



# 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 write, we have just entered the Holy season of Lent. In true Knightly style, we kicked off with the first fish fry. The numbers are not in, but judging by the steady stream of customers, I would guess we did well. As we get into March, the excitement builds. For Knights activities, we help with the Shamrock Shave in many, many roles. Following the shave we have two more fish fries scheduled. In the middle of this, and coincidental with our second fish fry is Saint Patrick's Day. One of my personal favorites.

As mentioned earlier, we are now into the season of Lent. Please take this time to reflect and repent. It is a wonderful season to help renew faith and work on our relationship with God. I look forward to this time in the church and I hope you do too.

January was a fairly quiet month. Highlights included a pasta dinner, Feed My Starving Children, and the fish fry. We had regularly scheduled events as well such as rosaries and Adopt-A-Highway. I discovered early on as Grand Knight, one of the most difficult tasks is to select the Knight and Family of the month. This month is no

exception. The group of men and families who get the work done are impressive at every single event. This month Tom Cross and his son showed up early for the pasta dinner. To take on some of the harder tasks in the kitchen continually asking for the next job. For this, the Cross family is selected as the family of the month. Further, the person who goes the farthest out of the way to help shows up for floor duty after the fun is over. Young Patrick Ryan O'Come shows up with a servant's heart to sweep up the floors after diners are gone. For this reason, Patrick Ryan has been selected as the Knight of the month. Congratulations and thank you to these worthy brothers.

As I wrap this up, I urge you to help recruit. There is more to come, but we are looking at a great class of candidates for our next degree. The event is best when experienced with a greater number men. The more we can recruit, the stronger the council. A date for the degree is forthcoming. Lastly, to touch on a theme, I hope to see everyone at the upcoming events. Bring your passion to all you do and the parish will see it. Through that passion, we can recruit members to do the work as well as the customers to serve. See you Thursday at the next general meeting. Vivat Jesus,

Kevin Fitzgerald



## RECYCLING AND WHEELCHAIR PROGRAM

The Knights of Columbus Council #11091 started an aluminum can recycling program 20 years ago to raise money for charity and reduce the waste generated from our social events. The program expanded to aluminum foil pans used at our food events and continued to grow beyond that to nonprecious metals and alloys. As the popularity grew, we built a 'Can Corral' to house the materials until we had a chance to recycle them for funds.

We saved the money collected and came across 'The Wheelchair Foundation', a nonprofit organization that would match a \$75 donation to purchase a new \$150 wheelchair. The wheelchairs were earmarked for people in developing countries who are impacted by war, poverty, or illness, and would not otherwise have access to a wheelchair. These wheelchairs can be donated in honor of a loved one, and a certificate of the recipient is then mailed to the person or family of the loved one in acknowledgement of their gratitude.

We have recently started handing out plastic bags at our food events, in hopes our community can help with the cause by saving their aluminum cans. So far, our Knights of Columbus Council has collected and recycled over TEN TONS of aluminum cans. Combined with the other miscellaneous metals, we have raised over \$15,000, which equates to purchasing approximately 100 wheelchairs for people in need. We are in the process of saving enough money to fill a shipping crate with wheelchairs that will be delivered to the needy. Please take home a bag today – instructions are provided!

If you would like to get more involved, talk to a member of the Knights of Columbus who will be glad to give you additional information.

God Bless and thank you for your support!

Vivat Jesus!



## **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 April meeting is Wednesday April 26<sup>th</sup> and the location is HYBRID (virtual and physical), physical location is at the Church of Holy Apostles in McHenry.

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 27<sup>th</sup> at Holy Family Catholic Church 4401 Highcrest Rd., Rockford.

In addition, the Chapter hosts an annual bowling tournament, where the winners advance to the state competition. For the past two years our council put together a team which took first place at the Diocese level and advanced to State! Last year our council won second place at the state level! In addition, our very own Michael Barrett took first place individually with Kevin Wright taking second place individually (John Barrett won the "booby" prize with the lowest score)! The team will compete at the State Finals Saturday March 25<sup>th</sup> at Landmark Lanes in Peoria. 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 participating, sharing knowledge, and also receiving knowledge (i.e., sharing best practices).

**Look what we've been doing ...**

# JUST THE DETAILS

## REQUIRED NOTICE

Brothers, at the February General meeting, we discussed providing support for our Brother Knight, Connor Orabutt, who is currently a Transitional Deacon and will be fully ordained a priest on Saturday, June 3, 2023. We will looking to help defray the costs of Connor's reception after Ordination. In addition, Connor will be celebrating his first Mass as priest on Sunday, June 4, 2023 at St. Margaret Mary. Similar to when he became a Transitional Deacon, the Knights would like to sponsor a continental breakfast for all St. Margaret Mary parishioners after all of the Sunday Masses on June 4th.

Per our by-laws, we are sending an email to all Knights and publishing this in the March newsletter. We will looking to discuss and vote on a budget of \$4,000 in our March general meeting. Please contact Andre Manaois or Deacon Bob Armstrong if you have any questions regarding this proposal.

## SHAMROCK SHAVE DINNER

We will be helping with the Shamrock Shave Dinner on Saturday March 11<sup>th</sup>. Please consider helping out, either by volunteering some time to help in the many set-up (March 10th) and day-of serving tasks or bring the family and friends for a scrumptious Corned Beef dinner.

## CLERGY APPRECIATION

Looking ahead, our 4<sup>th</sup> Degree Bishop O'Neill Assembly will host a Clergy Appreciation Dinner on Friday, May 19. This event is held to honor our Priests, Deacons, and Sisters from Elgin, Carpentersville, Dundee, Algonquin, Huntley and Hampshire. The event will be held at St. Mary Parish Center 10307 Dundee Road in Huntley. You do NOT have to be a 4th degree to attend and show your appreciation to our clergy. It is a wonderful dinner with our priests and deacons and a chance to share some great fellowship with them. Watch for more details.

## KNIGHTS' FALL RETREAT 2023

AND farther ahead, the 2023 Knights Fall Retreat is set for September 27<sup>th</sup> to October 1<sup>st</sup>. We will be returning a second year to the luxurious lodge at Long Lake Wisconsin. Check out all the pictures from our 2022 retreat at our Knights Sutterfly account: <https://kofc11091.shutterfly.com>. An outstanding time was had by all! You all need to treat yourself to a get away like this.

Cost for the 5-day retreat including transportation, food and lodging is around \$520. Not many places you can go to for less than \$105 per day, particularly one as spectacular as this.

In April, I'll start taking reservations with a \$200 deposit. The number of participates will be limited to the first 25. Deposit is non-refundable if you cancel after August 1<sup>st</sup> and the participant count is less than 25 and your spot is not backfilled. If we have over 25 committed

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL #11091

# BREAKFAST WITH THE EASTER BUNNY



**Sunday, March 26th**  
**8:00 am to 12:15 pm**

**\$10.00 Adult**  
**\$5.00 Seniors & Children 5-12**  
**5 and under eat free**

BREAKFAST INCLUDES A PHOTO WITH THE EASTER BUNNY AND  
CRAFTS FOR KIDS



**100% of profits**  
**are donated to**  
**charity.**

**McDonnell Hall**

**111 SOUTH HUBBARD ST. ALGONQUIN**

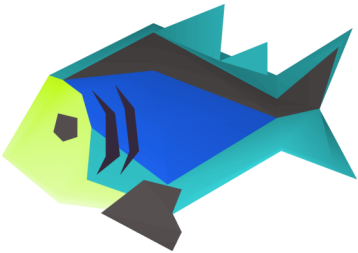


# CALENDAR THESE



March 11 (Saturday)

Shamrock Shave (setup March 10)



March 17 (Friday)

Friday Fish Fry (McDonnell Hall)

March 31 (Friday)

Friday Fish Fry (McDonnell Hall)



March 26 (Sunday)

Breakfast with the Easter Bunny

## ROSARY

COME JOIN US - The 1st Sunday of the month, Mar 5th after the 7 am mass, and the 2nd Sunday Mar 12 after 9 am mass. Next outdoor Rosary behind McGivney March 20th at 7 PM. Everyone is invited. 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.

# 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.



## 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

### Paul Evans

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Rene Mendez (224) 402-5071  
Chris Burns (847) 528-9452  
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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

### OPEN

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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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Ed Henning (847) 458-9077  
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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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## Service Programs

### Director

Degree Team  
Membership Development  
Membership Promotions

### Rick Limbach

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## Vocations

### Director

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Vocational Raffle

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**Put, "Newsletter" in the Subject Line**

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2 7:30p-9p General Meeting	3	4
5 8a-8:30a Rosary after 7am Mass (in the church)	6	7	8 Intl. Women's Day	9	10 Shamrock Shave - Food Prep Day (TBD)	11 Shamrock Shave (TBD)
12 Daylight Saving Begins 10a-10:30a Knights Rosary (in the church)	13	14	15	16 7:30p-8:30p Officers Meeting	17 Saint Patrick's Day 8a-11p Friday Fish Fry (111 S Hubbard St, Algonquin, IL 60102, USA)	18
19	20 Spring Begins (Northern Hemisphere) 7p-7:30p Outdoor Rosary	21	22	23	24 World Tuberculosis Day	25 Knighly News DEADLINE for Articles
26 5a-1:30p Breakfast with Easter Bunny	27	28 7:30p-9p Assembly Meeting (Bishop O'Neal Assembly) (St. Mary Catholic Church, 10307 Dundee-Huntley Rd, Huntley, IL)	29	30	31 8a-11p Friday Fish Fry (111 S Hubbard St, Algonquin, IL 60102, USA)	

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2 8a-8:30a Rosary after 7am Mass (in the church)	3	4	5	6 7:30p-9p General Meeting	7 Good Friday	8
9 Easter 10a-10:30a Knights Rosary (in the church)	10	11 7p-9p Nativity Set Construction - Tentative startup date	12	13	14	15 6p-9p Council 30th Anniversary Dinner (Golf Club of Illinois, 1575 Edgewood Dr, Algonquin, IL 60102,)
16	17 Tax Day (Taxes Due) 7p-7:30p Outdoor Rosary	18 7p-9p Nativity Set Construction	19	20 7:30p-8:30p Officers Meeting	21 State Convention	22 Earth Day Knighly News DEADLINE for Articles State Convention
23 World Immunization Week State Convention	24	25 World Malaria Day 7p-9p Nativity Set Construction 7:30p-9p Assembly Meeting (Bishop O'Neal Assembly) (St. Catherine of Siena, 845 W Main St, West Dundee, IL 60118,)	26 Administrative Professionals 7:30p-9p Rockford Chapter meeting (TBD)	27	28 Arbor Day	29
30 7a-3p Blood Drive (in McDonnell Hall in Ministry Center SMM campus map: <a href="https://driv">https://driv</a> )						