



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,

Who's ready for a vacation? December was quite a month for our council. We sold more Christmas Trees than ever in our history. Kudos to Co-Chair Scott Nejman for finding a last-minute source for trees when we were getting low on inventory fairly early in the season. Big props to Co-Chair Rene Mendez for handling manpower for the lot and being a daily fixture. Jason Roggenbuck was also there just about every day. Additional thanks go to Cliff Sherwin, Ken Prigge, and Ed Henning for building yard nativity sets for sale, and Kevin Fitzgerald for managing the installation of the large community sets in our area.

Everyone had a great time at the Christmas Party and also our Breakfast with Santa. Many Knights stepped up big-time, including, but certainly not limited to Greg Freund, Ken Prigge, Chris Hubbuch, Mark DeBrovic, Bob Armstrong, Kevin Fitzgerald, Mark Ostrowski, and many others. We also had major contributions from family members, including Andrew Hubbuch, Sue Bongiovanni, Ingrid Prigge, and a host of others. I'm certain I left many out who deserved to be mentioned.

The "Become a Knight Before Christmas" event is always one of our best First Degree ceremonies. We brought in 4 new Knights to our council, and 11 in total to the Order.

In January, we are focusing on our newer members. If you joined the Order recently, you should have received information about a New Member Social on January 10. This is a great way for you and your sweetie to have a free night out, learn more about the Knights, ask questions, and see where you may put your talents to best use. We'll even have teenagers ready to watch over and play with your kids. New members should have received details from Kevin Wright. We'll also be looking for veterans to help host the event and socialize with our new members and their sweeties.

Following the New Member Social, we are starting a formal mentorship program, in order to better serve our new members so they can get the most possible from the Knights. Sometimes, a member joins our

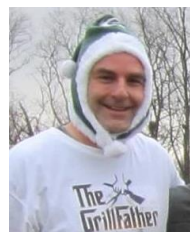
ranks, and falls through the cracks. They don't come to meetings or volunteer for events. Perhaps, their proposer doesn't keep in contact with them. Worst of all, we don't benefit from their great ideas and special talents. We have to do a better job engaging these new members so they are active, productive members of the Knights. We have so much to offer, and they have so much to give in return. We should all help each other out, and make this brotherhood the backbone of the Knights of Columbus.

Most of you know our parish is celebrating our 100 year anniversary throughout 2015, in our Centennial Celebration. Every ministry has been asked to look at how they can contribute to many of the capital projects that will keep this amazing parish going for the next 100 years. It will take money and manpower to fulfill many of the immediate needs of the parish, regarding maintenance and improvements across our campus. At the January meeting, we will continue discussions started in the Officers' Meeting about how the Knights of Columbus can contribute to this effort. We will have some concrete proposals ready for approval at the February meeting. Come out this Thursday and let's hear your ideas on supporting our parish.

Finally, it is important we tend to our spiritual roots in addition to our efforts in charity, unity, and fraternity. With the Epiphany on January 6, our decorations should be coming down, and we begin Ordinary Time for the rest of January and much of February. This leads us into Lent, Easter, and Triduum, which are the most holy times in our liturgical calendar. To better prepare ourselves, we will be selecting a 1-hour segment on Wednesdays to attend Eucharistic Adoration as a ministry. This will continue throughout the rest of 2015. As our Pastor, Fr. Peter Sarnicki says, "While everyone who spends time with Jesus in Eucharistic Adoration will have a unique personal experience, it is one that will always strengthen our relationship with our loving Savior." Stay tuned for more information about the Knights hour with the Lord.

Vivat Jesus!

Dan Limbach, Grand Knight, marginal football player



**Jan 10 8:30 am:
Community Nativity Display Clean-up**

It is time to bring home our Nativity Sets from around the community. The large nativity sets at various commercial properties in and around Algonquin are built, set-up and maintained by our council. Please help out in bringing the sets back to the McGivney Building the Saturday after epiphany.

Clean-up is scheduled for Saturday, January 10th. This is a great activity for new Knights and experienced Knights. We can ensure there is enough experience on each team to be efficient. We will go out in teams to pack up 2-3 sets at a time.

When: Saturday January 10 @ 8:30AM

Where: Meet at the McGivney Building

What to Bring: gloves, cordless screw gun, hammer, & anything to help pull stakes. Dress for the weather.

Contact Kevin Fitzgerald - (kevfitz@ameritech.net or call [847-652-5950](tel:847-652-5950)) with questions.

**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.



**Knights of Columbus Free Throw
Competition - Jan 10th 12:00 pm**

Our Free Throw Championship will be held this month on Saturday, January 10th. Doors open at noon and the competition begins by 12:30. Setup is minimal and will start at noon.

This event is open to boys and girls, ages 9 – 14. Champions at the council level will have the opportunity to advance to the District level competition on Saturday, February 14th. 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.

**Jan 11th 7 am till 1 pm:
Knights of Columbus Blood Drive**

Brothers we are sponsoring a Blood Drive on Sunday, January 11 from 7:00 AM until 1:00 PM. in McDonnell Hall. Thanks to everyone that was able to give in 2014. Our donations in 2014 saved 975 lives.

Brothers, as you think about your charitable works in 2015, I would strongly encourage you to consider giving blood. Every two seconds someone in the U.S. needs blood. More than 41,000 blood donations are needed every day. Make a new year's resolution to give the gift of life. If you cannot make it in January, please consider joining us for an upcoming date in 2015:

6 Blood drives scheduled for this new year!!!

1/11/2015 03/8/2015 5/17/2015
7/12/2015 9/13/2015 11/8/2015

To give blood you must be 17 years old or older and in good health and bring a photo ID. You can also give blood if you are age 16 with the written consent of a parent. Refreshments will be served.

If you cannot make this Blood Drive, please consider donating at the LifeSource Center in Crystal Lake, IL and telling the staff that the donation is to be made for U202 which is the code for St. Margaret Mary Knights of Columbus. Please make arrangements to join us for this event and give the gift of life. If you have any questions you can contact us at blooddrive@koc11091.org.

**ShutterFly - Have You Submitted
Your Headshot?**

We now have over 175 members of our council represented in a photo directory on our Shutterfly website. Please take a look at www.kofc11091.shutterfly.com/members.

If you are interested in being included, or would like to update your picture that is on the website, send a .jpg photo to Dan Kotleba at kotleba@sbcglobal.net.

Please send Tree Lot, Christmas Party photos to Dan as well.

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

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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 - see Ken Prigge if you are still interested. Please check out the prices and additional pictures on-line at kcnativitysets.com. Supplies are limited.



Financial Secretary Corner

Everyone should have their first notice bill. They were sent via e-mail to all with an e-mail address. They were further sent via US mail to all others.

- **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.** We are not set up for this year but I hope to collect dues online in the future. I will have the membership cards at the general meeting. Paid dues will be mailed Friday after the meeting.

- **If you are a fourth degree member,** you will receive a separate bill from the assembly. The council issues a 3rd degree card and the assembly issues a separate 4th degree card.

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

Men's Fall Retreat - 2015

Brothers, you've heard the stories and seen the pictures. Now's the time to mark your calendars. Last year's men's retreat had fishing, swimming, biking, ATVs, and much much more. Don't miss out this year. Mark your calendars for September 24th to the 28th. There's an early deposit to hold spots. Please see Stu or Ken if you have any questions. Happy New Year from your worthy Lecturer!

2014 Breakfast with Santa

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 even had a last minute Santa substitution and it seems to have been very well received. We served over 270 meals and earned over \$600 in profit.

I again wish to thank the committee and all who helped, this event is a lot of work and I hope for the next event (Breakfast with the Easter Bunny) we can get even more members of our council to come out for either setup or to work the event. Please let me know if you would like to join the committee. This is a great event and the children love seeing Santa, and now we know that we have two Santas in our council. (Battle of the Santas next year?) We'll do it again next year and look forward to seeing even more of you there.

Yours in Christ, Chris Hubbuch

New Year ... New Member Social - Jan 10th (Kevin Wright)

We are personally inviting all of our new 2013-2014 Members AND their spouses to our **New Member Social on Saturday, January 10, 2014 at 6:00pm.** It will be held in McDonnell Hall. Food and beverages will be provided, but we are asking our "not so new" (mentor) members (and their wives) bring a desert or snack to share. This is our chance to get to know our newer members better and take time to answer their questions. We will have a New Member Packet for each of them (its about time!).

Please send a quick email to Kevin at KWWJD1@gmail.com and RSVP if you are coming and what desert/snack you will bring.

Pro-Life Activities (George Jost)

I just read an article about abortion and politics. In it a reporter asked Nancy Pelosi, House Minority leader about the difference between what Dr. Kermit Gosnell did to infants left to die after being born and infants being born earlier during a pregnancy. The full article is at <http://www.thenewamerican.com/culture/faith-and-morals/item/15940-devout-catholic-nancy-pelosi-getting-free-ride-from-cowardly-clergy>. (Just search after 15940, since link does not work.)

She refused to answer the question saying only that everybody agreed what Gosnell did was reprehensible and then proceeded to attack the impertinent questioner. And then, she absurdly cited her Catholicism over the issue asserting that her abortion position is 'sacred ground.' As a result of this exchange, Fr. Pavone of Priests for Life issued an open letter to Ms. Pelosi criticizing her remarks and calling on her to stop asserting that 'her' Catholic faith in abortion's defense. He ultimately called for her to change her position or renounce her faith. Ms. Pelosi responded to the letter by mocking Fr. Pavone and its signers as 'hysterical' and 'unintellecual.' This from the following article.

Read more: <http://www.ncregister.com/blog/pat-archbold/a-fish-called-nancy-pelosi/#ixzz3MTJOHlaQ>

The 1st article is a long but exhaustive discussion about so called Catholics who support abortion and what the Church Canon ("laws") say about their viewpoint. Cardinal Burke has spoken that Canon 915 states that those who obstinately persist in manifest grave sin (promoting abortion) should not be admitted to receive Holy Communion.

This article for the newsletter will appear around the liturgical time when Herod ordered all Infants 2 years old or less to be killed in order to prevent the rise of a person who would be a threat to his kingship.

We will also be putting an ad in the NW Herald, which you can still get in by sending a note to me with name and address before 1/15/15.

George Jost Pro life Director
gjost2002@yahoo.com

Knights Flag Football - SuperBowl

A small but hearty bunch played a little schoolyard-style football this morning. Since we only had 5 players we adopted the college OT rules, and switched off playing QB for the offense. The mist got heavier and the ball got slipperier as the game continued, but a good time was had by all. No injuries other than the usual aches, pains, shortness of breath, and maybe a hamstring.

Last game of the trilogy is Super Bowl Sunday. Same location - St. Margaret Mary school field.

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



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

Get your tickets today for our Annual Dinner Dance **before they sell out!** Also enter our Parish MEGA \$10,000 Raffle Grand Prize Drawing! Winners need not be present.

Make Your Reservations Now and Save for the



Saturday, February 14, 2015

Boulder Ridge Country Club
350 Boulder Drive
Lake in the Hills, Illinois

*The Saint Margaret Mary Parish
Social and Fundraising Event of the Year!*

Monthly Awards and Photos



Worthy Chaplain at Altar Server Christmas Party - Dec 21



Latest round of Knights Flag Football



First Time in Regalia - SK Kevin Wright at Filipino Mass



Andy, John, and Jimmy among the latest group of Men to join the Knights at "A Knight Before Christmas"

Directors & Chairmen

Chancellor Report:

Vocations*	Scott Nejman	847-854-1008
Sunday Rosary	Rob Beyer	224-333-0592
Vocational Raffle	Gene Gonzales	Open
Seminarian Support	John Balmes	847-854-6440

Service Programs:

Membership*	Kevin Wright	OPEN
Degree Team*	Chris Gonzales	847-658-3871
Membership Promotions	Kevin Wright	OPEN

Program Director – Dan Perna

Church*	Larry Majewski	847-658-4046
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	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	Sal Bongiovanni	Open
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.

Family*	Wayne Reed	847-836-7305
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

Youth*	Mike Barrett	OPEN
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:

Public Relations*	Joe Bongiovanni	OPEN
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

* 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
Jan 4	Jan 5	Jan 6	Jan 7	Jan 8	Jan 9	Jan 10
Rosary after 7:00 mass  Confirmation St Mary's Elgin SUT 12:30				Council Meeting 7:30pm		8:30 Nativity Set Clean-Up 12:00 Free Throw 6:00 pm - New Member Social
Jan 11	Jan 12	Jan 13	Jan 14	Jan 15	Jan 16	Jan 17
KofC Blood Drive 7 am - 1 pm			7:00 Feed My Starving Children			
Jan 18	Jan 19	Jan 20	Jan 21	Jan 22	Jan 23	Jan 24
Jan 25	Jan 26	Jan 27	Jan 28	Jan 29	Jan 30	Jan 31
						Newsletter Articles
Feb 1	Feb 2	Feb 3	Feb 4	Feb 5	Feb 6	Feb 7
Rosary after 7:00 mass  Knights Flag Football				Council Meeting 7:30pm		
Feb 8	Feb 9	Feb 10	Feb 11	Feb 12	Feb 13	Feb 14
						KofC FreeThrow Competition 7:00 Dinner Dance
Feb 15	Feb 16	Feb 17	Feb 18	Feb 19	Feb 20	Feb 21
				Officer's Meeting First Degree		
Feb 22	Feb 23	Feb 24	Feb 25	Feb 26	Feb 27	Feb 28

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