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## A MESSAGE FROM OUR CHAPLAIN...

My friends in the Knights of Columbus:

As you read this, I am still in The Holy Land enjoying quality time with my family. I always liked the story of Jesus' first miracle – changing water into wine. Mary said to her son: "They have no wine." Her emphatic statement at the wedding feast of Cana was a really a "prayer." That prayer was answered in a way that was likely far beyond her wildest expectations. Almost 150 gallons of the finest wine was changed from the water. Mary simply brought her concern to her son, Jesus, without specifying "how" and "when" Jesus should respond.

When we make a prayer of petition we often mention "how" we would like our prayer answered, but sometimes I like to copy Mary's' Cana-style of praying. Instead of telling the Lord "how" and "when" I would like my special request answered, I just express what is on my mind and I put my trust that Jesus has a better answer than I have.

For example, if a little child has an earache, the child never designates the remedy, but just cries out "Mama!". Mother will know what to do. If we have that same trust in God, we can express our hurts, fears, expectations, hopes or any other concerns and feel assured that our loving God will always know what is best to do.

Pray like this:  
"Jesus, I'm praying to you because I just wanted you to know I have a problem."

Finally, I wish all my friends in the Knights of Columbus and also their families a very blessed new year of 2008.  
-Fr. Naos

The annual Respect for Life Mass will be held on January 20, 2008 at 12 Noon at St. Paul's Cathedral in Oakland. Bishop Paul Bradley will be celebrating the Mass. Call Bill Schmidt at 412-766-6574

## UPCOMING EVENTS

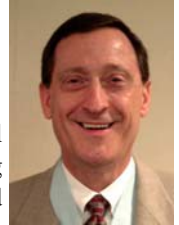
Respect for Life Mass  
January 20, 2008  
at St. Paul's Cathedral (Oakland)



Annual March for Life,  
January 22, 2008  
Washington, District of Columbia

Chapter Meeting – Friday, January  
25 at Penn-Allegheny Council  
#4242

## A MESSAGE FROM THE CHAPTER PRESIDENT



My Brother Knights:

I hope all enjoyed a relaxing and Blessed Christmas season

and, ready or not, we have begun a new year. May we will all enjoy a healthy and happy 2008 in our family and council lives.

As we begin this year, let me address a question that seems to crop up from time to time. **What does the Pittsburgh Chapter do for my council?** One of the biggest advantages of attending the Pittsburgh Chapter meetings is learning what other councils are doing in the five service areas. Councils looking for ways to improve their council's *Surge with Service* programs can acquire ideas from other chapter councils. I have always believed this to be an opportunity to "Adopt or Adapt" reported activities to improve any council's service programs.

This fraternal year, the Pittsburgh Chapter officers introduced  
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**PITTSBURGH CHAPTER MEETING**  
**FRIDAY, JANUARY 25**  
**AT PENN-ALLEGHENY**  
**COUNCIL #4242**



**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**  
IN SERVICE TO ONE. IN SERVICE TO ALL.

**PITTSBURGH CHAPTER  
MEETINGS  
4TH FRIDAY OF EACH  
MONTH!  
7:30 PM**

***DIRECTIONS TO PENN-  
ALLEGHENY COUNCIL  
#4242 – ST. JOSEPH'S  
CHURCH:***

*(from Yahoo Maps):*

From North of Pittsburgh via Route 28 South:

- ◆ Take exit #11/HARMAR/  
PENNSYLVANIA TURNPIKE (I-76) -  
go 0.2 mi
- ◆ Turn LEFT on INDIANOLA RD(PA-  
910) - go 0.6 mi
- ◆ Turn RIGHT on FREEPORT RD - go 0.9  
mi
- ◆ Turn LEFT on HULTON BRIDGE - go  
0.3 mi
- ◆ Continue on HULTON RD - go 0.2 mi
- ◆ Turn RIGHT on ALLEGHENY RIVER  
BLVD - go 1.3 mi
- ◆ Turn LEFT on CENTER AVE - go 0.4 mi
- ◆ Turn LEFT on 2ND AVE - go < 0.1 mi
- ◆ Arrive at 825 2ND AVE, VERONA, ST.  
JOSEPH'S CHURCH on the RIGHT

From downtown Pittsburgh area:

- ◆ Pass PNC Park and take ramp onto PA-28  
N - go 4.4 mi
- ◆ Take ramp toward R.D. FLEMING BR/  
SHARPSBURG - go 0.2 mi
- ◆ Turn RIGHT on BRIDGE ST - go < 0.1 mi
- ◆ Continue on 62ND ST BRIDGE - go 0.4  
mi
- ◆ Turn LEFT on BUTLER ST (PA-8) - go  
1.0 mi
- ◆ Continue to follow PA-8 - go 0.6 mi
- ◆ Bear LEFT on GREEN BELT(PA-130) -  
go 2.7 mi
- ◆ Continue on ALLEGHENY RIVER  
BLVD - go 1.7 mi
- ◆ Turn RIGHT on CENTER AVE - go 0.4  
mi
- ◆ Turn LEFT on 2ND AVE - go < 0.1 mi
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**Publicity Request** – please try to send our editors the names and e-mail addresses of newspapers serving the local communities within the Pittsburgh Chapter area!

**GASOLINE TIPS – SAVE SOME  
MONEY ON YOUR CHAPTER  
MEETING TRIPS!!**

Only buy or fill up your car or truck in the early morning when the ground temperature is still cold. The colder the ground the more dense the gasoline; when it gets warmer gasoline expands, so buying in the afternoon or in the evening...your gallon is not exactly a gallon.



When you're filling up, do not squeeze the trigger of the nozzle to a fast mode. In slow mode you should be pumping on low speed, thereby minimizing the vapors that are created while you are pumping. Those vapors are being sucked up and back into the underground storage tank so you're getting less worth for your money.

One of the most important tips is to fill up when your gas tank is HALF FULL or HALF EMPTY. The reason for this is, the more gas you have in your tank the less air occupying its empty space. Gasoline evaporates faster than you can imagine.

If there is a gasoline truck pumping into the storage tanks, DO NOT fill up! Most likely the gasoline is being stirred up as the gas is being delivered, and you might pick up some of the dirt that normally settles on the bottom.

**K of C Insurance Set 3  
New Records in 2007**

**Looking for a possible  
recruiting tool?**

Knights of Columbus life insurance in force reached \$66.1 billion at the end of 2007, setting a new all-time record, Supreme Knight and Chief Executive Officer Carl A. Anderson announced Jan. 2. It was the seventh consecutive year of insurance sales growth for the Order.

To inform prospective members more about the advantages of K of C insurance, go to:  
[www.kofc.org/un/insurance/index.cfm](http://www.kofc.org/un/insurance/index.cfm)

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the *Steel City Council Award*. The program is intended to recognize one council each month as the "Steel City Council". The chosen council sends a description of the program activity to the Chapter Secretary for distribution at the next chapter meeting. Delegates can then report on the activity at their council's monthly meeting for consideration to "*Adopt or Adapt*."

Here are the councils that have already been selected as "Steel City Councils".

- ◆ August, 2007 – **Pius XII # 4925 Monroeville** – Rosebud Program to support mother's with "unplanned pregnancies"
- ◆ September, 2007 – **St. Francis of Assisi # 2555 Coraopolis** – Appreciation Dinner for Priests
- ◆ October, 2007 – **Pittsburgh East End # 3530** – Council Mass and Coffee Hour
- ◆ November, 2007 – **Our Lady of Olives #3907** – Lunch for Retired Priests
- ◆ December, 2007 – **Duquesne-West Mifflin # 4210** – Widow's Appreciation Night

Will your council be the next "Steel City Council"?

Attend the upcoming chapter meeting and present your council's unique and unusual service project.

Fraternally yours,

—Joseph Yourish, PSD  
Chapter President

**NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTION?**

**INCREASE YOUR MEMBERSHIP DURING 2008!**

Sometimes, the hardest thing about recruiting is taking the first step.

Recruiting a new member can be as easy as asking them to join.

Amazingly, many individuals haven't joined the Knights simply because they have never been asked to join.

When the opportunity arrives, take the initiative and start a conversation with a prospect.  
(from the K of C website at [www.kofc.org](http://www.kofc.org))