



The Knightly News

Knights of Columbus St. Margaret Mary Council 11091

District #47

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From the Grand Knight



Worthy Brothers:

It is amazing how time flies. I am just entering the final month of my grand knight year and I feel

like I just started. The job is harder and more rewarding than I expected. I have enjoyed the time that I have spent with our council as well as time at the convention seeing other council leadership as well as old friends. I look forward to many more years sitting on the other side of the tables.

In case you are not aware, Council elections are at the meeting on Thursday, June 1st. It can also be an opportunity to see where you might fit into council leadership for the next Columbian year and beyond.

I look forward to seeing everyone at the meeting. We will have a great year under our new leadership and achieve next level accomplishments in the next year and beyond.

As we come out of a holiday weekend, please remember the patriotism of the Knights. Remember always, not just one day, the sacrifices of so many to make the United States the great nation that it is.

Lastly, it has been a while since our council has achieved star. I believe we are six new members from reaching this goal. We will schedule a degree in the near future. If you have any candidates, please invite them to join. It is only with great membership, that the council moves forward.

Vivat Jesus,

GK Kevin Fitzgerald

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Lecturer	Sal Corona	Sal Corona



Mt Hope
Cemetery
on May 29

JUST THE DETAILS

SLATE OF OFFICERS

Shown on page 1

KNIGHTS' FALL RETREAT 2023

AND farther ahead, the 2023 Knights Fall Retreat is set for September 27th to October 1st. 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 started taking reservations with a \$200 deposit. The number of participants will be limited to the first 25. Deposit is non-refundable if you cancel after August 1st and the participant count is less than 25 and your spot is not backfilled. If we have over 25 committed participants, then you can cancel with a refund up to the event.

Please feel free to reach out to me for some details or Fall Retreat stories.

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Patriotic (4th) degree information - uniform

“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

The primary purpose of the Fourth Degree is to foster the spirit of patriotism by promoting responsible citizenship and generating a love of country encouraging active Catholic citizenship. The public appearance of Fourth Degree Knights as a Color Corps at religious and civic functions is an important activity, adding dignity and the pride of Church and country to any event. By these public demonstrations their loyalties bring credit to themselves and to the Knights of Columbus.

The Fourth Degree Honor Guard’s ultimate goal is to “add dignity to the celebration of the Sacred Liturgy and to display pride for the religious freedom, a gift from God bestowed upon our Church and country.” The Fourth Degree is a part **OF** the Knights of Columbus (not apart *FROM*), and is to COMPLEMENT (not compete with) council activities.

We want people to participate in honor guards and color guards, especially for (but not limited to) visitations and wakes for our deceased brother Knights (arguably one of our most important duties as Knights of Columbus), Confirmation Masses, and other special events. To order the uniform go to www.kofcuniform.com or call 833-562-4327.

We recognize that buying the uniform can be a substantial financial purchase, therefore we are offering **\$100** to help you with the purchase! You would purchase the uniform, and present the receipt to the Treasurer so you would get your \$100!

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!**

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. We invite men to join the Knights of Columbus for the Church, the more men we invite the stronger the Church will be.

Rockford Diocese Chapter

The Rockford Diocese Chapter was formed in 1989 by Bishop Arthur J. O'Neill and Past State Deputy/Formal 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 26th and the location is HYBRID (virtual and physical), 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 27th at Holy Family Catholic Church 4401 Highcrest Road in Rockford. This year's honorees are Peter Smith (a former District Deputy in the Rockford), David Jones (a former District Deputy who previously served our council) and Monsignor Glenn Nelson who came from our very own St. Margaret Mary in Algonquin. Let's come out and support these men!

In addition, each year 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 the State competition!

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).

Fraternally,

Mark Halper-Rockford Diocese Chapter Vice-President

Brothers:

Spring is here, at least by the calendar, and it will soon be summer. Perhaps you're planning your summer vacation. Maybe you've not only planned it, but you've already booked your hotel, VRBO®, or Airbnb®. Maybe you've gone so far as to purchase plane tickets...or maybe your vacation spot will be within driving distance. You're already thinking of the clothes you'll have to pack and those new pieces that you'll have to buy. You've got a little extra cash saved to buy some special souvenirs. You are researching the area and finding the interesting historical sites to visit. Seeing where the fun spots are...checking out the local places to dine. How do you want to plan your week away?

I'll admit it, I enjoy doing that research, especially when I'm driving. I like looking at maps and seeing what sights there are to see, the historical venues, the local restaurants. I like looking online (and maybe even getting some old fashioned travel brochures) to check out my travel destination. If I'm driving I like to pick a route. Not necessarily the fastest on my GPS though. The fastest route often bypasses the interesting sites. (Think historical Route 66 and all the interesting places along that road!) When I'm all done and I've got everything laid out, I have a certain sense of accomplishment. I know I'm going to have a good time because I've looked at many options and picked the ones that mean the most to me.

I think of working with you, my brother Knights, in much the same way. When I sit down with you and your spouse we start with a financial needs analysis. We "drop a pin" on your map to show where you are now. We enter a destination of where you want to go. What do you want to see for your family if the unforeseen happens? That might be a situation where one of our products, life insurance, long-term care insurance, disability income insurance, or a retirement annuity, may be needed. Think of that product as the vehicle that gets you or your family farther along to a better place on your financial road map. Much like a vacation, we'll make stops along the way, take a look "under the hood," and make sure the strategy is still "running on all cylinders." There are many options to discuss, even within the different lines of products available, to help you get to where you want to go.

Do you have a strategy? May I have the privilege of helping you and your family develop one or fine tune the one you have? I'll be calling soon to set up a time to get together to discuss your financial road map.

Vivat Jesus!

Thomas Varkados

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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.

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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
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Scholarship Essay
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Back to School Grilling
Breakfasts
Christmas Party
Clay Pigeon Shoot
Family Picnic

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

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9 Days for Life Novena
Bereavement
Hospital Visitation
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Life Chain
Mass for Deceased Brothers
Pro-Life Mass
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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 7:30p-9p General Meeting	2	3 Connor Orabutt Ordination
4 Connor Orabutt Ordination Reception 8a-8:30a Rosary after 7am Mass (in the church)	5	6	7 7p-9p Nativity Set Construction	8	9 K of C Kamporee (KOA Lena, IL)	10 K of C Kamporee (KOA Lena, IL)
11 K of C Kamporee (KOA Lena, IL) 10a-10:30a Knights Rosary (in the church)	12	13	14 Flag Day 6:30p-7:30p Feed My Starving Children (Feed My Starving Children) 740 Wiley Farm Ct, Schaumburg, IL 60173 7p-9p Nativity Set Construction	15 7:30p-8:30p Officers Meeting	16	17
18 Father's Day	19 7p-7:30p Outdoor Rosary	20	21 Summer Solstice 7p-9p Nativity Set Construction	22	23	24 Knightly News DEADLINE for Articles 10p-11p Officer Installation
25 BLOOD DRIVE	26	27 7p-8p Importance of Whole Life as part of Retirement Plan 7:30p-9p Assembly Meeting (Bishop O'Neal Assembly) (St. Mary Catholic Church), 10307 Dundee-Huntley Rd, Huntley, IL)	28 7p-9p Nativity Set Construction	29	30	

~ July 2023 ~

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 Canada Day
2 8a-8:30a Rosary after 7am Mass (in the church)	3	4 Independence Day	5 7p-9p Nativity Set Construction	6 7:30p-9p General Meeting	7	8
9 10a-10:30a Knights Rosary (in the church)	10	11	12 7p-9p Nativity Set Construction	13	14	15
16	17 7p-7:30p Outdoor Rosary	18	19 7p-9p Nativity Set Construction	20 7:30p-8:30p Officers Meeting	21 9p-12a Founders Day	22 Founders Day Knightly News DEADLINE for Articles
23 12a-10p Founders Day	24	25 7:30p-9p Assembly Meeting (Bishop O'Neal Assembly) (online only)	26 7p-9p Nativity Set Construction 7:30p-9p Rockford Chapter meeting (TBD)	27	28 World Hepatitis Day	29
30 Int'l. Friendship Day	31					