



St. Margaret Mary Knights of Columbus Council #15979

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Mission Statement

We, the Knights of Columbus of St. Margaret Mary Council #15979, exist to promote and support spiritual enrichment, fellowship, parish activities, community service and material well being to the community.

Grand Knight's Message:

Tempus Fugit, Memento Mori. Do you remember these words? Probably the first time you saw them was during your 1st degree ceremony. Translated, it means, time flies, remember death.

We Knights, are very privileged to have such a full life. We touch many people through our worthy activities. Consequently, isn't it amazing how fast life flies by? And our reward as Catholics who faithfully follow the tenants of our faith is the promise of eternal happiness in the Kingdom of God.

Let us remember our brother Otto Knop in our prayers. He passed away on March 16, 2018 after battling a serious illness. May the good Lord embrace him with open arms. May the good Lord shine down his blessings on his family and comfort them during this time of morning. In times like this, we brother Knights need to ban together and support his family in our prayers as they go through this time of sorrowful loss. We rely on our faith and the love of God and his promise of salvation to cope through these times of loss.

Carpe Diem

Michael H Saylor
Grand Knight

Organ Donation Project:

Several Knights of Columbus councils in the Archdiocese have gotten together on a project to promote and educate parishioners about organ donations. St. Margaret Mary Council is one of six councils involved in this project. The other five are, St. Edward, Our Lady of Lourdes, St. Brigid, St. James and St. Michael councils. Our Grand Knight and his wife have been actively involved in this project for several years because several years ago, Mike was the recipient of a kidney from a donor as was our brother Knight, Paul Kichler. If you want of participate as an organ donor, the StMM Council has a one-page form to fill out to become a registered organ donor with the state. All people 18 years or older are welcome to sign up. More information on this project is forthcoming.

Calendar of Events:

April

- 4-01 Easter
- 4-11 Cookout & Planning, 6:30 @ Spiritual Center
- 4-12 Msg. Albert Schmitt KofC Assembly #3075 Business meeting.
- 4-18 1st degree in Library Meeting room & cookout at the Spiritual Center
- 4-19 StMM KofC Officers Meeting (see meeting notices below)
- 4-25 StMM KofC Business Meeting (see meeting notices below)
- 4-28 5th Sunday Rosary @ 4:15 PM, Corporate Communion @5:00 PM Mass with Dinner afterward, Knights and family meet in reserved seats in front of church. Dinner location TBD.

4-29 Cathedral Soup Kitchen – Knights help serve meals at the Cathedral soup kitchen from 10:15AM till 1:00 PM. See website for details <https://kofcknights.org/councilsite/?cno=15979>

May:

- 5-09 Social night, 6:30 PM @ Spiritual Center
- 5-10 Msg. Albert Schmitt KofC Assenbly #3075 Business Meeting.
- 5-12 Mother's Day rose sale after 5:00PM Mass.
- 5-13 Mother's Day rose sale after 8:00, 10:00AM and 12Noon Masses.
- 5-17 Council Officer's Meeting (see meeting notices below)
- 5-23 Council Business Meeting (see meeting notices below)
- 5-23 Eucharistic Adoration after noon Mass.

June:

- 6-2 Installation of Officers after 5:00 PM Mass followed by dinner (location TBD)
- 6-6 Social & Planning Night, 6:30 @ Spiritual Center
- 6-8 & 9 StMM Church Picnic. KofC will man the food booth.
- 6-14 Msg. Albert Schmitt Assembly #3075 Business Meeting.
- 6-16 & 17 CLI Baby Bottle Collection Before Mass Father's Day'
- 6-17 KofC Restatement of Marriage Vows at all Masses.
- 6-21 Council Officers Meeting (see meeting notices below)
- 6-27 Council Business Meeting. (see meeting notices below)
- 6-30 4:15 PM Rosery followed by Corporate Communion Mass followed by Dinner TBD.

Kentucky State KofC Convention: The State convention is Friday and Saturday, May 18 & 19, 2018, in Lexington. Mike Saylor and Bill Moriarity will attend.

Meeting notices:

Officer's meetings are on the third Thursday of each month and the business (general) meeting held on fourth Wednesday each month. All meetings are at 6:30 in the Library Meeting Room. All are encouraged to attend either or both meetings.

Mark your calendar.

April 19, 2018 (officers) and April 25, 2018 (business)

May 17, 2018 (officers) and May 23, 2018 (business)

June 21, 2018 (officers) and June 27, 2018 (business)

Joke: Irish Confessional

I went into the confessional box after many years of being away from the Catholic Church. Inside I found a fully equipped bar with Guinness on tap. On one wall, there was a row of decanters with fine whiskey and Waterford crystal glasses. On the other wall was a dazzling array of the finest cigars and chocolates. I stepped out and ran into the priest who was just getting into the confessional. I said to him, "Father, forgive me, it's been a long time since I've been to confession, but I must admit that the confessional box is much more inviting than it used to be."

He replied, "You moron, you were on my side."

Member's Birthdays:

April:

4-02 Philip Johnson
4-05 Edward Norton III
4-07 Frederick Doyle
4-07 Kalen Finefrock
4-11 Sean Holle
4-12 David Springer
4-24 David Medley
4-25 John Stemmer

May:

5-08 Andy Pennington
5-09 John Moriarity
5-13 Mike Saylor
5-18 Christian Saylor
5-22 John Huber
5-22 James Tavelli
5-23 Jeffery Traczewski
5-25 Alexander Beard
5-26 Kyle Henderson
5-31 Deacon John Koenig Jr

June"

6-13 Patrick Parrill
6-13 Ronald Taylor
6-19 Chad McCauley
6-20 John Lawler
6-26 Dennis O'Brein
6-28 James Mcfarland

Member Profile:

We have decided to profile a council member in each issue. We chose to profile Otto because of everything he has done for the Knights and St. Margaret Mary community. He fell very ill with cancer and before we could put together a profile, he passed away. Because of this change we felt it was adequate to print his obituary. It is printed below. Otto will be very missed.

Otto Craig Knop

September 19, 1957 – March 16, 2018



Otto Craig Knop, 60, commended his soul to his Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ on March 16, 2018. Otto was a true soldier for Christ and displayed this in his everyday life. He never met a stranger and an encounter with Otto was not soon to be forgotten.

Otto met the love of his life Karen Jagers in 1983 and was married 1984. Their 33rd anniversary was celebrated in November 2017. He is survived by his wife Karen, his two daughters Erika Minielly (Kenny) and Kristi Stewart (Andrew). Otto was the son of the late Otto F. Knop and is also survived by his mother Carolyn Hubbuch Knop and seven siblings; Cara Boone (Richard), Brian Knop (Ellen), Kurt Knop (Crae), Donna Long (David), Caroline Knop (Michael), Tamara Demuth (Tommy), and Eric Knop (Marlene) and his many beloved nieces and nephews and other family

members.

Athletics were a constant throughout his life and he was an accomplished athlete in several sports. He set several state swim records in his youth while swimming at Plantation Country Club and teaching young children to swim was one of his passions. Otto was an all-state linebacker at Ballard High School and was the KY state shot put champion his senior year. He continued his playing career at the University of Louisville where his father was an All-American performer and he had the chance to play college football with two of his brothers. Otto coached numerous sports teams at various Catholic schools, including ones that often included his daughters. In his professional life, he was the consummate salesman and was a co-owner of Innovative Labeling Solutions of Cincinnati.

Otto kept his priorities straight - his Catholic faith, his family, his country, and having fun. Of all his achievements, Otto would be most proud of his success as a father and as a husband. He was a member of the Knights of Columbus at St. Margaret Mary, where he was a mainstay in the

kitchen for church picnics and gatherings. His UL tailgates were legendary often serving as many as 300 people; especially enjoying frying fish that he had caught on family vacations. Otto could turn any event into a party. A dull father-daughter dance would instantly be transformed into a raucous event, with everyone dancing to Otto belting out his own special rendition of Baba O'Riley from the Who.

Another passion of Otto's was the farm his family co-owned, where he taught hundreds of children how to fish. He truly derived more satisfaction from teaching others to fish; as opposed to catching fish himself. Otto had extreme patience with children and was willing to share this resource freely with anyone. He acquired the nickname of Simon Kenton for his exploration adventures on the farm. Otto was stricken with cancer just six weeks ago and fought the brave fight. His final wish was to see his second daughter get married. He achieved that goal on Wednesday March 14, 2018, when his daughter Kristi was married on the Hosparus unit of Norton Healthcare Pavilion. He kept his promise to his daughter and was able to sing with the family, one last time. Otto, who was frequently described as being larger than life, will continue to be just that, as his spirit will live on in his family and friends forever. He lived life to the fullest and had no regrets.

Thanks to Norton Hospitals and Hosparus for their support during Otto's journey.

A mass of Christian Burial will be held at 1:00 pm Wednesday at St. Margaret Mary Catholic Church, 7813 Shelbyville Road with burial to follow at Cave Hill. Visitation will be held Monday 4-8 pm and Tuesday 12 to 7 pm with a prayer service at 7pm at Arch L. Heady & Son Westport Village, 7410 Westport Road.

In lieu of flowers expressions of sympathy are requested to Hosparus of Louisville, or to The Catholic Education Foundation.

April Knight of the Month: Mike Mitchel for organizing 4th degree participation at Otto Knop's funeral.

April Family of the Month: Paul Willett and wife for their involvement in CHRP and many other programs in the church. He serves on the Parish Council

Knight of the Year: Mike Ryan for all his effort with the "Right to Life" program and the "Baby Bottle" program.

Family of the Year: Mike Saylor and wife for their years of work on the Organ Donor program.

Editor's Comments: This is the second issue of our council newsletter. Hopefully it is informative and of value to you. And hopefully it helps to get you more involved in the activities of your council. If you have any information to share with your brother Knights, please contact me, Don Buckler (phone: 502-245-1419, email: donbuckler@aol.com) or one of the officers (see our website for a list and contact numbers). All suggestions are welcome.