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## UPCOMING EVENTS:



NOVEMBER 1 – ALL SAINTS  
DAY – HOLY DAY OF  
OBLIGATION

NO CHAPTER MEETING IN  
NOVEMBER! MORE  
INFORMATION ON THE  
ANNUAL MEETING AT  
BELLEVUE WILL FOLLOW –  
WATCH YOUR EMAILS!

DECEMBER 8 – FEAST OF  
THE IMMACULATE  
CONCEPTION OF MARY –  
HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION

JANUARY MEETING –  
PENN-ALLEGHENY  
COUNCIL #4242 – DATE TO  
BE DETERMINED!



## A MESSAGE FROM THE CHAPTER PRESIDENT...

Brother Knights of the Pittsburgh Chapter,

Let's begin by talking about **"tradition."** The word means the handing down verbally, from generation to generation, valued customs and memories. We enjoy making those memories every year at family gatherings, such as Christmas, Easter and Thanksgiving. It is the fortunate family that can say they are "steeped in **tradition**". That means they know and value the ideals that are handed down from the generations before them, giving the family members a warm sense of belonging to a family where relationships are deep and meaningful.



I can still remember taking my First Degree of the Knights Of Columbus – how fascinated I was! Viewing the Degree team in their mysterious robes, expounding the wonderful prose of the Degree team, I thought to myself, I am really joining something special! An organization deeply steeped in **"tradition!"** As I made my way through the various Degrees, originated by our founder Fr. Michael McGivney, I became even more fascinated with, not only the depth of the Order I was joining, but with their mission statements concerning Charity, Unity, Fraternity and Patriotism. The idea of being able to join the 4th Degree Color Corps, with their fabulous display of feathered chapeaus, colorful capes and shining swords, sworn to the honor of protecting the Church, supporting the Priesthood, honoring our fallen Knights and processing with honor at Mass was what I believed to be real **"tradition"** at it's best!

Now our Order is promoting changes, for reasons not very apparent to the body of Knights at large, but deemed necessary by our leaders. The feathered chapeaus, colorful capes and shining swords are soon to be relegated to items of the past and are being replaced by a look that can only be described as mundane, and not very inspiring. As recently announced, our Degree Teams will be foregoing their colorful mystic robes, for dark suits and K of C sashes, which by the way, can also be worn in any number of ways, whether they be Tootsie® role drives or ushering at church. I ask you, will this help in making the Degrees special?

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NO CHAPTER MEETING  
IN NOVEMBER!  
WATCH YOUR EMAILS FOR  
INFORMATION ON DECEMBER!

**A NOTE FROM PAST STATE DEPUTY JOSEPH CUMMINGS REGARDING THE COLUMBUS CHAPEL.**

I read with interest your message regarding the Chapter's 110th Anniversary trip to the Boal Museum & Columbus Chapel in Boalsburg, PA.

You made reference to the K of C Lamp Post.....I assume that it still has the plaque attached showing that the Lamp Post was dedicated to the Memory of Past State Deputy, **Joseph S. Yourish, Jr.**



Joe was VERY instrumental in having a lot of work done at the Chapel, including the Lamp Posts and the commemorative stepping stones. He along with members of his administration **Bob Conroy** and **Don Turowski** made trips to Boalsburg to plan the stepping stones, etc.



Don Turowski, Bob Conroy, and Joe Yourish review plans on renovating Columbus Chapel

Joe passed away on June 14, 2011 (Flag Day) and when I called the director of the museum to report Joe's passing, he informed me that they were in the process of installing that Lamp Post as we spoke !

We then proceeded to set up a dedication ceremony that was held on October 1, 2011 ..... seven years ago !

Most of the State Officers were present, as well as several members of the Yourish Family and friends.

God Rest His Soul of PSD **Joe Yourish** – (Joe-1).

**PSD Joseph Cummings** – (Joe-2)

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*Discover a World of Good Things  
 in the Knights of Columbus*  
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**KNIGHTS IN ACTION...**

- ◆ USAID and **Knights of Columbus** sign MOU to help persecuted minorities in the Middle East with K of C plans to spend \$5 million over the next six months to support these communities. The United States Agency for International Development (USAID) and the **Knights of Columbus** have signed an agreement to work together to help religious minorities, beginning in Iraq and then throughout the region, to rebuild their communities following persecution and genocide at the hands of ISIS.
- ◆ It all started with a single phone call, says Matt Knee, executive director of Catholic Charities of Northwest Florida. The call was from Ron Winn, who serves as the Florida State Council's regional director for the Panhandle area, asking how the Knights could help. "We get a lot of calls to help," Knee said. But, in reality, not everyone actually comes through. It's different with the **Knights of Columbus**. The organization of 1.9 million Catholic men has raised more than \$800,000, with members volunteering hundreds of hours to help victims of hurricanes Michael and Florence.



**THANKSGIVING TRIVIA – 2018 EDITION**

(ANSWERS ON PAGE 3 – NO PEEKING!)

- 1) What year is considered to be the celebration of the first Thanksgiving?
- 2) How long did the first Thanksgiving celebration last?
- 3) Under which president did Thanksgiving become an annual holiday?
- 4) In what decade did both the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade and America's Thanksgiving Parade start?
- 5) How do both Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade and America's Thanksgiving Parade conclude?
- 6) Which president was the first to give a turkey a presidential pardon?
- 7) What are most turkey feathers used for after the turkey is plucked?
- 8) What state raises the most turkeys?
- 9) What meat did the native Americans bring to the first Thanksgiving?
- 10) Thanksgiving in the USA is celebrated on the fourth Thursday of November, but when is Canada's Thanksgiving?

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 for our insurance  
 Products!*



# CHANCE OF A LIFETIME (COAL) RAFFLE - DRAWING DEC. 8TH!

CONTRIBUTIONS ARE NOT DEDUCTIBLE AS CHARITABLE CONTRIBUTIONS

<b>COAL SWEEPSTAKES 16 GREAT PRIZES</b>			
<b>1ST PRIZE</b> 2019 Chevrolet Spark	<b>2ND PRIZE</b> Best of Spain and Portugal 13 days	<b>3RD PRIZE</b> Viking Explorer Scandinavia	<b>4TH PRIZE</b> Historic Train Western US 9 days
<b>5TH PRIZE</b> California Coast & Wine Country	<b>6TH PRIZE</b> Portrait of Poland 9 days	<b>7TH PRIZE</b> National Parks 8 Days	<b>8TH PRIZE</b> New England Fall Foliage - 8 days
<b>9TH PRIZE</b> Cash Prize \$2,000.00	<b>10TH PRIZE</b> Elvis & Southern Sounds - 9 days	<b>11TH PRIZE</b> Punta Cana All Inclusive - 7 days	<b>12TH PRIZE</b> Las Vegas 4 Days w/\$300 cash
<b>13TH PRIZE</b> Cancun - 6 nights All Inclusive	<b>14TH PRIZE</b> Cash Prize \$1,000.00	<b>15TH PRIZE</b> 60" HD Smart TV	<b>16TH PRIZE</b> 256 GB iPad Pro w/Wi-Fi

Benefit of STATE COUNCIL SCHOLARSHIPS  
Cash equivalent will be offered.

**DONATION ONE DOLLAR**

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 8, 2018 - 8:00 P.M.**  
Mater Dei Council Hall, 327 North Newtown Street Road, Rt. (252)  
Newtown Square, PA

Game of Chance License #1685  
No purchase necessary  
Ticket holder need not be present  
Please retain ticket

**DON'T FORGET TO PROMOTE THE COAL RAFFLE IN YOUR RESPECTIVE COUNCILS!**

**THIS IMPORTANT PROGRAM FUNDS THE SCHOLARSHIPS THAT ARE AWARDED EACH YEAR AT THE STATE COUNCIL CONVENTION**

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We must be ever careful considering the “How’s and Why’s” of change and be always mindful of where we are as an Order that has evolved, respecting the “**tradition**” that has been handed down.

Fellow Knights, we must be ever mindful, how we decide to make changes to what we have accepted as the “**traditional**” norm in our Order. We must be careful of change, just for change sake, and not giving serious thought to the changing of accepted “**tradition**” and how those changes will affect the enthusiasm of those most loyal to the Order.

Joe Ferruzza, President, Pittsburgh Chapter of the K of C

**THANKSGIVING TRIVIA ANSWERS:**

- 1) 1621
- 2) 3 Days
- 3) Abraham Lincoln
- 4) The 1920’s – specifically 1924
- 5) The arrival of Santa Claus



- 6) Ronald Reagan
- 7) Animal Feed
- 8) Minnesota
- 9) Deer (venison)
- 10) 2nd Monday of October

# NOVEMBER 2018



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
***Family of Month Form Due				1 All Saints Day – Holy Day of Obligation	2 All Souls Day	3
4 Daylight Savings Time Ends	5	6 Pgh Chapter Mtg.; Election Day	7	8	9	10
11 	12	13	14	15 ***	16	17
18	19	20	21	22 	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	

# DECEMBER 2018



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1
2 Advent Begins!	3	4	5	6	7	8 Immaculate Conception – Holy Day of Obligation
9 2nd Sunday of Advent	10	11	12	13	14	15 ***
16 3rd Sunday of Advent	17	18	19	20	21 Winter Begins!	22
23 4th Sunday of Advent	24 Christmas Eve	25 Christmas Day	26	27	28	29
30	31 New Year's Eve					***Family of Month Form Due