



# THE PITTSBURGH KNIGHT

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## UPCOMING EVENTS:



**Family of the Month Form  
Due on January 15.**



**Pittsburgh Chapter Meeting –  
January 3, 2023 at Holy  
Family/St. Irenaeus Church**

**March for Life – Washington,  
D.C. on January 20, 2023**



## A MESSAGE FROM THE CHAPTER PRESIDENT...

Dear Brother Knights,

I hope everyone had a Blessed and Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year with their families and friends.

Councils should be identifying delegates to the 125<sup>th</sup> PA State Convention, which will be held May 5 – 7, 2023, in Harrisburg. Delegates to the PA State Convention will confirm the slate of State Officers for the 2023 - 2024 fraternal years. Delegates will also vote on several resolutions that will be presented at the convention. The State Convention is your opportunity to make your voices heard by the Pennsylvania State Officers. In addition, it provides a wonderful venue for the exchange of ideas with your Brother Knights from across Pennsylvania.

**District Deputies** – Are you on track for the New Year? Are your official Council visits scheduled and well underway? Remember that you represent the State Deputy and Supreme Knight in your district and should ensure that each of your Councils are on track with the mission of our Order. Are your Grand Knights receiving emails from yourself, the State, and Supreme? If not, have them update their contact information at fraternalmission@kofc.org for Supreme emails.

**Grand Knights** – Are you working closely with your District Deputies to ensure that your Council is on track with the mission of our Order? Are you meeting regularly with your Pastor to discuss how your Council can serve the Parish and Community?



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*Happy New Year*

Pittsburgh Chapter Meeting  
Jan 3rd, 2023  
Holy Family Parish/St Irenaeus Church  
387 Maryland Avenue; Oakmont, PA

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**A MESSAGE FROM OUR CHAPLAIN**


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# WATCH YOUR EMAILS FOR A COLUMN FROM FATHER WILL !!!



**Father Will Wuenschel**  
Saint Aidan Parish  
St Alphonsus & St. Alexis Churches

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Appoint a committee to collaborate with the Financial Secretary on updating members' contact information. It is essential that the Council have a valid phone number and email address for every member on the roster.

Let us all start the New Year with a positive frame of mind and upbeat attitude and let's finish fraternal year 2022-2023 strong!

The Knights of Columbus Bishop's Project is a great way to support the McGuire Memorial Home and Saint Anthony School Program for Councils. The general idea is to get permission from the Pastors of each of our parishes for the Knights to "shake the can" after all Masses one weekend before February 28th. (Or any time between February and early April for next year's campaign.)

Thank you all for your service to the Order. If you have any questions or suggestions, please don't hesitate to email [timmy1825@aol.com](mailto:timmy1825@aol.com) or call me (412) 699 – 9199, and I will try to help, or direct you to the person who can help.

Let's get the second half of the fraternal year off to a rousing start!

May this New Year bless you with good health, success, and happiness for you and your families.

Thank you and Vivat Jesus!

**Timothy R. Richards** – Pittsburgh Chapter President  
*State Secretary, Pennsylvania State Council*  
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## ***COUNCIL NEWS FROM AROUND THE CHAPTER***

### **JOHN F. KENNEDY COUNCIL #5501**

- ◆ The council had their Creche Blessing on December 3rd after the 4 PM mass at St. Victor Church. Emma Evans was selected from those attending to place the infant Jesus in the creche.
- ◆ Three St. Victor CCD classes will be participating in the Keep Christ in Christmas poster contest.

### **NATRONA COUNCIL #2602**

- ◆ The council continues their partnership with the *Building Blocks of Natrona* group to distribute various goods to the needy. The group uses the council hall on the 3rd Saturday of every month to aid the needed.

### **BELLEVUE COUNCIL #1400**

## **Our Council Receives the Columbian Award!**

At our November 16th meeting, Worthy District Deputy Joseph McCullough presented Grand Knight Charlie Helmstetter with the Columbian Award for Council 1400. Joe also presented the travelling Saint Joseph Icon, which was displayed at the Assumption Masses on Sunday November 13th.



## **FUTURE PITTSBURGH CHAPTER MEETINGS**

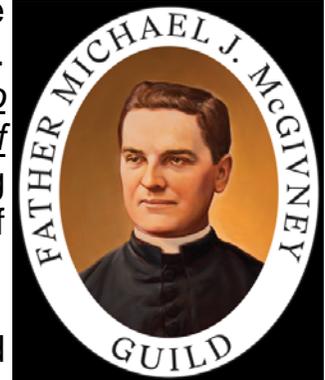
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- ◆ **Feb 7th, 2023 Christ the Divine Shepherd/St Bernadette Church**
- ◆ **Mar 7th, 2023 St Thomas the Apostle/St Max Church**
- ◆ **Apr 4th, 2023 TBD**
- ◆ **May 2nd, 2023 St Paul Cathedral/ Wuerl Hall**
- ◆ **Jun 6th, 2023 St Killian Church**

**ALL MEETINGS START AT 7:30 pm !!!!**



## Father McGivney Guild

The Father McGivney Guild was established to promote the cause for the canonization of our founder, Father Michael J. McGivney. Membership in the Guild is open to anyone (*you do not necessarily need to be a member of the Knights of Columbus*) who wishes to share in this mission of making known the life and work of Father McGivney and of encouraging devotion to his memory.



The goal is to spread the story about his holiness of life and seek his intercession before the throne of God. **THERE IS NO COST TO BE A GUILD MEMBER.** The guild serves as a clearing house for information about Father McGivney, his virtuous life and works, plus the guild is an outward sign of support showing our interest in having this priest canonized. As a member of the **Guild**, you will receive a newsletter and periodic updates on the progress of this cause for canonization. Membership in the Knights of Columbus **DOES NOT** automatically enroll you in the Guild.

Not only because Father McGivney is the founder of the Knights of Columbus, but also because in solidarity with our Bishops and Priests, we want to honor them by bringing about sainthood to the first native born Catholic Parish Priest in the United States. Please visit the Guild website at [http:// www.fathermcgivney.org](http://www.fathermcgivney.org) to become a Guild member.

### KNIGHTS URGED TO MARCH FOR LIFE IN D.C.



Supreme Knight Patrick Kelly has called Knights of Columbus across the United States to participate in the March for Life in Washington, D.C. on January 20, 2023, the first national march since the reversal of *Roe vs. Wade* in 2022.

“Make no mistake, the March for Life marches on – and so must we,” the supreme knight affirmed. I will be in D.C. on January 20 and will be proud to march alongside you.”

## TURKEYS, PIES, AND A WARM WALK TO THE CAR

St. Thomas the Apostle Council and the Pittsburgh Chapter joined the Best of the Batch Foundation to provide Coats for Kids during the Foundation’s Thanksgiving Dinner Distribution event. As part of the State Council’s commitment to distribute 10,000 coats this year, the Pittsburgh Chapter received two cases of coats to distribute to local children. The Chapter joined forces with the Chapter President’s home council, St. Thomas the Apostle Council #2201 to find a location to pass out the coats to families in need. As advised by Council Chaplain Father Dan Sweeney, Chapter President Tim Richards reached out to the local Police Department in Munhall to discuss opportunities to get the coats to kids who needed them. Munhall Police Officer Shannon, who works with the community outreach for the police department, made quick work to connect our Coats for Kids distribution with the Best of the Batch Foundation which is located right next door to the Police Station. The Best of the Batch Foundation is a community-based, non-profit created by Former Pittsburgh Steeler, Homestead PA native, and all-around great guy Charlie Batch and his wife LaTasha. The Foundation gives back to the Homestead and Munhall communities in a variety of ways, including providing year-round educational programming and a safe place for kids to go after school, doctor services, and adopting families to help them get through holidays like Christmas and Thanksgiving.

On Monday, November 21, 2022, the Best of the Batch Foundation was distributing laundry baskets of food to 100 local families in need that included everything they would need to make a special Thanksgiving meal for their families, from sweet potatoes and stuffing mix to a frozen turkey for the main dish, and pumpkin pie for dessert!

Council #2201 and the Pittsburgh Chapter joined in on the giving. Before families made their way through the path of food that was set up for them, they were able to stop in at the dance studio across the hall to have the children try on brand new coats to keep them warm this winter. Over 100 coats were available to select from, and about a dozen Council and Chapter Knights and their wives were on hand to help distribute the coats including Regional Program Director Michael Lynch and his Lovely Lady Anne, Chapter President and State Secretary Tim Richards and Lady Tiffany, and the Grand Knight of Council 2201, Thomas Volk. We hope you enjoy the pictures of the event as much as we enjoyed being a part of the joy of giving this holiday season!



# JANUARY 2023



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Solemnity of Mary	2	3 Pgh Chapter Meeting	4	5	6 Epiphany	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15 **	16 Martin Luther King Day	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				**Family of Month Form Due

# FEBRUARY 2023



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