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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!

Brothers, in our council, January and February are generally relaxed months. After the busy, rejoicing months of Thanksgiving, Advent, and Christmas, we've had time to catch our breath and gather ourselves.

The beginning of February is time to take stock and prepare ourselves. Like the contestants in the Super Bowl, we review old game film, we examine what went right, and what we could have done better - we prepare and pre-game.

As a council, we review old game film. We report to the State our fraternal volunteer hours of our many activities in support of Faith, Family, and Community. I can tell you that the number of Knights and our Families who have given precious hours of our lives to help others is truly humbling. Could we have done better? Absolutely! We resolve to do more and do it better in 2020.

We are fortunate to be a part of such an active and loving Parish. There are over 70 ministries at work in our parish, and there are Knights active and supporting in all of them.

Ash Wednesday is February 26, and then we enter Lent. During Lent we re-commit ourselves to the Trinity, and remember the bittersweet Passion, Death, and triumphant Resurrection of Jesus. We focus on making ourselves worthy of Christ's sacrifice and the gift of eternal life He offers.

I've tried "giving up" things for Lent, with generally poor results (Beer was my most spectacular failure –

Duh, St Patrick's Day). It's probably a better idea to take up something – more prayer, more quiet time with God, more Rosary, more actively working for God's glory.

Find a Ministry that speaks to your heart and get to work. Father McGivney has provided a whole garage full of brooms, mops, buckets, and shovels for the good work through the Knights.

We've got three Fish Frys coming up that can use many hands, we've got the next level of the Free Throw competition coming up on Saturday Feb 8<sup>th</sup>. The Shamrock shave rears its shaven head in just a few weeks. We have a Major Degree scheduled here at SMM on March 1<sup>st</sup>. We are rolling out some new pro-life and patriotic car magnets very soon. All these things can use your help and participation. None of our activities are a major burden to volunteers, and most are fun!

"That Man is You" is not a "Knights" event, but it's put on by the Parish, and it's full of knights. It's Free, it's rejuvenating, and rewarding. If you feel the need to "give up" something for Lent, I suggest giving up an hour of sleep on Saturday morning, and investing it in examining what it takes to be a true Catholic gentleman, and spiritual Leader in today's society.

We welcome your ideas and input for new activities which support our platform of Charity, Unity, Fraternity, and Patriotism. If you have some ideas, or questions, please join us at the General Meeting on February 6<sup>th</sup>, and our Officer's meeting on the 20<sup>th</sup>.

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:

- Saturday February 22<sup>nd</sup> - 4<sup>th</sup> degree exemplification at the Sheraton Lisle. While the deadline has passed for new candidates to advance to full Knighthood this day, this is still a great opportunity for existing 4<sup>th</sup> degree members to attend and support the new candidates as well as refresh your memories on the lessons taught in this degree.
- Tuesday February 25<sup>th</sup> - next general meeting at 7:30 p.m. at St. Mary 10307 Dundee Road in Huntley. 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.
- Monday March 2<sup>nd</sup> – Honor guard requested for Confirmation Mass at St. Charles Borromeo 297 E. Jefferson Ave. in Hampshire. Bishop Malloy will be celebrating Mass.
- Saturday March 14<sup>th</sup> – Color guard requested for East Dundee St. Patrick’s Day parade. Further details to follow closer to the event.
- Saturday March 14<sup>th</sup> – Color guard requested for Shamrock Shave opening ceremonies at St. Margaret Mary Education Center. SUT 6:00 p.m. with opening ceremonies to begin at 6:30 p.m.
- Saturday May 16<sup>th</sup> - 4<sup>th</sup> 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 4<sup>th</sup> 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.

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.

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 (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)

## Friday Knight Fish Fry



Almost time for our renowned Knights Friday night Fish Fry. Lock these dates in for this must do event: **March 6<sup>th</sup>, March 20<sup>th</sup> and April 3<sup>rd</sup>.**

To make this happen it starts with the planning, to this regard we'll have a planning meeting Saturday, February 8<sup>th</sup> in the Ministry center at 10 AM. All are welcome, the committee is always looking for fresh ideas with the menu, process and marketing. Just show up and get involved.

Can't make the meeting, no worries, you can also help out by spreading the word to prospect customers – family, friends, neighbors, lets pack the place. As for the day of each Fish Fry, it's an all-day long event starting with breakfast at Rainbow Café at 8 AM, then proceeding to McDonnell hall for the duration till clean-up is done, typically around 10 PM. Don't need to sign-up to volunteer, just show up to whatever time works best with your schedule.

We also like to add a homemade community touch to the event by offering homemade dessert. Have a family special dessert, please consider donating a dessert that can be offered to all. Donations can be dropped off Friday at McDonnell Hall before serving time.



Sessions begin

**Tuesday March 10**

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/>



Please pray for those who have been away from the Church

*Lord Jesus, we pray that the doors of your Church will swing open and you will guide your children home. Help us to welcome and walk with them as they return and experience your love and mercy.*

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)



## HOOPS MANIA STARTS SOON!

March is the time for “March Madness”, the NCAA National Men’s Basketball playoffs. We are again asking you to *sell or buy* tickets for our Hoops Mania contest. The tickets are random seeds, so nothing to pick. Just buy or sell tickets and follow your favorite teams as they play in the playoffs. Tickets this year are only **\$10.00 EACH**. Paper tickets will be available at the MARCH 5 meeting, but you can get them ahead of the meeting by seeing Kevin Wright. Also, you can get or sell tickets by going to the website:

<http://www.charitymania.com/give/LA061>

Pass this on to your friends and family anywhere in the country and let them play too!

Paper ticket stubs and money **MUST** be received back by Kevin Wright on or before MARCH 19 (the First Round (Round of 64) of the Playoffs)

THANK YOU!

Kevin Wright, Sports Mania Chairman  
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**Just in case you missed  
the last meeting ...**



Greg Freund awarded Knight of the Month for December 2019!





Chris Hubbuch awarded Knight of the Month for October 2019



Dave Campbell awarded Family of the Month for November 2019



Marv Basch awarded Family of the Month for December 2019



New Knight Chris Wilkens was welcomed

# 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.

**ID Drive Chairman** – Our current ID Drive Chairman, John Frazer, is retiring, and we need a Brother to lead the Council in the Knights of Columbus signature charitable fundraiser for neighbors with Intellectual Disabilities. While the event doesn't take place until Football starts again, there is some prep work involved in getting venues lined up to host our collection activities. Plenty of Brothers are willing to help - just waiting for you to put on the cap.

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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2. \_\_\_\_\_

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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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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

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
State Kamporee	Kevin Fitzgerald	(847) 658-6305
Summer Basketball Camps	Nick Wake	(847) 854-6279

## Life

Director	George Jost	(847) 658-8379
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

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

## Vocations

Director - Chancellor	Dave Campbell	(815) 382-8181
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
Shutterfly Photos	Dan Kotleba	(815) 451-6171
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Social Media	Joe Bongiovanni	(847) 254-0837
Web Site	Joe Bongiovanni	(847) 254-0837

## Officers:

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Chancellor	Dave Campbell	(815) 382-8181
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Outside Guard	Bob Dubiel	
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