



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!

“Christ is Risen! Alleluia!”

What an exciting way to end the month of April! First, we celebrated Easter Sunday and the Resurrection. As was stated by our Pastor, “Jesus is indeed risen in our hearts and in our lives. He overcame the darkness of death and sin and brought new hope, which is everlasting life. We celebrate Easter to be raised with Christ and seek what is above. The power of the Resurrection helps us to fill our hearts with deep hope, love, and faith. Only these, God’s virtues, can give us eternity.”

On April 27th, we celebrated the canonization of two Popes, St. John XXIII and St. John Paul II. For many of us this event had special meaning as we witnessed one or both of these men during our lives. Many could recall Saint John Paul II’s visit to Chicago in 1979. Saint John Paul holds special value in my family. In 1976, then Cardinal Karol Wojtyla visited my hometown of Stevens Point, WI. He toured the community and celebrated mass at the Fieldhouse for the public high school. (None of the area churches were large enough to contain the thousands that came for the Mass). My grandmother was part of the welcoming committee and we are honored to now have a photograph of her, “the saint of our family” with a real saint!

State Convention

On April 26th and 27th, Dan Limbach and I represented our council at the Illinois Knights of Columbus State Convention in Springfield. It is truly an honor to represent such an active and charitable council! The Illinois State Council provides five avenues for charitable activity. They are a Pro-Life fund, Vocations Support fund, Newman Center Fund, Intellectual Disabilities Fund (Tootsie Roll Drive), and a

General Assistance Fund. Only 28 of 439 councils in the state of Illinois contributed to all five funds. We were one of those councils. You are truly an amazing group of men dedicated to the principle of charity. In addition, our Brother Knight and District Deputy, SK Mark Halper, was recognized with an award for his service as a District Deputy over the past few years. I would like to thank Mark for his service to the councils in this district and best wishes as he pursues future responsibilities within our Order.

Anniversary Dinner

It's the social event of the year! Council 11091 is celebrating 21 years on **May 10th at the Golf Club of Illinois starting at 6:00pm**. Join us for our annual evening of festivities, a sumptuous dinner, fellowship, year in review, awards, and much more. Get ready to laugh, cheer, dance, and maybe even karaoke. Bring your special sweetie and start the Mothers' Day celebration early. You may contact our Deputy Grand Knight, SK Dan Limbach with any questions. (224-829-1914)

Thank you again for all your charitable efforts over the past month of April. May God continue to bless you, your families, and the St. Margaret Mary community this coming month!

Vivat Jesus!

Mark Ostrowski, Grand Knight



Monthly Awards and Photos



Mark Halper receives District Deputy award



Mary Philipps being blessed by Pope Francis



Mark O and Mark H receive awards at State Convention



Anniversary of Tommy's Passing was last week - please keep Heidi and their family in your prayers (Memorial by Tommy's grave site)



Dave and Mary Philipps meet Pope in Rome



Council Awards received at March's Council Meeting

2014 Breakfast with the Easter Bunny (Chris Hubbuch)

A huge thank you goes out to all who work or attended this year's breakfast. We modified the menu, tweaked the set up and extended the hours and it seems to have been very well received. We served over 200 meals and earned over \$600 and even fed a certain Priest twice.

By having so many hands show up on Saturday night, Sunday's final set up went very smoothly. The line of hungry customers and the stream of compliments came on strong and the kids had a great time visiting with the Easter bunny, watching videos and coloring.

I again wish to thank the committee and all who helped, of course how could we go wrong with Tommy looking down on us to ensure his event ran smoothly. This is a great event and the children love that six-foot funny. We'll do it again next year and look forward to seeing even more of you there.

2014 Men's Retreat Sept 25-28

The Men's House Retreat for 2014 is Thursday September 25th through Sunday 28th. We will be going to Deer Lake Lodge in Winchester Wis. No charity event to work on this trip. Just hiking, fishing, eating, cards, gun range, or just lounging around with a good book or movie.. We attend a Mass Saturday night as well as have a Rosary around the fire Friday night.

We have the complete private run of an 1100 acre property. The lodge itself is over 8,000 square feet with enough beds to sleep 25 comfortably. It has 7 bathrooms, several fireplaces, wifi, dish TV, pool table, fooseball, electronic games and a hot tub. It overlooks private lake and view is spectacular. Check out the property at www.deerlake.biz.

Cost for the full weekend retreat is typically under \$250, which includes transportation, all food, lodging and a guaranteed great time. Starting at the May General meeting we will begin accepting \$100 deposits to lock in your spot to attend this year's retreat. The maximum number of participant's is 25..

Please contact Stu with any questions at kuczynski2000-gray@yahoo.com.

Officer Nominations

<u>Title</u>	<u>Current</u>	<u>Proposed</u>
Grand Knight	Mark Ostrowski	Dan Limbach
Deputy Grand Knight	Dan Limbach	Dan Perna
Chancellor	Dan Perna	Scott Nejman
Warden	Scott Nejman	Chris Hubbuch
Advocate	Tim Wuerger	Tim Wuerger
Recorder	Ed Henning	TBD
Treasurer	Jason Bonnet	Greg Freund
Inside Guard	Jerry Gard	Jerry Gard
Outside Guard	Larry Odgers	Larry Odgers
Trustee 3 year	Bob Armstrong	Mark Ostrowski
Trustee 2 year	Rick Orabutt	Bob Armstrong
Trustee 1 year	Jerry Ahler	Rick Orabutt

The following positions are appointed and not elected

<u>Position</u>	<u>Appointed by</u>	<u>Current</u>
Chaplin	Bishop	Fr Peter Tymko
Financial Sec	Supreme	Kevin Fitzgerald
Lecturer	Grand Knight	Stuart Kuczynski

Knights of Columbus White Sox Outing - May 22nd

THE DEADLINE FOR BOB ON THIS IS April 30 (NOON)

Come join the Council for a night out to watch some White Sox baseball. On May 22nd the White Sox will be playing the NY Yankees and it will be Knights of Columbus Day/Night. Bob Armstrong is heading up a group from Council 11091, so please let him know if you'd be interested in going to the game. Last year the group met at McGivney and drove to Cellular Field. The cost is \$19 a ticket, with \$5 going to Special Olympics.

The game is at 7 pm. Contact Bob Armstrong if you have questions or if you are ready to sign up. Bob's email - kobieman641@sbcglobal.net or 847-658-9942.

2014 Marian Spring All Night Bingo (Dan Kotleba)

The Spring All Night BINGO Breakfast on April 5th was another success, serving breakfast to 56 lucky BINGO players. This was our 8th time working with the Father's Club at Marian Central Catholic HS on this event. Thanks to my brother Knights for their continued support and special thanks to those who volunteered to help cook & serve at this event.

Pro-Life Activities (George Jost)

Announcement - Next weekend (Mothers Day) the Pro Life Committee will be offering Roses to support Pro Life.

They will be a suggested donation at \$2 each. Special bouquets are available at \$7 for 6 roses plus Baby's breathe, and \$25 for 12 roses and baby's breath. Please pre-order at 847-658-8379.

Article on Family Issues from the Life Site News

BOSTON, MA, April 24, 2014

(LifeSiteNews.com) Three "married" lesbians in Massachusetts have announced they are expecting the first of several children intended for their polygamous union. But marriage advocates say the story confirms their warnings about the slippery slope created by redefining marriage and granting legal privileges based on a self-identified characteristic like sexual orientation.

Until it occurred, proponents of same-sex "marriage" dismissed the argument that gay "marriage" would undermine monogamy. But Dr. Jennifer Roback Morse, founder and president of [The Ruth Institute](http://TheRuthInstitute.com), said she was not surprised to learn of the trio. "We have been saying for some time that once you remove the gender requirement there is no reason for marriage to be confined to only two people," Dr. Morse told LifeSiteNews. The slippery slope was anticipated in this as was "gay marriage".

Polish Constitution Day Parade - Saturday May 3

The SMM Polish Community will be celebrating downtown this Saturday in the Polish Constitution Day Parade. So far it looks like no rain and a day in the 60s. We have been asked to participate by working the grills for all the kids and their families as they return from the parade. Set-up and cook time (Brats and Dogs) is usually around 1:00 pm. The bus usually arrives at about 3:00 and we expect about 120 people to attend. Please let Mark Ostrowski or Dr Maciej know if you plan on helping out.

End of School Picnic - Saturday June 7 12:00 till 4:00

The SMM Polish Community and the SMM English School will be celebrating another successful year. Please mark your calendars for either the first weekend in June. The picnic begins at noon on Saturday, June 7. The Knights will need to be there earlier to help with set-up. It is a big party and the Knights get involved with set-up and grilling lunch for the large crowd. There is usually a magician and games for entertaining the kids so it is a great family day - we're pretty sure the snow will have stopped by then. If you are interested in helping or just want to bring the family out for some fun, please contact Mark Ostrowski or Dr Maciej for more information.

Knight's Mass during Easter

Dan Perna is planning the Knights Easter Eucharist Mass this year. Date is TBD at this time. It usually happens during the 9:00 or 11:00 mass. We will be looking for volunteers as ushers, Lectors, or EMEs for the mass. Thanks.

Annuities - More Flexible Than You Might Think

Annuities are easily misunderstood, in part because of their name. When you “annuitize” the money in your annuity (the money you’ve paid in, plus the interest it has earned), you’ve chosen to receive monthly payments for life, or for a fixed period.

However, annuitizing this money isn’t your only option. You may also treat an annuity like a Guaranteed Investment Certificate (GIC). That is, you can use the annuity as a way to accumulate savings and earn a steady interest rate. You can make withdrawals from the annuity for any reason, although you may then owe income tax on some, or all, of the withdrawal amount. And, if you do choose to annuitize, you also have several payout options.

The point is, these products are flexible enough to serve a variety of needs.

Contact me if you’re interested in setting up an annuity as an RRSP, spousal RRSP, RRIF, a non-registered account, or a TFSA account.

Contact our Field Agent Bill Signore for further information

Cell 630-809-2641

Email: William.signore@kofc.org

Feed My Starving Children

(John Barrett)

Our next Feed My Starving Children food packing event will be held on May 14th. Please plan to meet up with John Barrett and the team of volunteers at 7 pm at the Church.

Thank you to all of the Knights and families that come and help out. Please contact John Barrett at 847-658-4688 to sign up.

Sacred Heart of Jesus - Adoration

This Friday is the First Friday of the month. There will be Eucharistic Adoration throughout the day. Come and adore Jesus as He is exposed in the Most Blessed Sacrament of the altar, in the Sacred Heart Chapel. Adoration is simply spending a few moments of your day to meet with Jesus.

Knights Kamporee - June 6-8

As the weatherman announces temps falling below zero again, all I can think of is pulling the trailer out of mothballs, draining the antifreeze and getting to a campground. It is never too early to talk about camping.

The State of Illinois Knights Kamporee is a wonderful weekend of camping with other Knight's from around the state. At our urging, and because of our significant past participation, the Kamporee was a Northern Illinois event last year and a huge success. In fact, most of the attendees pre-reserved their spot for this year. Besides, about half of the attendees and officers are from our council.

This year’s camp is June 6-8 at the KOA located in Lena, Illinois (www.lenakoa.com). It is just outside of Freeport, Illinois, about a 2 hour ride. You can come earlier and/or stay later if you like.

We plan on having plenty of activities including:

- ❖ Wine & Cheese Social Friday evening.
- ❖ Campfire on Friday night.
- ❖ Breakfast on Saturday morning.
- ❖ Baggo (Here Dummy) Tournament with prizes on Saturday afternoon.
- ❖ Crafts/games for the kids, Saturday afternoon.
- ❖ Bingo or similar for everyone on Saturday afternoon.
- ❖ Mass with Father Toni Saturday evening.
- ❖ Pot Luck Supper on Saturday night.
- ❖ Campfire on Saturday night
- ❖ Fellowship & much more

The campground has clean showers, a heated pool, general store and a large jumping pillow for the kids. There are also many other things to do. Check out the website at lenakoa.com

Family cost is the price of your campsite (\$30-\$45 – More for cabins) per night and \$5.00/family dues to the state Kamping Committee. You need to contact the campground directly at [815-369-2612](tel:815-369-2612) and let them know you are part of the Knight's Kamporee. Sites and cabins are saved and will not show up in the KOA website or reservation system. If you need any further information please do not hesitate to contact Kevin Fitzgerald (kevfitz@ameritech.net or [847-652-5950](tel:847-652-5950)). **Note the sites go quickly so reserve today**

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	Rick Orabutt	224-678-9260

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	Dan Perna	847-658-6975
Church/School Painting	Ken Prigge	224-333-0586
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	224-333-0586
Mass for Deceased Brothers	Dan Perna	847-658-6975
Bereavement	Deacon Don Miller	847-915-8474
St. Vincent DePaul	Dean Duley	847-323-2237

<u>Community*</u>	<u>Bill Burg</u>	<u>847-323-6304</u>
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	224-333-0586
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	224-333-0586
Inkjet/toner recycling	Dan Perna	847-658-6975

<u>Council*</u>	<u>Tom Lambert</u>	<u>847-354-5964</u>
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	Open
Co-Chair	Ken Prigge	224-333-0586
Co-Chair	Rene Mendez	224-402-5071
Fish Fry Team	see Breakfast Team	Open
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	Open

*** 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	Open	Open
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 Limbach	847-854-4188
Web Site*	Joe Bongiovanni	OPEN
Signage*	Patrick Colcernian	847-854-6051
Online Calendar	Greg Freund	OPEN

<u>Pro-Life*</u>	<u>George Jost</u>	<u>847-658-8379</u>
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

<u>Financial*</u>	<u>Kevin Fitzgerald</u>	<u>847-658-6305</u>
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Officers:

Grand Knight*	Mark Ostrowski	847-658-8001
Deputy Grand Knight*	Dan Limbach	847-854-4188
Chaplain*	Rev. Peter Tymko	open
Chancellor*	Dan Perna	847-658-6975
Warden*	Scott Nejman	847-854-1008
Financial Secretary*	Kevin Fitzgerald	847-658-6305
Advocate*	Tim Wuerger	847-757-7245
Treasurer*	Jason Bonnet	847-458-1217
Recorder*	Ed Henning	847-458-9077
Inside Guard*	Jerry Gard	847-854-7430
Outside Guard*	Larry Odgers	312-617-8629
Trustee 3 Year*	Bob Armstrong	847-658-9942
Trustee 2 Year*	Richard Orabutt	224-678-9260
Trustee 1 Year*	Jerry Ahler	847-658-1568
Lecturer*	Stuart Kuczynski	847-987-6391
District Deputy*	Mark Halper	847-458-8922
Field Agent*	Bill Signore	630-809-2641

* To contact any of these officers via email use their title then "@kofc11091.org". For example the Grand Knight's email address would be "grandknight@kofc11091.org"

Calendar of Events

St. Margaret Mary Knights of Columbus Council 11091

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Apr 27	Apr 28	Apr 29	Apr 30	May 1	May 2	May 3
Divine Mercy Sunday Canonization of John Paul II and John XXIII (Noon) SPECIAL OLYMPICS (5:45 am)				Council Meeting 7:30pm	First Friday Adoration in Chapel	Polish Constitution Day (Parade & Picnic)
May 4	May 5	May 6	May 7	May 8	May 9	May 10
Rosary after 7:00 mass 	7:30 Prayer Service Families in Need					Anniversary Dinner - May 10 6:00 pm Golf Club of Illinois
May 11	May 12	May 13	May 14	May 15	May 16	May 17
		Feast of Our Lady of Fatima	Feed my Starving Children 7:00pm meet at the Church (John Barrett)	Officer's Meeting 6:30 pm		
May 18	May 19	May 20	May 21	May 22	May 23	May 24
				Knights Baseball at Cellular Field (7:00 pm)		
May 25	May 26	May 27	May 28	May 29	May 30	May 31
	Memorial Day	4th Degree Meeting 7:30				Newsletter Articles Rosary tomorrow
June 1	June 2	June 3	June 4	June 5	June 6	June 7
Rosary after 7:00 mass 	7:30 Prayer Service Families in Need				KofC Kamporee	KofC Kamporee End of School Picnic 12:00 till 4:00
June 8	June 9	June 10	June 11	June 12	June 13	June 14
KofC Kamporee						
June 15	June 16	June 17	June 18	June 19	June 20	June 21
				Officer's Meeting 6:30 pm First Degree 7:30		
June 22	June 23	June 24	June 25	June 26	June 27	June 28
		4th Degree Meeting 7:30				Newsletter Articles Rosary tomorrow

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