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UPCOMING EVENTS:



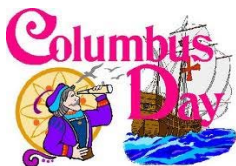
**Chapter Meeting –
October 4, 2022
at 7:30 PM**



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



**Diocese of Pittsburgh and Greensburg
Knights of Columbus
2022 Columbus Day Dinner
Sunday, October 9, 2022
The**



**Doubletree/Hilton/Monroeville
Convention Center
101 Mall Boulevard
Monroeville PA 15146
Social Hour 5 PM
Dinner 6 PM.**

A MESSAGE FROM THE CHAPTER PRESIDENT...

Dear Brother Knights,
We have made it through the first quarter of the year, and I hope you are doing well. Earlier this fraternal year, I suggested checking in with your councils to see if you were on track to achieve your goals. It is never too late and always a promising idea to set goals if you have not and review them if you have so you will know what needs to be done.



What are your council's goals? Having specific and measurable goals will make it easy to track. Membership growth of 5%, two fraternal benefit/insurance events, submitting the necessary paperwork (Forms 185, 365, 1295, 1728), being safe environment compliant; these are all specific and measurable and are great starting points to set your goals and easy to review. When I refer to goals I am not just talking about membership and forms, yes, they should be part of them, but they are not the only thing.

I love the second reading from a couple of weeks ago from James 2:14-18 and this is one of the main reasons I am a Knight and I hope you see the value in me sharing this with you and will apply it. The reading starts off with a question: "What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if someone says he has faith but does not have works?" The reading ends with the statement "I will demonstrate my faith to you from my works." I know we all have faith, you would not be a part of a Catholic Fraternal Organization if you did not. But are we practicing our faith? We are, and we can always do more. How are your councils and the Knights demonstrating our faith? Make your works part of your goals. Whether that is the act of evangelizing by recruiting men, doing a community event to get people to come to church, or by fundraising and giving that money away.

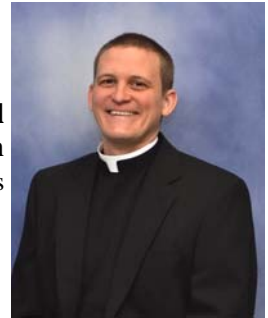
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PITTSBURGH CHAPTER MEETING
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 4- 7:30 PM
ST. BERNADETTE CHURCH
CHRIST THE DIVINE SHEPHERD PARISH
245 AZALEA DRIVE, MONROEVILLE PA

A MESSAGE FROM OUR CHAPLAIN

WATCH YOUR EMAILS FOR FATHER WILL'S MESSAGE!!!!

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



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A simple breakfast fundraiser, helping a community member with yard work, an event like a golf tournament or a parish yard sale to me are all ways we can demonstrate our faith. They may not seem like it, but so many good things can come from these events. Thank you for all you do and will do this year. If you are not doing these things, it is not too late to plan and execute those plans. Make them part of your goals and make sure you are on track to achieve them.

Speaking of works, the Coats for Kids season is upon us, and I am proud of the pledges and distributions you have set around the state!

I want to recognize and thank the councils and members that are recruiting, in September we brought more new members than July and August combined! We are still a little behind from where we need to be, but this is a great end to the first quarter, and I am excited to see what we can do next quarter. In August, Council #3026 brought in 3 new members into their council. Councils #9984, #11279, and #14696 each brought in 2 new members. Let's keep up the Good Works!

Thank you and Vivat Jesus!

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COUNCIL NEWS FROM AROUND THE CHAPTER

OUR LADY OF OLIVES COUNCIL #3907

- ◆ The 19th Annual Saints John & Paul Golf Outing will be held on Friday, September 9th at Cranberry Highlands Golf Course. Register Online at: greatgrouping.org/golf-outing
- ◆ There will be a Gold Tie Club meeting on Thursday, September 22nd at 7:00pm at the Council Home. The purpose of the meeting is to plan the next Gold Tie/Recognition Dinner.
- ◆ This Year's 2022 "Knight at the Races" is set for November 12th at the Pine Community Center, 100 Pine Park, Wexford, PA. Look for Flyer and Tickets: to be Presented & Available with our (next) October Olive Branch. Horses, Jockeys, and Race Sponsorships will be made available at that time. With your Purchase: You can Name each Horse/Jockey/ and Race; and share in the winnings, should they come in first for their Race.... **Terry Conroy, (412) 865-9998, <terrence19650@yahoo.com> or any C3907 Officer**

NATRONA COUNCIL #2602

- ◆ The council will once again be holding their annual Steeler Tailgate Party in partnership with the Highlands Area Rotary Club on October 9th. This continuing partnership with the Highlands Area Rotary Club has proved beneficial to both organizations and aids both groups in financial matters.
- ◆ Our Pancake and Sausage Breakfasts resumed after the summer months. They are held at the council home at 28 Garfield Street in Natrona PA. Cost is \$6 per person and \$3 for children under six. The time is from 9 AM to 1 PM. With the closing of five churches in Guardian Angels Parish (effective October 1), mass times have changed but we are hoping that people will still attend our breakfasts. Next three breakfasts are on October 16, November 13, and December 11. All are welcome!!!

ST. TERESA OF AVILA COUNCIL 13959

- ◆ The council will be holding their 1st Annual Golf Outing on Monday, September 26, 2022 at Shannopin Country Club at 1 Windmere Road, Pittsburgh, PA 15202.
- ◆ On Saturday, September 10, a Tootsie Roll Drive will be held at Kuhn's Market at 4801 McKnight Road, 1000 Avila Court, Pittsburgh, PA 1523

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE COUNCIL 2201

- ◆ St. Thomas the Apostle Council, variety is the key to success, and September was a prime example. The Council started the month by setting up shop at the Parish's weekly Fish Fry, where they fundraise for Council Activities by selling raffle tickets, Football Sweeps, and Sarris Candy Bars, as well as take donations towards Special Olympics. On September 15th the Council participated in the annual Our Lady of Sorrows Mass held at Holy Trinity Church in West Mifflin. Members carry flags, the Our Lady of Sorrows statue, and lead the procession to the altar to honor Our Lady in a special way. The Parish Craft show is an opportunity for the Council to support the Parish, raise money for Coats for Kids, and remind others of the real reason to celebrate Christmas by starting their Keep Christ in Christmas Cards and Magnets sale. On Monday, September 19th, the Council focused on the value of every human life by participating in the March for Life and praying for an end to abortion with a Rosary for Life at one of the Parish Churches. In addition to these activities, the Council also kicked off its annual Catholic Citizenship Essay Contest at the Parish School and participated in the Parish's annual Apple Festival. It's often said that variety is the spice of life, and it is definitely an important ingredient in the success of this Council and its bond with the Parish it serves.



APPALACHIA UPDATE FROM DEACON DAN D'ANTONIO

August 16, 2022

Just writing regarding our conversation this weekend about the conditions in Eastern Kentucky. The devastation to that already impoverished area is hard to comprehend. Barry, the man who takes care of Fr Dan's camp, told me Saturday that whole towns have been wiped off the map; they are still finding bodies in trees and in the rubble left by the floods; and the infrastructure has been destroyed. His best friend escaped the flood with just his underwear and his house was washed away leaving him with nothing. He mentioned that a 20-mile-long valley has already been condemned and will never be rebuilt. They are still working to get into all the hollows. This could take time since many roads and bridges were destroyed. A lot of the people who lost everything, had little to begin with and even less to try to rebuild. Barry's opinion is that FEMA has not done much, and most of the people do not have flood insurance, since no one imagined that twelve inches of rain would fall in a few hours and cause floodwaters that high. Barry, and other people that Fr Dan has communicated with mention how the people are working together and cleaning things up one property at a time and taking care of the people who lost everything the best they can, even opening their own homes. If you would like some examples of the devastation, you can just search Kentucky floods and see pictures.

Father Dan Sweeney's Camp is Okay and none of the houses that they built were destroyed. However, some of the houses are without road access or electricity. The storm centered on the county east of his camp.

As soon as his contacts in Kentucky contacted him with needs, Fr Dan sprang into action. Currently St Thomas and St Catherine Laboure are collecting clothing, toiletries, and taking donations. So far over \$25,000 has been raised and three trucks will be heading to Kentucky this weekend full of supplies. Since Fr Dan and the Appalachian Work Camp (Fr Dan's organization) has been doing work for 40 years, they are able to easily coordinate with local agencies and make sure the people who need the help get the help. It was brought to Fr Dan's attention that the people in Kentucky need tools to clean up and rebuild. So far, they have purchased \$8,000 in tools to help with the clean-up and the rebuild.

Any help the Knights of Columbus can provide will be appreciated. Donations of packages of underwear and clothing are being accepted at St Max. If anyone would like to donate, checks can be made out to **AWC** and mailed or dropped off at St. Thomas Parish, St. Maximilian Church, 363 West 11th Ave Extension, Homestead PA 15120. On the Memo Line put *KofC Donation*.

If you have any questions, feel free to contact me

Deacon Dan



OCTOBER 2022



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NOVEMBER 2022



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