

October 2023



The Knightly News

Knights of Columbus St. Margaret Mary Council 11091

District # 47

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From the Grand Knight's Desk:



Worthy Brothers

It's been quite the month: starting with Labor Day, moving to the memorial of 9/11, then on to

Oktoberfest, and ending with a much needed break up north at the fall retreat.

Oktoberfest went very well and I would personally thank each and everyone of you that volunteered your time. The fest went off without a hitch, other than dodging the rain, but we're still able to remain profitable. A side note to the fest was gaining a new member of our council, Matt Gornik; welcome to the council.

The fall retreat was epic as usual, being able to take a few days from our hectic lives for fellowship and brotherhood at a lake house, is a great way to recharge your batteries.

Now that we've had our rest, it's time to get back at it. This month marks the month of the Holy Rosary...

Mary, Mother of God, with her Knights, for the sanctity of human life in all stages. Mary, heart of the Holy Family, with her Knights, for faithful marriages and joyful families. Mary, the Immaculate Conception, with her Knights, for decency and purity in our world. Mary to whom her Son would refuse nothing, with her Knights, for justice and compassion for the downtrodden and all those who suffer.

Grand Knight

Michael Kouvelis



4th Degree Activities

“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 **COMPLIMENT** (not compete with) council activities.

The next opportunity to advance to the fourth degree is Saturday October 14th at Holy Family in Rockford. While the deadline has passed to register for this, existing 4th degree members can still attend and observe the degree to refresh their memories on the lessons taught in this degree as well as support the new 4th degree members.

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.

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Rockford Diocese Chapter

The Rockford Diocese Chapter was formed in 1989 by Bishop Arthur J. O'Neill and Past State Deputy/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, October 25th and the location is HYBRID (virtual and physical), physical location is at Our Lady of Good Counsel in Aurora.

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 event typically takes place the fourth Wednesday in September, thank you to everyone who attended the event last week.

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

Look at what we've been doing!

Fall Retreat at The Lodge at Long Lake, Wisconsin

Relaxing ...



Visiting local historical sites ...



Fishing and Golfing ...



Swimming, well, sort of ...



Disc Golfing ...



Obviously it was a strenuous weekend. Hopefully everyone has recovered ...

Outdoor Rosary on Sep 18 at the Grotto



Life Chain on Oct 1 at St Catherine of Sienna



Roundtable Dinner on Sep 27



September ID Drive



Directors & Chairmen

Community:

Director

Adopt-a-Highway
Blood Drive
Free Throw Contest
Christmas Tree Lot
Scholarship Essay
Community Nativity Setup
Recycling & Wheelchair
Founders' Days
Founders' Days Parade
ID Drive (Tootsie Rolls)
Hammer Open*
Nativity Set Construction
Military Support
Nativity Magnets/Decals
Co-Chair
Manpower Events
Sports Mania
Octoberfest
Poker

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Faith:

Director*

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Christmas Church Lights
Church/School Painting
Eucharistic Adoration
Men's Fall Retreat
Sunday Rosary
Marytown Ministry
Prison Ministry
St. Vincent DePaul
Youth Ministry Support

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Dean Duley (630) 669-4495
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Family:

Director*

Adopt-A-Sailor
Breakfasts
Christmas Party
State Kamporee
Father's Day Mass
Family Picnic
Co-Chair
Feed My Starving Children
Fish Fry
Back to School Grilling
Altar Server Appreciation
Pasta Dinner
Perfect Attendance
Summer Basketball Camps

OPEN

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Culture of Life:

Director

Pro-Life Mass
Inkjet/Toner Recycling
Special Olympics
Hospital Visitation
Mass for Deceased Brothers
Bereavement
Life Chain
9 Days for life Novena

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Director

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Lecturer*	Sal Corona	()
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Calendar of Events Council 11091 (See the full on-line calendar for changes -> [GMAIL Calendar](#))

~ October 2023 ~						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Fall Retreat (The Lodge at Long Lake, N3377 Long Lake Rd, Stone Lake, WI 5487) 8a-8:30a Rosary after 7am Mass (in the church)	2	3	4 7p-9p Nativity Set Construction	5 7:30p-9p General Meeting	6	7 12p-5p CANCELED - Knights Bags Tournament - Save the Date
8 10a-10:30a Knights Rosary (in the church)	9 Columbus Day	10	11 7p-9p Nativity Set Construction	12	13	14 11p-12a 4th Degree Exemplification
15	16 7p-7:30p Outdoor Rosary	17	18 7p-9p Nativity Set Construction	19 7:30p-8:30p Officers Meeting	20	21
22	23	24 7:30p-9p Assembly Meeting (Bishop O'Neal Assembly) (111 S Hubbard St, Algonquin, IL 60102, USA)	25 7p-9p Nativity Set Construction 7:30p-9p Rockford Chapter meeting (TBD)	26	27	28 Knightly News DEADLINE for Articles
29	30	31 Halloween				

~ November 2023 ~						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 7p-9p Nativity Set Construction	2 7:30p-9p General Meeting	3	4
5 Daylight Saving Time Ends 8a-8:30a Rosary after 7am Mass (in the church)	6	7 Election Day	8 7p-9p Nativity Set Construction	9	10	11 Veterans' Day
12 Deceased Brothers Mass and Ceremony 10a-10:30a Knights Rosary (in the church)	13	14	15 7p-9p Nativity Set Construction	16 Great American Smokeout 7:30p-8:30p Officers Meeting	17	18
19 BLOOD DRIVE	20 7p-7:30p Outdoor Rosary	21	22 7p-9p Nativity Set Construction	23 Thanksgiving Day	24	25 Knightly News DEADLINE for Articles
26	27	28 7:30p-9p Assembly Meeting (Bishop O'Neal Assembly) (St. Mary Catholic Church, 10307 Dundee-Huntley Rd, Huntley, IL)	29 7p-9p Nativity Set Construction	30		