



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,

Welcome to February. Our regional groundhog, Woodstock Willie, predicted 6 more weeks of winter, so gear up and be prepared for more cold and snow. Let's hope the Polar Vortex has better manners this year, and doesn't visit and stick around as long as last year.

Ash Wednesday is February 18, 46 days before Easter Sunday. Prepare yourselves for this most holy time. Here's a nice article from Loyola Press on praying during lent. Main components:

1. Make your abstinence a prayer-in-action
2. Renew yourself through personal reflective prayer.
3. Pray the Stations of the Cross.
4. Meditate on Holy Scripture with Lectio Divina.
5. Reflect deeper on your liturgical prayer.
6. Join or start a prayer group.
7. Pray with children or as a family.
8. Start a practice of daily prayer that will last after Lent

<http://www.loyolapress.com/8-ways-to-pray-during-lent.htm>

As I mentioned a couple weeks ago in an email, we need Knights to attend Eucharistic Adoration on Wednesday evenings. The most pressing slots are 1-2am, and 2-3am. Spend an hour with the Lord. You will certainly benefit from this investment of time. Contact Maribeth Wuensch at mbsj7@att.net if you are able to commit to any time slots through the rest of the year, even if it is just once in a while.

I'm very excited about the new Mentoring Program we are implementing. Good mentors make for good members, who eventually become volunteers, committee members, chairmen, directors, and officers. We officially launched the program starting with a KC Academy training session in Marengo last Saturday. In the near future, all new Knights

(also known as Columbians) will attend a new member orientation meeting, and will be assigned a mentor, who will help inform and engage each Columbian throughout their first year in the Knights. Soon, we'll be looking for experienced Knights to volunteer to be part of our mentor pool. Tom McCabe, our Charter Grand Knight is the chairman, and will work closely with myself, Kevin Wright (Membership chairman), and the Admissions committee. I can think of nobody better suited for leading this new program. Thanks Tom!

The flag football finale on Super Bowl Sunday was a big hit, with a great turnout, including Knights of all shapes and sizes, as well as several energetic youngsters. There's something about 6+ inches of snow cover and horizontal snow and wind that brings out the heartiness of Council 11091. Even though the side I played on got whipped, we all had a lot of fun battling the elements and each other. I think everyone agrees, changing the start time from 9am to 1pm was good for the game, as it allowed more people to gear up and head to the gridiron. Kudos to chairman Ed Henning (the younger), for another great trilogy of games.

I'd like to see what level of interest we have in a monthly Wallyball game. If you think 4-on-4 volleyball played in a racquetball court would be fun, you're absolutely right. If you are interested in playing one Friday a month, let me know

(dan.limbach@gmail.com). I'll share more information when we have a court reserved. Friday, February 13th would be a good date, if not too ominous.

Have a safe and happy February. I hope to see you at our next meeting and/or at an upcoming event.

Vivat Jesus!

Dan Limbach, Grand Knight



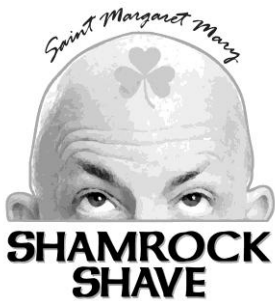
Evening Eucharistic Adorers Needed - see Dave Rzonca to help out

As many of you know, our parish practices Eucharistic Adoration in our chapel every Wednesday from late afternoon until Thursday morning 7am mass. Each attendee devotes an hour with the Lord in silent prayer and reflection. The parish would like at least 2 attendees in the chapel at all times.

Our parish has asked the Knights if we would step up and take on two of the most lean shifts. Our own brother Jeff Wuensch has been attending the **1am-2am shift**. Our own brother Steve Chesek has been attending the **2am-3am** shift for the last 8 years, but is now sidelined by health issues. We desperately need attendees during these times. Will the Knights answer the call?

Please consider attending one of these time slots, even if just for one or two hours a month. The more Knights who participate, the easier it will be to keep Adoration attended.

We Want You for this Year's Mane Event!!



We are looking for men, women and children of all ages, who have "hair to spare," to participate in this year's **Shamrock Shave**. Last year's Shave raised over \$40,000 (over \$200,000 has been raised the last 6 years) and this year's event promises to be bigger and better than ever! If you are interested in having your head shaved to raise money for community families in need and those suffering from cancer, please contact Jonna Burck at 847-809-6950 or via email at: shave@saintmargaretmary.org. Also check the Parish web site for updates and pledge forms at: saintmargaretmary.org/shave.

Save the Date for the 7th Annual Shamrock Shave!

Come celebrate St. Patrick's Day at the 7th Annual Saint Margaret Mary Shamrock Shave to be held on **Saturday, March 14, 2015** starting at 5:30 PM in the St. Margaret Mary Education Center Gymnasium. All are invited to watch fellow parishioners get "shorn" in solidarity with the needy and suffering.

Don't miss this great fun-filled family event and celebrate St. Patrick's Day in style with the traditional Parish Corned Beef & Cabbage Dinner, food, drink, raffles, a Jig Contest, and prizes for the Best Children's Irish Costume. Don't miss great entertainment from local bands and Irish dancers. Of course, we also have the "MANE EVENT," which starts at 6:45 PM. *Be sure to support the members of your Parish Family having their heads shaved to raise money for those in need- and this year you can do it online!* Admission to the event is \$2 for adults and \$1 for children. *Be there to root on our Parish "Shavees" and continue to celebrate a great Saint Margaret Mary tradition!*

Friday Knight Fish Fry's

Lenten is fast approaching, along with being a special spiritual season, it also means Spring is near and it's time for our annual Lenten Fish Fry's. We'll be sponsoring three this year.

Save these Friday's; **February 20th, March 6th and March 20th.**

To make this a success, we'll need lots of help during the day and lots of hungry customer, so please consider lending a hand and spreading the word to prospect customers. Customers can start off with a Shrimp cocktail appetizer, then move on to a choice of baked or fried fish, shrimp and pasta, our renown salad bar and soups, and all the traditional sides. Then finish it off with an ice cream sundae or some homemade desserts. Also for the kids, we'll have mac & cheese and new this year, cheese pizza.

The event will be held at SMM McDonnell Hall between the hours of 5:00pm -8:30pm. Prep begins at 11:00am.

We'll be in need of volunteers to help set up, decorate, kitchen help, food line servers and of course clean up! Have an questions, comments or plan to volunteer please contact Ken Prigge at ken.prigge@coriant.com or call [630-730-2754](tel:630-730-2754)

Sign up and Help with All Night Bingo

Our next All Night Bingo Breakfast will be on Saturday, April 17th 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 in Woodstock. For more info contact Dan Kotleba at kotleba@sbcglobal.net.

March Paintball

Brothers:

We have planned a paintball outing for March 28. 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. The beer is usually cheap, if not always plentiful.

Here are the particulars:

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

When: March 28th. Show up at 9:00 AM.

Cost: \$50, If they have not raised it again. (Checks made out 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. I will pre-purchase additional paintballs at a discount (1 extra case per 3 players). 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.

What you need to do:

Everyone needs to sign up and pay by the February general meeting. At the end of the general meeting, we will cut a check to Kevin Fitzgerald to pay Paintball explosion (they do not take checks) 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. Late additions are charged an extra \$10.

Three ways to join:

1) Come to a council or officers meeting between now and March to pay by cash or check

2) Mail the check to my home with the names of those you are paying for:

Kevin Fitzgerald
540 Forest Circle
Algonquin, IL 60102

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

Kevin Fitzgerald
kevfitz@ameritech.net
Cell: [847-652-5950](tel:847-652-5950)
Home: [847-658-6305](tel:847-658-6305)

KofC Freethrow Competition - February 21

Our council Free Throw Championship was held during January with a good turnout: 22 total participants!

Winners in the girl's category were: Mia Frendreiss (9), Bridget Grady (10), Isabelle Clarkson (12), Alex Barrett (13), and Gabrielle Sarto (14). Winners in the boy's category were: Luca Raso (9), Jubin Vettikkatt (11), and Matthew Frendreiss (12).

Thanks to all the athletes who participated and congratulations to the champions who will now move onto the district competition, which we are hosting on Saturday, February 21st. Setup begins at noon. Interested in helping out? Contact Nick Wake at [\(847\) 756-0630](tel:847-756-0630) or via email: nicholas_wake@hotmail.com for more information or to volunteer.

Financial Secretary Corner

Dues -

Second notice bills went out in mid-January. They were sent via e-mail to all with an e-mail address. They were further sent via US mail to all others. Either way, that is the last bill I can send via e-mail. The next notice is called "Intent to Suspend". It will go out in mid-February and must go out via US Mail. Please help save the council mailing expenses by doing your best to pay dues prior to that.

There are 300+ members of the council. I am sure I have a few mistakes. If you are behind on dues or believe your dues are in error, simply contact me. We can work out any difference in accounting in short order. Also keep in mind that we do not bill our ordained nor our active military. If I have made this error, please let me know.

You can pay dues by mail or bring your dues to a meeting. I will have the membership cards at the general meeting.

Keep in mind, if you are a fourth degree member, you have received a separate bill from the assembly. The council issues a 3rd degree card and the assembly issues a separate 4th degree card.

Form 100s-

All old form 100s (membership applications) must go. The Illinois State Insurance Department rules have changed

All fraternal organizations must add language regarding the state's Guaranty Fund. For this, new form 100s have been printed. I have about 20 right now. The only valid form to go to Supreme now has the number printed in the top left corner - 100-IL 12/14. Any forms indicating an earlier date are no longer valid and should be destroyed.

I will order additional forms and hope to have them in time for the February degree on the 19th.

Kevin Fitzgerald Cell: [847-652-5950](tel:847-652-5950)

4th Degree News

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 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 4th 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.

4th degree meetings take place the 4th Tuesday of every month (skipping November and December) rotating locations. The next meeting will be Tuesday February 24th at the Elgin council hall. This is a nice opportunity to learn more about 4th 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 Saturday March 14th at the St. Margaret Mary Shamrock Shave for the opening ceremonies, starting at 6:45 pm SUT 6:15 pm. There is also Confirmation at St. Margaret Mary on Saturday April 18th at 10:00 AM, SUT 9:30 AM. Please be on the lookout for emails regarding 4th degree activities, if you do not receive this please let Mark Halper know.

And finally the next upcoming 4th degree exemplifications are Saturday February 21st at the Lisle Sheraton and Saturday April 18th at the Glenview Wyndham Suites. If you are not yet a 4th degree member these are worthwhile opportunities, and if you are an existing 4th degree member these are great opportunities to refresh your memories on the lessons learned in that degree.

We do have a member participating in the February exemplification, it would be nice to show support and refresh your memories on the lessons learned in that degree. If interested see Mark Halper by Monday February 9th. There is no cost or reservation needed to simply observe the degree.

See website www.4thdegreeillinoisdistrict1.com for information about upcoming exemplifications, etc.

Pro-Life Activities (George Jost)

I came across an interesting article about lethal injections used to effect the death penalty. In order to avoid pain to the death row inmates, sodium pentathol is used as a first step, followed by other drugs. In order to avoid being linked to the death penalty, drug companies no longer make these drugs, and States are forced to look to other means to carry out the death penalty. Wyoming, which has no one on death row, has a voted to use a firing squad as the next choice. (Utah is the only other state to use a firing squad.) The Supreme Court has decided to consider the case brought by death row inmates challenging a new drug protocol.

My purpose here is not to discuss the use of the death penalty. I want to discuss the "elephant in the room", namely a baby, thousands of babies every day, put to death without the benefit of a trial, defense council, a jury, and even a lack of appeal. A baby accused of being a mistake, an inconvenience, a failure of birth control (40% of all abortions). Once "convicted" of one of these "crimes", is sentenced to death without benefit of a painless death. Serial killers, terrorists, and those committing gruesome murders have more of a chance of avoiding the death penalty than an unwanted innocent baby. (Many states, Illinois included, have moratoriums preventing executions of death row convicts.)

Last week there was a chance to pass a bill limiting the age after which a fetus could not be aborted to 20 weeks because it was concluded that they could sense pain after that time. Instead a bill was considered that would defund abortions was substituted. Supposedly it will be modified to a more agreeable version and resubmitted soon.

Half of pregnancies among American women are unintended, about 4 in 10 of these are terminated by abortion. Twenty-one percent of all U.S. pregnancies (excluding miscarriages) end in abortion. (AGI). There were 4,131,019 live births last year and roughly 1,000,000 abortions.

Saturday! Saturday! Saturday!

Knights at the races located at SMM Speedway!

- McDonnell Hall - time 6 PM April 25th.

The best are here for a night of racing. We will have a great program for our Brother Knights and their Families. Three events are planned for the evenings program:

1. Pinewood derby style racing in three classes
 - a. BSA regulation class
 - b. Modified class
 - c. Super Mortified class
2. R/C oval track racing
3. R/C car or truck demolition derby

There will be great tailgate style food and beverages as well as prizes. We are in need of a couple of Event Crew Chiefs. see Ray remueller1900@gmail.com or 847-420-6804

Purchase Tickets After Mass or Online @ www.saintmargaretmary.org/dance



PARISH MEGA \$10,000 RAFFLE

Only \$20.00 a Ticket! Only 2,500 Tickets Sold!

Get your tickets today for our Annual Parish MEGA \$10,000 Grand Prize Drawing! Plus (2) other great cash prizes. Winners need not be present. Held in conjunction with the Annual Dinner Dance. Drawing on February 14th.

Monthly Awards and Photos



Our First New Knights Welcoming Dinner



Super Bowl Sunday Flag Football with the Knights



SMM members at the Crystal Lake Walk for Life



Fr Darek serving as Chaplain for the National Guard



Kent Thompson at the January Blood Drive



Free Throw Champs from the January KofC FT Competition

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	
Seminarian Support	John Balmes	847-854-6440

Service Programs:

<u>Membership*</u>	<u>Kevin Wright</u>	
Degree Team*	Chris Gonzales	847-658-3871
Membership Promotions	Kevin Wright	224-699-0599

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

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	Open	Open
ID Drive (Tootsie Rolls)	Jason Bonnet	
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 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
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	Ken Prigge	630-730-2754
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>	
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>	
Newsletter*	Dave Rzonca	815-679-0450
Email List*	Dan Limbach	847-854-4188
Social Media	Joe Bongiovanni	
Multimedia Show	Dan Limbach	847-854-4188
Anniversary Dinner	Dan Perna	847-658-6975
Web Site*	Joe Bongiovanni	
Signage*	Patrick Colcernian	847-854-6051
Online Calendar	Kevin Wright	224-699-0599

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

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Financial* Kevin Fitzgerald 847-658-6305

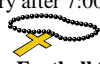

Officers:

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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
Feb 1	Feb 2	Feb 3	Feb 4	Feb 5	Feb 6	Feb 7
Rosary after 7:00 mass  Flag Football 9am				Council Meeting 7:30pm		
Feb 8	Feb 9	Feb 10	Feb 11	Feb 12	Feb 13	Feb 14
	Prayer Service for Brothers in Need 7:30					5:30 Dinner Dance
Feb 15	Feb 16	Feb 17	Feb 18	Feb 19	Feb 20	Feb 21
	President's Day		Ash Wednesday	Officer's Meeting 6:30pm First Degree 8pm	Knights FishFry 5-8:30	KofC FreeThrow Competition noon 4th Degree Ex. - Sheraton, Lisle
Feb 22	Feb 23	Feb 24	Feb 25	Feb 26	Feb 27	Feb 28
Major degree noon St Thom Crystal Lk		4th degree meeting				Newsletter Articles
Mar 1	Mar 2	Mar 3	Mar 4	Mar 5	Mar 6	Mar 7
Rosary after 7:00 mass 				Council Meeting 7:30pm	Knights FishFry 5-8:30	
Mar 8	Mar 9	Mar 10	Mar 11	Mar 12	Mar 13	Mar 14
Blood Drive 7 am till 1pm	Prayer Service for Brothers in Need 7:30					5:30 Shamrock Shave
Mar 15	Mar 16	Mar 17	Mar 18	Mar 19	Mar 20	Mar 21
		St Patrick's Day		Officer's Meeting 6:30pm	Knights FishFry 5-8:30	
Mar 22	Mar 23	Mar 24	Mar 25	Mar 26	Mar 27	Mar 28
Breakfast with Easter Bunny		4th degree meeting				Paintball-9am Newsletter Articles
Mar 29	Mar 30	Mar 31	Apr 01	Apr 02	Apr 03	Apr 04
Palm Sunday				Council Meeting 7:30pm Holy Thursday	Good Friday	Easter Tomorrow Rosary Tomorrow

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