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# The Knightly News

#### **Knights of Columbus St. Margaret Mary Council 11091**

District #43

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## From the Grand Knight's Desk My Worthy Brother Knights!

Worthy Brother Knights,

We've been a very busy council for the start of the fall season. Let's go over some of the highlights. The ID Drive saw Knights all over town handing out Tootsie Rolls and collecting money for people with Intellectual Disabilities. It's one of the anchor programs of the Knights of Columbus. Thanks to all who pitched in, and to Jason Bonnet and John Frazier for steping up as Co-Chairs. We also launched a new event – the Charity softball game between our council and the Algonquin/LITH fire department. We held our own and showed off some impressive skills, especially on defense. Next year will be bigger and better. Big thanks to Ray Mueller for coming up with this program and knocking it out of the park, Kevin Fitzgerald for coaching us, Jerry Ahler for securing a great field, and Chris Cimaglio for his amazing DJ and announcing skills. On the more spiritual side, we had many council members participate the Mens' CRHP weekend, led by Larry Majewski and Mike Barrett. Finally, the Knights who attended the Mens' Fall Retreat at Deer Lake (way up north) enjoyed maybe the best weather ever in the 9 years of the retreat. Big thanks to Stu Kuczinski and Ken Prigge for managing this amazing retreat. Consider joining us next year for an epic good time.

Whew, that's a busy September, but we're not slowing down in October. We have many opportunities to make a contribution this month. You can also come to the rosary service this Sunday at 7:30 am in the church, and the Monday Prayer Service for Brothers and Families in Need/distress at 7:30 pm in the Ministry Center. If you're not attending the 4<sup>th</sup> Degree Exemplification (10/4), why not come out for the Walk for the Poor on the same day? Bring the family to Randall Oaks on October 11 for our annual Hay Ride/bonfire. Come to the Officers' Meeting (6:30pm on 10/16) and bring a candidate to the First Degree ceremony at 7:30pm. We show support for our Clergy on 10/17 with the Clergy Appreciation Dinner. For some good fun and an adrenaline rush, come play paintball with your

Brothers (10/18). All Sir Knights are encouraged to attend the meeting of the 4<sup>th</sup> Degree (10/28). Finally, the Nativity Set crew is busy making, sorting, and packaging sets every Tuesday in October at 7:30pm in the McGivney building.

Please take some time to review our upcoming events and see where you can help. Nothing happens unless folks step up and participate. Our council is blessed with many people willing to dig in and get things done, but we can certainly use more people to take on leadership positions and work in the trenches.

During the past month, I've had several opportunities recently to reflect on my faith. It's important that we make time for some introspection, and ask ourselves some basic questions. Am I living a life based on Christ's teachings? Am I fulfilling my obligations as a Catholic man, father, and/or husband? Am I evangelizing my faith in my words and deeds? How can I become closer to Christ? Am I open to the Holy Spirit guiding me? Do I enrich my relationship with God through prayer, including praying the rosary? These reflections never fail to uncover areas I can personally improve upon. It's easy to get intimidated when looking at others around us, comparing their commitment to their faith with mine. I look up to many men, women, and even young folks in our parish, and marvel at their rock-solid faith and their ability to give so much of themselves to the church. Guys, be the best Catholic Gentleman you can be and always seek to improve your deficiencies while enhancing your relationship with Christ. If we could all just do that, we will be serving God in ways we may have never expected.

Vivat Jesus! Dan Limbach, Grand Knight



Taking a "Leap of Faith" into a frigid lake

#### 2014 Walk for the Poor

Be one of the first walkers to register for the 2014 Walk for the Poor at St. Margaret Mary Church. Our walk is scheduled for Saturday, October 4 at 8 a.m. As we began the tradition last year, we'll leave from the church parking lot, walk along Hubbard Street to the bike trail, walk south on the bike trail near the Riverwoods subdivision, and then turn around and return to the church.

Last year we had almost 100 walkers and raised over \$8,000 for the Society of St. Vincent de Paul. Register today and invite your friends to come, too. Registration forms, pledge sheets, and donor receipts are available now. Help us to raise money to assist community members in Algonquin and Lake in the Hills!

Contact Julie O'Brien at <u>Julie.obrien59@gmail.com</u> or<u>847-658-1364</u> with any questions.

#### **Knights Hayride - Oct 11th**

Come on out for the October Hayride and Bonfire scheduled for Oct 11 from 3pm until 7pm. The hayride through the park will start at 4pm so come early and enjoy the park. There will be a bonfire afterwards with smores and Hot Dogs. It will be located in the Back Grove on the Randall Oaks property. Call Rich O'Doyle if you'd like to help out. 847-924-4186 or richardo@lexmark.com



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 begin Tuesday, October 7th 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.



Official 100th Anniversary Centennial Logo

## Parish to Celebrate 100 Years!

Our Parish's 100th anniversary year begins just a few weeks from now! Mark your calendars now for our opening Holy Mass at 12 Noon on Sunday, October 19th.

Our Franciscan Provincial visiting from Krakow, Father Zachariasz Jaroslaw, will preside. Stay tuned in the coming weeks as we begin to detail some of the events and activities surrounding this special milestone.

Sign-ups also continue for family portraits in our Parish Directory (our first in over 10 years) on our web site. Each family, couple, or single who participates will have their photo published in the directory, receive a copy of the directory when it is published early next year, and also receive a free 10"x13" portrait. Additional copies for family and friends can also be purchased, and help defray the cost to produce the directory. Pictures will be taken in the Ministry Center with appointments being taken through mid-November.

For more Centennial celebration details, as well as making your photo appointment online, visit our special Centennial web site at: **www.smmnext100.org.** 

#### DO YOU HAVE A PIECE OF HISTORY?

The Centennial History team is collecting memorabilia from the 100 years of our parish. If you have an item we can temporarily display in Bethany Lobby during a portion of the Centennial year, we would be very grateful. And if you have a story to tell us about the item even better!

Also, if you have a display case we can borrow for the year to show some smaller memorabilia, we would be very grateful! Contact Sue Bongiovanni at 847-658-2655 or Cindy Tobolski at 847-658-3315.

#### **Fourth Degree Activities**

The Honor Guard Request your presence to the following items is highly appreciated.

- 1) Saturday, October 4th, 2014 4th Degree Exemplification at Hilton Hotel in Crystal Lake, Illinois. Social Baldric is necessary if attending for the event.
- 2) Friday, October 17th, 2014 Clergy Appreciation Dinner at St. Mary Parish in Huntley. Submission of ticket payments and reservations is expected by the event Chairperson.

<u>Reminder</u> - this month's meeting will be held here at <u>St Margaret Mary Ministry Center</u> Room 8 on Oct 28th

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#### **Clergy Appreciation Dinner**

Bishop Arthur J. O'Neill Assembly will be hosting this year's Clergy Appreciation Dinner. It is open to all members of the parish community. The dinner will be held on Friday, October 17, at St. Mary Parish, Huntley. Cocktails and fellowship will begin at 6:00 p.m. with dinner being served at 7:00. Tickets are \$35 each; to reserve your tickets please contact Tim O'Neill, 847-658-5149. Seating is limited to the first 300 people so please respond early to guarantee your reservation. We hope you will join us to show our appreciation to our pastor and associate pastors for the spiritual ministry and care they provide to us each and every day.

Again this year Bishop David Malloy will also be attending. A fun evening will be had by all! Can't attend? There will be a well wisher list available for you to add your name to as part of the celebration program. We are asking a \$1 dollar donation be made for each name to help offset the cost of printing the program. Please consider joining us in solidarity for our Clergy in these trying times. Vivat Jesus. YBIC Tim O'Neill

#### **Hockey and Hoops KofC**

There is a Hockey night coming up in Rockford this month. Saturday, October 25 at 7 pm, the Knights of Council 1288 have reserved a section to watch the Rockford Ice Hogs play the Chicago Wolves. Cost is \$15 per ticket and Reservation forms are due by October 17th.

If you'd rather play with a bigger puck and a smaller net, Kent Thompson has started up the Sunday Basketball games in the SMM gym. Come on out for an evening of fun, sweat, and hoops. Games begin at 6:00 pm every Sunday.

## 4th Degree Exemplification - October 4th in Crystal Lake

Thank you to everyone who has turned in their paperwork and monies so far for the 4th degree exemplification on October 4th at the Crystal Lake Holiday Inn.

For those who have not and are still interested, please get these to Mark Halper or Tim O'Neill BEFORE Tuesday August 26th.

Any questions please contact Mark or Tim. Bishop O'Neill assembly # 2381



The Inaugural Knights of Columbus 16" Softball Charity Classic

It was a beautiful day at Silverstone Lake Park in Carpentersville on Sunday, September 21<sup>st</sup> as the Knights took on the Algonquin Lake in the Hills Fire Department in the Inaugural K of C 16" Softball Charity Classic, with proceeds benefiting the ALFD's favorite charity: MDA (Muscular Dystrophy Association). This is no glove, fast-paced, Chicago-style 16" softball. *The sun was out, the sky was blue, and the first game went so fast that both teams decided to play two!* 

In the first game of the doubleheader, both teams were on "fire" with each scoring 4 runs in the 1<sup>st</sup> inning. After that, strong defense took over with both teams knotted up until the ALFD took a 1-run lead in the 4<sup>th</sup> Inning. The ALFD never looked back and won in a squeaker 5-4 in 7 innings.

In the nightcap, the Knights took an early 3-run lead in the 2<sup>nd</sup> inning on a base clearing, "almost" Grand Slam fittingly by "Grand Knight" Dan Limbach. The ALFD answered with 2-runs of their own in the bottom half of the inning. The Knights caught "fire" again in the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> innings taking a 2-run lead. However, the ALFD clawed their way back to tie things up in the 6<sup>th</sup> eventually winning in a squeaker in the bottom of the 7<sup>th</sup>.

The fans were treated to some great 16" softball action. Players and wives were also happy that there were plenty of EMT's and medical personnel on hand playing for the ALFD Team!

Special thanks to Ray Mueller, who organized this inaugural event, and Jerry Ahler for the field arrangements and advance preparation. Also special thanks to Ken Prigge, Chris Hubbuch, Andre Manaois, Kevin Fitzgerald, Bob Armstrong and a host of volunteers and players who made this not only an event to remember, but also one that will definitely be repeated in the future. Let's do it again and let's play two!

#### All Night Bingo Breakfast - Oct 18

The next ANB Breakfast is on Saturday October 18th. We need a few good hands to help cook and serve. It is the easiest breakfast event that you will ever work. Very little prep, and not much cleanup. If you can boil water and can handle a slotted serving spoon, then you are qualified.

Food prep begins at 10:00 PM, and breakfast service begins at 11:30 PM. We will meet at the McGivney Center at 9:30 to carpool to Marian. Drop me an email at <a href="mailto:kotleba@sbcglobal.net">kotleba@sbcglobal.net</a> if you plan to join us.

#### **Thank You Knights - Activities**

Many thanks to all the Knights for the following recent activities:

#### ID drive (John Frazier and Jason Bonnet)

Thank you to everyone who donated their time to work the Intellectual Disabilities Drive; aka the Tootsie Roll Drive. It was a great weekend, the weather held, and \$2,200 was raised for the Claire Woods Academy!

Special thanks to the smooth operator Jerry Reich for collecting the most money of any Knight!

#### **Blood drive (Scott Shepard)**

Thank you for helping save lives at our latest blood drive. There were 47 pints donated. Door prize winners were Dan Flandro who won a Buffalo Wild Wings gift card and Dean Hettel who won a coupon for Dunkin Donuts. Please be sure and attend our next Blood Drive is Nov 16th . See Scott Shepard to lend a hand (or arm).

#### Softball and upcoming Adopt A Sailor

Ray Mueller would like to thank all the knights for their support with the softball game for MDA. It was well attended & looked like everyone enjoyed the event raising money for a very good cause. THANK YOU!

As you know Thanksgiving will be upon us soon. The council has decided to hold the Adopt-a-Sailor event once again. I will be calling our first meeting in a couple of weeks to start planning. Look forward to working together on this to make it even better than last year.



#### **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 <a href="kotleba@sbcglobal.net">kotleba@sbcglobal.net</a>.

"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 <a href="http://www.kcnativitysets.com/index.html">http://www.kcnativitysets.com/index.html</a>, 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)**

October has been designated Pro Life Month by the USCCB (United States Conference of Catholic Bishops). The Pro Life Committee will be Proposing a schedule of events describing what we do as a group.

A. The Life Chain (1st Sunday in October - the 5th this year) will be held at 2 nearby locations - across from Hobby Lobby on Rt 14 in Crystal lake and at St. Catherine of Sienna across from the Springhill Mall. This will be from 2:30 - 3:30. This is a national event and has been held a number of years. Helen and I as well as a number of parishioners, joined by others from McHenry Parishes and other Churches, on Rt 14.

B. We will set up an information booth on one Sunday (to be announced) where we will feature some fliers and bumper stickers and other objects promoting Pro Life

C. At the end of October(tba) we will set up a table to take signatures for the Roe v Wade newspaper ad published on Jan 23, 2015. We will have a follow up on the week end after New Year as well.

The library hunted down copies of 2 books about Dr. Jerome Lejeuen, who discovered the genetic cause of trisomy 21 or more commonly called Down Syndrome. I have just received it so have not been able to read both books. One is called "Life is a Blessing", and the other "A Symphony of the Preborn Child". The Library system was searched and the only public place these books could be found, in the whole library system, was in Mississippi, Hinds Community College, Raymond Mississippi. It is amazing! that it was so hard to get a copy. The copy of the Symphony book was presented to the college library by Senator Thad Cochran. "Life is a Blessing" is a biography by his daughter and the Symphony book is about 2 legal cases and other material describing "the person hood of the embryo". I checked them out of the Algonquin Library and if you are interested you can put a hold on them and should be able to get them after I finish and turn them back.

#### **Monthly Awards and Photos**



Knights had their Wisconsin Retreat this month



Mass at the Deer Lake Retreat



Knights and ALFD - National anthem before the game(s)



Chris Cimaglio at the Friendly Confines of C-ville



Gregg and Lisa Parrish baptize their baby daughter



Brian Casey wins the KofC Essay Contest (\$1000 for college)



Dan enjoying the great weather at Deer Lake

#### **Directors & Chairmen**

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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

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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 Sul	bmissions ***	

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>	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 DeLavergne	847-658-1996
Summer Basketball Camps	Nick Wake	847-854-6279
Joseph Nava Bowl-a-thon	Mark Halper	847-458-8922

#### **Standing Committees:**

Joe Bongiovanni	<u>OPEN</u>
Dave Rzonca	815-679-0450
Kevin Fitzgerald	847-658-6305
Joe Bongiovanni	OPEN
Dan Limbach	847-854-4188
Dan Perna	847-658-6975
Joe Bongiovanni	OPEN
Patrick Colcernian	847-854-6051
Greg Freund	OPEN
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	Dave Rzonca Kevin Fitzgerald Joe Bongiovanni Dan Limbach Dan Perna Joe Bongiovanni Patrick Colcernian

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

Kevin Fitzgerald

847-658-6305

#### Officare:

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Grand Knight*	Dan Limbach	847-854-4188
Deputy Grand Knight*	Dan Perna	847-658-6975
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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

<sup>\*</sup> 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
Sep 28	Sep 29	Sep 30	Oct 1	Oct 2	Oct 3	Oct 4
				Council Meeting 7:30pm Transitus at 7:00 pm	First Friday Adoration in Chapel	Walk for the Poor - McGivney at 8 am 4th Degree (Crystal Lake)
Oct 5	Oct 6	Oct 7	Oct 8	Oct 9	Oct 10	Oct 11
Rosary after 7:00 mass 3:30 Bless the Animals	7:30 Prayer Service Families in Need	Catholics Returning Home 7:30 pm				Hayride at Randall Oaks 3-7 pm
Oct 12	Oct 13	Oct 14	Oct 15	Oct 16	Oct 17	Oct 18
		Catholics Returning Home 7:30 pm		Officer's Meeting 6:30 pm First Degree 7:30 pm	Clergy Appreciation Dinner 6 pm	Paintball 9 am
Oct 19	Oct 20	Oct 21	Oct 22	Oct 23	Oct 24	Oct 25
		Catholics Returning Home 7:30 pm Special Needs Mass 7 pm				
Oct 26	Oct 27	Oct 28	Oct 29	Oct 30	Oct 31	Nov 1
		4th Degree Meeting 7:30 St Margaret Mary				Newsletter Articles Rosary tomorrow
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
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Nov 16	Nov 17	Nov 18	Nov 19	Nov 20	Nov 21	Nov 22
				Officer's Meeting 7:30 pm		
Nov 23	Nov 24	Nov 25	Nov 26	Nov 27	Nov 28	Nov 29
				Happy Thanksgiving		Newsletter Articles

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