

Philadelphia Chapter – Knights of Columbus
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And Community

THE JOURNAL

January – February 2021

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	Charles Carroll #1364	Our Lady of Lourdes #4546
San Salvador #283	Madonna #3932	Regina Coeli #4921
Desoto #315	Immaculata #3933	Rev. John McHugh #4935
Commodore Barry #578	St. Katherine Drexel #3938	Fr. Thomas Ryan #5036
Pinzon #904	Regina Mundi #4052	San Rafael #7125
LaRabida #1191	Core Mariae #4100	St. Benedict de Moor #8252
Holmesburg #1284	St. Jude #4273	Mary Queen of Angels #12384
St. Leo's #1294	St. Charles Borromeo #4279	Pokrova #12561
	St. Helena's #15687	

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Thank You.

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Upcoming Philadelphia Chapter Meetings

Meetings are held on the 4th Friday of the month. The January meeting will be a Virtual meeting. A decision has yet to be made concerning the remaining meetings. As of right now, they will be held as scheduled at Roman Catholic High School. You will be notified of any changes.

Meeting Time: 7:30 PM

Friday, January 15, 2021 (Virtual Only)

Friday, February 26, 2021

Friday, March 26, 2021

Friday, April 23, 2021

Friday, May 21, 2021

June 25, 2021, Elections, date and location TBA

- **Please Note: All meetings at Roman Catholic High School are held in the School Library on the Mezzanine Level. An elevator is accessible for those who need it. All social distancing protocols are in place and masks are required for those in attendance.**

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President - Dan McPeake

Brothers all,

I hope you all had a Happy and Healthy Thanksgiving. I know that, due to this second wave of the COVID-19 Virus, we could not celebrate the holiday as we traditionally have in the past, surrounded by family and friends. But God willing we will all get through this Holiday Season safely and our lives will return to normal in the not-too-distant future.

I would like to let everyone know the Chapter has a new Chaplain, Father Matthew Biedrzycki. Father Matt is a graduate of Father Ryan High School and currently serves as the Parochial Vicar at the Cathedral. He also serves as Council Chaplain for LaRabida Council # 1191. We welcome Father Matt into the Chapter and look forward to him serving as our Spiritual Leader for years to come.

Our next Chapter meeting will be held on Friday, January 15th at 7:30 PM. Please note that this will be a **virtual meeting**. Due to the on-going pandemic, we had low member turnouts for our September and October 2020 meetings. That is why we cancelled the November and December meetings with the intent to hold this virtual meeting in January 2021. We are hopeful many of you will log-in to participate. The weblink will be emailed out the week of the meeting. We may schedule a dry run with Chapter Officers and Trustees prior to the 15th to eliminate any bugs. If so, they will all be notified after the 1st of the year.

Finally, on behalf of my fellow Chapter Officers and Trustees, I would like to wish you all a Blessed Christmas and a Happy and Safe New Year. Please stick to the necessary protocols to protect yourselves and your loved ones from this terrible virus. Pray for all the people who have lost their lives and for a quick and successful rollout of the Vaccine.

Merry Christmas!

Dan McPeake
Chapter President

Chapter Chaplain – Father Matthew Biedrzycki

Between Drudgery and Joy: Keeping Christ in Christmas!

We are now midway through the season of Advent, the beginning of a new liturgical year. Liturgy” stands for the public work of the Church. It refers primarily to those activities of worship which we are engaged in together as a worshipping community, the most important of which is the Mass. At its heart, the Liturgy is a reflection of Jesus Christ’s life and work here on earth and unto eternity. The various seasons as a

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result take us through the various aspects of his life and ministry. More to the point, they provide us a point of contact with His life and ministry 2000 years removed. When we go to Mass, we literally encounter Jesus anew. When we go to Mass, we step out of time as we know it – a near endless succession of minutes, hours, days, weeks, and months – and into God's time.

To illustrate the difference, a book came out a few years ago entitled, *Numbering My Days: How the Liturgical Year Rearranged My Life* by Chene Heady. Heady is in this book described his journey from living stress-filled, frantic life according to the clock, or "Chronos" time, in contrast with living according to a different sort of a time, a sacred time wherein the same stressors still existed but were carried out with a greater peace, joy and freedom. This sacred time is "Kairos" time. "Chronos" is the Greek word for describing time that goes according to the clock, the time told in minutes, hours, dates, appointments etc. "Kairos" is the Greek word for describing a time on the other hand that is specially appointed, marked by the special presence of God. The Liturgical Year helps us practically live in this sacred time.

Chronos time might also be called "Secular" time. To say something is "Secular" is to say it is "*of the age,*" or, as the saying goes, "*here today and gone tomorrow.*" Our preparations for Christmas by and large secular. Lights come up, lights go down, Christmas trees arrive, are decorated and eventually go the way of all trees. Caught up in the time-bound traditions of Christmas and the time leading up to it, it is understandable why the liturgical season of Advent is easy to overlook. Society bombards us with secular notions of the "Holiday Season," a secular substitute for Christmas. So how do we kick back? Worship. Living "Liturgically."

So, what does it look like to "Keep Christ in Christmas" in this way? Advent is not only marked by joyful expectation but also *conversion*, turning back to God and away from sin. It can be a time to intensify our spiritual exercises – prayer, the rosary, reading scripture. A great aid in helping us live *liturgically* is reading the readings for daily Mass and not just Sunday alone. You can subscribe to the readings here to receive them by email courtesy of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops: <https://bible.usccb.org/>.

These provide the texts for daily Mass and reflections upon them. Let us make a special effort as Knights to remind the world of the importance of keeping Christ in Christmas not only by our pins, bumper magnets and lawn signs – let us remind the world by being Christians in word and deed. Let us live in such a way that our families, friends, coworkers and more can say not only "He must be a Knight of Columbus" but "He must be a Christian."

Coming Up:

December

- Advent Season
 - Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception (Tuesday, December 8, 2020) – Holy Day of Obligation (Always a Holy Day of Obligation – though obligation is lifted till further notice in Archdiocese of Philadelphia)
 - Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe (Saturday, December 12, 2020)
 - To learn more about this fascinating apparition and sign see Knights of Columbus documentary on FORMED.org: "Guadalupe: The Miracle and the Message"

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- Christmas Season
 - Solemnity of the Nativity of Our Lord (Friday, December 25, 2020) – Holy Day of Obligation (Always a Holy Day of Obligation regardless of the day it falls on – though obligation is lifted till further notice in Archdiocese of Philadelphia)
 - Feast of the Holy Family (Sunday, December 27, 2020)
- Prayer of Consecration of the Holy Family (#10371) available on www.kofc.org

January

- Christmas Season (cont'd)
 - Solemnity of Mary Mother of God (Friday, January 1, 2020) Holy Day of Obligation this year – though obligation is lifted till further notice in Archdiocese of Philadelphia)
 - National Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children (Friday, January 22, 2020)
 - Rosary Novena, Fasting and Self-denial in preparation for this day are highly recommended

Vice- President – Atiba McCoy

My Friends –

As you are all aware by now, the Chapter will NOT be sending a bus to the annual Pro-Life March in Washington D.C. this January. However, there are several local and national virtual events planned to allow those who would otherwise be there in person to still be involved. Please act on this day, whether it be attending mass, saying the rosary or participating in one of these events to protect the rights of the unborn. Vivat Jesus!

Secretary- Dan Donovan

My Fellow Knights,

I hope you and your families are all doing well. As the President previously mentioned, our next meeting on January 15th will be **online only**. The information required to log-in to participate will be emailed out the week of the meeting.

Also, the 2021 Per Capita letters will be going out in January. As you recall, last year we followed the Supreme and State KOC Administrations in suspending collection of these assessments for the balance of the 2020 Calendar Year. We stated that any Council that paid their 2020 per Capita would NOT be receiving a bill for the 2021 Calendar Year. Those Councils with outstanding balances from 2020 will be receiving bills for the 2021 Calendar Year. The fee is the same, \$.70 per active member. We recorded all Council payments submitted last year. Any Council with any questions, please feel free to contact me at donodan3@gamil.com or by phone at 215-292-2365. As always, we appreciate your cooperation with this matter.

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2021 Charity Drive - Rich Konstance

As we bid farewell (or maybe good riddance) to 2020, we all reflect on what we were able to accomplish during the year. Needless to say, almost everything near and dear to our hearts was short circuited, slowed down or perhaps cancelled. Things we cherish and take for granted like celebrating with our friends, enjoying a nice dinner out, or hugging our grandkids were, at the very LEAST, made much more difficult. Charitable institutions everywhere have suffered as more people struggled to make ends meet in this era of COVID. **The Philadelphia Chapter Charity Program is no different.** We have seen a **50% decrease** in donations over the course of 2020, but we fully realize the difficulty so many have experienced in just trying to get through each and every day. Let us ALL PRAY and hope that 2021 is a much better, safer, and healthier year.

Our charitable support goes on, with the Chapter doing the best it can. Our many charitable outlets are still in need and we will continue to provide assistance where we can...**but we DO need your help.** Only YOU truly know the level of sacrifice involved with your donation. So many of you have been so generous in your support in the past. The problem we face is knee deep in the old adage, “15% of the people do 85% of the work!” The Chapter has over 4000 members. If EVERYONE donated just \$5.00, we would be in great shape, but we know that is unlikely. A donation of just \$10.00 from just half of the membership (less than three cents per day) would going a long way. **If you can only afford less...THANK YOU. If you can afford more...THANK YOU...but PLEASE participate.**

A letter, payment card and return envelope will reach in the next few weeks. Please write a check as soon as you can. We all know, putting the request in the PILE, will only REDUCE the chance that you will participate.

Chairman DVBDD- Nick Marcantonio

2020-2021 Meeting Schedule:

Monday, January 25 th , 2020:	Virtual Meeting	7:30PM
Monday, February 22 nd , 2021:	Holy Family Council Norristown, PA (tentative)	7:30PM
Sunday, March 22 nd , 2021:	Flaherty Council #3128, Glenside PA, Caucus/Registration	12:00PM
Monday, April 26 th , 2021:	Regina Mundi Council, Feasterville, PA	7:30PM
May 21 st -23 rd , 2021:	State Convention, State College, PA	9:00AM
Monday, June 28 th , 2021	Cor Mariae Council 4100 Philadelphia, PA	7:30PM

- **The DVBDD Chairman asks all District Deputies to contact the Councils in their jurisdictions to ensure their Forms # 185 and # 365 have been submitted as required.**

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Chance of a Lifetime – (COAL)

COAL is here in time for Christmas this year! TICKETS ARE AVAILABLE NOW! Individual tickets will be sold at \$5.00 per ticket which should make it easier to sell and track. Councils will make \$2.00 per ticket sold and delivered by April 1, 2021 and \$1.75 for tickets returned after April 1, 2021. **The Drawing Date will be April 30, 2021**; the same date that was planned in 2020. The process for submitting tickets and payments is being simplified. Councils are encouraged to send tickets and payments together. To do this, there is one discount date, April 1, 2021. This is a month after the Historical discount date.

Since orders could not be collected at the convention, other methods are being sought to get information out to the Councils. You can order online at <https://cda913.org/coal-order.html>. The late date and some previous commitments caused the 2020 and 2021 COAL Programs to overlap and some items from the 2020 Program are still being closed out. Hopefully, all bonus checks will be out by the time you see this article.

Thank you for your continued support. **Fran O’Hara, FSW COAL Chairman 610-733-1812**
coalchairman@gmail.com.

COAL Sweepstakes 16 Great Prizes 0000001

1 st Prize \$15,000	2 nd Prize \$10,000	3 rd Prize \$7,500	4 th Prize \$5,000
5 th Prize \$5,000	6 th Prize \$5,000	7 th Prize \$2,500	8 th Prize \$2,500
9 th Prize \$2,500	10 th Prize \$2,000	11 th Prize \$2,000	12 th Prize \$2,000
13 th Prize \$1,000	14 th Prize \$1,000	15 th Prize \$1,000	16 th Prize \$1,000

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Contributions are not deductible as charitable contributions.

Benefits State Council Scholarships
Drawing Friday April 30, 2021 – 8:00 PM
Mater Dei Hall, 327 Newtown Street Road, (Route 252, Newtown Square, PA)
TICKET HOLDERS NEED NOT BE PRESENT NO PURCHASE NECESSARY
Game of Chance License # 1809
Donation - five Dollars

PA State Council Prayer –St. Michael the Archangel

Holy Michael the Archangel defend us in the battle. Be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the devil. Rebuke him, O God, we humbly beseech thee; and do thou, O Prince of the heavenly host, by the divine power cast into hell Satan and all the other evil spirits who wander through the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen

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Chapter Sick List

Brothers, please pray for our sick Brothers and their family members who are listed below. Also keep in your prayers the families of all who have been affected by this Pandemic as well as all our Country's Military Personnel stationed at numerous bases around the world who will not be home to celebrate the Christmas Holiday with their families.

William Paoletti	Tom Stewart	Rosemarie Finnegan	Querubina Giron
Bob Watson	John Carroll	Marge McPeake	Doris Wurtenberg
Marie Bell	Barbara May	Fred May Jr.	Christopher May
William Bell Sr.	Mary Donovan	Prov Geralis	Victor Fernandez
Patricia Conroy Blaine	Bill Legget	Maria Middleton	

** Please alert the editor of any additions or deletions from this list by emailing donodan3@gmail.com.
I would like to keep the listing as up to date as possible. Thank you.

Prayers Unite the World

EVERY time our Church has had a need, our Brother Knights have responded. Right now, our Faith is under attack like it has never been and the Church needs its most faithful members to stand up and share its message of God's love with the world.

The Knights are partnering with "Prayers Unite the World" to do just that. Begun by a Brother Knight, "Prayers Unite the World" is a website where people can request prayers and then learn about many of the Religious communities and Catholic organizations from around the world.

We need to build an army of men who would be willing to share the Faith through the power of prayer. You do not need to explain the Faith. You simply live the Faith and let people know that God and his loving Church are with them. All through the power of prayer.

It only takes five minutes of time and it does not cost a dime.

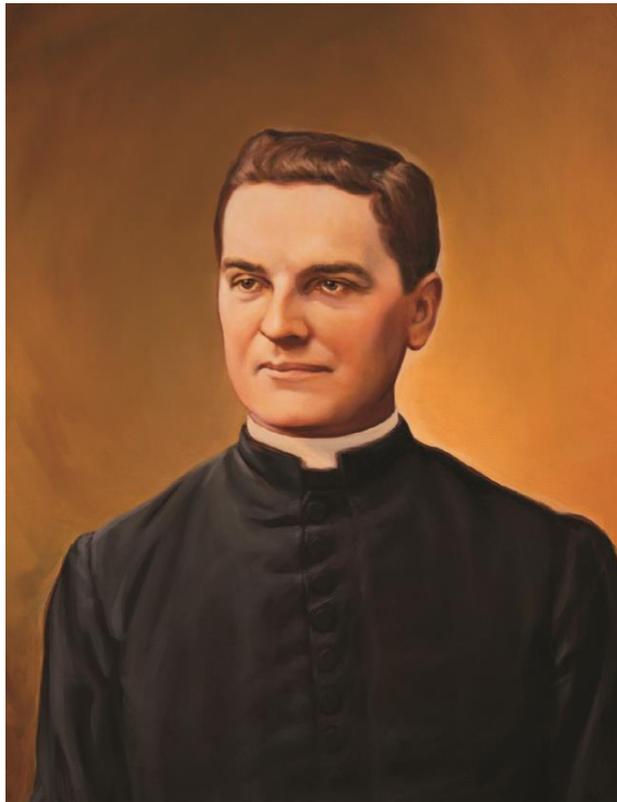
For further information contact

prayersunitetheworld@gmail.com

or call 215-779-219

Prayer for the Canonization of Blessed Michael McGivney

Founder of the Knights of Columbus



God, our Father, protector of the poor and defender of the widow and orphan, you called your priest, Blessed Michael McGivney, to be an apostle of Christian family life and to lead the young to the generous service of their neighbor. Through the example of his life and virtue, may we follow your Son, Jesus Christ, more closely, fulfilling his commandment of charity and building up his Body which is the Church. Let the inspiration of your servant prompt us to greater confidence in your love so that we may continue his work of caring for the needy and the outcast. We humbly ask that you glorify Blessed Michael McGivney on earth according to the design of your holy will. Through his intercession, grant the favor I now present (*here make your request*). Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Please report all favors received:

The Father McGivney Guild

1 Columbus Plaza

The Refund Support Vocations Program (RSVP)

The RSVP is a program for keeping our Faith Alive by supporting our Seminarians and Postulants who have been called to do God's work. These young men and women need Councils of the Knights of Columbus to provide moral, financial, and spiritual support during their religious journey. For every \$500 given to an individual, the Supreme Council will refund the council \$100. The maximum refund for council or assembly is \$400 per individual.

In addition to the \$100.00 each Chapter Council receives from Supreme, you are also eligible for an additional \$50.00 refund from the Chapter for each \$500.00 RSVP donation. We urge all Councils to support our Seminarians and Permanent Deacon candidates through the RSVP and the Archdiocesan Permanent Diaconate and Ministry Program Fund.



THE PERMANENT DIACONATE VOCATIONS AND MINISTRY PROGRAM FUND



THE PERMANENT DIACONATE VOCATIONS AND MINISTRY PROGRAM FUND was created to provide resources to build and support the Diaconate in the Archdiocese of Philadelphia, from ministry and vocation awareness to continuing formation of Deacons.

Your contribution to this Fund will help secure a vibrant community of Permanent Deacons for the Archdiocese of Philadelphia. Contributions are made through The Catholic Foundation of Greater Philadelphia.

Donations can be sent to: Deacon Fund
c/o The Catholic Foundation of Greater Philadelphia
100 North 20th Street, Suite 301
Philadelphia, PA 19403

Please make checks payable to THE CATHOLIC FOUNDATION OF GREATER PHILADELPHIA with DEACON FUND noted on the memo line.

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QUESTIONS?

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THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT! Investing in the Deacon Fund will provide the funds to support the charitable works and services provided by the Permanent Diaconate to the people and Church in the Archdiocese of Philadelphia.



The Catholic Foundation of Greater Philadelphia (CFGFP) is an independent, nonprofit community foundation committed to helping others leave a legacy of Catholic philanthropy. CFGFP provides investment management and development consulting services to meet the diverse needs of all donors and Catholic institution.

A PRAYER FOR PROTECTION IN TIME OF PANDEMIC



The ancient fresco of Madonna del Soccorso (Our Lady of Help) in St. Peter's Basilica was restored with the support of the Knights of Columbus to mark the Year of Faith (2012-2013). Photo courtesy of Fabbrica di San Pietro/M. Falcioni.

O Mary,
you always brighten our path
as a sign of salvation and of hope.
We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick,
who, at the Cross, took part in Jesus' pain
while remaining steadfast in faith.

O loving Mother,
you know what we need,
and we are confident you will provide for us
as at Cana in Galilee.

Intercede for us with your Son Jesus,
the Divine Physician,
for those who have fallen ill,
for those who are vulnerable,
and for those who have died.

Intercede also for those charged with
protecting the health and safety of others
and for those who are tending to the sick
and seeking a cure.

Help us, O Mother of Divine Love,
to conform to the will of the Father
and to do as we are told by Jesus,
who took upon himself our
sufferings and carried our sorrows,
so as to lead us, through the Cross,
to the glory of the Resurrection. Amen.

*Under thy protection we seek refuge,
O Holy Mother of God.*

*In our needs, despise not our petitions,
but deliver us always from all dangers,
O glorious and blessed Virgin. Amen.*

Adapted from the prayer of Pope Francis

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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
- * **Holmesburg Council #1284** 3300 Knorr St Hall available for rentals. Contact Tim Thomson Hall manager at 215-331-4570(Hall) or 215-514-0962

Please support our local Councils and remember to mention you are a Knights of Columbus member when you call. If I missed your Council, please email me your information and I will include it in next publication. 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 would be more than happy to assist with advertising your event via email.

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The Officers and Trustees of the Philadelphia Chapter of the Knights of the Columbus want to wish all of our Council members and their families a Merry and Blessed Christmas as well as a Happy, Healthy and Prosperous New Year.