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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!

Happy New Year!

Each year we take the time to greet the New Year with new hope. Perhaps we make a few Resolutions (which seldom survive until Easter – or maybe St Patrick's Day)!

Personally, I take the time for a deep breath, and a long, slow exhale. What a crazy, busy time of year! As Americans, we began months ago - before Thanksgiving, and planning, shopping, wrapping, decorating, cooking. Then there are parties, travel, gift giving, celebrating with our families and extended families, friends and neighbors. As Knights, well, double that.

We began the season with planning and preparing for Adopt-A-Sailor, which has become even more rewarding as we've invited more of the parish to get involved. Then the Tree Lot was supported by so many of our Knights and families (thank you) for set-up, selling the trees, wreaths, and Nativity sets, and dismantling the lot. This year we purchased over 300 trees, in part due to the compressed season (Thanksgiving coming late). Due to the good luck of great weather, and loyal customers, we sold all of our trees early this year – raising thousands of dollars for our charities. Meanwhile, we set up all of the Nativity sets around town. We decorated the Friary and Church with lights and trees. We invited parishioners to become a Knight Before Christmas and welcomed two new Knights. Just a few days later we set up and enjoyed our Knights family Christmas party, followed just a few hours later by our Breakfast with Santa for the parish.

We held a Blood Drive, and we had a number of Knights work to Feed My Starving Children.

And now it's time to take down the Nativity sets around town, collect them, clean them and put them away for next year. We need help Saturday morning, Jan 4 at 8:30.

And looking into the new year, although the pace slackens a bit, we have a Free Throw Competition, Anniversary Dinner, a Major Degree, maybe a Pasta Dinner in the next few months, more Blood Drives, and the Shamrock Shave and Lenten Fish Fry's are not too far over the horizon.

What am I forgetting? Oh, yeah. "Round yon Virgin, mother and child / Holy infant so tender and mild / Sleep in Heavenly peace..." Wise men had to travel afar. We should keep that silent night, that Holy night with us the whole year, by praying the Rosary daily as we were implored to do when we became Knights.

I'll put in a plug for That Man Is You - if you can take the time early Saturday mornings at 6:00 AM. Like a morning prayer, it's a good way to examine what we need to do to become Catholic leaders for our families and our community. And sharing the time with brother Knights and other parish men reinforces the spirit. Maybe that's my New Year's Resolution? Good thing I didn't make that resolution about donuts...

Take time to take care of yourselves. The Holy Spirit and the baby Jesus will help you.

Adeste Fideles!

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:

- 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

Breakfast With Santa

Santa arrived late this year, December 22nd, as it was the only date available due to a busy church calendar. We once again wish to thank all the Knights who came out and set up and worked the breakfast. It is amazing to watch everyone come together to run the operation. Everyone knows what to do and if we run into a problem, somebody has a solution. Because of you, we were able to outpace the profits over last year's breakfast.

The parishioners came and enjoyed great food and fellowship. Santa really brought in a huge rush after the 9am Mass. There were so many people that we had to set up two more long tables to accommodate them. Many kids, young and old, came and met Santa and thanks to Deacon Bob Armstrong and Michael Kouvelis, they also received a FREE photo.

Thanks to Home Depot, Santa was able to give each child a gift. The kids were able to use their creativity at the craft table and take home their works of art.

In addition to our usual fare, we enjoyed Einstein bagels, and Country Doughnuts.



Chris Hubbuch and Kevin Fitzgerald working the drink station and anywhere else as needed. They were general troubleshooters.

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.

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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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Community

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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	(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

<u>Director</u>	<u>Phil Minarik</u>	
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

<u>Director</u>	<u>John Barrett</u>	<u>(847) 658-4688</u>
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
State Kamporee	Kevin Fitzgerald	(847) 658-6305
Summer Basketball Camps	Nick Wake	(847) 854-6279

Life

<u>Director</u>	<u>George Jost</u>	<u>(847) 658-8379</u>
Special Olympics	Larry O'Brien	(847) 658-1364
Mass for Deceased Brothers	Dave Campbell	(815) 382-8181
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
Life Chain	George Jost	(847) 658-8379
9 Days for Life Novena	George Jost	(847) 658-8379

Service Programs

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

Vocations

<u>Director - Chancellor</u>	<u>Dave Campbell</u>	<u>(815) 382-8181</u>
Seminarian Support	Rick Orabutt	(224) 678-9260
Vocational Raffle	Gene Gonzales	(630) 660-5925

Standing Committees:

Anniversary Dinner	Dave Frendreiss	(847) 809-6891
Charitable Contributions	Jeff Wuensch	(815) 529-8417
Email List	Dan Limbach	(224) 829-1914
Multimedia Show	Dan Limbach	(224) 829-1914
Newsletter	Kevin Wright	(224) 699-0599
Online Calendar	Kevin Wright	(224) 699-0599
Public Relations	Joe Bongiovanni	(847) 254-0837
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Signage	Patrick Colcernian	(847) 854-6051
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Grand Knight	Chris Burns	(847) 528-9452
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Chancellor	Dave Campbell	(815) 382-8181
Warden	John Schneider	(312) 953-8754
Financial Secretary	Greg Freund	(847) 907-0330
Advocate	Marv Basch	(847) 612-8443
Treasurer	George Kurkowski	(312) 919-3564
Recorder	Jerry Gard	(847) 854-7430
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Outside Guard	Bob Dubiel	
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Trustee 2 Year	Chris Hubbuch	(248) 798-7014
Trustee 1 Year	Scott Nejman	(847) 687-2278
Lecturer	Sal Corona	(847) 987-6391
District Deputy	Phil Weiss	(815) 575-2933
Field Agent	Tom Varkados	(847) 951-3663

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Kevin Wright (KevinWarrenWright@gmail.com)

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5 7:30a-8a Rosary after 7am Mass	6 7:30p-8p Prayers for Families in Need (Ministry Center)	7	8	9	10	11 3p-5p FREE THROW COMPETITION (St. Margaret Mary School, 119 S Hubbard St, Algonquin, IL 60102)
12	13	14	15	16 7:30p-8:30p Officers' Meeting	17	18
19	20 Martin Luther King	21	22	23	24	25 Knightly News DEADLINE for Articles
26	27	28 7:30p-9p Assembly Meeting (Bishop O'Neal Assembly) (St Catherine Catholic Church, 845 W Main St, West Dundee, IL 60)	29	30	31	

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9	10	11	12	13	14 Valentine's Day	15
16	17 Presidents Day	18	19	20 6:30p-7:30p Officers' Meeting (early) (McDonnell Hall) 8p-9p 1st Degree	21	22 Knightly News DEADLINE for Articles
23	24	25 7:30p-9p Assembly Meeting (Bishop O'Neal Assembly) (St. Mary Catholic Church, 10307 Dundee Rd, Huntley, IL 60142,)	26	27	28	29