



# The Knightly News

## Knights of Columbus St. Margaret Mary Council 11091

District # 43

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### From the Grand Knight's Desk

Brother Knights!

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!!!

Even though we lack those weather related things for this time of the year (snow and cold), how exciting it is to be in the season of Christmas. Just as God gave us the gift of his only Son, we must continue to share the Joy of this season with those around us - especially those who have not yet come to know our Lord and Savior.

As a council we did so much in the month of December; the Christmas tree lot was buzzing with activity until Dec. 18th – with record sales and brother Knights (and families) sharing time together, a successful Blood Drive, Breakfast with Santa, KofC Family Christmas Party, our annual “Keep Christ in Christmas” poster contest.

There are a few other items that I must mention for the month of December. The Nativity Construction Committee did an outstanding job again this year! Building an inventory they thought would have us carry a surplus through the Christmas season - we sold through everything we had. The men of this committee found themselves getting together a couple more times in the days just prior to Christmas to crank-out a dozen more yard displays and one large community displays. Well done brothers! A Thank you to Patrick O’Came, whose generosity and donation of over 2500 women’s sweaters, which with all of your help, found their way to many needy women locally and throughout the Chicago area for Christmas. Also, we conducted our “Become a Knight before Christmas” 1<sup>st</sup> Degree on Dec. 15<sup>th</sup>, which had us welcome 6 new brother Knights into our council. Thank you to the 11091

Degree Team for a fabulous job, and a BIG THANK YOU to our brother Knights who work so hard to recruit our newest members.

Please be sure to introduce yourself to our members that have joined us over the last 6 months at one of our upcoming events, and help these gentlemen (and their families) understand what it means to be part of a strong council like 11091. We are a leading example for KofC in the State of Illinois when it comes to showing what a Catholic Fraternal/Family organization is all about. Encourage your new brothers to share their ideas for new events and thoughts for changes to existing events. Let us not forget that new membership is the life-blood of our council, so assist our newest brothers with their efforts to bring a new member to the Order.

I look forward to seeing everyone at our next general meeting Thursday January 5<sup>th</sup>.

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

Rick Orabutt, Grand Knight



### Thanksgiving Day Baskets

This year the Lake in the Hills Women's League was able to provide 320 families- 1276 of our neighbors in Algonquin, Huntley, and Lake in the Hills with a Thanksgiving Feast of turkey, cranberries, and pie that traditionally goes with this feast. They also were able to include a fruit basket, many vegetables, pasta, cereal and other items as help for later meals. Not only did our council contribute several hundred dollars towards this effort but once again the turnout from the Knights and their families to help put this all together once again was outstanding. Congratulations to all who helped out.

## Reminder on Prayer Service

On Monday January 9th 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.

Let the power of prayers be laid upon them in their time of need, suffering, or despair.

## December Awards



December Family of the Month – Kal Gibron



December Knight of the Month – Dave Rzonca

## Our Faith by Deacon Cy Something to think about –

God does not love us because we are good;  
God loves us because God is good.  
God does not love us because we are good;  
We are good because God loves us.  
God does not care how much we know;  
He only knows how much we care.

## Posters - Keep Christ in Christmas

Our Council is proud to present the following winners of the Keep Christ in Christmas Poster Contest:



Sydney Armstrong



Alexis DeLavergne



Gabrielle Kaminski

## Free-throw Contest – January 14

Our Free Throw Championship will be held this month on Saturday January 14th. Doors open at noon and the competition begins by 12:30. Setup is minimal and begins at 11:45. Open for ages 10-14 (boys and girls). Please contact Nick Wake at (847-756-0630) or [Nicholas\\_Wake@hotmail.com](mailto:Nicholas_Wake@hotmail.com) to help out.

## Blood Drive Announcement

On Sunday, December 11, 2011 our council sponsored a Blood Drive in McDonnell Hall and we collected 85 pints of blood. This was a great turn out brought our calendar year total to 498 units which is **a new record for our council.**

A special thank you to Sal Bongiovanni of Sal's Pizza and LifeSource who both teamed up to offer \$10 off coupon to all who came to the blood drive to donate. This incentive helped us have such a strong turnout.

I want to recognize the following Brother Knights that donated blood at the December drive. I also want to thank those Brother Knights that gave Alyx (double red cell donations) at the last drive. It should be noted that their names will not appear below.

John Schneider	Dave Rzonca
Mark Halper	Ed Henning
Cliff Sherwin	Bob Pustay
Andre Manaois	Chris Burns
Dick Frank	Phillip Burg
Scott Shepard	Dan Perna
Dan Flondro	Nick Wake
Ken Prigge	Kevin Fitzgerald
Dave Phillips	Dan DeLavernge
Jerry Gard	Jerry Ahler
Steve Chesek	Chris Nixon
Bogden Kryca	Aldo Simonini
Paul Sturnznickel	Matt Harman

We awarded three door prizes and the winners were Randy Bahn who won a certificate for an oil change at Teson Automotive in Lake in the Hills, IL. Jerry Ahler won a certificate for a lunch at The Texan Bar-B-Q in Algonquin, IL. Helen Jost won a certificate to the Thirsty Whale in Algonquin, IL.

If you are not able to make our blood drive dates you can still donate so our council will receive credit. Just make an appointment at one of the LifeSource Centers and tell the staff that the donation is being made for code U202 which is our council. Last year our council picked up 21 pints at the various LifeSource Donor Centers. The closest center is in Crystal Lake, IL and

others are available on the LifeSource website [www.lifesource.org](http://www.lifesource.org).

**We look forward to seeing everyone at our next Blood Drive on Sunday, February 5, 2012. Let's get off to a great start with our first drive of 2012!!**

### Local Businesses We Wish to Thank for Their Support in 2011

We want to send out a special thank you to all of our merchants for providing door prizes and allowing us to advertise our blood drives by placing posters in their windows. Please show your support by stopping by their business locations and purchasing their goods and services.

The following businesses supported our blood drives during 2011 with door prize donations and poster advertisements in their windows:

Sal's Pizza	Baskin-Robbins
Port Edward Restaurant	Fire Bar
Ace Hardware	Jersey Mike's
Fitness 19	Snap Fitness
Jimmy Johns -Algonquin RD	Teson Automotive
Golf Club of Illinois	Ace Hardware
Merlin Muffler	Nero's Pizza Pub
Texan Barbeque	Einstein Bagels
The Thirsty Whale	Jiffy Lube
Brunswick Bowling	Weber Auto
Handle with Care Car Wash	Trader Joe's
Buffalo Wild Wings	Gourmet House
Francen & Sons Foreign Car Specialists	

We would also like to thank the following businesses for placing posters in their windows to promote our blood drives during 2011:

Woodmans	Algonquin State Bank - Both Locations
Castle Bank- Both locations	Jersey Mike's - LITH
Jimmy Johns- Both Locations	Binnys
Nero's Pizza Pub	Starbucks Both Locations
Merlin Muffler	BMO/ Harris Bank
Buffalo Wild Wings	Home State Bank
First Merit Bank	

## **Pro Life Petition (George Jost)**

This is a reminder that the month of January was the month, in 1973 when the Supreme Court decided that unborn babies could be killed for almost any reason, and eventually at any time. Please come and sign your name (including family members) to the Ad we will put in the NW Herald as close as possible to January 22nd. We are asking for a \$5 donation, but we accept any amount or none at all. Don't let lack of funds prevent anyone from signing up.

As a final note to illustrate that making abortion easier doesn't solve the problem, there were 2 stories on Yahoo (Dec 30, 2011) about abortionists from Philadelphia and Maryland who were indicted for 1st degree murder after performing an abortion on late term babies. The only answer is prayer and fasting to end abortion.

## **Council Anniversary Dinner**

Hold the date for the Council Anniversary Dinner on March 16th, 2012. Come for a wonderful evening of dining, dancing, drinks...with your Brother Knights and their lovely ladies. Any questions please contact Bob Armstrong.

## **Ready for Some Football?**

How about an autographed football - signed by 85 Bears champs Keith Van Horne and Jay Hilgenberg?

The Blood Drive Team will be raffling one off this year. Thanks to the folks at Life Source we have one to raffle off at our Blood Drive. With the Super Bowl being a special event, we have decided that raffling off this football will be special too.

We will display the football at each blood drive. Each time you donate you get a new raffle ticket (two slips for Alyx donors) towards a chance for the ball.

The first time we break our record of 106 units, a winner will be drawn. Or in December 2012 if a winner has not been chosen by then.

## **Catholics Returning Home (Dave Philipps)**

Our parish will be inviting back Catholics who have been away from the Church through our six week series entitled "Catholics Returning Home" beginning Monday, February 13th at 7:30 in the Ministry Center. This program helps participants ease back into the Church and our parish community.

Most of those who have been away are searching for a welcoming community and acceptance. Could there be a better place to address those needs than the KofC? If you know someone who is not active or has left the Church for any reason please let them know about this program and invite them to join us or to stop by our welcoming table after the Masses on the 3<sup>rd</sup> weekend of the month.

For more information pick up a brochure in the Church lobby, check our parish website or call brother knight Dave Philipps at 815-347-6093.

## **Upcoming Events (Mark your Calendars)**

December was a great month for KofC activities and Parish events. Please watch for these events and support them in the upcoming months:

January 7-8 Ninth Grade Confirmation Retreat  
January 9 Brothers & Families in Need Prayer Service  
January 14 Free Throw Contest  
January 14 Submit All Activity Reports to Bob Armstrong  
January 15 Quake Mass Followed by Bags Tournament  
January 22 Pro Life Ad and Signatures in NW Herald

February 2 7:30 Council Meeting  
February 5 Knights Flag Football - Super Bowl Sunday  
February 5 Blood Drive  
February 6 Brothers & Families in Need Prayer Service  
February 12 Comedy Improv Night (and Quake Mass)  
February 13 Catholics Returning Home Sessions Begin  
February 22 Ash Wednesday

March 1 7:30 Council Meeting  
March 3-4 Men's CRHP Weekend  
March 16 Council Anniversary Dinner  
March 17 Shamrock Shave



Fitzgerald Family (plus one) at Breakfast with Santa



Christmas Party from December 17<sup>th</sup> – Alexandra Barrett and Patrick Colcernian entertain the crowd



Knights and families helped donate 2750 Ladies Dress Sweaters to several needy charities this month



Breakfast with Santa and his helpers – Tom Nejmech’s daughters



Turkey Bowl participants from November (Game 2 was 12/31/2011)



13 Large Nativity Sets were set up around town by our Knights this Christmas

# Directors & Chairmen

## Chancellor Report:

<b>Vocations*</b>	<b>Mark Ostrowski</b>	<b>847-658-8001</b>
Rosary	Bernie Paniak	847-658-5738
Vocational Raffle	Chris Knoerzer	630-659-9859
Seminarian Support	John Balmes	847-854-6440

## Service Programs:

<b>Membership*</b>	<b>Mark Halper</b>	<b>847-458-8922</b>
Degree Team*	Chris Gonzales	847-658-3871
Membership Promotions	Mark Halper	847-458-8922

## Program Director – Bob Armstrong

<b>Church*</b>	<b>Brian Padlev</b>	<b>847-454-4185</b>
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

## Community\* **Bill Burg** **847-323-6304**

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

## Council\* **Greg Biliskov** **847-417-1988**

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	Tim Hastings	OPEN
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

<b>Family*</b>	<b>Wayne Reed</b>	<b>847-836-7305</b>
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

## Youth\* **Joel Kolner** **847-854-5311**

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:

### Public Relations\* **Dan Limbach** **847-854-4188**

Newsletter*	Dave Rzonca	815-679-0450
Email List*	Kevin Fitzgerald	847-658-6305
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

### Pro-Life\* **George Jost** **847-658-8379**

Pro-Life Mass	George Jost	847-658-8379
Pro-Life Arms across USA	George Jost	847-658-8379

### Charitable Contributions\* **Tom Lambert** **847-354-5964**

### Financial\* **Kevin Fitzgerald** **847-658-6305**

## Officers:

Grand Knight*	Richard Orabutt	224-678-9260
Deputy Grand Knight*	Bob Armstrong	847-658-9942
Chaplain*	Rev. Darek Barna	815-670-0676
Chancellor*	Mark Ostrowski	847-658-8001
Warden*	Dan Limbach	847-854-4188
Financial Secretary*	Kevin Fitzgerald	847-658-6305
Advocate*	Allen Shulfer	847-836-8499
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



\* To contact any of these officers via email use their title then "@kofc11091.org". For example the Grand Knight's email address would be "grandknight@kofc11091.org"

## \*\*\* 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
<b>January 1</b>	<b>January 2</b>	<b>January 3</b>	<b>January 4</b>	<b>January 5</b>	<b>January 6</b>	<b>January 7</b>
Rosary after 7:00 mass 				<b>Council Meeting 7:30pm</b>		
<b>January 8</b>	<b>January 9</b>	<b>January 10</b>	<b>January 11</b>	<b>January 12</b>	<b>January 13</b>	<b>January 14</b>
	Prayer Service Families in Need or Distress 7:30pm			KCIC Magnet Meeting 8pm		Free Throw Contest Activity Reports
<b>January 15</b>	<b>January 16</b>	<b>January 17</b>	<b>January 18</b>	<b>January 19</b>	<b>January 20</b>	<b>January 21</b>
<b>Quake Mass &amp; Bags Tourney</b>				<b>Officer's Meeting 6:30pm 1st Degree 8pm</b>		
<b>January 22</b>	<b>January 23</b>	<b>January 24</b>	<b>January 25</b>	<b>January 26</b>	<b>January 27</b>	<b>January 28</b>
		<b>4<sup>th</sup> Degree Assembly 7:30pm</b>	Rockford Diocese Chapter Meeting, 7:30 pm Byron, IL			<b>Newsletter Articles!!! (Council Meeting on Feb 2nd)</b>
<b>January 29</b>	<b>January 30</b>	<b>January 31</b>	<b>February 1</b>	<b>February 2</b>	<b>February 3</b>	<b>February 4</b>
				<b>Council Meeting 7:30pm</b>		
<b>February 5</b>	<b>February 6</b>	<b>February 7</b>	<b>February 8</b>	<b>February 9</b>	<b>February 10</b>	<b>February 11</b>
Rosary after 7:00 mass  <b>7:30 Blood Drive Knights Flag Football</b>						
<b>February 12</b>	<b>February 13</b>	<b>February 14</b>	<b>February 15</b>	<b>February 16</b>	<b>February 17</b>	<b>February 18</b>
<b>Comedy Improv</b>	<b>Catholics Returning Home</b>			<b>Officer's Meeting 6:30pm 1st Degree 8pm</b>		
<b>February 19</b>	<b>February 20</b>	<b>February 21</b>	<b>February 22</b>	<b>February 23</b>	<b>February 24</b>	<b>February 25</b>
			Ash Wednesday			<b>Newsletter Articles!!! (Council Meeting on Mar 1st)</b>
<b>February 26</b>	<b>February 27</b>	<b>February 28</b>	<b>February 29</b>	<b>March 1</b>	<b>March 2</b>	<b>March 3</b>
		<b>4<sup>th</sup> Degree Assembly 7:30pm</b>		<b>Council Meeting 7:30pm</b>		<b>Men's Christ Renews His Parish</b>

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