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UPCOMING EVENTS:



PITTSBURGH CHAPTER MEMORIAL MASS AND DINNER – DEC.



14, 2021 – MASS AT 6:30 PM DINNER TO FOLLOW – ST. MAXIMILIAN KOLBE PARISH HALL – 363 W. 11ST AVE EXT. HOMESTEAD PA

FAMILY OF THE MONTH FORM DUE ON DECEMBER 15!!



A MESSAGE FROM THE CHAPTER PRESIDENT...

Brothers and Families of the Pittsburgh Chapter,

I want to thank all our Veterans and their families as well as any of our service members such as Police, Fire, Hospital and too many to name them all— but we give you all our thanks for your service.

Happy Belated Thanksgiving and Continued Happy Fall Season to All!

Brothers, now is the time. With the holidays now in full swing, we have a great opportunity to show our Fraternal support for our Brother Knights. To keep our members, we need to have some type of personal contact with them. Email is convenient but NOT personal. We need to have a personal connection with them. Often, we only communicate when it's bill time.



That's not fraternal, that's financial.

I'm asking each of the Councils within our Chapter to coordinate a means to telephone or meet face to face with your members. It doesn't have to be the GK or FS. Create a phone tree, distribute the names to your officers and program directors, ask their proposers to call them, or just ask for volunteers.

I suggest you invite your members to a Council Christmas party. It should be something fun where there is no pressure. During the invite, ask them how they and their families are doing. Ask them if there is anything the Council can do for them of if there is something they'd like the Council to do. Tell them about one of your projects that went well this year. Engage them in the conversation.

Report any incorrect contact information to your FS who then will, hopefully, update the Council's Membership Management database and contact Supreme to update their database. Don't forget to follow up with a call after you get the new updated information. Be proactive!

I wish you and your family a happy and blessed Merry Christmas Season! Vivat Jesus,

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

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year

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PITTSBURGH CHAPTER MEETING
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 14, 2021
MASS AT 6:30 PM – DINNER TO FOLLOW
St. Maximilian Kolbe Parish Hall
(St Thomas the Apostle Parish)
363 W. 11th Ave. Ext.; Homestead, PA 15120

A MESSAGE FROM OUR CHAPLAIN

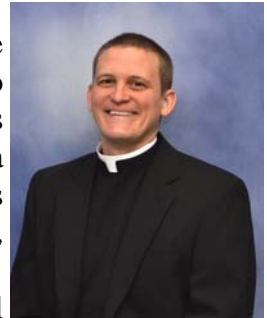
Brother Knights,

As we enter this sacred Season of Advent, we anticipate with great hope the remembrance of the coming of Our Savior Jesus Christ into the world. It is neither too early nor too late to wish someone a Blessed Advent and Merry Christmas! Christmas is the season that should always be alive in our hearts. Giving the greeting of a Blessed Christmas brings hope to the hearts of people who live in doubt and fear. It is a greeting that penetrates the soul and enlivens in others a sense that they have worth, value, and human dignity.

While many people will stop celebrating Christmas on December 26th, we will just be beginning the Christmas Season in the Church. We will celebrate until January 9th, ending with the Solemn Feast of the Baptism of the Lord. The wonderful mystery of God becoming man, the Incarnation, cannot be contained in one day. So, as we anticipate this great mystery in four weeks of Advent, and celebrate with joy throughout the Christmas Season as well. Always keeping Christ's birth alive in our hearts.

Our faith tells us "there is one God, the Father, for whom are all things and for whom we exist, and one Lord, Jesus Christ, through who are all things and through whom we exist. However, not all possess this knowledge." (1 Cor 8:6-7a) God's love is freely given to us, and is to be freely shared with all that we meet. Therefore, do not be timid in sharing a Christmas greeting of joy, peace, and love that Jesus offers to us, throughout the Christmas Season. May everyone know this Christmas season that you are a Christian, a faithful disciple of Jesus Christ, and beloved child of God the Father. Using the greeting a Blessed and Merry Christmas, is not only a well wish for another, but brings upon them a true blessing from the Christ child through you, who faithfully witness to the power of God's love.

May you, your family, friends, and loved one's have a Blessed and Merry Christmas! May the joy and peace of the Christ Child enter into your hearts and lives this Christmas Season and always.



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



Try these Christmas Trivia Questions (answers on page 3 – don't peek!!!)

- 1) In which modern-day country was St. Nicholas born in?
- 2) Which Hollywood actor played six different roles in The Polar Express?
- 3) Which one of Santa's reindeer has the same name as another holiday mascot?
- 4) Which country started the tradition of putting up a Christmas tree?
- 5) What was the highest-grossing Christmas movie of all time?
- 6) What is the best-selling Christmas song ever?
- 7) Three of Santa's reindeer's names begin with the letter "D." What are those names?
- 8) What popular Christmas song was actually written for Thanksgiving?
- 9) What department store is featured in the Christmas movie "Miracle on 34th Street?"
- 10) How many gifts in total were given in "The Twelve Days of Christmas" song?

INSURANCE INFORMATION

THE GIFT OF FINANCIAL SECURITY

With holidays approaching we get busier and busier...right through to the end of the year. It seems nearly non-stop with family gatherings, holiday shopping, special programs at the parish and at schools. Everybody gets busy! From what I've read about shipping and trucking delays of getting shelves restocked it looks like Christmas shopping will need to start even earlier for many.

As busy as you are, here is one item that needs your attention: If you have not yet completed the Annual Survey, please take just a few minutes and respond. It's easier than ever; it can be done online at www.KofCSurvey2021.org. Your responses help your Field Agent understand your current situation better. That in turn allows him to be of better service to you. For some of you that means referring you or a family member to one of our many fraternal benefits. For others it may mean updating important contact or family information. Still others may benefit from a comprehensive look at their current insurance plans. With our new financial need's analysis tool and a few minutes together, your Field Agent can give you an accurate picture of where you stand when it comes to your family's protection. With our full suite of products, life insurance, long-term care insurance, disability income insurance and retirement annuities, we can help in most any situation.

Our financial needs analysis allows us to gather information from you and make fact-based recommendations based on your wants, needs, and desires. With the help of computer modeling, we can look at a variety of scenarios and help ensure you are on the right track regardless what lies ahead.

Now, before things get too busy, plan to meet with an agent and take a look at where you stand. Maybe you're in good shape in one area but could use some shoring up in another. Those blind spots can be problematic, but once identified you can take the necessary steps to address them.

Thank you to the many brothers who have met with me so far this year. I've been very fortunate to be of service to them and their families. Even as the end of the year gets busy, I look forward to helping more.

Vivat Jesus,

Joseph Latess, Ed.D, FICF
Field Agent and Brother Knight



MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW !!!!!!!

The Annual **Three Rivers Mass** to mark the anniversary of the First Mass held in Pittsburgh in 1754 by Father Denys Baron will – after a two-year hiatus – be celebrated **at St. Anthony Chapel on Troy Hill (1704 Harpster Street, Pittsburgh PA 15212) at 10:00 am on Saturday, April 23, 2022.**



This is an important work of the Knights of Columbus and a tangible link to the beginning of the Church's history in Pittsburgh, All members are encouraged to attend.

Michael O'Connell – 1st Vice-President – Pittsburgh Chapter.



Answers to Christmas Trivia: 1) Turkey ; 2) Tom Hanks ; 3) Cupid ; 4) Germany ; 5) Home Alone ; 6) White Christmas by Bing Crosby ; 7) Dasher, Dancer, and Donder (sometimes incorrectly called Donner) ; 8) Jingle Bells ; 9) Macys, 10) 364Merry Christmas !!!!!

DECEMBER 2021



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

JANUARY 2022



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
**Family of Month Form Due	January 1st – Solemnity of Mary					1
2	3	4	5	6 Epiphany	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15 **
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
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