



# The Knightly News

**Knights of Columbus St. Margaret Mary Council 11091**

District #47

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**Calendar of Events Council 11091** (See the full on-line calendar for changes -> [GMAIL Calendar](#))  
**From the Grand Knight's Desk:**



Worthy Brothers,

Happy Thanksgiving and Merry Christmas to all of you and your families.

The Knights busy season is in full swing. We just completed the very successful Adopt-A-Sailor event on Thanksgiving Day with 30 sailors in attendance. This event truly does make an impact on these sailors. It was great how the entire parish community supported the event.

The Christmas Tree lot is up and running. The lot has been short staffed and more help is needed. Please consider putting in a couple of shifts at the lot especially weekend afternoons.

A big Thank You to all who helped set up the community Nativity sets. Be on the lookout for them around town. If you see damage or lights out, feel free to attempt repairs. If you cannot do the repairs please let Kevin Fitzgerald or Ken Prigge know.

I hope to see everyone at the Knights Christmas Party on Saturday, December 14. This is a fun event with games, food and drinks. It is a great opportunity for our families to spend time together. Breakfast with Santa is the next morning, Sunday December 15. It's always fun to see the kids come and visit Santa.

As Deacon Howard stated in the bulletin, the season of Advent is about the journey. The journey itself is the destination!

Advent begins with Jesus' instructions to wait, keep watch, prepare and be alert.

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

Merry Christmas to All!!!

Vivat Jesus!  
 Grand Knight  
 Jerry Gard

The Knights of Columbus want to thank everyone who came out to the November 24th blood drive. Thanks to your efforts we saved 123 lives. We look forward to seeing everyone at our next blood drives January 26, 2025, March 23, 2025 and May 18, 2025. Please remember that the FDA has changed requirements for giving blood. You may now give blood if you were born or lived in ANY European country including Poland.



Thank you Father Martin for your donation!!!

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

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

Reasons to advance to the 4<sup>th</sup> degree:

- Learn the patriotic lessons of the Knights of Columbus and how it ties into our faith
- The 4<sup>th</sup> 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 4<sup>th</sup> 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 4<sup>th</sup> 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 4<sup>th</sup> degree), he and his family have contributed greatly to the council's and Parish's success. Advancing to the 4<sup>th</sup> degree would be a great way to support Marv and show gratitude for all he has done.

Reasons NOT to advance to the 4<sup>th</sup> 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](http://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 (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

### **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 22<sup>nd</sup> at St. Joseph 722 High Street in Aurora, meeting will be virtual as well.

Some fellow Knights at the Great Lakes Catholic Men's Conference!



Our Tree Lot ready to roll into Advent!



## CALENDAR THESE



### ROSARY

COME JOIN US - The 1st Sunday December 1st after the 7 AM Mass, the 2nd Sunday December 8th after the 9 AM Mass. The night time Rosary will be on the 16th 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

<b>Director</b>	<b>Paul Evans</b>	<b>(847) 400-4298</b>
Adopt-a-Highway	Matt Gornik	(216) 357-0463
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 Frendreiss	(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

<b>Director</b>	<b>John Schneider</b>	<b>(312) 953-8754</b>
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

<b>Director</b>	<b>David Campbell</b>	<b>(815) 382-8181</b>
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

<b>Director</b>	<b>George Jost</b>	<b>(847) 658-8379</b>
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

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

## Vocations

<b>Director</b>	<b>Marv Basch</b>	<b>(847) 612-8443</b>
Seminarian Support	Rick Orabutt	(224) 678-9260
Vocational Raffle	Gene Gonzales	(630) 660-5925
<b>Standing Committees:</b>		
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	Dave Frendreiss	(847) 809-6891
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	Victor Garcia	(708) 308-1523
Warden	Matt Gornik	(216)357-0463
Financial Secretary	Bob Dubiel	(434) 546-0542
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

**\*\*\* Newsletter Submissions by 4<sup>th</sup> Sat of month \*\*\***

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***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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### Council 11091 Calendar



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

- 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							Dec 2024 (Central Time - Chicago)
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	
1 Christmas Tree Lot Open 8am - Rosary after Tim	2	3	4 7pm - Nativity Set	5 7:30pm - General Meeting	6	7	
8 Christmas Tree Lot Open	9	10	11 Pop Culture	12	13	14	
15 10am - Knights Rosary @ 3:30pm - Gather Dinner	16	17	18 6pm - Post My Scoring FEED MY STARVING CHILDREN	19	20 Christmas Party	21	
22 8am - Breakfast with Santa	23 7am - Outdoor Rosary	24	25	26 6:30am - EARLY Officers	27	28	
29 Christmas Tree Lot Open	30	31	1 HAPPY NEW YEAR 2025	2 7:30pm - General Meeting	3	4	

**DEADLINE**

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