

Philadelphia Chapter – Knights of Columbus
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Philadelphia Chapter, together Serving God, Family
And Community

Philadelphia Chapter Mission Statement

The object is to bring closer in spirit and fact the Councils of the Philadelphia area for the planning of unified action in order to promote the good of the order and uphold rightful civil power in the nation, state and community; and to also form a better understanding of the principles and practices of the Roman Catholic faith. This statement was taken from the Catholic Standard and Times dated Thursday, March 25, 1982.

The Philadelphia Chapter is comprised of the following Councils:

Santa Maria #263	Regina Mundi #4052
San Salvatore #283	Cor Mariae #4100
De Soto #315	St. Jude #4273
Commodore Barry #578	St. Charles Borromeo #4279
Pinzon #904	Our Lady of Lourdes #4546
La Rabida #1191	Regina Coeli #4921
Holmesburg #1284	Rev. John P. McHugh #4935
St. Leo's #1294	Fr. Thomas Ryan #5036
Charles Carroll #1364	San Rafael #7125
Madonna #3932	St. Benedict de Moor #8252
Immaculata #3933	Mary Queen of Angels #12384
St. Katherine Drexel #3938	Pokrova #13561
St. Helena's # 15687	

Philadelphia Chapter Upcoming Meetings For 2016 – 2017 Fraternal Year

Meeting Times: Trustees - 7:30 PM / Chapter Business – 8:00 PM

Meeting Dates: all meetings at Roman Catholic High School unless otherwise noted

Friday, April 28, 2017
Friday, May 26, 2017

June Trustees Dinner: Randi's Restaurant – date to be determined
Friday, June 24, 2017 (at Regina Mundi-Chapter Elections)

Upcoming Meetings (cont.)

- ❖ Please note the April and May meetings are back at Roman Catholic High School
- ❖ Also, the date of the May meeting has changed from May 19th to the 26th due to the State Convention being the weekend of the 19th.
- ❖ Finally, the June meeting, when Chapter Officer elections will take place, will be held at Regina Mundi Council. The Chapter is grateful to the Council Officers for their generosity and express our gratitude to the Officers from St. Leos's Council #1294 and Regina Coeli Council #4921 for hosting our February and March Chapter meetings

Please remember to bring a Brother Knight from your Council to a Chapter Meeting!

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President Nick Marcantonio

Brothers, first I want to wish each one of you and your family a Happy and Blessed Easter. Remember Jesus died on the cross for our sins so let us rejoice in his resurrection. On Sunday April 9th, we will be going to St. John's Hospice to feed the homeless. Please arrive by 10:15 AM. On Saturday June 3rd, we will once again have our annual Children's Outing for special needs children at Clementon Park. Please arrive at 9:30 AM. Finally, save the date, October 1st will be our annual Columbus Day Dinner Dance where we will honor the Man of the Year, Woman of the Year and present the Past Presidents Award. Once we know what the ticket prices will be, we will forward that information along to you.

Chapter Secretary Pat Corey

Training updates for Councils: The Chapter sends many thanks to State Officer Tebo, Advocate Mike Kish and Master Sean Connelly for presenting a training update and approach to new and older members of the order. We look forward to futures training sessions.

The 2017 Per-Capita By-Law assessment letters are out. Many thanks to the Councils who have already responded: Santa Maria, Cor Mariae and Mary Queen of Angels. Per-Capita 2017 must be paid for a Council to be in good standing and able to vote in June election.

Alert to all current and past members of the Philadelphia Police and Fire: The League of the Sacred Heart (LOSH) will hold their annual Communion Breakfast on Sunday, April 30th, at Maternity BVM Church on Old Bustleton Avenue. Mass will begin at 9:30 AM followed by brunch at the FOP. The cost is \$15.00. Sister Pat and Sister Donna from the Order of the Sisters of the Blessed Sacrament will be honored. The good Sisters have dedicated their lives to the mission of Saint Katharine Drexel for over 125 years, including arranging many events for the Saint John Newman Assembly, Philadelphia Chapter and other Knights of Columbus organizations. It would be great to have a show of K of C members at the brunch and awards to support the good Sisters. If you have any questions, please call me at 215-677-8549 or email me at pjcorey1@comcast.net. If your organization would like to make a presentation thanking the sisters let me know.

Treasurer Jack Stanczak

Please take a moment to read this brief update on the state of the Charity Drive as it stood at the close of 2016. Please note the tremendous work of the Chapter as well as some resultant disappointments over the past year.

- 2016 displayed the worst Charity Drive in the history of The Philadelphia Chapter.
- ONLY 15% of our total members contributed.
 - * *special thanks to Regina Mundi, St. Jude, Santa Maria, Regina Coeli, and LaRabida Councils for going over and above in their support.

Below are the major events and/or organizations that the Chapter sponsors in a calendar year:

- Pro-life March Bus Trip in Washington D.C.
- Clementine Park Picnic for special needs individuals
- Man-Up Convention
- Contribution to Sacred Heart Cancer Home
- St. John's Hospice
- Wood Haven Center for those with special needs
- Scholastic Aid to college and high school students
- Special requests from parishes, fellow Brother Knights, schools, etc.

As stated, 2016 was a difficult year for the Chapter and, therefore, for those who benefit from its charitable works. Our hope is to continue to maintain all of the above-mentioned areas. However, it may become necessary in the near future to cut back or eliminate some of the Chapter's support if our contributions continue to decline over time.

Thank you for continued support and generosity in this overall worthwhile endeavor to help the needy in the name of The Knights of Columbus Philadelphia Chapter.

Warden Mickey Kelly: 2017 Charity Drive

Get your tickets for the Culture Project's first annual Banquet on Saturday April 29th. Lila Rose of Live Action will be the main speaker. The event will be held at Meehan Center, 10 Cavanaugh Court West Chester, PA 19382. Sponsorships are available and the Knights help is needed. Tix are \$125 per person. Visit <http://www.restoreculture.com/> for more information

40 Days for Life Campaign is wrapping up. 7 babies have been saved from these efforts. There are campaigns at Comly Rd PP, PP Center City (12th and Locust), and Philadelphia Women's Center (777 Appletree Street). To sign up, visit 40daysforlife.com/Philadelphia. "Can you not watch for one hour", Gospel of John. Hours are critically needed from our brothers. Step up and defend life.

Good Friday Stations of the Cross

All Brothers are invited to join the Pro-Life Community at the foot of the Cross to commemorate Good Friday with Stations of the Cross on April 14th at 9:00 AM in front of Planned Parenthood at 2751 Comly Road in Northeast Philadelphia. Please join them for prayers for unborn babies and their mothers.

Man-Up Philly:

The Philadelphia Chapter, together with the Board of District Deputies, provided an informational table at the recent "Man-UP Philly" event held at St. Joseph's University on March 4th. Brothers Hassell Mitchell, Donald Wells (DD) and Mickey Kelly manned the table to present our order, the Knights of Columbus, to all the faithful Catholic men who attended. They provided general information, Forms 100 and direction to all interested men. Several men had just moved from other states and were looking to join councils in Philadelphia area. Others wanted information on joining. Collectively we distributed over 100 contact cards, signed up several new members and greeted our Brother Knights from the Delaware Valley and elsewhere. A special thanks to Master Sean Connelly, Advocate Mike Kish and the BODD. The Chapter and BODD will follow-up on all requests to join the Knights of Columbus.

Patriotic (4th Degree) Exemplification

This event is scheduled for Sunday, May 28th, at the Doubletree Hotel in King of Prussia. Anyone interested in participating and needs to complete either the Knighthood (3rd) or even Formation (2nd) Degree ceremonies should contact their Grand Knight or Financial Secretary for information on upcoming degree events. Time is running short to complete these steps and be eligible to participate in the ceremony on May 28th. Council officers who need copies of the scheduled degree ceremonies should contact Eastern Master Sean Connelly at sconnelly29@verizon.net.

Passing of Russell Riegel, PFN, PGK, FSW, FDD, FM

The Knights of Columbus has lost one of its Icons. Russ died recently after a hospital stay and procedure. He and wife Teresa will be always remembered as running the annual PFN weekend in Absecon, NJ. They have dedicated their lives to the good of the Order and promotion of the K of C. Please keep his loving wife Teresa and family in your prayers. May he rest in peace.

Chapter News

- ❖ Next Conclave meeting of the St. John Newman Assembly # 933 will take place on Wednesday, April 19, 2017 at 8:00PM at St. Helena Upper Church, 6161 N. 5th St. Philadelphia. PA 19120. Nominations for Officers will be accepted for the Assembly elections scheduled to be held during the May meeting.
- ❖ Volunteers needed for upcoming events. Easter meal for homeless residents at St. John's Hospice, 12th and Race Streets. Report time is 10:15 AM, limited parking in rear of building. Also, annual Special Needs Children's Outing is scheduled for Saturday June 3rd at Clementon Lake Park. Report time is 10:00 AM. Contact Chapter is interested.
- ❖ Members of St. Helena's Council invite fellow brothers to join them for the raising of the Republic of Vietnam's flag on Friday, April 28, 2017 at 10:00AM at the Northside of the City Hall, City of Philadelphia.
- ❖ St. Leo Council is co-sponsoring a Designer Bag Bingo on Friday May 19th at St. Dominic's Marian Hall 8532 Frankford Ave. The cost is \$30 which includes dessert and drinks. For Tickets and Information contact Nick (267) 315-2096, Bud (484) 889-2347 or Jeff (267) 718-4247.

❖ **Please submit all Journal Articles by 1st of the month, published Bi-Monthly**

Editor's Note: If you are receiving a hard copy of the newsletter, it means I don't have an email address for you. It would be much more economical to email this newsletter and allow the Chapter to use the savings to promote our charitable work. If you have internet access and wish to receive the newsletter by email, please contact me at donodan3@gmail.com or call on 215-292-2365. You'd be doing the Chapter a tremendous service. Thank you.

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Philadelphia Chapter Councils Offer Affordable Facilities for That Special Event

The Councils listed below offer a variety of professional services and accessible location for your special events:

- * **Fr. John McHugh Council # 4935**, 5323 Oxford Avenue, Phila. PA 19124 Phone: 215-535-0849
- special packages for large and small events, catering and self-catering options available
- * **Lady of Lourdes Council # 4546**, 3401-07 Welsh Road, Phila. PA 19136; Phone: 215-331-2577
- large banquet hall available for all types of occasions, catering and full beverages services also available
- * **Regina Coeli # 4921**, 9617 James Street, Phila. PA 19135 Phone: 215-332-2517
- flexible hall for large and small events, catering services and full service bar options Available
- * **St. Charles Borromeo Council # 4279**, 1193 Gravel Pike, Bensalem PA 19020;
Phone: 215-638-2202; **offer** ample parking and a variety of food and beverage packages to fit any occasion
- * **St. Katharine Drexel Council # 3968**, 15000 Bustleton Avenue, Phila. PA 19116;
Phone: 215-969-4470; banquet hall available for shower, birthdays and other events, catering and beverage services available
- * **Twining Hall (M.E.I. Caterers)** 4900 East Street Road, Treose PA Phone: 215-364-2130
- Knight owned business, available for large and small events, several catering and beverage packages available

Please support our local Councils and remember to mention you're a Knights of Columbus member when you call.

If I missed you Council, please email me your information and I'll include it in next publication.