



The Knightly News

Knights of Columbus St. Margaret Mary Council 11091

District # 43

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From the Grand Knight's Desk

Worthy Brothers!

It's hard to believe that we are in the month of December already. The last few months of 2011 have really seemed to fly by, but I guess that happens when you're a busy council like 11091.

This week is the start of the Advent season and with that an exciting time within the church and our council. We use this period to prepare ourselves, families and community for the coming of Jesus and Christmas.

Our church began using the new Roman Missal this Sunday, and with that new prayers and response were introduced during mass. I'm sure it was part of the churches overall plan, but having to concentrate on the words we are saying during mass helps "us" better prepare for bringing Jesus into our lives. I know it may seem a little awkward using the new words, but I hope you're embracing these changes as much as I am. I'm using the opportunity to talk with my family (children) about our beliefs, and it has made for some really great discussion. We are blessed to have so many men of faith at our parish, if you find you need assistance talking about or understanding the new translation, I would encourage you to speak with our priest or deacons – I know they are happy to help.

As a council we are very visible to the community at this time of the year. The Christmas Tree Lot is in operation, and with that we'll have an opportunity to remind people of all the "good works" we do. If you are helping sell Christmas Trees, please share with the visitors that 100% the money we collect goes to helping great charities – many of which are local: The Food Pantry, Care Packages for Military Personnel, Home of the Sparrow, Faith In Action (assistance for Senior Citizens).

As mentioned last month we have done a tremendous job in telling Catholic gentlemen about the Knights of Columbus. We have another opportunity to bring new members into our council this month, with our annual "Become a Knight before Christmas" on Thursday, December 15th.

May God continue to bless you and your families this Advent season. Vivat Jesus!

Rick Orabutt, Grand Knight



KNIGHTS CHRISTMAS TREE LOT IS OPEN FOR BUSINESS

A great St. Margaret Mary Christmas tradition with proceeds to benefit charity. **The Knights Christmas Tree Lot is open for business daily.** Regular hours of operation are: Weekdays 5:00 - 9:00 PM; Saturdays 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM; Sundays 9:00 AM - 9:00 PM.

Please see Dan Limbach or Scott Nejman to help out with shifts this year.

Reminder on Prayer Service

On December 5th we will be holding our monthly prayer service for brothers and families in need. Please join us for a half hour of your day at 7:30pm.

Special Note for Parishioners in Need of Prayers:
Bernie Paniak (hospital)
Mary Ann Duerwatcher (major back surgery)

November Awards



November Family of the Month - Gene Gonzalez



October 30 - Major Degree (2nd and 3rd) Knights

Holiday Military Care Packages

Last chance to request a Care Package be sent for the Christmas holiday. If you have a family member or close family friend serving in the Middle-East theatre and would like to send a care package on behalf of the St. MM Knight's council, please contact John Wolak (Military Chairman: johnwolak@live.com)

The military has informed us that the care packages can take anywhere from 6 to 8 weeks ship time for the Christmas season, so please get your request in!

Please provide 1) Service Member Name (no rank) 2) Military Address, 3) Relationship

Care packages consist but not limited to: 1st aid, shaving supplies, hard candies, drink mixes, writing/reading material, snacks, batteries, hygiene gear, etc...



Posters - Keep Christ in Christmas

It is that wonderful time of year again when we all prepare for the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ! Christmas is right around the corner and keeping with the true meaning of the season our children have a chance to compete in our KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS POSTER CONTEST!

What better way to help encourage our youth to focus on Christ this Christmas but also let THEM show US what they see as the reason for the season. The contest is open to all children grades K-through 8th! Please download all official rules and for the little ones a coloring template from the PDF sent to all our council. You can also find it on our parish website. Entries are due by December 10th. The contest is open to ALL parish children. Entries will be judged on creativity, Christian teachings, and neatness!. Local Judges will chose four winners (age groups) and prizes will be awarded!(gift cards). The winner from each age group will be sent down state for a chance at additional prizes. Plaques will also be awarded.

See Dan DeLaverigne for more information. Please have all the children you know compete this year to make sure CHRIST is being kept in CHRISTMAS!!!

Family Christmas Party (Dan L)

On Saturday, December 17, we will be hosting our annual Family Christmas Party. Please come for a night of food, camaraderie, fun, a visit from Santa, and more! The event will take place in McDonnell Hall from 6:00 pm until ??? Set-up is at noon on Saturday as well.

--- Please RSVP to Dan Limbach 847-854-4188 ---

As in years past, the Knights will provide the main dish, plates, silverware, condiments, tables, chairs, etc. We ask that you bring a dish to share, alphabetically by last name as follows:

* A-M dessert

* N-Z salad or cold side

Blood Drive Announcement

Next Blood Drive is on Sunday, December 11, 2011. Doors open early (7:30) Sunday so please plan on helping out with a donation.

Our Faith by Deacon Cy

What is the gift of tongues? -

Speaking in tongues may be a special gift by which the Holy Spirit's presence and power become evident in a group. One difficulty, of course, as St. Paul points out, is that self-deception is quite easy. An individual, or others, may believe he is speaking in tongues when the vocal expression results only from a hyper-emotional state. The test of genuineness, according to Paul, is whether the experiences increase faith, serve a constructive purpose, and bring peace to the group rather than confusion.

Participation in charismatic prayer activities seems to have helped many to a better life of faith and closeness to God. The gift of tongues has been experienced in some charismatic meetings, but is by no means essential or common to them.

Feed My Starving Children

(Allen Shulfer)

In November we participated in our final Feed My Starving Children food packing event for the year. During this 90 minute shift, we packed over 3200 meals - enough to feed nearly 9 kids for a year - and we presented a donation from our Council to FMSC with a check for \$104.

With this great food packing effort, we exceeded the year's goal I had set for the program by surpassing the 100 boxes-packed mark! For the year, our Council packed a total of 101 boxes of food, which provides nearly 22,000 meals - enough to feed for a year 60 starving kids throughout the world! This is truly life changing and saving work that touches so many people whose families do not have the means or resources to provide food for their kids by themselves. A huge thank you to all of the Knights, family and friends who contributed to the 112 service hours throughout the year for FMSC. This program is a great reminder for all

of us of just how much we have to be thankful for, and it is a great way to work as God's hands, feeding his children.

Allen has started scheduling our quarterly packing events for next year and our next packing event is targeted for March. Watch the newsletter and your email for more specific details as the date gets closer.

Rockford Diocesan Chapter for Knights of Columbus (Terry Hoelting)

- The Rockford Diocesan Chapter Knights of Columbus is comprised of all local Knights of Columbus councils in the Rockford Diocese.
- Chapter meets on the fourth Wednesday of Jan, Apr, Jul, & Oct.
- We try to start the meeting with a mass at 7:30, then meeting starts roughly 8:00.
- After the formal meeting, food is served and the informal meeting commences.

Next meeting - Jan 25, 2012 at St Mary Church, Byron, IL. The meeting location moves as the Chapter relies on local councils to host the Chapter meeting. Chapter meetings are an excellent place to talk about your local council activities that you want to expand to neighboring councils or expand to statewide. See Terry Hoelting for more information.

Fourth Annual Turkey Bowl - Game Decided in Final Seconds (Kal)

It was a perfect Thanksgiving morning for the Knights of Columbus Turkey Bowl IV. 25 players, 2 officials and a host of fans were on hand for this annual tradition. It was once again a hard fought game between The Mighty McGivneys led by captain, Chris Cimaglio and The Fourth Degree led by captain, Dean Duley. The Fourth Degree squeaked out a two point victory 44 to 42 in a game that had its share of big plays on both sides of the ball. Newcomer Mark Leroy showed some amazing speed and game breaking moves and veterans Jerry Ahler, Dave Rzonca, Ken Prigge, Bob Armstrong, Jason Bonnet and Dean Duley helped pace The Fourth Degree to victory.

Dan Tuzik, Mitch Kaminski, Tommy Nejmeh, Michal Dobek, Kevin O'Brien, Dan DeLavergne, Ed Henning, Bill Casey and Chris Cimaglio starred for the

McGivneys in defeat. One memorable highlight from the game was Reverend, Father Peter, who came straight from celebrating mass and suited up for only one play for the McGivneys; Fr. Peter centered the ball on a touchdown pass for the McGivneys! All in all it was a terrific day of fun, fellowship and fraternity! Awards will be handed out at the next Council meeting on Thursday, December 1st, so all participants should plan to attend.

Special thanks to Tom McCabe and his other referee, Bill for officiating the game (in full referee attire), and to Adam Smith and Bill Casey for photographing the big game. The next game of the K of C Flag Football Trilogy will be the Snow Bowl to be held on Saturday, December 31st at 9:30 am; followed by a traditional lunch gathering at Nero's for pizza and beverages. Anybody interested in participating should pre-register with Kal Gibron at by December 24th at james.gibron@searshc.com or 847-757-9914 so the teams can be properly balanced.

Thanksgiving Baskets (George Jost)

The Thanksgiving Baskets were successfully done the weekend before Thanksgiving. Over 310 families were helped with a marvelous Thanksgiving Dinner of Turkey and all the trimmings. The response of the volunteers and local merchants was outstanding. My thanks to all Knights and family members who helped out, I know there was much competition this weekend for your time. It was a marvelous coincidence that the Gospel Sunday addressed the Corporal Work of Mercy to Feed the Poor. God Bless..

Pro Life Column(George Jost)

A reminder about the Spiritual Adoption Program. Patrick Colcernian made a neat Poster for the baby pictures by the fireplace. I try to keep it updated. These pictures of the developing baby are courtesy of students at MCC who have formed a Pro Life club and post these around their school. Two weeks before

Christmas (which is analogous to 1 week per month of fetal development) we will have a crib or playpen setup for baby supplies for the Life Center on Dundee Street in Elgin. This is to remind us that all life is sacred and worth supporting. I will put information into the Church Bulletin for the supplies needed.

On a separate note, George is missing the Pro Life materials from the ministry weekend. They were put into a box and left in the vestibule. If anyone knows of their whereabouts, I am offering to say a Hail Mary for your intentions as a reward.

Do you still have just group insurance?

As a Knights of Columbus Field Agent, I hear about group life insurance every week. If you have it, it's certainly not a bad thing, but it can be a misleading security blanket. Most times, the amount offered is far from what you need and the only way to determine what you need is with a comprehensive needs analysis. Your group coverage is not based on any analysis. Instead, they apply a formula: you make "X" amount in salary and the group life is either a flat amount or a multiple of your salary (somewhere between 1.5 and 2.5 is common). Either way, it has nothing to do with the number of children you have, the mortgage balance you carry, or the amount of money your wife would need if you died prematurely. It can also disappear at any time. All of us know people – friends, family members or maybe neighbors – who have lost their jobs. When the job is lost, so is the group life insurance coverage.

Most group life insurance coverage reduces or disappears when you retire. Many times it can be converted, but at a very expensive premium (remember, you're no kid anymore when you retire and premiums do rise as you get older). Just because you turn 65 doesn't mean you no longer need life insurance or need less coverage. Actually, the opposite is true.

Do you still own just group life insurance? It must be supplemented with a personal protection plan that you own. I can tell you exactly how to blend your group benefit with your K of C life insurance so things can be in your control. Don't let the feeling of security that group life provides distract you from the real issue: taking control of your family's financial future! Be sure to see Brian Giangreggo our insurance field agent for more ideas.



New in Church (San Damiano Cross) - This is a replica of the cross where St Francis heard the Lord's voice say, "Francis, go repair my house which as you see is falling into ruin."



Christmas Tree Lot is Open for Business



Christmas Party on December 17th, 6:00pm - Have the kids ready for Santa



Knights and families assisting at Feed My Starving Children



Christmas Party on December 17th, 6:00pm - Have the kids ready for the Talent Show

Directors & Chairmen

Chancellor Report:

<u>Vocations*</u>	<u>Mark Ostrowski</u>	<u>847-658-8001</u>
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Vocational Raffle	Chris Knoerzer	630-659-9859
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Degree Team*	Chris Gonzales	847-658-3871
Membership Promotions	Mark Halper	847-458-8922

Program Director – Bob Armstrong

<u>Church*</u>	<u>Brian Padlev</u>	<u>847-454-4185</u>
Eucharistic Congress	John Balmes	847-854-6440
Eucharistic Adoration	Deacon Maher	847-658-5788
Easter Eucharist	Mark Ostrowski	847-778-4269
Church/School Painting	Ken Prigge	224-333-0586
Bibles for RE	Deacon Maher	847-658-5788
Marytown Ministry	Deacon Maher	847-658-5788
Christmas Church Lights	Mark Ostrowski	847-778-4269
Parish Picnic	Ken Prigge	224-333-0586
Mass for Deceased Brothers	Bob Armstrong	847-658-9942
Bereavement	Deacon Grossmayer	847-658-4359
St. Vincent DePaul	Dean Duley	847-658-2640

<u>Community*</u>	<u>Bill Burg</u>	<u>847-323-6304</u>
Blood Drive	Larry O'Brien	847-658-1364
Prison Ministry	Deacon Maher	847-658-5788
Wheelchair Program	Tim O'Neill	847-658-5149
Founders' Days	Ken Prigge	224-333-0586
Co-Chair	Wayne Reed	847-836-7305
Founders' Days Parade	Joe Chesek	OPEN
Irish Fest	Kevin O'Callaghan	847-458-1104
ID Drive (Tootsie Rolls)	Tim O'Neill	847-658-5149
Bear Necessities Run	Matt Harman	847-323-6304
Nativity Set Construction	Cliff Sherwin	847-658-6235
Nativity Magnets/Decals	Kevin O'Callaghan	847-458-1104
Christmas Parade	Steve Hilbert	847-854-1460
Adopt-a-Highway	Aldo Simonini	847-428-8394
Special Olympics	Larry O'Brien	847-658-1364
Hospital Visitation	George Lazansky	847-639-4080
All Night Bingo	Dan Kotleba	847-854-1821
Parish Summer Festival	Paul O'Rourke	815-955-6055
Inkjet/toner recycling	Dan Perna	847-272 6050

<u>Council*</u>	<u>Greg Biliskov</u>	<u>847-417-1988</u>
Downstate raffle	Skip Leuzzi	847-458-0940
Hammer Open*	Juergen Huellen	847-658-9342
Military Support	John Wolak	773-732-8084
Christmas Tree Lot	Scott Nejman	847-854-1008
Co-Chair	Dan Limbach	847-854-4188
Pancake Breakfasts	Tom Nejmech	847-322-0955
Co-Chair	Rene Mendez	224-402-3071
Fish Frys	Dan DeLavergne	847-658-1996
Sports Mania	Bill Burg	847-323-6304
Recycle Program	Tim O'Neill	847-658-5149
Clay Pigeon Shoot	Jerry Ahler	847-658-1568
Men's Fall Retreat	Stuart Kuczynski	847-987-6391
Flag Football	Kal Gibron	847-658-3159

<u>Family*</u>	<u>Wayne Reed</u>	<u>847-836-7305</u>
Hayride & Bonfire	Kal Gibron	847-658-3159
Christmas Party	Dan Limbach	847-854-4188
State Kamporee	Kevin Fitzgerald	847-658-6305
Co-Chair	Scott Nejman	847-854-1008
Family Picnic	Andre Manaois	847-458-1822
Feed My Starving Children	Allen Shulfer	847-836-8499

<u>Youth*</u>	<u>Joel Kolner</u>	<u>847-854-5311</u>
Altar Server Appreciation	John Wolak	773-732-8084
Co-Chair	Rene Mendez	224-402-3071
Soccer Challenge	Bob Armstrong	847-658-9942
Drug Poster Contest	Bob Armstrong	847-658-9942
Free Throw Contest	Dan Kotleba	847-854-1821
Co-chair	Nick Wake	847-854-6279
Spelling Bee	Bob Armstrong	847-658-9942
Scholarship Essay	Bob Armstrong	847-658-9942
Cub, Boy, & Venture Scouts	Richard Orabutt	224-678-9260
Perfect Attendance	Tom McCabe	847-658-3372
KCIC Poster Contest	Dan DeLavergne	847-658-1996

Standing Committees:

<u>Public Relations*</u>	<u>Dan Limbach</u>	<u>847-854-4188</u>
Newsletter*	Dave Rzonca	815-679-0450
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Social Media	Dan Limbach	847-854-4188
Multimedia Show	Dan Limbach	847-854-4188
Anniversary Dinner	Bob Armstrong	847-658-9942
Web Site*	Bob Armstrong	847-658-9942
Signage	Patrick Colcernian	847-854-6051
Online Calendar	Bill Burg	847-323-6304

<u>Pro-Life*</u>	<u>George Jost</u>	<u>847-658-8379</u>
Pro-Life Mass	George Jost	847-658-8379
Pro-Life Arms across USA	George Jost	847-658-8379

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Treasurer*	Jason Bonnet	847-458-1217
Recorder*	Dan DeLavergne	847-658-1996
Inside Guard*	Ed Henning	847-458-9077
Outside Guard*	Jerry Gard	847-284-4772
Trustee 3 Year*	Jerry Ahler	847-658-1568
Trustee 2 Year*	Mark Halper	847-458-8922
Trustee 1 Year*	Tim O'Neill	847-658-5149
Lecturer*	Stuart Kuczynski	847-987-6391
District Deputy*	Mark Halper	847-458-8922
Insurance Agent*	Brian Giangreggio	630-926-5906



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*** Newsletter Submissions ***

Please email your articles and photos to Dave Rzonca (dave.rzonca@gmail.com) by the 4th Saturday of the month – or you may be too late.

Calendar of Events

St. Margaret Mary Knights of Columbus Council 11091

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
November 27	November 28	November 29	November 30	December 1	December 2	December 3
				Tree Lot 5-9 Council Meeting 7:30pm	Tree Lot 5-9	Tree Lot 9-9
December 4	December 5	December 6	December 7	December 8	December 9	December 10
Rosary after 7:00 mass 	Tree Lot 5-9 Prayer Service Families in Need or Distress 7:30pm	Tree Lot 5-9	Tree Lot 5-9	Tree Lot 5-9 KCIC Magnet Meeting 8pm Nativity Construction 6:30	Tree Lot 5-9	Tree Lot 9-9
December 11	December 12	December 13	December 14	December 15	December 16	December 17
Tree Lot 9-9 Blood Drive 7:30 - 1	Tree Lot 5-9	Tree Lot 5-9	Tree Lot 5-9	Tree Lot 5-9 Officer's Meeting 6:30pm 1st Degree 8pm	Tree Lot 5-9	Tree Lot 9-9 1pm -breakfast set-up Christmas Party
December 18	December 19	December 20	December 21	December 22	December 23	December 24
7:30 Breakfast with Santa	Tree Lot 5-9	Tree Lot 5-9	Tree Lot 5-9	Tree Lot 5-9	Tree Lot 5-9	
December 25	December 26	December 27	December 28	December 29	December 30	December 31
Merry Christmas						Newsletter Articles!!!
January 1	January 2	January 3	January 4	January 5	January 6	January 7
Rosary after 7:00 mass 				Council Meeting 7:30pm		
January 8	January 9	January 10	January 11	January 12	January 13	January 14
	Prayer Service Families in Need or Distress 7:30pm			KCIC Magnet Meeting 8pm		Free Throw Contest
January 15	January 16	January 17	January 18	January 19	January 20	January 21
				Officer's Meeting 6:30pm 1st Degree 8pm		
January 22	January 23	January 24	January 25	January 26	January 27	January 28
			Rockford Diocese Chapter Meeting, 7:30 pm Byron, IL			Newsletter Articles!!! (Council Meeting on Feb 2nd)

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