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## UPCOMING EVENTS:



FEBRUARY 5, 2019 –  
PITTSBURGH CHAPTER  
MEETING AT PIUS XII  
COUNCIL #4925 IN  
MONROEVILLE

FEBRUARY 14, 2019 –  
VALENTINE'S DAY !



SEMI-ANNUAL AUDIT DUE  
ON FEBRUARY 15 !!!



FAMILY OF THE MONTH  
FORM DUE ON FEBRUARY  
15 !!!

## A MESSAGE FROM THE CHAPTER PRESIDENT...

Brother Knights of the Pittsburgh Chapter,



As we begin the second half of our 110th Chapter Anniversary Year, we should be aware of another milestone Anniversary, The 10th anniversary of the Knights Of Columbus Ultrasound Initiative. It began with two ultrasound machines being placed in pregnancy centers in Iowa and Florida, in the year 2009 and has reached the milestone of 1000 machines by the New Year, 2019 ! As our Supreme Knights stated, "This K of C program is saving hundreds of thousands of lives and we are well on our way to saving one million unborn children, which would make this initiative rank as the greatest humanitarian achievement in the history of the Knights Of Columbus!"

As we move into the so-called "doldrum" month of February where we could easily fall into negative territory, thinking only of the troubles of the world, our Church included, lets instead revel in the positive aspects of being a Knight and helping to make a difference.

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

## KNIGHTLINE GOING ALL DIGITAL !



We appreciate your support in making Knightline a success. Now, Knightline is taking the next step in its evolution. Starting in February 2019, Knightline will become a digital-only product.

The digital issue will continue to be available at [kofc.org/knightline](http://kofc.org/knightline). Know a member who'd enjoy the digital edition? Invite them to visit [kofc.org/myinfo](http://kofc.org/myinfo) — by providing their info, they are automatically signed up to receive Knightline with no extra steps.

FEBRUARY 5  
PITTSBURGH CHAPTER MEETING  
PIUS XII COUNCIL #4925  
MONROEVILLE – 7:30 PM

***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 Mossie 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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**KNIGHTS TAKE STAND AGAINST LAWMAKERS'  
JUDICIAL LITMUS TEST BY MARK PATTISON –  
CATHOLIC NEWS SERVICE**

The supreme knight of the Knights of Columbus, calling the organization “an American Catholic cultural icon,” said senators have no business questioning a federal judicial nominee’s membership in the Knights over its support for Church teaching on abortion and same-sex marriage.

“What we have to do is defend this fundamental principle of the free exercise of religion,” Carl Anderson said in a Jan. 4 telephone interview with Catholic News Service. “It’s something every Catholic should be concerned about.”

Anderson was referring to statements made by Sen. Kamala Harris, D-California, a member of the Senate Judiciary Committee, during a Nov. 28 confirmation hearing for Brian Buescher, nominated for a judgeship for the U.S. District Court for the District of Nebraska.

Buescher, who lost the Republican nomination for Nebraska attorney general in 2014 while saying during the campaign he was “avidly pro-life,” is a member of Knights, joining when he was 18 years old.

Ms. Harris expressed concern during the hearing about the positions on abortion and same-sex marriage taken by the Knights, which she called “an all-male society comprised primarily of Catholic men.”

Another Judiciary Committee member, Sen. Marie Hirono, D-Hawaii, asked Buescher, “If confirmed, do you intend to end your membership with this organization to avoid any appearance of bias?” Ms. Hirono was referring to the Knights’ support of California’s Proposition 8 to ban same-sex marriage. The proposition passed in 2008, but was overturned by the courts before it took effect.

Ms. Hirono also asked Buescher if he would recuse himself “from all cases in which the Knights of Columbus has taken a position,” adding the organization “has taken a number of extreme positions.”

Anderson, in a Jan. 1 statement to all members of the Knights, said, “We must remember that Article VI of the U.S. Constitution forbids a religious test for public office, and the First Amendment guarantees our free exercise of religion, freedom of association and freedom of speech. Any suggestion that the order’s adherence to the beliefs of the Catholic Church makes a brother Knight unfit for public office blatantly violates those constitutional guarantees.”

Asked why it took more than a month after the hearing to issue a statement, Anderson replied, “Really, we received just a flood of inquiries as this began to catch more news attention from our members wanting some guidance, wanting a clear statement. Washington has become so partisan and caught up with personalities, I didn’t what this to be a partisan thing or a personality thing.”

Still, “the way the political winds shift in Washington,” Anderson told CNS, “it’s a very dangerous road these senators have started on.”

Anderson also took issue with remarks posed by Sen. Dianne Feinstein, D-California, at a 2017 Senate Judiciary Committee hearing for Amy Coney Barrett, in which Ms. Feinstein told her, “The dogma lives loudly within you, and that’s of concern.” Ms. Barrett, who had been a professor at the University of Notre Dame’s law school, was ultimately confirmed for a seat on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the 7th Circuit.

“The Knights of Columbus is really an American Catholic cultural icon,” Anderson said. “The teaching of the Church on marriage and abortion is clear and long-standing. The question can become: If belonging to a mainstream Catholic organization like the Knights of Columbus, or accepting the established teaching of the Church is dangerous, then what teaching is safe?”



My Dear Brother Knights,

If we call ourselves "Knights," every so often we should reflect on what a "Knight" actually does.

One of the duties of a Knight, surely, is to defend innocent life. As Knights of Columbus, we fulfill that duty in a variety of ways. We participate in the annual March for Life in Washington. We also make financial contributions to the pro-life organizations and causes. These things are both good and necessary. However, how often do we find ourselves defending innocent life "on the front-line." That is to say, at the very place where those lives are being taken?

You may not be aware of this, but there is such a front not far from us. In fact, its precise location is **933 Liberty Avenue in downtown Pittsburgh**. This is the home of Planned Parenthood of Western PA. The place where well over 2,000 of our innocent brothers and sisters lose their lives each year. And this spot can properly be called the front-line because it is the only location in our area where abortions are being performed where there is *also* an army opposing it. I am speaking about the **40 Days for Life** prayer vigils which take place there twice each year.

***But does this prayer vigil thing actually work?***

Yes. Without question. Absolutely. Since **40 Days for Life** was born in Texas in 2004 this interdenominational Christian movement (founded by a brother Knight) has spread to 55 other countries. The prayer, fasting, and peaceful vigils of these campaigns have allowed 15,256 lives to be spared from abortion (four in Pittsburgh during 2018 fall campaign. More surprising, where these vigils have been held, 186 abortion workers have converted and 99 abortion facilities have closed their doors.



***But what would I do if I went?***

You would stand vigil on a public sidewalk in downtown Pittsburgh and you would pray. But you would never be alone. There is always at least one other person, a shift manager, present. When you arrive you would make introductions with the others there who are also there to pray at that time. And then, as you see fit, you would begin to pray for an end to abortion. Sometimes the group or part of the group will pray a rosary or the Divine Mercy chaplet. Sometimes vigil participants will pray on their own. Some will choose to wear a pro-life sign around their necks (there will be are plenty of them there), some choose not to.



***When is the vigil and how long would I be expected to be there?***

The Lenten 40 Days for Life vigil begins on Ash Wednesday (March 6<sup>th</sup>) and concludes on Palm Sunday (April 14<sup>th</sup>). It runs from 7AM to 7PM each day for a total of 480 hours. While people can come and leave as they wish, and are not required to sign-up for hours, it helps if an individual can sign-up ahead of time to commit to at least an hour. If a council (or parish) participates, it should probably commit to at least a two-hour time-slot since a group can split the time between individual participants.

***What can I expect if I go?***

During the morning and the evening rush hours, the sidewalk in front of Planned Parenthood becomes fairly busy. At other times, not so much. About 95% of those who pass by won't even glance at you (even if you're wearing a sign). Of the remainder, about half will let you know that they don't approve of what you're doing while the other half will thank you for standing up for life.

***How do I sign-up?***

To view the schedule to find out where help is needed (and get information on parking) visit <http://40daysforlifepittsburgh.com/vigil-schedule/>. You can also contact our local coordinator, Nikki Bruni, at 412-926-9413 or [nbruni@40daysforlifepgh.com](mailto:nbruni@40daysforlifepgh.com). She'll answer your questions and sign-up you or your council for hours.



**If you have not yet participated in a 40 Days for Life prayer vigil, then I urge you to ask God in prayer if he is calling you to defend life at the front-line.**

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Pro-life Advocate, Holy Child Council (12043), Bridgeville  
40 Days for Life Shift Manager



<from www.kofc.org>



**CATHOLIC MEN'S FELLOWSHIP**  
**PITTSBURGH**

***Pittsburgh Catholic Men's  
13th Gathering of Catholic Men***

***"Encounter Mercy"***

***/April 6, 2019***

***Soldiers & Sailors Memorial Hall  
Oakland Area of Pittsburgh***

***Registration now OPEN at  
<http://www.cmfpitt.org> !***

Online Ticket \$20

Purchased at the Door \$25

Priests & Religious are free (please register as space is limited)

No Man will be turned away!

Please email [info@cmfpitt.org](mailto:info@cmfpitt.org) if you are in need of financial assistance.

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January 9, 2019

Worthy Financial Secretary and Brother Knight:

In accordance with Chapter II, Section 12(a) and 13 of the Charter, Constitution and Laws of the Knights of Columbus and Article I, Section 2 of the Pennsylvania State Council Bylaws, your Council is hereby notified that the Pennsylvania State Council will convene for the 121<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting at the DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel Philadelphia-Valley Forge, in King of Prussia, PA from May 3 to May 5, 2019.

The Charter, Constitution and Laws specify, "State Council Delegates shall consist of the **Grand Knight and a Past Grand Knight from each subordinate Council in good standing**. A council having no Past Grand Knight may elect any of its 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree members in good standing in lieu thereof as a said representative of said Council in the State Council", as voting alternative delegate. Please comply with these Laws in selecting and reporting Delegates and Alternate Delegates. **All delegates must be at least a Third Degree member!**

Enclosed is an "Official Credential" form which must be completed in its' entirety, certified by the Grand Knight and Financial Secretary of the Councils and the Seal of the Council must be affixed. Mail the completed "Official Credential" form to the State Secretary.

**The State Secretary must receive the "Official Credential" form  
no later than March 31, 2019.**

Changes and substitutes following this deadline will require an amended Official Credential form, so **make a copy** before completing it. Also, have a delegate bring a copy of your submitted Official Credential form with you to the convention.

Your Council is strongly encouraged to exercise its' right to two votes on the business of State Council. The State Council Bylaws Article V, Section 2, strictly prohibits any subordinate Council in default (arrears) of **any** State or Supreme Council assessment from being represented at the Convention, including committees of the Convention and Nominees to Supremes' Convention. Please insure you are current in your standing with both or do so before the Convention itself. Please feel free to contact me if you are unsure.

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**Credential Form**

**Council Delegates and Alternate Delegates to 121<sup>th</sup> PA State Convention**

**Council Number:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Location:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Council Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

This is to certify that the below listed members in good standing of this Council are lawfully and duly accredited Delegate/Alternate Delegate to the 121<sup>th</sup> Annual State Convention of the Pennsylvania State Council to be held at the DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel Philadelphia-Valley Forge in King of Prussia, PA on May 3 to May 5, 2019.

**PLEASE PRINT LEGABLY**

**Delegate No. 1 (Grand Knight)**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Membership Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Town: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

**Delegate No. 2 (Past Grand Knight)**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Membership Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Town: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

**Alternate Delegate No. 1 (3<sup>rd</sup> Degree Member)**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Membership Number: \_\_\_\_\_

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Town: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

**Alternate Delegate No. 2 (3<sup>rd</sup> Degree Member)**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Membership Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Town: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

ATTEST:

Council Seal

\_\_\_\_\_  
Grand Knight Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Financial Secretary Signature

*Mail form to:*

James J. Bahm, PA State Secretary

289 Niagara Point Dr.

Erie, PA 16507

# **COUNCIL ACTIVITIES OF INTEREST**

## **Council Activities of Interest**

**From the Chapter Meeting of January 8, 2019**

**BELLEVUE COUNCIL #1400, Bellevue:** Sponsors a bus to the March for Life in Washington DC. Mass is held for those attending the march at 5:00AM prior to the busses leaving.

**OUR LADY OF OLIVES COUNCIL #3907, Wexford:** Donates to the Nativity Creche in the Steel Plaza, a copy of the Vatican original and claimed to be one of two in the world. Supports a kiosk of religious and Knights of Columbus material at St. John Paul Church. Supports a Children's Christmas party at St. Alphonsus Church.

**THOMAS P. CONROY, SR COUNCIL #2602, Natrona:** Sends cards and gifts to shut in brothers for the new year. Contributes to local food banks. Holds a monthly pancake and sausage breakfast.

**PENN ALLEGHENY COUNCIL #4242, Verona:** On Saturday mornings throughout the year, members of the council volunteer at the Pennel Mental Health Center, a community nonprofit facility, providing psychiatric and social services to local residents. On each of these occasions, we collect and distribute medical supplies to those who fall through the gaps in the medical health system. Holds an Advent Rosary Service at two of the local churches. Purchases a table for 10 individuals for the Protection of the Unborn Child Breakfast held each year.

**HOLY SEPULCHER COUNCIL #10175, Glade Mills:** Supports their Parish Deacon with a \$50.00 stipend each month.

**ST. CATHERINE OF SWEDEN COUNCIL #10411, Wildwood:** Sells Outdoor Nativity sets. Purchases \$25 gift cards for Christmas Food for Families, to help needy parish families. Contributes to Heinz Hospital Chapel for installation of an automatic door. Sponsors a table at the Women's Choice Network Dinner. Holds a Fifth Sunday Rosary at the parish. Has a "Soup to Go" weekend fundraiser.

**HOLY GHOST COUNCIL #10812, Duquesne University:** Holds an annual Christmas Stocking Stuffer Challenge wherein Christmas stockings are provided to individuals and organizations to fill with gifts. Making sure everything is age appropriate and safe, these stuffed stockings are donated to the Holy Family Institute. Also, gift cards are contributed to families in need.

**HOLY CHILD COUNCIL #12043, Bridgeville:** Conducts a Christmas Raffle for 5 \$200 gift certificates to be given to needy families. Supported the Columbettes at a Senior Appreciation Dinner which served in excess of 120 individuals. Sang Christmas Carols at a local nursing home which the residents have come to look forward to and enjoy.

**REGIS J. SHEEHAN MEMORIAL COUNCIL #12355 Scott Township:** Holds a monthly bingo for the residents of ManorCare Nursing Facility which is well received and growing.

**ST. MARY'S OF THE ASSUMPTION COUNCIL #14722, Glenshaw:** A Night at the Races event is held at the Blessed Trinity Academy in support of that institution.



# FEBRUARY 2019



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

# MARCH 2019



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
***Family of Month Form Due					1	2
3	4	5 Pgh. Chapter Meeting	6 Ash Wednesday	7	8	9
10 Daylight Savings Time begins	11	12	13	14 Pi Day (3.14159...)	15 ***	16
17 	18	19 	20 SPRING	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
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