#### **OUR LADY OF THE GROVE COUNCIL**

#13448

Charity ❖ Unity ❖ Fraternity ❖ Patriotism



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PRAYER FOR THE CANONIZATION OF THE VENERABLE SERVANT OF GOD MICHAEL McGIVNEY

Founder of the Knights of Columbus

od, our Father, protector of the poor and defender of the widow and orphan, you called your priest, Father Michael J. 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 your venerable servant Father Michael J. 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.





#### **Calendar of Events**

Date	Begin	End	Function	Location
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3/4/2021	<b>7PM</b>	8:30PM	Officer's Meeting	Zoom ID 863 9460 4933 Passcode
3/11/2021	7РМ	8PM	Membership Meeting	Zoom ID 863 9460 4933 Passcode 307988
3/14/2021	Noon	12:30PM	Rosary	Zoom ID 863 9460 4933 Passcode 307988
3/26/2021	7РМ	8PM	Stations	Sign-up online through the parish website
3/30/2021	5PM	7PM	Social Mtg.	Catholic Charities dinner

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#### Chaplain's Message

February 17, 2021 is universally celebrated by the Christian Community as Ash Wednesday. Ash Wednesday in the Catholic Church begins the season of Lent. Lent, has a practice of encouraging its members to Pray, Fast and give Alms.

It is appropriate that the Scripture Readings of Lent are directed towards these three practices. On Ash Wednesday itself, we have the first reading from the book of the Prophet Joel:

"Even now, says the Lord, return to me with your whole heart, with fasting, and weeping, and mourning. Rend your hearts, not your garments, and return to the Lord, your God."

Let this be our motivating theme for the season, so that, the Easter Joy at Easter time will be the great Joy of our union with the Risen Lord.

Remember the words are "Rend your hears not your garments". In other words, what I understand is that it has to be a "inward" decision from our hearts and not merely from an outward show!! Let our Prayer, fasting and giving alms be from the sincerity of our hearts. The Catholic Church and the Knights of Columbus give us ample opportunities to enter into this spirit.

Let us take advantage of them. And, may I add, let us find our own ways to add on to our Spiritual Life. Let us be more fervent in our simple prayers like the rosary, morning and evening prayers etc. But if possible, let us see if we can frequent the week day masses and the Stations of the Cross. Together with our prayers we are also encouraged to 'fast'. While fasting is usually associated with depriving ourselves from some foods, it is also encouraged with abstaining from certain behaviors. Let us seriously give this some thought.

As members of the Knights of Columbus we are not only called to be good "Christians" we are also called and encouraged to be good "Christian Leaders". Therefore, as we practice our Christian life, let us also be instrumental in being good motivators of practicing the "Christian Values" in our daily practice.

With every good wish to you and your families, I wish you a happy and holy Lent Season.

God Bless you!

**Father Denis** 





Feb 3 Martin Lee

Feb 11 Joseph Kramer

Feb 11 Richard Wojtowicz

Feb 12 George Murphy

Feb 14 Christopher Montalto

Feb 17 Ted Gressick

Feb 18 Jim Wroble

Feb 20 Thang Mung

Feb 22 John Geary

Feb 24 Victor Grossi

Feb 25 Vincent Caffarello

Feb 27 Patrick T Madigan

Feb 28 Paula Naura

Mar 2 Mike Cahill

Mar 13 Ed Rosalewicz

Mar 15 Mike Bryscan

Mar 19 Daniel Minaghan

Mar 21 Dick Van Spankeren



PATRICK E. KELLY
Supreme Knight

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# A Joint Men's Club—Knights of Columbus project to benefit Veterans Exiting Homelessness



On the weekends of March 20th and 21st, The Men's Club and Knights will be collecting new items to be donated to homeless veterans. Place the items on the table in fromt of the collection container by the school doors BEFORE the Masses on that weekends and the Men's Club & Knights will place the tiems in the container. Contact DGK Randy Wildenhain if you wish to assist in the collection.



#### Veterans Exiting Homelessness: Move In Essentials

Personal Hygiene
Bath Soap
Shampoo
Conditioner
Razor
Shaving Cream
Deodorant
Combs
Hair Brush
Nail Clipper
Toothpaste
Sunscreen
Chap stick

Bathroom Shower Curtain Toilet Paper Plunger Toilet Brush Toilet Bowl Cleaner Bath Towels Washcloth



Miscellaneous
Smoke Detector
Flashlight w/ Batteries
Wall Calendar
Appointment Book
Garbage Bags
Laundry Basket
Hamper
Laundry Detergent
Aluminum Foil
Pampers (diapers)
Light Bulbs

# For the Good of the Order

♣ SK Mel Cea Baby Isaac Blomeke

**♣** SK John Walker David Modlim

♣ SK John Krajewski Richard Idstein

**♥** SK Jack O'Brien Jim Wroble

♣ SK Thad and Alice Steward Dennis Delaney

♣ SK Cy and Marie Schmid Jim Kukral

₱ Jean Case Paulette Alex

♣ Diane Bartelt Maria Wildenhain

♣ Sharon Gressick

Mike Blomeke

■ Continuous Cont

† Helen Lynch Diana Sarlitto† Tom Kajohn COVID −19 victims

₱ Deacon Gary Long Victims of 9-11 & their families

The May they rest in peace

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## You're invited!



## Knights of Columbus



Fraternal Benefit Night Virtual Webinar by award winning author Tom Hegna

March 23, 2021 6:30 PM



form Hegna, CLU, ChFC, CASL, is an award-winning author, speaker and economist. He is an industry leader and is considered by many as "The Retirement Income Expert." Tom has presented at over 5,000 seminars, helping seniors and baby boomers build lasting retirement plans.

## Pay Checks and Play Checks

You're invited to join our webinar where Tom will share his mathematically and scientifically proven approach that will enable you to create a secure retirement, no matter how long you live.



Attendance Limited Must Pre-register kofc.link/hegna

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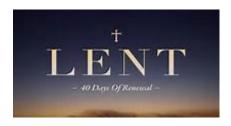


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COUNCILS IN COLABORATION Chaplain's Message:



#### **Lent Is Here**

This is a reality that we experience in late winter each year. The themes of the season also are the same. It is a time of prayer, fasting and almsgiving. Many also include dav for examination conscience and attending a service where one can celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation. In the Sacrament we ask for absolution and forgiveness of our sins and trust the Lord hears and grants our petition. In our daily Our Father we say that we forgive other's trespasses. Is that true?

Our memories are strong, at times it is hard to let go of a grudge or a criticism. Lent is that perfect time to be cleansed and start fresh in all our relationships. Do not wait until it is too late.

Have a joyful Lent. Take time to celebrate all the days and rituals of Holy Week. This presumes that churches will be open reconciliation services and Holy Week. The number of attendees continues to increase but virtual services are available. Take the time for daily prayer focusing on the of the pandemic. vaccinated. I have my double dose already and injection sites are becoming more available. May our Easter reflect the Risen Son in all

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that we do each day. The Lord's blessings be upon you and your family.

#### Fr. Paul

Fr. Paul Gins, O.S.M., Chicago Chapter Chaplain.

#### **President's Message:**

Dear Brother Knights and Friends:

We are now into another Lenten Season, a period of penitential preparation for Easter, which began on Ash Wednesday and will last until Easter weekend. Before Easter, our Lent is an imitation of Jesus Christ fasting in the wilderness before his public ministry began.

So, as we prepare for Easter, I want to first thank you for all you do for our Order. During this Lenten Season, we must prepare ourselves by continuing to do acts of kindness and selflessness. We must be like the Apostles of Christ in our ministry to our Order of Charity, Unity, Fraternity and Patriotism; and to our Church as we continue to build a relationship with our Pastors.

We must continue to build our Order with new members and to constantly promote our Fourth Degree. New members will be the future of our Order.

I want to thank the Councils for their charitable contributions to their churches and communities by monetary gifts, food drives, blood drives, coat drives and many other events

We must continue to be present in our churches and neighborhoods. Do not be afraid to approach that gentleman you see in church or at a school event and ask him if he would like to become a Knight. Never forget that each of us are here because someone

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approached us and asked us to join.

Continue to be safe as your Councils start to open up for events. Remember to increase your presence in your churches and at your community events.

Sincerely Yours in Christ

#### Stan

Stan Wiejak, Chapter President Wiejak@att.net

#### MEMBERSHIP 365

With spring coming we will soon see growing flowers and grass, but with the end of the fraternal year approaching we all need to dedicate ourselves to growing membership.

The State Deputy is pleased to announce a **new raffle** for Illinois councils:

## Find Some Illinois Gold!!

#### Rules:

A council will receive one raffle ticket for every **two new brothers** that join a council during a given month starting Feb 2021 thru June 2021, (example: a council recruits 6 new brothers and that council will receive 3 raffle tickets)

eMembers converted to council members count as new members Form 100s must be processed through Supreme.

Winning council will be notified and a check for \$200.00 will be sent to the Grand Knight.

For more information or questions contact Chicago Archdiocesan membership coordinator

Scott Hawkins @ 708-878-4113





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## OUR CALL TO ACTION

Recently I watched the mini-series "The *Pacific*", a program aptly named as it centers around the Pacific theater in World War II. Often the war with Japan conjures images of multiple air and naval battles, but *The Pacific* focused primarily on Marine combat on multiple Pacific islands involved in the war.

Viewers have an opportunity to see the transformation of eager men leaving home for the first time, freshly out of boot camp, thrown into horrendous fighting and becoming seasoned fighting men after experiencing the first-hand brutality of close combat. The stark atrocities of war serve to alter their prospective in ways they could not have imagined, nor could anyone present understand. Ultimately bν experiencing combat, the Marines are changed for the rest of their lives.

When we stop to consider the story of Blessed Fr. Michael McGivney, we know he also stepped up and served. Fr. McGivney was faced progressively challenging trials as priest and later pastor of his parish: administering to the sick, providing for the orphaned, evangelizing the Catholic Faith during a time of persecution, and other activities to sustain both Catholics and non-Catholics. He eventually succumbed to an illness attributed to his ministrations to the sick. We only surmise these experiences changed Fr. McGivney throughout his life.

Like the war in the Pacific, we did not experience firsthand what Fr. McGivney endured, so it is hard to utterly understand the full weight of March – April 2021

his service, but we can draw parallels to his ministrations, to those of men fighting in *The Pacific*. Both acted and stood up for causes in which they believed. Both worked actively, facing progressively more difficult situations while working toward their goals. And both made an indelible difference improving the lives of others often making sacrifices in their own.

We as Knights of Columbus should take note of the actions of these men, both priest and servicemen, who serve as role models for us. When we step up to follow the Mission established by Fr. McGivney, we too are serving our families and Catholic communities and fellow man.

Just as the tasks of the servicemen in The Pacific became increasingly difficult, and the tasks of Fr. McGivney became more challenging, we will find ourselves facing new challenges, like COVID-19 pandemic or a political climate becoming more hostile Catholics. But as they did, we as Knights need to answer the call to make them a better place for both our families and new Catholics.

It will not be easy but when we as Knights work with other Knights, we can successfully face these challenges and make difference. And we will be changed by these experiences and be better and Knights. Some Knights have figured this out and are doing amazing things: hosting events and finding new Brother Knights! Let us follow these role models and find strength to put our Faith into Action, just as they did, as our servicemen did, and Blessed Fr. Michael McGivney did. It will change your life.

### John Lough

State Program Director Chicago Chapter Trustee



#### **SAVE THE DATE**

ALL Assemblies in Northern Illinois District One, the next EXEMPLIFICATION is scheduled for Saturday May 15, 2021 hosted by

#### St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Assembly #2410

At this time, we are not sure if the Exemplification will be live or virtual.

Illinois District One Alexander Tennant, Master 630-501-7597

alexandert@kinsalecg.com





Council 5866 is having a blood drive on Mar 7th from 9A-1P in the parking lot at St Christopher Church. A Versiti mobile unit will collecting pints of blood or Double Red if anyone is able to donate.

Call or email Joe Frontera at (708) 769-9485 or seatvendor@aol.com to schedule a time. Appointments are scheduled 10 minutes apart and double red appointments are every hour on the hour.







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## State Free Throw Championship

The State Free Throw Championship is still scheduled to take place pending finding a place to have the event. We are also looking for venues to hold District and Jurisdictional (in this year's case Diocesan) events.

The State Championship paperwork must be turned in by May 4, 2021 for International Championship consideration. We would like to get this done before the end of April.

Diocese level competition must be completed by April 1, 2021 and Council/District should be completed by March 15, 2021 at the latest. Council events can be videotaped and sent to your district deputy.

I attached the State guidelines for this year's competition in case anyone has missed them. If anyone has a venue to hold any level of competition including the State Competition, please let Wayne Bukovic or myself know as soon as possible.

My email is <a href="mailto:seatvendor@aol.com">seatvendor@aol.com</a> Wayne's email is. <a href="mailto:waynebukovic@gmail.com">waynebukovic@gmail.com</a>

Joseph Frontera Illinois State Basketball Free Throw Co-Chairman

Council 5866 Blood Drive Chairman

## Stritch Assembly #205 Donates over \$4,800 for Christmas Cheer

Stritch Assembly #205 donated to the following Charities:

St Joseph Carmelite Home for Girls
Hines Hospital
St James Food Pantry
Office of the Deaf

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St Vincent de Paul - St Christopher
Lansing Food Pantry
Calumet City Resource Center
Fr McGivney Home
New Star
Manteno Veterans Home
St Mary of Providence
Catholic Charities SSVF
Mercy Home for Boys and Girls

The Assembly also collected over 170 toys which were donated to Toys for Tots.

Our Lady of Humility (OLH)
Council 13598 Continue
Constructing a grotto dedicated
to Our Lady of Fatima

In 2009 The Knights of Columbus Council 13598 asked, then Pastor Fr. David Mulvihill for permission to develop a section of the newly acquired property, to the West, to develop as a meditation site for the parish starting with the Stations of Cross, with continued development into a circular pathway with imbedded Rosary, and finally a Grotto setting for Our Lady of Fatima with the three children.

Fortunately, our council had a Knight who was owner of a construction business, who had the necessary equipment and knowhow to get this done. With a team of dedicated fellow Knights, we began the project.



We started the final phase of the Meditation site, the grotto, just about at the beginning of the pandemic and worked piecemeal throughout the spring, summer and fall. With the arrival of the statues which we ordered from a company in China, things began to fall in place quickly. All told it took approximately 2,250 manhours to get the project about 95% complete. We are in a holding pattern now due to winter weather.

There are a few cosmetic tasks and

lighting which should be completed

early spring.

As mentioned, we are expecting to complete the project early this spring. We are planning a parish picnic and will be inviting our new bishop to dedicate the grotto sometime this summer. Of course, this depends on our current pandemic restrictions being lifted.



## Fr. Francis A Ryan Council 5025 Donates Coats and Gift Card

Fr. Ryan Council recently donated "Coats for Kids" to St Bartholomew Parish School. Pictured below are Mrs. Nilma Osiecki, Principal of St Bartholomew School with GK Sam Deane and PGK Robert Rutherford surrounded by the students wearing some of the donated coats.



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The council also donated a \$250.00 Jewel gift card for a needy family in the parish. Pictured below is GK Sam Deane presenting the gift card to principle Nilma Osiecki.



#### A MESSAGE FROM YOUR ID TEAM

As we are all aware, the year of 2020 was a devasting year for several reasons and a truly disastrous one for the ID program and for our other Charity programs as well. As the State ID team, we want to thank ALL of you who, despite these severe challenges, either found a way to overcome or gave it your best effort to do so. So many organizations who depend on us were hit even harder as a result. God's Special People very much need our help and more so now and the foreseeable future more than ever before.

Within the past week or so, our Governor has moved most counties to a Phase 4 or loosening all the various restrictions. This is a window for us to again do the BEST we can. As we all know our State Board voted a few years ago that our charity year ends on April 30 which means all monies and forms etc. need to be in the State Office by then. More specifically, what we are asking ALL Councils in Illinois do SOMETHING to support the program yet this year. It can be virtually anything; pancake breakfasts, selling Tootsie Rolls, store collections, street collections, dedicated fish fry's, etc. Virtually nothing is off limits. If a Council has not participated in the street drive all they have to do is submit a report. Send in a check,

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and on the distribution form for who they want it to go to. The organization must be on the approved list which is on the State website as are the 2 forms. But it all must be done and received by April 30 to be credited to the Council. It is our fervent hope that ALL councils do participate. As it was said previously, God's Special People need our help more now than ever before.

On another item the drive for this coming September will still be held. Hopefully by then our State will be open even more and thus allow the street drives and stores etc. The drive is always the 3<sup>rd</sup> full weekend of September and this year that is Sept 17, 18, and 19. Again, a HUGE thank you for all who did make it our one way or another.

In closing, we are asking you to please get this email and your encouragement to ALL Councils ASAP. If Ed Ted, Mike, or Jerry can be of ANY help please let us know and we will do our BEST.

Thank You Vivat Jesus Ed, Ted, Mike, Jerry



ILLINOIS STATE COUNCIL K of C
CHICAGO CHAPTER
2021 State Bowling Series
Team Competition on
Sunday, March 21, 2021
Hosted by Illinois District 16
DD Paul Rutherford
Information Flyer and General
Entry Forms Attached

#### PER-CAPITA DUES

Notices will be sent out to councils for the Per-Capita dues for 2021.

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Please send in your dues as soon as possible so we can have the funds needed to support all the councils in the Archdiocese.

All Knights of Columbus members are invited to attend any or all of the Chapter meetings. Meeting dates and more can be found on the Chapter Web site.

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#### **Business Meeting 7:00 PM**

We are not meeting in person at this time due to the Chicago Archdiocese Covid-19 restrictions.

Our business meetings will be conducted virtually with ZOOM on the 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of the month.

Next Business Meeting
March 25, 2021
PRAY THE ROSARY AS
OFTEN AS YOU CAN TO
END ABORTION

#### SEND CORRESPONDENCE TO:

Robert E. Bukowski 2548 N. Rutherford Avenue Chicago, IL 60707-2250 Or e-mail rebukowski@earthlink.net



#### "HE HAS RISEN"

PRESIDENT STAN WIEJAK AND ALL THE OFFICERS SEND THEIR BEST WISHES FOR A BLESSED EASTER SEASON TO YOU AND YOUR FAMILIES

#### 2020-2021 Covid 19 Free Throw protocols for Illinois State Tournament

All participants must sign up to participate in this year's Free throw Championship competition; this includes any knight, parent, or guardian. Name, and phone number will be needed to enter the competition site. This is being done in the event that any participant, parent/guardian, or knight shows COVID-19 symptoms within two weeks post competition, so all others can be notified, tested, and guarantined for 14 days.

To keep the amount of people in the building to a minimum only one age group will be in the building at a time. Each age group will be divided at 30-35 at minute intervals (9-year-old...12-12:30, 10-year-old 12:30-1 PM, 11-year-old 1-1:30 PM, 12-year-old 1:30-2 PM, 13-year-old 2-2:30 PM and 14-year-old 2:30 -3 PM.) Show up time for each age group will be 10 minutes prior to competition time. All competitors and their spectator will remain in their vehicle until their check in time. If a family has more than one competitor, [the other competitor(s)] may remain in the building with their parent/guardian during their sibling's competition; per Safe Environment Guidelines.

Everyone entering the building with have their temperature taken and their hands sprayed with hand sanitizer with only those who are considered healthy being allowed to participate. Anyone that has COVID-19 symptoms or is running temperature will not be allowed into the building. Anyone who accompanied the person exhibiting symptoms will not be allowed into the building for precaution reasons.

All participants must wear masks prior to and after their participation. While shooting they may remove their mask.

Each participant may only have one guest to remain with them during the competition; exception being families with more than one competitor in different age group; per Safe Environment Guidelines.

An additional round of competition (Diocese) will be added to lessen the quantity of players (and their guest) at any one competition. (Keeping the amount at any one competition under 100 people).

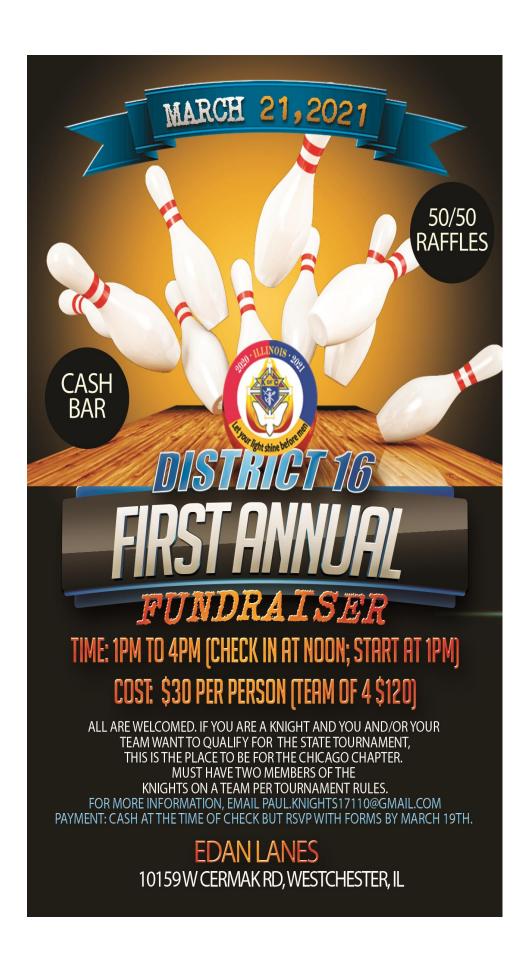
Any Knight(s) who will be rebounding will sanitizing their hands between competitors. Balls will be sanitized between competitors with two or three balls being used for the entire competition.

Boys (ages 9-11) and girls (ages 9-14) will use a women's regulation sized basketball 28.5 inches. Boys ages 12-14 will use a regulation men's basketball 29.5 inches.

To ensure COVID-19 safety all records will be emailed to the knight in charge of the next level of competition. Council chairman will mail to the district chairman, District to Regional chairman, Regional to Diocese chairman. All levels will send all records to the State chairman for reduction.

Spectators will be asked to adhere to Co-vid guidelines-wearing a mask and social distancing of 6 feet please.

Additionally, a number of options can be utilized to bring as many participants to compete as possible. Councils should offer schools the option to hold their council competitions during school gym classes and ask for permission to have one Safe Environment compliant knight help facilitate the shooting with the gym teacher. If school shooting is not allowed and the school in, you will not allow the use of their gym. Participants may shoot outside without council participation as long as it is recorded and sent to their district deputy with a completed score sheet. **All score sheets if sent by computer must be sent in pdf form for ease of printing.** Mailed version of score sheets may be sent to the District deputy or next level of competition chairman. Each level [may or may not] have a competition depending on availability of a venue (for district, regional, diocesan or semi-final) and may be video-taped and submitted with completed score sheets. Any question please contact State Free Throw Co-chairman Wayne Bukovic at wanyebukovic@gmail.com or Joe Frontera at seatvendor@aol.com.





#### ILLINOIS STATE COUNCIL-KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS 2021 State Bowling Series-Team Competition CHCAGO CHAPTER

#### **GENERAL ENTRY FORM with COMPETITION PARAMETERS**

- 1. This is a team competition. Teams must be sponsored by an Illinois Knights of Columbus Council.
- 2. Teams consist of 4 participants. A minimum of 2 of the team participants **must be members** of the Knights of Columbus in Good Standing. The two remaining participants are guests (male or female) of the sponsoring council. Bowlers must declare an average, per K of C International Bowling rules.
- 3. Teams will bowl 3 games in the competition (12 total lines of bowling). Cost is \$30 per participant, total of \$120 per team. Singles included in team fee. Doubles teams are \$50/team. One (1) Doubles bowler must be a K of C member.
- 4. Participants must be 18 years of age as of 1 July 2020.
- 5. Applicable Handicap is 80% of 220, per K of C International Tourney rules.
- 6. Individual scores will be used to determine 3 SINGLES Championship Qualifiers
- 7. Entries forms must be sent in by March 19, 2021.
- 8. Winner and up to 3 teams qualify for Illinois State Council 2021 Championship (April 2021)

#### **TEAM INFORMATION:**

TEAM NAME:	COUNCIL NUMBERLOCATIO	ON
TEAM CONTACT:	TELEPHONE	
TEAM MEMBER #1 NAME	MEMBERSHIP #	or GUEST
TEAM MEMBER #2 NAME	MEMBERSHIP #	or GUEST
TEAM MEMBER #3 NAME	MEMBERSHIP #	or GUEST
TFAM MFMBFR #4 NAMF	MEMBERSHIP #	or GUEST

EMAIL COMPLETED FORMS TO <a href="mailto:paul.knights17110@gmail.com">paul.knights17110@gmail.com</a> no later than March 19, 2021. For more information call District Deputy Paul at 773-744-1163

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