



# THE PITTSBURGH KNIGHT

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**DON'T FORGET THAT THE ANNUAL SURVEY OF FRATERNAL ACTIVITY FOR THE TWELVE MONTH PERIOD ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2017 IS DUE ON JANUARY 31!**

## Star Council Rebate: Push Excellence to Qualify

Push excellence in your council and you may just qualify for a rebate!

To do so, your council must earn the Star Council Award at any level in the 2017-18 fraternal year.

They will then qualify to receive a credit of \$4.50 (\$3.50 per capita and \$1 Catholic Advertising) for each billable member on its roster as of July 1, 2018.

Please note: The rebate is only available for councils located in insurance territories (United States, Canada, Puerto Rico and Guam).

## A MESSAGE FROM OUR CHAPTER PRESIDENT...

Brother Knights of the Pittsburgh Chapter,



February is a month of reflection and a month to ponder on our beloved country and its great leaders, George Washington and Abraham Lincoln. February is also a time to remember our love for one another on Valentine's day which is also Ash Wednesday – the day to look inward and to begin to examine and scrutinize our Faith as we do every year at the beginning and during the season of Lent!

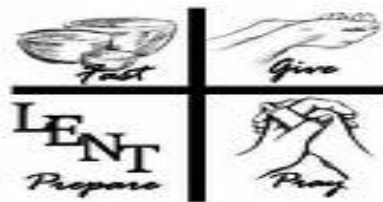
For a month considered the doldrums of winter, February certainly is a meaningful month. Let us also ponder on our Order and the necessity to remain positive during the coming changes relevant to *The Church Alive*. This year, while being our Chapter's 110 year anniversary, will also be the year of change for our Church, as most of us haven't seen since "Vatican II".

Let us consider this, not a set-back, but a "Blessing in Disguise", that will give our members a chance to "think out of the box" and be creative, as to how to expand our Order as never before.

Vivat Jesus!

Fraternally,

Joseph Ferruzza  
President, Pittsburgh Chapter Knights of Columbus



**LENT BEGINS ON FEBRUARY 14 !!!**

FEBRUARY CHAPTER MEETING  
FEBRUARY 6, 2018  
PIUS XII COUNCIL #4925  
MONROEVILLE

***DIRECTIONS TO PIUS XII  
(St. Bernadette's Parish,  
Monroeville PA)***

***For those of  
you with a  
GPS unit, St.  
Bernadette's  
Parish is  
located at 245  
Azalea Drive, Monroeville PA***



From Route 28 (North or South), go to Harmarville and enter the Pennsylvania Turnpike, then follow the directions below:

- ◆ Take exit Pittsburgh Interchange (57) onto William Penn Hwy (US-22-BR) toward Monroeville
- ◆ Turn right onto Center Rd 0.2 mi/
- ◆ Turn left onto Garden City Dr 0.2 mi/
- ◆ Bear left onto Azalea Dr 439 ft/
- ◆ Your destination on Azalea Dr is on the left.

If you are coming from downtown Pittsburgh area, take the Penn Lincoln Parkway (I-376 East and follow the directions below:

- ◆ Take exit #84A/PA-48 S/ Monroeville onto Mosside Blvd
- ◆ Turn right onto William Penn Hwy (US-22-BR)
- ◆ Turn right onto Center Rd 0.2 mi
- ◆ Turn left onto Garden City Dr 0.2 miles
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The Knights of Columbus is providing \$1.4 million to help repair and rebuild churches that were either destroyed or badly damaged in the late summer hurricanes that assaulted Texas, Florida and the U.S. Virgin Islands.

“Getting parish facilities up and running again does not just meet a practical need,” said Supreme Knight Carl Anderson. “The people in the affected areas see the revival of their churches as a spiritual joy and as an important signal of recovery for the larger communities that surround these churches.”

Knights of Columbus Charities raised \$3.8 million for disaster relief in the months following the hurricanes. In the immediate aftermath, more than \$720,000 was used to pay for food, water and other critical supplies. At the same time, many local Knights helped rescue neighbors stranded by rising waters and reached out to their communities in a variety of other ways.

Church repair and renovation has been a key component of Knights’ relief efforts in the past. In the wake of Hurricane Katrina, which struck the New Orleans area in 2005, the K of C contributed \$6.7 million to various dioceses to help rebuild the Catholic infrastructure in the area, aiding in the repair of schools, churches and other buildings.

The Knights of Columbus has also earmarked a significant amount of money for upcoming church repair efforts in Puerto Rico.

This donation will be in addition to the \$100,000 donation presented by the Order to the Archdiocese of San Juan in the aftermath of Hurricane Maria, which provided generators, food, water and other necessities to aid relief efforts.

*<from January 2018 issue of Knightline>*

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*Discover a World of Good Things  
in the Knights of Columbus*  
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## UPCOMING EVENTS:



**FEBRUARY CHAPTER MEETING** – February 6, 2018 –  
**PIUS XII Council #4925**  
**(Monroeville)**

**ASH WEDNESDAY** – February  
**14, 2018**

**VALENTINE'S DAY** -February  
**14, 2018**

**DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME**  
**BEGINS** – March 11, 2018

**BISHOPS' PROJECT**  
**APPRECIATION DINNER** –  
**Thursday, April 19, 2018**

**STATE WARDEN DINNER** –  
**Sunday, May 20, 2018** (more  
**info TBA**)

### DID YOU KNOW...

- ◆ ...that Valentine's Day was first created by Pope Gelasius in 500 AD, then deleted from the Roman Calendar of Saints by Pope Paul VI in 1969?
- ◆ ...that 'Valentine' was the name given to which early Christian martyrs?
- ◆ ...that as well as being the unofficial patron saint of love, St Valentine also believed to be the patron of bee keepers?
- ◆ ...today we associate love with the heart, but this wasn't always the case. In medieval times, it was actually the liver.

# START THE NEW YEAR OFF RIGHT!

When a new year begins, we like to look at our lives and assess where we are. Many make resolutions to challenge themselves, improving on health and habits or setting new bars to which they may aspire. These are great practices. After all, no matter how good we're doing, we can always do better. Critical self-reflection and setting goals can help. This is true not only for our physical and spiritual health, but also our financial health.



*Insurance & Annuity Questions ?–  
call me or your field agent assigned to your respective council !  
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## Grand Knight's Checklist January & February

- ◆ Verify that your council submitted its *Semiannual Council Audit Report* (#1295), due Dec. 31, and its assessments for the Council Per Capita, Catholic Advertising and Culture of Life fund, all due Jan. 1.
- ◆ Submit the *Annual Survey of Fraternal Activity* (#1728), *Partnership With Special Olympics Profile* (#4584), *Free Throw Championship Participation Form* (FT-1), *Substance Abuse Awareness Poster Contest Participation Form* (#4001) and *Catholic Citizenship Essay Contest Participation Form* (#4216), all due Jan. 31.
- ◆ Continue planning your participation in a council church drive (March 10-11), the Orderwide Outreach Week in honor of Father McGivney (March 12-18), the Council First Degree Week (March 19-25) and Founder's Day (March 29).  
Confirm that your council and jurisdiction remains compliant with the Office of Youth Protection's requirements for all activities.
- ◆ Make sure your council is on the path to earning the Star Council Award

# FEBRUARY 2018



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
*** Family of the Month Report for January Due				1	2 Groundhog Day	3
4 Super Bowl	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14 Ash Wednesday; Valentine's Day	15 ***	16	17
18 	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28			

# MARCH 2018



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
*** Family of the Month Report for February Due				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11 Daylight Savings Time Begins!	12	13	14	15 ***	16	17  St. Patrick's Day
18	19 St. Joseph's Day	20  First Day of Spring	21	22	23	24
25 Palm Sunday	26	27	28	29 Holy Thursday	30 Good Friday	31 Holy Saturday