



The Knightly News

Knights of Columbus St. Margaret Mary Council 11091

District # 43

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From the Grand Knight's Desk

My Worthy Brother Knights!

We often think of spring as the time of new beginnings. Grass becomes green again. Flowers bloom again. The cycle starts anew for another year. But it's not spring, so why am I mentioning it?

August is also a time of transition and new beginnings. Many of us have kids going back to school. Some have recently graduated from one phase of their education and are transitioning into the next phase. Some are entering into a new year at college. Some have completed their formal education and are getting jobs and transitioning from student to employee. The air is ripe with possibilities, opportunities, and often times more than a little anxiety.

We have been blessed with one of the best summers in years. Many of us have been especially blessed. One of us built a new house. One of us bought his first house. Some of us took epic vacations and created memories which will last a lifetime. These are all blessings. Graduation parties. Camping. Grilling on the patio. Cookouts and bonfires with friends. Day trips. Movies in the sunroom. Life brings many compensations, large and small. Our enjoyment this summer needs not be measured solely on how much we were able to spend, rather on how we made do with what we had.

I've come to appreciate the little things in life. Many are the nights this summer I have relaxed on my patio, soaking in God's handiwork, marveling at the beauty around me. The fading sun casting its final rays on the sparkling leaves of the immense trees that form a spectacular perimeter of life all around me. The squirrels, gathering nuts, jumping from tree to tree, their aerial acrobatics as impressive as any circus. The doe with her two fawns crossing the creek near my backyard, ushering her charges to their bedding for the night, safe and sound for another day. The planes, marked by their contrails, arcing across the sky, bringing people together, toward countless opportunities.

Never lose an opportunity of seeing anything beautiful, for beauty is God's handwriting.

- Ralph Waldo Emerson

Must all good things come to an end?

The end of the carefree summer season has many benefits. Sports fans get to enjoy the MLB playoff scramble (excepting our local teams). August also means the start of football season, college and pro. Everyone's team is undefeated. Optimism fills the air. Maybe the Bears will finally get past the Packers and win the division. Maybe the Packers will go on another magical run and bring home their 14th NFL Championship. The anticipation is palpable. However, rarely does everything go according to plan. Life is nothing if not unpredictable. And when faced with setbacks in life, be it illness, job loss, death of a loved one, financial hardship, or personal loss, one can do many things. We can be the victim, give up, and crawl into a deep hole. We can blame ourselves or even blame others for our situation.

Or we can take the setback and use it as an opportunity to become better. A better worker. A better father. A better husband. A better Catholic. No matter what life throws at you, I believe the best course is to ask yourself how this can help you grow as a person, for the betterment of mankind and for all of God's kingdom. We recently ended the Capital Campaign, which sought to eliminate the parish debt, and provide funds for the Diocesan pledge and for improvements and repairs on the parish grounds. Many of our brother Knights are part of the Leadership Team responsible for this effort. Thank you to all who contributed time, talent, treasure, and prayers to this worthy cause. I look forward to transitioning into the Centennial Celebration of our parish. Our parish community has a lot to celebrate.

One final point of business before the end of this letter. This Thursday, our council will discuss a possible resolution to the "Keep Christ in Christmas" contention, which most, if not all of you, are aware. Special thanks go out to Jerry Ahler and Mark Ostrowski for personally tending to this matter and making an important trip to Michigan for a mediation. We are at a point where we could either resolve the conflict very soon, or propel this into formal legal proceedings, which could result in years of litigation. Our attorneys are tops in the field, and have been representing us at no cost. This has been a blessing beyond anything we could have hoped for. God is on our side, and our efforts are noble and just. I believe we are living the principal of the First Degree, Charity, with our "Keep Christ in Christmas" program. Please come to the meeting Thursday at 7:30pm, and help us decide our path in this matter.

And a reminder to all golfers...

If you like to golf, this is your last chance to register for the Hammer Open, set for August 17 at the Golf Club of IL. This golf outing raises a considerable amount of money for several charities. If you are on the fence, now is the time to make your decision.

Vivat Jesus!

Dan Limbach, Grand Knight



IMPORTANT DATES TO SAVE THIS MONTH

- August 15th - Feast of the Assumption (Holy Day of Obligation)
- August 17th - Hammer Open
- August 24th - SMM Summer Fest
- August 10th - Altar Server and Knight Families Appreciation POOL PARTY
- August 7th - Council Meeting 7:30 pm
- August 11th - Prayer Service (Families in Need) 7:30 pm
- August 19th 7:00 pm - Special Needs Mass
- Sept 26th - Mike Barrett turns Fifty-something

Monthly Awards and Photos



Family of the Month - Mark Ostrowski for June



Honor Guard at the Founder's Day Parade



Chris Hubbuch and team worked on landscape clean-up at McGivney in June



Another Awesome weekend of Knights Cooking at Algonquin's Founder's Day Celebration

SAINT MARGARET MARY PARISH



2014 CAPITAL CAMPAIGN UPDATE

*Tell the sons of Israel to raise a contribution for Me;
from every man whose heart moves him you shall
raise My contribution.*

- Exodus 25:2

On August 2-3, we celebrated the progress to date of the St. Margaret Mary ***Our Centennial Mission*** Capital Campaign. The Campaign is extremely grateful to the Knights of Columbus for your hard work, and the meals and active support you have provided throughout the course of the campaign. *A grateful Parish thanks you!*

The commitment phase continues and we are well on our way to our goal. The ultimate goal is to receive a response from every household in the Parish. If you have not yet responded, or you are not able to make a commitment at this time, just note that on your commitment form and return it in the offering plate or by mailing it to the Parish Office.

**Every gift, no matter how small or large,
makes a difference. You can do a lot by
doing a little.**

*“As each one has received a gift, use it to serve one
another as good stewards of God’s varied grace.”*

- 1 Peter 4:10

Thanks be to God and to all of you for your faith and generosity.

*God Bless You,
Father Peter & The Our Centennial Mission Capital
Campaign Team*

For more information, campaign videos, and updated totals, please visit the campaign web site at:
smmnext100.org

Fall Paintball - October 18th

What is the latest, and arguably greatest, Knights social outing to date? Paintball!

We have planned a fall paintball outing. Spring was such a success. This again promises to be a ton of fun for all. The excitement for this outing grew from the moment it was mentioned. The folks at the park are friendly and helpful. Also, when you get tired of running and shooting, they have a full service bar for relaxing and regaling your brothers with war stories.

Here are the particulars:

Where: Paintball Explosion. Route 25 South of Route 72 (The old Santa’s Village)

When: October 18th. Show up at 9:00 AM.

Cost: \$45 (Checks to the Council: KofC #11091)

Includes: 4 hours of paintball with a ref/host to help organize games, gun, 500 paintballs, mask and unlimited CO2.

Additional paintballs can be purchased on site. No personal guns allowed and no upgrades at the park. Everyone will be on equal footing.

Who: Ages 16 and above. This could be a recruiting opportunity depending on how shot up the prospective member is at the end.

How to join:

Everyone needs to sign up and pay by the October general meeting. At the end of the general meeting, we will cut a check to Paintball explosion for the balance due. I need to get a good idea of headcount before I make the reservation. Close to the final date, I need to pay, in full, the balance of the event. Here are three ways to join:

- 1) Come to a council or officers’ meeting between now and October and pay by cash or check
- 2) Mail the check to my home with the names of those you are paying for:

Kevin Fitzgerald at 540 Forest Circle, Algonquin, IL 60102

- 3) Contact me via phone or e-mail to make other arrangements between now and October 1st

Kevin Fitzgerald - kevfitz@ameritech.net

Cell: [847-652-5950](tel:847-652-5950) Home: [847-658-6305](tel:847-658-6305)

- 1) Download/print/sign the waiver available on the website:
http://www.pbbomb.com/fieldsite/pbe_waiver_2011.pdf



Altar Server Appreciation & Knights family Pool Party

Our annual Altar Server Appreciation & Knights Families Pool Party will be held on Sunday August 10th at Lions-Armstrong Memorial Pool. Dinner and Social hour will begin at 5:30 and the Swimming Pool & Splash-Pad opens from 6:30 – 8:30pm. Our council provides the burgers, dogs, chips, and pop.

Please note that all Knights attending the event with children need to turn in a Permission Slip to Chairman John Wolak at the event.

Families may bring a dish (with serving utensil) to share at the event and we kindly ask that you follow the guidelines below.

Last name starting with:

A-F Appetizers

G-R Side dishes

S-Z Desserts

Altar Servers with family members and Knights Families are admitted free-of-charge, we just ask for a small donation to help cover food & beverage cost. Up to 300 individuals may attend. Come on out and join the fun, even if your kids are not altar servers. At this year's event I plan to continue the Canon Ball contest. I will need help with setup & tear-down so if you are available please meet Rene and John on August 10th at 3:00p.m. at the McGivney center and tear-down at the pool is ~8:00p.m. For questions please contact John at: johnwolak@live.com or Rene Mendez.



Warden's Clean-Up Crew

Thank you to the team that came out to help clean-up McGivney landscape. In 3 hours we trimmed bushes, pulled weeds, mulched, fixed the downspout, pulled prickly weeds from the school playground and ticked off a nest of wasps. In general the spaces all around the building are dramatically improved.

You may also notice that the small wooden trailer is in slightly better shape, at least it has new tires and a new coat of paint. Next job is to finish painting it and protecting the wooden sides, if anyone is so inclined see Chris Hubbuch (224-241-8214).

Pro-Life Activities (George Jost)

In the January/February Issue of Lay Witness, there was an article about a French Dr. Jerome Lejeune. (I have liberally copied from the article.)

In 1958 he discovered the cause of what was then called Mongolism, now referred to as Down's Syndrome or trisomy 21. He went on to discover other chromosomal pathologies. In 1964, the first chair of fundamental genetics was created for him at the faculty of medicine in Paris. He received several awards including the Kennedy Prize in 1964. At the age of 38 he became the youngest professor of Medicine in the French University system.

In early 1970 there was a conference at the UN. During a public policy debate on abortion, he spoke the truth and warned the audience in English "Here we see an institute of health that is turning itself into an institute of death". That evening he wrote a letter to his wife "This afternoon I lost my the Nobel Prize".

Proposed French Legislation started a national controversy about abortion in 1972. A popular talk show televised a debate in which a panelist mentioned the possibility of aborting handicapped pre-born infants. The only ones that could be detected at the time were children with trisomy 21 (Down's Syndrome).

The next morning a ten year old boy with trisomy 21 came into his office crying inconsolably. The mother explained they had watched the program last night. The boy threw his arms around Dr. Lejeune 's neck and said to him "They want to kill us. You've got to defend us. We're to just too weak, and we don't know how."

Read Dr. Lejeune's biography "Life is a Blessing" by his Daughter Clara Lejeune Gaynard. Also check the Archives of Lay Witness January/February 2014, for the full article.

Last Call for 15th Annual Hammer Open Charity Classic!

DATE: Sunday, August 17, 2014

PLACE: Golf Club of Illinois, Algonquin

REGISTRATION: 11:30 am

SHOTGUN START: 12:30 pm

DINNER: 6:00 pm

Bring your family and friends. Net proceeds will benefit Bear Necessities Pediatric Cancer Foundation, Rett Syndrome Association of Illinois, United Cerebral Palsy, and Foundation Fighting Blindness.

Cost is \$125 per player and includes dinner. We will be playing a 4-man scramble and will have contests for hole-in-one, closest to the pin, longest drive, and longest putt. Also, after dinner, there will be prizes and raffles. Any questions, call Juergen Huellen at [847-970-1045](tel:847-970-1045) or email him at jhuellen@earthlink.net



2014 Hammer Open Charity Classic

Sunday, August 17, 2014

12:30 pm Shotgun Start



Golfer Registration

(Four-Man "Scramble" Format)
(Single golfers will be placed on a team)

Contact Person: _____ Email: _____

Cell Phone #: _____

Please Check One: Single Player: _____ Twosome: _____ Threesome: _____ Foursome: _____

If Twosome, Threesome or Foursome, list names of other player(s):

Player 1: _____ Email _____

Player 2: _____ Email _____

Player 3: _____ Email _____

Player 4: _____ Email _____

Check Enclosed: \$125 _____ \$250 _____ \$375 _____ \$500 _____

Number of Additional Dinner Guests _____ (____) X \$25 = _____

Please Note: Registration is limited to the first 144 players. Payment in full must be received to reserve your spot.

Please make check(s) payable to: **Knights of Columbus Council 11091**
 and mail check(s) with this Registration Sheet to:

Juergen Huellen
 1941 Riverwood Drive
 Algonquin, IL 60102

For questions, please contact Juergen Huellen at (847)9701045 or email to jhuellen@earthlink.net.

Directors & Chairmen

Chancellor Report:

<u>Vocations*</u>	<u>Dan Limbach</u>	847-854-4188
Sunday Rosary	Rob Beyer	224-333-0592
Vocational Raffle	Gene Gonzales	Open
Seminarian Support	John Balmes	847-854-6440

Service Programs:

<u>Membership*</u>	<u>Mark Halper</u>	<u>847-458-8922</u>
Degree Team*	Chris Gonzales	847-658-3871
Membership Promotions	OPEN	OPEN

Program Director – Dan Limbach

<u>Church*</u>	<u>Larry Majewski</u>	<u>847-658-4046</u>
Eucharistic Congress	John Balmes	847-854-6440
Eucharistic Adoration	Deacon Maher	847-658-5788
Easter Eucharist	Scott Nejman	847-854-1008
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	Scott Nejman	847-854-1008
Bereavement	Deacon Don Miller	847-915-8474
St. Vincent DePaul	Dean Duley	630-669-4495

Community* Bill Burg 847-323-6304

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	Joe Chesek	847-854-4181
ID Drive (Tootsie Rolls)	Open	Open
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	Paul O'Rourke	815-955-6055
Co-Chair	Ken Prigge	630-730-2754
Inkjet/toner recycling	Dan Perna	847-658-6975

Council* Tom Lambert 847-354-5964

Downstate raffle	Domenic Perna	847-658-6975
Hammer Open*	Juergen Huellen	847-658-9342
Military Support	John Wolak	224-600-8604
Christmas Tree Lot	Scott Nejman	847-854-1008
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
Adopt-A-Sailor	Ray Mueller	847-420-6804

*** Newsletter Submissions ***

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.

<u>Family*</u>	<u>Wayne Reed</u>	<u>847-836-7305</u>
Hayride & Bonfire	Rich O'Boyle	847-924-4186
Christmas Party	Mike Sheehan	847-458-2469
State Kamporee	Kevin Fitzgerald	847-658-6305
Co-Chair	Scott Nejman	847-854-1008
Family Picnic	Andre Manaois	847-458-1822
Feed My Starving Children	John Barrett	847-658-4688

<u>Youth*</u>	<u>Mike Barrett</u>	<u>OPEN</u>
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 Scouts	Richard Orabutt	224-678-9260
Perfect Attendance	Tom McCabe	847-658-3372
KCIC Poster Contest	Dan DeLaverge	847-658-1996
Summer Basketball Camps	Nick Wake	847-854-6279
Joseph Nava Bowl-a-thon	Mark Halper	847-458-8922

Standing Committees:

<u>Public Relations*</u>	<u>Joe Bongiovanni</u>	<u>OPEN</u>
Newsletter*	Dave Rzonca	815-679-0450
Email List*	Kevin Fitzgerald	847-658-6305
Social Media	Joe Bongiovanni	OPEN
Multimedia Show	Dan Limbach	847-854-4188
Anniversary Dinner	Dan Perna	847-658-6975
Web Site*	Joe Bongiovanni	OPEN
Signage*	Patrick Colcernian	847-854-6051
Online Calendar	Greg Freund	OPEN

Pro-Life* George Jost 847-658-8379

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

Charitable Contributions* Tom Lambert 847-354-5964

Financial* Kevin Fitzgerald 847-658-6305

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Grand Knight*	Dan Limbach	847-854-4188
Deputy Grand Knight*	Dan Perna	847-658-6975
Chaplain*	Rev. Peter Tymko	open
Chancellor*	Scott Nejman	847-854-1008
Warden*	Chris Hubbuch	224-241-8214
Financial Secretary*	Kevin Fitzgerald	847-658-6305
Advocate*	Tim Wuerger	847-757-7245
Treasurer*	Greg Freund	847-907-0330
Recorder*	Ray Mueller	847-420-6804
Inside Guard*	Jerry Gard	847-854-7430
Outside Guard*	Larry Odgers	312-617-8629
Trustee 3 Year*	Mark Ostrowski	847-658-8001
Trustee 2 Year*	Bob Armstrong	847-658-9942
Trustee 1 Year*	Richard Orabutt	224-678-9260
Lecturer*	Stuart Kuczynski	847-987-6391
District Deputy*	Mark Halper	847-458-8922
Field Agent*	Bill Signore	630-809-2641

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Calendar of Events

St. Margaret Mary Knights of Columbus Council 11091

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Aug 3	Aug 4	Aug 5	Aug 6	Aug 7	Aug 8	Aug 9
Rosary after 7:00 mass 				Council Meeting 7:30pm		
Aug 10	Aug 11	Aug 12	Aug 13	Aug 14	Aug 15	Aug 16
Altar Server Appreciation Pool Party 5:30 pm	7:30 Prayer Service Families in Need				Feast of the Assumption	
Aug 17	Aug 18	Aug 19	Aug 20	Aug 21	Aug 22	Aug 23
Hammer Open 12:30pm		Special Needs Mass 7 pm		Officer's Meeting 6:30 pm First Degree 7:30 pm		
Aug 24	Aug 25	Aug 26	Aug 27	Aug 28	Aug 29	Aug 30
St Margaret Mary SummerFest Noon-8:00pm		4th Degree Meeting 7:30 (Elgin KofC Hall)		Knights/Special Olympics White Sox game 7pm		Newsletter Articles
Aug 31	Sep 1	Sep 2	Sep 3	Sep 4	Sep 5	Sep 6
	Labor Day			Council Meeting 7:30pm	First Friday Adoration in Chapel	CRHP Potluck at 5:30pm Rosary tomorrow
Sep 7	Sep 8	Sep 9	Sep 10	Sep 11	Sep 12	Sep 13
Rosary after 7:00 mass 	7:30 Prayer Service Families in Need					
Sep 14	Sep 15	Sep 16	Sep 17	Sep 18	Sep 19	Sep 20
		Special Needs Mass 7 pm		Officer's Meeting 7:30 pm		
Sep 21	Sep 22	Sep 23	Sep 24	Sep 25	Sep 26	Sep 27
Blood Drive 7am till 1 pm Knights vs Fire Dept 16" Softball Game 3:00 pm		4th Degree Meeting 7:30 (Hampshire Dumoulin Farm)		Men's Retreat (Deer Lake)	Men's Retreat (Deer Lake)	Men's CRHP Weekend Newsletter Articles
Sep 28	Sep 29	Sep 30	Oct 1	Oct 2	Oct 3	Oct 4
Men's Retreat and Men's CRHP				Council Meeting 7:30pm	First Friday Adoration in Chapel	Rosary tomorrow

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