



December 2018

# The Knightly News

Knights of Columbus St. Margaret Mary Council 11091

District # 45

[www.kofc11091.org](http://www.kofc11091.org)



## From the Grand Knight's Desk:

Brother Knights - November was another busy month for the council. First, a big Thank You to those that participated in our annual memorial service for deceased members. It was nice to see that our attendance was up over previous years. Dave Frendreiss

and Deacon Bob did a great job with the ceremony and the fellowship after the service. Though we hold this service only once per year, let us continue to pray for our departed brothers throughout the entire year.

I hope that you and your family had a chance to attend our parish mission. Fr. Jacques Philippe gave insight on personal prayer and the Beatitudes. I especially appreciated his explanation of what it means to be "poor in spirit".

Our Christmas Tree Lot setup was truly a challenge this year due to multiple events falling on the same date, and conflicts with member's personal schedules. On top of that, the truck with the trees arrived 2 hours early. A small group of dedicated volunteers, along with our co-chairs worked very hard to setup the lot and unload 500 trees that Saturday morning. They all deserve our thanks for bearing the brunt of that heavy lifting in support of one of our biggest events. Now that the trees are in place, we need workers to man the lot. Please use the online signup for the Tree Lot to cover a time slot, as it gives our co-chairs a clear idea of when coverage will be light. Sign up at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0949a9a829a2f58-tree3>

Another team of dedicated individuals worked to setup our community Nativity scenes. The number of sites were down due to road construction, so be on the lookout for possible locations to host a scene. Thanks also to those brothers who decorated the friary and the church exterior with festive lights. And, work continues Tuesday evenings packaging Nativity yard sets for the next couple of weeks.

In what has become a growing annual event, our Adopt-a-Sailor program grew in both the number of Navy recruits (45 in attendance) and in the number of volunteers. This year we opened the event to parishioners to assist with donations of food and to help with staffing, and they responded well beyond expectations. The recruits expressed their gratitude through individual personal messages of thanks, as well as with a rousing rendition of Anchors Away from the entire group.

We received back 97 raffle ticket books for the Illinois Vocations Support Program, a slight increase over last year's totals. Thank you to Gene Gonzalez for running this event.

Now on to December. Our Family Christmas Party will be held on Saturday, December 15<sup>th</sup>. This is a great event where all our families join together to celebrate the Christmas season and look back on another successful year of Charity, Fraternity, Unity, and Patriotism. I hope to see you all there.

Breakfast with Santa follows the next day on Sunday December 16<sup>th</sup>. Let's support Marv Basch in his first time chairing an event and provide lots of help to make this a well-staffed event.

We have our best opportunity of the year to bring in new members on December 20, at our ***Knight Before Christmas*** degree. We are arranging for a pulpit talk the weekend of the 15<sup>th</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup>, and I ask that each of you reach out on that weekend and invite a school dad or a non-Knight parishioner to join our council. Seal the deal by joining the candidate by coming to the degree on the 20<sup>th</sup>.

From my family to yours, wishing you a Joyous **Advent** and a Very **MERRY CHRISTMAS**

Vivat Jesus!

Dan Kotleba



## 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:

- 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 are included in the newsletter, forms and monies are due before the next assembly meeting Tuesday January 22<sup>nd</sup> at St. Mary's in Huntley. Please see Kevin Wright or Mark Halper for further details.

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)

## Christmas Tree Lot Underway



Stop by and give us a hand when you can!



## Thanksgiving with the Troops



## Newman

The Newman Apostolate Program is the Knights of Columbus number one charity in Illinois. The Newman Program supports Newman Centers at public colleges and universities to provide a “Home Parish” away from home for our young people.

These Newman Centers afford our young adults the opportunity to grow in their faith, giving them a place to seek comfort and friendship in a non-threatening atmosphere and escape the pressures and obstacles present in today’s college life. Financial support for this program comes primarily from Knights of Columbus members. You should have received a mailing recently, please pray and consider what you can do to support the Newman Program.

## Join the McGivney Guild

### FATHER MICHAEL J. MCGIVNEY GUILD

The Order of the Knights of Columbus has established The Father McGivney Guild to promote the cause for canonization of our founder, Father Michael J. McGivney. The goal of the Guild is to spread the good word about his holiness of life, to encourage devotion to his memory, and to seek his intercession before the throne of God. The Guild serves as a clearinghouse for information about Father McGivney, his life and works, and any favors attributed to his intercession. Father McGivney is a unique model for today’s Catholic and today’s Catholic priest because of his attention to the social ills and injustices of his day and his collaboration with the laity. He was zealous for the life of union with God through prayer and the sacraments, and he would have been right at home in today’s world. He was then and would be today an eager apostle for the Gospel of life, and a determined foe of the culture of death.

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. All one need do is fill out the application below and mail it in to become enrolled. There is no charge to enroll, but donations are accepted.

The Guild is anxious to receive reports of favors received through Father McGivney’s intercession. It is not only miracles that are required to move the cause forward, but witnesses to the power of the servant of God’s prayers before the throne of God.

As a member of the Guild you will receive a newsletter and periodic updates on the progress of the cause for canonization. Welcome to the Guild. We ask your prayerful support that God’s will be done and that the Spirit guide us at each step along the way.

Complete and return to The Father McGivney Guild, 1 Columbus Plaza, New Haven, CT 06510-3326.

**YES**  I wish to enroll in the Guild and to receive the newsletter.

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address \_\_\_\_\_  
 City/State/Country \_\_\_\_\_

Please list below the names and addresses of any family or friends who might be interested in the Guild’s work.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Address \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address \_\_\_\_\_ Address \_\_\_\_\_  
 City/State/Country \_\_\_\_\_ City/State/Country \_\_\_\_\_

**MONTHLY MASS FOR GUILD MEMBERS**

Please remember these specific intentions at the monthly Mass for Guild members.

1. \_\_\_\_\_  
 2. \_\_\_\_\_  
 3. \_\_\_\_\_  
 4. \_\_\_\_\_

If you wish to make a tax-deductible contribution to support the mission of the Guild, checks should be made payable to The Father McGivney Guild, 1 Columbus Plaza, New Haven, CT 06510-3326. 4046 5/98

Click here to [Go to the Website for more info!](#)

# A Portfolio of Protection

The Knights of Columbus offers a full-line of quality, flexible products backed by our top-rated financial strength\* to help protect your Catholic family.

## Permanent Life Insurance

Our signature product. Insure your life for life.

## Term Life Insurance

Affordable protection for temporary needs.

## Retirement Annuities

Retirement income you can count on. Guaranteed.

## Long-Term Care Insurance

Protect your assets. Get quality care. Prepare for the future.

## Disability Income Insurance

Receive an income even when you can't work.

Contact me today to learn more:



Knights of Columbus®  
**INSURANCE**  
YOUR SHIELD FOR LIFE



**Tom Varkados**  
*Field Agent*

847-951-3663

[thomas.varkados@kofc.org](mailto:thomas.varkados@kofc.org)



LIFE INSURANCE • DISABILITY INCOME INSURANCE • LONG-TERM CARE INSURANCE • RETIREMENT ANNUITIES

\* Rated A+ Superior by AM Best

Gen\_Portfolio, Exp. 07/31/19

# Directors & Chairmen

## Vocations

<b>Director - Chancellor</b>	<b>Dave Frendreiss</b>	<b>(847) 809-6891</b>
Vocational Raffle	Gene Gonzales	(630) 660-5925
Seminarian Support	Rick Orabutt	(224) 678-9260

## Service Programs

<b>Director</b>	<b>Rick Limbach</b>	<b>(847) 269-4195</b>
Degree Team*	Chris Gonzales	(630) 660-5925
Membership Development	Rick Limbach	(847) 269-4195
Membership Promotions	Kevin Wright	(224) 699-0599

## Faith

<b>Director</b>	<b>Rob Retzer</b>	<b>(847) 458-1352</b>
First Sunday Rosary	Rob Beyer	(224) 333-0592
Eucharistic Adoration	Deacon Maher	(847) 658-5788
Church/School Painting	Ken Prigge	(630) 730-2754
Bibles for RE	Bob Armstrong	(847) 658-9942
Marytown Ministry	Deacon Maher	(847) 658-5788
Christmas Church Lights	Mark Ostrowski	(847) 778-4269
St. Vincent DePaul	Dean Duley	(630) 669-4495
Youth Ministry Support	Bob Armstrong	(847) 658-9942
Prison Ministry	Deacon Maher	(847) 658-5788
Fall Retreat	Stuart Kuczynski	(847) 987-6391

## Community

<b>Director</b>	<b>Paul Evans</b>	<b>(847) 400-4298</b>
Blood Drive	Scott Shepard	(847) 344-4312
Recycling & Wheelchair	Tim O'Neill	(847) 658-5149
Founders' Days	Ken Prigge	(630) 730-2754
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
Free Throw Contest	Nick Wake	(847) 854-6279
Scholarship Essay	Dan Perna	(847) 658-6975
Hammer Open	Kevin Fitzgerald	(847) 658-6305
Military Support	John Wolak	(224) 600-8604
Sports Mania	Kevin Wright	(224) 699-0599
Poker	Dave Frendreiss	(847) 809-6891
Oktoberfest	Chris Hubbuch	(224) 241-8214

## Family

<b>Director</b>	<b>John Barrett</b>	<b>(847) 658-4688</b>
Christmas Party	Ken Prigge	(630) 730-2754
State Kamporee	Tom Lambert	(847) 354-5764
Co-Chair	Kevin Fitzgerald	(847) 658-6305
Family Picnic	Rene Mendez	(224) 402-5071
Co-Chair	Dave Frendreiss	(847) 809-6891
Feed My Starving Children	John Barrett	(847) 658-4688
Back to School Grilling	Mark Ostrowski	(847) 658-8001
Altar Server Appreciation	John Schneider	(312) 953-8754
Nativity Magnets/Decals	Dan Limbach	(224) 829-1914
Co-Chair	Tom McCabe	(847) 658-3372
Cub, Boy, & Venture Scouts	Richard Orabutt	(224) 678-9260
Summer Basketball Camps	Nick Wake	(847) 854-6279
Perfect Attendance	Mark Ostrowski	(847) 778-4269
Adopt-A-Sailor	Tom McCabe	(847) 658-3372
Clay Pigeon Shoot	Jerry Ahler	(847) 658-1568
Flag Football	Ed Henning	(847) 458-9077
Paintball	Kevin Fitzgerald	(847) 658-6305
Breakfasts	Marv Basch	(847) 612-8443
Fish Fry	Ken Prigge	(630) 730-2754
Father's Day Mass	Warren Coler	(847) 854-8007

## Life

<b>Director</b>	<b>George Jost</b>	<b>(847) 658-8379</b>
Special Olympics	Larry O'Brien	(847) 658-1364
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

## Standing Committees:

Charitable Contributions	Jeff Wuensch	(847) 458-9102
Public Relations	Joe Bongiovanni	(847) 254-0837
Newsletter	Kevin Wright	(224) 699-0599
Shutterfly Photos	Dan Kotleba	(815) 451-6171
Email List	Dan Limbach	(224) 829-1914
Social Media	Joe Bongiovanni	(847) 254-0837
Multimedia Show	Dan Limbach	(224) 829-1914
Anniversary Dinner	Chris Burns	(847) 528-9452
Web Site	Joe Bongiovanni	(847) 254-0837
Signage	Patrick Colcernian	(847) 854-6051
Online Calendar	Kevin Wright	(224) 699-0599

## Officers:

Grand Knight	Dan Kotleba	(815) 451-6171
Deputy Grand Knight	Chris Burns	(847) 528-9452
Chaplain	Fr. Peter Sarnicki	
Chancellor	Dave Frendreiss	(847) 809-6891
Warden	Dave Campbell	(815) 382-8181
Financial Secretary	Greg Freund	(847) 907-0330
Advocate	John Schneider	(312) 953-8754
Treasurer	George Kurkowski	(312) 919-3564
Recorder	Jerry Gard	(847) 854-7430
Inside Guard	John Wolak	(224) 600-8604
Outside Guard	Tom Piemonte	(847) 658-4233
Trustee 3 Year	Chris Hubbuch	(224) 241-8214
Trustee 2 Year	Scott Nejman	(847) 687-2278
Trustee 1 Year	Dan Perna	(847) 658-6975
Lecturer	Stuart Kuczynski	(847) 987-6391
District Deputy	Steve Zalas	(815) 575-2933
Field Agent	Tom Varkados	(847) 951-3663

\*\*\* Newsletter Submissions by 4<sup>th</sup> Sat of month \*\*\*

Please email your articles and photos (with comments) to:

Kevin Wright ([KevinWarrenWright@gmail.com](mailto:KevinWarrenWright@gmail.com))

[Click here to see Newsletter Archives](#)

~ December 2018 ~						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						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
16 Breakfast with Santa	17	18	19	20 7:30p-9p Officer's Meeting 8p-9p 1st Degree	21 Winter Solstice (Northern) 8p-9p Feed My Starving Children	22 Knighthly News DEADLINE for Articles
23	24	25 Christmas	26	27	28	29
30	31					

~ January 2019 ~						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 New Year's Day	2	3 7:30p-9:30p General Meeting (McDonnell Hall)	4	5
6 Epiphany 7:30a-8a Rosary after 7am Mass	7 7:30p-8p Prayers for Families in Need (Ministry Center)	8	9	10	11 Human Trafficking Awareness	12 2:30p-4:30p Free Throw Competition
13	14	15	16	17 7:30p-8:30p Officers' Meeting	18	19
20	21 Martin Luther King	22 7:30p-9p Assembly Meeting (Bishop O'Neal Assembly) (TBD)	23	24	25	26 Australia Day Knighthly News DEADLINE for Articles 7p-8p Pasta Dinner (St. Margaret Mary School, 119 S Hubbard St, Algonquin, IL 60102)
27	28	29	30	31		