



The Knightly News

Knights of Columbus St. Margaret Mary Council 11091

District #47

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From the Grand Knight



Worthy Brothers,

I think about my years with the Knights, the years to come, and particularly this next year. I thank you for entrusting me with the care of this council for the next year. I follow a line of amazing leaders. Living up to their legacy sort of makes me nervous, but, since I **know what our membership is capable of, I trust we'll** be able to continue to do the wonderful work, day in and day out, that makes this council great. I also know that the past Grand Knights will have my back and be able to provide me with the guidance to make good decisions for the council.

I need to take a moment to thank Dave Campbell. Dave took the reigns of the council in the midst of Covid and led us through the unknown twists and turns we encountered. **Dave's vision helped us to** streamline meetings and engage membership. With Dave, we have made amazing charitable donations including thousands of dollars to support Ukrainian refugees via the Franciscans in Poland, as well as new doors for the church. Dave will be a tough act to follow.

As I step into the Grand Knight role, the theme for this year is passion. The world is opening up and as opportunities are presented, this council needs to renew that passion for service and capitalize on those opportunities. The passion of this council is what brings out the masses. It would be beautiful to see too many volunteers at every event. As leaders in our families, the passion of our membership to volunteer, perform and succeed should inspire our families to join us whenever **possible. It's good for our families and community.**

Lastly, we need a passion for growth. The future of our council is predicated on future membership and leadership. Those future members and leaders are out there to be recruited.

Our current membership has a duty find those future members and leaders and ensure the long-term success of this council we love.

In my speech at the anniversary dinner, I said: *"One of my favorite moments in Mass is right before communion: "Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed." No truer words can be said about any of us, yet he comes to us every week, every day even, in many ways; especially through Communion."*

Service is a wonderful way that the Lord can enter under our roof and I hope that you all can join me in passionate service to our church, community and those less fortunate, and make this the best year yet for Knights of Columbus Council 11091.

Vivat Jesus.

Kevin Fitzgerald



As summer begins to set in, Mother nature has given us some crazy high temps, and some unusual low overnight temperatures! I hope everyone had a relaxing Memorial Day weekend; I know that everyone in this council knows the true meaning of the holiday. I know I enjoy the extra day off to recharge my batteries, grill out, and be thankful for all that I have. I am also thankful for all that this council has done this year! I will not go through the list of everything that we did, because the newsletter would be 12 pages long! For those of you not involved in an activity, I encourage you to reach out to one of the officers, or the chairman of the event and ask what you can do to help. For those of you actively involved, I thank you for all your efforts that make this council the most successful council in the State of Illinois!

Vivat Jesus!

Dave Campbell

Patriotic (4th) Degree news

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Upcoming events and activities are as follows:

Saturday, June 4th - Honor guard has been requested for the Transitional Diaconate Ordination of Connor Orabutt at the Cathedral of St. Peter 1243 N. Church St., Rockford, IL. 11:00 a.m. Mass to be celebrated by Bishop Malloy. Suggested SUT 10:00 a.m.

Saturday, June 18th – Honor guard and Color guard training at 10:30 a.m. at St. Mary 10307 Dundee Rd., Huntley, IL.

Tuesday, June 28th – next general meeting at 7:30 p.m. Location is HYBRID (both in-person and virtual) at St. Catherine of Siena 845 W. Main St., West Dundee. This will be an abbreviated meeting as **the officers' installation will take place after the meeting followed by refreshments and fellowship. Families are welcome for the officers' installation and fellowship, please come out to celebrate and support our officers that are being installed.**

Monday, July 4th – Color guard has been requested for the annual Elgin Independence Day parade. Further details to follow closer to the event.

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!**

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.

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 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



Sunday June 5, 2022 9:00 am Mass



We will be attending Mass together as a council. Per our by-laws, the Council shall receive Holy Communion in a body during the Easter Period. This will also support **Connor Orabutt's first Mass as a Transitional Deacon. Please wear your Knights gear** and we will sit together on the left side of the Church if possible. There will be a light breakfast and reception held after Mass in McDonnell Hall.

Thank you all in advance for your attendance,

Chancellor, Marv Basch



The next KofC Blood Drive will be Sunday June 19, 2022

The new time will be from 8am to 2pm

Please plan to come and give a pint to help save lives.

Any questions please google..... Just kidding please contact me anytime
marvinbasch@gmail.com or 847-612-8443

COME JOIN US - The first Sunday of every Month; next one is Sunday, June 5th after 7 am mass.

Next outdoor Rosary at McGivney June 20th at 7 PM

Everyone is invited and it's a great way to start the month. Rosary pray-

er pamphlets will be provided.



Signage Guy

PGK Patrick Colcernian has overseen signage for the council for many years and has done a tremendous job, but he moved to Colorado. We are looking for someone to take over this activity. Contact Patrick (pcmgr@gmail.com) or GK Dave to hear more about what this job would entail.

Retention

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.

PRO-LIFE CORNER

- **WHAT**
Congress is trying to force Americans to pay for abortion.
 - **HOW**
The Hyde Amendment and similar laws have protected taxpayers from funding elective abortion for 45 years. Now, powerful members of Congress want to take away these laws that both Democrats and Republicans have supported for nearly half a century.
 - **WHAT HAPPENS WITHOUT THESE PROTECTIONS?**
Billions of taxpayer dollars could be used to pay for abortion.
 - **TAKE ACTION**
Sign the petition to Congress!
<https://www.notaxpayerabortion.com/>
- George Jost
gjost2002@yahoo.com
- Editor note: This bill is really about stopping insurance coverage for abortion and also limiting the autonomy of Washington DC of spending non-federal funds for abortions.

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> 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.

Rockford Diocese Chapter

The Rockford Diocese Chapter was formed in 1989 by Bishop Arthur J. O'Neill and Past State Deputy and Former Vice Supreme Master Joseph Kaltwasser. The purpose of the Chapter is to unite the Knights of Columbus councils within the Diocese and provide a forum for councils to share knowledge and experiences, discuss methods, procedures, ideas, or practices, as well as resolve or obtain assistance in resolving issues or questions and assist each council by providing the tools needed to help achieve Council goals.

The Chapter meets once every three months, on the fourth Wednesday of January, April, July, and October. This is open to all members of the Knights of Columbus in good standing, and is a great opportunity to meet and interact with your Knights of Columbus peers from other Parishes in the Diocese.

Each year the Chapter hosts an annual roundtable dinner to honor a few men (both clergy and lay) for their contributions to the Knights of Columbus, the Catholic Church, and community. We have been blessed to have a few members of our council honored at this event in previous years. This **year's event will take place Wednesday September 28th** at Holy Family Catholic Church 4401 Highcrest Rd., Rockford. **This year's honorees are Joe Scherb, Bob Tetzloff, and Msgr. Thomas Dempsey.**

In addition, the Chapter hosts an annual bowling tournament, where the winners advance to a state competition. Last year our council put together a team which took first place at the Diocese level, advanced to State and won second place at the state level! Further details will be provided on this event when all is finalized.

As our council has become a leader in the Rockford Diocese, this is our opportunity to lead by example through participation, sharing knowledge, and also receiving knowledge.

Community

Director

Adopt-a-Highway
Alternative Fundraising
Blood Drive
Christmas Tree Lot
Co-Chair
Community Nativity Sets
Founders' Days
Founders' Days Parade
Free Throw Contest
Hammer Open
ID Drive (Tootsie Rolls)
Man Power Events
Military Support
Nativity Set Construction
Oktoberfest
Poker
Recycling & Wheelchair
Scholarship Essay
Sports Mania
Summer Tailgating

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Faith

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Christmas Church Lights
Church/School Painting
Eucharistic Adoration
Fall Retreat
First Sunday Rosary
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St. Vincent DePaul
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Family

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Adopt-A-Sailor
Altar Server Appreciation
Back to School Grilling
Breakfasts
Christmas Party
Clay Pigeon Shoot
Family Picnic

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Father's Day Mass

Feed My Starving Children
Fish Fry
Flag Football
Nativity Magnets/Decals
Pasta Dinner
Perfect Attendance
State Kamporee
Summer Basketball Camps

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Life

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9 Days for Life Novena
Bereavement
Hospital Visitation
Inkjet/toner recycling
Life Chain
Mass for Deceased Brothers
Pro-Life Mass
Special Olympics

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~ June 2022 ~						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 Parish School Dine and Share - Sal's Pizza (Algonquin and Huntley - see flyer) 7p-8p Prayers for Vocations	2 7:30p-9p General Meeting	3	4 11a-12p Mass for Connor Orabutt becoming a Transitional Deacon (1243 S Church St, Rockford, IL 61102, USA)
5 8a-8:30a Rosary after 7am Mass (111 S Hubbard St, Algonquin, IL 60102, USA) 9a-10a First Mass for Transitional Deacon Connor Orabutt	6	7 7p-9p Nativity Set Construction	8	9	10	11
12	13	14 Flag Day 6:30p-7:30p Retirement Planning in a Changing Landscape 7p-9p Nativity Set Construction	15	16 7:30p-8:30p Officers Meeting	17	18
19 Father's Day Blood Drive	20 7p-7:30p Outdoor Rosary	21 Summer Solstice 7p-9p Nativity Set Construction	22	23	24	25 Knights News DEADLINE for Articles 9a-11a Adopt-A-Highway
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