

# 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 is a transition month, as we leave behind our cookouts, golf, camping, biking, and many other outdoor activities. Our region has shed its colorful leaves, preparing for a sleepy hibernation in anticipation of a long winter followed by a rebirth in the spring. Our seasons are part of the charm of our Midwest lifestyle.

Fortunately, our KofC council does not hibernate. In fact, November marks the beginning of the holiday season. Many of our activities revolve around Thanksgiving and Christmas. We're very blessed to be able to expand the Adopt-A-Sailor program this year. We are preparing to host up to 30 sailors this year. The committee has been planning the event for weeks, and now the planning moves into the action phase. We'll need a lot of help on Thanksgiving Day to make this event even more special than last year. Keep an eye out for emails from Ray Mueller regarding how you can pitch in.

The Christmas Tree Lot also begins in November. We need lots of manpower to set up the fencing, lights, trailers, tree stands, and much more. I also encourage everyone reading this to sign up for at least one 4-hour shift over the course of the 20+ days we are open for business. It's a great way to connect with your Brother Knights, and raise a lot of money for our council. Other dates to save coming up include our Flag Football Trilogy (starting Thanksgiving) and Christmas Party/Breakfast with Santa on Dec 6 and 7.

Thanksgiving is a time to count our blessings. This can be somewhat difficult for anyone who has recently lost a loved one, is out of work, has health issues, or is experiencing other difficult setbacks in life. It can lead one to ask questions. How could God let this happen? What did I do

to deserve this? Will things ever get better? Some things are a direct result of our actions, and we have to own at least part of the results. It's easy to go to a dark place in our heads and hearts. It's easy to be angry, spiteful, and jealous of others. God is always there, walking with us, no matter how deep we are into personal despair. We are not alone. In fact, no matter how perfect someone else appears, even they have failings and difficult times. Some things happen that are beyond our control. They blindside us, but again, God is there to help and comfort us.

In the darkest times, prayer can be a major step in the journey back into the light. Prayer is powerful, but it's not just about asking God for something, such as a job, a better relationship, recovery from health issues, or answers to our most important questions. It's OK to ask God for something. We should pray for what we need. It's also OK to give ourselves to God and put ourselves at His mercy. We can pray for the strength to go on, for the wisdom to make good choices, and for peace, love, and tranquility in our hearts - to focus on the solutions to many of life's problems.

I, too, have had to deal with countless setbacks in life. Many of the wounds are self-inflicted, and some are beyond my control. However, I am so very grateful for the people in my life. My family. My brother Knights and their families. My fellow parishioners. My clergy. My friends. You make a difference. Thank you for being in my life. Hope to see you all Thursday night at our General Meeting. We start promptly at 7:30pm.

Vivat Jesus!  
Dan Limbach, Grand Knight



## Columbian Award

During our October meeting, Mark Ostrowski was presented with the Columbian Award. This award was given to Mark for leading our council and meeting our program requirements for the year.



Our parish continues to open our doors to Catholics who have been away from the Church through our six week series entitled “Catholics Returning Home”. The next sessions continue in November on Tuesday evenings at 7:30 in the Ministry Center. This program is meant to help participants ease back into the Church and our parish community. Most of those who are considering returning are searching for a welcoming community and acceptance. Could there be a better place to address those needs than the Knights of Columbus? If you know someone who is not active or has left the Church for any reason please let them know about this program and invite them home. For more information pick up a brochure in the Church lobby, check our parish website or call brother knight Dave Philipps at 815-347-6093.



## November 11 - Veteran's Day

(John Wolak, Military Chairman, Panama, Desert Shield & Storm )

Dear brothers - the month of November is a time to pause and reflect what our military members have done for us and this great country. I would like to take this opportunity to thank the many women and men who have served in our armed forces and wish them a Happy Veteran's Day November 11. When you are in the company of our veterans please take the liberty to thank each one of them for their service and sacrifice to keep our country safe and a free land.

Our veterans have not had it easy coming home from serving overseas and are faced with hardships that can be eased into civilian society with the help of veteran's benefits such as Medical, Dental, Vision, Counseling, State, Education, Veteran's ID card for discounts at participating stores on Veteran's Day:

1. Heinz hospital in Maywood, with outpatient office in Elgin:  
<http://vfwwebcom.org/il/vahospitals/>
2. **Illinois Warrior Assistance Program** (IWAP) are aware of and have ready-access to the available counseling services: IWAP provides confidential assistance to Illinois veterans, service-members and their families facing transition challenges through easy-to-access counseling services. IWAP places a particular focus on providing behavioral health support via trained counselors and face-to-face visits in an outpatient setting - but individuals can call, email or chat with IWAP's expert personnel to discuss any number of challenges and receive prompt referral support:
  - **Toll-Free Hotline** - Call the confidential phone number at 1-866-554-4927 Monday through Friday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. (CST) for immediate support or authorization to see a local health provider.
  - **Website** - Visit the **IWAP website** at [www.illinoiswarrior.com](http://www.illinoiswarrior.com) to access the online chat feature, informational resources, and referral services.
3. IDES Military Job Board & email sign up:  
[Michael.Ruffner@Illinois.Gov](mailto:Michael.Ruffner@Illinois.Gov) , Veteran Employment Representative 500 Russel Ct, Woodstock, IL 60098 815-338-7100 x243
4. Illinois veteran's benefits including Job Opportunities:  
<http://www2.illinois.gov/veterans/Pages/default.aspx>
5. McHenry Count veterans benefits:  
<https://www.co.mchenry.il.us/county-government/departments-j-z/veterans-assistance-commission>

On November 11 there is a 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual ceremony honoring our Illinois Veterans at Crystal Lake south High School at 9:00a.m. all veterans and their families are welcome to attend. [www.highschoolcube.com/event/crystal-lake-sout-veterans-day-celebration-375404](http://www.highschoolcube.com/event/crystal-lake-sout-veterans-day-celebration-375404)

## 4th Degree News - Congrats Joe, Chris, Greg, and Jason

Congratulations to our new fourth degree Sir Knights who attended the exemplification in Crystal Lake on October 4<sup>th</sup>, they are Chris Hubbuch, Greg Freund, Jason Hill, and Joe Grady! 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.lychkelly.com](http://www.lychkelly.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.

## Set-Up Nativity Sets (Algonquin)

It is time to set up large Nativity Sets around the community. You have all seen them; those large nativity sets at various commercial properties in and around Algonquin are built, set-up and maintained by our council.

This is a great activity for new Knights and experienced Knights alike. We can ensure there is enough experience on each team to be efficient. We are running a new training program this year. Watch these links to youtube videos demonstrating the set-up for the nativity sets. You can also watch these in the field if you run into trouble.

Large nativity set tub contents:

<http://youtu.be/6jU5dWhrm8>

Community Nativity Set Cow:

<http://youtu.be/Q0jH6L7QV74>

Community Nativity Set Goat:

<http://youtu.be/5nhw1ITC2yc>

Community Nativity Donkey:

<http://youtu.be/TAzX2TgAeHg>

Community Nativity Wise Men:

<http://youtu.be/JZCtjfbudW4>

Community nativity Set Shepherd:

[http://youtu.be/ETQu\\_2ifAL8](http://youtu.be/ETQu_2ifAL8)

Community Nativity Set Stable:

<http://youtu.be/oVTZyzeec3Q>

Set-up is scheduled for Saturday after Thanksgiving; November 29<sup>th</sup>. We go out in teams to set up 2-3 sets. Each set takes about 45 minutes to set up. Many hands make this a quick project. Please come out to help.

**When:** Saturday November 29<sup>th</sup> @ 9:00AM

**Where:** Meet at the McGivney Storage Building

**What to Bring:** gloves, cordless screw gun & hammer/mallet

Dress for the weather but expect to get a little warmer with work. Please contact Kevin Fitzgerald ([kevfitz@ameritech.net](mailto:kevfitz@ameritech.net) or [847-652-5950](tel:847-652-5950)) with questions or to sign up.

## 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.

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

## Fall Retreat Wrap-up & Lost but Found...

Stories of the annual Knights Fall Retreat continue to be retold. In summary, we had 23 brother Knights enjoy absolutely perfect weather and the changing colors of the upper North. Events included; the best fishing to date, hiking the trails where the fall colors were in their peak and our traditional walk by the stars at night, storming the trails on the O'Brien quad's and MTB's. New this year was the show of Knights agility and skill in a tournament of Beersbee, bike ride into Michigan, kayaking and swimming in our own private lake, and the usual target practice, billiards, shuffle board, great food, big laughs, and memories to last forever. Check out the pictures and videos on our ShutterFly account ([kofc11091.shutterfly.com/](http://kofc11091.shutterfly.com/)).

We also still have some items that were left behind (a nice folding chair and umbrella, black swim trunks, black & black shirt, under shirt, underwear and socks. It's all in the McGivney storage building.

## Photo Request - Shutterfly

We would like to have each member of our council represented in a photo directory on our Shutterfly website. It's nice to be able to put a name with a face. If you are willing to be included, please send a .jpg photo to Dan Kotleba at [kotleba@sbcglobal.net](mailto:kotleba@sbcglobal.net).

"Head shots" with solid backgrounds look best, similar to what you would load to LinkedIn or your profile photo in Facebook.

## Nativity Scene Construction

Construction of our Nativity scenes is now starting. Every Tuesday from now till sometime in November we will be meeting at the McGivney Storage building making our Nativity scenes. 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.

We can always use more help. No special construction skills are required. The CNC machine does all the cutting, we just need help in removing the cut pieces, stacking, and boxing.

We'll be running two shifts. The first shift runs from 3 - 6 PM and the second shift from 6 - 9 PM. Please consider lending a hand. See Ken Prigge for details.

## Pro-Life Activities (George Jost)

There was a released document widely published in the "news media" made it seem that the Church was thinking of considering changes as to divorce, contraception and Gay Marriage. The document was a synopsis of the 2014 meeting which put forth a summary of the issues to be considered in 2015, without a basis on their importance. (A kind of "must have" (to discuss), to "nice to have" (if you have time), and a "don't bother".)

These issues were concerning reception of communion by divorced and remarried Catholics, consideration of the use of contraception in marriage, and Gay Marriage. These have been and will continue to be popular because they don't require sacrifice or change of behavior.

The Catholic Catechism clearly states the view of the Catholic Church.

A)1650 Today there are numerous Catholics in many countries who have recourse to civil divorce and contract new civil unions. In fidelity to the words of Jesus Christ - "Whoever divorces his wife and marries another, commits adultery against her; and if she divorces her husband and marries another, she commits adultery" the Church maintains that a new union cannot be recognized as valid, if the first marriage was. If the divorced are remarried civilly, they find themselves in a situation that objectively contravenes God's law. Consequently, they cannot receive Eucharistic communion as long as this situation persists. For the same reason, they cannot exercise certain ecclesial responsibilities. Reconciliation through the sacrament of Penance can be granted only to those who have repented for having violated the sign of the covenant and of fidelity to Christ, and who are committed to living in complete continence.

B) from *Humanae Vitae* 11. These acts, by which husband and wife are united in chaste intimacy, and by means of which human life is transmitted, are, as the Council recalled, "noble and worthy,"[11] and they do not cease to be lawful if, for causes independent of the will of husband and wife, they are foreseen to be infecund, since they always remain ordained towards expressing and consolidating their union. In fact, as experience bears witness, not every conjugal act is followed by a new life. God has wisely disposed natural laws and rhythms of fecundity which, of themselves, cause a separation in the succession of births.

Nonetheless the Church, calling men back to the observance of the norms of the natural law, as interpreted by their constant doctrine, teaches that each and every marriage act (*quilibet matrimonii usus*) must remain open to the transmission of life.[12]

C) 2357 Homosexuality refers to relations between men or between women who experience an exclusive or predominant sexual attraction toward persons of the same sex. It has taken a great variety of forms through the centuries and in different cultures. Its psychological genesis remains largely unexplained. Basing itself on Sacred Scripture, which presents homosexual acts as acts of grave depravity,<sup>141</sup> tradition has always declared that "homosexual acts are intrinsically disordered."<sup>142</sup> They are contrary to the natural law. They close the sexual act to the gift of life. They do not proceed from a genuine affective and sexual complementarity. Under no circumstances can they be approved. So Gay Marriage is a no-no because the acts are sins of grave depravity.

# Monthly Awards and Photos



Jerry at the Men's Retreat at Deer Lake



Mike and Joe Grady celebrate Joe's 4th degree in Crystal Lake



GK Dan Limbach presents \$274 check to Alg-LITH FD



Wayne shopping for supplies for Deer Lake



Newest 4th degree SKs - Greg, Chris, Jason, and Joe



Great fun and weather at Men's Retreat last month



Welcome to Gary Thomas who received 1st degree in October

# Directors & Chairmen

## Chancellor Report:

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

## Service Programs:

<b>Membership*</b>	<b>Kevin Wright</b>	<b>OPEN</b>
Degree Team*	Chris Gonzales	847-658-3871
Membership Promotions	Kevin Wright	<b>OPEN</b>

## Program Director – Dan Perna

<b>Church*</b>	<b>Larry Majewski</b>	<b>847-658-4046</b>
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

<b>Community*</b>	<b>Bill Burg</b>	<b>847-323-6304</b>
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

<b>Council*</b>	<b>Tom Lambert</b>	<b>847-354-5964</b>
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.

<b>Family*</b>	<b>Wayne Reed</b>	<b>847-836-7305</b>
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

<b>Youth*</b>	<b>Mike Barrett</b>	<b>OPEN</b>
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:

<b>Public Relations*</b>	<b>Joe Bongiovanni</b>	<b>OPEN</b>
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>

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

<b>Financial*</b>	<b>Kevin Fitzgerald</b>	<b>847-658-6305</b>
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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	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Nov 2	Nov 3	Nov 4	Nov 5	Nov 6	Nov 7	Nov 8
Rosary after 7:00 mass 				Council Meeting 7:30pm	First Friday Adoration in Chapel	
Nov 9	Nov 10	Nov 11	Nov 12	Nov 13	Nov 14	Nov 15
	7:30 Prayer Service Families in Need	Veteran's Day				
Nov 16	Nov 17	Nov 18	Nov 19	Nov 20	Nov 21	Nov 22
Blood Drive 7am - 1pm				Officer's Meeting 7:30 pm		Tree Lot (see Scott)
Nov 23	Nov 24	Nov 25	Nov 26	Nov 27	Nov 28	Nov 29
				Happy Thanksgiving Adopt-A-Sailor	Tree Lot (see Scott)	Newsletter Articles due
Nov 30	Dec 1	Dec 2	Dec 3	Dec 4	Dec 5	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
Dec 7	Dec 8	Dec 9	Dec 10	Dec 11	Dec 12	Dec 13
Rosary after 7:00 mass  Breakfast with Santa 8am-1pm	7:30 Prayer Service Families in Need Tree Lot	Tree Lot	Tree Lot	Tree Lot	Tree Lot	Tree Lot
Dec 14	Dec 15	Dec 16	Dec 17	Dec 18	Dec 19	Dec 20
Tree Lot	Tree Lot	Tree Lot	Tree Lot	Officer's Meeting 6:30 p A Knight Before Christmas	Tree Lot	Tree Lot
Dec 21	Dec 22	Dec 23	Dec 24	Dec 25	Dec 26	Dec 27
				Merry Christmas		
Dec 28	Dec 29	Dec 30	Dec 31	Jan 1	Jan 2	Jan 3
				Happy New Year		Newsletter Articles

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