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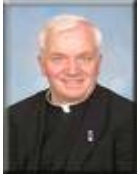
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## A MESSAGE FROM OUR CHAPLAIN...



My friends in the Knights of Columbus:

It was a joy to see so many come to Duquesne University for the September meeting.

We appreciate your support.

Let me share a favorite evening prayer of mine with you:

*Lord Jesus, I thank you for all the goodness I saw and met today. Reflecting back on the day, I saw plenty of smiling faces, kind and courteous people as well as many strangers. The lead stories in the media were led by the bad guys. I met some nasty people too but then I remember the line "not everyone loves you baby". Yes, they got my attention too. But the vast majority I met were cheerful, respectful, self-sacrificing and contentious as they went about their duties and chores. These were a blessing to me today, Lord. I am grateful to you for this and I know Lord, tomorrow will be another day. AMEN.*

**Fr. Naos McCool, C.S.Sp.**  
Chaplain



**ONE MEMBER  
PER COUNCIL  
PER MONTH**

**SOMETIMES, THE HARDEST  
THING ABOUT RECRUITING  
IS TAKING THE FIRST STEP.  
RECRUITING A NEW  
MEMBER CAN BE AS EASY  
AS ASKING HIM 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 POTENTIAL  
PROSPECT. IT'S THE FIRST  
STEP FOR RECRUITING ON  
A ONE-ON-ONE BASIS AND  
CAN YIELD VERY POSITIVE  
RESULTS.**

## A MESSAGE FROM THE CHAPTER PRESIDENT...



My Brother  
Knights,

It's hard to believe that we are now one-fourth of way done with the fraternal year. Now is the time for councils to check their progress on achieving the Columbian Award (Form SP-7). How is your council doing on recruiting new members and are they getting them to First Degrees. Remember Grand Knights and/or Financial Secretaries, there is a new form that must be completed to satisfy the requirement of participation in First Degrees. If you have questions, contact your District Deputy.

It is now time to prepare for two important pro-life dates

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**ARE YOU READING SOMEONE ELSE'S COPY  
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WANT YOUR OWN?**

Please send your e-mail address to Mike Conroy at patmmike5@verizon.net if you want to be placed on the Pittsburgh Chapter mailing list.

## OCTOBER CHAPTER MEETING

Tuesday,  
October 4, 2011  
North Hills Council #4029  
7:30 PM

***DIRECTIONS TO ST. NICHOLAS CHURCH – SITE OF CHAPTER MEETING***

For those of you with a GPS unit, St. Nicholas Church is located at 24

**Maryland Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA**

**15209.** For others....follow these directions!



**From the East:** Use Route 28 South to the Millvale Exit #3. At the bottom of the ramp, go straight ahead through the traffic light at Lincoln and stay left around island at Grant St. Just beyond that intersection go toward Route 28 again. In a very short distance, you will see a road on the right going up the hill. At the top St. Nicholas Church will be on the right (limited parking there) and the Convent is on the left. Use the convent parking lot and cross the street to the church. Street parking is permitted but limited.

**From the South:** Use Route 28 North to the Millvale exit #3 ramp and at the bottom of the ramp at light turn left and follow instructions above past island.

**From the North (if not using Route 28):** From McKnight Rd, use Babcock Blvd. into Millvale at Hardees, stay straight on North Avenue to Grant Street (One block past Lincoln Drug). Go left and proceed down Grant to Sheridan Avenue and turn right, go up to top of the hill 2 blocks to top) and turn left to church.



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in January. **January 22, 2012 is Pro-Life Sunday and Monday, January 23, 2012 is the Pro-Life March.**

Also Councils should now be preparing for and conducting their Basketball Free Throws in January.

Finally, **Election Day is November 8, 2012** and I urge you to exercise your right to vote..

**Joseph McCullough  
Pittsburgh Chapter President**

**CONGRATULATIONS TO...**



... t h e Pittsburgh Chapter's 1st Vice-President **Sean Petrisko** on being ordained a deacon in the Catholic Church on October 9th.

**UPCOMING MEETINGS**

**October 4, 2011  
North Hills  
Council #4029**

**November  
(to be determined)**

**December 9, 2011  
Bellevue  
Council #1400  
6 PM**

**January 3, 2012  
Penn-Allegheny (Verona)  
Council #4242**

**BISHOP ZUBIK ON HHS GUIDELINES...**

In a letter to federal and state government officials, Bishop David A. Zubik called recently released federal guidelines mandating that health insurance plans cover contraception and sterilization procedures “an attack on Catholic beliefs and the religious liberty of Catholics to adhere to their beliefs.”

**Knights of Columbus  
Diocese of Pittsburgh  
Vocations Support Program**

Every council/assembly/circle is encouraged to “**Adopt a Seminarian**”, preferably a Seminarian of the Diocese of Pittsburgh.

To adopt a seminarian from the Diocese of Pittsburgh, contact **Joseph A. Cummings PSD (724-741-0829 or jonacu@zoominternet.net)** or the Diocesan Director of Vocations. We will assign a seminarian to your council/assembly. You will be given his name, his seminary address, his date of birth and a few items of information on his schooling and background. You will decide how much you want to be involved with your particular seminarian.

Consider supporting him through the Supreme Council's “**RSVP**” (Refund Support Vocations Program) This program refunds \$100.00 for every \$500.00 given to the support of individual Seminarian.Council.

Contact PSD Joseph Cummings Or Frank Peduto for more info. Also, check out the Pittsburgh Chapter website at [www.pittsburghchapterkofc.org](http://www.pittsburghchapterkofc.org).



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 Al Area Coordinators Meeting, Location to be announced
2	3	 7:30 PM 4 Pgh. Chapter Meeting Council #4029 Pgh. (North Hills)	5	6	7	8
9 Western Region Columbus Day Dinner at Giannilli's, Greensburg	10	11	12 COAL Program, \$3.00 per book deadline	13	14	15 Deadline to cash Label Program Convention Rebate Checks!
16	17	18	19	20	21 Bishops' Project Seals pick-up in Bentleyville.	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	 31 Halloween					

# NOVEMBER 2011



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	COAL Program \$3.25 per book deadline on Novem- ber 1st! 	1 All Saints Day (Holy Day of Obligation)	2	3	4	 5 State Soccer Challenge, State College, PA
6	7	8	9	10	11	12 Central West Section Mtg. @Greenville Council
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	 24 Thanksgiving	25	26
27 Deadline for "Keep Christ in Christmas" orders	28	29	30			

## **Bishops Ask Catholics to Take Action**

The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops would like to encourage every Knight of Columbus to take immediate action to support religious freedom and rights of conscience for Catholics and Catholic institutions.

The delegates at our 129th Supreme Convention in Denver in August unanimously passed a resolution pledging our support for freedom of conscience in health care. This resolution was in response to a rule recently issued by the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) *requiring* almost all private health plans to cover contraception and sterilization as “preventive services” for women.

The new rule would force insurance plans to cover all FDA-approved contraceptive methods and sterilization procedures, including “emergency contraception” drugs that may cause an abortion by interfering with the implantation of a newly-conceived human being. More information is available on the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops website and in the NCHLA Action Alert regarding the Health and Human Services Contraceptive Mandate. The mandate will force individuals and groups with religious or moral objections to purchase and provide such coverage. The rule poses a serious threat to the religious freedom of both individuals and institutions.

The Department of Health and Human Service has established a period for public comment that ends on September 30th. The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops is encouraging Catholics to show their support for bi-partisan legislation, the Respect for Rights of Conscience Act (H.R. 1179 / S.1467), which would ensure that federal mandates do not violate the deeply-held moral and religious convictions of our citizens.

After sending a message to HHS, Knights will be automatically invited to send a message to their elected representatives in Congress, urging them to support the Respect for Rights of Conscience Act.

The Knights of Columbus will always support religious freedom as a basic civil right. No persons or institutions should ever be forced to act in a manner contrary to their moral and religious beliefs.

**<from the Supreme Website at [www.kofc.org](http://www.kofc.org)>**