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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:



Worthy Brother Knights!

Well, it's almost September. Kids are off to school, whether it's elementary, high school or college. Hard to believe that our youngest of 4 is entering her final

semester of college, the 11th fall that we have sent kids off to college. Now maybe I can start paying down college debt instead of going deeper in! August was another busy and successful month for the Knights. The alter server appreciation party was held on August 8th, co-chaired by John Wolak and Rene Mendez. I only stopped by for a few minutes, but it was a nice night and it looked like a good group. The Hammer Open was on the 16th. Our new chair, Tom Walker, took over this year with plenty of assistance from Scott Nejman. From preliminary reports the event raised lots of money for the four charities supported, Bear Necessities, Foundation Fighting Blindness, Rett Syndrome Association of IL, and It's All about Kids. A big round of thanks goes out to Tom, Scott, and all the other volunteers, participants, and sponsors as well as to Mary and Juergen Huellen who previously chaired this event since its inception. We also had a new event – cooking for Parent Pick-up Night at St Margaret Mary School. Mark Ostrowki chaired this event, which he estimated was attended by 250-300 people! A great way to make the Knights presence known. Our last big outdoor food event for the season was the St Margaret Mary Summerfest on the 23rd. Rene chaired this event, with assistance of course from the lovely Joanne and a host of other volunteers. We kept the menu pretty simple and it was a fun and low stress event to work. The weather was perfect, after a morning rain, and a good time was had by all. The profit from this event will be donated to the parish.

We also have several events coming up in September. The 12th is the 2nd Annual Charity

Softball Tournament between the Knights and 2 local fire departments. We are still looking for more players – please contact Ray Mueller, and we will need volunteers to man the food booth. We will have a blood drive on the 13th in McDonnell Hall. I KNOW that we, as Knights, can increase our participation – let's go for 100 units! This may be the easiest and most direct way that most of us can help save a life. If you haven't donated blood before, please consider it; it's only about an hour out of your day. Please also encourage your eligible family and friends. The ID Drive (Tootsie Rolls) on September 18-20 is a major fundraiser for helping people with Intellectual Disabilities. Please sign up for a shift near your home. It is a very nice family activity, and it certainly doesn't hurt donations when your children are holding the can and asking people to donate to the cause. Also on that weekend we will be selling Vocation Raffle Tickets and Clergy Appreciation Dinner tickets after all masses.

September is also a good time to get your spiritual house in order. Come to church for the Knights rosary after 7am mass on the 6th. We will also have a Knights Prayer Service for those in need or in distress at 7:30 pm in the Ministry Center on the 7th.

Our next council meeting is on Thursday September 3rd at 7:30pm at the Ministry Center. Whether you are a new Knight or one of the elders, we love to see you at the meetings. It's one of the best ways to learn what's going on in the council, volunteer for our various activities, and to meet and socialize with many of your Brothers. If you want to be more involved, this meeting is your best opportunity to make it happen. See you there!

Vivat Jesus!

Dan Perna, Grand Knight



It is estimated that over 32 million adults in the U.S. (one in 10 people) were raised Catholic and no longer identify themselves as members of the Church. Last year a survey conducted in the Springfield IL Diocese found that for Mass attending Catholics, parish community is the most important element of parish life. They concluded that if parishioners do not feel welcome, you can expect to have fewer parishioners soon.

So what can you do? Be aware of people you have not met and introduce yourself and your family and invite parishioners to join you at a KOC event!

Could there be a better place to feel welcome than the Knights of Columbus?

Each Fall and Spring our parish invites Catholics who have been away to attend our Catholics Returning Home sessions. Recently, one of the Catholics who attended these sessions had the following to say:

"When I think about my experience, the first word that comes to mind is "welcoming." I was happy to meet people with such an interest in my experiences and an eagerness to offer the help I was looking for. It was an opportunity to learn more about my faith from Deacons and others, and to feel like a welcome part of the Church again".

Through this 6 week program we hope to help participants feel welcome in our parish and ease back into the Church updating their knowledge about Church teachings.

Fall sessions begin:
Tuesday October 6 at 7:30PM
in the Ministry Center

Why not invite someone you know and consider coming with them to help them overcome their fears?

For more information pick up a brochure in the Church lobby, check our parish website or call your brother knight Dave Philipps at 815-347-6093.



Pre-Season Football is well underway. Our council is directly sponsoring a CharityMania *Website* where you or ANYONE can go and buy a Football Mania ticket for this season. **All profits go directly to our council.** Winners (and we've had some big ones in the past) will be paid directly by our council. It is easy to play (a no-brainer ... you don't even have to pick teams or scores) and you can see on-line how much you've won each week!

ONE \$20 TICKET PLAYS ALL 17 WEEKS!

You can go directly to the website by clicking here:

<http://www.charitymania.com/give/A5209>

Pass it on to your friends and family!

You only have until the first Thursday night game (Sep 10) to buy a ticket and activate it. (They are automatically activated if you buy online and print out your ticket.)

If you have sold Paper tickets, please bring the money and ticket stubs to our next general meeting on September 3. Those tickets **MUST BE ACTIVATED** or they won't count! Talk to Kevin Wright if you have any questions. (224) 699-0599.

Father McGivney Guild

The Father McGivney Guild was established to promote the cause for the canonization of our founder, Father Michael J. McGivney. Membership in the Guild is open to anyone who wishes to share in this mission of making known the life and work of Father McGivney and of encouraging devotion to his memory. **THERE IS NO COST TO BE A GUILD MEMBER.** As a member of the Guild you will receive a newsletter and periodic updates on the progress of this cause for canonization. Membership in the Knights of Columbus **DOES NOT** automatically enroll you in the Guild, to add some perspective of the 73,000 Knights members in the

State of Illinois, only 7,200 are Guild members. Please visit the Guild website at <http://www.fathermcgivney.org> to become a Guild member. Thank you for your support.

4th Degree News from our Bishop O'Neill Assembly

ARE YOU A 4TH DEGREE? If so, you MUST read this!

If you have never participated in a 4th Degree activity, perhaps it is time to give it a try. 4th Degree activities are very VISIBLE, since "Regalia" is worn. Regalia includes your normal tux attire plus a cape, chapeau, sword, gloves and special baldric. We wear these things for special occasions that include Color Guards and Honor Guards (for the Bishop and other special Masses, and for fallen brother's wakes ... a truly humbling experience). Not everyone has their own regalia, so borrowing regalia is quite common. If you would like to try your hand at some of our best traditions, Mark Halper can get you suited up.

You don't need regalia to attend the 4th degree meetings (Assembly Meetings). They take place the 4th Tuesday of every month (skipping November and December) rotating locations. The next meeting will be Tuesday August 25th at the Elgin Council Hall. They are similar in scope to our Council meetings, but attending these meetings is a good way to hear what other councils are doing.

As a 4th Degree, you should be receiving emails regarding 4th degree activities. If you do not receive these please let Mark Halper know.

Please see the other articles in this newsletter about the upcoming Clergy Appreciation Dinner and 4th degree exemplification!

Thank you for your support. Any questions, etc. should be directed to Mark Halper at 773-771-1810 or mmmhalper@sbcglobal.net or Tim O'Neill at 847-494-5506 or timoplants@comcast.net

Roundtable Dinner

On Wednesday September 23rd our very own Mark Halper is being honored at the annual Rockford

Diocese Roundtable Dinner at the Hoffman House in Rockford, located at the intersection of East State Street and Bell School Road. This is the same function that Terry Hoelting and Jim Bronson have previously been honored at. Mark is a Past Grand Knight of our council, after his reign as Grand Knight Mark went on to become a District Deputy and is currently the KC Academy Faculty for the Rockford Diocese.

Please consider coming out to honor Mark this evening, spouses are also welcome. Cocktails start at 6:30 p.m. with dinner beginning at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$30 per person and due to Greg Schuring by Wednesday September 9th. Please contact Greg Schuring at mcpiper01@gmail.com or 815-388-5827 or Mark Halper at mmmhalper@sbcglobal.net or 773-771-1810 for tickets and/or further information.

Clergy Appreciation Dinner

The 4th degree Bishop O'Neill Assembly is hosting the annual Clergy Appreciation Dinner on Friday October 23, 2015. This annual event is held to honor our Priests, Deacons, and Sisters from Elgin, Carpentersville, Dundee, Algonquin, Huntley, and Hampshire.

The event will be held at [St. Mary Parish Center](#) 10307 Dundee Road in Huntley with fellowship beginning at 6:00 p.m. and dinner being served at 7:00 p.m. All are welcome to attend, tickets are \$35 per person and must be purchased in advance **before September 22nd**. For tickets please contact Mark Halper at (773) 771-1810 or mmmhalper@sbcglobal.net

In addition we are currently selling well-wisher spaces, to have your name appear in the program book we are asking for a \$1 donation. This also must be done prior to September 22nd, again contact Mark Halper for details.

We will also be selling tickets after all the Masses the weekends of September 12-13 and September 19-20. For the weekend of September 19-20 we will be sharing a booth with vocation support raffle ticket sales as well as the ID drive. We will need help those weekends selling tickets so if you are interested and available please let Mark Halper know.

Thank you for your support!

Major Degree

Brothers, come join us on Sunday October 25th at the St. Margaret Mary Education Center for a *first, second, and third major degree*. Da Bears and the Packers are both on bye that week. If you know of a Catholic gentleman that would be interested in joining the Knights this day would be a good opportunity to do so.

Or if you have not yet taken your second and third degree this is a great opportunity to advance further in our order. In addition if you already are a third degree member this will serve as a nice “refresher” on the lessons learned in that degree.

Set up will start at approximately 12 noon with the first degree starting at 1:00 p.m. and the second and third degree to follow. Dinner will be served after the third degree. This is an “all hands on deck” event, help will be needed throughout the day in various capacities including but not limited to observing the degrees. We want to show strong support for the candidates that day especially since there will likely be dignitaries attending that day.

If you have any questions or are interested in helping please let Dan Perna, Kevin Wright, or Mark Halper know.

Fourth Degree Exemplification

The next **4th degree exemplification** to take place Saturday October 3rd at the Crystal Lake Holiday Inn. **OUR ASSEMBLY IS THE HOST!** We have **10** (Ten) brother Knights who have applied to become 4th Degree Sir Knights. This will be a BIG ONE!

If you are already a 4th Degree, there is no cost to solely observe the degree, but we will need help throughout the day with various tasks, including but not limited to registration, hospitality suite, observing, etc. Please use the form later in this newsletter to put in your reservation to attend the ceremony and banquet. DEADLINE for reservations is September 23. We want to give our brother Knights support in their advancement to the Patriotic Degree! And yes, you have to wear your Tux! Also, please feel free to visit the fourth degree Master’s website www.4thdegreeillinoisdistrict1.com as well as our very own Bishop O’Neill Assembly website at www.kofc2381.org for information about upcoming exemplifications, etc.

Thank you for your support, looking forward to seeing everyone on October 3rd!

Mark Halper at 773-771-1810 or mnmhalper@sbcglobal.net or

Tim O’Neill at 847-494-5506 or timoplants@comcast.net

Culture of Life

The ongoing release of videos shows us that Planned Parenthood is not the guardian of women's rights they have claimed to be. They are nothing more than an organization that treats women as objects and means to an end. They are a seeker of endless dollars and continue to enrich themselves by harvesting baby parts in a way that is not at all honoring women, or especially life. They are properly called barbarians. By allowing our tax dollars to be used to fund Planned Parenthood, we further their aim of abortions and fat salaries. These videos will continue to be released and show the barbarity of the pro-Abortion movement.

Being Pro-Life means not only trying to stop abortion but protecting all life through natural death. The left (west) coast continues to be the most prolific sponsor of assisted suicide. The latest effort in California was sidelined at least until next year. However the effort continues. Oregon and Washington, which already make it legal to assist suicide, make it cheaper to purchase the drugs to kill someone, but are raising the cost of painkillers to make people more comfortable to endure their pain. Very often older, sick people just need comfort provided by family, friends or hospice care.

George Jost

Adopt a Sailor

It's time to start planning for this year. If you have a fresh idea let us know. I sent an invitation to the President of the United States. Still waiting for his reply.

Much appreciated,
Ray Mueller

Feed My Starving Children



WOW, what a successful August for our Feed My Starving Children program. We had more than 30 people show up to help and we were able to pack over 100 boxes. Come join us next time!

Parent Pick-Up Night

So, we thought it was a good idea to feed our St. Margaret Mary School childrens' parents *a little snack* while they visited the school. Wow, forget the snack! The event was a **huge success!** We expected to serve between 100-125. I would guess the actual amount was more than double that 250-300! Once the word gets out, this is going to be **BIG** next year!!! Take a look ...



Altar Server Appreciation & Knights Family Pool Party



This year's Canon Ball contestant winners:

*Age group thru 10

- Joey McGrath and Ellie Wake

*Age group 11-14

- Bridget Nejman and Josh Martel

Thanks to everyone for your support, hope to see everyone next year!



Those who attended our annual Altar Server Appreciation Pool Party enjoyed the Swimming Pool, Splash-pad, great food, catching up with Altar Server & Knight Families and the Canon Ball contests. Thanks to brother Knights and the Mendez and Wolak families for its success. We also thank all Altar Servers for their service to St. Margaret Mary and their parents for helping them keep their commitments. Thanks also go out to Dee Guard and supporting parents who coordinated with families in hosting Altar Server meetings.



This year we awarded Adam & Annie Dever for **most masses served that included substituting**, a Dairy Queen Gift Card & Heavy Duty Beach Towel.



2015 Hammer Open

August 16 saw another successful Hammer Open at the Golf Club of Illinois. Lots of fun and prizes, and of course, it was all for good causes. At least for some of us, any excuse is a good excuse to play golf!

It took lots of help and planning to make it go smoothly. Thanks go out to our many volunteers who made it all happen, but also were able to enjoy the good weather without having to agonize over each shot...



Some people look so good dressed like golfers, so, some of us came out *just* to look spiffy



And some of us came for the comradery ...



Some of us really needed practice



But practice didn't always help



And some of us just couldn't handle the pressure...



Nice swing ... uh, isn't that the ball still on the tee?



Keep working on your game and join us next year!!

Directors & Chairmen

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Vocations*	Chris Hubbuch	(224) 241-8214
Sunday Rosary	Rob Beyer	(224) 333-0592
Vocational Raffle	Gene Gonzales	
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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	Chris Hubbuch	(224) 241-8214
Bereavement	Deacon Don Miller	(847) 915-8474
St. Vincent DePaul	Dean Duley	(630) 669-4495

Community*	Open	
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	
ID Drive (Tootsie Rolls)	Jason Bonnet	

Nativity Set Construction	Cliff Sherwin	(847) 658-6235
Nativity Magnets/Decals	Kevin Fitzgerald	(847) 658-6305
Adopt-a-Highway	Open	
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

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Downstate raffle	Domenic Perna	(847) 658-6975
Hammer Open*	Tom Walker	(630) 204-6139
Military Support	John Wolak	(224) 600-8604
Christmas Tree Lot	Scott Nejman	(847) 687-2278
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	Kevin Wright	(224) 699-0599
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

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Hayride & Bonfire	Rich O'Boyle	(847) 924-4186
Christmas Party	Ken Prigge	(630) 730-2754
State Kamporee	Scott Nejman	(847) 687-2278
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	
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	Open	
Summer Basketball Camps	Nick Wake	(847) 854-6279
Joseph Nava Bowl-a-thon	Gregg Parrish	(847) 854-4725

Culture of Life*	George Jost	(847) 658-8379
Pro-Life Mass	George Jost	(847) 658-8379
Pro-Life Arms across USA	George Jost	(847) 658-8379

Standing Committees:

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Anniversary Dinner	Scott Nejman	(847) 687-2278
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Trustee 1 Year*	Bob Armstrong	(847) 658-9942
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*** Newsletter Submissions by 4th Sat ***

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Fourth Degree-Illinois District One of Marquette Province

Jack McCarthy
Master
184 E. Timberlane Drive
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4th Degree Exemplification
Saturday October 3, 2015
Holiday Inn Crystal Lake
800 South Route 31, Crystal Lake, IL

ASSEMBLY NO. _____ COUNCIL NO. _____
 Worthy Master-Please make reservations for the following:

Candidate (Initiation Fee)	\$70.00 (includes Banquet Ticket)	\$ _____
Priests Only (Initiation Fee)	\$50.00 (includes Banquet Ticket)	\$ _____
Guest/ Sir Knight	\$45.00 (banquet)	\$ _____
Ladies(Banquet)	\$45.00	\$ _____
Ladies Luncheon	\$22.00	\$ _____

CHECK NUMBER _____ Total Amount \$ _____

Name _____
 (Please Print)

Address _____

City/ State/ Zip Code _____

Phone Number _____

Ladies Name _____

Menu----- Grilled Sirloin Filet _____ Tilapia Vera Cruz _____
 (Please indicate Dinner choice with a number)

ALL RESERVATIONS MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY A CHECK, PAYABLE TO: JACK McCARTHY, MASTER

DEADLINE FOR RESERVATIONS IS SEPT. 23, 2015

CHARITY SOFTBALL GAME FOR MDA



Help Us Support This Great Cause!

Come cheer on Algonquin and Huntley Fire Department and The Knights of Columbus, as they play their hearts out in Support of "Fill the Boot" for MDA. It will be a fun filled day of 16" Softball Friendly Competition!

- • Saturday Sept. 12th
- • Start time 10 AM
- • 4 Team Tournament
- • Algonquin Fire Department
- • Knights of Columbus
- • Huntley Fire Department
- • Refreshments will be available



*Silverstone Lake Park on
Cobblestone Dr. Carpentersville*

Calendar of Events

St. Margaret Mary Knights of Columbus Council 11091

~ September 2015 ~

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3 7:30p-9:30p General Meeting (McDonnell Hall)	4	5
6 7:30a-8a Rosary after 7am Mass	7 Labor Day 7:30p-8p Prayers for Families in Need (Ministry Center)	8	9	10	11 Patriot Day 9/11	12 10a-11:30a MDA Charity Softball Game at Silverstone Lake Park (Silverstone Lake Park, 60110, 1985 Cobblestone Drive, Carpenter)
13 BLOOD DRIVE	14	15	16	17 7:30p-8:30p Officers' Meeting	18	19 9a-10:30a Walk For The Poor at SMM (SMM)
20	21 International Day of Peace	22 8p-9:30p Assembly Meeting (Bishop O'Neal Assembly) (Saint Catherine Of Siena Church, 845 W. Main Street, West Dundee)	23 Fall Begins 6:30p-8p Roundtable Dinner at the Hoffman House (Hoffman House, 7550 East State Street, Rockford, IL 61108, Uni)	24 MEN'S FALL RETREAT at Deer Lake in Winchester, WI (Deer Lake in Winchester, WI)	25 MEN'S FALL RETREAT at Deer Lake in Winchester, WI (Deer Lake in Winchester, WI)	26 Knightly News DEADLINE for Articles MEN'S FALL RETREAT at Deer Lake in Winchester, WI (Deer Lake in Winchester, WI)
27 MEN'S FALL RETREAT at Deer Lake in Winchester, WI (Deer Lake in Winchester, WI) 7a-1p Blood Drive (McDonnell Hall)	28	29	30			

See our complete events calendar on-line at our website's Events tab -> KofC11091.org

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