A MESSAGE FROM THE CHAPTER PRESIDENT…
Brother Knights of the Pittsburgh Chapter,

The July will be the last Zoom meeting for now. (More info on page 3). We will be having an in-person meeting on August 4, 2020 at the Thomas P. Conroy Council #2602 in Natrona.

Congratulations to the new officers for the Pittsburgh Chapter. We will have an interesting year ahead with all the shutdowns and programs returning to “normal”.

Please try to keep the Bishop’s project in the forefront as this program is in dire need of support this year. With Councils not meeting and venues not available for collections, funds will be tough to get. Please consider purchasing a Bishop’s Project T-Shirt to help in fundraising.

We will also need hosts for future Pittsburgh Chapter meetings. Please let us know if you can host a meeting for the Pittsburgh Chapter. I know many locations are not available yet, but if you are, please let us know!

Please keep safe and keep praying for the health and recovery of everyone!

Vivat Jesu!

Andrew Smith, President,
Pittsburgh Chapter of the K of C

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**Father Will’s Column**

Brother Knights,

**INDEPENDENCE DAY!**

My dear Brother Knights,

This month our country celebrates one of her most treasured holidays, Independence Day. The Fourth of July is celebrated as a day of our independence as a free nation. Our nation for nearly two and a half centuries has understood this independence as freedom from oppression, not independence from God, and one another. This independence from oppression and tyranny was recognized to be ‘under God.’ It is only in recent decades that there has been a separation of independence from God. We as faithful Christians know that we are completely and utterly dependent on Almighty God, and that independence and freedom are found in submitting our will to the holy will of the Lord. We find liberation from the true Liberator, Jesus Christ, the Lord.

To find true independence, we must acknowledge our dependence and allegiance on the Lord God. Saint James describes liberty by saying, “he who looks into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and perseveres, being no hearer that forgets but a doer that acts, he shall be blessed in his doing” (James 1:25). Independence is to do the holy will of the Lord, and we must commit ourselves to do what we proclaim in mass, to do what is “right and just.” (Third Roman Missal, Preface). When it comes to God, we are utterly dependent on His grace. When it comes to our neighbor we are interdependent. We need each other, as Saint Paul says, “we are all members of (Christ’s) body.” (Eph 5:30) As my first-grade teacher, Sister Marie Clair, told me before she died, ‘William, we need to pray for everyone.’ As we pray for our country and its independence from the oppression of sin in all its ugly forms, we turn our hearts to God to say, ‘Save us, Savior of the world, for by your Cross and Resurrection you have redeemed the world.’ (Stations of the Cross).

May you and your families have a Blessed and Happy Independence Day. Happy 4th of July!

Grace & Peace,

Fr. Will Wuenwschel, Chaplain

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**K of C News and Updates**

- Tentative plans are to hold the August Chapter meeting at the Thomas P. Conroy Council #2602 Hall in Natrona PA. Masks will be optional depending on your feeling about this mitigation effort. Social distancing will be encouraged.
- Are you aware of the **K of C Scholarship program from the Supreme Council**? An applicant must be: (1) Entering freshman year of an undergraduate program leading to a bachelor's degree (at a Catholic college or Catholic university in the United States), (2) A member in good standing of the Knights of Columbus, the son or daughter of such a member or deceased member, or a member in good standing of the Columbian Squires. (Not limited to Fourth Degree members.), and (3) Students applying to The Catholic University of America indicate their eligibility for a Knights of Columbus scholarship on the university's admission application.
- The **2020 K of C Golf Tournament** has been cancelled!

**ELECTIONS OF OFFICERS INFO**

The following new officers were elected at the May chapter meeting

- **President:** Andrew Smith
- **1st Vice President:** Jim Mannarino
- **2nd Vice President:** Tim Richards
- **3rd Vice President:** Mike Conroy
- **Secretary:** Michael O’Connell
- **Advocate:** Chuck Hosick
- **Treasurer:** Tom McGinnis
- **Controller:** Gary Williard
- **Historian:** Ed Falvo
- **3-year Trustee:** Jim Maochi
- **2-year Trustee:** Joseph Ferruzza
- **1-year Trustee:** Frank Rozzo
- **Warden:** Larry Emark
- **Guards:** Dan Turek; Bernard J. (BJ) Abbott

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**DON'T FORGET ABOUT THE 2020 FOOTBALL CRAZR FOOTBALL TICKET!**

**ONLY $10 PER TICKET**

$2500 IN WEEKLY PRIZES

BASED ON THE LAST TEN WEEKS OF THE NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE SCHEDULE!
EMBRACING CHANGE AND PLANNING ACCORDINGLY

The world is slowly beginning its return to the way things were - at least as much as it can. It will likely be months before we know what normal looks like now. You have probably heard the saying attributed to an unsavory (to say the least!) historical figure that “there are decades where nothing happens, and there are weeks where decades happen.” It certainly feels that way now. We have crammed decades of changes into these last several weeks, and it is hard to know what changes are permanent, and what changes will prove temporary.

Not everything is fluid though. I am struck by the resilience of the permanent things - our faith, our fraternity, our families. I am sure you have seen the tremendous ways in which the Knights of Columbus has proven itself equal yet again to this current challenge. Whether it was the establishment of the Leave No Neighbor Behind Initiative, or the launch of the diocesan loan fund, or just the every-day, every-city response of councils across the globe, we have responded as we always do: swiftly, powerfully.

Sure, we have had to cancel some things. We have had to have some virtual meetings. We have had to stay a safe distance apart. But our distance has not diminished our unity, nor has it changed our impact. I continue to be proud to be a part of this great organization - especially in moments like this. And I know you are too. That is why, for me, being financially committed to the Knights is such a point of pride. We all need life insurance. We all need to plan for retirement. We all need to think about and prepare for life’s what-ifs.

But when it comes time to decide who to make those preparations with, and who to choose to buy those products from, we can choose to spend our money with the company who establishes a multi-million dollar loan funds for Catholic dioceses in their most desperate time of need, or we can go another route. We can choose to buy our insurance from a company who leaves no neighbor behind, or a company who has no real concept of who their neighbor is. We can prepare for our retirement with a company whose members are - once again - setting an example of true Christian charity for all to follow, or we can go in a entirely different direction.

I would challenge you, whether you have never inquired or it has been a long time - to take a fresh look at the Knights of Columbus as a trusted financial partner, and see what products and services we may have that might help you and your family. As we all start to get back to things, I can meet with you in person, on the phone, or by video, whichever you prefer, and we can have a stress-free, no-commitment conversation about the possibilities. It is a way to further your commitment to all that we stand for, and - at the same time - obtain some much-needed peace of mind in times like these. Contact me to arrange for a phone, virtual, or in-person appointment.

Joseph Latess, Ed.D, FICF
Field Agent and Brother Knight
Office: 724-776-9263

PITTSBURGH CHAPTER MEETING – JULY 7 at 7:30 PM – VIA ZOOM

Are you a beginner to using “ZOOM”? To learn more about using “ZOOM” software for video-conferencing, go to https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9isp3qPeQ0E

You will need the following meeting information on July 7 2020.
Remember that the meeting starts at 7:30 PM...log onto ZOOM at least 15 minutes early in case you have a problem!!!

Topic: July Pittsburgh Chapter Meeting
Join Zoom Meeting by entering this info:
https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87822828842
Meeting ID: 878 2282 8842
Dial by your location: +1 646 876 9923 US (New York)
ROME – On May 27 it was announced that Pope Francis approved the promulgation of a decree recognizing a miracle attributed to the intercession of the founder of the Knights of Columbus, Venerable Father Michael J. McGivney, a Connecticut priest who served his flock during the pandemic of 1890, before himself becoming ill and dying of pneumonia.

The pope’s action means that Father McGivney can be declared “Blessed,” the step just prior to sainthood. An additional miracle attributed to Father McGivney’s intercession will be required for his canonization as a saint.

McGivney is best known for founding the Knights of Columbus in 1882. Nearly a century before the Second Vatican Council, his prescient vision empowered the laity to serve Church and neighbor in a new way. Today, the Knights of Columbus is one of the largest Catholic organizations in the world with 2 million members in North and Latin America, the Caribbean, Asia, and Europe.

The miracle recognized as coming through Father McGivney’s intercession involved an unborn child in the United States who in 2015 was healed in utero of a life-threatening condition after prayers by his family to Father McGivney.

A date will soon be set for the beatification Mass, which will take place in Connecticut. It will include the reading of an apostolic letter from the Holy Father and the bestowing of the title “Blessed” on Father McGivney.

Earlier this year, in an address to the Knights of Columbus Board of Directors, Pope Francis said the organization has been faithful “to the vision of your founder, Venerable Michael McGivney, who was inspired by the principles of Christian charity and fraternity to assist those most in need.”

“Father McGivney has inspired generations of Catholic men to roll up their sleeves and put their faith into action,” Supreme Knight Carl A. Anderson said. “He was decades ahead of his time in giving the laity an important role within the Church. Today, his spirit continues to shape the extraordinary charitable work of Knights as they continue to serve those on the margins of society as he served widows and orphans in the 1880s. Father McGivney also remains an important role model for parish priests around the world and left us a transformative legacy of effective cooperation between the laity and clergy.

Born of Irish immigrant parents in 1852 in Waterbury, Connecticut, Father McGivney was a central figure in the dramatic growth of the Church in the United States in the late 19th century. Ordained in Baltimore in 1877, he ministered to a heavily Irish-American and immigrant community in the then-Diocese of Hartford. At a time of anti-Catholic sentiment, he worked tirelessly to keep his flock close to the faith in part by finding practical solutions to their many problems – spiritual and temporal alike. With a group of the leading Catholic men of New Haven, he founded the Knights of Columbus in 1882 at St. Mary’s Church to provide spiritual support for Catholic men and financial resources for families that had suffered the loss of their breadwinner.

The fledgling group soon became a major force in the areas of evangelization, charity, racial integration, and the defense of religious freedom.

Father McGivney spent his entire priesthood in parish ministry and died of pneumonia on August 14, 1890—two days after his 38th birthday—after falling ill amid a pandemic. Recent scientific evidence indicates that that pandemic – like the current one – may have been caused by a coronavirus.

Known by his contemporaries for his devotion to the faith and his embodiment of the characteristics of the “Good Samaritan,” his cause for sainthood was opened in the Archdiocese of Hartford in 1997. St. John Paul II—who was pope at that time—lauded Father McGivney’s principles, stating in 2003, “In fidelity to the vision of Father McGivney, may you continue to seek new ways of being a leaven of the Gospel in the world and a spiritual force for the renewal of the Church in holiness, unity and truth.”

In March 2008, he was declared a Venerable Servant of God by Pope Benedict XVI, who during his visit to St. Patrick’s Cathedral cited the “remarkable accomplishment of that exemplary American priest, the Venerable Michael McGivney, whose vision and zeal led to the establishment of the Knights of Columbus.”
A MESSAGE FROM FORMER CHAPTER PRESIDENT, JOE FERRUZZA

JUNE, 19, 2020

In light of the recent events in Louisville Kentucky, where the Anarchists and History Revisionists have tom down the statue of Christopher Columbus, the following message is more relevant than ever.

IN DEFENSE OF CHRISTOPHER COLUMBUS:

♦ THE SPREAD OF CATHOLICSM: Christopher Columbus’s devotion to God and His Church is without question. He was, without a doubt, the driving force behind the rooting of the Catholic Church in what was then called “The New World”.

♦ THE COURAGE OF HIS CONVICTION: That the world was as a globe, and there had to exist a new continent with unfathomable opportunities, just over the horizon. His courage to tackle the unknown, against all odds, is comparable to the pioneers of today’s Space Astronauts.

♦ IN TIME OF STEADFASTNESS OF TRAIL: In spite of all odds, financing, ridicule, mutiny and persecution among them, he never wavered in God and his mission.

♦ GREAT MEN AND THEIR FLAWS: The history of the world is rife with men we cite as great, and we pay homage to some of them with honorarium, that being with script or statuary. To suggest that any historical statue or script, including that of Christopher Columbus, should be removed from the public view, because of, what some believe to be a flaw of individual character, can only be viewed as an attempt to re-write the history of mankind. To deny our history is a crime against our fellow man and those who follow us.

Even God’s favorite, King David, one of history’s most celebrated leaders of Good versus Evil, had very serious flaws that often plague ordinary men. We are all human after all, but hopefully our good deeds outweigh the bad.

Let us not then, let the bad conquer the good, by denying us our rightful history to know the difference.

Joe Ferruzza,
TT, FDD, FCP, PGK, PFN
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- **August 15 – Assumption of Mary, Holy Day**
- **August 20 – Assumption of Mary, Holy Day**