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The Knightly News

Knights of Columbus St. Margaret Mary Council 11091

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From the Grand Knight's Desk:

Brother Knights - *It is the Best of Times, it is the Worst of Times.*

My apologies to Charles Dickens, but the events of this past month bring my updated version of this opening line to mind.

Lori and I had the pleasure of dining

with 72 golfers at the 19th Hammer Open.

Representatives from three of the four charitable organizations that will receive proceeds from the event were also in attendance and gave moving talks about their respective charities. Especially exciting was the information relayed by the Foundation Fighting Blindness. After years of research, there are now breakthroughs in gene therapy that actually allow individuals to gain sight. It demonstrates the reward for years of our donations towards a cure, how **perseverance** pays off. Advances of this nature demonstrate to me how we are living in the Best of Times.

Conversely, there was also disturbing news this month with revelations of sexual abuse and coverups within the Catholic Church in Pennsylvania. Closer to home, our own Marian Central has been undergoing trials with a growing rift between Marian's governing body and the Rockford Diocese. Sadly, these failures of a few hurt us all, leading to a sense of betrayal by the priests that we look to as leaders for the parish, and the role of the bishop as the center of unity in a diocese. It is hard to recall a time when our faith has been challenged to any greater degree.

As an organization, the Knights of Columbus has supported the pastoral and charitable work of our bishops and priests since our founding by the Venerable Father Michael McGivney. Our Supreme Knight Carl Anderson reminds us that "Now is the time for all brother Knights to stand steadfast in faith, as Catholics and as gentlemen. We will assist priests,

bishops and our fellow Catholics in helping the Church chart a course for the future that puts Christ at the center, so that truly we may say, "Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven." Let us **persevere** in our works of Charity, Unity, and Fraternity.

August was a busy month for our council. A big Thank You to Kevin and Julie Fitzgerald for all their hard work in making the Hammer a great success that was enjoyed by all. Nick Wake, with help from Dave Frenreiss, ran the popular Summer Basketball Camp for our future Panther athletes, capped by a hamburger and hot dog barbecue after the last session. Great job guys. Thanks also to Mark Ostrowski for chairing the Back to School barbecue, in support of our school families and SMM teachers. We also provided volunteers to pack food for Feed My Starving Children, led as always by John Barrett.

Our parish also reached a milestone in August with the 35th anniversary of the dedication of our church building. I hope that you were able to attend the Thanksgiving Celebration Mass and enjoyed some time at the Summerfest gathering afterwards.

Coming up in September we have the annual Intellectual Disabilities (Tootsie Roll) Drive. Please show your support for Brother Knight John Frazier when the request for volunteers goes out. Respond right away to the email so that you don't forget and miss out on this rewarding experience.

We will also have the opportunity to celebrate one of our own, as Sir Knight Robert Armstrong completes the Permanent Deacon Ordination on Saturday September 29th. Let's support Deacon Bob as he participates in his first mass at 4:30 that afternoon. Finally, let us embrace the opportunities to grow our ranks by providing direction to the [JoinUs](#) link on the Supreme website. Our Membership Director Rick Limbach is working on some tools to make reaching out easy for everyone.

Vivat Jesus! Dan Kotleba, Grand Knight



4th Degree Activities

“And He said, ‘Amen, I say to you, no prophet is accepted in his own native place.’”-Luke 4:24

The primary purpose of the fourth degree is to encourage active Catholic citizenship and foster the spirit of patriotism in members and the community at large. The public appearance of Fourth Degree Knights at religious and civil functions is an important activity as they add dignity and the pride of Church and country to any event. By these public demonstrations their loyalties bring credit to themselves and to the Knights of Columbus.

Upcoming events and activities are as follows:

- **Saturday September 22nd** - 4th degree exemplification at St. Mary's 10307 Dundee Road in Huntley. This is a great opportunity to take the journey to full Knighthood while learning the Patriotic lessons of the Knights of Columbus, as well as for existing 4th degree members to attend and support the new candidates and refresh your memories on the lessons taught in this degree. Please take advantage of this, so we have more men to stand honor guard at a fallen brother's wake, more men to silently protect our Bishop and Clergy at Confirmations and other special Masses, more men to march in parades to strengthen the visibility of our order. Forms and monies are due at the August 28th meeting for folks wishing to join the 4th degree this day.
- **Tuesday, September 25th**- General meeting beginning at 7:30 p.m. at St. Monica's in Carpentersville. This is a great opportunity to interact with your Knights of Columbus peers at some of the local parishes as well as learn about some of the other activities the local councils are doing.
- **Friday October 19th** – Clergy Appreciation Dinner at St. Mary's 10307 Dundee Road in Huntley. This is a wonderful opportunity to honor and support the Clergy and Religious from the various local Parishes. Further information to follow regarding purchasing tickets, well-wisher donations for the program book, as well as having a table to sell tickets and well-wisher donations, for now please save the date, begin to pray about this, and begin to budget time and money accordingly.

Please also be on the lookout for emails about upcoming activities, especially wakes as these typically do not have much advance lead time and is

one of the highest honors we can provide to our fallen brothers and their families.

It is truly an honor to participate in 4th degree activities, perhaps the most visible degree of the order. Whether it be marching in a parade, participating in an honor guard for the Bishop, or serving as part of an honor guard at a fallen brother's wake is truly a humbling and honored experience.

As a reminder there is NO EXPERIENCE NECESSARY to participate in these honor or color guards and there are NO LOCATION BOUNDARIES OR RESTRICTIONS to participate in these functions in the area. We know that not everyone has their own regalia, if you are looking to participate in an activity but don't have regalia reach out to a member who does. If you need a list of members who have regalia please contact Mark Halper. The deadline for wearing the current existing uniform and regalia has been extended to **June 30, 2019**, so all who have access to regalia and are physically able to participate are encouraged to do so as often as possible, this includes outside of your home Parish and community. This also includes folks whose tuxedos did not get shrunk at the dry cleaners.

Just as it is important to grow membership in the Knights of Columbus so we can continue to do the good works that we do, it is *equally* important to advance members to the patriotic (4th) degree to ensure we have enough members to promote the **visible** degree of our order, serve at a wake, etc. Be sure to visit the Bishop O'Neill Assembly website www.kofc2381.org to check out upcoming activities, etc. In addition, please be sure to visit the fourth degree [Master's Website](#) for information on upcoming exemplifications, etc. If you do not receive these emails please let Mark Halper know.

Thank you for your support, we look forward to seeing you guys at upcoming events and activities. Any questions, etc. please contact Mark Halper at 773-771-1810 or mnmhalper@sbcglobal.net or Kevin Wright at 224-699-0599
KevinWarrenWright@gmail.com

Upcoming Diaconate Ordination

The St. Margaret Mary community is blessed to have wonderful permanent Deacons serving our parish. On Saturday morning, **September 29, 2018**, we will even be more blessed. Past Grand Knight, **SK Robert Armstrong**, will celebrate the Rite of Ordination to the Diaconate at the Cathedral of St. Peter in Rockford. Bob will then be the officiating Deacon at the 4:30pm Mass at St. Margaret Mary that same Saturday afternoon.



To celebrate this momentous event, the Knights of Columbus will sponsor an **open dinner to all parishioners** after the 4:30pm Mass at McDonnell Hall. The Knights will provide the main meal and we ask all families attending the dinner to bring a dish to share.

Families with the last name beginning with A-L, please bring appetizers and/or salad

Families with the last name beginning with M-Z, please bring desserts

If you have any questions or would like to help with the event, please contact Rick Orabutt

at rjo2397@hotmail.com or Andre Manaois at amanaois06@yahoo.com

We hope to see you and your families congratulate and support Bob and his family in this great accomplishment.

Online KofC Membership

The Order's new Online Membership initiative is live throughout the United States and Canada!

Now you can invite eligible Catholic men to take their first step toward committed, lifelong and council-based membership in the Order by [signing up online](#). And, any member who recruits 5 members between now and Sept. 30 will receive a \$50 gift card for Knights Gear, along with free shipping!

Rockford Diocese Chapter

The Rockford Diocese Chapter was formed in 1989 by Bishop Arthur J. O'Neill and Past State Deputy Joseph Kaltwasser. The purpose of the Chapter is to unite the Knights of Columbus councils within the Diocese and provide a forum for councils to share knowledge and experiences, discuss methods, procedures, ideas, or practices, as well as resolve or obtain assistance in resolving issues or questions and assist each council by providing the tools needed to help achieve Council goals.

Each year the Chapter hosts an annual **Roundtable Dinner** to honor a few men (both clergy and lay) for their contributions to the Knights of Columbus, the Catholic Church, and community. We have been blessed to have a few members of our council honored at this event, and if another member of our council is ever recognized at this event you are encouraged to support them. The next Roundtable dinner is **Wednesday September 26th** at the Hoffman House in Rockford. **All members** of the Knights of Columbus are welcome.

The Chapter meets once every three months, the next Chapter meeting is Wednesday July 25th at St. Thomas the Apostle 451 W. Terra Cotta Ave. in Crystal Lake. Mass begins at 7:30 p.m. followed by the meeting.



Football Mania 2018!

Tickets are on sale NOW! The first NFL game is **September 6**. You must sell a ticket and collect the money and turn it in to Kevin Wright (224) 699-0599 or KevinWarrenWright@gmail.com **before September 8 or that week won't count**. Tickets MUST be registered with Kevin. **Tickets are \$20 each**, and they start out lasting **ALL 17 WEEKS!** Tickets can still be sold afterwards, but then there are fewer weeks that the ticket is valid for.

As usual we have **PAPER** tickets that you can buy or sell. Please contact Kevin Wright to get them. ALSO, as usual, you can *register yourself* to sell or buy **E-tickets** ON-LINE using this link [Football Mania 2018 \(click here\)](#). Every time someone buys from you, it tracks your sales.

This year our BEST SALESMAN gets a \$25 GIFT VISA CARD!

Invite family members, friends or workmates to join in the fun and have a chance to win every week! You can also copy the link [Football Mania 2018 E-Tickets](#) and send it to someone or use it for a one time ticket purchase. Any questions at all, please contact me.

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HAMMER OPEN 2018



Ready, Set, Go!



Jonna Burke explains the dice to John Schneider



Just a bunch of lucky guys ...



and a bunch of ... well, players ...



John Schneider, Jeff Wuensch and Mitch Kaminski
Needed a larger ball ...



You have to see Kevin's form to believe it!

Feed My Starving Children



Another SUCCESS! On August 15, our volunteers helped pack 19,656 MEALS for starving children. This is enough to feed 53 children for a year!

Such a worthwhile event. Please join us next time. Even our little ones like helping to feed other children!

35th Anniversary Mass



Bishop Malloy and our Sir Knights' Honor Guard
On August 26 at St. Margaret Mary, Algonquin



Oktoberfest

Brothers, to support our school and hopefully recruit some new members, we will be the sole food vendor for the school's *Oktoberfest to be held Sept 22-23*; yes, you heard right, Oktoberfest in September.

The event looks to be a good time with 3 different bands, Scorched Earth as the beer partner, big screens for football on Sunday, kids' events, bouncy houses and much more.

The Knights will be providing food for both days including an authentic German dinner on Saturday as well as our other favorites of burgers, brats, tenders and more.

With the event only a little more than a month away there is a lot to do. As we have several of our key workers out that weekend we will really need some help from the whole council. The event goes from noon to 11:00 on Saturday, and from noon to the end of the game on Sunday. We will need to setup our tent and bring all our equipment like Founders.

What we need:

Sat Sept 15 prep at McDonnell Hall from 9-1
Need help cooking, staging, shopping, etc.

Fri Sept 21 setup tent McGivney 5-7
Set tent and move over some equipment

Sat Sept 22 setup at school 8:00 AM

From there **all the HELP we can get** to work, cook, clean and tear down.

If you have questions or can help in advance with shopping, prep, etc please contact Chris Hubbuch chubbuch@yahoo.com or (248) 798-7014

Let's support our school and make this first event huge.

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Christopher Hubbuch

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Co-Chair	Chris Burns	(847) 528-9452
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Oktoberfest	Chris Hubbuch	(224) 241-8214

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