrection of Christ and His triumph over sin and death. We mark this by our celebration of the Solemn Feast Day of All Saints on November 1. We are in such great need of the prayers and intercession of the Saints in our time. Call on them for all your needs, as they are in the presence of God. All the Saints, pray for us.



November also is a time of special remembrance of all the souls of the faithful departed. We pray for our beloved family, friends, and loved ones who have died. We commend them to the mercy of God that “they may receive the reward of their goodness.” (see Christian Burial Ritual) November 2 marks the Remembrance of All Souls Day. It is a day to offer our prayers to God and pray for the souls of the dead. This concept of praying for the dead comes from the Sacred Scriptures. The second Book of Maccabees says, ⁴³ He (Judas Maccabeus) also took up a collection, man by man, to the amount of two thousand drachmas of silver, and sent it to Jerusalem to provide for a sin offering. In doing this he acted very well and honorably, taking account of the resurrection. ⁴⁴ For if he were not expecting that those who had fallen would rise again, it would have been superfluous and foolish to pray for the dead. ⁴⁵ But if he was looking to the splendid reward that is laid up for those who fall asleep in godliness, it was a holy and pious thought. Therefore he made atonement for the dead, so that they might be delivered from their sin. (2 Maccabees 12:43-45)

The Book of Maccabees gives us an example of those who trusted in the resurrection of life. We should pray for our beloved dead so that “if any stain of sin have clung to them, or any fault have effected them, it may be forgiven and wiped away.” (Pray of offering for the dead, Third Roman Missal).

We hope in the Resurrection of Christ and His saving power. We also know that each of us has been affected by sin. So we both hope for resurrection and pray for forgiveness for the benefit of the dead. It is our bodies that allow us to offer sacrifice, as Christ offered himself as a perpetual sacrifice to God the Father, through His body. We can offer sacrifices on behalf of those who have died. Since their souls are separated from their bodies, they are unable to offer sacrifices for themselves. We offer sacrifice in union with the eternal sacrifice of Christ in the celebration of mass. The mass is where all the souls of the Saints and the faithful departed gather with us around the altar to “make of us an eternal offering” (Third Roman Missal, Eucharistic Prayer III) to God the Almighty Father. We have much to pray for this November; may we offer our prayers, especially for our beloved dead through the intercession of All the Saints.

Grace & Peace,

Fr. Will Wuenschel, Chaplain

K of C CHAPTER MEETING ZOOM INFO

Join Zoom Meeting on November 3, 2020 by clicking on the following link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84419204530?pwd=N3ZnaDJMWEtnU2x1RzRLZGY1ZjU1QT09>

Meeting ID: **844 1920 4530**

Passcode: **728425**

Dial by your location via phone if unable to attend Zoom meeting via computer/tablet/smartphone.

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LET'S KEEP IN TOUCH

You have already received your 2020 Fraternal Survey. I hope you have completed and returned it. If not, please take the time to do so. Separate and distinct from the council fraternal survey, this survey is designed to help members update the Supreme Council on their information and circumstances, so that the Supreme Council can - in turn - advise them of the member benefits available to them that they may not be taking advantage of. And just what are those benefits?

Of course, you, your spouses and your dependent children have the exclusive opportunity to protect your financial future through the Knights of Columbus. The Knights of Columbus can insure your life, protect your family, safeguard your paycheck, help provide for your long-term care, and help you retire happily and comfortably. You know that part well. But that's not all. The Knights of Columbus also provides complimentary financial benefits to members, like our accidental death coverage.

One of the benefits of membership that I think is most important and most underrated is the simple benefit of having a relationship with a brother Knight Field Agent. Unlike my commercial counterparts, I share a common bond with you. We're brothers! And, as such, my primary focus is not to make a sale or close a deal, it's to help you determine what protection you and your family may need. My job is to help you identify solutions that work best for you, period.

So as a Knight, you can meet with me as often as you'd like. I can use some of our cutting-edge software and tools as well as my own experience to start exploring your financial situation, or your retirement, and present potential solutions for you and your family to consider. I can help you customize a plan for protection that is specific to your circumstances and your budget. But I can't help you with what I don't know.

So as things get somewhat back to normal, and we all start to ramp up again, I encourage you to make sure you completed your Fraternal Survey, and let me know what's new, and I'll be in touch to schedule a follow up conversation - virtual or otherwise - so we can talk about potential next steps.

I look forward to connecting soon.

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FOR CHIEFS' STAR KICKER – HIS CATHOLIC FAITH AND FAMILY ARE HIS PRIORITY



By: Andrew Fowler, Catholic News

Harrison Butker's impact on the football field is tremendous. As the kicker for the Kansas City Chiefs, he was a vital component to the team's victory in Super Bowl LIV.

But the morning after the game, as he told the attendees at the Knights of Columbus 55th annual College Councils Conference, he still had to take out the garbage. This simple act was a humbling reminder to him while on top of the football world.

"Outside of the bright lights of the stadium, with the fans and the notoriety that come with being an NFL player, the greatest impact that I will make with my time on this earth is remaining dedicated to my primary vocation — helping my family get to heaven," he said.

Butker, a member of the Knights of Columbus who joined while a student-athlete at Georgia Tech, challenged College Knights to make an impact on their communities and college campuses by "showing by our actions what a Christ-centered life looks like put into practice." Butker, 25, told the attendees that the "world needs Knights" and to rise above the "unfriendly" and "hostile" cancel culture spreading across college campuses. He added that "thankfully, adherence to popular opinion is not a prerequisite for heaven." To read the entire article, go to www.catholicnews.com.

ON WINNING THE J.J.PALMER AWARD

The J. J. Palmer award was the last agenda item of the Pittsburgh Chapter meeting held on Tue. Oct. 6th at St. Thomas The Apostle Church, worship site of St. Maximillian Kolbe Parish located in Homestead, Pa. The meeting was hosted by the Homestead Council #2201, who did an amazing job holding the first live meeting, since the Covid 19 shut-down, and providing a wonderful repast for everybody's enjoyment. The award presentation was made by State Treasurer, Former Master, and J.J.Palmer Chairman, Michael Lynch. The acceptance, given by myself, was the following:

" Worthy Rev. Fathers, Worthy State Officers, Brother Knights All,"

" It is with great surprise, that I stand before you tonight, to accept this most prestigious of Knights Of Columbus awards."

" When I view the list of J.J.Palmer recipients, I see the many names of Knights, who have certainly put their hearts and souls into our Order, and I am truly humbled.

"I wish to thank those of the committee and former recipients for their votes and ask that they please know, that I accept this recognition gratefully, with honor and humility."

Joseph T Ferruzza,
Former Pittsburgh Chapter President

"WHO WAS J. J. PALMER?"

By Joe Ferruzza, Former Chapter President

We know one of the K of C's most prestigious awards is named after him, but how many of us know who he really was. James J. Palmer lived from 1910 to 1974. He was married to Nora Davis in 1934 and they went on to parent four children and 12 grandchildren.

James joined the Knights of Columbus in 1949, and proceeded to be a Past Grand Knight of Pittsburgh Council #491, President of the Pittsburgh Chapter, Manager of the Knighthood Degree Team of Western Pennsylvania. He also served as State Chairman, District Deputy and Master of the Second PA District, Calvert Province of the Fourth Degree, and General Chairman of three State Conventions.

He also served on the Bishop's Project Board, was director of the "Knights and Nobles" charities and a Delegate to the C Y A. James J. Palmer was a man who sought not self recognition, but whose concern it was that the work of others, not go unnoticed. He was a man who had a unique way of getting others to work for him, because he did not shy away from work himself.

Such was the man we remember. The memory of a deep devotion to Christ, a warm love of family and friends, and an openness to the world as God made it.

Let us hold on to that memory with gratitude and pride, of having had the privilege to name our highest award in his honor.

4 PRINCIPLES
4 REASONS

CHARITY UNITY FRATERNITY PATRIOTISM



NOVEMBER 2020



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
 1 All Saints Day	2 All Souls Day	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 Advent	30					***Family of Month Form Due

DECEMBER 2020



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
***Family of Month Form Due		1	2	3	4	5
6 2nd Sunday of Advent	7	8 Immaculate Conception	9	10	11	12
13 3rd Sunday of Advent	14	15 ***	16	17	18	19
20 4th Sunday of Advent	 21 First Day of Winter	22	23	24	 25	26
27	28	29	30	31 New Year's Eve		