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# From the Grand Knight's Desk

Worthy Brother Knights,

District #43

I hope you had a wonderful Easter. Those of us who stayed local couldn't have asked for better weather. The Easter season is not over. I'm hoping for a great turnout at the Knights of Columbus Easter Mass on April 19 at 9am. Wear some Knights clothing in a show of solidarity. That's not all that's happening on April 19. A larger-than-average class of high school men with fathers in the Knights will be graduating this spring, and we are having a special First Degree ceremony featuring any sons who have graduated in the last few years. The ceremony will take place at 3pm, followed by a meal and fellowship with our families at 4pm. If you have a Senior or older son who would like to join the Knights, contact Tom McCabe soon.

Later this month, Dan Perna, Mark Halper, and I will be attending the IL State Convention. It's a nice opportunity to hear what the State Officers are planning, as well as what other councils across the state are doing. We're always proud to represent Council 11091 at the state level.

By now you should have received an invitation to our Anniversary Dinner on May 2 at the Golf Club of IL. We have much to celebrate, and this is always a highlight event for our council. We get dressed up and celebrate the past year's accomplishments. We'll enjoy lots of laughs, delicious food, welldeserved awards, and maybe even some karaoke. There are other events coming up, but I'll let you read about them in the newsletter.

If you have been contemplating taking on a bigger role in our council, now is the time to step up and volunteer to take on new responsibilities. Many of our officers will be moving up the chain of command, and other members will be asked to move into our officer lineup. We'll publish the nominees in May and June, and vote at the June meeting. In late June, we'll install the new slate of officers.

There are also many opportunities to become a cochair or chairman for our numerous events. We are always looking for people who want to eventually take over running events, as we have some members who have been running the same events for years. © April 2015

Turnover is healthy for our council, as it identifies new leaders, expands our expertise across the membership, takes advantage of the skills and passions of our newer members, and allows our seasoned veterans to take on new challenges. We'll also be looking for people to take on some of our Director positions.

Some members are only able to join a committee, which is great. We need motivated people to support our chairmen. You don't have to be an event chairman, director, or officer to be a leader in the council. Start where you are most comfortable, and stretch yourself.

You never know what you can do until you try, and we'll always help make the transition as smooth as possible. If you are interested in a leadership role, please let me or any officer know. You don't even have to know which position you would be best suited for, as we can figure this out together. The most important thing is to get involved.

I don't know about you, but my patio furniture has been out for a couple weeks, and I've already been giving the grill a decent workout. Mostly burgers, brats, and fish so far, but when the weather is a little more consistently warm, I'll be experimenting with more low-and-slow recipes, including ribs, beer can chicken, and other delights. No bugs (yet). No humidity (yet). Does it get any better than working the grill on a pleasant afternoon relaxing in the fresh air and eating good food?

Have a safe and happy April. I hope to see you at our next meeting and our upcoming events.

Vivat Jesus! Dan Limbach, Grand Knight



## Save the Date

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- April 9th Council Meeting 7:30 pm
- April 25th Casino Night and Art Auction SMM •
- May 2nd Council 11091 Anniversary Dinner
- Sept 24th 28th Men's Fall Retreat (see Stu/Ken)

### **Thank You Brother Knights!**

FOR ALL YOUR HELP AT THIS YEAR'S "MANE EVENT" Over \$62,500 raised to date!



Thanks to all of you for your tireless efforts in making the 7th Annual Shamrock Shave an incredibly successful fundraising event for our parish community and for cancer research. Once again, as those around the Parish always say, if you want a job done right—*Call a Knight… And did you ever answer the call!* 

Together, we <u>shattered</u> a record set last year and collectively raised over <u>\$62,500</u> for the needy in our community (St. Vincent DePaul Society) and cancer research (Bear Necessities Pediatric Cancer Foundation). We also had 42 men, women and children Shavees, an estimated 500 adults and children in attendance, and served over 300 Irish dinners! The "Dan O'Neill Award" winner for most donations this year was Denis Wiener, who brought in over \$31,000 (and the donations keep coming in). Dan is no doubt proud and smiling from above at the results of this year's Shave.

It is great to see our parish pull together and "answer the call". To see members of the Knights of Columbus, St. Vincent de Paul Society, CRHP teams, Altar Servers, Youth Ministry, Cub and Boy Scout families, the Algonquin Lake in the Hills Fire Department and other parishioners volunteer to make the event happen has blessed our Parish Family in so many ways. Thanks to your commitment to the event, we exceeded all our goals and had a lot of fun raising money for two very worthwhile causes.

**To Our Knights of Columbus Shavees:** Your commitment to the parish community and helping those in need is inspirational... *May your bald heads be examples to those in the parish and community of our parish's commitment to charity!* 

To Our Knights on the Planning Committee and to the Event Volunteers: Special thanks to each and every one of you for your contribution of time, talent and treasure in support of these two very worthwhile causes, and for putting on an event that just keeps growing every year. The tentative date for next year is March 5, 2016.

# **Special Olympics Spring Games**

Think Spring! To be more specific, it is time to start thinking about the Special Olympics 2015 Spring Games. This year's event will take place at North Central College in Naperville, IL on Sunday April 26, 2015.

Each year our council takes a group of volunteers to the games and help with set-up for the event. In the past we have set up tables and chairs, assemble the stage for the opening ceremony, and whatever other jobs that are needed to be done. We are usually done with our work and back home in Algonquin by noon.

Since our council is the set-up crew we need to be at the college by 7:00 AM. This year we will meet at the McGivney Center at 5:45 AM and leave no later than 6:00 AM to make it to Naperville by 7:00 AM. The plan will be to take a couple cars down to North Central College.

If you are interested in attending this event please contact Larry O'Brien at 847-658-1364 or via e-mail at <u>ltobrien@potashcorp.com</u>. Please let me know if you would be interested in driving as we will need two cars.

I think that if you ask any Brother Knight who has helped in the past, they will tell you they receive more than they give by just seeing the happiness in the eyes of these special athletes. Vivat Jesus, Larry O'Brien

### Come Celebrate 22 Years - May 2<sup>nd</sup> Council 11091 Anniversary Dinner

Council 11091 is celebrating 22 years on May 2 at the Golf Club of Illinois starting at 6:00pm. Join us for our annual evening of festivities, fellowship, dinner, year in review, awards, and more. The cost is \$40 per person, 2 drink tickets included. Please RSVP by April 22 to Deputy Grand Knight Dan Perna at <u>ddperna@juno.com</u> or (847) 658-6975. You can bring the payment to the April general or officers' meeting, or at the door.

## Help with All Night Bingo

Our next All Night Bingo Breakfast will be on Saturday, April 11th at Marian Central High School. A crew is needed to serve pancakes and eggs at the evening break. We meet at McGivney Center at 9:30 to carpool over to the high school. contact Dan Kotleba at <u>kotleba@sbcglobal.net</u>.

## **Catholic Assistance Missions**

At the February meeting, I requested a \$3,000 budget for Catholic Assistance Missions (CAM). As part of this request, a notice has to be published in the newsletter before the vote at a general meeting. This letter is the notice, which explains the organization and the request. I plan to make a motion for this donation at the March general meeting.

Catholic Assistance Missions is a nonprofit charitable organization. Its main purpose is to provide food education, and housing for the very poor people of Haiti. CAM is managed by a board of 12 people, mostly from parishes in the McHenry deanery. Five of those board members are from Saint Margaret Mary Parish: Mary Kay Horney, Patty Deroo, Sandy Wiener, Connie Miller, and Donald Miller. All the board members try to take annual mission trips to Haiti at their own cost. At these mission trips, we spend some time with the Missionaries of Charity in Port-au-Prince, and some time at the mountain village of Despinasse. Most of our financial resources are used at Despinasse. CAM has built a school, and is considering helping with a second building at the same site. The school has 300 students from preschool to sixth grade. CAM pays the teachers' salaries, and subsidizes the daily hot meals that the children receive. In many cases, this is the only meal that they have during the day. The annual budget for the salaries, meals, and other school expenses is about \$25,000.

In addition to school support, CAM has built several 2 room houses. These are very simple cement block structures, but they are like castles to the villagers of Despinasse. They are so thrilled to have a safe and comfortable place to live.

CAM raises its money through various fundraisers in the McHenry County parishes. In 2014, the people of Saint Margaret Mary Parish raised \$8,500 at the Ladies Fall Luncheon. CAM also received about \$2,000 in donations from the 2014 Lenten projects of St. Margaret Mary School and Religious Education children. Also in 2014, the people of Church of Holy Apostles raised about \$15,000 at their annual fundraiser dinner.

Our K of C council has been very generous in the past, for which we are very grateful. This year, I am requesting the same contribution that our council made last year, \$3,000 in 4 payments of \$750. Haiti is the poorest country in our hemisphere, and so much can be done by those who care.

Contributions of cash (checks payable to CAM) are the most efficient. Thanks & May God bless you.

# **KofC Freethrow Competition**

The Regional Free Throw Championship was hosted on March 14<sup>th</sup> at St. Thomas in Crystal Lake and we had two Regional Champions from St. Margaret Mary!

- Isabelle Clarkson (age 12, made 12 of 25 attempts)
- Luca Raso (age 9, made 14 of 25 attempts and all 5 of the tiebreaker round!)

#### Both champions now move onto the State competition!

Thanks to all who helped out with the Free Throw Events this year.



#### The Last Chance Order Sweatshirts -Order has arrived

Please see Kevin Wright and pay him for your order. Email at KWWJD1@yahoo.com - He always has them with him in his car, so pull him aside anytime!

#### Mother's Day Gift (Shirt)

No Flowers Necessary! Here's a quick idea for Mother's Day! I've already got orders for the "I Love My Knight" shirt for the Ladies. This is a standard sized (uni-sex) T-shirt. (S, M, L, XL, 2XL (\$2 more)). With shipping they should be \$19.50 or less! Email me with the size (make sure you double check!) Kevin Wright ( KWWJD1@yahoo.com )

#### Men's Summer Sports Shirt

Chance to start thinking about a summer shirt too! We've selected a really nice looking shirt (soccer style) to order. The price is great! \$25 plus shipping (will be very little if I get enough orders). We are starting to take orders and will continue to take orders for this one through May 15. Sharp looking Logo on sleeve! Send me an Email with your size: (M, L, XL, 2XL (+\$2)). Kevin Wright ( <u>KWWJD1@yahoo.com</u> )

## Next Blood Drive Is May 17

Thank you to all who came to our Blood Drive in March. The Knights and Blood Source have a long history of working together to support this important mission. Please mark your calendars today and plan to attend on May 17th, any time between 7 am and 1 pm.

## **4th Degree News**

It is truly an honor to participate in 4<sup>th</sup> degree activities, perhaps the most visible degree of the order! Whether it be marching in a parade as part of a color guard, participating in an honor guard for the Bishop or other special Mass, or serving as an honor guard at a fallen brother's wake it is truly a humbling and honored experience.

We know that not everyone has their own regalia, recently a spreadsheet was emailed to all of the council's 4<sup>th</sup> degree members (approximately 100) that listed all of the members that have regalia. If you are looking to participate in an activity but don't have regalia, reach out to one of them to see if they would let you borrow theirs. If you don't have this list please contact Mark Halper and he will be happy to provide it for you.

 $\frac{4^{th} \text{ degree meetings}}{4^{th} \text{ of the every month (skipping November and December)}}$ rotating locations. The next meeting will be

Tuesday April 28<sup>th</sup> right here at St. Margaret

<u>Mary in Algonquin</u>. This is a nice opportunity to learn more about 4<sup>th</sup> degree related activities and interact with some of your peers from other councils in the area.

If you are interested in purchasing regalia, please contact the English Company, Inc or the Lynch&Kelly, Inc for further information on getting your regalia.

**The next honor guard opportunities** are Sunday April 12<sup>th</sup> at the Confirmation Mass at St. Monica's in Carpentersville. Mass is at 2:00 p.m. with SUT at 1:00 p.m. There is also Confirmation at St. Margaret Mary on Saturday April 18<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 AM, SUT 9:30 AM. Please be on the lookout for emails regarding 4<sup>th</sup> degree activities, if you do not receive this please let Mark Halper know.

More information will follow regarding the Clergy Appreciation Dinner and next 4<sup>th</sup> degree exemplification, both of these will take place in the fall 2015.

Also please feel free to visit the fourth degree Master's website

www.4thdegreeillinoisdistrict1.com for information about upcoming exemplifications, etc. For more information contact Mark Halper at 773-771-1810 (mnmhalper@sbcglobal.net ) or Tim O'Neill at 847-494-5506 (timoplants@comcast.net ).

## **Pro-Life Activities (George Jost)**

(the material here has been paraphrased from articles posted at the Catholic Vote website CatholicVote.org)

March 25th we celebrated the Feast of the Annunciation the announcement of the Word becoming flesh in the womb of the Blessed Virgin. This is 9 months from Christmas. So perhaps it was only natural that **twenty years ago**, Saint John Paul II released his encyclical *Evangelium Vitae* ("Gospel of Life") on the Feast of the Annunciation.



It was Pope John Paul II who opened the eyes of many people to what he labeled the "Culture of Death" which had begun to consume so much of modern life -- from medicine to commerce to politics and art.

#### Pope John Paul II wrote:

"[Ŵ]e are in fact faced by an objective 'conspiracy against life,' involving even international Institutions, engaged in encouraging and carrying out actual campaigns to make contraception, sterilization and abortion widely available. Nor can it be denied that the mass media are often implicated in this conspiracy, by lending credit to that culture which presents recourse to contraception, sterilization, abortion and even euthanasia as a mark of progress and a victory of freedom, while depicting as enemies of freedom and progress those positions which are unreservedly pro-life." He recognized that there were many challenges in our present age, from hunger to war to economic turmoil. But for many leaders in the Western world, the solution to the problems facing humanity was to get rid of the humans.

But Pope John Paul II reminded us of the true path forward. He exhorted the world: "In the name of God: respect, protect, love and serve life, every human life! Only in this direction will you find justice, development, true freedom, peace and happiness!"

His words are as prophetic and profound today as they were 20 years ago.

I encourage you to take a moment today to re-read *Evangelium Vitae*.

May his writing renew in us the call to build a Culture of Life. St. John Paul II, pray for us.

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It is estimated that over 32 million adults in the U.S. (one in 10 people) were raised Catholic and no longer identify themselves as members of the Church. Last year a survey conducted in the Springfield IL Diocese found that for Mass attending Catholics, parish community is the most important element of parish life. They concluded that if parishioners do not feel welcome, you can expect to have fewer parishioners soon.

<u>So what can you do?</u> Be aware of people you have not met and introduce yourself and your family and invite parishioners to join you at a KOC event!

Could there be a better place to feel welcome than the Knights of Columbus?

Each Fall and Spring our parish invites Catholics who have been away to attend our Catholics Returning Home sessions. Through this 6 week program we hope to help participants feel welcome in our parish and ease back into the Church updating their knowledge about Church teachings. The Spring sessions begin Tuesday April 14 at 7:30PM in the Ministry Center.

For more information pick up a brochure in the Church lobby, check our parish website or call brother knight Dave Philipps at 815-347-6093.



#### <u>SMM School 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Art Auction &</u> <u>Casino NIght– Saturday, April 25th</u>

Saturday, April 25<sup>th</sup> SMM casino & art auction night: The art auction will begin 5pm and the casino night will follow immediately afterwards around 7:15pm. We had a great time with lots of Poker and Blackjack tables, as well as two Craps tables and couple of roulette wheels. This is a cash event (following the Illinois Charitable Games Act). All proceeds will benefit the St. Margaret Mary School. As we did last year, we are looking for volunteers to help as dealers for the Blackjack and Poker tables. Please contact either Matt Harman at (847) 902-2604 or Andre Manaois at (847) 989-9849.



Nejmeh family at Breakfast with Easter Bunny



The Fry Crew at our KofC Fish Fry's



March Paintball



GK Dan Limbach at latest blood drive Knights of Columbus St. Margaret Mary Council #11091 5

## **Directors & Chairmen**

Chancellor Report:		
Vocations*	Scott Nejman	847-687-2278
Sunday Rosary	Rob Beyer	224-333-0592
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Degree Team*	Chris Gonzales	847-658-3871
Membership Promotions	Kevin Wright	224-699-0599
Program Director –	Dan Porna	
Church*		017 650 1016
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Eucharistic Adoration	Deacon Maher	847-658-5788
Easter Eucharist	Scott Nejman	847-687-2278
Church/School Painting	Ken Prigge	630-730-2754
Bibles for RE	Deacon Maher	847-658-5788
Marytown Ministry	Deacon Maher	847-658-5788
Christmas Church Lights	Mark Ostrowski	847-778-4269
Parish Picnic	Ken Prigge	630-730-2754
Mass for Deceased Brothers		847-687-2278
Bereavement	Deacon Don Miller	847-915-8474
St. Vincent DePaul	Dean Duley	630-669-4495
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Blood Drive	Scott Shepard	847-344-4312
Prison Ministry	Deacon Maher	847-658-5788
Wheelchair Program	Tim O'Neill	847-658-5149
Founders' Days	Ken Prigge	630-730-2754
Co-Chair	Wayne Reed	847-836-7305
Co-Chair	Rene Mendez	224-402-5071
Founders' Days Parade	Open Jason Bonnet	Open
ID Drive (Tootsie Rolls) Bear Necessities Run	Matt Harman	847-323-6304
Nativity Set Construction	Cliff Sherwin	847-658-6235
Nativity Magnets/Decals	Kevin Fitzgerald	847-658-6305
Adopt-a-Highway	Lez Paprot	847-219-0046
Special Olympics	Larry O'Brien	847-658-1364
Hospital Visitation	Deacon Don Miller	847-915-8474
All Night Bingo	Dan Kotleba	847-854-1821
Parish Summer Festival	Sal Bongiovanni	
Charity Softball	Ray Mueller	847-420-6804
Inkjet/toner recycling	Dan Perna	847-658-6975
Council*	Tom Lambart	847 354 5064
Downstate raffle	Tom Lambert Domenic Perna	<b>847-354-5964</b> 847-658-6975
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Military Support	John Wolak	224-600-8604
Christmas Tree Lot	Scott Nejman	847-687-2278
Co-Chair	Rene Mendez	224-402-5071
Breakfast Team	Chris Hubbuch	224-241-8214
Co-Chair	Rene Mendez	224-402-5071
Fish Fry	Ken Prigge	630-730-2754
Sports Mania	Bill Burg	847-323-6304
Recycle Program	Tim O'Neill	847-658-5149
Clay Pigeon Shoot	Jerry Ahler	847-658-1568
Men's Fall Retreat	Stuart Kuczynski	847-987-6391
Flag Football	Ed Henning	847-458-9077
Paintball	Kevin Fitzgerald	847-658-6305
Adopt-A-Sailor	Ray Mueller	847-420-6804
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Family*	Wayne Reed	847-836-7305
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Christmas Party	Ken Prigge	630-730-2754
State Kamporee	Scott Nejman	847-687-2278
Co-Chair	Kevin Fitzgerald	847-658-6305
Family Picnic	Andre Manaois	847-458-1822
Feed My Starving Children	John Barrett	847-658-4688
Youth*	Mike Barrett	
Altar Server Appreciation	John Wolak	224-600-8604
Co-Chair	Rene Mendez	224-402-5071
Soccer Challenge	Matt Harman	847-323-6304
Drug Poster Contest	Bob Armstrong	847-658-9942
Free Throw Contest	Nick Wake	847-854-6279
Spelling Bee	Bob Armstrong	847-658-9942
Scholarship Essay	Dan Perna	847-658-6975
Cub, Boy, & Venture Scout	s Richard Orabutt	224-678-9260
Perfect Attendance	Tom McCabe	847-658-3372
KCIC Poster Contest	Dan DeLavergne	847-658-1996
Summer Basketball Camps	Nick Wake	847-854-6279
Joseph Nava Bowl-a-thon	Mark Halper	847-458-8922

#### **Standing Committees:**

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Pro-Life Mass	George Jost	847-658-8379
Pro-Life Arms across USA	George Jost	847-658-8379

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Trustee 2 Year*	Bob Armstrong	847-658-9942
Trustee 1 Year*	<b>Richard Orabutt</b>	224-678-9260
Lecturer*	Stuart Kuczynski	847-987-6391
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Please email your articles and photos to Dave Rzonca (dave.rzonca@gmail.com) by the 4th Saturday of the month

- or you may be too late.

### **Calendar of Events**

#### St. Margaret Mary Knights of Columbus Council 11091

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Apr 05	Apr 06	Apr 07	Apr 08	Apr 09	Apr 10	Apr 11
Happy Easter!!!	Prayer Service for Brothers in Need 7:30		Feed My Starving Children	Council Meeting 7:30pm		Marian All Nigh Bingo Breakfast
Apr 12	Apr 13	Apr 14	Apr 15	Apr 16	Apr 17	Apr 18
	Catholics Returning Home 7:30	·	Officer's meeting Followed by First Degree	·	10 am SMM Confirmation	
Apr 19	Apr 20	Apr 21	Apr 22	Apr 23	Apr 24	Apr 25
9 am Knights Easter Mass 3pm Father/Son First Degree		Catholics Returning Home 7:30	ľ		<b>F</b>	School Casino/Art Auction
Apr 26	Apr 27	Apr 28	Apr 29	Apr 30	May 01	May 02
5:45 am Special Olympics		4th degree meeting St Margaret Mary				Council Anniversary Dinner Newsletter Articles
May 03	May 04	May 05	May 06	May 07	May 08	May 09
Rosary after 7:00 mass		Catholics Returning Home 7:30		Council Meeting 7:30pm		
May 10	May 11	May 12	May 13	May 14	May 15	May 16
Mother's Day	Prayer Service for Brothers in Need 7:30					
May 17	May 18	May 19	May 20	May 21	May 22	May 23
Blood Drive 7am till 1pm				Officer's Meeting 7:30 pm		
May 24	May 25	May 26	May 27	May 28	May 29	May 30
		4th degree meeting				Newsletter Articles
May 31	June 01	June 02	June 03	June 04	June 05	June 06
•				Council Meeting 7:30pm		Rosary tomorrow

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