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## UPCOMING EVENTS:



**Chapter Meeting – September 6, 2022 at 7:30 PM**



**Family of the Month Form Due on September 15**



**Diocese of Pittsburgh and Greensburg Knights of Columbus 2022 Columbus Day Dinner**



**Sunday, October 9, 2022  
The Doubletree/Hilton/  
Monroeville Convention Center  
101 Mall Boulevard  
Monroeville PA 15146  
Social Hour 5 PM**

## A MESSAGE FROM THE CHAPTER PRESIDENT...

Dear Brother Knights,



It is hard to believe that we are about to enter the fall season. As I look back at the last couple of months, we have taken some major steps forward. We have a new State Deputy encouraging brotherhood and membership. We have a new State Membership Director who is enthusiastic and who is willing to cook up some great ideas... and is a Past President of the Pittsburgh Chapter. We also have a new meeting format that features a condensed business session and includes a monthly training session. Our first training session will be on Fraternal Benefits at the September Chapter Meeting, and will be conducted by Ross Conklin.

Looking back... We just completed a week of prayer services with the traveling Silver Rose, which was in the Pittsburgh Chapter area in August. There were three live training sessions with Territorial Growth Director, Ralph Rossi. And there were several highly informative webinars on council management, growth, and other pertinent topics.

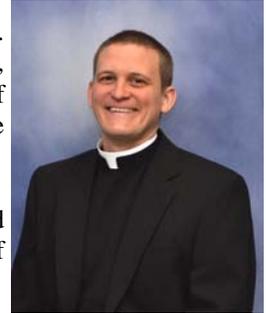
Looking forward... Membership drives and Faith In Action programs should be in full swing. Your councils should also be planning an upcoming Tootsie Roll Drive in September. There is also a men's retreat planned for September 24, 2022, the 14<sup>th</sup> Gathering of Catholic Men Conference at the Robert Read Performing Arts Center, Gateway High School, 9000 Gateway  
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PITTSBURGH CHAPTER MEETING  
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 6- 7:30 PM  
St Max Hall - St Thomas the Apostle Prish  
363 W 11th Ave Ext.  
Homestead, Pa 15120

## A MESSAGE FROM OUR CHAPLAIN

This month we will celebrate the Feast of the Exultation of the Holy Cross on September 14<sup>th</sup>. It is odd for people to hear, even other non-Catholic Christians, brothers and sisters through baptism, that we celebrate the Holy Cross of Christ Jesus our Savior. But the cross is indeed the very means of which our salvation was won for us. As Saint Peter stood on trial before the high priest's council he said to them,

The God of our fathers raised Jesus whom you killed by **hanging him on a tree**. God exalted him at his right hand as Leader and Savior, to give repentance to Israel and the forgiveness of sins. (Acts 5:30-31)



**The cross of Jesus Christ is the tree of life**, which we hear from the dawn of creation, “And out of the ground the Lord God made to grow every tree that is pleasant to the sight and good for food, the **tree of life** also in the midst of the garden, and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.” (Genesis 2:9) After the fall of the human race from the grace of God (see Genesis 3), the way to the tree of life is protected, because of God's wisdom that participation in the divine life would be too overwhelming for us. So God protected us, and started to form us anew, he placed a boundary, and “He drove out the man (Adam), and at the east of the garden of Eden he placed the cherubim, and a flaming sword which turned every way, to guard the way to the tree of life.” (Genesis 3:24)

Jesus hangs on the tree of life, and he is the good food of the tree of life. Because of the sacrifice of Jesus on the cross we are able to eat the good food of the tree of life. Jesus said, “I am the way” (John 14:6). Jesus is the way and he is also the good food for life, because “he took bread, and when he had given thanks he broke it and gave it to them, saying, “**This is my body** which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.” (Luke 22:19) The fruit of the tree of life, the Holy Cross, is the Body of Christ, the Holy Eucharist.

The Eucharist is the source of our reconciliation with God, it is a “healing remedy.” (Rite of the Breaking of Bread during mass, 3<sup>rd</sup> Roman Missal) Saint Ambrose wrote, “If, whenever Christ's blood is shed, it is shed for the forgiveness of sins, I who sin often, should receive it often: I need a frequent remedy.” (De Sacramentis, iv.) Jesus' offering of himself on the cross heals the believer of sin, and not only does it bring us who believe in Christ back into that communion with God, that we lost in the Fall of Man (Genesis 3), but he also recreates us to participate in the divine nature of Christ. For as Saint Peter says, “His [God's] divine power has granted to us all things that pertain to life and godliness, ... that through these you may escape from the corruption that is in the world because of passion, **and become partakers in the divine nature.**” (2 Peter 1:3a;4b) Fellow sinners and believers in Christ, may the receiving of the food of the cross of Christ, the Holy Eucharist, heal us from our sins, nourish our souls, and bring us into eternal participation of the divine nature of Christ.

Peace & Love,

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



Bishop David A. Zubik of Pittsburgh underwent successful spinal surgery early Aug. 22 at UPMC Mercy Hospital “to address continuing problems with collapsing disks,” according to a diocesan statement.

“According to his surgeon, everything went as planned. There were no complications,” the statement said, adding that the bishop “has a history of back problems.” This was his “fifth back surgery,” it said.

The diocese said the procedure requires an extended time of recovery, which will keep the 72-year-old prelate “from public appearances in the short term.”

“He will still be able to conduct the business of the diocese from his office at the diocesan pastoral center,” it added.

## INSURANCE INFORMATION



**Knights of Columbus Insurance**  
**Russ Conklin Agency – (412) 729-2709**

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Looking for ideas... Councils are planning Clergy Appreciation Nights. Assemblies are preparing to conduct Marine's Toys for Tots drives. Councils are starting with Back-to-School supply drives, prior to Coats for Kids events. And Terry Waters will be at September's Chapter Meeting to talk about the Box of Joy program that is coordinated by Cross Catholic Outreach.

I am sure there are many more things I may have omitted but I am profoundly grateful for all the hard work the Pittsburgh Chapter Councils continue to do each year. Thank You also to all our District Deputies for their constant support to their Grand Knights and Councils. And many hands make light this work that we do. I encourage everyone to reach out to a Brother Knight you have not seen at your council meetings. It is time for us to gather at monthly meetings and set up a plan for the next six months. We need to be present in our churches and communities.

And lastly, this is an open invitation to any Independent Council to join the Pittsburgh Chapter as we meet each month on the 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday at 7:30 PM. Mark your calendars! Also, visit us at our website – <http://pittsburghchapterkofc.org/> .

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Fraternally,

**Timothy R. Richards** – Pittsburgh Chapter President  
*State Secretary, Pennsylvania State Council*  
*Knights of Columbus*  
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# SEPTEMBER 2022



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
**Family of Month Form Due				1	2	3
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# OCTOBER 2022



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