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# *The Knightly News*

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

District # 45

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## **From the Grand Knight's Desk:**

This winter season has certainly been a challenge. We have experienced it all from pouring rain in December, to multiple heavy snowstorms in January, and as I write this, a forecasted high of -15 with wind chills of -55 tomorrow. Still, God is Great and our good works

continue onward.

Our calendar does lighten up a bit in the months of January and February. We did hold the Council level of the Free Throw Championship mid-month. My thanks to Nick Wake and the volunteers that helped him with this event.

This year our council has been designated to also host the District level of the competition. We will need a few hands to work the event that brings in the top shooters from each of our neighboring councils. Plan to come out and join us on Saturday February 9<sup>th</sup> to see the best compete with hopes of advancing to the Regional level of competition.

A truly special event was held two weeks later on the 26<sup>th</sup>. Our council partners with the St. Vincent de Paul Society to arrange for a free Italian Pasta Dinner for local families in need. This is made possible by the support of our members and parishioners through their generous donations towards the meal. With the lessons learned from last year's event, the bar was set higher and I have to say that the team nailed it. The room was beautifully decorated, the pasta and gravy delicious, the dessert donations plentiful, and the volunteers showed up in force. The menu was augmented this year to include tableside dinner preparation from not one but two Iron Chefs, who brought the show right to you. There are too many people call out individually to thank for their efforts, but a shout out to co-chairs Greg Haluczak and Greg Freund for hosting a spectacular dinner.

January is also the month when the Supreme Council requires us to submit our local council totals for volunteer hours and charitable donations. As we tally these numbers, it serves as a reminder to me of why I joined the Knights. We are a wonderful organization for those that believe in stewardship through the sharing of time, talent, and treasure.

Please see the Help Wanted section of the newsletter for some positions that need leadership. We are a dynamic group, that requires continuous influx of new men willing to step up, to allow the current chairmen to develop new events. This flow helps our council vitality, and keeps our events interesting and inspirational to all. Along this line, Welcome to Joe Uehline who is taking over from John Wolak as the chairman for our Military Support efforts. Thanks for your service John and Joe!

Finally, it has been noted that requests for payment of expenses, or event cash advances, have been coming in to the Treasurer at the last minute, sometimes as late as in the middle of our council meetings. Please note the following process for check requests:

- Events need to have a budget approved before any check request can be submitted.
- Check request forms (and receipts) should be emailed to the Treasurer at least a day or two ahead of the general council meeting. Contact our Treasurer [GeorgeKurkowski@hotmail.com](mailto:GeorgeKurkowski@hotmail.com) with any questions.
- Charitable donation requests that are raised and paid at the same meeting have a \$500 limit
- Requests for charitable donations above \$500 must be discussed and approved at the council meeting, with payment issued at the next scheduled general council meeting

An early heads up: The date of our April general council meeting will be moving to the following week. Thursday April 4<sup>th</sup> is the Sacrament of Confirmation at St. Margaret Mary, so our meeting will be moved to the 11<sup>th</sup>.

I hope to see you at our meeting on February 7<sup>th</sup>. Before the meeting begins, John Frazier will be presenting checks from the proceeds of our September LD-ID (Tootsie Roll) drive to Northern Illinois Special Recreation Association (NISRA) and the Barrington School for ID. It is always a rewarding experience to see the end result of our efforts as we hand over checks to deserving organizations..

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. While the deadline has passed to join the 4<sup>th</sup> degree this day, existing 4<sup>th</sup> degree members can still attend the degree to support the new candidates and refresh your memories on the lessons taught in this degree.
- Tuesday February 26<sup>th</sup> – next general meeting at 7:30 p.m. at the Elgin Council Hall 10 Villa Ct. in Elgin. This is a great opportunity to learn about upcoming 4<sup>th</sup> degree activities and learn about the different programs the local councils in the area are doing.
- Saturday March 9<sup>th</sup> – Color guard requested for the annual East Dundee St. Patrick’s day parade. Further details to come closer to the day of the event, keep an eye out for emails.
- Saturday March 9<sup>th</sup> – Color guard requested for the annual St. Margaret Mary Shamrock Shave. SUT 6:00 p.m.
- Saturday March 16<sup>th</sup> – Honor guard requested for Confirmation at St. Catherine of Siena 845 W. Main St. West Dundee. Bishop Malloy will be celebrating 10:00 a.m. Mass, 9:30 a.m. SUT.
- Saturday March 23<sup>rd</sup> – Honor guard requested for Confirmation at St. Monica 90 N. Kennedy Dr. Carpentersville. Bishop Malloy will be celebrating 9:30 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. Masses, 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. SUT.
- Sunday March 24<sup>th</sup> – Honor guard requested for Confirmation at St. Mary 10307 Dundee Road in Huntley. Bishop Malloy will be celebrating 2:00 p.m. and 4:30 p.m. Masses, 1:30 p.m. and 4:00 p.m. SUT.
- Saturday April 13<sup>th</sup> - 4<sup>th</sup> degree exemplification at Santa Maria del Popolo Parish Center in Mundelein. 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. Registration forms will be available soon, for now please reserve the date and budget accordingly.

- A tuxedo is available, size 42 jacket 34/30 pants. Price is negotiable, please see Mark Halper for 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)  
Kevin Wright at 224-699-0599  
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Sessions begin Tuesday March 12

Do you have a friend, relative or neighbor that has drifted away from the Church? Wouldn't it be great to have them join our council and be part of parish life with you and your family? The first step back can be the most difficult, but so often no one has ever invited them. Catholics Returning Home is a great way for them to find the answers they are searching for and to experience the love and concern of our community.

**Why not invite someone you know and consider coming with them to help them overcome their fears? Parishioners and friends are welcome to join us for any of the sessions.**

God puts people in our lives for a reason. Look around you and pray for His help to share your Faith; your greatest gift. Send this link to someone you know and invite them home today!

<http://saintmargaretmary.org/crh/>



For more information pick up a brochure in the Church lobby, check our parish website or contact brother knight Dave Philipps at 815-347-6093 or email [catholicsreturninghome@yahoo.com](mailto:catholicsreturninghome@yahoo.com)



The Knights of Columbus are hosting a BLOOD DRIVE on Sunday, February 10 from 7:00 AM until 1:00 PM. in McDonnell Hall. Thanks for your support. Our last blood drive saved 87 lives!

Every two seconds someone needs blood. Did you know that 38% of the population is eligible to donate blood, yet only 10% of those regularly donate. Despite extensive advancements in medical technology there is no substitute for human blood. It is very rewarding to know you are helping to save lives through such a small sacrifice. Donate blood. Support life.

If you cannot make this Blood Drive, please consider donating at the LifeSource Center in Crystal Lake, IL and telling the staff that the donation is to be made for U202 which is the code for St. Margaret Mary Knights of Columbus.

Other 2019 blood drive dates include: Apr 7, Jun 9, Aug 11, Oct 13 and Dec 8

To give blood you must be 17 years old or older and in good health and bring a photo ID. You can also give blood if you are age 16 with the written consent of a parent. Refreshments will be served. Please make arrangements to join us for this event and give the gift of life. If you have any questions you can contact us at [blooddrive@koc11091.org](mailto:blooddrive@koc11091.org).





Football is now a distant memory and we are already looking ahead to March Madness!

HoopsMania is our sports charity fundraiser based upon the college basketball's national championship tournament. ***This year each card costs only \$10.*** Each card will have 8 random seed numbers (1-8) on it. Every game card has an equal chance of winning. After the team seeds are announced (the week before the tournament starts), write them on your ticket and start cheering for your teams! When the tournament is over, there are 75 chances to win, with the **Grand Prize of \$500!**

We have 100 paper tickets which will be distributed at the February and March meetings. Please take tickets and sell them to your friends, family and workmates. Buy one yourself and get in on the action!

We can also sell tickets on-line (**E-Tickets**). Just copy and give this website link <http://www.charitymania.com/give/L9032> to anyone and they can order their E-Tickets online. E-Tickets look and act just like paper tickets and can be printed out. When an E-Ticket is purchased, it is automatically registered and activated.

Speaking of E-Tickets, there is a new promotion this year also ... ***buy 5 and get 1 free!*** Check it out at the E-Ticket website.

**CRITICAL** ... All Paper tickets **MUST** be registered to be activated. Please return completed ticket stubs and money to Kevin Wright (224) 699-0599 on or before **March 20, 2019**. After all, it is called **MARCH MADNESS!**

## January Madness???

On January 12<sup>th</sup>, kids participate in our Free Throw Championship. Winners go on to District on Feb 9.



## **RELIGIOUS EDUCATION/YOUTH MINISTRY DREAM CAME TRUE WITH THE HELP OF THE KNIGHTS!**

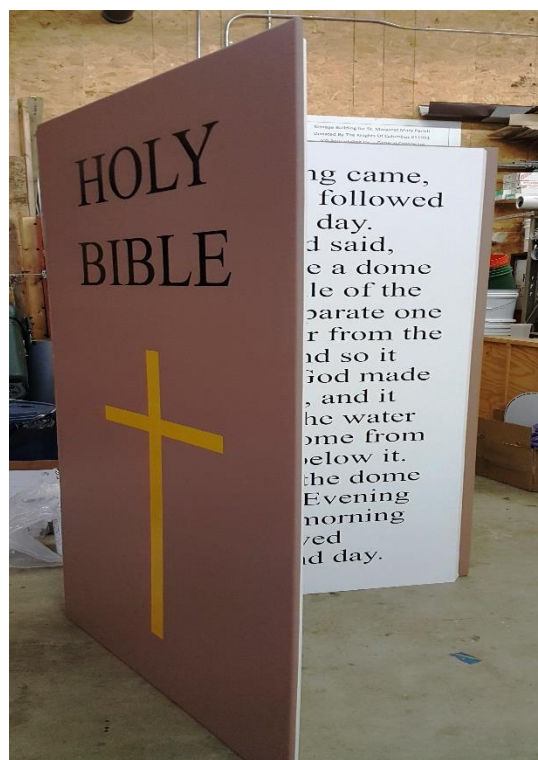
The Knights of Columbus have always been supportive of Religious Education and Youth Ministry. This year we asked them to collaborate on a very BIG project for our GATHER families who meet Sunday mornings and Wednesday evenings. We are studying the Old Testament this year and wanted to make a gigantic Bible for a prop that would stay on stage. Next year we are studying the New Testament so we will keep the Bible on stage for another great year. Since we always do a Scripture Passage for Vacation Bible School, we will incorporate it into one of the classrooms in June.

We didn't know how something like a gigantic Bible would be constructed, so we asked the Knights to help us with the idea and they made it come to life.

What does it do for our GATHER families? It brings the exciting stories of the Old Testament "to life"! We have had many skits where Noah, Moses and David *came out from behind the Bible!* You should see the faces of the children when Adam and Eve came out of the Bible and talked about their relationship with God walking in the Garden.

It is all because of the generosity of Knights that this "Dream" of a Gigantic BIBLE came to fruition.

Thank you Knights, you are dear to our hearts!  
Ellie Nelson, DRE  
Teresa Chiappone DYM/AFF



Now THAT'S a Bible!

Stations of the Cross revitalized outside of McDonnell Hall? Take a look!





## **Pasta Dinner**

Cookin' it, Servin' it, Eatin' it and Cleanin' it.  
Absolutely the best pasta in town!  
Jan 26, 2019!



# Help Wanted

We need **help** in our council in the following positions.  
Most positions involve little effort, while others require commitment.  
Please reflect on these and bring us your time and talent.



## **Family Picnic Chairman**

We are looking for a new chairman (or chairmen) for the family picnic usually held in June along with the officer's installation. This is a fun event that we do to get together as a council to eat, hang out, and play some outdoor games. There is no concern with making a profit since we aren't selling anything so your menu can be much different than our profit-making events where effort, ingredient cost, ability to stay fresh when waiting to be bought, selling price, and profit are all considerations. You can choose to show off your culinary prowess or provide a simple backyard type BBQ.

This is a perfect event for a Knight who hasn't chaired an event before. This was my first event 3 years ago with Rene. It can be as simply or complicated as you want to do it. We progressed from very simple with hamburgers and hotdogs that first year to a smoked meat fest last year featuring the Fitzgerald and Limbach beef brisket and pork butt and my "Aunt Nancy's" baked beans. Chairing an event might seem intimidating or overwhelming to some guys. You shouldn't think of it that way at all. We have notes from previous events, which will help with the planning. There is less to be concerned about than one might think and the support of the council and individual Knights is simply incredible. There will be Knights at your event who have chaired the event before and could easily run it. They will often offer you support in terms of suggestions on how to do certain parts of the event always encouraging you to make the final decision as the chair and they will help with the most menial task without hesitation. You will be very happy with the support your council gives you and I suspect that you will be looking for the next event before the first one is finished. I plan to help and support you in the planning and at the event as much as you want as well.

Welcome to our Help Wanted section! No more wondering what you can do to help. Here you can easily see where help is needed!  
Directors and Chairmen, you can post positions where you need help.  
Please submit the job description and contact information to the Editor before the monthly deadline.





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# Directors & Chairmen

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Blood Drive	Scott Shepard	(847) 344-4312
Christmas Tree Lot	Rene Mendez	(224) 402-5071
Co-Chair	Chris Burns	(847) 528-9452
Co-Chair	Dave Frendreiss	(847) 809-6891
Community Nativity Sets	Kevin Fitzgerald	(847) 658-6305
Founders' Days	Ken Prigge	(630) 730-2754
Founders' Days Parade	Michael Kouvelis	(312) 550-2627
Free Throw Contest	Nick Wake	(847) 854-6279
Hammer Open	Kevin Fitzgerald	(847) 658-6305
ID Drive (Tootsie Rolls)	John Frazier	(847) 910-5031
Military Support	Joe Uehlein	(847) 331-1801
Nativity Set Construction	Ken Prigge	(630) 730-2754
Oktoberfest	Chris Hubbuch	(224) 241-8214
Poker	Dave Frendreiss	(847) 809-6891
Recycling & Wheelchair	Tim O'Neill	(847) 658-5149
Scholarship Essay	Dan Perna	(847) 658-6975
Sports Mania	Kevin Wright	(224) 699-0599

## Faith

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

## Family

Director	John Barrett	(847) 658-4688
Adopt-A-Sailor	Tom McCabe	(847) 658-3372
Altar Server Appreciation	John Schneider	(312) 953-8754
Back to School Grilling	Mark Ostrowski	(847) 658-8001
Breakfasts	Marv Basch	(847) 612-8443
Christmas Party	Larry O'Brien	(847) 658-1364
Clay Pigeon Shoot	Jerry Ahler	(847) 658-1568
Family Picnic	Dave Frendreiss	(847) 809-6891
Father's Day Mass	Warren Coler	(847) 854-8007
Feed My Starving Children	John Barrett	(847) 658-4688
Fish Fry	Ken Prigge	(630) 730-2754
Flag Football	Ed Henning	(847) 458-9077
Nativity Magnets/Decals	Dan Limbach	(224) 829-1914
Pasta Dinner	Greg Haluczak	(847) 571-7830
Perfect Attendance	Mark Ostrowski	(847) 778-4269
State Kamporee	Kevin Fitzgerald	(847) 658-6305
Summer Basketball Camps	Nick Wake	(847) 854-6279

## Life

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Mass for Deceased Brothers	Dave Frendreiss	(847) 809-6891
Bereavement	Deacon Miller	(847) 915-8474
Hospital Visitation	Deacon Miller	(847) 915-8474
Inkjet/toner recycling	Dan Perna	(847) 658-6975
Pro-Life Mass	George Jost	(847) 658-8379
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9 Days for Life Novena	George Jost	(847) 658-8379

## Service Programs

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Degree Team*	Kevin Fitzgerald	(847) 658-6305
Membership Development	Rick Limbach	(847) 269-4195
Membership Promotions	Kevin Wright	(224) 699-0599

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Online Calendar	Kevin Wright	(224) 699-0599
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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
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3 Super Bowl 7:30a-8a Rosary after 7am Mass	4	5 Chinese New Year	6	7 7:30p-9:30p General Meeting (McDonnell Hall)	8	9 12p-2p District Free Throw Competition
10	11 7:30p-8p Prayers for Families in Need (Ministry Center)	12	13	14 Valentine's Day	15	16 9p-10p 4th Degree Exemplification
17	18 Presidents Day	19	20 8p-9p Feed My Starving Children	21 6:30p-7:30p Officers' Meeting (early) (McDonnell Hall) 8p-9p 1st Degree	22	23 Knightly News DEADLINE for Articles
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3 7:30a-8a Rosary after 7am Mass	4	5 Mardi Gras	6 Ash Wednesday	7 7:30p-9:30p General Meeting (McDonnell Hall)	8 International Women's Day	9
10 Daylight Saving Time Begins 10p-11p Major Degree (St Thomas Apostle Catholic Church\n272 King St\, Crystal Lake\, IL)	11 7:30p-8p Prayers for Families in Need (Ministry Center)	12	13	14 World Kidney Day	15 Fish Fry	16
17 Saint Patrick's Day	18	19	20 Spring Begins	21 7:30p-8:30p Officers' Meeting	22	23 Knightly News DEADLINE for Articles
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