



# The Knightly News

Knights of Columbus St. Margaret Mary Council 11091

District #47

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## From the Grand Knight

Brothers,

Not much has happened in the past month but we did have an event. The celebration of The Feast day of St Margaret Mary and John Paul 2 was a great success. Thank you to all that came out to help.

As hard as it is to believe, (at least for me) November is upon us and with that comes a jam packed month of events. Starting out with Christmas Tree lot set up 11/11, followed by the Deceased Brothers Mass 11/12. 11/18 our Christmas trees will arrive and once unloaded the lot will be open for business. Then to close the month we have Thanksgiving giving us time to reflect on what we are thankful for over the past year. What better to give thanks than to spread Thanksgiving to those that are serving our great country. Back again is our Adopt-a-sailor program, if you haven't participated before, I highly recommend devoting some time to spend with those serving in the U.S. Navy, a perfect example of our patriotic teachings. This month will require all hands on deck, please be on the look out for the sign up genius to take a shift at our Christmas tree lot.

With November comes Veterans Day, Thank you to all that have or are currently serving in our Military.

Lord God, You have sustained our nation in the past and continue to bless us. We recall how so many have given their lives for the cause of freedom. Men and women continue to sacrifice and serve in the armed forces. Today, we pause to reflect and honor those who gave or continue to sacrifice so much in defense of our freedom to be faithful. Amen

# Knights of Columbus

## Rockford Diocese 2024 Bowling Tournament

Please Join Us For a Day of Bowling



Bowling includes free pizza & soft drinks.  
50/50 & Raffles!

Trophies given to the 3 high scoring teams  
& individuals based on a handicapped score.

**February 3<sup>rd</sup> 2024 at 12:30PM**

Registration starting at 12:00PM

**\$100.00 Per Team of 4**

The top 3 bowling teams get free registration to the KofC State bowling tournament in Peoria

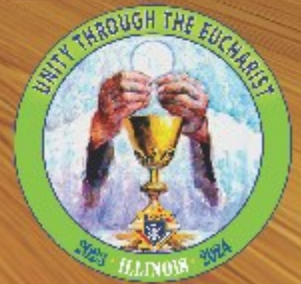
**Marengo Glo-Bowl**

**101 Franks Rd, Marengo, IL**

Please make checks payable to: Knights of Columbus Rockford Chapter  
Please send the reservation sheet and payments by 1/15/2023 to:  
Steve Zalas, Chapter Treasurer 8511 Richmond Rd Wonderlake, IL 60097

Questions, please contact:

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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 January meeting is Wednesday, January 24<sup>th</sup> and the location is HYBRID (virtual and physical), physical location is at Holy Family in Rockford.

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 month.

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! This year's bowling event will take place Saturday February 3, 2024 at Glo-Bowl in Marengo, this is the weekend before the Super Bowl!

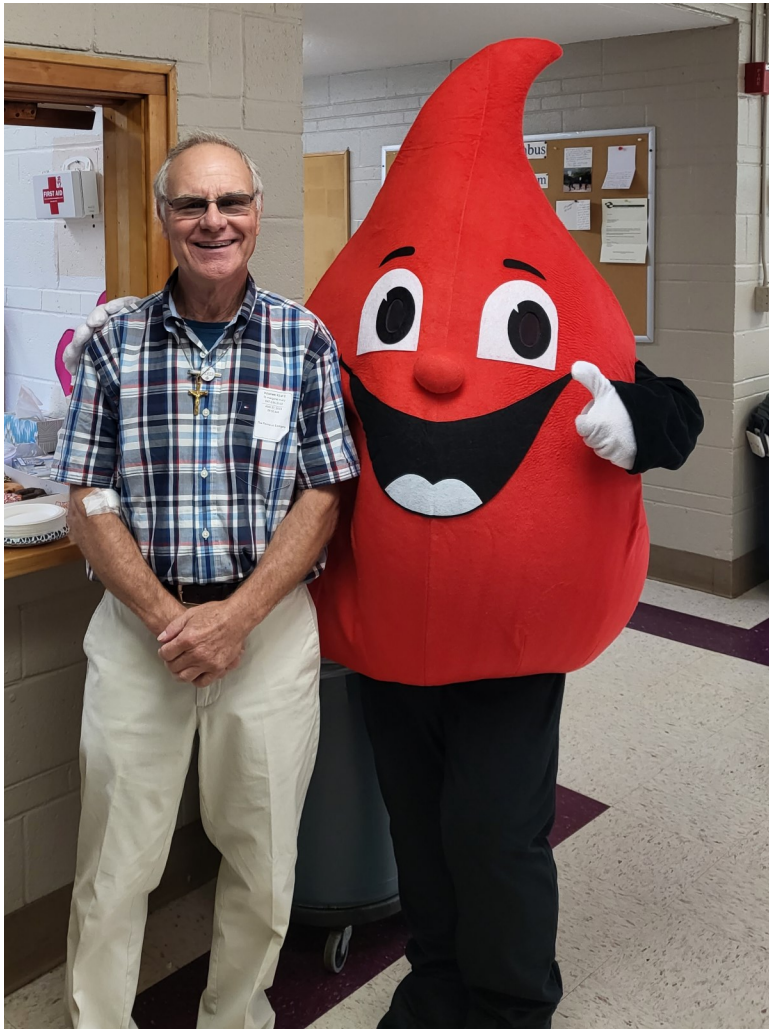
As our council has become a leader in the Rockford Diocese, this is our opportunity to lead by example through participating, sharing knowledge, and also receiving knowledge (i.e., sharing best practices).

Fraternally,

Mark Halper-Rockford Diocese Chapter Vice-President

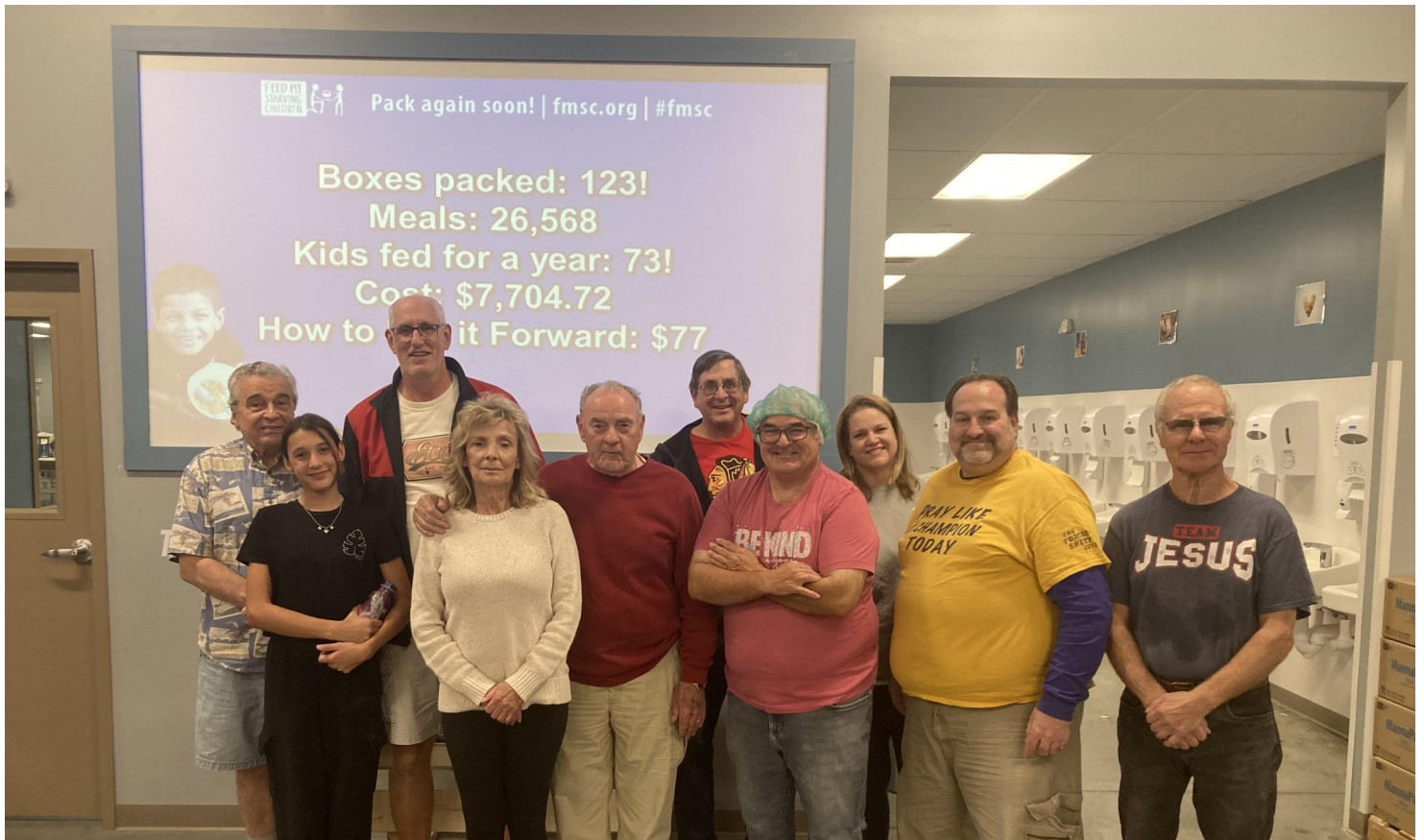


## Look what we've been doing ...



Tom Blake in the spot light with Charlie Corpuscle!! It is very rare that Tom misses a blood drive, thank you for your donations!!!

Also, the crew led by John Barrett at Feed My Starving Children, what a great cause to volunteer our time to!!







Save  
the  
Date

Brothers, Breakfast with Santa is right around the corner, this year it will be on the 17th of December

# JUST THE DETAILS

We will be hosting a blood drive on Sunday, November, 19th from 8:00 AM until 2:00 PM in McDonnell Hall.

As a nonprofit Vitalant ([www.vitalant.org](http://www.vitalant.org)) relies exclusively on the generosity of volunteer blood donors to support the community blood supply. If you could save 3 lives in less than an hour would you? As Knights this is something we are called to do. Please consider donating blood this time and everytime. The US blood supply has fallen to critically low levels and during the Holidays hospital demand outpaces donations. Please donate if you are feeling healthy and meet all the regular eligibility requirements. FDA update; donors born in or have lived in Poland can now donate blood.

To give blood you must be 17 years old or older and in good health and bring a photo ID. You can also give blood if you are age 16 with the written consent of a parent. Refreshments and snacks will be served.

Low iron levels is the number one reason people are turned away so some pointers to consider: In the days before the drive please make sure to get a healthy amount of iron from food. Some examples are beef, chicken, eggs, ham, turkey, pork, tuna, shrimp, cashews, almonds, raisins, watermelon as well as vegetables like broccoli, potatoes, lentils, peas. The day of the blood drive, prepare yourself by eating and drinking plenty of fluids and wearing comfortable clothes with sleeves that you can easily roll up above your elbow.

Please make arrangements to join us for this event and give the gift of life. If you have any questions, you can contact us at [marvinbasch@gmail.com](mailto:marvinbasch@gmail.com).

## **Patriotic (4<sup>th</sup>) degree information**

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 February 10<sup>th</sup> in Bradley, IL. Further details will follow, however for now please save the date and budget accordingly. This is also an opportunity for existing 4<sup>th</sup> degree members to attend and observe the degree to refresh their memories on the lessons taught in this degree as well as support the new 4<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.kofcuniform.com) or call 833-562-4327.

We recognize that buying the uniform can be a substantial financial purchase, therefore the council is 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! In addition, the assembly is also offering a rebate/stipend to help you with this purchase.

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 (4<sup>th</sup>) 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.



## CALENDAR THESE



## ROSARY

COME JOIN US - The 1st Sunday of the month, November 5th after the 7 am Mass, and the 2nd Sunday November 12th after 9 am Mass. Next outdoor Rosary behind McGivney November 20th at 7 PM Everyone is invited. Rosary prayer pamphlets will be provided.



# 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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Greg Haluczak (847) 757-7245  
Marv Basch (847) 612-8443  
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Michael Kouvelis (312) 550-2627  
Paul Evans (847) 400-4298  
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Joe Uehlein (847) 331-1801  
Ken Prigge (630) 730-2754  
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Dave Frendreiss (847) 809-6891  
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Dan Perna (847) 658-6975  
Kevin Wright (224) 699-0599  
Ken Prigge (630) 730-2754

### (847) 400-4298

## Faith

### Director

Bibles for RE  
Christmas Church Lights  
Church/School Painting  
Eucharistic Adoration  
Fall Retreat  
First Sunday Rosary

### John Schneider

Bob Armstrong (847) 658-9942  
Mark Ostrowski (847) 778-4269  
Ken Prigge (630) 730-2754  
Deacon Maher (847) 658-5788  
Ken Prigge (630) 730-2754  
Rob Beyer (224) 333-0592

### (312) 953-8754

St. Vincent DePaul  
Youth Ministry Support

Greg Freund (847) 907-0330  
Bob Armstrong (847) 658-9942

## Family

### Director

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

### David Campbell

Tom McCabe (847) 658-3372  
John Schneider (312) 953-8754  
Mark Ostrowski (847) 658-8001  
Marv Basch (847) 612-8443  
Larry O'Brien (847) 962-7464  
Jerry Ahler (847) 658-1568  
Dave Campbell (815) 382-8181  
John Schneider (312) 953-8754

Father's Day Mass

Feed My Starving Children  
Fish Fry  
Flag Football

John Barrett (224) 209-8923  
Ken Prigge (630) 730-2754  
Open

Nativity Magnets/Decals  
Pasta Dinner

Dan Limbach (224) 829-1914  
Open

Perfect Attendance

State Kamporee  
Summer Basketball Camps

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

### George Jost

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Deacon Miller (847) 915-8474  
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George Jost (847) 658-8379  
Brendan Driscoll  
George Jost (847) 658-8379  
Larry O'Brien (847) 962-7464

### (847) 658-8379

## Service Programs

### Director

Degree Team  
Membership Development  
Membership Promotions

### Rick Limbach

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Rick Limbach (847) 269-4195  
Kevin Wright (224) 699-0599

### (847) 269-4195

## Vocations

### Director

Seminarian Support  
Vocational Raffle

### Marv Basch

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Gene Gonzales (630) 660-5925

### (847) 612-8443

## Standing Committees:

Anniversary Dinner  
Charitable Contributions  
Email List  
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Newsletter  
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Signage  
Social Media  
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Grand Knight  
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Recorder  
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Outside Guard  
Trustee 3 Year  
Trustee 2 Year  
Trustee 1 Year  
Lecturer  
District Deputy  
Field Agent

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# KofC Council

Today ◀ ▶ **November 2023** ▼

Print Week Month Agenda ▼

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
29	30	31	Nov 1	2	3	4
			7pm Nativity Set Co 7pm Christmas Tree	7:30pm General Meet		
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
8am Rosary after 7a			7pm Nativity Set Co			Christmas Tree Lot
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
8am Gather StMM S 10am Knights Rosary 4:30pm Deceased Br			4:30pm Gather StMM 7pm Nativity Set Co	7:30pm Officers Meet		Christmas Tree Lot Christmas Tree Lot
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
Christmas Tree Lot Open for business				8am Adopt a Sailor	Christmas Tree Lot Open for business	
7am Blood Drive	7pm Outdoor Rosary		7pm Nativity Set Co			Knightly News DEA
26	27	28	29	30	Dec 1	2
Christmas Tree Lot Open for business						
		7:30pm Assembly Me	7pm Nativity Set Co			

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Christmas Tree Lot Open for business						
		7:30pm Assembly Me	7pm Nativity Set Co			
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10am Knights Rosary			7pm Nativity Set Co			5:30pm Christmas Pa
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
Christmas Tree Lot Open for business						
6am Breakfast with	7pm Outdoor Rosary		7pm Nativity Set Co	7pm Officers Meeting 8pm Knight before C		Knightly News DEA
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
			7pm Nativity Set Co			
31	Jan 1	2	3	4	5	6
		7pm Nativity Set Co	7:30pm General Meet			

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