



The Knightly News

Knights of Columbus St. Margaret Mary Council 11091

District #47

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From the Grand Knight



My Brothers,

What a month it's been, starting with the deceased brother's mass, then going to the Christmas Tree lot set up, followed by 259 Christmas trees arriving, lastly ending our month spreading thanksgiving to 35 recruits from Great Lakes Naval Base. Thank you to all that participated and volunteered their time.

We had a great turn out for Nativity set up, we have 11 sites this year, if you see any damage or lights out, please feel free to attempt repairs. If you are not able to take care of it, please contact Kevin Fitzgerald or Ken Prigge.

Our Christmas tree lot is in full swing, if you haven't already signed up for a shift, please contribute any time you can, it's greatly appreciated. Santa is making his way south stopping in Algonquin for our Christmas party 12/16, please RSVP to Larry O'Brien if you haven't already. Santa will be spending the night to visit us at our "Breakfast with Santa" 12/17, please come on out to lend a hand and bring the kiddos for a free picture with jolly old St. Nick. Our busy season will conclude with our Knight before Christmas, if you know of someone that would be interested in becoming a Knight, bring them over to McDonnell Hall Thursday 12/21 at 8pm.

In conclusion, I wish you all a very Merry Christmas, let us not forget the true meaning of Christmas both as Catholics and Knights. I hope to see everyone soon to wish you and your family's good cheer.

Vivat Jesus

Michael Kouvelis



Some Brother Knights at the Men's Conference !

Knights of Columbus
 Rockford Diocese 2024 Bowling Tournament
 Please Join Us For a Day of Bowling



February 3rd 2024 at 12:00PM

Registration starting at 11:30AM

\$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 1/15/2023 to:
 Steve Zalas, Chapter Treasurer 8511 Richmond Rd Wonderlake, IL 60097

Questions, please contact:

Mark Halper (Bowling Chairman) by Email: mhalper@shcglobal.net or by phone: (773) 771-1810
 Steve Zalas (Chapter Treasurer) by Email: zraces57@comcast.net or by phone: (815) 575-2933



Illinois State Council-Knights of Columbus
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FY2023-24 State Bowling Series Team and Singles Competition
ROCKFORD DIOCESAN CHAMPIONSHIP TOURNAMENT

Hosted at Marengo Glo-Bowl Saturday, February 3, 2024 @ 12:00 p.m.

101 Franks Rd Marengo, IL.

GENERAL ENTRY FORM with COMPETITION PARAMETERS

1. This is a team competition. Teams must be sponsored by an Illinois Knights of Columbus Council.
2. Teams consist of 4 participants. A minimum of 2 of the team participants must be members of the Knights of Columbus. The two remaining participants are guests (male or female) of the sponsoring council. Bowlers must declare an average, per K of C International Bowling rules.
3. Teams will bowl 3 games in the competition (12 total lines of bowling). Cost is \$25 per participant, total of \$100 per team. Fees are paid to Rockford Diocese Chapter Knights of Columbus.
4. For bowlers wanting to participate in the singles competition there is an additional \$10 fee.
5. There is no limit to the number of teams a council may sponsor in the tournament.
6. Participants must be 18 years of age as of 1 July 2021.
7. Applicable Handicap is 80% of 220, per K of C International Tourney rules.
8. Individual scores will be used to determine 3 SINGLES Championship Qualifiers
9. Entries and fees due no later than Monday January 15th 2024.
10. The top 3 teams and top 3 singles winners qualify for the Illinois State Council 2024 Team/Singles Championship

TEAM INFORMATION

SPONSORING COUNCIL NUMBER _____ **LOCATION** _____

TEAM MEMBER #1 NAME _____ **MEMBERSHIP #** _____ or GUEST

Bowling average to be used for the tournament: _____ W/H bowl singles: \$10 additional fee (Y/N)

TEAM MEMBER #2 NAME _____ **MEMBERSHIP #** _____ or GUEST

Bowling average to be used for the tournament: _____ W/H bowl singles: \$10 additional fee (Y/N)

TEAM MEMBER #3 NAME _____ **MEMBERSHIP #** _____ or GUEST

Bowling average to be used for the tournament: _____ W/H bowl singles: \$10 additional fee (Y/N)

TEAM MEMBER #4 NAME _____ **MEMBERSHIP #** _____ or GUEST

Bowling average to be used for the tournament: _____ W/H bowl singles: \$10 additional fee (Y/N)

Financial Secretary Certification of Membership: I certify the named Knights of Columbus are Members of the Order in Good Standing for fraternal year 2021-2022. Travelling cards have been issued to these team members.

SIGNATURE OF FINANCIAL SECRETARY _____ **COUNCIL #** _____

TEAM TELEPHONE CONTACT # () _____

Send this form and entry fee by Monday, January 15, 2024 to:

Chapter Treasurer, Steve Zalas 8511 Richmond Rd. Wonder Lake, IL 60097

Questions: Contact Chapter Bowling Chairman, Mark Halper, at mhalper@shcglobal.net or Call 773.771.1810

Rockford Diocese Chapter

The next Rockford Diocese Chapter meeting is Wednesday January 24th at Holy Family in Rockford, the meeting is HYBRID (both physical and virtual).

The annual Rockford Diocese Chapter bowling tournament is Saturday February 3rd (weekend before Super Bowl) at 12 noon at Glo-Bowl in Marengo.

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.

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!

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!!!

Thank You to everyone who came out to the November 19th blood drive. Thanks to your efforts we saved 105 lives. We look forward to seeing everyone at our next drives late January (date not set yet) and April 28th 2024. Our current goal is to save 150 lives each blood drive.

Depending on the circumstances, if you were told previously that you were disqualified from donating blood, you might be able to give again, per FDA rule changes. This includes being from or spending time in European countries (except Northern Ireland and France). Please call Vitalant at 877-25-VITAL (84825) or go to vitalant.org with questions.



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

Breakfast with Santa – December 17th

Sunday, December 17th from 6:00 am to 130pm, please come to **especially volunteer 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. Any questions please contact me marvinbasch@gmail.com or 847-612-8443

JUST THE DETAILS

Patriotic 4th degree information

The next opportunity to advance to the fourth degree is February 10th in Bradley, IL! See the attached information packet for further details, you will not want to miss this!

This is also an opportunity for existing fourth 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 fourth degree members.

When you buy the uniform, the council will give you a \$100 rebate, the Assembly will also give you a \$100 rebate!

We recognize that buying the uniform can be a substantial financial purchase, and we want people to participate in honor guards and color guards, visitations and wakes for our deceased brother Knights (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. After purchasing your uniform, submit your receipt to the treasurer for your rebate.

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.

The Fourth Degree Honor Guard's 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.

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 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.

From the Editors desk

Brother Knights, looking for some feedback about how to make the newsletter better. Do we want more pictures, or more articles? Do any of you have any ideas for the newsletter? If anyone has ideas, please send them my way, soup4561@gmail.com. Please remember when submitting any articles, we need to cover the who, when, and where. Please keep your articles brief and concise. I will do my best to fix grammar errors and poor wording.

Thank you for the opportunity to be your newsletter editor. I also would like to ask that when sending in pictures, please just send me one picture, not a whole bunch for me to sort out. Moving forward, I will not "pick" a picture if members send me more than one to use. I wish you all a great day, and to keep doing our best uphold our three goals of Charity, Unity, and Fraternity!

Peace

Dave Campbell

CALENDAR THESE



ROSARY

COME JOIN US - The 1st Sunday of the month, December 3rd after the 7 AM Mass, and the 2nd Sunday of the of the month, December 10th after the 9 AM Mass. The night time Rosary will be on the 18th of December at the outdoor Grotto at 7 PM.



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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Marv Basch (847) 612-8443
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Kevin Fitzgerald (847) 658-6305
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John Schneider (312) 954-8754
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Kevin Wright (224) 699-0599
Ken Prigge (630) 730-2754

(847) 400-4298

(847) 612-0667

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
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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
Deacon Miller (847) 915-8474
Dan Perna (847) 658-6975
George Jost (847) 658-8379
Brendan Driscoll (847) 393-6716
George Jost (847) 658-8379
Larry O'Brien (847) 962-7464

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Director

Degree Team
Membership Development
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Vocations

Director

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Marv Basch

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Standing Committees:

Anniversary Dinner
Charitable Contributions
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Online Calendar
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Shutterfly Photos
Signage
Social Media
Web Site

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Chancellor
Warden
Financial Secretary
Advocate
Treasurer
Recorder
Inside Guard
Outside Guard
Trustee 3 Year
Trustee 2 Year
Trustee 1 Year
Lecturer
District Deputy
Field Agent

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Please email your articles and photos(with comments) to:

soup4561@gmail.com

Put, "Newsletter" in the Subject Line

and give captions for photos please pick the best photo, and try to give me word documents when possible pdf's are sometime troublesome to edit and fit.

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KofC Council

Today ◀ ▶ December 2023 ▼

Print Week Month Agenda ▼

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
26	27	28	29	30	Dec 1	2
Christmas Tree Lot Open for business						
		7:30pm Assembly Me	7pm Nativity Set Co			
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Christmas Tree Lot Open for business						
8am Rosary after 7a			7pm Nativity Set Co	7:30pm General Mee		
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
Christmas Tree Lot Open for business						
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		Knightly News DEA
				8pm Knight before C		
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 Mee		

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KofC Council

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
31	Jan 1	2	3	4	5	6
				7:30pm General Mee		
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
8am Gather StMM S			4:30pm Gather StMM			
8am Rosary after 7a						
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
10am Knights Rosary	7pm Outdoor Rosary			7:30pm Officers Mee		
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
8am Gather StMM S		7:30pm Assembly Me	4:30pm Gather StMM			Knightly News DEA
28	29	30	31	Feb 1	2	3
			7:30pm Rockford Cha	7:30pm General Mee		12pm Rockford Dioc

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