

Philadelphia Chapter – Knights of Columbus
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And Community

THE JOURNAL

January – February 2018

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

Editor's Note: If you have an email address, please share it with me. You'll receive an enhanced copy of the Journal much faster than you would going through the U.S. mail. Several hard copies are returned for inaccurate mailing addresses. It would also allow the Chapter to use the savings to promote our charitable work. If you have internet access, please contact me at donodan3@gmail.com or call on 215-292-2365. You'd be doing both yourself and the Chapter a tremendous service. Thank you.

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Philadelphia Chapter Upcoming Meetings

The meeting schedule for the balance of the 2017-2018 Fraternal Year is listed below. Meetings are held on the 4th Friday of the month at Roman Catholic High School unless otherwise indicated:

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

Friday, February 23, 2018 Friday, March 23, 2018
Friday, April 27, 2018 Friday, May 25, 2018
Friday, June 22, 2018, ELECTIONS
Location TBA

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

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President Nick Marcantonio

Brothers,

Our annual Pro-Life bus trip to Washington D.C. was well attended. It was a pleasure to see so many young people there, holding up signs that said, "We are the Pro-Life Generation". It is my hope that the day will come when abortion is illegal in America and we will no longer have to march. Palm Sunday, March 25, is when we will be returning to St. John's Hospice. Report time is 10:00 AM. Happy Easter to you and your families!!!

Vice-President Dan Donovan

Brothers all,

The Philadelphia Chapter 2018 Charity Drive is presently underway. As the Drive Chairman, I can tell you the early returns are very promising. I continue to be inspired by the generosity of the members of our area Councils. We begin the drive with hopes of receiving an average of \$10.00 per Council member. While many returns exceeded that goal, others simply contributed what they could. **Either way, the Chapter is truly grateful for every dollar donated.** It allows us to continue to work with the non-profit agencies listed on your mailing while also supporting programs like Pro-Life, the Annual Children's Outing, St. John's Hospice, etc. Also, your contributions provide potential benefits to member Councils through partial RSVP Program reimbursement, Scholastic Aide for eligible Chapter members and financial assistance for Brothers in need. None of the above would be possible without the financial support received from your Council. We are truly blessed to be associated with such a charitable group of men.

Chapter Secretary Pat Corey

Brothers –

We have a number of events coming up. On Saturday, March 3, the annual "Man Up Philly" conference will be held at Neumann University in Ashton, Pa. We urge all who can attend to come out and share this day of distinguished guests, food and friendship with other Catholic men of the Delaware Valley. The Philadelphia Chapter, along with the Delaware Valley Board of District Deputies, will sponsor an information table for Catholic men interested in joining the Knights of Columbus. We encourage you to stop by and share any informational materials or other insights you may have.

Chapter Awards: We are working on Council recognition awards for both participation in the Charity Fund and individual Council newsletters. To be eligible, a Council must average 100 % participation in donations to the Charity Drive. As for the newsletters, submissions from your Council should be forwarded to the Chapter Secretary or Chapter Newsletter Editor for review. The newsletter will be judged on content and value to the Order. Lastly if you have an event coming up and need it advertised let the Journal editor know. REMEMBER, WORKING TOGETHER WE CAN DO MORE FOR CHAPTER COUNCILS. (cont.)

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Estate Planning: In the past we have received contributions from the estates of members that were active in all facets of the Chapter's charitable work. They may have been involved with the children's picnic, various social events, providing aid to distressed members or in a larger way with other activities. They remembered all the good that came from belonging to the Chapter and chose to contribute to it in their will. We're extremely grateful for their generosity and will always remember them in our prayers and masses. If you would like information on how to contribute, contact the Chapter Treasurer.

Finally, I'd need your guidance. Several Brother Knights are interested in a trip to New Haven to visit Yale University, St. Mary's Church, the tomb of our founder Father Michael J. McGivney and the museum. My wife and I have been there several times and there is a lot to see. Also, there are two casinos, a beautiful Colonial town and a submarine base. It can be done either as a one-day trip or an overnight stay. We can make the trip on a weekday or over a weekend. It will be open to all. I am going to contact New Haven today and get ideas for the trip. Please get back to me with your thoughts and preferences.

Chapter Treasurer Jack Stanczak

Fellow Knights:

Scholastic Aid applications for the year 2018 will be accepted **only from April 1 to May 31 with no exceptions.** Scholastic Aid applications should be obtained directly from your Grand Knight. All paperwork is also to go through your Grand Knights. All information will be confidential and destroyed immediately after distribution on August 1.

Scholastic Aid is provided **only** for immediate family members of Knights who are in good standing within their member Councils. The amount of money distributed for Scholastic Aid is based strictly on the amount of Charity Fund donations. Thank you.

Warden Mickey Kelly: Pro Life Report

Brothers

The Pro-Life March in Washington DC on January 19, 2018 was a success. Many thanks to our committee and Chapter President plus the 36 faithful who rode down with us. Our driver, Winston, drove members to and from the march. Also want to acknowledge MEI Caters for the delicious box lunches they provided.

Also, Dr. Monique Ruberu, the Chapter's 2017 Woman of the Year, is encouraging our brother Knights to participate in the Lenten **40 Days for Life Campaign**. It begins on Ash Wednesday, February 14th, and ends on Palm Sunday, March 25th. The Vigils will take place from 8:00 AM – 5:00 PM Monday to Saturday. Visit 40daysforlife.com to sign up for your hours.

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Chapter News

- † The St. John Newman Assembly # 933 is sponsoring Bingo at the Delaware Valley Veterans Home on Monday, February 26th. The Home is located on Southampton Road and Roosevelt Boulevard. Volunteers are needed. Reporting time is 6:00 PM, Bingo begins at 6:30.
- † Calling all Retired Police and Fire former LOSH (League of Sacred Heart. Catholic Police and Fire, Prison and Sheriff DP) members. We have membership cards and gifts. If you would like to continue your membership call Pat Corey 215-677-8549.
- † Fish Dinner – in support of Knights of Columbus Charities. Friday March 9, 2018, 5:00 PM to 8:00 PM at Holmesburg Council Knights of Columbus, 3300 Knorr Street (at Rowland Ave.) Advance tickets sales only – no tickets at the door. Donation \$12.00 each, \$20.00 per couple. Call Matt Kresz 215-331-0806.
- † The Philadelphia Chapter will be serving an Easter meal at St. John's Hospice, 12th and Race Streets, on Palm Sunday, March 25th. Volunteers are needed. Report time is 10:00 AM.

The Journal is published bi-monthly. If your Council has an article to submit, please forward it to my attention by the 1st week of the month.

If you have a Knight's related function occurring before the release of the next Journal, feel free to forward the information to me. I'd be more than happy to assist with advertising your event via email.

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Philadelphia Chapter Councils Offer Affordable Facilities for That Special Event

The Councils listed 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, Trevoise PA Phone: 215-364-2130 - Knight owned business, available for large and small events, several caterings 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 your Council, please email me your information and I'll include it in next publication.