



The Knightly News

Knights of Columbus St. Margaret Mary Council 11091

District # 47

www.kofc11091.org

From the Grand Knight's Desk:



Brothers,

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As we enter the Advent season culminating with the Birth of our Lord, it is interesting to see how we Knights have gotten busier than in previous months

during the pandemic. We held a ceremony for our deceased brothers at the beginning of November. We had some brothers join the 4th degree later that week. We had Chris Hubbuch come up with a Friday Knight Takeout fundraising idea and we executed on it in the same month with outstanding results. We set up the Christmas tree lot and started selling Christmas tree before Thanksgiving right away since we've heard other lots were already open. During Thanksgiving weekend, we started selling Christmas trees like crazy smashing the unofficial and undocumented records for Christmas tree sales in a day (54 on Saturday) and for the weekend (141: 41+54+46) leaving us with less than half of the Christmas trees still to be sold. We had brothers clean up the outside of parishioner Jerry Reich's house as part of the new manpower event, we put up the large community nativity sets around town, and we decorated the friary. In the background, we are making more nativity sets, we are working on new fundraising ideas like Dine and Shares, we are still selling vocations raffle tickets, we still sell magnets online, and we voted to make a \$20k donation to the parish to help with the cost of the new church doors. What's funny is that I'm sure that I'm missing a few things because it's hard to keep track of all the good that you are doing. You guys rock! Except for the face masks and the social distancing / lack of hugging, it's hard to tell that our council got the message that there is a pandemic going on.

What do we do next? Well, we'll see. Bishop Malloy has given us new guidance on gatherings. We are not allowed to do our meetings in person for the time being, so we'll be meeting via Zoom for the general meetings and the officer's meetings until further notice. This does not affect our ability to keep selling Christmas trees and wreaths at the Christmas tree lot. We are working on whether to have our planned degree on Sunday, December 13th and determining if we will hold our December 20th blood drive in McDonnell Hall, in the Vitaliant blood drive trailer, or postponing it. In addition, we do not think that we can do our takeout food events under the new guidance, but we are planning for January event while praying for a loosening of the guidelines / progress with the virus. The Christmas party

committee is thinking about replacing our party with some other Christmas time charitable donations but that is not finalized yet.

Michael Kouvelis has stepped up to be our council videographer and will be working on videos for recruiting. Patrick McCabe is going to be helping with some drone footage. We are still looking for a new degree team lead.

One housekeeping item:

Our worthy Financial Secretary Greg Freund will be sending out dues notices soon. Stay one step ahead of him and pay your dues today. Click [this link](#), or use the QR code below.



If you do not know if you are up to date on your dues and may owe from last year or other years, use [this email link](#) to email Greg:



Please keep doing all the good things that you do!

Vivat Jesus!
Dave Frendreiss
GK Council 11091

General Meetings

Due to the Pandemic, we started holding our meetings *Virtually*. Now that the restrictions have eased a bit, we are holding them LIVE and VIRTUALLY and we will continue that format for the near future. Please feel free to attend LIVE if you are comfortable. McDonnell Hall is plenty big, and we were able to space everyone out. Everyone is required to wear a mask to attend.

Instructions for attending *Virtually* will be sent out in a separate email from the Grand Knight.



From the latest exemplification



(4th) degree news

“And He said, ‘Amen, I say to you, no prophet is accepted in his own native place.’”-Luke 4:24

Exemplification 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.

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

Christmas Tree Lot

Brothers,

What a fantastic weekend we had at the Christmas tree lot. Sales were record breaking and could not have done it without the help of our brother Knights and future young Knights. One of the wives was also there to help moving and selling Christmas trees too. Not only have the Christmas trees been selling but our nativity sets and accessories and funeral crosses have all been in high demand as well.

Our projections indicate that we should be selling out in the next week or so with next Saturday and Sunday usually being our best Christmas tree sales.

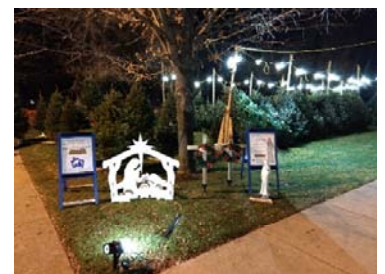
I am asking for a big push this coming up week to sell our trees and get to our own Christmas projects. Please take the time to sign up and support this most worthy cause. We are blessed with talented and hardworking Knights and we are bringing Joy to our customers in this very abnormal time.

YBIC Rene Mendez

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E0949A9A829A2F58-2020>

We would like to thank the local businesses who put up Community Nativity Sets and encourage our brothers to patronize these places.

Kenmode Tools & Engineering	820 W. Algonquin
Home State Bank	50 W. Acorn Ln
Harris Bank	225 S. Randall
Golf Club of Illinois	1575 Edgewood Dr.
Algonquin Bank and Trust	4049 W. Algonquin
Lathrop	Lathrop Ln & Rt. 31
Tri County	2240 E. Algonquin
Classical Glass	1311 S. Main
Bella Vita	321 South Main



From the Retention Committee:

We have over three hundred members listed our council membership rolls - many of whom we haven't seen or heard from in some years. It's the sincere wish of the council to have as many active Brothers involved with our good works as possible.

As Knights, we're responsible not only to our council, but to our larger organization. Each year our Council is required to pay to Supreme the dues owed by every registered member, even if members do not pay their dues themselves. Our Council has been doing this for years, whether our Brothers realize it or not. When we cover our Brother's unpaid dues, it comes from funds which would otherwise be used for our Charities.

Our first and foremost goal is Charity, followed by Unity and Fraternity. In these unprecedented times, we need to take care of ourselves, and we're asking our Brothers to do the following:

- Talk to your Brother Knights, check in on them, ask them how they are doing.
- Attend monthly meetings, or check in via Zoom, if you have health issues.
- Update your email and phone numbers with any of our officers, any of us can get your information to the appropriate person. Add your work or wife's email to our list, in case you do not read your email from your primary address very often.
- Check your spam folder for Knights emails you might have missed.
- We will be starting a buddy system for dues payments, if someone can not pay their dues, we will have monies set aside from other members to pay those dues. If there are hardships, and the Lord knows there are many these days, we can help. I know we are all proud people, but tough times happen to all of us, we are here to help each other out! Just let us know.
- If you have moved away, or for any other reason no longer wish to be a member of our council, please let us know, so we can begin the process of removing you from the Council membership rolls. We cannot, and will not, remove you from our membership rolls without your express direction to us.

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.

DEGREE TEAM CAPTAIN

You are responsible for the setup and running of exemplifications

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.

Exemplary Knights



Brothers,

In an effort to make some room we are going to spin off some equipment that is no longer being utilized. Agreeing that those in the Council should have exclusive first crack at it for 30 days, the following is available:

Kegeator – Like New and Ready to Chill - Valued to \$400 – **11091 Donation - \$250 obo**



Beer Pots (2) – In perfect condition –Valued to \$199 -**11091 Donation = \$75 ea obo**



Turkey Fryer – Complete and looking for your bird – Valued to \$100 – **11091 Donation - \$75 obo**



Make any check out to the council. We can also take credit cards.

Greg Haluczak

Phone 847-571-7830

Email – ghaluczak@yahoo.com

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	Marv Basch	
Christmas Tree Lot Co-Chair	Rene Mendez	(224) 402-5071
	Chris Burns	(847) 528-9452
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	Paul Evans	(847) 400-4298
Hammer Open	Kevin Fitzgerald	(847) 658-6305
ID Drive (Tootsie Rolls)	Paul Evans	
Military Support	Joe Uehlein	(847) 331-1801
Nativity Set Construction	Ken Prigge	(630) 730-2754
Oktoberfest	Chris Hubbuch	(224) 410-8176
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
Summer Tailgating	Ken Prigge	(630) 730-2754
Alternative Fundraising	Greg Haluczak	
Man Power Events	John Schneider	

Faith

Director	Deacon Maher	(847) 658-5788
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	Kevin Fitzgerald	(847) 658-6305
Seminarian Support	Rick Orabutt	(224) 678-9260
Vocational Raffle	Gene Gonzales	(630) 660-5925

Standing Committees:

Anniversary Dinner	Dave Campbell	(815) 382-8181
Charitable Contributions	Jeff Wuensch	(815) 529-8417
Email List	Dan Limbach	(224) 829-1914
Multimedia Show	Dan Limbach	(224) 829-1914
Newsletter	Bill Hice	(312) 843-2562
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

Officers:

Grand Knight	Dave Frendreiss	(847) 809-6891
Deputy Grand Knight	Dave Campbell	(815) 382-8181
Chaplain	Fr. Witold Adamczyk	
Chancellor	Kevin Fitzgerald	(847) 658-6305
Warden	Marv Basch	(847) 612-8443
Financial Secretary	Greg Freund	(847) 907-0330
Advocate	Paul Evans	(847) 400-4298
Treasurer	George Kurkowski	(312) 919-3564
Recorder	Jerry Gard	(847) 854-7430
Inside Guard	Tim Wuerger	
Outside Guard	Bob Dubiel	
Trustee 3 Year	Chris Burns	(847) 528-9452
Trustee 2 Year	Dan Kotleba	(815) 451-6171
Trustee 1 Year	Chris Hubbuch	(224) 410-8176
Lecturer	Sal Corona	(773) 307-0594
District Deputy	Phil Weiss	(630) 715-7527
Field Agent	Tom Varkados	(847) 951-3663

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat		
29	30	1	2	3 7:30pm - General	4	5		
6 7:30am - Rosary	7 7:30pm - Prayers	8	9	10	11	12 Christmas		
13 Knight Before	14	15	16	17 7:30pm - Officers'	18	19		
20 BLOOD DRIVE	21	22 7:30pm -	23	24	25	26 Knightly News		
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