



# THE PITTSBURGH KNIGHT

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## A MESSAGE FROM OUR CHAPLAIN...

My friends in the Knights of Columbus:

I was in Ireland for Christmas and visited my mother's parish in Gortvagh, County. Leitrim.

The Sunday bulletin had this gem and I wish to share it with you.

### *In 2009, Be Thankful For....*

*The mess I have to clean up after a party, it means I have friends.*

*The taxes I have to pay, it means I have a job.*

*The clothes that fit me tightly, it means I have enough food to eat.*

*The parking space I find on the far side of the parking lot, it means I can walk.*

*The piles of laundry and ironing, it means that I have clothes to wear.*

*I am thankful for the complaining I hear about our government, it means I have freedom of speech.*

*I am thankful for weariness and aching muscles at the end of the day, it means I have been productive.*

*The alarm that goes off in the morning, it means I am ALIVE.*

God bless you all, **Fr. Naos**

## JAMES J. PALMER AWARD NOMINATIONS

The James J. Palmer Award is open to any 3rd Degree member in good standing of an active member council of the Pittsburgh Chapter. Nominations may be made by any individual K of C member, Council, or 4th Degree Assembly affiliated with the Pittsburgh Chapter.

This year's chairman, Bob Conroy, asks every council to consider nominating someone for this award.

The deadline for receipt of this nomination form is **September 15th** of the current year.

Nomination forms are available on the chapter website for your convenience.

## UPCOMING EVENT

Three Rivers Mass  
April 19, 2009

## A MESSAGE FROM THE CHAPTER PRESIDENT...

My Brother Knights:

*Will you be there?*



In this month's newsletter I want to address two items of concern regarding the chapter. The first is of immediate concern and the other is an item for the Spring.

Of immediate concern is the Bishop's Project. I addressed this issue in last month's newsletter, but it bears mentioning once again. As with the nation's and our own personal finances, the current returns in all areas are lagging behind last year's results. There is still time to make contributions. Hopefully, councils will hold a last minute Tootsie Roll Drive or conduct a Penny Collection before the deadline. Additionally, through council newsletters or phone chains, I ask that council leaders to remind Brother Knights, if they haven't as yet, to make a contribution to the Project using the member envelop mailed in

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**PITTSBURGH CHAPTER MEETING**  
**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 2009**  
**AT ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI**  
**COUNCIL #2555**

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

**DIRECTIONS St. Margaret  
Mary Church, Moon Township,  
PA:**

**From the North (Route 28-S):**

- ◆ Once in Pittsburgh area, take ramp toward EAST OHIO ST (I-279) - go 0.2 mi
- ◆ Continue on E OHIO ST toward I-279 - go 0.2 mi
- ◆ Turn LEFT to take ramp onto I-279 S - go 7.0 mi
- ◆ Continue on US-22 W toward AIRPORT/US-30 W - go 4.4 mi
- ◆ Continue on PA-60 N - go 2.0 mi
- ◆ Take exit #3/MOON onto AIRPORT PKY (PA-60-BR) - go 2.5 mi
- ◆ Take ramp toward CORAOPOLIS/SEWICKLEY/THORN RUN ROAD - go 0.1 mi
- ◆ Turn LEFT on THORN RUN RD - go 0.5 mi
- ◆ Turn LEFT on BEAVER GRADE RD - go 0.8 mi
- ◆ Turn RIGHT on PARISH DR - go < 0.1 mi
- ◆ Arrive at 1 PARISH PL, MOON TOWNSHIP, on the LEFT

From the Monroeville area near the Pennsylvania Turnpike Interchange:

- ◆ Take ramp onto I-376 W toward PITTSBURGH/US-22 W - go 14.7 mi
- ◆ Bear LEFT on I-279 S - go 5.6 mi
- ◆ Continue on US-22 W toward AIRPORT/US-30 W - go 4.4 mi
- ◆ Continue on PA-60 N - go 2.0 mi
- ◆ Take exit #3/MOON onto AIRPORT PKY (PA-60-BR) - go 2.5 mi
- ◆ Take ramp toward CORAOPOLIS/SEWICKLEY/THORN RUN ROAD - go 0.1 mi
- ◆ Turn LEFT on THORN RUN RD - go 0.5 mi
- ◆ Turn LEFT on BEAVER GRADE RD - go 0.8 mi
- ◆ Turn RIGHT on PARISH DR - go < 0.1 mi and arrive at 1 PARISH PL, MOON TOWNSHIP, on LEFT.



**HAVE YOU SUBMITTED  
YOUR DELEGATE LISTS  
TO THE CHAPTER  
SECRETARY????  
PLEASE CHECK WITH  
TOM McDONALD,  
CHAPTER SECRETARY,  
AT THE NEXT MEETING  
OR SEND HIM AN E-MAIL  
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**UPCOMING MEETINGS**

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

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

**April - Open**

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early November. Collections and tabulations for the 2008-2009 Project end officially on February 28. Many councils will be making final contributions at the February project meeting on Friday February 20. I am hoping to see many council representatives at that meeting. *Will you be there?*

Now on to the item for the spring. Each year the Pittsburgh Chapter commemorates the first Mass celebrated on April 16, 1754 by Father Denys Baron at what we now know as the Point in Pittsburgh. Over the past few years attendance and participation by Brother Knights at this event has been on the decline. For unknown reasons there seems to be reluctance to celebrate our Catholic religious heritage in Pittsburgh. This year is the 255<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Father Baron's First Mass at the Point. The Pittsburgh Chapter will celebrate this anniversary on Sunday April 19, 2009 at the 10:00 am Mass at St. Mary's Church in downtown Pittsburgh. After Mass a continental breakfast and social will be held in Lawless Hall in the basement of the church. I am asking each council in the chapter to commit to sending representatives to this Mass. Let's try to revive this chapter tradition and honor our Catholic forefathers who brought our Catholic faith to the region.

*Will you be there?*

**Joseph S. Yourish, PSD  
Chapter President**

**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 our the  
Pittsburgh Chapter mailing list.

**STEEL COUNCIL AWARD – JUST WHAT IS IT??????**

The *Steel City Council Award* recognizes one council’s activity by sharing it with councils around the Chapter. Then, when the Pittsburgh Chapter report is presented at the next council meeting, one of the delegates can explain the activity and, perhaps, encourage the membership to try it locally.

Some past activities that were recognized include:

Pius XII #4925 Monroeville - Rosebud Program to support mother’s with “unplanned pregnancies

St. Francis of Assisi # 2555 Coraopolis –Appreciation Dinner for Priests

Pittsburgh East End # 3530 - Council Mass and Coffee Hour

Our Lady of Olives #3907 - Lunch for Retired Priests

Duquesne-West Mifflin # 4210 - Widow’s Appreciation Night

Why not share your council’s program ideas? Send a description of a program activity to the Chapter Secretary and your council might be the next *Steel City Council!*

Below is a re-cap of the Holy Ghost Council #10812 award information from last month.



**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS  
PITTSBURGH CHAPTER**



**STEEL CITY COUNCIL**  
Holy Ghost Council #10812

**Name and Description of Project:** “40 Days for Life” – This project is a national one that our council participated in. This project is the participation in activities that support life and try to end abortion. Our council prayed one decade of the Rosary each day, for forty days; prayed the Rosary in front of an abortion mill once a week; and helped at a healing service at Epiphany Catholic Church. Also, each time members prayed in front of the abortion mill, they fasted one meal and donated that money to the poor box at Epiphany. These members then had the opportunity to attend confession. Our council fought to preserve life from conception to natural death.

**Cost estimates – Item(s) – Total:** No cost was needed except for the individual members’ donations to the poor box.

**Materials required:** No materials were required. We did hold a couple of signs at the abortion mill. These signs had pro-life statements on them.

**Preparations necessary:** The only preparations needed for the project was a discussion about what we wanted to do as a council.

**Manpower/Hours required:** A total of 64 hours were required.





## *K of C Insurance*



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### **A FATHER IS ... A Protector ... Involved ... A Loving Husband ... AND SO MUCH MORE.**

**Fathers for Good** is an initiative for men by the Knights of Columbus. Whether you are a seasoned dad, a new dad, a dad to be, or a single guy wanting to know more about fatherhood, this Web site is for you. There is a role only a father can fill and gifts only a father can give. In a culture that often does not favor fatherhood or masculine virtue, we wish to highlight the unique contributions of men, husbands and fathers. The world would be lacking without them. We also welcome wives who want to support their husbands in coming the best fathers they can be.



### ***WHAT IS THE ROLE OF A SECOND VICE-PRESIDENT OF THE PITTSBURGH CHAPTER?***

There are two main duties of the Second Vice-President. He is responsible for scheduling the monthly Chapter meetings and announces this at the Chapter meetings.. Once this is done, he receives from the host council the name of the Knight of the Month. Then at the Chapter meeting, he announces who the Knight of the Month is and presents him with a certificate.

The Second Vice-President also serves in special activities, such as the 100th Anniversary Dinner, as deemed necessary by the Chapter President.

**Joe McCullough, Second Vice-President**