



The Knightly News

Knights of Columbus St. Margaret Mary Council 11091

District # 47

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From the Grand Knight's Desk:



Brothers,

I think everyone is happy to toss out the 2020 calendar and move on to a brand-new year. We all wish that the terrible virus would go away with the change in the date. If it were only that simple... 2021 does bring new hope that the virus will dissipate via the distribution of the vaccine and further discoveries in therapeutic treatments, but it won't happen suddenly.

I think that the winter months of 2021 will prove to be the most difficult for some of our most vulnerable. I worry that the cold weather and the isolation will be depressing for all. I think that we can step up and help – just like we always do since we are Men of Action. I would like to propose a few things that we need Knights to help with:

Knights bi-weekly social hour

The general meeting on the first Thursday of the month and the officers meeting on the third Thursday are an opportunity for all to listen in and participate in what we are doing. I would like to propose that we have social meetings on the second and fourth Thursdays of the month for the guys to be able to talk to your brother Knights about what is going on with you, what problems you are having that we can help with, to learn more about the vaccine distribution (I plan to get someone knowledgeable on the topic to talk about this at the first meeting and get everyone who is eligible signed up to get it), to hear a bit of spiritual reflection from our Priests and/or Deacons, and to just keep in touch with everyone. By the way, you guys with older dad Knights who might be technologically challenged, we will share a phone number that they could call into to participate (audio only) or you could stop by and get the Zoom call connected for them... You guys can go help anyone you know you needs help with the Zoom for that matter.

Nativity expansion project

Our Ultra-Knight® and PGK Ken Prigge is targeting turning the corner on the new year with a new focus on the CNC machine and what we can do with it. He is working with PGK Ed Henning on the software and how to use it. He's investigating what other products that we could manufacture with this machine. I'm hoping to get an update from him at the officers meeting in January (Thursday the 21st) about this. I'm sure that he could use all sorts of help with this project. If you are up for doing something interesting in January instead of sitting around, let Ken know that you can help. I see this as a great opportunity get out and do something hands-on with the Knights this winter.

Magnet Help

Our magnet team has been working hard on our council's biggest cash cow in the background for a long time. I want to see how we can get more people involved with this effort. There are plenty of opportunities to help either with physical work or even office type work from the comfort of your home. I will be asking PGK Dan Limbach to give an update on the program in the January general meeting and talk about where the team could use some new help. If you are not familiar with the interworking of the magnet program and want to learn more, send me or Dan an email and to hear more about it without any commitment.

Documentation of our Events

One of the first events that I ran for our council, I did not have a good set of notes from the previous chairman of the event due to a computer malfunction. Also, a few years earlier, I lost a year's worth of family pictures due to a little boy's mishandling of a laptop computer, so I am familiar with these types of electronic disappointments. During these winter months, I want to have every event chairman load any useful files on the council's Google Drive so that none of the great work that you have done is lost and that our next chairman is well informed on your playbook. I'd also like everyone to identify a co-chair who could eventually take over the event when you decide

it's time to do that. I do not intend to be suggesting that anyone step down from their events, I'm just looking for us to be prepared just in case.

Monthly outdoor rosary

Lastly, I would like us to consider doing an outdoor rosary each month this winter. I would like for it to be said to end the terrible pandemic that we are in. I would like it to be in the evening and I believe that the colder and snowier the better. I have a PGK that I will be asking to head this up along with our monthly rosary chairman Rob Beyer.

We are patiently waiting for updated guidance from the Bishop on the latest virus guidelines. I personally do not expect any updates from the diocese until 2-3 weeks after New Year's so that any increase in virus cases from the holidays can be understood. The next Friday Knight Takeout® (FKT) event and the Free Throw council event are dependent on loosening of the guidelines. The FKT will not happen as originally scheduled for Friday, January 15th. Hopefully, we will be able to do it in February.

We shall succeed in 2021 and that is because of you. You should know that the most important person in the council is you. The GK, the DGK, the FS, and the other officers all do specific things for the council, but the council is nothing without you. Use the changing of the year as a new beginning and decide to get involved with something more and new this year. I know that I'm going to try a few new things at home myself. Hopefully, you'll see a new lighter GK in the upcoming months...

Lastly, pay your dues so we don't have to mail you an invoice and waste stamps. Imagine if we had to send one to everyone in the council. That would cost us over \$150. Our recycling team buys and donates wheelchairs for that amount. You can take care of this with just one click. If you aren't sure about how much you owe, click on the second link to ask FS Greg.

- Click to pay – <https://kofc11091.square.site/>

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Greg: <mailto:gtofreund@yahoo.com?cc=dave@freudreiss.com&subject=Council%20Dues&body=Greg,%0dHow%20much%20do%20I%20owe?%0d%0dThanks>

Vivat Jesus!

Dave Frendreiss
GK Council 11091



(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



**Knights of Columbus
Northern Illinois District – Marquette Province**



**Virtual Exemplification of the Fourth Degree
Saturday, February 20, 2021**

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December 14, 2020

To: Faithful Navigators and Comptrollers
Grand Knights and Financial Secretaries

SUBJECT: VIRTUAL FOURTH DEGREE EXEMPLIFICATION ON FEBRUARY 20, 2021

As Master of the Northern Illinois District, I am proud to announce a Virtual Fourth Degree Exemplification on Saturday, February 20, 2021 from 10:00 AM to 12:00 noon. Because of the current coronavirus pandemic, we are advised by the Supreme Council and the State Governor to NOT hold public group events, therefore we will be conducting a "virtual" Fourth Degree Exemplification.

The Host Assembly is Father O'Callahan Assembly #2174, Ted Wolski, Navigator.

All Assemblies in the Northern Illinois District are invited to participate in this Exemplification.

Enclosed you will find the instructions on how to complete and process a Form 4 for each candidate (if one has not already been processed) and instructions on what to do on the day of the exemplification, including how to access the video/phone conference.

Please forward this information to every member of your Council and Assembly. It is recommended that small groups of fourth degree members and candidates gather in a council or parish hall that has a good internet or WIFI system and project the video conference on a large screen or TV.

At the conclusion of the exemplification, the Faithful Navigator of each new Fourth Degree member will be mailed the social baldric, Fourth degree lapel pin, a new member certificate and holder. Per the enclosed instructions, the Faithful Navigator will be authorized to Knight the new member at such time that it is safe to gather.

We are in very challenging times, but we all need to do our part to continue to move forward. Only through the efforts of each assembly in the District, can we grow our membership and make this Exemplification a great success. Let us set a record for Sir Knights joining our ranks and help a brother Knight complete the process. "NOW IS THE TIME FOR THE FOURTH DEGREE".

Patriotic (4th) degree news

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

“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 26th - next general meeting at 7:30 p.m. Location TBD, may be held VIRTUALLY or HYBRID (both in-person and virtual) further details to follow closer to the date depending on what guidelines will allow at that time. Be on the lookout for emails with the link. 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.
- Saturday February 20th - VIRTUAL 4th degree exemplification. 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 are included in the registration packet included with this newsletter, for now plan and budget accordingly. Deadline for forms and monies is BEFORE JANUARY 26TH.

We are in very challenging times, but we all need to do our part to continue to move forward, only through everyone's efforts can we grow our membership. **THE CHURCH NEEDS US! THE CHURCH NEEDS THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS! THE CHURCH NEEDS THE FOURTH DEGREE!**

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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 is 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.



Brother Knights placed wreaths on graves of veterans on December 19th

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:

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



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Greg Haluczak

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Email – ghaluczak@yahoo.com

Father McGivney Guild

The Father McGivney Guild was established to promote the cause for the canonization of our founder, Father Michael J. McGivney. Membership in the Guild is open to anyone (you do not necessarily need to be a member of the Knights of Columbus) who wishes to share in this mission of making known the life and work of Father McGivney and of encouraging devotion to his memory. The goal is to spread the story about his holiness of life, and seek his intercession before the throne of God. THERE IS NO COST TO BE A GUILD MEMBER. The guild serves as a clearing house for information about Father McGivney, his virtuous life and works, plus the guild is an outward sign of support showing our interest in having this priest canonized. As a member of the Guild you will receive a newsletter and periodic updates on the progress of this cause for canonization. Membership in the Knights of Columbus DOES NOT automatically enroll you in the Guild. Not only because Father McGivney is the founder of the Knights of Columbus, but also because in solidarity with our Bishops and Priests, we want to honor them by bringing about sainthood to the first native born Catholic Parish Priest in the United States. Please visit the Guild website at <http://www.fathermcgivney.org> or complete the attached included with the newsletter to become a Guild member.

Father McGivney is now that much closer to becoming a saint, let us all do our part to help get him closer to the sainthood finish line! Thank you for your support.

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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Free Throw Contest	Paul Evans	(847) 400-4298
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Man Power Events	John Schneider	(312) 954-8754
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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

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

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9 Days for Life Novena	George Jost	(847) 658-8379
Bereavement	Deacon Miller	(847) 915-8474
Hospital Visitation	Deacon Miller	(847) 915-8474
Inkjet/toner recycling	Dan Perna	(847) 658-6975
Life Chain	George Jost	(847) 658-8379
Mass for Deceased Brothers	Kevin Fitzgerald	(847) 658-6505
Pro-Life Mass	George Jost	(847) 658-8379
Special Olympics	Larry O'Brien	(847) 658-1364

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
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Social Media	Joe Bongiovanni	(847) 254-0837
Web Site	Joe Bongiovanni	(847) 254-0837

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Chaplain	Fr. Witold Adamczyk	
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Advocate	Paul Evans	(847) 400-4298
Treasurer	George Kurkowski	(312) 919-3564
Recorder	Jerry Gard	(847) 854-7430
Inside Guard	Tim Wuerger	(847) 757-7245
Outside Guard	Bob Dubiel	(434) 546-0542
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
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Field Agent	Tom Varkados	(847) 951-3663

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Bill Hice billhice@gmail.com

Put, "Newsletter" in the Subject Line

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Jan 2021 (Central Time - Chicago)

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17	18	19	20	21 7:30pm - Officers'	22	23 Knights News
24	25	26 7:30pm - Assembly	27 7pm - Rockford	28	29	30
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