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Message from Fr. Paul: **Tragedy in Teutopolis**

Several of our brother Knights lost their homes and farms in the tornadoes of the third week of June. The State Council took immediate action in providing what assistance it could. It will be years before it will all be rebuilt. Insurance will help with the rebuilds but it won't be enough. Food, clothing and housing are more immediate needs. Does your council or assembly take up a monthly pass the can collection for disaster relief in addition to the council's annual per capita assessment? Contact Charitable Assistance Fund & Illinois Disaster Chairman Albert R. Treado at goodknightalbert@gmail.com or call (630) 450-0057 to see how you can help. (Link to the Charitable Assistance Request form on the State web site- [GAF FORM AND GUIDELINES.pdf](#) - Google Drive



In the last edition of the newsletter, I invited you to the State Convention, although numbers were up the Archdiocese of Chicago still needs to be better represented. The first District Deputy meeting for the year will be July 10-12 in nearby

Mundelein. I hope there is 100% attendance of Chicago area deputies. The Saturday morning prayer service will be on the Sacraments of Vocation, the calling to mission. Matrimony and Priesthood are fundamental to our Catholic family. The husband is father to his children with his family as his primary responsibility. The priest is Father to his family the church with caring for its members as his sons and daughters.

Pray for victims of all natural disasters and for an end to violence in the world and our Archdiocese.

Fr. Paul Gins, O.S.M. Illinois Associate State Chaplain

Chicago Archdiocesan Chapter 2026-27 Election of Officers

In May, ballots were emailed to all Chicago Councils and Chicago



District Deputies for the Chicago Archdiocesan Chapter 2026-27 Election of Officers.

The Chapter by-laws had been updated earlier this year to include only the following elected positions: **President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Trustee - 3 Year.** The current Trustee -3 Year will move to the Trustee -2 Year position. The current Trustee - 2 Year will move to the Trustee - 1 Year position. Any other positions will be appointed.

The balloting closed on June 12th and then at our June 13th meeting

the results of the Chapter on-line Election of Officers was announced.

Congratulation to
President SK Robert Gawronski
Vice President SK Matthew Martinez
Secretary - SK Joseph Rada
Treasurer - SK Jim Killigrew
Trustee 3yr SK Thomas Kaiser

The Chicago Archdiocese Chapter extends its sincere thanks and gratitude to **Past President** SK Jeff Griggs and **Past VicePresident** SK Tim Griffin for their tremendous leadership, vision and dedication to the Chapter, especially their efforts on establishing our new web site. Their efforts to assist, encourage, mentor and promote membership and charitable activities in all Chicago area Councils has been invaluable.

The Chapter proudly recognizes and thanks them both for their outstanding service and contributions.

Chapter President Message

Brother Knights,

As the new fraternal year begins, I wish to thank our immediate past Chapter President Jeff Griggs and immediate past Chapter Vice President Tim Griffith for their outstanding leadership. Thanks to their passion, the Chapter spent the better part of last year working with its members, State leadership, and past Chapter leaders to confirm the Chapter's intended purpose and to adjust its





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structure and focus with the hope of making the Chapter more relevant to its member councils and District Deputies.

To the many who wonder what the Chapter is and why it exists...

- The Chicago Archdiocesan Chapter is made up of all the Knights of Columbus councils in the Archdiocese of Chicago. Its voting members are comprised of the Grand Knights and additional representatives from each of the dues paying councils along with all of the District Deputies in the archdiocese and any State or Supreme officers who reside within the archdiocese.
- The Chapter's primary purpose is to provide a regional platform for collaboration between councils throughout the archdiocese. It should accomplish this through effective communication and education. The Chapter also exists to help its member councils and DDs by organizing and promoting archdiocese-wide events and programs.

With its purpose clarified, the Chapter updated its by-laws and

launched a Chapter website (kofcchicago.org) at the end of this past fraternal year. The new website's creation would not have happened without Jeff and Tim's hard work. Although it is still in "beta" form, the Chapter's website will quickly become an incredible resource for council leaders, brother knights, and the general public to learn about the many great works the Knights of Columbus are doing throughout the archdiocese.

Another consensus change determined this past year is to adjust the frequency, format, and location of the Chapter meetings. For the 2026-27 fraternal year, the Chapter will meet six times instead of monthly. The six meetings will take place on to-be-determined Saturdays at 10:00 am with the location rotating to a different part of the archdiocese each time. The "business" portion of the Chapter meetings will be limited to approximately 45-60 minutes followed by a 15-30 minute town hall (Q&A) and/or training session focused on a pre-determined topic requested by the DDs and GKs in advance of each meeting.

The first meeting of the fraternal year will take place at St. Bede – Pius X Council #3788's meeting hall (36380 N. Wilson Rd., Ingleside, IL) on August 1st at 10:00 am. The agenda will be circulated via email and posted on the Chapter's website as we get closer to the meeting date.

On behalf of the newly elected officers of the Chapter, I want to thank the voting members for your confidence in us. The Chapter's success will be measured by the success of its member councils so it is critical for GK's, DD's, council representatives, and the Chapter's officers and chairmen to collaborate in ways that will improve each council's ability to serve its parish(es), families, and neighbors.

Reprinted in this newsletter is one of my favorite prayers, the Litany of Humility. As we begin another fraternal year, let us not lose sight of why we volunteer our time.

Vivat Jesus!

SK Robbie Gawronski
Chicago Chapter President
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Message from the Archdiocesan Chairman

As I write this article, it's June 25, 2026, so I don't have the final number of awards for



Councils. But at this moment in time, the Chicago Archdiocese has 17 Councils with the STAR Council award, 36 total Councils with the Fr. McGivney Award for new members, 32 total Councils with the Founders Award for Fraternal Benefit Events and 28 total Councils with the Columbian



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Award for Programs. Those numbers will go up.

I want to thank the District Deputies, Grand Knights, Financial Secretaries and all Brother Knights who worked hard this year to make their Councils successful. I also want to thank the Assistant Chicago Archdiocese Chairmen that were part of my team.

So how do you define a 'Successful' Council? It is a Council that is bringing in new members with new ideas. It is a Council that has members who are learning about our Fraternal Benefits so that they can protect their family. It is a Council that is supporting its Church and Community through multiple programs as well as donating money &/or time for those in need. Now I hear that some Councils aren't interested in filling out the paperwork to get awards from Supreme. They say "We don't do what we do for Awards". And that is true. BUT awards are important. They show parishioners that a Council is active in supporting their Church and Community. They show potential members that this is a Council that is active in welcoming new members and helping those in need. It is important for Councils to get recognized for their successes with Awards.

For the 2026-27 Fraternal Year, there are some changes to the Chicago Archdiocese District Deputies and Assistant Chairmen. Here is our team that will be

assisting Councils to be successful next year.

District 1: Joseph Rada
District 2: Greg Johnson
District 3: Jeff Steybe *
District 4: Joseph Moore
District 5: Jeff Griggs
District 6: Raymond Cordell
District 7: Richard 'Dick' Lambke
District 8: Charles Loiseau
District 9: Daniel Stolze
District 10: Richard Holmgren
District 11: Andy Smolen
District 12: Mark Azzi
District 13: Robert Gawronski
District 14: Dan Davis
District 15: John Laskey *
District 16: Joseph Kunnengode
District 17: Stan Wiekak
District 18: James Walsh *
District 19: Tim Griffith
District 20: Matthew Martinez
District 21: Patrick Madigan *
* indicates New DD

- Chicago Archdiocese Chairman: **Dan Davis**
- Assistant Chicago Archdiocese Chairman / Faith in Action Programs Coordinator: **Robert Gawronski**
- Assistant Chicago Archdiocese Chairman / Safe Environment Coordinator: **Dick Lambke**
- Assistant Chicago Archdiocese Chairman / Membership Coordinator: **Matthew Martinez**
- Assistant Chicago Archdiocese Chairman / Fraternal Benefit Coordinator: **Joseph Rada**

Let's all celebrate the large and small successes that each of the Councils in Chicago enjoyed this last year and now work toward even more successes in the next Fraternal Year.

Fraternally

Dan Davis

Knights of Columbus Chicago Archdiocesan Chairman

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State Medallion Recipient

The State Medallion is the highest honor a Knight of Columbus can receive in the Illinois State



Council, recognizing exceptional service and leadership

The State Medallion is awarded to a Knight who has demonstrated exceptional dedication to the mission of the Knights of Columbus, embodying the principles of charity, unity, and fraternity. It is a mark of the highest level of service within the state

**Congratulation to
Archdiocesan Chairman
Dan Davis
on being awarded the State
Medallion at this year's 128th
State Convention**



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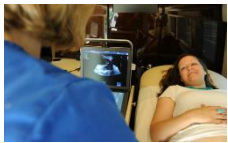


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Link to Past State Medallion recipients.
[STATE DEPUTY MEDALLION RECIPIENTS - THROUGH 02-14-2025](#)

Ultra-Sound Program If any Councils are raising funds for an Ultrasound, the Chicago Chapter has some funds that they can contribute. Please contact Dan Davis, Chicago Archdiocesan Chairman 847-224-5470, danrph80@gmail.com



Sacred Heart Council #17253 Golf Outing, August 28th



Sacred Heart Council #17253 of Palos Heights invites all to attend their Golf Outing on Friday, August 26, 2026 at the Stoney Creek Golf Club, 5850 W. 103rd St, Oak Lawn, IL.

- 12:00pm Registration
- 1:00pm Shotgun start
- 5:30 dinner & Prizes
- \$150 per golfer- includes Golf, Cart & Dinner
- /\$110 Golf only, \$40.00 Dinner only

See flyer at end of Newsletter for more info and QR code

New Chapter Web Site !!

The Chapter's new web site is up and running. Many thanks to the efforts of Past President Jeff Griggs and Former Vice President Tim Griffin for researching different developers/providers and getting the site operational. [The new link is — www.kofcchicago.org](http://www.kofcchicago.org)



128th IL KofC State Convention

The Illinois State convention was held at the Crown Plaza Springfield on May 14 thru May 17. **Congratulations to our 2026-2027 State Officers ;**

- **Lloyd Reinkensmeier -State Deputy**
- **Michael Blackburn - State Secretary**
- **Jim Jatcko - State Treasurer**
- **John Lough - State Advocate**
- **Joseph Buscher - State Warden**

Lord, please grant Your divine wisdom and guidance to these newly installed State Officers. Bestow upon them the discernment to make wise decisions, the clarity to see the path ahead, and the courage to lead with integrity.

The Council Banner Parade and Opening Session 2026 Illinois State Knights of Columbus

Convention at the Knights can be viewed at the YouTube channel with the Link below:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Z5KWz9uNK9k>

The Awards Session 2026 Illinois State Knights of Columbus Convention

can be viewed at the link below-

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wUueB19btWc&t=5s>





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SAVE THE DATE!

129th State Convention

APRIL 22-24, 2027



Bloomington-Normal
Marriott Hotel & Conference Center
201 Broadway
Normal, IL 61761



www.illinoisknights.org

THE WELL OF MERCY 6th Annual 'Golf For Goodness Sake'



The [Well Of Mercy](#) is a residential program which supports the families holistically and addresses educational needs, spiritual growth and development, physical well-being, and emotional health.

The families reside at 'The Well' for several years and will engage in five phases of intervention while learning to make better choices for themselves and their children.

The 'Well' helps single Moms break the cycle of poverty. Visit the link below for more info-
[The Well Of Mercy](#)

The ' **Golf for Goodness Sake**' will be held on July 27th, 2026 at the Old Orchard Country Club 700 W Rand Rd., Mt. Prospect IL 60056

- Registration at 11:00AM, Tee Off Time 12:30PM
- Single Golfer: \$150.00
- Foursome: \$500.00,
- \$65.00 for dinner Only
- Includes 18 Holes, Cart, Lunch and Dinner.

Sponsorships Available

- Hole sponsorships \$400.00
- Lunch Sponsor \$1,500
- Dinner Sponsor \$2,500
- Event Sponsor \$3,000

See Flyer at end of this newsletter for more info and QR code.

Respect Life

Illinois State Respect Life Chair Couple Kenneth E & Sharron Martinek report that it has been a good year for our Pro-Life and Respect Life efforts. We had good support with men standing visible for the Knights on Bridges weekends, Many Knights and Ladies showed up for the Springfield rally in March and the Mass. Eight [8] Councils have obtained new Ultrasound machines for their community clinics. The ASAP program is alive and well with Supreme sending money to Councils who participated and sent in their paperwork. Remember no job is completed until all the forms are completed.



Ty & Jane Simmons, and Sharon & I send our appreciation and thanks to all our Brother Knights, Ladies and Families for their support for Life Programs. We look forward to working with you in the next Fraternal year.

Vivat Jesus
Kenneth E Martinek & Sharon Martinek
Illinois State Life Chairman – Respect Life Couple

Bishop Hillinger Assembly **#1595 Annual** **Golf Outing**



SAVE THE DATE for Bishop Hillinger's Annual Golf Outing on Monday August 10, 2026 at Chevy Chase Golf course.

- Bag Drop – 10:30am
- Tee time 1:00pm
- Dinner 6:00pm
- Dinner \$50.00
- Per Player \$150.00
- Sponsor a Hole - \$100
- Sponsor all 18 Holes- \$500.00

See Flyers at end of this newsletter for more info and QR code.



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Special Olympics White Sox Game August 9th

Our annual Special Olympics/White Sox Game is **Sunday, August 9th vs. the Cleveland Guardians.**



Starting time is 1:10 start time. \$5.00 of each ticket sold will be donated to Illinois Special Olympics.

Please see the flyer at the end of this newsletter for the QR code, ticket prices, seat locations, and to place your order.

Let's get together for an afternoon in the sun to benefit Special Olympics!

Thank You for all you do for those in need.

Mike Schnabel
Illinois State Council
Intellectual Disabilities
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See Flyer at end of this newsletter for sign-up info and more info.

Fly the Flag This 4th of July



Chicago Dogs Game

Saturday,
August, 15
Starting time is
6:00 pm



Chi Dogs vs. Lake County DockHounds

Christopher Columbus Assembly #2349 and Brownson Council #1030 invite all to join your Brother Knights at an exciting and entertaining Chicago Dogs Minor League baseball game in Rosemont.

- **Tickets are \$20.00 and include**
 - **1 Infield Reserve Ticket**
 - **Star Wars Night & Saturday Night Fireworks**
 - **A Chicago Dogs cap!**
- Benefits the Tunnel to Towers Foundation**

See Flyer at end of this newsletter for tickets sign-up info and more info.

Vocation Raffle

Vocation Raffle books can still be ordered from the State Vocations chairman. **Please complete and submit the Order Form at the end of this newsletter** and support this important State Fund raising event that aids our future priests.

Link for ordering vocations Raffle books:
<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSc59ZvzbDUG0lznJgws6f6V8FkEXTSpuktXxXnwX>



[Oz78_QnA/viewform?usp=header](https://www.kofcchicago.org/Oz78_QnA/viewform?usp=header)

Support Our Seminarians Today!

They Are Our Priests of Tomorrow!!!

Coalition Life

Coalition Life is a pro-life organization with the mission of providing the last line of defense for babies, their mothers, and their families planning to enter an abortion facility for an abortion or at great risk for abortion due to the sales efforts of the abortion facility.



Much of our effort is focused on sidewalk counseling and a parallel prayer presence on the sidewalks or driveways of seven abortion facilities spread across the Midwest from Planned Parenthood - Near North - Elizabeth Cohn Morris Center at Lasalle and Division in the River North area of Chicago to a Planned Parenthood facility in Overland Park, KS, a suburb of Kansas City, KS.

Please see the flyer at the end of this newsletter for more info on this important ministry and to contact BK John Ryan, Sidewalk Counselor Flossmore, or BK Jacob Tipre, Site manager Chicago.



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Silver Rose Program



Each year, from early March through mid-December, Silver Roses are stewarded by councils along routes from Canada to Mexico. Every stop the Silver Rose makes throughout the pilgrimage is a rosary-centered occasion for Knights, parishioners, and community members to pray for respect for life, for the spiritual renewal of each nation, and for the advancement of the message of Our Lady of Guadalupe

There will be 3 icons available to travel either in the northern or southern councils of our diocese. The best way to schedule the Silver Rose is to use the link below to fill out the Silver rose request form online.:

<https://forms.gle/YRipzZEyLzF2rgG8A>

Chairman Martinez will then set a calendar of future availability. This schedule will be posted on the Chicago Chapter website, <https://uknight.org/ChapterSite/index.asp?D=59>

This schedule will also be at the State website: Illinois State

Council - Silver Rose

Your help is needed when transporting the icon to and from locations.

Please review the links below for details of the Silver Rose ceremony and materials needed.

- Guidesheet_ [10625 Silver Rose GS](#)
- Silver Rose Overview: [Silver Rose | Knights of Columbus](#)

Each Council wishing to host the Silver Rose ceremony should order their own booklets and supplies. Remaining supplies are to be added to the totes to 'pay it forward.' We recommend that printed supplies be ordered NOW, as this program is very popular throughout North America, and Supreme is working diligently to fill the orders timely. Should a Council come up short with supplies, do NOT order these booklets express delivery; the shipping costs would be extravagant. Rather, the booklets are available online via the Supreme website to download.

Some ideas for the Silver Rose include;

- Daytime prayer service at area Catholic Schools.
- Grade schools are a great opportunity Some dioceses that have organized these events also have an opportunity

to illustrate the Knights and what we do. This can be impactful with the parents, as moms often attend these types of school services.

- High schools with young men ready to graduate and become Knights.

Matthew Martinez
Silver Rose (Chicago Diocese)
Coordinator

District Deputy District #20

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See Flyer at end of this newsletter for QR Code

4th Degree Exemplification



Sir Knight Joe Moore and SK Robert Maas were named "Class Honorees" at the Exemplification of Fourth Degree hosted by Bishop Raymond P. Hillinger Assembly #1595 on June 27th at St Norbert Church in Northbrook IL.

As SK Robert Maas posted, "To all my brother Sir Knights, may the lessons learned about Catholics in our "National Heritage" and our love for our great country forever be carried in our hearts as we continue to live our life's in Charity, Unity, Fraternity, and Patriotism. "



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(Left to Right) Master SK Ty Simmons, SK Joe Moore, SK Rob Maas, Faithful Navigator SK Ray Kimoto

Forms Forum

Just a reminder of the Forms that are coming due in July-August.



Councils should fill out **Form 10784 Online (Preferred Method)** for every program they perform. It helps the State know where to focus for inactive councils or districts. It helps Supreme know what programs are successful. It helps Councils record activities for the Annual Survey of Fraternal Activities and keep track of everything they do for the Columbian Award. **Due after each event – final deadline - June 30, 2027.**

- [Semi-Annual Council Audit- Due 8/15 1295 Council Audit Report](#)
- [Annual Assembly Audit – Due 8/1 Annual-Assembly-Audit-1315](#)
- [All Faith in Action Forms- Faith-in-Action-forms](#)

Useful Links

- [Exemplification of Charity, Unity, & Fraternity \(Responses\) - Google Sheets](#)
- [Council Forms | Knights of Columbus](#)

- [Charity report](https://www.illinoisknights.org/charity#h.1g2y5pc8x3us)
<https://www.illinoisknights.org/charity#h.1g2y5pc8x3us>

Pope Leo Habitat for Humanity Build –

The most recent 'Build Day' was on May 7th at Pope Leo Village, 957 W. 115th St in Chicago

A "build day" is a day of service where volunteers go to a new home construction site to assist the Habitat staff in building homes. No prior experience is required, all tools, materials and training will be provided. It's always extremely rewarding!

Many thanks to Brother Knights - **Robbie Gawronski, Dan Stolze and Dominic Henry, Will Alicea, and Gary Taylor** for volunteering for the 'May 2026

The next Pope Leo day is scheduled for Wednesday September 16 in West Pullman.

Spouses, friends and family members over the age of 16 are welcome to join us as well.

Use the link below for general info about Pope Leo Village.
<https://my.habitatchicago.org/PopeLeoVillage/Static/event-info>

Anyone interested please contact District Deputy directly at danstolze@gmail.com /312-622-2293 for more info and future 'Build Dates'.





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Traveling Sacred Heart Icons



The Chicago Chapter continues to schedule the traveling Sacred Heart Icons for council sponsored Holy Hours throughout the archdiocese." The purpose of the program is to spread devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus and pray for Our Lord to make his heart our own, so that we may see and love in others what he sees and loves in us.

Nov. 23 is the Feast of Christ the King and the perfect day to promote and run the Pilgrim Icon Program or distribute Home Enthronement materials to families.

Families are deeply encouraged to enthrone the Sacred Heart image in their homes. This involves conducting a simple, moving ceremony and placing an image of the Sacred Heart in a place of honor, dedicating your family and home to His divine protection and love.

This beautiful tradition of traveling pilgrim icons has a rich history, beginning in 1979 with Our Lady of Guadalupe. Since then, over 191,000 council and parish prayer services have been held, involving some 23 million participants!

This year marks the 100th anniversary of Quas Primas, Pope Pius XI's encyclical instituting the feast!

Based on your District and Council location please plan to host a Holy Hour with your parishes and communities.

There are 2 icons to travel either in the Northern or Southern Councils of our Diocese.

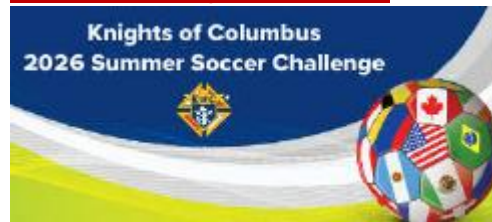
To begin the process for scheduling the icon, please follow this link to a document for filling out this information:

<https://forms.gle/mPqqmiBq4rCW6VpKA>

- The Council's help will be needed when transporting the icon to and from locations.
- DD Matthew Martinez has the Icon supplies from Supreme, so none should be ordered at this time
- Supreme Link- [Pilgrim Icon Program - Faith Programs | Knights of Columbus](#)

For more info or questions, contact Matthew Martinez, Traveling Sacred Heart Icon,(Chicago Archdiocese) Coordinator, Exrel30@yahoo.com /708-870-8468

Soccer Challenge during the World Cup- 2026 Summer of Faith, Family and Fútbol



- Councils are encouraged to organize a watch party for the international soccer games, host a

special 2026 Summer Soccer Challenge, and organize a membership drive in their community.

- June 1st thru July 31st.
- Use Form #11964 for the summer soccer challenge competition.
- Promote watch party to all in the community.
- Organize a membership drive during the watch party event.

Also, Councils can host a Soccer Challenge for youths 9 thru 14 as a great way to engage in their communities with an athletic event for youth that encourages the values of sportsmanship and healthy competition. Children demonstrate the most important skill in soccer - shooting accuracy on the penalty kick. Youth compete within their own gender and age to progress from the local level to district, regional and state/province competitions. For Soccer Challenge resources, visit www.kofc.org/soccer

See Flyer at end of this newsletter for QR Code

Newman

All Brother Knights are asked to prayerfully consider donating to the Knights of Columbus, Illinois State Council, Newman Apostolate Charity Fund this Lent.

This fund plays a vital role in sustaining Newman Centers at colleges and universities





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throughout Illinois. The Centers create a welcoming, faith-based environment where young men and women can celebrate and nurture their Catholic identity while away from their home parishes.

Monies donated to the Newman Apostolate Fund are distributed to ALL the Newman Centers in the State of Illinois.

To ensure your donation is applied to your Council goal, make sure you enter your Council number in the appropriate box

COR (Latin for 'Heart')

The mission of Cor:

- Refocus Catholic men on Jesus Christ.
- Form and strengthen their faith and virtue through brotherhood.
- Commit to prayer, formation, and fraternity.



The goal of each Cor gathering:

- Provide the opportunity for men to encounter Christ.
- To pray together
- Be formed in their faith.
- To strengthen their bonds of brotherhood

How to run Cor:

<https://www.kofc.org/resources/officer-resources/engagement/cor-leadership/how-to-run-cor/>

It's time to reignite the faith of our Council and Parish Brothers! Please contact Mark Kuczera IL State Evangelization and Faith Formation Director

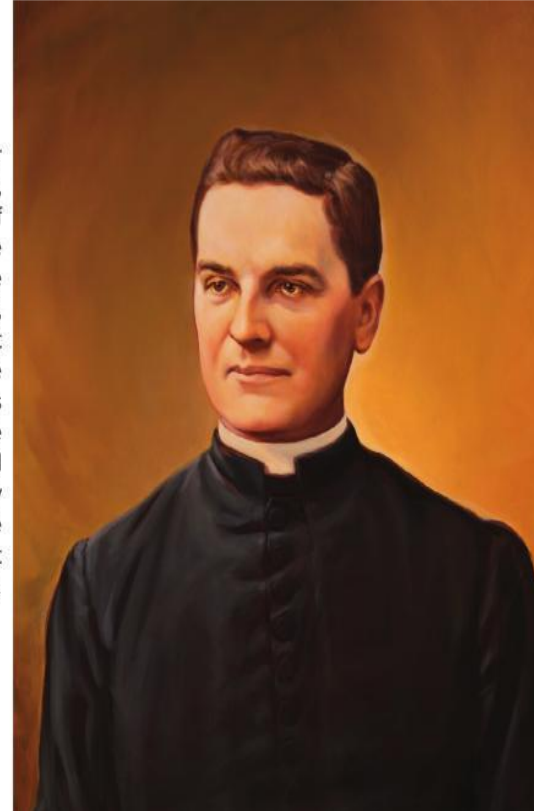
Prayer for the Canonization of Blessed Michael McGivney

Founder of the Knights of Columbus

God, our Father, protector of the poor and defender of the widow and orphan, you called your priest, Blessed Michael McGivney, to be an apostle of Christian family life and to lead the young to the generous service of their neighbor. Through the example of his life and virtue, may we follow your Son, Jesus Christ, more closely, fulfilling his commandment of charity and building up his Body which is the Church. Let the inspiration of your servant prompt us to greater confidence in your love so that we may continue his work of caring for the needy and the outcast. We humbly ask that you glorify Blessed Michael McGivney on earth according to the design of your holy will. Through his intercession, grant the favor I now present (*here make your request*). Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Please report all favors received:
The Father McGivney Guild
1 Columbus Plaza
New Haven, CT 06510-3326 • USA
www.fathermcgivney.org

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College Councils

Brother Knight
Spencer Steeves
State College
Councils (SCCC)
Coordinator PGK, Illini Council
reactivating the Knights of
Columbus councils at Eastern
Illinois University and University
of Illinois Chicago, and need your
help!



If you know a young Catholic man who is a student at either of these schools, whether it is a son, grandson, nephew, neighbor, or anything, please let him know and send BK Spencer their contact information! The Knights are

looking to grow a community of men who are strong in their faith, serve their Newman Center, and be the future of the church!

Don't know anyone personally? Ask at your next business meeting! Know someone who is a Catholic man at another college in Illinois who would be great for building a council, please contact SCCC Spencer Steeves at C: (224) 261-5343 E: college@illinoisknights.org.





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Next Chapter Business

Meetings and Events –

Please note that our Chapter meeting location will be **changing** for our 2026-2027 year.

- There will be 6 meetings this year and will take place on to-be-determined Saturdays at 10:00 am with the location rotating to a different part of the Archdiocese each time.

Upcoming Meeting for July/August

- **The first meeting of the fraternal year will take place at St. Bede – Pius X Council #3788's meeting hall (36380 N. Wilson Rd., Ingleside, IL) on August 1st at 10:00 am.**

The agenda will be circulated via email and posted on the Chapter's website as we get closer to the meeting date.

For more information refer to the Chapter Website at:
<https://uknight.org/ChapterSite/index.asp?D=59>

Attendance via Zoom is available

Contact SK Tom Kaiser,
Chicago Archdiocesan Chapter
Email: tjkaiser@sprynet.com
[630-699-2079](tel:630-699-2079)

Use this link to join the Chapter's Zoom meeting from your PC:
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/4598499591?pwd=dIZpVDBFdTN1S0FYdT2dSOVd3M2VTQT09>

If you have Zoom on your phone, you can enter this Meeting ID and password
Meeting ID: 459 849 9591
Password: 2349

When you join you will go into a waiting room and then be admitted.

If you **do not have Zoom** on your phone/computer, you can call into the meeting using:

Phone # 312-626-6799,
Meeting ID: 459 849 9591
Participant code # 345733
Password: 2349

Editor's Note:

Thank you to all who have submitted articles to this Edition. This is an important forum for getting news and information distributed to all our Brother Knights in the Chicago Archdiocese and beyond

Please continue to send in announcements of your special events, fund raisers, Blood Drives, Golf Outings, Exemplifications,

Honor Guards, and any other activities your Council or Assembly may be planning. (Photos are always welcomed)

Vivat Jesu.

Tom

Tom Kaiser, Newsletter Editor
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NEWSLETTER
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Deadline for articles to be included in the 2026 September/October Newsletter is Monday, August 27th, 2026.

!! Check Out the New chapter Web Site www.kofcchapter.org

•In 1954 the Knights of Columbus were instrumental in adding two words to the Pledge of Allegiance.

•Pres. Eisenhower and the American Legion thanked us for our efforts

•Atheists filed three to remove those two words.

•Knights of Columbus has been granted a standing in the case and is fighting to keep us "One Nation Under God."

"One Nation Under God."





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Litany of Humility

O Jesus! meek and humble of heart, Hear me.

From the desire of being esteemed... **Deliver me, Jesus.**

From the desire of being loved... **Deliver me, Jesus.**

From the desire of being extolled ... **Deliver me, Jesus.**

From the desire of being honored ... **Deliver me, Jesus.**

From the desire of being praised ... **Deliver me, Jesus.**

From the desire of being preferred to others... **Deliver me, Jesus.**

From the desire of being consulted ... **Deliver me, Jesus.**

From the desire of being approved ... **Deliver me, Jesus.**

From the fear of being humiliated ... **Deliver me, Jesus.**

From the fear of being despised... **Deliver me, Jesus.**

From the fear of suffering rebukes ... **Deliver me, Jesus.**

From the fear of being calumniated ... **Deliver me, Jesus.**

From the fear of being forgotten ... **Deliver me, Jesus.**

From the fear of being ridiculed ... **Deliver me, Jesus.**

From the fear of being wronged ... **Deliver me, Jesus.**

From the fear of being suspected ... **Deliver me, Jesus.**

That others may be loved more than I... **Jesus, grant me the grace to desire it.**

That others may be esteemed more than I ... **Jesus, grant me the grace to desire it.**

That, in the opinion of the world, others may increase and I may decrease ...

Jesus, grant me the grace to desire it.

That others may be chosen and I set aside ... **Jesus, grant me the grace to desire it.**

That others may be praised and I unnoticed ... **Jesus, grant me the grace to desire it.**

That others may be preferred to me in everything... **Jesus, grant me the grace to desire it.**

That others may become holier than I, provided that I may become as holy as I should...

Jesus, grant me the grace to desire it.



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**Knights of
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128th Annual Convention

128th State Convention Awards

28+ Chicago Councils sent delegates to the Business mtg on Sunday, while additional Knights came down for the Award presentations on Saturday. Thank you to all that were able to attend.

Overall 31 Chicago Council either received awards or were recognized for achievements.

The following 9 Councils won Illinois in Action Gold Awards:

- Councils 1628, 3582, 3674, 4698, 4977, 8022, 10858, 11981 and 16369

The following 3 Councils won Illinois in Action Silver Awards: Councils 3540, 3755, and 11112

The following 3 Councils won Illinois in Action Bronze Awards: Council 4483, 7694 and 14008

- Overall 55 Councils in the entire state won Illinois in Action Awards. While 15 Chicago Councils won some level of Illinois in Action awards.
- 17 Councils in Chicago earned 5 Charity Stars:
Councils 997, 1077, 1628, 3540, 3582, 3731, 3755, 3788, 4837, 5866, 6964, 7694, 8699, 10858, 11981, 13598, and 16369
- 5 Councils in Chicago earned 4 Charity Stars: Councils 1030, 3674, 3800, 4977, and 13448
- 1 council in Chicago earned 3 Charity Stars; Council 4483
- Overall 115 Councils in Illinois earned Charity Stars with 23 being Chicago Councils.

The following Chicago Councils were recognized for contributing to the different State Charities, based on the amounts per member. The top 3 Councils in each of the 3 divisions (based on size of councils) were recognized.

- Division A is 1-150 mbrs - Division AA is 151-399 mbrs - Division AAA is 400+ mbrs

Charitable Assistance Fund

- Division A- 2nd Place Council 3755 with \$10.81/member
- Division AA - 2nd Place Council 3674 with \$4.10/member
- Division AA - 3rd Place Council 3582 with \$3.13/member

ID Drive

- Division A - 1st Place Council 1268 with \$266.32/member
- Division A - 2nd Place Council 1628 with \$226.70/member
- Division AA - 1st Place Council 4698 with \$235.68/member
- Division AA - 3rd Place Council 3731 with \$194.54/member



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128th Annual Convention

Newman Fund

- Division A - 3rd Place Council 3755 with \$21.62/member
- Division AA - 1st Place Council 6964 with \$27.88/member
- Division AA - 2nd Place Council 3674 with \$14.67/member

Respect Life Fund

- Division A - 3rd Place Council 3755 with \$5.41/member
- Division AA - 2nd Place Council 3674 with \$4.10/member
- Division AA - 3rd Place Council 3582 with \$3.13/member

Percent Membership Growth

- Division A - 3rd Place Council 15052 with 240% of new member goal
- Division AA - 2nd Place Council 4698 with 206.7% of new member goal
- Division AAA - 2nd Place Council 1444 with 173.3% of new member goal

Total net increase in Membership Growth

- Division A - 1st Place Council 1135 with 18 new members
- Division AA - 1st Place Council 4698 with 21 new members
- Division AAA - 2nd Place Council 1444 with 26 new members

Individual Person & Council honors

- James Walsh GK Council 16369 got Rising Star Award
- Council 3755 won State Deputy's Day of Service Award
- Council 4698 won Council of the Year
- DD3 Tom Heidenfelder was honored for his years of service as a DD

Next year's State Convention will be April 22nd- 24th at the Bloomington-Normal Marriott Conference Center.

Please plan to attend this event and talk to your DD about how your Council can earn State Awards.
Fraternally



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THE WELL OF MERCY
6TH ANNUAL

GOLF FOR GOODNESS SAKE

JULY 27TH, 2026

OLD ORCHARD COUNTRY CLUB
LOCATION: 700 W RAND RD, MT. PROSPECT, IL 60056

REGISTRATION AT 11 AM, TEE-OFF AT 12:30 PM

SINGLE GOLFER: \$150 | FOURSOME: \$500
(\$65 FOR DINNER ONLY)

INCLUDES 18 HOLES, CART, LUNCH, AND DINNER

SPONSORSHIPS AVAILABLE:
HOLE SPONSOR \$300 | LUNCH SPONSOR \$1,500
DINNER SPONSOR \$2,500 | EVENT SPONSOR \$3,000

BUY YOUR TICKETS



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773-274-4227





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Stoney Creek Golf Club

5850 W 103rd St.
Oak Lawn, IL 60453
Enter off of Central Ave ONLY!

Valley Inn Catering

10620 S. Roberts Road, Palos Hills
Will Cater any event, at competitive prices!
"Best Chicken Around"
Local Business

SCRAMBLE WITH THE KNIGHTS Sacred Heart Parish, Palos Hills



**KNIGHTS
OF COLUMBUS**

**GOLF
OUTING**

Friday, August 28, 2026

Scan code to sign up!



Golf Committee: Sam Napoleon, Ed Fialek
Dave Klimas, Eugene Kryczka

Any Questions?
call Sam 708-717-0933
sdcnape@gmail.com



Register at <https://koc17253.org/2026-golf-outing>

Stoney Creek Golf Club

5850 W 103rd St. • Enter off of Central Ave ONLY!

12:00 pm Registration
1:00 pm Shotgun Start
5:30 pm Dinner



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SCRAMBLE WITH THE KNIGHTS

Join the Knights of Columbus and fellow Sacred Heart parishioners for a great day of golfing, lunch and a dinner plus raising money to help local causes.

Stoney Creek Golf Course
5850 W 103rd Street (off Central)
Oak Lawn, IL 60453

Friday, August 28, 2026

Registration Begins at 12:00 pm
Shotgun Start at 1:00 pm
Dinner & Prizes at 5:30 pm

\$150 per golfer includes cart, lunch and dinner
Format: 4 person scramble

\$110 per golfer without dinner

\$40 dinner only

Beer Cart and Cash Bar

Sponsor Yard Signs - \$125 one - 3 for \$300

**Corporate Sponsor \$500 - placement first
24" x 36" with your logo, sign displayed
at registration and dinner plus three
course yard signs.**

Send logos to: sdcnape@gmail.com

ENJOY CONTESTS AND WIN PRIZES

RESERVE YOUR SPOT TODAY!

REGISTER NOW

Complete the registration form
on the next page.

Email: sdcnape@gmail.com or
you can drop a check off at the
church office

SCRAMBLE WITH THE KNIGHTS GOLF OUTING

Check Payable to:
Sacred Heart Knights of Columbus

Drop off check or credit card info
at church office 8245 W. 111th St.
Palos Hills, IL 60465

Register at <https://koc17253.org/2026golf-outing>

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Email _____

Phone _____

~ FOR GROUP PLAYERS ~

Player 1 _____

Player 2 _____

Player 3 _____

Player 4 _____

~ PAYMENT REQUIRED TO RESERVE PLACE ~
\$150 PER GOLFER, \$110 WITHOUT DINNER
or \$40 DINNER ONLY

[] Check enclosed for \$ _____

Name on Card _____

Card Number _____

Exp. Date _____ Security Code _____

**** Your reservation is not complete
until payment is received. ****



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Memorial Golf Outing 2026

In Memory of:

Edward Fasano

Milton Hardt

Rev. Richard Kozak

Saturday, August 15, 2026

Lincoln Oaks Golf Course - Crete, IL

7:00am Registration & Breakfast / 8:00am Shotgun Start - Best Ball Format



\$125 Golf, Breakfast, 3 drink tickets, on course
includes: contests, & post round family-style dinner

For more information contact: **Tom** at tjaandres@gmail.com or
Joe at irishonthego@ameritech.net

Go to our website for more info or to download registration form:

MarianCouncil.org



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HILLINGER ASSEMBLY #1595

ANNUAL GOLF OUTING

**A Chance
to Win
\$25,000!**

\$50 - Dinner Only
\$150 - Per Player
\$100 - Sponsor a Hole
\$500 - Sponsor all 18 Holes

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A portion of the
proceeds will be
donated to St. Jude's
Childrens Hospital and
the Wounded Warrior
Project

**MONDAY
AUGUST 10**

**AT CHEVY CHASE
COUNTRY CLUB**
Bag Drop: 10:30am
Tee Times: 1:00pm
Dinner: 6:00pm

Register Here



Questions?? Contact Ray Kimoto 847-525-9048
raykimoto@gmail.com or Gary Taylor 847-513-3835



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Chicago Dogs Game

Saturday, August, 15 Starting time is 6:00 pm

Chi Dogs vs. Lake County DockHounds

Christopher Columbus Assembly #2349 and

Brownson Council #1030 are planning a group outing to the exciting and entertaining Chicago Dogs Minor League baseball team in Rosemont.



- **Tickets are \$20.00 and include**

- 1 Infield Reserve Ticket
- Star Wars Night & Saturday Night Fireworks
- **A Chicago Dogs cap!**

- A portion of each ticket sale will be donated to the

Tunnel to Towers Foundation

which helps America's heroes by providing mortgage-free homes to Gold Star and fallen first responder families with young children and by building specially-adapted smart homes for catastrophically injured veterans and first responders.

- Impact Field is located at **9850 Balmoral Ave. Rosemont, IL 60018**. The ballpark is accessible via public transit by taking either the blue line or the Metra and getting off at the Rosemont station. A Rosemont Entertainment Connector Trolley will run with between the Rosemont CTA Blue Line stop and Impact Field.

- **Parking in the garage adjacent to Impact Field is \$3 per vehicle**

Family, friends, Cubs fans and White Sox fans are all are welcome to attend. Please contact FC Tom Kaiser (tjkaiser@sprynet.com) or 630-699-2079 (Cell/text) by **AUGUST 10** with the number of tickets you would like and send payment to 391 S. Berkley, Elmhurst, IL 60126

(Zelle payments can be made to —Assembly2349@sprynet.com)

This is a great opportunity to see an exciting Chicago team in their fan friendly ballpark, with your Brother Knights and families.

Hope you can join us at the game on August 15th!



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Form VOC-



Illinois State Council K of C Charities, Inc.

Vocation Raffle Transmittal Form



Date: _____

Council # : _____

Number of Books Submitted: x \$10.00 = \$

Check # _____

PLEASE MAKE YOUR CHECK PAYABLE TO
Illinois State Council K of C Charities, Inc.

SEND CHECK & RAFFLE BOOK STUBS TO
Illinois State Council K of C Charities, Inc.
State Financial Office
7250 W. College Dr, Suite 1SE (packages only)
Palos Heights, IL 60463-0309

**PLEASE, DO NOT INCLUDE ONLINE DONATIONS OR SUBMIT A TRANSMITTAL
FORM FOR ONLINE DONATIONS**

If you send additional checks, please list below (check no. & amount)

Check	Amount	Check	Amount	Check	Amount	Check	Amount

The guidelines of the Vocations Support Raffle Program require that the \$10.00 portion from the sale of each book be used for Vocations Program(s). Please provide a brief description on how the funds will be used for the council's Vocations Program(s).



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State of Illinois Programs for your council to participate in...



Silver Rose Program – May 2026

There are three (3) icons to travel either in the northern or southern councils of our diocese. To begin the process for scheduling the icon, please follow this QR code to a document for RSVP'ing for a rose.



Sacred Heart Icon Program – Now 2026 through 2027



There are two (2) icons (2" x 35") to travel either the northern or southern councils of our Diocese. To begin the process for scheduling the icon please follow the QR code to a document for RSVPing for this image



PLACE CONTACT INFO FOR DIOCESE HERE: If there are any questions, please reach out to me directly.
Matthew Martinez Traveling Sacred Heart & Silver Rose Icon (Chicago Diocese) Coordinator State of Illinois District Deputy District #20 Exrel30@yahoo.com 708-870-8468



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GAME DETAILS

- Guardians vs. Chicago White Sox
- Sunday, August 9 at 1:10 PM
- Ticket: Starting at \$37.74



JOIN US

Join us on Sunday, August 9th for a special day at the ballpark! We invite Knights of Columbus members, their family, and friends to purchase specially priced tickets to see the White Sox take on the Guardians.



CONTACT US

To purchase tickets or other general questions, please contact:

Matt Roti

Phone: 312-674-5131

Email: mroti@chisox.com



SCAN

Scan QR Code for availability and info



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2026 Summer of Faith, Family and Fútbol

- Councils are encouraged to organize a watch party for the international soccer games, host a special 2026 Summer Soccer Challenge, and organize a membership drive in their community.
- June 1st thru July 31st.
- Use Form #11964 for the summer soccer challenge competition.
- Promote watch party to all in the community.
- Organize a membership drive during the watch party event.

Knights of Columbus
2026 Summer Soccer Challenge

EVENT PURPOSE
A youth penalty kick accuracy competition for boys and girls ages 9-14.

KEY REQUIREMENTS

- Eligibility: Boys & girls ages 9-14
- Age Breakdown: 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14
- Shots: 15 attempts at the goal
- Distances:
 - Ages 9-11 = 10 yards
 - Ages 12-14 = 12 yards
- Scoring Grid:
 - Upper corners: 20 pts.
 - Lower corners: 10 pts.
 - Center: 5 pts.
 - Refer to the Soccer Challenge Scoring Grid (94576) for how to set up the goal.
- Points: 20pts/Score Sheet (11964) – Each Club

VOLUNTEER ROLES

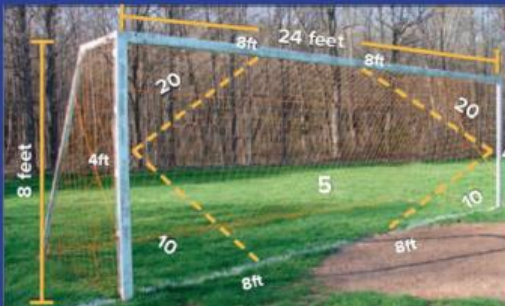
- Registration: Sign vs.
- Scorers: Record points per shot
- Ball Retrievers: Help keep things moving

REPORTING
Submit the winning entry form for each age category for both boys and girls to membership@kofcc.org by July 31st. The highest score at each club/parish will receive a special Soccer Challenge T-shirt. Please be sure to include the club's crest on their report form to ensure the correct size if named State Champion.

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2026 Summer of Faith, Family and Fútbol

Competition Layout:



Soccer Challenge Diagram



- Equipment – bright colored rope and 25lb weights for goal setup.
- Ages 9-11(Boys & Girls): Use #4 size soccer ball
- Ages 12-14 (Boys & Girls): Use #5 size soccer ball.

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