



Philadelphia Chapter, together Serving God, Family
And Community

THE JOURNAL

November - December 2022

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	St. William's # 17675	

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Upcoming Philadelphia Chapter Meetings

Wednesday, September 28, 2022

* **Wednesday, November 30, 2022 (due to Thanksgiving)**

Wednesday, January 25, 2023

Wednesday, March 22, 2023

Wednesday, May 17, 2023 (due to Memorial Day)

Wednesday, October 26, 2022

Monday, December 5, 2022 (Christmas Social)

Wednesday, February 22, 2023

Wednesday, April 26, 2023

Wednesday, June 28, 2023 (Chapter Elections)

Meetings are held on the 4th Wednesday of the month at [Father Sullivan Hall, Immaculate Heart of Mary Church at 819 Cathedral Road, Philadelphia, PA 19128](#). All meetings will start at [7:00 PM](#).
Please note the change in meeting day, time, and location.

- ❖ Please note that the dates and times listed above are subject to change. An email will be sent to everyone on the Chapter mailing list if such a change is necessary.

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President – Atiba McCoy

Brothers all,

The annual Chapter Dinner was held on Sunday, October 2nd and was a wonderful affair. It was well attended with an audience exceeding 140 guests. Among those in attendance were several members of the Clergy; the Pennsylvania State Deputy Michael Kish; and several local Knights of Columbus dignitaries. All were there to honor this year's awardees: Father Dennis O'Donnell (Catholic Man of the Year); Sister Paula Napoli (Catholic Woman of the Year); and Brother Gerry Bowes (Past Presidents Award Honoree). I would like to thank all who took the time from their busy schedules to attend this event and express not only their support for the Chapter but also their appreciation of the Honorees for their devotion to both our Order and our Catholic values.

St. Jude Council is sponsoring their Annual Communion Breakfast on Sunday, November 13th, at St. Vincent De Paul's Church; 109 E. Price Street in Philadelphia. Mass is scheduled for 9:00 AM with breakfast to follow. The Council will be recognizing SK L. Thomas Johnson, retiring as Financial Secretary after 20 years of service; Past Grand Knights Wiley Redding and Atiba McCoy; and remembering the recently departed Sir Knight Raymond Hill. The ticket cost is \$22.00 and can be purchased by contacting Wiley Redding at 610-733-0370 or by email at Wlredding21@gmail.com.

The Chapter has scheduled our Annual Holiday visits to St. John's Hospice to serve the residents and other needy people who are served by the Hospice. **The Thanksgiving visit will be held on Sunday, November 20th at 10:00 AM while the Christmas visit is set for December 18th.** This event is always well attended by the Knights of our Chapter Councils. I am hoping we will have another solid turnout this year. Those in need that are served by us are always appreciative and thank us for taking the time to remember them at this time of year. I have found it to be an extremely rewarding experience and encourage anyone who has never attended to join us this year.

Also, please note the change to the date of our next meeting. **The new meeting date for the November meeting is November 30th.** The date was changed due to the Thanksgiving Day holiday. The time and location remain the same. Please make every effort to attend.

Finally, with the Thanksgiving Holiday and Christmas Season rapidly approaching, on behalf of myself and my fellow Chapter Officers, I would like to wish you all a Happy and Holy Christmas Season as well as a Healthy and Happy New Year!

Save the Date

- The Philadelphia Chapter will be holding its Second Annual Holiday Social on Monday, December 12th, from 6:00 to 8:00 PM. The event will be held at MEI Caterers, 4900 E. Street Road in Trevose. The cost is \$10.00. Anyone interested should contact me, Atiba McCoy, or Dan McPeake by Monday, December 5th.
- St. John Neumann Assembly # 933 will be honoring Past Faithful Navigator Mike Ciampoli at a Testimonial Dinner on Sunday, December 4th, from 2:00 to 6:00 PM also at MEI Caterers. Anyone interested in purchasing tickets or an ad for the Program Book should contact Rich Konstance at rkonstance@aol.com.

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Chapter Chaplain – Father Matthew Biedrzycki

Praying for the Dead

November 2022 Chaplain's Report/Reflection

The month of November is traditionally dedicated in a special way toward offering prayer and sacrifices on behalf of the faithful departed. Why? First of all, the Church invites us in the month of November to reflect upon our end. We begin November with the Feast of All Saints, a holy day of obligation, during which we honor all those who we believe to be in heaven now with the Father, and the Son and the Holy Spirit. To be in heaven is to be a saint. If we want to be there, we must want to be saints!

The saints seek to live as Jesus lives here and now while on earth. Their lives are incomprehensible if we are not actively trying to follow Jesus' instruction to his disciples: ***"If anyone wishes to come after me, he must deny himself, take up his cross daily and follow me."*** (Lk 9:23) As men who suffer the effects of Original Sin (ignorance, suffering, death and the inclination to sin and sin again) this can seem impossible.

God in his mercy and love helps us. One great sign of his mercy is the reality of Purgatory. When we sin, there is an eternal consequence and a temporal one. For those who repent for the forgiveness of sins and take advantage of Jesus' offer of salvation, Jesus' sacrifice satisfies the eternal consequence (eternal separation from God). For our part, we must do what we can to make amends for the temporal punishment due to sin.

Our death marks the end of the time to make amends and atone for sin. When we come before the judgment seat of Christ all is laid bare. For those who are deemed worthy to enter heaven, but still have sin to atone for, God permits these souls pass time in Purgatory so as to be purged of sin and able to abide forever in glory. Friends, many souls long to leave but are no longer able to pray for themselves. They can pray for us and desire we pray and atone on their behalf.

On the Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed, All Souls Day (November 2nd) we do this as a Church. During the month of November, we are invited to do this individually as well. It is customary as Knights of Columbus to make a special effort to pray for our deceased brother Knights during these days and gain indulgences (remittances for the temporal punishment due to sin). May God bless you!

Action Items:

- Gain Indulgences:
 - Conditions
 - 1) Indulgences Activity (e.g., Visit Cemetery and pray for the dead)
 - 2) Make a Good Confession
 - 3) Receive Holy Communion
 - 4) Pray for the Holy Father and his Intentions
 - 5) Make a conscious effort to be detached from all sin

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Chaplain's Report/Reflection (continued)

Coming Up:

- Deacon's Mass hosted by Philadelphia K of C
 - Saturday, November 11, 2022
 - St. Katharine of Siena Church in NE. Philadelphia @ 10:00AM
- LaRabida Council #1191 Memorial Mass
 - Monday, November 21, 2022
 - Mass at 6:30PM in the Chapel of Cathedral Basilica of SS. Peter and Paul
- Feast of Christ the King
 - Sunday, November 20, 2022
- Thanksgiving Day
 - Thursday, November 24, 2022
 - Go to Mass and give thanks!
- First Sunday of Advent
 - Sunday, November 27, 2022
- Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception
 - Thursday, December 8, 2022
 - Holy Day of Obligation

Secretary- Dan Donovan

My fellow Knights –

As of October 24th, the following Councils have still not paid their 2022 Chapter Per Capita fees:

- St. Jude; St. Benedict the Moor; La Rabida; Immaculata; Fr. Thomas Ryan; Fr. John Mc Hugh; San Salvador; Regina Coeli; and Holmesburg.

The due date for submission was July 1st. During the pandemic, the Chapter suspended Per Capita payments for the 2020 and 2021 Calendar Years. However, notices were sent out to all Chapter Councils last Spring that we would be re-instituting the Per Capita fees of \$.70 cents per Council member for the current year. In most cases, although these fees do not amount to large sums individually, they are essential in covering the Chapter's Annual administrative expenses.

It is important that these assessments be paid in full to allow us to pay the operating expenses critical to our ability to continue to function and hold monthly meetings. If you are a member or an Officer from one of the Councils mentioned above, please bring this matter to the attention of your Grand Knight as soon as possible so your account can be brought up to date.

As previously mentioned, our November meeting date has been changed to Wednesday, November 30th. The meeting start time and location are the same: 7:00 PM at Father Sullivan Hall, Immaculate Heart of Mary Church at 819 Cathedral Road, Philadelphia, PA 19128.

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Chapter Sick List

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 the on-going Covid Pandemic as well as all our Country's Military Personnel stationed at numerous bases around the world:

Fred May	Barbara May	Dan McPeake	Marge McPeake
Mary Donovan	George Koch	Kathy Koch	Donna McLaughlin
Ray Hill	Donald Wells	the Unborn	the Homeless

** 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

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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

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 Deaconate and Ministry Program Fund.

15th Anniversary of Man Up Philly!

Early Bird Registration is Now Open!

Saturday March 4, 2023, will be the 15th Man Up Philly Conference and we are going back to our roots to the Campus of Cardinal O'Hara at the St John Vianney Hall Theater where it all started. Do not miss this opportunity to bring a friend and hear inspiring speakers for a day of reflection and growth!

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On behalf of all the Brother Knights of the Chapter, charitable support has been sent to support the victims of the tragedy now occurring in Ukraine. A donation was made, through UNICEF, to relieve the suffering experienced by those unfortunate children who have done NOTHING to warrant their current situation. The Chapter asks that each one of us continue to support our Brother Knights and ALL those in Ukraine, though prayer:

“Give comfort to those who suffer because of the violence. Give comfort to those who mourn their dead, and strength to neighboring countries to welcome the refugees. Convert the hearts of those who resort to arms and protect those who work to promote peace.

God of hope, inspire leaders to choose peace instead of violence and to seek reconciliation with enemies. Inspire compassion in the universal Church for the Ukrainian people and give us hope for a future of peace based on justice for all.

We ask this through Jesus Christ, Prince of Peace and Light of the world. Amen.”

The prayer below has special ties to Ukraine and her people. It is suggested that this oration be offered on their behalf.

*We fly to Your patronage, O Virgin Mother of God.
Despise not our prayers in our needs,
but deliver us from all dangers since you alone are pure and blessed.
O most glorious ever-Virgin Mary,
the Mother of Christ our God, accept our prayers
and present them to Your Son and our God,
that for the sake of you, He enlightens and saves our souls.*



Into the Breach Video Series

Calling men of all ages!

Join the Knights of Columbus for this powerful, multi-part presentation presentation *Into the Breach*

Saturday mornings at 10:30 AM in the Neumann room at the Cathedral Basilica of Sts. Peter & Paul.

Saturdays

**NOV 5 -
DEC 17**

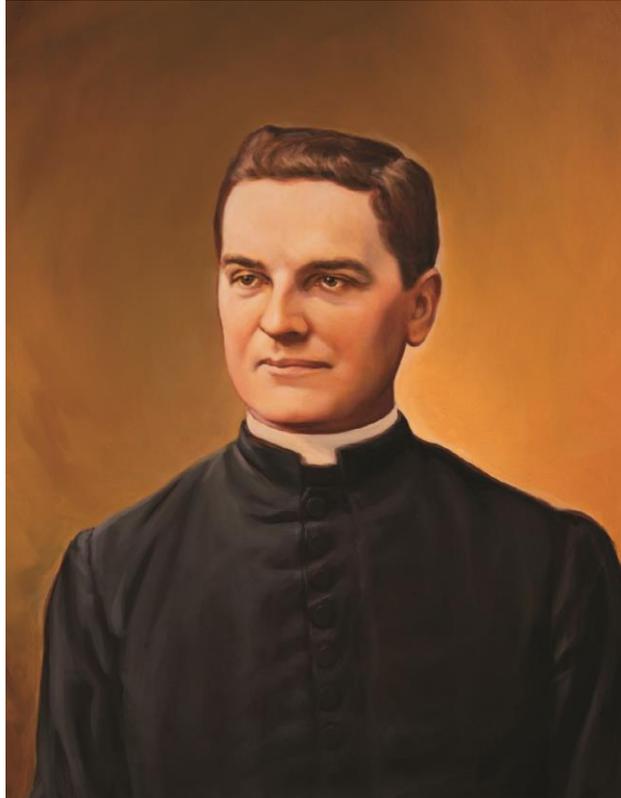
10:30 AM

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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

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 locations 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
- * **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 catering 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 the 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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