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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!

Enough of this! We've been going through an unheard-of year.

Coronavirus shut-downs, economic mudslides, rioting in our cities. In Chicago, it's been the 2nd wettest Spring on record, and May was the wettest in 150 years. We've been

unable to get together with family and friends, working at home in sweats and slippers. Unable to attend Mass, quarantined through Lent and Easter. Virtual Graduations. Many of our usual activities were suspended – no flags in cemeteries for veterans for Memorial Day, no sale of roses for Mothers Day. No Anniversary Dinner. Kamporee was cancelled, and Founder's Day. Blood drives have been postponed. What's next?

As the Ghostbuster's foretold – *"Fire and brimstone coming down from the skies. Rivers and seas boiling. Forty years of darkness. Earthquakes, volcanoes! Human sacrifice, dogs and cats living together!"* What are we going to do? Quit? *"Was it over when the Germans bombed Pearl Harbor?"* [Different movie]

We're going to continue to support the Church and Community. We've continued to support our regular

monthly charities over the past two months. We're going to begin to raise some money again and bring the Knights and parish together with a tailgate party on June 20. We plan to go ahead with our Hammer Open Golf Extravaganza later this summer. The ID Tootsie Roll Drive (we're still looking for a chairman to step up) will go on. We're planning to carry on with Oktoberfest. Got any other ideas? Bring em! And who led us here? Vote the Bum out! No, I'm talking about the other guy – the Grand Knight. And you did! We've got a new Grand Knight in Dave Frendreiss and a new set of officers beginning in July – things are looking up!

Sunday masses are going to be slowly opening to more parishioners. Blessed Father McGivney is being beatified. Our joined prayers and actions are going to result in real change in this world. And you, the Knights of Columbus, are going to be in the vanguard. Undaunted. As Bluto Blutarsky said *"We're just the guys to do it...LET'S DO IT!"*

Vivat Jesus!

Chris Burns

GK Council 11091

What's going on?

Illinois State Family of the Year

I say this with no small measure of pride that one of Council 11091's favorite families was selected as Illinois State Family of the Year for 2019. Rick Orabutt and his family were selected from 300 Councils in the State of Illinois Knights of Columbus for this honor. They've earned it honestly.

Family of the Year

**The Rick Orabutt
Family**

St Margaret Mary
Council #11091

Algonquin, Illinois
Rockford Diocese



Rick has been a Knight and a member of this council since 2003. He became a Fourth Degree Knight in 2004, and served as Grand Knight of our council from July 2011 until June of 2012. Along the way, Rick has provided plenty of ideas for improving the council, adding fundraising and evangelization events, and he continues to provide leadership and live as an example to all of our Brothers.

His wife Peggy teaches at the St Margaret Mary School, and has been a constant supporter of the council, and a wonderful example of Motherhood to her children.

The triplets, Connor, Ryan, and Emily all were schooled at St MM and Marian Central Catholic HS. They've been very active in the parish – church and school – they were all active in the youth group, and served as altar servers long past their traditional time, remaining to serve as leaders and mentors to the ministry. The boys were active in Boy Scouts in our local troop, where Rick served as a Scout Leader, and continues to be active there.

Connor heard a calling during all this time, and is currently well along as a seminarian, and can't wait to become a Priest.

There's much more to this Family than anyone could relate here, but please join me in congratulating the Illinois KoC Family of the Year!

PS: There was a very nice presentation at the Illinois State Convention this year, and Rick and the family gave a nice acceptance talk and offered some inspirational words to fellow Knights and their families. You can watch and enjoy this ceremony at <https://www.illinoisknights.org/other-information/convention>
The FOTY presentation begins at about 26:00 to 36:00

Anniversary Dinner

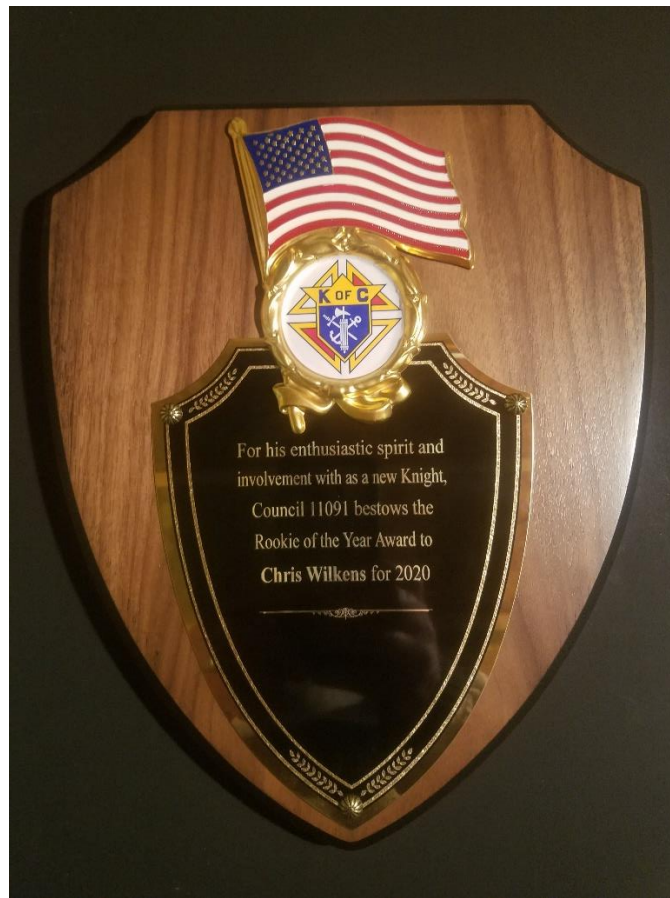
*Of all the words of tongue or pen
The saddest are these:*

Why didn't I get my Anniversary Dinner ????

Perhaps we didn't get to share our glamorous evening of fun and fellowship, but that doesn't mean we shouldn't honor our brothers for their achievements (and the good news is that you don't have to listen to my boring, bumbling speeches).

But not much more needs to be said – here are the honorees for awards for the past year for their steadfast and enthusiastic support of the council, exemplary actions, and inspirational leadership:

Rookie of the year –	Chris Wilkens
Knight of the year –	Sal Corona
Family of the Year –	Phil Minarik
Senior Knight of the Year –	John Konitzer
Lifetime Achievement -	Deacon Mike Leroy



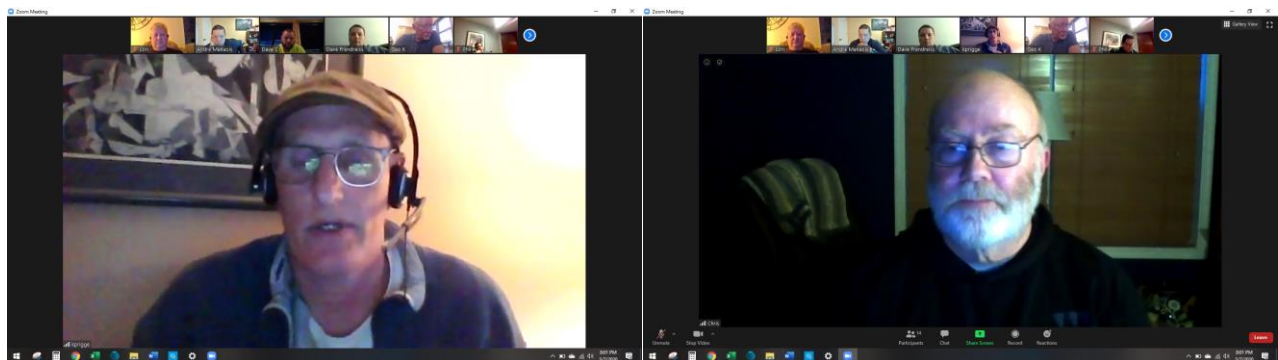


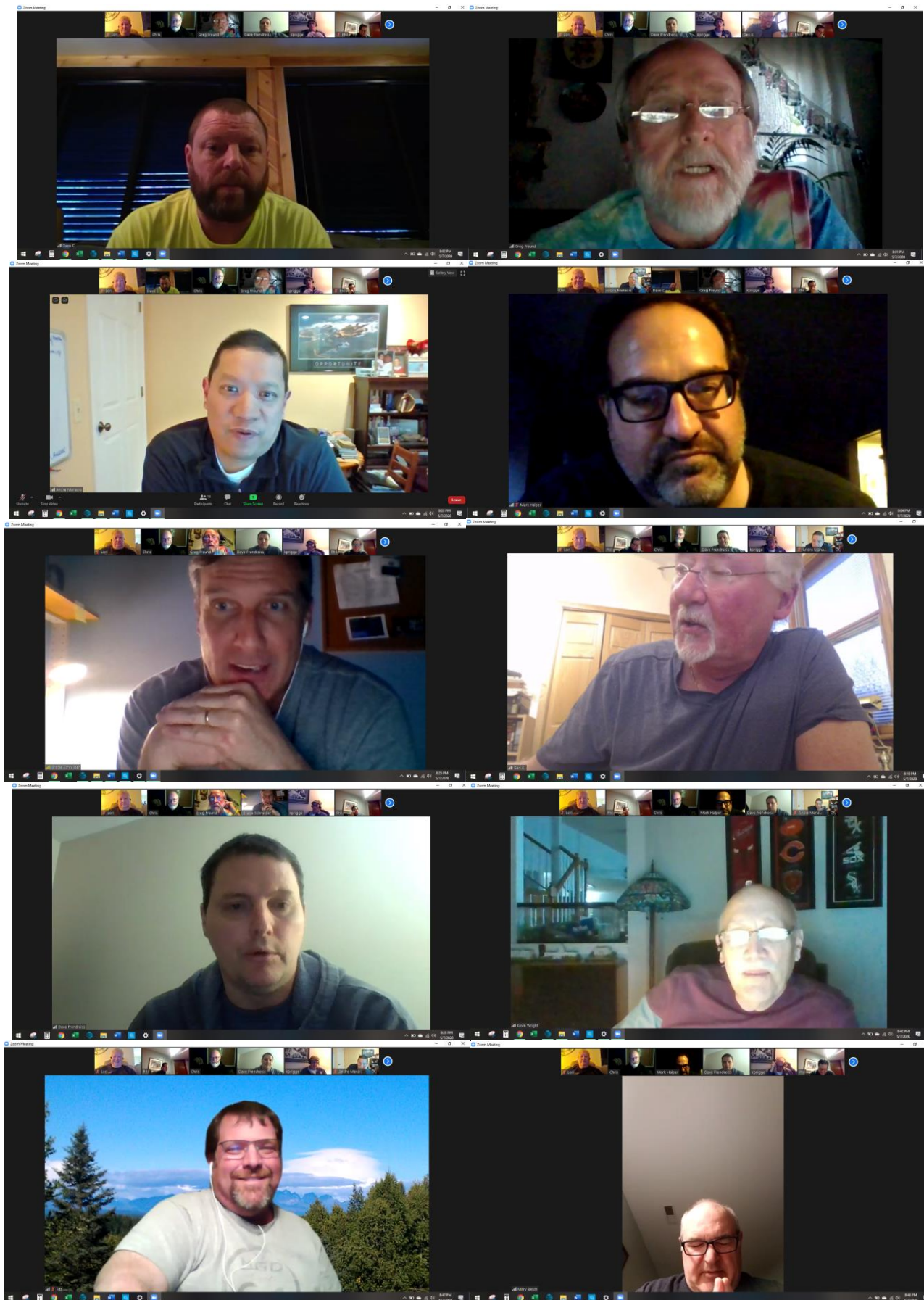


ZOOM Meetings! Come Join Us!

We've been holding our meetings on-line during this time of Pandemic. We plan to continue this for the foreseeable future. Please join in on-line for both our Officer's meetings and the general meeting. All are welcome. If you aren't sure how to join us, just ask any of us. The more the merrier!

Here's what we look like when we ZOOM!





No Sports? No Problem!

Join the Knights for a Summer Tailgate Party



The Knight of Columbus cordially invite you and your family to join us in the Parish parking lot for a socially distanced tailgate party on **Saturday June 20** – the day before Father’s Day. The Knights will be serving delicious sandwiches: your choice of Ribeye Steak, Brats, or luscious Pulled Pork, and Hot Dogs for the kids - along with baked beans, coleslaw and chips.

As a parish, we’ve done our best to keep together remotely, including getting together for Mass through video streaming – but it’s not the same, is it? We’re beginning to relax things a little bit, but it may be a while before we have full freedom to congregate. And of course, some will not be able to, or may choose not to for a while. The Church has plans to upgrade our video streaming, with an H/D multiple-camera system permanently installed to help keep us all together as we worship and embrace the sacraments.

The Knights have always proudly supported the Church and our Parish Community, as the Community has supported the Knights. Please come so we can enjoy each other’s company - in a responsible way – and support the Knights in supporting the Church.

Meals will be \$10 each, with Kids hot dog meals for \$3. Soft drinks and water will be available for a donation.

You know the Tailgate drill – bring your comfy folding chairs, any other snacks and beverages you like, maybe a folding table. **We’ll be serving food from 3 PM to 7 PM**, and enjoying Catholic fellowship. If you can’t stay, we’ll have a drive-through so you can enjoy the same delicious food, and give Dad a break before his big day!

Note: Knights will follow all ‘Phase 3 Recovery’ guidelines provided by Illinois Department of Commerce. Please follow all social distancing guidelines for everyone’s health and safety.

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.

Community Director

As Paul Evans steps up to the Officers rank as Chancellor, we need someone to fill his seat as the Community Director. The Director is in charge of coordinating the activities of the various Community activities such as Blood Drives, Adopt-a Highway, Tree Lot etc. He is not responsible for running these activities, just coordinating the activities run by various Brother Knights, and coordinating their reports at our meetings. Please see one of the officers to throw your hat in the ring.

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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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
Signage	Patrick Colcernian	(847) 854-6051
Social Media	Joe Bongiovanni	(847) 254-0837
Web Site	Joe Bongiovanni	(847) 254-0837

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Grand Knight	Chris Burns	(847) 528-9452
Deputy Grand Knight	Dave Frendreiss	(847) 809-6891
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Chancellor	Dave Campbell	(815) 382-8181
Warden	John Schneider	(312) 953-8754
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Treasurer	George Kurkowski	(312) 919-3564
Recorder	Jerry Gard	(847) 854-7430
Inside Guard	Tim Wuerger	
Outside Guard	Bob Dubiel	
Trustee 3 Year	Dan Kotleba	(815) 451-6171
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	(630) 715-7527
Field Agent	Tom Varkados	(847) 951-3663

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

Kevin Wright (KevinWarrenWright@gmail.com)

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*Note: Our calendar is constantly changing. Please check on-line as dates draw near.

~ June 2020 ~						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4 7:15p-9:15p General Meeting (On-Line Zoom Virtual Meeting)	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14 Flag Day	15	16	17	18 6:30p-7:30p Officers' Meeting (early) (ZOOM Meeting On-line)	19	20 3p-7p Summer Parish Tailgate PARTY (St. Margaret Mary Catholic Church\, 111 S Hubbard St\, Algonquin\,)
21 Father's Day	22	23 7:30p-9p Assembly Meeting (Bishop O'Neal Assembly) (Meeting On-Line)	24	25	26	27 Knightly News DEADLINE for Articles
28	29	30				

~ July 2020 ~						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 Canada Day	2 7:30p-9:30p General Meeting (Zoom Meeting On-Line)	3	4 Independence Day
5 7:30a-8a Rosary after 7am Mass	6 7:30p-8p Prayers for Families in Need (Ministry Center)	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16 7:30p-8:30p Officers' Meeting	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25 Knightly News DEADLINE for Articles
26	27	28 World Hepatitis Day 7:30p-9p Assembly Meeting (Bishop O'Neal Assembly) (Meeting On-Line)	29	30 Int'l. Friendship Day	31	