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## UPCOMING EVENTS:



**Family of the Month Form  
Due on July 15.**



**Officer's Meeting  
July 11, 2023  
7:30 PM**

**Conference Room of the  
CCD building at  
St. Iraneus Church  
387 Maryland Avenue  
Oakmont PA 15139**

**Pittsburgh Chapter Meeting –  
August 1, 2023  
K of C Council #2602  
Natrona PA  
7:30 PM**



## A MESSAGE FROM THE CHAPTER PRESIDENT...

Dear Brother Knights,

As the new fraternal year begins, I want to thank all of you for the confidence you have placed in me, and especially to thank Tim Richards for his leadership and guidance over the last two years.



With an outstanding group of officers, the Chapter is well-positioned to move forward, supporting the work of the Order by bringing our member Councils together in service to the Church.

One of our top priorities will be to streamline our internal communications, so that all our member councils—and all of our brother Knights in those councils—are well-informed about our work in the next year. Like your council, the Chapter has faced real challenges both in the wake of the pandemic and as we participate in the changing landscape of the Church in Pittsburgh, but with these challenges comes real opportunity to advance our goals.

We hope as well to explore whether we can better serve our members by changing the date of our monthly meetings; if your council has not responded to our online survey, please do so soon so that as we can have as many councils as possible take an active role in the Chapter.

Once again, thank you to all who have served our Chapter in the past, I hope to have a chance to work with all of you in the year ahead.

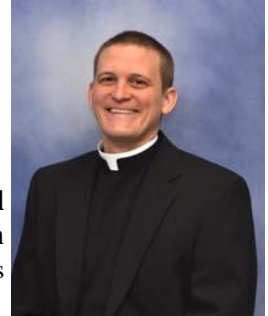
Vivat Jesus!

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387 Maryland Ave., Oakmont PA

**A MESSAGE FROM OUR CHAPLAIN**

WATCH YOUR EMAILS FOR A COLUMN FROM FATHER WILL !!!



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



Knights of Columbus jurisdiction leaders from throughout North America and around the world assembled in New Haven, Connecticut, last week for the annual Organizational Meeting of State Deputies. This year’s gathering coincided with a meeting of state chaplains, allowing deputies and chaplains to work and pray together as they looked ahead to the 2023-2024 fraternal year.

Nearly 70 state deputies attended the Organizational Meeting of State Deputies June 8-11, and more than 40 state chaplains participated in their own meeting June 7-9. Throughout the week, the deputies and chaplains participated in fraternal events, workshops and planning sessions. State chaplains also took part in a pilgrimage to several Connecticut sites related to the life and ministry of Knights of Columbus founder Blessed Michael McGivney.

In his address, Supreme Knight Kelly reflected on the Order’s longstanding witness of co-responsibility represented by the clergy and laymen present.

“[Co-responsibility] means much more than just working with our pastors around the parish. It means recognizing and taking shared responsibility for the mission of the Church,” he said. “This is what the Order has done throughout our history. ... It’s ‘how’ the Knights of Columbus approaches all that we do.”

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## Father McGivney Guild

The Father McGivney Guild was established to promote the cause for the canonization of our founder, Father Michael J. McGivney. Membership in the Guild is open to anyone (*you do not necessarily need to be a member of the Knights of Columbus*) who wishes to share in this mission of making known the life and work of Father McGivney and of encouraging devotion to his memory.



The goal is to spread the story about his holiness of life and seek his intercession before the throne of God. **THERE IS NO COST TO BE A GUILD MEMBER.** The guild serves as a clearing house for information about Father McGivney, his virtuous life and works, plus the guild is an outward sign of support showing our interest in having this priest canonized. As a member of the **Guild**, you will receive a newsletter and periodic updates on the progress of this cause for canonization. Membership in the Knights of Columbus **DOES NOT** automatically enroll you in the Guild.

Not only because Father McGivney is the founder of the Knights of Columbus, but also because in solidarity with our Bishops and Priests, we want to honor them by bringing about sainthood to the first native born Catholic Parish Priest in the United States. Please visit the Guild website at [http:// www.fathermcgivney.org](http://www.fathermcgivney.org) to become a Guild member.

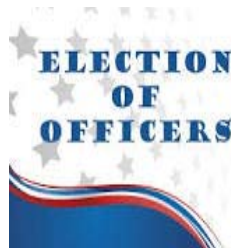


Nearly 200 wounded, ill and injured service members and veterans took part last month in Warriors to Lourdes, the annual pilgrimage co-sponsored by the Order and the Archdiocese for the Military Services, USA. For many pilgrims, the experience is life-changing. “The first time they come here,” Air Force chaplain Msgr. Jeffrey Laible said, “their faces just light up, so filled with joy and happiness and peace.”

**NEW OFFICERS FOR 2023-2024**

The following have been elected as Chapter Officers  
for the 2023-2024 fraternal year:

**President - Michael O'Connell**  
**Vice President - Nathan Sudie**  
**Secretary - Michael Egnacheski**  
**Treasurer - Eric Johnson**  
**Controller - Tim Richards**  
**Advocate - Christopher Kelley**  
**Warden - Larry Emark**  
**Guard - B.J. Abbott**  
**Three Year Trustee - Michael Lynch**

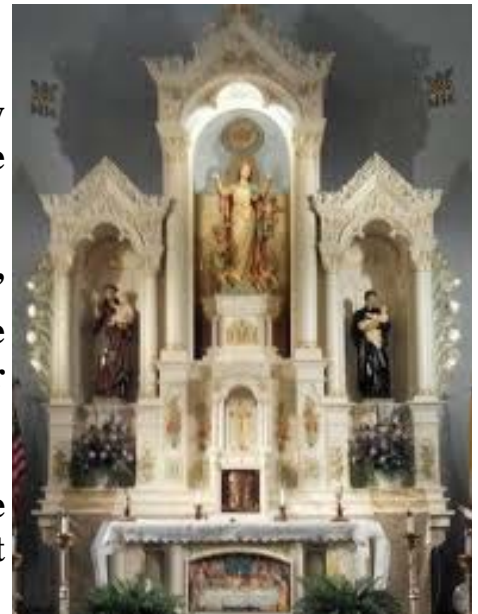


### **CLOSED CHURCH SENDS ALTAR TO TONGA**

With the closing of five churches in the Upper Allegheny County area, items from these churches are made available to other churches that need various items.

Recently, Guardian Angels Parish has sent their “high” altar and two side altars to the country of Tonga where these altars are planned to be installed in their cathedral.

At the right is a photo of the “high” altar from the previous St. Ladislaus Church in Natrona that were sent to Tonga.





## ***SUPPORT IN DIFFERENT FORMS***

As I am sure that most of you are aware, one of the key goals set by the State Council and State Directors for this fraternal year was to increase support for the Pennsylvania Special Olympics. In fact, a goal was set to raise \$100,000 for the Special Olympics. At the State Convention in early May it was announced that we, as a State, exceeded our goal and raised over \$105,000 for the Special Olympics! I want to personally thank all the Councils who helped make this goal possible. Your support of this project is greatly appreciated!

I also wanted to share with you an event that I was honored to attend this month that focused on raising awareness about the importance of the Special Olympics. The 2023 "Be a Fan Torch Run" for Special Olympics Pennsylvania kicked off on the morning of Tuesday, May 16, 2023, at PNC Park on the North Side of Pittsburgh. The "Be a Fan Torch Run" is a segmented non-competitive run (approx. 150 miles run from PNC Park to State College) with 53 segments ranging from 2.5 miles to 4 miles. The Run unites officers from law enforcement agencies and corrections departments across the state in an effort to raise funds and awareness for the Special Olympics movement. The Run features over 500 participants representing more than 50 law enforcement teams. The idea for the Torch Run, which began in Wichita, Kansas in 1981, was to provide local law enforcement officers with an opportunity to volunteer with Special Olympics in the communities where the officers lived and worked. Today, all 50 states and over 40 countries have their own versions of the Torch Run.





Jack Rosati, Pennsylvania State Life Director, and I – along with our wives – attended the kick-off event, which featured speakers, including local Special Olympic Athletes, and focused on the motto of Special Olympics - "Let me win. But if I cannot win, let me be brave in the attempt." It was an honor to attend the event to represent the Knights of Columbus in showing our support for Special Olympics, and to witness the Law Enforcement personnel that were present to show their support for these hard-working athletes! Good Luck to all the Athletes competing in this year's Pennsylvania Special Olympics Games. And thank you to all the Knights of Columbus who offer their support to these athletes, whether it be financial support, volunteer hours, or raising awareness – all forms of support are greatly appreciated!

Vivat Jesus!

Timothy R Richards

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# AUGUST 2023



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