



The Knightly News

Knights of Columbus St. Margaret Mary Council 11091

District #47

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Worthy Brothers,



Tempus fugit. Memento Mori.

Which is Latin for 'Time flies. Remember Death'

The Catholic Church identifies November as a month to pray for the faithful departed and contemplate the body of Christ and the life of the world to come. As such, our council just completed the Deceased Brother's Mass on November 3 to remember those Brothers who have departed this life. Thank You to Brother's Vic, Brendan, and Deacon Bob for coordinating this event. This mass is always very powerful reminder of the phrase 'Tempus Fugit. Memento Mori' with which all Knights are familiar and always reminds me to pause and contemplate the meaning of this phrase.

We Knights have a special model in Blessed Michael McGivney. His own life on earth was short (he died Aug. 14, 1890, at age 38), but he spent his time tirelessly practicing faith and charity. He saw the problems facing Catholics and the parish families in his day, and he acted, founding an Order that today is a blessing to millions around the globe.

With this as a backdrop, Brother Marcin Paprot, son of Brother Les Paprot recently passed away. Our prayers go out for Marcin and his family and friends.

Carmelite Father Wilfrid Stinissen (1927-2013) helps us put such experiences in perspective in his book *Eternity in the Midst of Time*. "If we look at man's purpose and destiny, which is to be introduced into the life of the Trinity, then it is clear that time is a gift. Time gives us a chance to grow," writes Father Stinissen, who later asks, "Is man only on a journey toward death ... or is he on a journey toward life?"

The month of October saw the Council complete the nine-day 'Novena for Life.' The Novena was very successful, as Brother Knights gathered along with other parishioners every day for nine days to pray the Novena.

A big shout out to Brother's Mike Kouvelis and Dan Limbach for coordinating a fantastic retreat at Long Lake in Wisconsin.

November and December are very busy months for the council. We have many events planned such as Breakfast with Santa, the Christmas Tree Lot, community Nativity set-up, and Adopt-A-Sailor. We need many volunteers to make these events successful.

The Knights are hosting the Outdoor Rosary Monday November 18 at 7:00pm at the Grotto.

2024 Vocation Raffle
The 2024 Vocation Raffle is now open! Buy your tickets today!



The link to the Vocations raffle is below:

https://4agc.com/commerce_pages/e7c265f3-1b92-4a8e-8c51-9af231febffd

Recruiting new members will be a special focus for the Council in November and December. We will have our annual 'Knight Before Christmas Degree on Thursday December 19. I am excited to announce that the newest member of the parish's clergy will be joining the Knights at this degree. There are several other Catholic men that have committed to join the Council as well.

Please join me over the next few weeks to identify one Catholic gentleman who would make a good Knight.

Tell him about the Knights and why you joined and why you are active in the council.

Think about your story and why the Knights have been so good to you.

Remember to tell him that we have no minimum time commitment.

Tell him to remember that his family and his job come before the Knights.

Tell him if he can only help for part of an event, we will thank him for his time and commitment.

Our council effort is the sum of all of our work.

The next Officer's meeting is Thursday Nov 21. Everyone is welcome.

Brother Jerry Ahler and new Financial Secretary Bob Dubiel will present the state of the council finances at the Knights meeting on December 5. Ideas for council philanthropy will be discussed at the meeting,

And lastly, don't forget that the vocation's raffle is active until November 21. Scan the QR code and buy your raffle tickets online, today! (Remember to enter Council 11091)

Please see the Council's calendar for more event information: [Council 11091 Calendar](#)

Vivat Jesus!

Grand Knight

Jerry Gard

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Patriotic (4th) degree information

The next opportunity to advance to the fourth degree is March 1st 2025! This is going to be a special one as the 4th degree celebrates its 125th anniversary! Stay tuned for further information, however for now please save the date and plan accordingly.

This is also an opportunity for existing 4th 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 4th degree members.

Reasons to advance to the 4th degree:

- Learn the patriotic lessons of the Knights of Columbus and how it ties into our faith
- The 4th degree is a part OF the Knights of Columbus not APART FROM the Knights of Columbus
- Gain the opportunity to participate in honor guards for various functions including wakes for our fallen brothers (arguably our most important duty as Knights of Columbus)
- Gain new friendships through Knights of Columbus at local parishes
- Learn about different programs, events, and service opportunities at some of the other local Knights of Columbus councils that you can take back to implement at your home council
- One of our fellow brothers Michael Barrett is on the degree team presenting the degree and will be a familiar face.
- One of our other fellow brothers Gregg Biliskov (son of Ray Biliskov) is on the degree team and is another familiar face.
- Ray Biliskov, Former Master and Past State Warden, was a strong supporter of our council attending many anniversary dinners, fish fries, and other events over the years. Advancing to the 4th degree would be a great way to honor his memory and legacy.
- Steve Wilson, who was called to be with our Lord earlier this year, participated in numerous honor guards over the course of his Knights of Columbus career. Advancing to the 4th degree would be a great way to honor his memory and legacy.
- Marvin Basch is our current Faithful Navigator (similar to the Grand Knight for the 4th degree), he and his family have contributed greatly to the council's and Parish's success. Advancing to the 4th degree would be a great way to support Marv and show gratitude for all he has done.

Reasons NOT to advance to the 4th degree:

- None

And don't forget...

When you buy the uniform the council will 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, 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. 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.

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.

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

Rockford Diocese Chapter

The next Rockford Diocese Chapter meeting is Wednesday January 22, 2025 at St. Joseph 722 High Street in Aurora. This meeting will be hybrid both physical in-person as well as virtual.

The annual Rockford Diocese Chapter bowling tournament is Saturday February 1, 2025 at the Glo-Bowl in Marengo, see the attached for further details.

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 next meeting is Wednesday January 22nd at St. Joseph 722 High Street in Aurora, meeting will be virtual as well.

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 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 also receiving knowledge (i.e., sharing best practices).

Fraternally,

Mark Halper-Rockford Diocese Chapter President



Congratulations to Sir Knight Mark Halper on receiving the Masters Award!

CALENDAR THESE



ROSARY

COME JOIN US - The 1st Sunday November 3rd after the 7 AM Mass, the 2nd Sunday November 10th after the 9 AM Mass. The night time Rosary will be on the 18th of November 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

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Grand Knight	Jerry Gard	(847) 387-2620
Deputy Grand Knight	Brendan Driscoll	(847) 393-6716
Chaplain	Fr. ZB	
Chancellor	Victor Garcia	(708) 308-1523
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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Council 11091 Calendar



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<https://kofc11091.org/calendar/>

Vocations Raffle:
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- Instructions:
- 1) Hang on fridge
 - 2) Attend an event of interest with family and be happy
 - 3) Circle next event in the future to attend
 - 4) Go back to Step 2



See the online calendar for more details on each event. Note that some events include setup before the event starts, and that earlier time is listed for those.

Rosaries

KofC Council							Nov 2024 (Central Time - Chicago)	
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat		
27 Vocations Raffle Tickets	28	29	30 7am - Nativity Set	01	02	03		
04 Deceased Brothers 8am - Rosary after 7am	05	06	07 7am - Nativity Set	08 7:30pm - General Meeting	09	10	Vocations Raffle Tickets	11 Support Vocations
12 Vocations Raffle Tickets 10am - Knights Rosary @	13 Veterans Day	14	15 7am - Nativity Set	16 7am - Nativity Set	17	18	19 Christmas Tree Lot Setup	20
21 12pm - Packers @ Bears	22 7am - Outdoor Rosary	23	24 7am - Nativity Set	25 7:30 - Officers Meeting	26	27	28 Christmas Tree Delivery Christmas Tree Lot Open Nativity News DEADLINE	29 DEADLINE
30 Christmas Tree Lot Open 6:45am - Marvel Orbs @	01 7:00pm - Assembly	02 7:00pm - Assembly	03 7am - Nativity Set	04 Adopt a Brother event Thanksgiving Pr	05 8:30am - Community	06	07 Christmas Trees	08 Christmas Trees

Here is the link to the most current calendar: [Calendar – Knights of Columbus – Council 11091 \(kofc11091.org\)](https://kofc11091.org/calendar/)