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A MESSAGE FROM OUR CHAPLAIN...

(Due to Father McCool's recent illness, we are revisiting one of his previous columns)



When my mother died, I asked for three things of hers: her wedding band, the glass that she used to serve me a drink every time I went home and a very colorful sweater that she hand-knitted for my father.

These items are one of a kind. I handle the ring from time to time. Every morning, after I get up, shower and shave, I put a few lumps of ice in the glass and open a bottle of Club Soda and fill the glass, I hold the glass tight for a few moments and pray to my mother. She used that glass for over twenty five years. Now, when I hold the glass, I feel I am touching my mother's hand. On cool days, I wear the short-sleeved sweater for about 30 minutes. As I sip the Club Soda, it makes me appreciate my mother and father and I feel the great love they had for each other. When I do this, I feel close to them.

I practice these simple rituals not only to feel close to my parents and to remember them but also with the hope of absorbing some of their spirit. They lived a simple life. They had few possessions but they were very rich in the things that really matter – faith, love and integrity. Then, I empty my glass and pray: Jesus help me to share my true riches with others today.

God bless you all!

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

RECRUITMENT IN THE HOLIDAY SEASON...

It's that time again! The holidays of Thanksgiving and Christmas are just around the corner. That usually means more socializing with friends and family.

As you attend your holiday get-togethers, stop and look around to see if perhaps there is someone there who would like to join the Knights of Columbus. If so, be sure to bring up the subject of the Order and inform them of some of the efforts of the Knights in various activities.

There just might be someone who you have overlooked or someone who is new to your gatherings. Sometimes all you have to do is ask. After all, someone asked you!!!

**Form #100
Belongs in
All of These Places**

- Briefcase
- In Your Pocket
- Near Your Phone
- Glove Compartment
- Everywhere You Go!

**SIGN UP A
NEW MEMBER
TODAY!**

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

A MESSAGE FROM THE CHAPTER PRESIDENT...

Brother Knights of the Pittsburgh Chapter,



I ask all Councils and Members of Pittsburgh Chapter to participate and attend the **Pittsburgh Catholic Men's Fellowship Gathering of Catholic Men on Saturday, November 12th at the David L. Lawrence Convention Center in Pittsburgh.** Our calling as Knights includes our duty to grow spiritually and bring men who may have strayed from our Faith back to our flock....let's act upon this duty and privilege to grow and advance our Faith.

Many Councils in Pittsburgh Chapter have acted on the call to support the **Keep Christ in Christmas** digital billboard campaign. The Formation (Second) Degree Principle of Unity continues to reign! Many thanks to all Councils and Assemblies in our area that have allowed this great initiative to grow and advance in Pittsburgh!

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**CHAPTER MEETING
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 2016
7:30 PM - COUNCIL #491
Pittsburgh Council**

DIRECTIONS TO CHAPTER MEETING – SULLIVAN HALL.



For those of you with a GPS, enter the address of: 131 Bigham Avenue; Pittsburgh, PA 15211

From North of Pgh via Route 28 South:

- ♦ Follow PA-28 South to Crosstown Blvd in Pittsburgh.
- ♦ Take the exit toward I-579 S/Liberty Bridge from I-579 South
- ♦ Take P J McArdle Roadway to Bigham St
- ♦ Arrive at 131 Bigham Street Pittsburgh, PA 15211

From Monroeville:

- ♦ Get on I-376 W/US-22 West in Churchill from US-22 BUS West
- ♦ Follow I-376 W/US-22 West to Boulevard of the Allies in Pittsburgh.
- ♦ Take exit 72B from I-376 W/US-22 West
- ♦ Continue on Boulevard of the Allies.
- ♦ Take P J McArdle Roadway to Bigham St
- ♦ Arrive at 131 Bigham Street, Pittsburgh PA 15211



UPCOMING EVENTS:



ALL SAINTS DAY – TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 1 – HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION

NOVEMBER CHAPTER MEETING – NOVEMBER 1 – PITTSBURGH COUNCIL #491

DECEMBER CHAPTER MEETING – DECEMBER 9TH – BELLEVUE COUNCIL #1400.

JANUARY CHAPTER MEETING – St. Joseph (Verona) Council #4242

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The Pittsburgh Chapter Memorial Mass and Dinner will take place on Friday, December 9th at our traditional location – Bellevue Council Home. Mass will take place at 6:30 PM, with dinner to follow....details for dinner price will be shared at November meeting and via email distribution to our Pittsburgh Chapter email distribution list.

I extend best wishes to you and your families for a Blessed Thanksgiving.... we continued to be thankful and blessed for the many gifts bestowed to us!

Fraternally,

**Jim Maochi
President, Pittsburgh Chapter
Knights of Columbus**



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS URGE MEMBERS AND OTHER TO PRAY FOR UPCOMING ELECTION....

The Knights are encouraging prayer in the form of a novena — nine consecutive days of prayer — and will run from Oct. 30 to the eve of the election on Nov. 7.

NOVENA PRAYER FOR ELECTION

Most Holy Trinity: Our Father in Heaven, who chose Mary as the fairest of your daughters; Holy Spirit, who chose Mary as your Spouse; God the Son, who chose Mary as your Mother, in union with Mary we adore your majesty and acknowledge your supreme, eternal dominion and authority.

Most Holy Trinity, we put the United States of America into the hands of Mary Immaculate in order that she may present the country to you. Through her we wish to thank you for the great resources of this land and for the freedom which has been its heritage.

Through the intercession of Mary, have mercy on the Catholic Church in America. Grant us peace. Have mercy on our president and on all the officers of our government. Grant us a fruitful economy, born of justice and charity. Have mercy on capital and industry and labor. Protect the family life of the nation. Guard the precious gift of many religious vocations. Through the intercession of our Mother, have mercy on the sick, the tempted, sinners – on all who are in need.

Mary, Immaculate Virgin, our Mother, Patroness of our land, we praise you and honor you and give ourselves to you. Protect us from every harm. Pray for us, that acting always according to your will and the will of your divine Son, we may live and die pleasing to God. Amen.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS INSURANCE

LIFE INSURANCE CALCULATOR

Do you have another life insurance?

There is an easy way to find out, just go to:

<http://kofc.org/un/en/insurance/calculator/>



The tool you will find there will help you determine just what you need for you and your family's future.

If you need more help, just contact our general agent below.

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HURRICANE VICTIMS NEED YOUR HELP!

In the wake of Hurricane Matthew, thousands of people in the southern United States, and especially in the Carolinas and Florida, have found themselves displaced with their homes either flooded or destroyed. And as rescue efforts continue, and with recovery work yet to begin, join the Knights of Columbus in helping to provide immediate relief for these people.

The Knights of Columbus has a long history of lending a helping hand in times of distress. The Order was one of the first organizations to provide financial support to the families of fallen first responders following the 9/11 terrorist attacks on the United States. Through the Heroes Fund, the Knights began helping the families of these first responders with an initial total of \$1 million in donations.

The Knights of Columbus led a multimillion-dollar recovery effort in Louisiana in the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina. Years later, Knights were on the ground with supplies in a matter of hours after Superstorm Sandy devastated the Eastern seaboard. To assist the victims of Typhoon Haiyan in the Philippines, the Knights of Columbus launched an initiative called the Livelihood Project that employed carpenters who lost their businesses to build boats for fishermen whose boats were destroyed. Most recently, Knights volunteered to help those in need days after southern Louisiana was hit by what was called "the worst natural disaster since Superstorm Sandy." Go to www.kofc.org to donate online if you wish.



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NOVEMBER 2016



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	*** Family of the Month Report for October Due	1 All Saints Day – Holy Day of Obligation; Chapter Meeting at Pittsburgh Council #491	2	3	4	5
6 Daylight Savings Time Ends; Steelers at Ravens	7	8 Election Day	9	10	11 Veteran's Day	12
13 Steelers vs. Dallas	14	15 ***	16	17	18	19
20 Steelers at Cleveland	21	22	23	24 Steelers at Colts	25	26
27 Advent	28	29	30			

DECEMBER 2016



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	*** Family of the Month Report for November Due			1	2	3
4 Steelers vs. NY Giants	5	6	7 Pearl Harbor Remembrance	8 Immaculate Conception – Holy Day of Obligation; COAL Raffle Drawing	9 Memorial Mass – Bellevue Council #1400 – Mass at 6 PM	10
11 Steelers at Buffalo	12	13	14	15 ***	16	17
18 Steelers at Cincinnati	19	20	21 First Day of Winter	22	23	24 Christmas Eve
25 Merry Christmas Steelers vs. Baltimore	26	27	28	29	30	31 New Year's Eve