

Philadelphia Chapter – Knights of Columbus
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THE JOURNAL
March - April 2018

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	Regina Mundi #4052
San Salvador #283	Cor Mariae #4100
DeSoto #315	St. Jude #4273
Commodore Barry #578	St. Charles Borromeo #4279
Pinzon #904	Our Lady of Lourdes #4546
La Rabida #1191	Regina Coeli #4921
St. Leo's #1294	Rev. John P. McHugh #4935
Fr. Thomas Ryan #5036	San Rafael #7125
Charles Carroll #1364	St. Benedict de Moor #8252
Madonna #3932	Mary Queen of Angels #12384
Immaculata #3933	Pokrova #13561
St. Katharine Drexel #3938	St. Helena's # 15687

Editor's Note: If you have an email address, please share it with me. You'll receive an enhanced copy of the Journal much faster than you would going through the U.S. mail. Several hard copies are returned for inaccurate mailing addresses. It would also allow the Chapter to use the savings to promote our charitable work. If you have internet access, please contact me at donodan3@gmail.com or call on 215-292-2365. You'd be doing both yourself and the Chapter a tremendous service. Thank you.

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Philadelphia Chapter Upcoming Meetings

The meeting schedule for the balance of the 2017-2018 Fraternal Year is listed below. Meetings are held on the 4th Friday of the month at Roman Catholic High School unless otherwise indicated:

Meeting Times: Trustees - 7:30 PM / Chapter Business – 8:00 PM

Friday, March 23, 2018

Friday, April 27, 2018

Friday, May 25, 2018

Friday, June 22, 2018

(ELECTIONS - Location TBA)

*** Please remember to bring a Brother Knight from your Council to a Chapter Meeting!**

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President Nick Marcantonio

Brothers,

Brothers on March 25th we will be going to St. John's Hospice report time is 10:15 am. If you have not heard the Pro-Life March for 2019 will be on January 18th. This year we had 26 people on the bus and I am issuing a challenge to all. If each one of the people on the bus bring one person with them next year we can fill the bus. Happy Easter to you and your families!!!

Vice-President Dan Donovan

Brothers all,

As we approach the midway point for the 2018 Chapter Charity Drive, I'm pleased to state we've received nearly \$8,000 in donations. This figure reflects the contributions of approximately 250 fellow Knights and three (3) Chapter Councils. While I believe this is an impressive total, I also believe we can do better. Over 4,000 requests for donations were sent out back in December. The responses received to date represent only 2.5 % of the total mailed. As previously stated, our goal is to receive an average donation of \$10.00 per Chapter member. We need the cooperation of Knights like yourself to continue our charitable efforts with the non-profit agencies listed on your mailing while also supporting programs like Pro-Life, the Annual Children's Outing, St. John's Hospice, etc. Also, your contributions provide potential benefits to member Councils through partial RSVP Program reimbursement, Scholastic Aide for eligible Chapter members and financial assistance for Brothers in need. If you haven't already done so, I urge you to forward your donations to my attention. If you no longer have the pledge card mailed to you, just include your Council name and/or number with your contribution. My mailing address is listed on the last page of the Journal. I respectfully request any Grand Knights reading this item to share it with your members at your next meeting. I thank you all for your cooperation. **The Chapter is truly grateful for every dollar donated.** May God bless you all. And may you and your loved ones have a Happy Easter.

Chapter Secretary Pat Corey

Brothers –

The Annual "Man UP Philly" Conference was held on Saturday, March 3rd, at Neuman University. Chapter Trustees Hassell Mitchell, Donald Wells and I had a wonderful day. Together we collected fifty new contacts to join our order. They're information will be passed on to the Board of District Deputies. There were about 1000 attendees and, due to the Board at MUP, we were invited back for next year's conference. Also like to thank Chapter Warden Mickey Kelly, Brother Steve Jackson and the rest of the committee for all your help.

Also, a reminder to all Chapter Grand Knights and Financial Secretaries, the 2018 Per-Capita campaign is underway. If you haven't already done so, please submit your payments at your earliest convenience. Please include the names of the Chapter delegates from your councils with your submission.

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Thank you from Dan Sipps and Family.

Brothers, Mrs. Gerry Sipps recently passed away date on March 9th. Dan and family thank you for all the mass cards and expressions of sympathy for Gerry and his family.

SK Thomas Hennigan, FDD., from Desoto Council recently passed away. He was a dedicated Knight, hard worker and loved the St. Patrick Day parade being a proud member of the Color Corps. He marched in many parades and carried the Irish flag. Please pray for Gerry, Tom and all the faithfully departed and may they rest in peace

Chapter Treasurer Jack Stanczak

Fellow Knights:

Scholastic Aid applications for the year 2018 will be accepted **only from April 1 to May 31 with no exceptions.** Scholastic Aid applications should be obtained directly from your Grand Knight. All paperwork is also to go through your Grand Knights. All information will be confidential and destroyed immediately after distribution on August 1.

Scholastic Aid is provided only for immediate family members of Knights who are in good standing within their Chapter member Councils. The amount of money distributed for Scholastic Aid is based strictly on the amount of Charity Fund donations. Thank you.

Warden Mickey Kelly: Pro Life Report

Brothers

All fellow Knights are encouraged to participate in the weekly 40 days for Life Vigils across Philadelphia. Visit prolifeunion.org for more details.

Also, the Archdiocese of Philadelphia Life and Family Office is in the beginning stages of hosting a Humanae Vitae Conference on Saturday, October 13th. Further details are to come.

Finally, regarding the 10th Annual Man Up Philly Conference, about 3 quarters of the men in attendance were members of our order. We have made known the existence of the Philadelphia Chapter. Many of our brothers were amazed at our presence and hope we continue to present for years to come. We also got those who are not members to consider joining our ranks.

Keep all the men we have interacted with in your prayers.

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Chapter News

- † The Philadelphia Chapter will be serving an Easter meal at St. John's Hospice, 12th and Race Streets, on Palm Sunday, March 25th. Volunteers are needed. Report time is 10:00 AM.
- † State Advocate Mike Kish is looking for volunteers. He's been asked by the Council of Major Superiors of Women Religious to assist with transportation needs for a conference they are having at the Malvern Retreat House on April 18th through the 20th. Volunteers are needed to both pick-up sisters at the airport and provide return transport to the airport when the conference is over. If available, please contact the State Advocate at mkishkofcpa@gmail.com.
- † The Annual Chapter Picnic for disadvantaged children will be held on Saturday, June 2nd. Volunteers are needed and should contact Chapter President Nick Marcantonio at nickpgk61@yahoo.com if interested.
- † Finally, the Patriotic (4th) Degree Exemplification will be held in King of Prussia on Sunday, May 27th. Any Knight interested should let their Council Officers know as soon as possible. Councils in the area have scheduled ceremonies for other degrees for fellow Knights who may need them to qualify for participation in the 4th Degree.

The Journal is published bi-monthly. If your Council has an article to submit, please forward it to my attention by the 1st week of the month.

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'd be more than happy to assist with advertising your event via email.

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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 location 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
- * **Lady of Lourdes Council # 4546**, 3401-07 Welsh Road, Phila. PA 19136; Phone: 215-331-2577
- large banquet hall available for all types of occasions, catering and full beverages services also 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 caterings and beverage packages available

Please support our local Councils and remember to mention you're a Knights of Columbus member when you call.

If I missed your Council, please email me your information and I'll include it in next publication.