



November 2018

# The Knightly News

Knights of Columbus St. Margaret Mary Council 11091

District # 45

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## From the Grand Knight's Desk:

Brother Knights - **NOTE: Due to the feast of All Saints our November council meeting has moved to November 8<sup>th</sup>.**

October was a busy month for our council, and the next two months will keep the pace steady as we head into the Christmas season.

This month, our team of volunteers packed nutritious Feed My Starving Children MannaPack meals specifically designed to assist in reversing and preventing undernutrition. These packages are distributed in schools, orphanages, clinics and feeding programs around the world. This is a recurring event that will be scheduled again in November, please consider joining the team for a rewarding night of charitable volunteering. Giving the Gift of Life thru blood donation has long been a council program and we completed another blood drive in October. We also contributed to the cleanliness of our community by cleaning up litter along Algonquin Road as part of our Adopt-a-Highway program.

Other events in October included participation in the annual National Life Chain event, as a peaceful show of solidarity in the Christian Community for the sanctity of human life. We also demonstrated our support for diocesan priests, deacons, and seminarians during the annual Clergy Appreciation Dinner held at St. Mary's in Huntley. Out of the 10 parishes that were honored, we had one of the strongest presences at the event, filling six tables with our religious and laity well-wishers. In addition, Monsignors Michael Tierney and Joseph Linster, formerly of our parish were in attendance. I highly recommend adding this event to your social calendar next year.

After select masses, we sold raffle tickets for the Illinois Vocations Support Program. Each of you also received an envelope with two booklets of tickets to sell or purchase. Selling these tickets helps our council, as we receive a portion of the proceeds back, which we then distribute to the 4 seminarians that our council is supporting this year. Too often these tickets do not make it back to our program chairman Gene Gonzalez, or they are turned in too late for submission to the program. **Tickets are due Friday,**

**November 16<sup>th</sup>.** Please take the time now to send your completed booklets back to Gene or remember to bring them to the November general meeting.

The Altar Server Appreciation Party was celebrated in new fashion this year, as an afternoon of bowling replaced the evening pool party. Everyone enjoyed hamburgers and hot dogs along with their strikes & spares. Thanks to John Schneider and Dee Gard for running this event.

Another program that has been long running in our council is the Recycle Program that turns metal into cash. The money received from this program goes towards the purchase of wheelchairs to provide aid to those who lack the freedom of mobility in our communities and around the world. Our team made two trips to the recycle center this month, returning with over \$700. This is a program with a high return that we can all work to expand thru promotion in our council and in our parish.

Our seasonal work began on our Nativity scenes and continues for the next several weeks. The team will be in McGivney Center on Tuesday nights, from 7 until 9. If you have never volunteered for this program you are missing a great way to get in the Christmas spirit. There is no special skill required, the council's CNC machine does all the hard work and we just prepare the final product for delivery. Come and join us one of these Tuesday nights.

I told you that October was a busy month! Here is what we have looking forward to the next 2 months:

We had to delay our New Member Social event, as we did not receive sufficient response to the invitation. However, we will focus on inviting those members who are newer to the council to our Family Christmas Party that will be held on Saturday, December 15<sup>th</sup>.

Coming up on Sunday, November 18<sup>th</sup> we will hold our annual memorial service for deceased members after the 4:30 mass. Widows and family of our fallen brothers are invited to this service, and many do attend. Honoring these men, and supporting the families they left behind was at the core of Fr. McGivney's creation of the Knights of Columbus. Our attendance has been very low at this service the past few years – a fact that has been noticed and commented on by our pastor Fr. Peter. It is disappointing and embarrassing when we call off more names of deceased



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members during the service than the number of live members that we have in attendance. Please make your attendance a priority this year.

November 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>, and 6<sup>th</sup> is our parish mission. We have been asked to provide security and assistance with the event. Thank you to those who have volunteered to help.

Our Christmas Tree Lot setup is coming up on November 17<sup>th</sup>. You will receive an email with more information closer to the date.

For those of you who have read everything this far in the newsletter, I'll buy you a beer after the November council meeting.

And finally, Thanksgiving means that it is time for Adopt-a-Sailor. This is our 6<sup>th</sup> year, and looks to be one of our biggest in terms of recruits that we will host. We need help with food donations as several of our participating local merchants are no longer in business. I will be placing an article in the bulletin to open the event to all of our parish to assist in this most worthy cause.

Wishing you and your family a Happy Thanksgiving. Vivat Jesus!  
Dan Kotleba



Altar Servers Appreciation Bowling!

From your grateful parishioners  
Saint Margaret Mary – Algonquin



Rev. Piotr Sarnicki  
Pastor



Rev. Witold Adamczyk  
Parochial Vicar



Rev. Daniel P. Zdebik  
Parochial Vicar

Deacon Howard Fischer (Maryann)  
Deacon James McDonough (Connie)  
Deacon Robert Armstrong (Carole)

Deacon Mike LeRoy (Mary)  
Deacon Donald Miller (Connie)

Thank you for your spiritual guidance on this tremendous journey to eternity.

Excerpt from our Clergy Appreciation Dinner booklet



## 4th Degree Activities

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

Upcoming events and activities are as follows:

- Tuesday, November 27th - General meeting beginning at 7:30 p.m. at Dumoulin Farms, 16N393 Walker Road in Hampshire. Following this brief meeting will be the Assembly Christmas party, wives and guests are invited. The main course and beverages will be provided, please bring a dish to share (side, vegetable, dessert, etc.). This is a great opportunity to interact with your Knights of Columbus peers and their wives/guests at some of the local parishes as well as learn about some of the other activities the local councils are doing.
- Saturday February 16<sup>th</sup> - 4<sup>th</sup> degree exemplification at the Sheraton Lisle. 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 4<sup>th</sup> 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. The registration forms will be shared once they are available, for the time being please save the date and budget 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 4<sup>th</sup> 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 (4<sup>th</sup>) 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](http://www.kofc2381.org) to check out upcoming activities, etc. In addition please be sure to visit the fourth degree Master's website [www.4thdegreeillinoisdistrict1.com](http://www.4thdegreeillinoisdistrict1.com) 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](mailto:mnmhalper@sbcglobal.net) or Kevin Wright at 224-699-0599 [KevinWarrenWright@gmail.com](mailto:KevinWarrenWright@gmail.com)

# VOCATIONS SUPPORT



As our council does each year, we are again supporting the State Council's Religious Vocations Raffle. It's an easy way to help support the many men who are answering the call to serve the Lord as one of His Priests. Raffle ticket books are being mailed to every Brother Knight, where each book contains 15 tickets at \$1 each. Your support is appreciated in selling those tickets or purchasing the books yourself for \$15.

Also, there is an opportunity to help with sales of the raffle tickets after mass. Two dates have been reserved for these after mass sales.

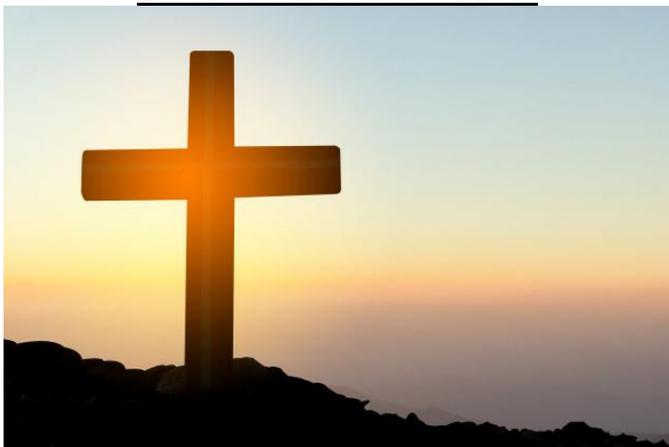
- October 13-14<sup>th</sup>
- November 10-11<sup>th</sup>

If you can volunteer 15-20 minutes to help sell tickets after any of the masses on these weekends – including the Polish masses – please let me know. Or let me know if you have any questions about returning the sold ticket books and money.

Gene Gonzalez

(847) 516-6402 (Home) or (630) 660-5925 (Cell)  
[genegonzlajr@comcast.net](mailto:genegonzlajr@comcast.net)

## Deceased Brothers' Mass



Our founder Michael J. McGivney started the Knights of Columbus to provide for Catholic widows and their families. As Knights, we have no

greater responsibility than in caring for the widows and families of our deceased brothers.

To honor our departed brothers, we will be holding a service in their honor on Sunday November 18<sup>th</sup> after the 4:30 mass at St. Margaret Mary church.

We invite you and your family to attend the mass, the service immediately after mass, and join us for dinner afterwards.

Father Peter, Father Witold, and Father Daniel all served this mass last year and attended the dinner. Father Peter talked at last December's general meeting how he was disappointed with the number of Knights that attended the ceremony. This is a beautiful ceremony and opportunity to remember our fallen brothers. Please make it to the ceremony if you can.

Please RSVP to Dave Frendreiss at [dave@frendreiss.com](mailto:dave@frendreiss.com) or 847-809-6891 to indicate if you will be able to join us.



## **DON'T FORGET** ...

Brothers,

Construction of our Nativity scenes started Tuesday 10/23 and continues every Tuesday for several weeks. The scenes are built in our McGivney Storage building. Work begins at 7:00 PM and goes until 9:00, however any time you can spare to volunteer is greatly appreciated.

No special construction skills are required. The CNC machine does all the cutting, we just need help in removing the cut pieces, cleaning, stacking and boxing. Please consider lending a hand.

If you are new to the Knights, or are not familiar with the program, check us out on-line at <http://www.kcnativitysets.com/nativitysets.html>

Vivat Jesus,  
Ken Prigge  
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- Pain Medicine: (Tylenol, Advil, ibuprofen, cold medicine, etc)
- Nerf Footballs, Softballs, Frisbees

Thank You in advance for your support!

Brother John Wolak  
K of C Military Support Chairman  
Panama-Desert Storm Veteran  
USMC-Semper Fi

Dear Brothers – I'll be in attendance for the November Council meeting to collect any items listed below to ship out to Illinois troops serving overseas. Items that most troops enjoy and lift their spirits are highlighted in yellow & underlined but all items listed are welcome. TIDE PODS were a big hit last year.... the troops are asking for them AGAIN!

If you have a family member or close friend who is serving overseas during the holidays you may also request a care package be sent by contacting John Wolak at: [johnwolak@live.com](mailto:johnwolak@live.com) please provide your service member name and address.

- Tide Pods
- Hard candies (chocolate doesn't travel well) please no Halloween candy leftovers
- Batteries: AA and AAA
- Wet Wipes Unscented (50 sheets or less), baby wipes, hand sanitizer
- Beef Jerky, Trail Mixes, Nuts, sunflower seeds, etc.
- Powdered Drink Mixes – cold or hot
- Individual snack packs such as pretzels, crackers, chips or cookies, granola bars, snack bars, cereal bars, etc.
- Toiletries: Travel size shampoo, mouthwash, sunscreen, toothpaste, shave gel, lotion, hand sanitizer, or stick deodorant, Combs, toothbrushes, disposable razors
- Scented dryer sheets (helps to keep insects away)
- Sunglasses and sunblock
- Magazines, paperback books and word puzzles
- Pens, pencils, writing paper and envelopes



### Thanksgiving with the Troops

**Naval Station Great Lakes**, located in Lake County, is home to the United States Navy's only boot camp. Approximately 54,000 Navy recruits pass through this facility annually for 7 to 9 weeks of intensive training. During this time the recruits have limited communication with the world outside of the camp, including verbal communication with family.

For the past 5 years, our council has hosted a Thanksgiving Day dinner in McDonnell Hall for up to 40 of the men and women recruits. We cook and serve a full Thanksgiving meal, with turkey and all the sides of a typical family holiday feast. We also provide the recruits with laptops and cell phones to contact their family, since they have access to neither phones nor computers during their training.

This year several local merchants that provided food in past years have gone out of business, leaving us short on donations. If anyone feels called to donate to this worthy cause, we could use turkeys, sides, or desserts. In addition, we welcome anyone to stop by and join us on Thanksgiving Day to spend time visiting with these young adults who are preparing to serve our country.

Want to help? Send me an email at [kotleba@sbcglobal.net](mailto:kotleba@sbcglobal.net)

## Nativity Set Setup



Brothers,

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 still have our instructional videos online. 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/6jU5dWhnrm8>

Community Nativity Set

Cow: <http://youtu.be/Q0jH6L7QV74>

Community Nativity Set

Goat: <http://youtu.be/5nhw1TC2yc>

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 the Saturday after Thanksgiving; November 24th. 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 24th @ 8:30AM

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) with questions

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Founders' Days Parade	Michael Kouvelis	(312) 550-2627
ID Drive (Tootsie Rolls)	John Frazier	(847) 910-5031
Community Nativity Sets	Kevin Fitzgerald	(847) 658-6305
Nativity Set Construction	Ed Henning	(847) 658-8652
Christmas Tree Lot	Rene Mendez	(224) 402-5071
Co-Chair	Chris Burns	(847) 528-9452
Co-Chair	Dave Frendreiss	(847) 809-6891
Adopt-a-Highway	Steve Wilson	(847) 612-0667
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Family Picnic	Rene Mendez	(224) 402-5071
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Summer Basketball Camps	Nick Wake	(847) 854-6279
Perfect Attendance	Mark Ostrowski	(847) 778-4269
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Clay Pigeon Shoot	Jerry Ahler	(847) 658-1568
Flag Football	Ed Henning	(847) 458-9077
Paintball	Kevin Fitzgerald	(847) 658-6305
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Mass for Deceased Brothers	Dave Frendreiss	(847) 809-6891
Bereavement	Deacon Don Miller	(847) 915-8474
Hospital Visitation	Deacon Don Miller	(847) 915-8474
Inkjet/toner recycling	Dan Perna	(847) 658-6975
Pro-Life Mass	George Jost	(847) 658-8379
Life Chain	George Jost	(847) 658-8379

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4 Daylight Saving Time Ends 7:30a-8a Rosary after 7am Mass	5 7:30p-8p Prayers for Families in Need (Ministry Center)	6 Election Day 7p-9p Nativity Set Construction	7	8 7:30p-9:30p General Meeting (McDonnell Hall)	9	10
11 Veterans' Day	12	13 7p-9p Nativity Set Construction	14	15 Great American Smokeout 7:30p-8:30p Officers' Meeting	16	17 8p-9p Tree Lot Setup (St. Margaret Mary School, 119 S Hubbard St, Algonquin, IL 60102)
18 4:30p-5:30p Deceased Brother's Mass (St. Margaret Mary Catholic Church, 111 S Hubbard St, Algonquin, IL)	19	20 7p-9p Nativity Set Construction	21	22 Thanksgiving Day 7p-8p Adopt a Sailor (St. Margaret Mary School, 119 S Hubbard St, Algonquin, IL 60102)	23	24 Knightly News DEADLINE for Articles
25	26	27 7p-9p Nativity Set Construction 7:30p-9p Assembly Meeting (Bishop O'Neal Assembly) (Domoulin Farms)	28	29	30	

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						1 World AIDS Day
2 Advent begins 7:30a-8a Rosary after 7am Mass	3	4	5	6 7:30p-9:30p General Meeting (McDonnell Hall)	7	8
9 ??Blood Drive	10 Human Rights Day 7:30p-8p Prayers for Families in Need (Ministry Center)	11	12	13	14	15 KofC Christmas Party
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