



January 2018

The Knightly News

Knights of Columbus St. Margaret Mary Council 11091

District # 45

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From the Grand Knight's Desk:



I think one of the best things for me this Christmas season was seeing the kids at the tree lot with Santa Claus. They were so happy, carefree and excited. They just could not wait to talk to Santa and then see what he would bring them

on Christmas day. Perhaps we have outgrown that youthful wonder for Santa, but as adults we know that there is a much better gift waiting on Christmas morning, Jesus.

It is said by many that we need to "Keep Christ in Christmas" and focus on what truly matters. But even with the magnet on our cars it is too easy to get caught up in all the noise. I overheard a person complaining that they had so much to do that they might not be able to make it to Christmas Mass. How our priorities get twisted. So, this year don't just display the magnet on your car, but live the message and truly Keep Christ in Christmas.

What a busy and successful December our council has had. We set the large Nativity sets around the community and decorated the Friary with lights. The tree lot was in full swing and we sold over 300 trees while also giving trees to those less fortunate. We had our Christmas party followed a few hours later by Breakfast with Santa. The breakfast was in support of

the church roof fund and it was our most successful breakfast to date. That same weekend we held our pulpit talks to encourage our fellow parishioners to join us at our Knight Before Christmas degree. We added six new Knights to our council including Father Witold.

Lastly, I was very proud to be able to strike the gavel as our council voted to give \$50,000 to support the Raise the Roof campaign. This was a great way to show how the Knights can step up and support our parish and Pastor when in need.

I am now half way into my term as Grand Knight and I am so proud of what this council does and accomplishes. It is truly amazing the gifts that we have and how so many of us step-up to do even more. Thank you and God Bless all of you.

2018 will be another big year for our council and we will begin with taking down the Nativity sets in the community, hosting a pasta dinner on January 13 and more. But before we get too busy with family, work and charity, let us reflect on the greatest gift we will receive this year, the birth of our Savior Jesus Christ.

YBIC

Vivat Jesus

Christopher Hubbuch



4th Degree Activities

"And He said, 'Amen, I say to you, no prophet is accepted in his own native place.'"-Luke 4:24

Upcoming events and activities are as follows:

- Tuesday, January 23rd - General meeting beginning at 7:30 p.m. at Elgin KC Hall 10 Villa Ct. in Elgin. This is a great opportunity to interact with your Knights of Columbus peers at some of the local parishes as well as learn about some of the other activities the local councils are doing. Forms and monies for the upcoming 4th degree exemplification on 2/17 are due at this meeting.
- Saturday February 17th – 4th degree exemplification at Hilton Oak Brook Hills. This is a great opportunity to learn the patriotic lessons of the order while attaining full Knighthood, as well as a worthwhile chance for existing 4th degree members to attend and support the new candidates as well as refresh your memories on the lessons taught in this degree.

Please also be on the lookout for emails about upcoming activities, especially wakes as these typically do not have much advance lead time and is one of the highest honors we can provide to our fallen brothers and their families.

It is truly an honor to participate in 4th degree activities, perhaps the most visible degree of the order. Whether it be marching in a parade, participating in an honor guard for the Bishop, or serving as part of an honor guard at a fallen brother's wake is truly a humbling and honored experience. As a reminder there is NO EXPERIENCE NECESSARY to participate in these honor or color guards and there are NO LOCATION BOUNDARIES OR RESTRICTIONS to participate in these functions in the area. We know that not everyone has their own regalia, if you are looking to participate in an activity but don't have regalia reach out to a member who does. If you need a list of members who have regalia please contact Mark Halper.

Just as it is important to grow membership in the Knights of Columbus so we can continue to do the

good works that we do, it is equally important to advance members to the patriotic (4th) degree to ensure we have enough members to promote the visible degree of our order, serve at a wake, etc. Be sure to visit the Bishop O'Neill Assembly website www.kofc2381.org to check out upcoming activities, etc. In addition, please be sure to visit the fourth degree Master's website www.4thdegreeillinoisdistrict1.com for information on upcoming exemplifications, etc. If you do not receive these emails, please let Mark Halper know. Thank you for your support, we look forward to seeing you guys at upcoming events and activities. Any questions, etc. please contact Mark Halper at 773-771-1810 or mnmhalper@sbcglobal.net



Dear Brothers – I really want to Thank You for your generosity of donated items & cash donations I collected at the December council meeting and Christmas Party. You are a great group & council and wanted to say how proud I am to be a part of it.

We were able to ship out 12 Large flat rate shipping boxes through our U.S. Post Office this year which will raise motivation and moral during the holidays for our service members who were not able to be home with friends and family during the holidays. If you would say a prayer for them during this time when gathered with family members prior to your Christmas meal and give Thanks for keeping the war and violence overseas and not at home.

Our troops should have received the boxes by Christmas Eve!

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Brother John Wolak
K of C Military Support Chairman
Panama-Desert Storm Veteran
USMC-Semper Fi



Breakfast with Santa

Our Breakfast with Santa was a great success this year with all proceeds going to the parish for the roof repair fund. Our profit of over \$1450 was a record according to the older Knights. We are very proud of how our Brother Knights came together to host the breakfast with many Knights helping out throughout the day and how the parish came out to support the cause. Father Peter led the way with support from the pulpit and our advertising with George Kurkowski's help via the tree lot flyers and emails to the other ministries paid off. We beat last year's numbers before the 9AM mass crowd had finished eating. Donations from Meijer, Dean's Foods (Gary Engel), and Dell Rhea's (Joanne's and Rene's restaurant) made our expenses very low helping to push up our profits. Thank you all for making this a successful event.

Dave and Rene



Christmas Tree Lot

We had a very successful Christmas Tree Lot this year. We sold over 350 trees essentially selling out on the last weekend before Christmas. We had great support for our setup and tree delivery days and different people stepped up at different times.



Our Touch a Truck day with the fire department was a great day to be a Knight and to be involved. We had unseasonably warm weather on an early December day for this event. We had a full crew at the lot first thing in the morning to prepare for the day. We had the fire department there for lunch and Santa flew in as well.



We sold over 40 trees and made a huge dent in our tree inventory. It was just wonderful to see our efforts come together for such a wonderful day. We had several Knights step up and filled other holes in the schedule throughout the month. Special thanks to Mike Kouvelis who was there just about every day. There are rumors that he had a sleeping bag in the trailer, but these were never confirmed. The tree lot wouldn't have been manned at times and wouldn't have been the success it was without his effort.



Thanks to the so many of you who played a part in the success of this event. For those of you who didn't get out to the tree lot this year, you don't know what you are missing.

Rene, Chris, Mike, and Dave



BELLARMINE

Jesuit Retreat House

The Bellarmine Jesuit Retreat House in Barrington, IL, is sponsoring a series of outreach and renewal programs for our military men and women and their families. There are two upcoming events, Sunday Feb 25, 2018 and Sunday May 6, 2018. The events are free and open to all veterans and their families (at least 18 years of age). We have invited a representative of Bellarmine to present at our January meeting, so

hopefully you will be able to learn more. In the meantime, you can visit their website and register for the February retreat here:

<https://www.jesuitretreat.org/retreats/February-25-2018>

Please pass this information on to veterans that you know. It is not religion oriented, it is for all veterans and their families of any faith.

For more information, please feel free to contact me.

Thanks,

Bernie Paniak
[\(847\) 658-5738](tel:(847)658-5738)



Knights of Columbus
Fourth Degree-Northern Illinois District of Marquette Province

Frank W. Rossi
Master
1547 S. 60th Ct. 2 Rear
Cicero, IL 60804-1669

4th Degree Exemplification
Saturday February 17, 2018
Hilton – Oak Brook Hills Resort
3500 Midwest Road
Oak Brook, IL 60523

ASSEMBLY NO. _____ COUNCIL NO. _____
Worthy Master-Please make reservations for the following:

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| Candidate (Initiation Fee) | \$70.00 (includes Banquet Ticket) | \$ _____ |
| Priests Only (Initiation Fee) | \$50.00 (includes Banquet Ticket) | \$ _____ |
| Guest/ Sir Knight/Ladies | \$45.00 (banquet) | \$ _____ |
| (Please List <u>ALL</u> Additional Guests Names on the reverse side) | | |
| Ladies Luncheon | \$24.00 | \$ _____ |

CHECK NUMBER _____ Total Amount \$ _____

Name _____ email address _____
(Please Print) (Please Print)

Address _____

City/ State/ Zip Code _____

Phone Number _____

Ladies Name _____

Menu----- **SLICED SIRLOIN & SAUTED CHICKEN BREAST** _____
FISH ARTIC CHAR (w/tomato, olive & caper ragout) _____

ALL RESERVATIONS MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY A CHECK, PAYABLE TO:
FRANK W. ROSSI, MASTER PRIOR TO Feb 3, 2018
NO CANCELLATIONS AFTER February 3, 2018

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46W 306 Woodview Pkwy, Hampshire, IL 60140

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Chancellor Report:

| Vocations* | Chris Burns | (847) 528-9452 |
|--------------------|--------------------|-----------------------|
| Sunday Rosary | Rob Beyer | (224) 333-0592 |
| Vocational Raffle | Gene Gonzales | |
| Seminarian Support | Rick Orabutt | (224) 678-9260 |

Service Programs:

| Membership* | Open | |
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| Degree Team* | Chris Gonzales | (847) 658-3871 |
| Membership Promotions | Open | |

Program Director – Dan Kotleba (815) 451-6171

| Church* | Open | |
|----------------------------|-------------------|----------------|
| Eucharistic Congress | Open | |
| Eucharistic Adoration | Deacon Maher | (847) 658-5788 |
| Easter Eucharist | Chris Burns | (847) 528-9452 |
| Church/School Painting | Ken Prigge | (630) 730-2754 |
| Bibles for RE | Bob Armstrong | (847) 658-9942 |
| Marytown Ministry | Deacon Maher | (847) 658-5788 |
| Christmas Church Lights | Mark Ostrowski | (847) 778-4269 |
| Parish Picnic | Rene Mendez | (224) 402-5071 |
| Mass for Deceased Brothers | Chris Burns | (847) 528-9452 |
| Bereavement | Deacon Don Miller | (847) 915-8474 |
| St. Vincent DePaul | Dean Duley | (630) 669-4495 |
| Youth Ministry Support | Bob Armstrong | (847) 658-9942 |
| Father's Day Mass | Warren Coler | (847) 854-8007 |

Community* Keith Einecker (847) 658-9714

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| Blood Drive | Scott Shepard | (847) 344-4312 |
| Prison Ministry | Deacon Maher | (847) 658-5788 |
| Recycling & Wheelchair | Tim O'Neill | (847) 658-5149 |
| Founders' Days | Kyle Nejman | (847) 802-0535 |
| Co-Chair | Ken Prigge | (630) 730-2754 |
| Co-Chair | Chris Hubbuch | (224) 241-8214 |
| Founders' Days Parade | Michael Kouvelis | |
| ID Drive (Tootsie Rolls) | John Frazier | (847) 910-5031 |
| Pig Roast | Ken Prigge | (630) 730-2754 |
| Nativity Set Construction | Ed Henning | (847) 658-8652 |
| Nativity Magnets/Decals | Dan Limbach | (224) 829-1914 |
| Co-Chair | Tom McCabe | (847) 658-3372 |
| Community Nativity Sets | Kevin Fitzgerald | (847) 658-6305 |
| Adopt-a-Highway | Steve Wilson | (847) 612-0667 |
| Special Olympics | Larry O'Brien | (847) 658-1364 |
| Hospital Visitation | Deacon Don Miller | (847) 915-8474 |
| Parish Summer Festival | Rene Mendez | (224) 402-5071 |
| Co-Chair | Dave Frendreiss | (847) 809-6891 |
| Charity Softball | Mark Ostrowski | (847) 658-8001 |
| Inkjet/toner recycling | Dan Perna | (847) 658-6975 |

Council* Tom Lambert (847) 354-5964

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| Downstate raffle | Domenic Perna | (847) 658-6975 |
| Hammer Open* | Tom Walker | (630) 204-6139 |
| Military Support | John Wolak | (224) 600-8604 |
| Christmas Tree Lot | Rene Mendez | (224) 402-5071 |
| Co-Chair | Chris Burns | (847) 528-9452 |
| Co-Chair | Dave Frendreiss | (847) 809-6891 |
| Breakfast Team | Dave Frendreiss | (847) 809-6891 |
| Co-Chair | Rene Mendez | (224) 402-5071 |
| Fish Fry | Ken Prigge | (630) 730-2754 |
| Sports Mania | Kevin Wright | (224) 699-0599 |
| 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 |
| Poker | Dave Frendreiss | (847) 809-6891 |
| Adopt-A-Sailor | Tom McCabe | (847) 658-3372 |

Family* John Barrett (847) 658-4688

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| Hayride & Bonfire | Rich O'Boyle | (847) 924-4186 |
| Christmas Party | Ken Prigge | (630) 730-2754 |
| State Kamporee | Scott Nejman | (847) 687-2278 |
| Co-Chair | Kevin Fitzgerald | (847) 658-6305 |
| Family Picnic | Rene Mendez | (224) 402-5071 |
| Co-Chair | Dave Frendreiss | (847) 809-6891 |
| Feed My Starving Children | John Barrett | (847) 658-4688 |
| Back to School Grilling | Mark Ostrowski | (847) 658-8001 |

Youth* Mike Kouvalis (312) 550-2627

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| Altar Server Appreciation | Open | |
| 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 | Open | |
| Summer Basketball Camps | Nick Wake | (847) 854-6279 |
| Joseph Nava Bowl-a-thon | Gregg Parrish | (847) 854-4725 |

Culture of Life* George Jost (847) 658-8379

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| 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

Standing Committees:

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|--------------------|--------------------|----------------|
| Public Relations* | Joe Bongiovanni | (847) 254-0837 |
| Newsletter* | Kevin Wright | (224) 699-0599 |
| Email List* | Dan Limbach | (224) 829-1914 |
| Social Media | Joe Bongiovanni | |
| Multimedia Show | Dan Limbach | (224) 829-1914 |
| Anniversary Dinner | Dan Kotleba | (815) 451-6171 |
| Web Site* | Joe Bongiovanni | |
| Signage* | Patrick Colcernian | (847) 854-6051 |
| Online Calendar | Kevin Wright | (224) 699-0599 |

Officers:

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|----------------------|---------------------|----------------|
| Grand Knight* | Chris Hubbuch | (224) 241-8214 |
| Deputy Grand Knight* | Dan Kotleba | (815) 451-6171 |
| Chaplain* | Fr. Peter Sarnicki | |
| Chancellor* | Chris Burns | (847) 528-9452 |
| Warden* | Keith Einecker | (224) 848-2283 |
| Financial Secretary* | Kevin Fitzgerald | (847) 658-6305 |
| Advocate* | Tom Lambert | (847) 354-5964 |
| Treasurer* | Greg Freund | (847) 907-0330 |
| Recorder* | Dave Frendreiss | (847) 809-6891 |
| Inside Guard* | Jerry Gard | (847) 854-7430 |
| Outside Guard* | Rick Limbach | (847) 269-4195 |
| Trustee 3 Year* | Scott Nejman | (847) 687-2278 |
| Trustee 2 Year* | Dan Perna | (847) 658-6975 |
| Trustee 1 Year* | Dan Limbach | (224) 829-1914 |
| Lecturer* | Stuart Kuczynski | (847) 987-6391 |
| District Deputy* | Steve Zalas | (815) 575-2933 |
| Field Agent | Christopher Hamelly | (847) 757-5733 |

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Please email your articles and photos(with comments) to:

Kevin Wright (KevinWarrenWright@gmail.com)

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Calendar of Events Council 11091 (See the full on-line calendar for changes -> [GMAIL Calendar](#))

| ~ January 2018 ~ | | | | | | |
|--|---|---|-----------|--|-------------------------|--|
| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
| | 1 New Year's Day | 2 | 3 | 4 7:30p-9:30p General Meeting (McDonnell Hall) | 5 | 6 Epiphany |
| 7 7:30a-8a Rosary after 7am Mass | 8 7:30p-8p Prayers for Families in Need (Ministry Center) | 9 | 10 | 11 Human Trafficking Awareness | 12 | 13 5p-9p Pasta Dinner (McDonnell Hall) |
| 14 | 15 Martin Luther King | 16 | 17 | 18 7:30p-8:30p Officers' Meeting | 19 | 20 11:30a-1:30p KofC Free Throw Contest (St. Margaret Mary School\, 119 S Hubbard St\, Algonquin\, IL 60102) |
| 21 | 22 | 23 7:30p-9p Assembly Meeting (Bishop O'Neal Assembly) (St. Mary's Catholic Church\, Huntley\, IL) | 24 | 25 | 26 Australia Day | 27 Knightly News DEADLINE for Articles |
| 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 | | | |

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| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
| | | | | 1 7:30p-9:30p General Meeting (McDonnell Hall) | 2 Groundhog Day | 3 |
| 4 Super Bowl 7:30a-8a Rosary after 7am Mass | 5 7:30p-8p Prayers for Families in Need (Ministry Center) | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 |
| 11 | 12 | 13 Mardi Gras | 14 Ash Wednesday/Valentine's Day | 15 6:30p-7:30p Officers' Meeting (early) (McDonnell Hall) 8p-9p 1st Degree | 16 Chinese New Year | 17 10a-12p KofC District Free Throw Contest (St. Margaret Mary School\, 119 S Hubbard St\, Algonquin\, IL 60102) |
| 18 | 19 Presidents Day | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 Knightly News DEADLINE for Articles |
| 25 | 26 | 27 7:30p-9p Assembly Meeting (Bishop O'Neal Assembly) (St. Mary's Catholic Church\, Huntley\, IL) | 28 | | | |

| ~ March 2018 ~ | | | | | | |
|--|---|---|-----------|--|-----------------------|---|
| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
| | | | | 1 7:30p-9:30p General Meeting (McDonnell Hall) | 2 | 3 |
| 4 7:30a-8a Rosary after 7am Mass | 5 7:30p-8p Prayers for Families in Need (Ministry Center) | 6 | 7 | 8 International Women's Day/World Kidney Day | 9 | 10 |
| 11 Daylight Saving Time Begins | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 7:30p-8:30p Officers' Meeting | 16 | 17 Saint Patrick's Day |
| 18 | 19 | 20 Spring Begins | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 Knightsly News DEADLINE for Articles |
| 25 Palm Sunday | 26 | 27 7:30p-9p Assembly Meeting (Bishop O'Neal Assembly) (St. Mary's Catholic Church\, Huntley\, IL) | 28 | 29 Holy Thursday | 30 Good Friday | 31 |