



# The Knightly News

Knights of Columbus St. Margaret Mary Council 11091

District # 43

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## From the Grand Knight's Desk

Worthy Brother Knights,  
November was a huge month for our council, highlighted by the Adopt-a-Sailor Thanksgiving event, community Nativity setup, opening of the tree lot, flag football, blood drive, and more. Now that November is in our rear view mirror, and we've given thanks for all our blessings, we shift to the month of the birth of our Lord, Jesus Christ. Our council celebrates this special month with many activities, which you can see in this newsletter.

It's not uncommon to feel lost and out of control during the holidays. We become slaves to our calendars, with various work, social, family, and other personal obligations all vying for our time. Are we giving all of ourselves while undertaking the task at hand, or are we thinking about everything else we have on our plates? This month I'd like us all to consider having focus in all we do.

As we come to the end of another calendar year, we have an opportunity to examine our lives, and make plans for the future. December is a chance to focus on the things that are important to us - our faith, our family, our relationships, our career. God wants us to be happy and fulfilled, and through our parish, He provides ways for us to do so.

Adoration is a great way to focus on one's faith completely, if only for an hour. While at mass, focus on the Word, the prayers, the songs, the homily, and Holy Communion. The Knights 7:30am rosary and the Prayer Service for Brothers in Need are also ideal times for focused prayer. If you are working at the tree lot, focus on serving the customer, and keeping everything in order. If you are at the Knights Family Christmas Party or at Breakfast with Santa this weekend, enjoy your time with family and friends, and live in the moment. December

is also a good time to consider getting involved with new committees and projects within the council. 2015 promises to be another year packed with old events and new, as we continue to expand our programming.

December is also an opportunity to bring in new Brother Knights, in our annual *Become a Knight Before Christmas* ceremony. Bring your candidates to the Ministry Center at 7:30pm on December 18. It is a gift to our Order and to the new member.

Finally, we will be starting a formal mentoring program in 2015. This program will make our council stronger than ever, increasing retention and engagement. This dovetails with the new member social in January. Details to come soon.

See you Thursday night at our General Meeting. We start promptly at 7:30pm. And don't forget to display your "Keep Christ in Christmas" magnet or decal (available at the tree lot).

Vivat Jesus!

Dan Limbach, Grand Knight



**St. Margaret Mary - Spiritual Heritage:**  
*The World Prayed For TWA Flight 847*

Please join us for a special Centennial version of *Faith On Fire!*

George and Jo Ann Lazansky will share their experiences of being held hostages, how God never abandoned them, and how our parish family and the world prayed, watched and waited.

Includes questions and answers, refreshments.

Tuesday, December 9, McDonnell Hall. 7:30 - 9:00 p.m.

**ALL ARE WELCOME!**

Sponsored by: Centennial Stewardship Ministry, seeking to live the 4 pillars of parish stewardship: Hospitality, Prayer, Formation and Service.

**Tommy Shirts New 2014 version available soon!!!!**

So is it too early to say out with the old in with the new? Maybe - but seeing that college football will soon be going to its first round of play-offs without the Fighting Irish, perhaps we should look to change things up a bit. There are still 2013 Gold versions of the "Tommy Shirt" available. However, a new version will soon be available. The 2014 shirt will be Navy Blue with Gold Lettering and has long sleeves. It's the perfect shirt for sitting at Soldier Field watching the Bears beat the ??? See Bob Armstrong and Tom McCabe for more information. Buy a set of each to hand out for Christmas. The shirts are priced at \$20.00 and will be sold at all of our events and meetings.



**Support Our Troops During the Holidays**



Dear Brother Knights,

I have recently received a request for **Military Care Packages** to be sent to council family members who are serving overseas. I would like to see if there are any others who have a family member or loved one fighting for our country overseas in need of a care package. If so, please email me the mailing information for your soldier at [johnwolak@live.com](mailto:johnwolak@live.com)

I am once again asking for your generosity for donations to fulfill the current & future requests from the following itemized list.

Please bring any of the items listed below at our December council meeting. I will have a military box there to drop off items in.

- ❖ Hard candies (chocolate doesn't travel well)
- ❖ Wet Wipes Unscented (50 sheets or less), baby wipes, hand sanitizer
- ❖ Beef Jerky, Trail Mixes, Nuts, sunflower seeds, etc.
- ❖ Packets of powdered Gatorade, Crystal Light or similar powdered drink packets, hot chocolate paks
- ❖ Individual snack packs such as pretzels, crackers, chips or cookies, granola bars, snack bars, cereal bars, etc.
- ❖ Toiletries: Travel size shampoo, mouthwash, sunscreen, toothpaste, shave gel, lotion, hand sanitizer, or stick deodorant, Combs, toothbrushes, disposable razors
- ❖ Band-Aids or moleskin (synthetic skin that covers blisters from a long march).
- ❖ Fly bait or scented dryer sheets (helps to keep insects away)
- ❖ Sunglasses and sunblock
- ❖ Magazines, paperback books and word puzzles
- ❖ Pens, pencils, writing paper and envelopes
- ❖ Hand held electronic games
- ❖ Medicine: (Tylenol, advil, ibuprofen, cold medicine, etc)

Thank You in advance for your support!  
Brother John Wolak, Military Chairman  
Panama, Desert Shield & Storm U.S.M.C. Semper Fi

**Prayer Service Reminder**

**Monday Dec 8** is a Holy Day of Obligation. Please check with Bob Armstrong as to when the next monthly prayer service will be. And please plan to attend mass on Monday Dec 8th for the Feast of the Immaculate Conception.

## 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 they're not available to participate in that particular activity.

Even if you don't have your own regalia, you're still welcome to attend the 4<sup>th</sup> degree meetings. They take place the 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of every month (skipping November and December) rotating locations. The next meeting will be Tuesday January 27<sup>th</sup> at St. Mary's in Huntley.

You can also obtain your own regalia through one of two companies: (Please contact these companies for more info)

The English Company, Inc.

[www.kofcsupplies.com](http://www.kofcsupplies.com)

1-800-444-5632

P.O. Box 811

Jefferson Valley, NY 10535

Lynch & Kelly, Inc.

[www.lynchkelly.com](http://www.lynchkelly.com)

1-888-548-3890

23 Devereux St., P.O. Box 342

Utica, NY 13503

And finally the next upcoming 4<sup>th</sup> degree exemplifications are Saturday February 21<sup>st</sup> at the Lisle Sheraton and Saturday April 18<sup>th</sup> at the Glenview Wyndham Suites. If you are not yet a 4<sup>th</sup> degree member these are worthwhile opportunities, and if you are an existing 4<sup>th</sup> degree member these are great opportunities to refresh your memories on the lessons learned in that degree. Further details to come later but for now please reserve the dates and locations. Thank you for your support, any questions, etc. should be directed to Mark Halper at 773-771-1810 or Tim O'Neill at 847-494-5506.

Next Honor Guard opportunities:

Filipino Mass (Dec 15 at SMM) 7pm SUT 6:30pm  
Confirmation (Jan 4 St Mary-Elgin) 1pm or SUT 12:30pm

## Knights Christmas Gift Ideas - Tree Lot

Looking for a perfect Christmas gift or yard decoration that's simple to put up and says all that needs to be said without the glittery lights and inflatable characters? Then our Nativity crèche (\$90) and new this year 'He is Risen' yard scene (\$75) are the perfect item. Already have the Yard Nativity scene then consider adding an accessory set (\$150) that includes the Shepard's, three Kings and barn animals. Also available is the blessed Virgin Mary Statue (\$50), the community sized Nativity scene, the Keep Christ in Christmas Magnets and the 'He is Risen' Magnets and Decals are available at the Knights Christmas tree and supplies lot. Please check out the prices and additional pictures on-line at [knativitysets.com](http://knativitysets.com). Supplies are limited.



## KofC Christmas Party

**December 6<sup>th</sup>** is our annual Family Christmas Party. Please save the date and plan for a night of food, camaraderie, fun, a visit from Santa, and more! The event will take place in McDonnell Hall from 6:00 pm until ??? What a great way to kick off the Christmas season and meet other brother Knights and their families. Set-up is at noon on Saturday (Dec 6th). We can always use a few extra helping hands.

As in years past, the Knights will provide the main entrée, though we ask that you bring a dish to share, alphabetically by last name as follows:

- A-M = Side dish and/or Salad
- N-Z = Dessert

## Tree Lot's Open(Dan Limbach)

The Christmas season is fast approaching, and so our KofC Christmas Tree Lot is now open for business. This is a great St. Margaret Mary Christmas tradition with proceeds to benefit multiple charities. The hours of operation are weekdays 5:00-9:00 pm and on the weekends, we are open from 9:00 am till 9:00 pm. This is one of our biggest fundraisers, and one of our most visible community programs. We sell trees, wreaths, nativity sets, car magnets, and more. It's a great program for new Knights and grizzled veterans.

We need lots of manpower to keep this up and running through the Advent Season. Please contact Scott Nejman or Rene Mendez to volunteer some time and help out. There's always plenty of warm drinks, Christmas cheer, and people looking to the Knights for help in finding the perfect tree.



## Breakfast with Santa - Dec 7th

This Sunday, December 7<sup>th</sup>, please come join us for our Breakfast with Santa in McDonnell Hall. Come for a little Christmas Cheer. Bring the whole family for all-you-can-eat Breakfast Buffet and get your pictures with Santa too. The event runs from 8:00 am till 12:30 pm. Please contact Chris Hubbuch or Bob Armstrong if you can help with set-up and serving the breakfast.

## Nativity Scene Construction

Construction of our Nativity scenes was happening every Tuesday. The team built Nativity sets for Christmas sales in the McGivney Storage building during the fall months. New to the Knights or not familiar with the program, check us out on-line at <http://www.kcnativitysets.com/index.html>, select the Nativity Sets tab.

Congratulations to the team for another year of quality sets to promote what this Christmas season is really all about. Watch for notices next fall and plan to help out.

## Pro-Life Activities (George Jost)

In ancient Rome, Fathers had the ability to decide if a child born to his wife would be allowed to live, in fact required by Roman law in cases of deformity. In some societies, this was forbidden (Jewish, Germanic tribes, and Christians.) In some (Greece, Carthaginian, and Roman), it was possible and sometimes required by their religious observances.

Many ancient cultures usually practiced infanticide by leaving the baby exposed to the weather or other more gruesome ends. These included China, Pakistan, India, and even more so called civilized countries. It is said that the most dangerous places to be a woman these days is India, followed by China. India is thought to be 50 million girls short of statistical averages, and China 40 million girls short. In China, while sex selection abortions are illegal, regular abortions are required for the "One Child" policy of the government. In India there have been many cases of gang rapes, which might be correlated to the shortage of 50 million woman to marry. In spite of the danger to girl babies, feminists are fiercely protective of abortion rights!

"Under the guise of advancing what the United Nations calls "gender equality" and "[sustainable development](#)," a [new report by the UN Women agency](#) is again pushing global abortion on demand, more sterilization programs and population-control schemes, massive government interference in family life, and much more." As the Chinese would say, "May you live in interesting times", which is said to be really a curse.

Thanks to all who have signed up for the Pro Life ad in the Northwest Herald on January 22nd. We will arrange a final date early January for those we missed and who still want to sign up.

## Thanksgiving Day Baskets (George and Helen Jost)

The weekend before Thanksgiving, the LITH Women's League, assembled and distributed 276 Dinners to families who signed up. This included around 1200 people ranging in family size from 1 person to a family of 10. Many thanks for those who contributed including but not limited to the Knights of Columbus(individuals as well as the Council), St. Vincent DePaul Society, pie and orange providers as well as individual parishioners) and the ALG/LITH Food Pantry. Letters of thanks will be sent to all in the next few weeks.

# Monthly Awards and Photos



Thanksgiving Day - Knights Flag Football



Happy tunes for Sailors at our SMM Thanksgiving Adopt-A-Sailor Event



Dan Limbach gives speech at Deceased Brothers Mass



Fr Peter welcomes the Sailors before the meal is served



Opening of Deceased Brothers Mass



Fire Dept Escort to Welcome Our Sailors to St Margaret Mary



New Knight Gary Thomas at Tree Lot Set-up



Knights prove to Fire Dept that we can grill even when it's freezing outside.

# Directors & Chairmen

## Chancellor Report:

<u>Vocations*</u>	<u>Scott Nejman</u>	847-854-1008
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>Kevin Wright</u>	<u>OPEN</u>
Degree Team*	Chris Gonzales	847-658-3871
Membership Promotions	Kevin Wright	<b>OPEN</b>

## Program Director – Dan Perna

<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

<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	630-730-2754
Co-Chair	Wayne Reed	847-836-7305
Co-Chair	Rene Mendez	224-402-5071
Founders' Days Parade	<b>Open</b>	<b>Open</b>
ID Drive (Tootsie Rolls)	Jason Bonnet	<b>Open</b>
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	<b>Open</b>
Charity Softball	Ray Mueller	847-420-6804
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	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

### \*\*\* 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	Scott Nejman	847-854-1008
Co-Chair	Kevin Fitzgerald	847-658-6305
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	<b>OPEN</b>
Multimedia Show	Dan Limbach	847-854-4188
Anniversary Dinner	Dan Perna	847-658-6975
Web Site*	Joe Bongiovanni	<b>OPEN</b>
Signage*	Patrick Colcernian	847-854-6051
Online Calendar	Greg Freund	<b>OPEN</b>

<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*	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

\* 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 Nov 30	Monday Dec 1	Tuesday Dec 2	Wednesday Dec 3	Thursday Dec 4	Friday Dec 5	Saturday Dec 6
Tree Lot	Tree Lot	Tree Lot	Tree Lot	Council Meeting 7:30pm Tree Lot	Tree Lot First Friday Adoration in Chapel	Tree Lot Rosary tomorrow KofC Christmas Party 6pm
<b>Dec 7</b>	<b>Dec 8</b>	<b>Dec 9</b>	<b>Dec 10</b>	<b>Dec 11</b>	<b>Dec 12</b>	<b>Dec 13</b>
Rosary after 7:00 mass  Breakfast with Santa 8am-1pm	Feast of the Immaculate Conception - Holy Day Tree Lot	Tree Lot Faith on Fire (George Lazansky) 7:30 pm	Tree Lot	Tree Lot	Tree Lot	Tree Lot
<b>Dec 14</b>	<b>Dec 15</b>	<b>Dec 16</b>	<b>Dec 17</b>	<b>Dec 18</b>	<b>Dec 19</b>	<b>Dec 20</b>
Tree Lot	Filipino Mass at 7pm Tree Lot	Tree Lot	Tree Lot	Officer's Meeting 6:30 p A Knight Before Christmas	Tree Lot	Tree Lot
<b>Dec 21</b>	<b>Dec 22</b>	<b>Dec 23</b>	<b>Dec 24</b>	<b>Dec 25</b>	<b>Dec 26</b>	<b>Dec 27</b>
				Merry Christmas		Flag Football
<b>Dec 28</b>	<b>Dec 29</b>	<b>Dec 30</b>	<b>Dec 31</b>	<b>Jan 1</b>	<b>Jan 2</b>	<b>Jan 3</b>
				Happy New Year		Newsletter Articles
<b>Jan 4</b>	<b>Jan 5</b>	<b>Jan 6</b>	<b>Jan 7</b>	<b>Jan 8</b>	<b>Jan 9</b>	<b>Jan 10</b>
Rosary after 7:00 mass  Confirmation St Mary's Elgin SUT 12:30				Council Meeting 7:30pm		
<b>Jan 11</b>	<b>Jan 12</b>	<b>Jan 13</b>	<b>Jan 14</b>	<b>Jan 15</b>	<b>Jan 16</b>	<b>Jan 17</b>
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