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A MESSAGE FROM OUR CHAPLAIN...

My friends in the Knights of Columbus: I was reading the Gospel of Matthew yesterday and I came across the passage on Jesus calling him. "Jesus saw a man named Matthew at the customs post. He said to him, 'Follow me.' And he got up and followed him."

Matthew held a very lucrative position as a tax collector. Some of his fellow county men despised him for collecting taxes for the Romans. I am sure that others envied him his wealth. In Matthew's time, there were very few wealthy people. It is interesting to note that Matthew had no problem leaving his wealth in order to follow Jesus' call. His single-minded admiration of Jesus allowed him to let it go.

It is a privilege to be asked to follow Jesus. The invitation is addressed to all of us and it is a sign of God's love. What would you be willing to sacrifice in order to follow Jesus' call? When I reflect on this, following Jesus means sharing our superfluous resources with the needy, spending time with someone

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UPCOMING EVENTS

**Bellevue Council #1400
Memorial Mass & Meeting
Friday,
December 12, 2008**

**Three Rivers Mass
April 19, 2009
10:00 AM
St. Mary's Church**

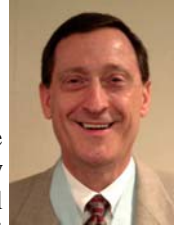
CONGRATULATIONS TO PAT BOCCARDI FOR BEING THE RECIPIENT OF THE JAMES J. PALMER AWARD FOR 2008!



**Penny Collection
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Tootsie Roll Project
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A MESSAGE FROM THE CHAPTER PRESIDENT...

My Brother Knights:



At the beginning of my term, I asked all Grand Knights to add to their council meeting agenda a new item of business – the *Pittsburgh Chapter Delegates Report to the Council*. The objective of this additional report is to increase council members' awareness of Pittsburgh Chapter activities and actions. Along with the new Pittsburgh Chapter website (www.pittsburghchapterkofc.org), the emailing **The Pittsburgh Knight**, the creation of an email address list of delegates, we have tried to improve communication and increase the dissemination of information to our Brother Knights in the Pittsburgh Chapter. We hope you are finding these increased efforts helpful and beneficial.

Moving on to another issue, we are again in the midst of the Bishop of Pittsburgh Project to aid the St. Anthony School Program and the McGuire Home. Councils are
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**PITTSBURGH CHAPTER MEETING
WEDNESDAY, NOV. 5, 2008
AT DUQUESNE-WEST MIFFLIN
COUNCIL #4210**

**PITTSBURGH CHAPTER
MEETINGS
FIRST TUESDAY OF
EACH MONTH!
7:30 PM**

DIRECTIONS TO:

**Duquesne-West Mifflin
Council #4210 [Directions from
Parkway (I-376 West or East)]**

- ◆ Take exit #7/EDGEWOOD/
SWISSVALE - go 0.3 mi
- ◆ Turn on S BRADDOCK AVE -
go 1.2 mi
- ◆ Continue on KENMAWR AVE -
go 0.1 mi
- ◆ Continue on RIDGE ST - go 0.2
mi
- ◆ Continue on GREEN BELT - go
0.5 mi
- ◆ Turn LEFT on PA-837 - go 1.7
mi
- ◆ Turn RIGHT on HOFFMAN
BLVD - go 0.6 mi
- ◆ Bear RIGHT on
COMMONWEALTH AVE - go
0.3 mi
- ◆ Turn LEFT on HOMEVILLE
RD - go 1.3 mi
- ◆ Turn RIGHT on WORTON
BLVD - go 0.1 mi
- ◆ Turn LEFT on WORTON
BLVD - go < 0.1 mi
- ◆ Bear LEFT on CONLIN ST - go
0.2 mi
- ◆ Turn LEFT on PENNSYLVANIA
AVE - go < 0.1 mi
- ◆ Arrive at 2017 PENNSYLVANIA
AVE, on the RIGHT



**ARE YOU READING SOMEONE
ELSE'S COPY OF THE
PITTSBURGH KNIGHT?
WANT YOUR OWN?**

Please send your e-mail address to Mike Conroy at
patnmike5@comcast.net if you want to be placed on
the Pittsburgh Chapter mailing list.

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who is lonely, forgiving
someone who has hurt us and
giving God our attention in
prayer, to make a few
suggestions. I know that
sometimes doing these things is
difficult. But if you give it an
honest try, you will have a great
sense of peace.
God bless you all.

Fr. Naos



UPCOMING MEETINGS

**December Meeting
Bellevue
Council #1400
Friday,
December 12, 2008**

**January 6, 2009
Verona
Penn Allegheny
Council #4242
Verona, PA**

**February 3
St. Francis of Assisi
Council #2555**

**March 3
Queen of Peace
Council #5367**

April – Open

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conducting Tootsie Roll Drives and
Penny Collections. There is some
concern that in this economy the
Project may not be as successful as in
past years. I hope that more councils
will hold a Tootsie Roll Drive and/or a
Penny Collection to help negate the
“economy factor”.

October 17 was seals pickup
day. Hopefully by now, councils have
contacted their pastors to set up
distribution dates in the parishes.
Brother Knights will be receiving their
personal seals project envelope during
the first two weeks of November.
Please make a personal contribution
and be as generous as you can.

It may be a few weeks off, but
time has a way of moving quickly.
When the end of November rolls
around, keep in mind the blessings we
have and enjoy a restful and thankful
Thanksgiving. On behalf of all the
officers of the Pittsburgh Chapter, I
wish you each a Happy Thanksgiving.

Fraternally,

Joseph S. Yourish, PSD

CONDOLENCES TO....

...the family of Former
Chapter President (1989-1991) and
Palmer Awardee (1992) **Sir Knight
Samuel J. Colega**, who passed away
on October 12, 2008. Please keep
Sam and his family in your prayers.

Sam was also a Past Grand
Knight of Council #491.

Memorials in his name may
be made to Marian Manor, 2695
Winchester Drive; Pittsburgh, PA
15220.

May his Soul rest in peace

**DAYLIGHT SAVINGS
TIME ENDS ON
NOVEMBER 2, 2008!
TURN YOUR CLOCKS
BACK ONE HOUR!!!!**



Penny Collections An Easy Way to Meet / Exceed Your Council Goal

by Mike Fader



A Penny Collection is so easy to do, and so rewarding, that it is amazing that more councils are not conducting these "Parish" Fund Raising Drives ! Essentially, a drive consists of standing out front of each church doorway about thirty minutes before every mass and ten minutes afterward. (Your volunteers attend the Mass they are working) We want to appeal to the parishioners' senses, so each collector should either be wearing a yellow & red K of C apron which says "HELP EXCEPTIONAL CHILDREN" & "Knights of Columbus" on it, or a make-shift neck-sign consisting of 8 1/2 x 11" brightly colored paper - printed as largely as possible with the same two messages - attached by a string around the neck of the collector. (putting the paper in a plastic sleeve with a cardboard backing will protect it against the wind) Use one gallon jugs (milk, water, etc) with a large deposit hole cut in the upper neck (outlined in black marking ink), and again an 8 1/2 X 5 1/2" label printed with "HELP EXCEPTIONAL CHILDREN". (Note; no Tootsie Rolls or other "give-aways" are needed at a Parish Drive).

As each parishioner approaches you, call out loud enough to easily hear: " Help Exceptional Children" ! Many parishioners will give - on the way in. If they say they'll "get you on the way out" say "Thank You", thereby making a contract with them !!

A Penny Collection begins by approaching your pastors, either in writing, by phone, or in person, to ask permission to conduct a Penny Collection for "Exceptional Children". Check with the secretary to make sure the weekend you want is free of other "diocesan collections", or parish "special collections", then contact the pastor for permission. Since you'd like to have two bulletin announcements for the collection: one the weekend before, and one the week of the collection, it helps to write these up in advance and include them with your request, thereby completing in one step - permission for the event and the two announcements.

It helps to give a little information about the St Anthony School Program and McGuire Home in your announcements; and with your week of the collection announcement, include a name / address where a parishioner can belatedly send something if they came unprepared. (it helps to have some envelopes made up with "Knights of Columbus", Name/Address of FS on them. If someone says they don't have any money, ask them if they'd like to take an envelope).

Most of your members will be attending some Mass at one of your parishes on the day of your collection, so volunteering is an easy step. Also, wives and children (12+) can help out in a pinch. You'll find that almost 85% plus of your parishioners will give something - usually bills and checks. A Penny Collection, depending on parish size - should raise \$500 - \$1200 + + !!!

May to October are ideal months to conduct a Penny Collection, plus Mid-February, just before the end of the Bishop's Project Drive. If you have a parish not taking SEALS, anytime is ideal for a Penny Collection.

With the current hard economic times, we Knights need to use every tool in our kit to make / exceed our Council Goals. Penny Collections can be a very productive way to increase your council results.



TOOTSIE ROLL CAMPAIGN ROLLS ON...

SUBMITTED BY: **Joe McCullough, Tootsie Roll Chairman**



Five months remain in this year's campaign. Did you have a Tootsie Roll drive yet? If you missed your goal last year and you did not have a Tootsie Roll drive, there is time to achieve this year's mark.

Plan to hold a Tootsie Roll drive in January or February. Tootsie Rolls cost \$17.25 a case and the minimum order is 18 cases. I have order forms if you need one. A 33 case or more order qualifies for free shipping.

Bellevue Council #1400 ([Russ Redshaw, 412-766-0219 \(home\), 412-735-0359 \(cell\)](#)), Regis Sheehan #12355 ([Joe Ferruzza, 412-341-2823](#)) and St. Theresa of Avila #13959 ([Leo Zoeller, 412-708-8337](#)) have volunteered to warehouse a supply of Tootsie Rolls to assist smaller councils in the Pittsburgh Chapter. If your council needs only a few boxes in order to hold a drive, these councils will be able assist your needs. Please let me know how many cases you want well before the planned collection date. Then I can get the Tootsie Rolls and try to have them for you at the Project meeting that takes place after your request is made. Also, if you have an idea how many cases you will need next year, please let me know. I know one of these councils will place its order early next year.

Remember, I am here to help. Don't know how to get businesses in your community to allow your council to solicit funds? Aren't sure where to get aprons? Contact me at (412) 403-0772 or mcincory@comcast.net with any questions that you have.



Vivat Jesus!
Joe McCullough
 Tootsie Roll Chairman

2008 - 2009 Adopt-A-Seminarian Program

Notices were sent out to all Grand Knights and known Vocations Chairmen on October 2, 2008 regarding the 2008-2009 Pittsburgh Diocese "Adopt-A-Seminarian" program. To date we have only heard back from six councils indicating their willingness to participate in this very important program.

The notices were all sent out via E-mail and some councils reported some difficulty in opening the attachments. This information is now available on the Pittsburgh Chapter web site at - www.pittsburghchapterkofc.org simply click on "Vocations" and you can access all that has been published.

There are eight new seminarians this year, along with the 23 returning seminarians to give us one of our largest groups of seminarians in several years. They all need our prayers and support in their journey to His Holy Priesthood. We urge all councils and assemblies to join with us in praying for and supporting vocations.

Please have your membership act upon this ASAP.

Joe Cummings, PSD K of C Diocesan Vocations Coordinator

“HEADLINE BISTRO” – SAVE IT IN YOUR INTERNET FAVORITES!!!!

The Knights of Columbus has established an Internet-based news and information service for Catholics – **Headline Bistro** (www.headlinebistro.com). The new Web site provides a digest of daily news of interest to Catholics. You'll also find video clips, detailed state-by-state information about voting and public policy, and recommended books.