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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:



Brother Knights!

The Good Thief hung on the cross next to Christ and pled: "Jesus, remember me when you come into your Kingdom." Jesus replied "Today you will be with me in Heaven."

I'll bet there were lots of thieves in Jesus' time. The Bible tells many stories about thieves, tax collectors and sinners. Many of them were told, when they came to Jesus, that their faith has saved them. But this guy... would you say he waited until the last minute?

We don't know what he did, but since he admitted that he was justly convicted, and ruefully admitted that being sentenced to a horrible, drawn-out death on the cross wasn't *entirely* out of line, he must have led a pretty sinful life. Of all the many thieves of the time, how many happened to have Christ crucified next to him? How many got that chance of a last second reprieve? Perhaps he should not be known as "The Good Thief," but, even more so, "The Lucky Thief." Procrastinators - like me - say, "There's plenty of time. I'll do it tomorrow." How many tomorrows do we have? When have we done enough? How much longer do we have to earn our way into Heaven? What are the odds that when our time comes we'll get the chance to say -- with our next-to-last breath -- "Hey, can you put me over there next to that guy on the cross? I've got a favor to ask him."

When are you going to get just a little more active and closer to Him?

As less-than-perfect men, we became Knights for many reasons, but mainly to do God's work while we are here on earth. To help others in need. To draw a

little closer to Him. Maybe to earn His smile when our names are read from the Book.

We recently got to host about 30 Navy recruits for one of our favorite events – Adopt-A-Sailor. Young men and women from around the country all go through "boot camp" at Great Lakes Naval Station for nine weeks. We provided a home-cooked Thanksgiving meal in a home-like environment, and a chance to talk to their families for the first time in many weeks through the loan of our phones and laptops as they go through this transformative time in their young lives. That required a lot of love and time from a lot of our Knights and their families.

We had more than 20 Knights, and their friends and families, construct our Christmas tree lot and then unload and display more than 300 trees and wreaths to provide to our friends and neighbors this Holy season. We also need more volunteers to man the tree lot for the next few weeks until Christmas.

We lead Rosary prayers after 7:00 a.m. Mass. We participate in Eucharistic Adorations. We'll provide a Breakfast with Santa for families of the parish. We support young men and women in their Holy Vocations, and St. Vincent DePaul, the local Food Pantry, people with Intellectual Disabilities, and so much more! We have so many opportunities for Knights to do good works. We need more Knights to actively participate.

And, if you have a friend who wants to get closer to Heaven, he can become A Knight Before Christmas!

Don't wait until the last minute, and don't hang your hopes for Eternity on "Luck."

Vivat Jesus!

Chris Burns



4th Degree Activities

“Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude and insult you, and denounce your name as evil on account of the Son of Man.”-Luke 6:22

Upcoming events and activities are as follows:

- Sunday December 15th – Honor guard requested for Simbang Gabi at St. Thomas More, 215 St. Thomas More Drive in Elgin, 7:00 p.m. Mass, 6:30 p.m. SUT
- Thursday December 19th – Honor guard requested for Simbang Gabi at St. Catherine of Siena 845 West Main Street in West Dundee. Bishop Malloy will be celebrating 7:00 p.m. Mass, 6:30 p.m. SUT.
- Tuesday January 28th - next general meeting at 7:30 p.m. at St. Catherine of Siena 845 West Main Street in West Dundee. This is a great opportunity to learn about upcoming 4th degree activities and learn about the different programs the local councils in the area are doing. This is also the deadline for forms and monies for the 4th degree exemplification on 2/22.
- Saturday February 22nd - 4th degree exemplification at the Sheraton Lisle. This is a great opportunity to advance to full Knighthood, learning the Patriotic lessons of the Order so you have an opportunity to participate in wakes for fallen brothers, Confirmations and other special Masses, parades, and so on. This is also an opportunity for existing 4th degree members to attend and support the new candidates as well as refresh your memories on the lessons taught in this degree. Further details to follow, for now plan and budget accordingly. Forms and monies must be turned in at the January 28th assembly meeting.
- Saturday May 9th - 4th degree exemplification at St. Edna's in Arlington Heights. This is a great opportunity to advance to full Knighthood,

learning the Patriotic lessons of the Order so you have an opportunity to participate in wakes for fallen brothers, Confirmations and other special Masses, parades, and so on. This is also an opportunity for existing 4th degree members to attend and support the new candidates as well as refresh your memories on the lessons taught in this degree. Further details to follow, for now plan 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 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. Especially as all assemblies are working to rebuild their Color Corps, we need to step forward and help each other out which includes honor and color guard requests outside of our typical geographic area. If we want others to support us at our events, we need to reciprocate that is the brotherly and fraternal thing to do.

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 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 or Kevin Wright at 224-699-0599 KevinWarrenWright@gmail.com



Adopt a Sailor for Thanksgiving

A very special thank you to my brother Knights and their wives, Fr. Peter, and our fellow parishioners who assisted with the 7th Annual Adopt-a-Sailor event on Thanksgiving Day. Volunteer turnout for setup was great, and a number of you chose to spend all or part of your holiday visiting with these impressive young adults who are preparing to serve our country. We hosted 30 Navy recruits this year. With support from our own St. Margaret Mary Catholic School children who created colorful placemats and a special American flag decoration to honor the recruits, the Algonquin Police department, the Algonquin-LITH Fire Protection District, and our bus driver Sue Perna, we were able to show the recruits our appreciation for their service.



Please thank and support the local merchants who donated food to the event, including Algonquin merchants Sal's Pizza Company, The Texan BBQ, Cattleman's Burger and Brew, River Bottom Coffee & Ice Cream, and Golden Corral, as well as The Assembly American Bar & Cafe in Hoffman Estates.

We are already looking forward to next year!

Dan Kotleba
815-451-6171





Feed My Starving Children

You only must participate one time and you will be hooked. Feed My Starving Children is your chance to give of your time (just an hour or so in the evening) BUT really make a difference for children in the world who are literally STARVING! Please come and see how easy and fulfilling it is. Our next event is December 11. You can drive yourself to their new Schaumburg facility or you can meet up with us at 7:00pm in the St. Margaret Mary parking lot to share a ride. See John Barrett (847) 658-4688 for more details.

Newman Fund

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 receive a mailing in the near future, please pray and consider what you can do to support the Newman Program.

We have been blessed to have a few members of our council who have been generous of their treasure to be Century Donors of this program, a few of them for close to 30 years! Please consider what you can do to support the Newman Program.



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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.



Free Throw Competition Chairman Serve as the leader of the local council level Free Throw Competition held every January at SMM school gym. Duties include securing reservation of the gym, promoting the event to the community, and coordinating the event on the selected Saturday. The Free Throw Competition itself runs approximately 2 hours, and the total time commitment for this role is approximately 4 hours.

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.

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 _____ Name _____

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.

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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	(248) 798-7014
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	Phil Minarik	
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
Prison Ministry	Deacon Maher	(847) 658-5788
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 Campbell	(815) 382-8181
	John Schneider	(312) 953-8754
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
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Life Chain	George Jost	(847) 658-8379
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
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Trustee 1 Year	Scott Nejman	(847) 687-2278
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District Deputy	Phil	(815) 575-2933
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Kevin Wright (KevinWarrenWright@gmail.com)

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8 Xmas Tree Lot Sales 7a-1p BLOOD DRIVE (St. Margaret Mary Catholic Church\, 111 S Hubbard St\, Algonquin\,)	9 Xmas Tree Lot Sales 7:30p-8p Prayers for Families in Need (Ministry Center)	10 Xmas Tree Lot Sales	11 Xmas Tree Lot Sales 8p-9p Feed My Starving Children (Feed My Starving Children\, 740 Wiley Farm Ct\, Schaumburg\, IL 60)	12 Xmas Tree Lot Sales	13 Xmas Tree Lot Sales	14 Xmas Tree Lot Sales
15 Xmas Tree Lot Sales	16 Xmas Tree Lot Sales	17 Xmas Tree Lot Sales	18 Xmas Tree Lot Sales	19 Xmas Tree Lot Sales 6:30p-7:30p Officers' Meeting (early) (McDonnell Hall) 8p-9p 1st Degree	20 Xmas Tree Lot Sales	21 Xmas Tree Lot Sales 8p-9p Christmas Party
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