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UPCOMING EVENTS:



Chapter Meeting Info !!!!!



Due to the Holy Day of Obligation and the General Election, November's Meeting will take place on **THURSDAY**, **NOVEMBER 3**, 2022 at 7:30 pm. Registration starts at 7:00 pm. This month's training will be Fraternal Activity (Form 1728) conducted by Eric Johnson, PSD.

Location: Madonna Del Castello Social Hall 2021 S. Braddock Avenue Swissvale, PA

Hosted by: All Saints Council #6118 and Archbishop Carroll #11391

Family of the Month Form Due on November 15.



A MESSAGE FROM THE CHAPTER PRESIDENT...

Dear Brother Knights,

It is hard to believe that we are in the last months of 2021. This has been a challenging year for everyone. It is nice to see that many Councils and Assemblies are starting to get back to some type of normalcy.

We have seen Councils doing Exemplifications, Coat for Kids drives, Food drives, Blood drives, Toys 4 Tots, Columbus Day Dinner,



Award Banquets, Council's holding Bowling nights, Tootsie Roll drives, Walkathons, Silver Rose program and a Men's Retreat. (I apologize if I omitted your Council's function.) As we enter 2023, we must continue to grow our Order with new members and look for ways to get new members at Council functions.

District Deputies – you have a challenging job keeping our Grand Knights and their Councils informed and motivated. You as DD's must offer to assist these Councils and help them to look for new ways to increase membership. Many GK's look to their DDs for inspiration, support, and guidance. Are you that District Deputy? We at the Chapter and State level can assist you with any kind of help or guidance. All you need to do is ask. Remember – we are a TEAM! On behalf of your Pittsburgh Chapter Officers and Directors I would like to wish you and your families a most Blessed Thanksgiving Day, God bless each of you and God bless America.

Thank you and Vivat Jesus!

Timothy R. Richards – Pittsburgh Chapter President State Secretary, Pennsylvania State Council Knights of Columbus



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A MESSAGE FROM OUR CHAPLAIN

SOLEMN HOLY DAYS OF NOVEMBER

As we enter this holy month of November we begin it with two sacred Holy Days, All Saints and All Souls Days. All Saints Solemn Feast Day is the one day each year that we honor all the Saints in heaven. This includes all the canonized saints of the Catholic Church, and also those who God has justified to be in heaven as the unknown saints. This number and also those who God has justified to be in heaven as the unknown saints. This number includes the unnamed martyrs, those just and holy ones that the Old Testament speaks of who awaited the coming of the Savior. As well all those who Saint Peter says, "I truly see that God shows no partiality, but in ever age in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him." (Acts 10:34) The greatest of the Saints is the Blessed Virgin Mary, Queen of Heaven and Earth, next to her is Saint Joseph, her Most Chaste Spouse. We ask the prayers of all the Saints and Angels throughout this month.



On November 2nd we remember all the Souls in purgatory and pray for our beloved dead. All of the month of November is a month of remembrance for the dead. We get this notion of praying for the dead from the Wisdom literature, and most especially from the 2nd Book of Maccabees in the Old Testament which says, "they purified themselves according to Jewish custom and then observed the holy day. By the following day it was urgent that they gather up the bodies of the men who had been killed in battle and bury them in their family tombs. [...] they praised the ways of the Lord, the just judge, [...] and they begged him that this sin might be completely blotted out. (2 Macc. 12:38 – 42)"

Praying for the dead is one of the spiritual works of mercy that the Lord calls us to do, when Jesus prays, "Father, I desire that they too, may be with me where I am with you." (John 17:24)

This whole month of November is a sacred and holy month to call on the assistance of the Saints in heaven and to pray for the souls who need our prayers to get to heaven. To offer sacrifice requires a body, and the poor souls in purgatory need us to make a sacrifice for them, for they are separated from their bodies. So just as Jesus offered his body on the Cross, so we offer our sufferings this month for those poor souls in purgatory. Eternal rest grant unto to them O Lord. May they rest in Peace.

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



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COUNCIL NEWS FROM AROUND THE CHAPTER

OUR LADY OF OLIVES COUNCIL #3907

- Sacramental Gifts Program Our council continues to provide Knights of Columbus Rosaries and cards to our four churches for them to give to each "New Catholic" at their Baptism. This program has been enthusiastically supported in our parishes and the gifts have been gratefully accepted by the families. From July through mid-September, we have had (51) Baptisms:(24) Girls and (27) Boys.
- Wednesday, November 9th Memorial Mass & Potluck Dinner 7:00pm- Saint Alexis Church
- This year's **"Knight at the Races"** will be held on November 12th at the Pine Community Center, 100 Pine Park, Wexford, PA.

NATRONA COUNCIL #2602

- The council has donated \$50 to the KDKA Turkey Fund, \$50 to the Pittsburgh Chapter Billboard campaign, and \$200 to Guardian Angels Parish for an automatic external defibrillator (AED).
- The Christmas manger scene will once again be set up on Garfield Street in Natrona during the upcoming season.

SHARE YOUR COUNCIL'S ACTIVITIES AND NEWS BY SENDING YOUR INFORMATION MONTHLY TO DON TUROWSKI AT daturowski@verizon.net.

FUTURE PITTSBURGH CHAPTER MEETINGS

- . Jan 3rd, 2023 Holy Family/St Irenaeus Church
- Feb 7th, 2023 Christ the Divine Shepherd/St Bernadette Church
- Mar 7th, 2023 St Thomas the Apostle/St Max Church
- Apr 4th, 2023 TBD
- May 2nd, 2023 St Paul Cathedral/ Wuerl Hall
- Jun 6th, 2023 St Killian Church

ALL MEETINGS START AT 7:30 pm !!!!



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2022 "KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS" BILLBOARD CAMPAIGN

The Knights of Columbus will again sponsor the "Keep Christ in Christmas" Billboard Campaign.

Councils have the opportunity to place a billboard showing their name as a sponsor, reminding all who travel past of the true meaning of the Christmas season. Every effort is made to place billboards in proximity to your parish/within your parish boundaries.



Individual councils/assemblies can participate and will

also be able to partner together to participate and share expenses. Council payments AND a commitment to participate should be received no later than FRIDAY, November 11, 2022; please submit and include payment on letterhead of your council or assembly. To: Jim Maochi, 639 Gregg Avenue, Bridgeville, PA 15017. Make checks payable to: Lamar Advertising.

Contact Jim Maochi at jmaochi@comcast.net with questions or for additional information.

BISHOP'S PROJECT

This month begins the annual appeal of the Knights of Columbus in the Diocese of Pittsburgh for the Bishop's Project to support the work of the St. Anthony School Programs and the McGuire Home, both of which do extraordinary work serving children with physical and intellectual challenges in this region.

This is a long-standing project of the Knights of Columbus since it was launched sixty years ago by former State Deputy **Tom Conroy** of Natrona Council #2602.

The goal set for our council this year is a bit higher than in recent years, reflecting your tremendous generosity in those years, so it is more important than ever that we do our part to sustain this important tradition and to advance the most fundamental work of our order, to protect the vulnerable.

Every contribution makes a real difference. Please take a moment during this busy season today help the Knights in this project by returning the envelope you will soon receive in the mail.

Michael O'Connell 724-393-8582



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FRIDAY | DEC. 9 | 5:30PM

UPMC CLUB, ACRISURE STADIUM PITTSBURGH, PA

We look forward to celebrating the holidays with dinner, a silent auction, secret stockings, and performances from St. Anthony's students!



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NOVEMBER 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
**Family of Month Form Due		1 All Saints Day	2 All Souls Day	3	4	5
6	7	ОТЕ 8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15 **	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	HAPPY THANKSGIVING	25	26
27 1st Sunday of Advent	28	29	30			

DECEMBER 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
**Family of Month Form Due				1	2	3
4 2nd Sunday of Advent	5	6 St. Nicholas Day	7	8 Immaculate Con- cenption Feast	9	10
11 3rd Sunday of Advent	12	13	14	15 **	16	17
18 4th Sunday of Advent	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31