



The Knightly News

Knights of Columbus St. Margaret Mary Council 11091

District #47

www.KofC11091.org

From the Grand Knight



Worthy Brothers:

As you read this, the trick-or-treaters are down from the sugar and their parents have hid the candy to ration out at a reasonable pace. We now turn our attention to many joyous and a few solemn activities and events. All Souls day is upon us. We should all remember the loved ones that we have lost and the souls of all the departed. On Sunday, we specifically remember our brother Knights. I urge all of our brother knights to attend this ceremony.

On Thanksgiving, while we host the adopt-a-sailor event again. This is the first time since the military put a stop on it due to COVID. There are many opportunities to participate throughout the day. For most of these kids, this may be the first non-military contact that they have had since starting boot camp. Please watch for further information in emails.

Thanksgiving weekend is also when we set up nativity sets around town and on the campus. Many hands make light work. Consider coming out Saturday November 26 to help. We have donuts. Details will come out via email closer to the event.

This also marks the beginning of one of the biggest and most enjoyable events of the year. The tree lot is an extended with many slots to fill. We need everyone involved to be successful. Sign up, sell trees, buy a tree, have fun. There is great joy in selling the right tree to the right family and make sure you tie good knots. If all goes well, we will be open every day and sell out early.

Let's not forget the Jolly one himself. The man in the suit will make appearances at both the Knights party and the breakfast the next day. I hope that you will all make an appearance as well. The party is a

great celebration of being knights and a thank-you for all you do throughout the year. The breakfast is an event for the parish and also a great recruitment opportunity.

As I themed my Grand Knight year as passion. I hope to see the passion of all our members in the upcoming events. I have been a little down seeing the participation in some of the recent events. I pray to see the passion of this council renewed as we get into the joyous holidays to come. I look forward to seeing everyone at some or all of the upcoming events.

Vivat Jesus

Kevin Fitzgerald

Look what we've been doing ...



Feed My Starving Children on Oct 12, 2022
Come next time and bring the whole family!!!



Outdoor Rosary at our Grotto. All are Welcome ... Please join us this month!!



Color guard at Marion High School on Oct 21, 2022.



Adopt-A-Sailor November 24th Thanksgiving



I know it is Thanksgiving Day and we spend most of it with our families, but we also have the opportunity to host some new US Navy recruits for a nice Thanksgiving Day dinner away from the base. Most have not seen friends or family for many weeks, so we become their family for Thanksgiving Day. We **NEED** you help this day, so please donate your time and talents, even **if only for part of the day**. **We've invited brother Knights from other councils for help, so please welcome and thank them for their help when they show up.**

Blood Drive November 27th



We are hosting a blood drive on Sunday, November, 27th from 8:00 AM until 2:00 PM in McDonnell Hall. You can save a lot of time (up to 20 minutes) by filling out the fast track questionnaire the day of your donation.

YES we are taking donors from Poland now. One slight quirk; if you are from Poland and have tried to donate with LifeSource or Vitalant and were deferred, you will have to call the medical help desk at Vitalant 1-877-25-VITAL to get cleared before being able to donate. It is something that cannot be fixed on-site of the blood drive. Otherwise just come in with a picture ID and you are ready to donate.

Please try, if you can, to come to the drive to donate. We do not get the same credit that we do when you give at the blood center. We receive credit at the end of the year for off-site donations. However, the donations do not seem to add up correctly. Secondly, try to come early or late, if you can, as the busiest times are from 10am to 11am. But no worries, if this is your time, then that is your time to donate.

Some pointers to consider: In the days before the drive please make sure to get a healthy amount of iron from food. Meat and seafood, as well as vegetables like spinach and sweet potatoes, are good sources of iron. Certain breads, fruits, and other foods like beans and even tofu can be good. The day of the blood drive, prepare yourself by eating 2 hours prior and drinking plenty of fluids and wearing comfortable clothes with sleeves that you can easily roll up above your elbow.

A huge thank you to all who have donated blood. You really have given the gift of life to so many souls.

Breakfast with Santa – December 11th



Sunday, December 11th from 8:00 am to 1230pm, please come to work or join our Knights of Columbus annual Breakfast with Santa in McDonnell Hall. Bring the whole family for an all-you-can-eat buffet and get your free picture with Santa. **Details to follow.....**

PS There is big, big news regarding this Breakfast with Santa. Please come to the General meeting on November 3rd or **December 1st at 730pm to find out what it is.....**

Diocesan Bowling Tournament January 21st



Knights of Columbus

Rockford Diocese 2023 Bowling Tournament

Please Join Us For a Day of Bowling

January 21st 2023 at 12:00PM
\$100.00 Per Team of 4
Marengo Glo-Bowl
101 Franks Rd
Marengo, IL

Please make checks payable to: Knights of Columbus Rockford Chapter
Please send the reservation sheet and payments by 1/14/2023 to:
Steve Zalas, Chapter Treasurer: 8511 Richmond Rd Wonderlake, IL 60097

Questions, please contact:
Mark Halper (Bowling Chairman) by Email: mmhalper@sbcglobal.net or by phone: (773) 771-1810
Steve Zalas (Chapter Treasurer) by Email: zracos37@comcast.net or by phone: (815) 573-2933



ROSARY

COME JOIN US - The first Sunday of every Month; next one is Sunday, Nov 6th after 7 am mass.

Next outdoor Rosary at McGivney Nov 21st 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 (pcmgr@gmail.com) or GK Kevin to hear more about what this job would entail.

Patriotic (4th) Degree news

Upcoming events and activities are as follows:

Tuesday, November 22nd – next general meeting at 7:30 p.m. Location is HYBRID (both in-person and virtual) at Domoulin Farms, Hampshire, IL. 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 February 11th - 4th degree exemplification at the Sheraton Lisle. 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 to follow, for now plan and budget accordingly.

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



Save the Date for the Next 4th Degree Exemplification



4th Degree Exemplification
Saturday, February 11, 2023

Sheraton Lisle Naperville
Hotel
3000 Warrenville Rd
Lisle, IL 60532

Candidates' initiation fee **\$70.00**
 Includes: Banquet Ticket, Social
 Baldric, and 4th Degree Pin.

Priests **ONLY** initiation fee **\$50.00**
 Includes Banquet Ticket, Social
 Baldric, and 4th Degree Pin.

Sir Knights, Ladies and Guests are
 also invited.

The Souvenir Program Ad Book:

- FULL PAGE (5 1/2 x 8 1/2) \$100.00**
- 3/4 PAGE (5 1/2 x 6 1/4) \$75.00**
- 1/2 PAGE (5 1/2 x 4 1/4) \$50.00**
- 1/4 PAGE (5 1/2 x 2 1/4) \$25.00**

Ad Due Date: January 1, 2023

Make Checks payable to: K of C Joliet Assembly #204
 c/o Tim Cosgrove 815-483-0548 cell
 1026 Stonegate Road
 New Lenox, IL 60451
 Sox1985@att.net

Please see and talk to Mark Halper or Kevin Wright to discuss becoming a 4th Degree Knight. They have the proper forms. Current 4th Degree Knights who want to participate can click this link.

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 October meeting is Wednesday Oct 26th 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 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. (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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Marv Basch (847) 612-8443
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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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Mark Ostrowski (847) 778-4269
Ken Prigge (630) 730-2754
Deacon Maher (847) 658-5788
Stuart Kuczynski (847) 987-6391
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Family

Director

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

Mark Halper

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Marv Basch (847) 612-8443
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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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Dan Limbach (224) 829-1914
Greg Haluczak (847) 571-7830
Mark Ostrowski (847) 778-4269
Kevin Fitzgerald (847) 658-6305
Nick Wake (847) 854-6279

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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Service Programs

Director

Degree Team
Membership Development
Membership Promotions

Rick Limbach

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Director

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Vocational Raffle

Marv Basch

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Anniversary Dinner	Kevin Fitzgerald	(847) 658-6305
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Advocate	Kyle Nejman	
Treasurer	Rob Pascolini	(847) 894-2583
Recorder	Jerry Gard	(847) 854-7430
Inside Guard	Tim Wuerger	(847) 757-7245
Outside Guard	Brendan Driscoll	
Trustee 3 Year	Dave Campbell	(815)382-8181
Trustee 2 Year	David Frendreiss	(847) 809-6891
Trustee 1 Year	Chris Burns	(847) 528-9452
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Please email your articles and photos(with comments) to:

KevinWarrenWright@gmail.com

Put, "Newsletter" in the Subject Line

and give captions for photos

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		1	2	3 7:30p-9p General Meeting	4	5
6 Daylight Saving Time Ends 8a-8:30a Rosary after 7am Mass (in the church) 4:30p-7:30p Deceased Brothers Ceremony and Dinner (Ceremony in church after 4:30 mass), dinner in McD afterwards)	7	8 Election Day 7p-9p Nativity Set Construction	9	10	11 Veterans' Day	12 Christmas Tree Lot Setup
13 10a-10:30a Knights Rosary (in the church)	14	15 7p-9p Nativity Set Construction	16	17 Great American Smokeout 7:30p-8:30p Officers Meeting	18	19 Christmas Tree Lot - Delivery of Trees Christmas Tree Lot - Open for Business
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