



The Knightly News

Knights of Columbus St. Margaret Mary Council 11091

District #47

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From the Grand Knight



Worthy Brothers

I am awed, excited, and a bit overwhelmed as I take on the role of your Grand Knight. The SMM KofC council truly is an amazing council packed with hardworking, dedicated and faithful men. As Mike and I witnessed at the state convention in May, this council is clearly one of the top councils in the state.

As I start the year as your Grand Knight, I want to wish all the fathers a Happy Father's Day. I hope you had a chance to spend ample time with your families. As a member of the Knights of Columbus, you are setting a grand example for all members of your families on how to lead a faithful life and give back to your community.

This past month saw a new slate of officers sworn in to lead council. Consider this my personal welcome to all of the new officers. Thank You for stepping up and being leaders of this council. I as well as the council need your help and leadership to make this a successful year.

As Deacon Fischer wrote in his Father's Day reflection, Jesus issues all of us an invitation to live the way of the farmer, who views the ground not only as dirt but as the matrix of all hope. For the ground, coupled with the farmer's own purposeful activity, is the medium of a harvest through God's holy desire to bring forth life. The seed sleeps in the dark soil, dying to its original being to emerge as something greater than itself.

The SMM Knights of Columbus Council epitomizes the 'purposeful activity' God calls us all to do to produce an abundant crop for the Kingdom.

In June the parish held a celebration in McDonnell Hall for the 30th anniversary of Father ZB's ordination. A big thanks to all of the Knights who helped out at the celebration. Father ZB loves to see the Knights involved in parish events. June also saw the council hold a successful blood drive, lead an outdoor rosary at the grotto, lead rosaries after several masses, built nativity sets, and host a Feed My Starving Children outing.

Brother Deacon Jim McDonough will be moving to Minnesota in July. His last mass at SMM will be on July 14. Deacon Jim's dedicated service to the parish will be celebrated in Bethany Lobby after the 9:00am and 11:00am masses on July 14. I am designating the 9:00am mass on July 14 as a 'Knights Mass.' I encourage all SMM Knights to attend the 9:00am mass on July 14 to show our support and gratitude to Brother Jim.

Brother Steve Wilson recently lost his battle with cancer. Steve's funeral will be Saturday July 13 at SMM with a luncheon following. Greg sent out the details. All brother Knights are invited. Please try to attend the funeral and luncheon in support of Steve's family.

July will be a busy month as we cap off the month with Founder's Day on July 26 – July 28. We need many volunteers to make this year's event a success. Please plan to spend a few hours volunteering at the Knights food stand.

I recently came across this quote by Allen Hunt.... "Joy is what Jesus intends for you. It is his goal that joy will be a vital part of your life. Hear His words;" *'I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and your joy may be complete.'* (John 15:11) I find this to be a great reminder to bring joy to all of your activities and endeavors.

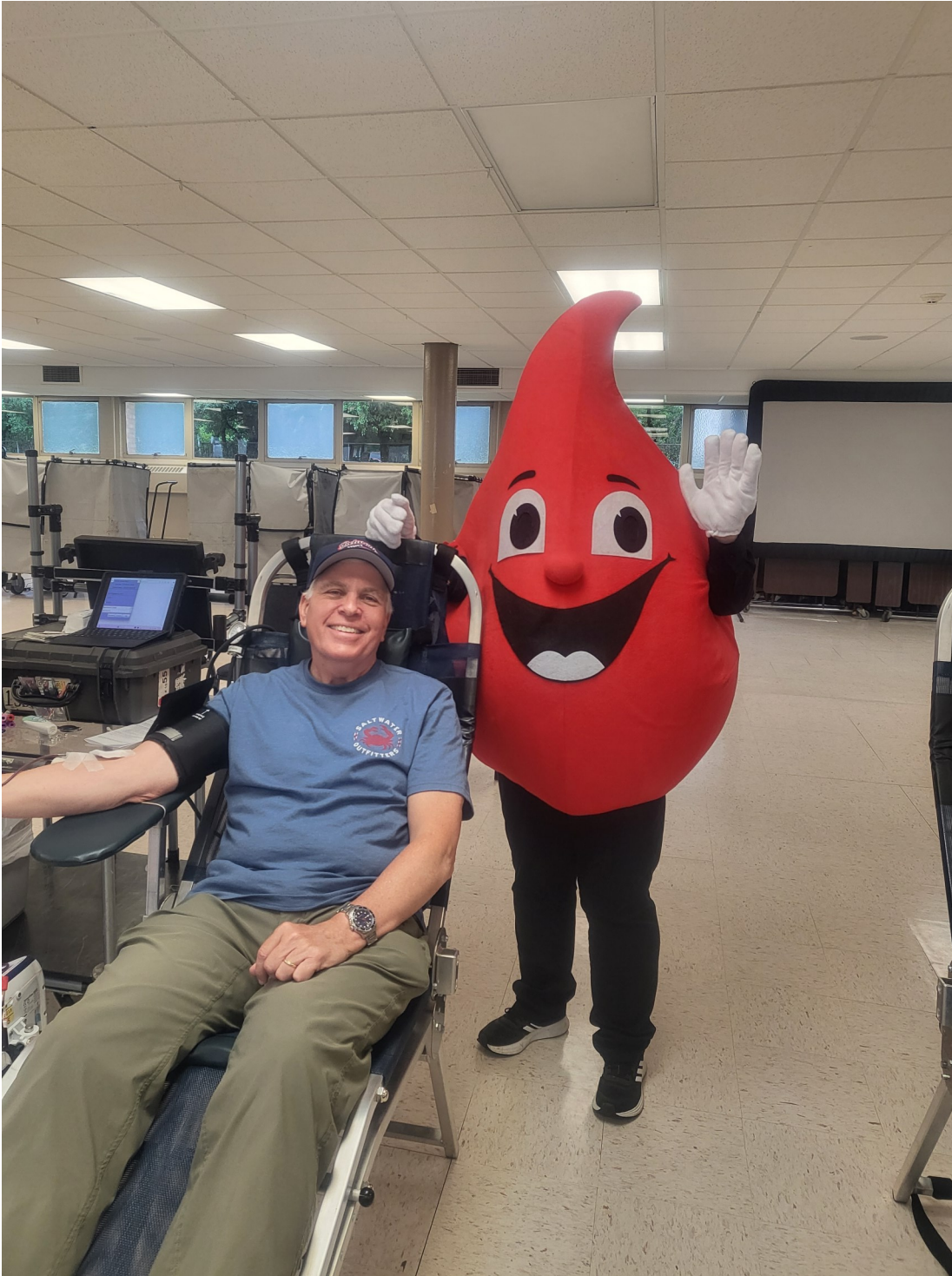
As we close out Independence Day celebrations, it is fitting to recall that Patriotism is a key principle of the Knights. Faith and Patriotism go hand in hand for members of the Knights of Columbus.

Happy Independence Day!

Vivat Jesus!

Grand Knight

Jerry Gard



Thank You to everyone who came out to the June 23rd blood drive. Thanks to your efforts we saved 141 lives. We look forward to seeing everyone at our next drives August 25, 2024, November 17, 2024 and January 26, 2025. Our current goal is to save 150 lives each blood drive.

Tickets go on sale August 1, 2024

CLERGY APPRECIATION DINNER



FRIDAY, OCTOBER 11, 2024
6:00PM; tickets \$40 each

Deadline for tickets is Oct. 4th & Oct. 1st for well wishers

St. Mary Catholic Church Parish Hall

10307 Dundee Rd, Huntley



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Knights of Columbus



BUY TICKETS

Tickets are available at: <https://bit.ly/2024-CAD-Dinner>

For more information contact KofC Assm #2381 - clergydinner@kofc2381.org

Rockford Diocese Chapter

The next Rockford Diocese Chapter meeting is Wednesday July 24th at St. Thomas Aquinas in Freeport, the meeting is HYBRID (both physical and virtual).

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 wonderful 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 on 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 few 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 receiving knowledge (i.e., sharing best practices).

Fraternally,

Mark Halper-Rockford Diocese Chapter President-Elect

CALENDAR THESE



ROSARY

COME JOIN US - The 1st Sunday July 7th after the 7 AM Mass, the 2nd Sunday July 14th after the 9 AM Mass. The night time Rosary will be on the 15th of July 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	Paul Evans	(847) 400-4298
Adopt-a-Highway	Open	
Alternative Fundraising	Open	
Blood Drive	Marv Basch	(847) 612-8443
Christmas Tree Lot	Rene Mendez	(224) 402-5071
Co-Chair	Michael Kouvelis	(312) 550-2627
Community Nativity Sets	Kevin Fitzgerald	(847) 658-6305
Founders' Days	Ken Prigge	(630) 730-2754
Founders' Days Parade	Michael Kouvelis	(312) 550-2627
Free Throw Contest	Paul Evans	(847) 400-4298
Hammer Open	Kevin Fitzgerald	(847) 658-6305
ID Drive (Tootsie Rolls)	Paul Evans	(847) 400-4298
Man Power Events	John Schneider	(312) 954-8754
Military Support	Joe Uehlein	(847) 331-1801
Nativity Set Construction	Ken Prigge	(630) 730-2754
Oktoberfest	Chris Hubbuch	(224) 410-8176
Poker	Dave Frendreis	(847) 809-6891
Recycling & Wheelchair	Tim O'Neill	(847) 658-5149
Scholarship Essay	Dan Perna	(847) 658-6975
Sports Mania	Kevin Wright	(224) 699-0599
Summer Tailgating	Ken Prigge	(630) 730-2754

Faith

Director	John Schneider	(312) 953-8754
Bibles for RE	Bob Armstrong	(847) 658-9942
Christmas Church Lights	Mark Ostrowski	(847) 778-4269
Church/School Painting	Ken Prigge	(630) 730-2754
Eucharistic Adoration	Bob Armstrong	(847) 658-9942
Fall Retreat	Ken Prigge	(630) 730-2754
First Sunday Rosary	Rob Beyer	(224) 333-0592

St. Vincent DePaul	Greg Freund	(847) 907-0330
Youth Ministry Support	Bob Armstrong	(847) 658-9942

Family

Director	David Campbell	(815) 382-8181
Adopt-A-Sailor	Tom McCabe	(847) 658-3372
Altar Server Appreciation	John Schneider	(312) 953-8754
Back to School Grilling	Mark Ostrowski	(847) 658-8001
Breakfasts	Marv Basch	(847) 612-8443
Christmas Party	Larry O'Brien	(847) 962-7464
Clay Pigeon Shoot	Jerry Ahler	(847) 658-1568
Family Picnic	Dave Campbell	(815) 382-8181
	John Schneider	(312) 953-8754
Father's Day Mass		
Feed My Starving Children	John Barrett	(224) 209-8923
Fish Fry	Ken Prigge	(630) 730-2754
Flag Football	Open	
Nativity Magnets/Decals	Dan Limbach	(224) 829-1914
Pasta Dinner	Open	
Perfect Attendance	Mark Ostrowski	(847) 778-4269
State Kamporee	Kevin Fitzgerald	(847) 658-6305
Summer Basketball Camps	Nick Wake	(847) 854-6279

Life

Director	George Jost	(847) 658-8379
9 Days for Life Novena	George Jost	(847) 658-8379
Bereavement	Deacon Miller	(847) 915-8474
Hospital Visitation	Deacon Miller	(847) 915-8474
Inkjet/toner recycling	Dan Perna	(847) 658-6975
Life Chain	George Jost	(847) 658-8379
Mass for Deceased Brothers	Brendan Driscoll	(847) 393-6716
Pro-Life Mass	George Jost	(847) 658-8379
Special Olympics	Larry O'Brien	(847) 962-7464

Service Programs

Director	Rick Limbach	(847) 269-4195
Degree Team	Tom McCabe	(847) 658-3372
Membership Development	OPEN	
Membership Promotions	Kevin Wright	(224) 699-0599

Vocations

Director	Marv Basch	(847) 612-8443
Seminarian Support	Rick Orabutt	(224) 678-9260
Vocational Raffle	Gene Gonzales	(630) 660-5925

Standing Committees:

Anniversary Dinner	Kevin Fitzgerald	(847) 658-6305
Charitable Contributions	David Campbell	(815) 382-8181
Email List	Dan Limbach	(224) 829-1914
Multimedia Show	Dan Limbach	(224) 829-1914
Newsletter	David Campbell	(815) 382-8181
Online Calendar		
Public Relations	Joe Bongiovanni	(847) 254-0837
Shutterfly Photos	Dan Kotleba	(815) 451-6171
Signage		
Social Media	Joe Bongiovanni	(847) 254-0837
Web Site	Joe Bongiovanni	(847) 254-0837

Officers:

Grand Knight	Jerry Gard	(847) 387-2620
Deputy Grand Knight	Brendan Driscoll	(847) 393-6716
Chaplain	Fr. ZB	
Chancellor	Brendan Driscoll	(847) 393-6716
Warden	Matt Gornik	
Financial Secretary	Bob Dubiel	
Advocate	Mike Barrett	
Treasurer	Rob Pascolini	(847) 894-2583
Recorder	Open	
Inside Guard	Tim Wuerger	(847) 757-7245
Outside Guard	Keith Einecker	(224) 848-2283
Trustee 3 Year	Mike Kouvelis	(312) 550-2627
Trustee 2 Year	Kevin Fitzgerald	(847) 658-6305
Trustee 1 Year	David Campbell	(815) 382-8181
Lecturer	Sal Corona	(773) 307-0594
District Deputy	Andy Voloch	(847)340-7681
Field Agent	Tom Varkados	(847) 951-3663

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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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Today ◀ ▶ **July 2024** ▼ Print Week Month Agenda

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
30	Jul 1	2	3	4	5	6
7 8am Rosary aft	8	9	10	11 7:30pm Genera	12	13 11am Bags tou
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Today ◀ ▶ **August 2024** ▼ Print Week Month Agenda

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