



# The Knightly News

Knights of Columbus St. Margaret Mary Council 11091

District #47

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## From the Grand Knight



Worthy Brothers,

As I begin my Grand Knight year, I have a poorly timed vacation. I apologize that I will not be able to attend the first meeting. I trust Dave F. will do a great *repeat performance!*

We have some busy times coming up. **Founders' Days** is a great place for old and new Knights alike. Many hands make light work. With many hands there is also time to just enjoy the day at the park. Please take some time to help, especially for setup and takedown, since those will be weekday activities. We also have the Hammer Open coming in August. If you enjoy golf at any skill level, you will enjoy this event. Please consider coming out to play.

My Grand Knight year marks some major changes:

First, we say goodbye to two of our leaders and mentors. Our beloved pastor and Chaplain, Fr. Witold and Fr. Peter (Formerly pastor and Chaplain) will both be greatly missed. We wish them well in their new assignments. Shortly, we will welcome two new priests to the parish. I look forward to their faith, leadership, and guidance in the years to come.

Second, we enter a new era in The United States. With the Supreme Court action on Roe v. Wade, the Knights have won a long-fought victory. Make no mistake, I fully support the rights of women. I also fully support the right of an unborn child. The woman has a voice. The unborn child has none. We **MUST** continue to be the voice for that child! As I know my brother Knights, I have no doubt that we will continue to be that voice. Unfortunately, the Supreme Court decision has

energized the pro-abortion movement. We have only witnessed the first skirmish of a long, righteous battle.

I would like to reiterate, reinforce, and build upon my previous comments regarding passion. Passion in all that we do will show the world, and our future Knights, that we are performing good works, informed by faith. Be passionate in our love for Mary. We need the Mother of Jesus (patron Saint of Mothers) more than ever, in the days, months and even years to come.

As your Grand Knight, I am here to serve. Please reach out to me with ideas/issues. Please attend meetings, when possible (Like, not on vacation). Please participate in our events. You are the Knights of Columbus and I look forward to seeing all that we can accomplish together.

Vivat Jesus.  
Kevin Fitzgerald

# Look who's smiling!



Our Grand Knight Installation



Our new Officers - Congratulations to all!

Save  
the  
Date

Thursday July 28 - Sunday July 31

## ALGONQUIN FOUNDERS' DAYS



We will again be a part of the Algonquin Founders Days celebration. For us, it begins with setup on Tuesday and Wednesday, July 26 and 27 at Spella Park. After the festival, cleanup is on August 1 (Monday). Any and all help is requested during this time, even if you only have a few hours to spare on any day. We will send out more information during the next couple of weeks, so please watch for it!

Sunday August 14

## HAMMER OPEN



The Hammer Open will be at the Golf Club of Illinois. Start forming your teams now! It also might be wise to get in a few rounds before we see you out there ... we expect perfect form and shockingly LOW scores **from everyone! Can't do that? Well, you'll just have to settle for lots of fun.** Games, raffles and prizes as usual! Introduce someone new to this great day of comradery. Watch for more details.

## ROSARY

COME JOIN US - The first Sunday of every Month; next one is Sunday, July 3rd after 7 am mass.

Next outdoor Rosary at McGivney July 18th at 7 PM

Everyone is invited and it's a great way to start the month. Rosary prayer pamphlets will be provided.



## Signage Guy

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



## FOOTBALL MANIA



Football Mania starts on September 8, 2022 with the first Thursday Night NFL football game. Seems like a long way off, but not really. (Only two months) The teams are already in camps and **secretly practicing all their new trick plays! I don't know about you, but I can't wait!**

We will again be selling tickets for \$20 each. Each ticket gives you 17 chances to win (you are in it for the whole season!)

Paper tickets will be handed out at the August meeting. We really need your help to sell them. E-tickets will also be available by going to our special Football Mania website: <http://www.charitymania.com/give/AC088>

**We always have winners from our sold tickets. We've even had a grand prize winner (\$500) in previous seasons.** Bottom line, no tickey, no winney! See Kevin Wright for more details! [KevinWarrenWright@gmail.com](mailto:KevinWarrenWright@gmail.com)

## Feed My Starving Children



Come join us for this event. Bring friends and family too!  
Watch for the next announced event.

## Patriotic (4<sup>th</sup>) Degree news

Upcoming events and activities are as follows:

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

Saturday, July 16<sup>th</sup> – Honor guard and Color guard training at 10:30 a.m. at St. Mary 10307 Dundee Rd., Huntley, IL.

Tuesday, July 26<sup>th</sup> – next general meeting at 7:30 p.m. Location is HYBRID (both in-person and virtual) HERE AT ST. MARGARET MARY! This is a great opportunity to hear about upcoming patriotic degree programs, learn about upcoming programs at some of the other local councils, and interact with some of your peers from some of the other local Knights of Columbus councils.

Saturday, July 30<sup>th</sup> – Color guard has been requested for the annual Algonquin Founders Days 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 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'Neil 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)

# 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.

# 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. The July meeting is Wednesday July 27<sup>th</sup> and the location is HYBRID, physical location TBD.

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 28<sup>th</sup> 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. (i.e. sharing best practices)

## 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

### Director

Bibles for RE  
Christmas Church Lights  
Church/School Painting  
Eucharistic Adoration  
Fall Retreat  
First Sunday Rosary  
Marytown Ministry  
Prison Ministry  
St. Vincent DePaul  
Youth Ministry Support

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## Family

### Director

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

### Director

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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3 8a-8:30a Rosary after 7am Mass (111 S Hubbard St, Algonquin, IL 60102, USA)	4 Independence Day	5 7p-9p Nativity Set Construction	6 7p-8p Prayers for Vocations	7 7:30p-9p General Meeting	8	9
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24	25	26 Founders Day Setup 7p-9p Nativity Set Construction 7:30p-9p Assembly Meeting (Bishop O'Neal Assembly) (online only)	27 Founders Day Setup 7:30p-9p Rockford Chapter meeting (TBD)	28 World Hepatitis Day Founders Days (2610 Harnish Dr, Algonquin, IL 60102, USA)	29 Founders Days (2610 Harnish Dr, Algonquin, IL 60102, USA)	30 Int'l. Friendship Day Founders Days (2610 Harnish Dr, Algonquin, IL 60102, USA)
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~ August 2022 ~

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