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Grand Knight's Report

By Mike Kebr

Dear Brothers,
I hope you and your family had a very Blessed and Happy Easter. Without a doubt these have been some very challenging and different times. I pray that each of you and yours remain healthy and safe. We had our first ever virtual business meeting on April 7th. We had 20 members join the video conference either by computer or by phone. For those that were able to join, I thank you. It was nice to hear and see each of you.



Our nominating committee, consisting of PGKs Mike Bradley, Jeff Faye and Marty Zopp have been completing the officer slate for fraternal year 2020-21. The slate will be announced at our Business Meeting on Tuesday April 5th. This will once again be a virtual meeting, using Google meet. Please keep an eye out for details via Flocknote.

As our Worthy Chancellor has mentioned in his article, Supreme is offering the new exemplification degree, which combines the Admission, Formation, and

Knighthood (formally known as 1st, 2nd and 3rd) degrees into a new degree, virtually. There are couple of new dates and times that have been made available to candidates to partake in this. If you know anyone that is not a Knight of Columbus and would like to join our order, please let Mark Allen or myself know. We would like to get that person a form 100 or at least have one completed before our next business meeting, if possible. If you are not already a 3rd degree knight and would like to become one, these dates are available to you as well to go through the new exemplification. You will need an invite emailed to you in order to register and participate so please let Mark Allan or myself know if you are interested. The dates are April 30th (6:00 PM CDT, 9 PM CDT) and May 7th (6 AM CDT, 1 PM CDT, 6 PM CDT, and 9 PM CDT).

In closing, please continue to reach out to your fellow brother knights by giving them a call or sending a text, just to check on them and to keep in touch. We need to continue to help each other and those in need. Please feel free to reach out should you need anything. **>> 5**

Deputy Grand Knight

Hope in May

By SK, Robert Kosin

Truth be told after alphabetizing the shelves of CDs, then sorting with feelings of nostalgia, VHS recordings of TV shows [shout out to Barney Miller fans], a box of paperbacks was located from long past summer garage sales. Once again read with renewed interest, the writings of Art Buchwald, a political satirist from a time when a written quip had all the power of a well posted Tweet. Now more than ever his quotations resonated greater than first read years and years ago. Maybe it is the life experiences that now there is greater meaning, "Whether it is the best of times or the worst of times, it is the only time we have." As Knights of Columbus there is a similar phrase attributed for the foundation of the principals of the Order, Tempus Fugit, Memento Mori. Yet it would seem so contradicting with time moving so slow in our households that temporal activities are promoted to fill time. Yet using the same technology of the day,

guidance for our Catholic Faith in these times, have been distributed by our Pastor, Mass streamed on a YouTube Channel, and emailed from Supreme. This perspective of Faith now seems so obvious when Buchwald wrote, "The best things in life aren't things." The Knights of Columbus is not an organization created for the moment like an online concert but rather has existed for over a century to support its members through times of world war, economic collapse, and pandemics. Mining its webpage as Brother Knights, is a program now online of the Domestic Church www.kofc.org/en/resources/faith-in-action-programs/family/family-fully-alive/10162-family-fully-alive-booklet.pdf **>> 2**



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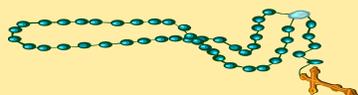
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Membership

There is not too much I can really report on or talk about in this article with the status of the country. Show patience with one another, pray the Rosary, check on each other, and thank God him calling you to be a Knight.

Vivat Jesus!

April Breakfast

Well, one more month of no breakfast... that we are as committed as ever to providing the Best and SAFTEST breakfast we can. So, if everything falls into place, PLEASE PLEASE plan on giving up and hour or two to be with us in the kitchen to clean up and pave the way to be back in the business of raising funds for Charity!!

Keep watching and be on the lookout for updates. In the meantime, continue practicing being safe and sound with yourselves and your most precious possessions, your FAMILY!!!

God Bless,
John

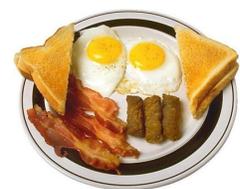
Deputy Grand Knight

with monthly activities. May's theme seems so timely, HOPE. Hopeful people believe "all things are possible" with God (Mt 19:26). Living to counter discouragement by accepting the love of Christ every day through a robust prayer life. They lovingly help their family and friends, realizing that life in its fullness consists in "being for others" even when the other is not affirming or loving in return. In his later years, hope was very

By Mark Allen



By PGK, PFN John Stefani



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much in his life as Buchwald struggled with liver cancer. He wrote, "On the whole I woke up in the morning and was happy to be alive." On this morning, tomorrow morning and mornings thereafter, how will you, Brother Knight express the Hope of your Catholic Faith, to your Family and the world around you?

Troop and Pack 127

By Dan O'Connell

The Virtual World of Scouting

I hope this find you and yours safe and healthy during this COVID-19 pandemic.

These are strange times that we are going through. Sycamore District had a virtual campout on April 3rd, 4th and 5th that was attended by scouts across McHenry County. Tents were pitched in backyards, living rooms, basements and anywhere else a family could find to "camp out". There was a flag raising and lowering to start and end the event just like any other outing. Families cooked out doing Dutch Ovens, weenie roasts, pudgy pies and of course Smores. It was well attended and a nice break from all that is going on right now.



The Pack has had one virtual Committee meeting and one virtual Pack meeting in April. May is up in the air but we know it can be done if we need to continue in this format. A little normalcy is sorely needed. Hopefully at least one person reading this article bought shares of ZOOM before this whole virus event hit.

The Troop has had one virtual Patrol Leaders Council meeting so far and is currently planning a virtual Troop meeting to start working on Merit Badges in this virtual world. It will be interesting to see how this all goes as scouts work on their chosen badges and counselors have to review their work over the Internet. It is certainly different times. Once again, a return to normalcy or as close as possible is what we are praying for.



Hopefully by the time you read this article, things will be approaching a return to the way it was before COVID-19. Let's pray for those families who lost loved ones during this pandemic and that their pain is lightened by the fond memories



of those who have gone before them. Special thanks to the first responders and healthcare providers who held the frontline and helped many conquer this virus. The Pack and Troop are very grateful to be supported by you and your families over these many years and wish all the best for your and yours and an end to this world pandemic.

DD Report

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Just because we're separated, doesn't mean we can't work our mission as Knights. Supreme has published a new program guidebook entitled "Leave No Neighbor Behind". [You can download a copy here.](#)

This guidebook introduces 5 types of Service Activities; 1. Support Your Brother Knights, 2. Support Your Parish, 3. Support Your Community, 4. Feed the Hungry, and 5. Participate in Blood Drives. More detail is available online. The key point, is that we can still organize and support our mission as Knights. In fact, it's probably more important than ever.

Another change has been introduced to keep the Knights active. The new Exemplification has been moved online, in a digital format that is consistent with CDC safety guidelines. In fact, during the

first offering of this program 2,138 men were admitted to the order and 7,009 others advanced to the third degree. This shows that men are still interested in joining the Knights even while dealing with Covid.

Another online exemplification is planned (APRIL 30, 2020, 7:00 PM EDT & 10:00 PM EDT). If you know of a man interested in joining or want to advance from 1st degree to 3rd degree contact Grand Knight Kebr for an invitation. Yes, an Invitation is required.

I'll admit, it's been nice slowing down, and spending more time with family. But the world needs the Knight's of Columbus more than ever, and the examples above show that we can refocus our efforts and continue to help those in need
Vivat Jesus

P.A.D.S is Back

By GK, Mike Kebr



Dear Brother Knights! PADS is on again! After a meeting it was agreed tha Fr. McCormick Council 3880 will continue the worthy tradition started by Brother John L Orso and led for many years by

Brothers PGK John M. Orso and Steve Bright. There was some concern earlier after the hosting church and major sponsor were changed. Pioneer Center is the new Sponsor, and the church that we will be serving dinners at is the new Willow Crystal Lake. Linda from Bethany will still assist us in coordinating the serving for a while longer. Our only change, really, is that we do not need to have the food at Willow until between 6:30 and 6:45 PM. Everyone

Crystal Lake Food Pantry

By PGK, Vince Esposito



The April Food pantry days were a little different to say the least. With the pandemic the procedures for working the pantry are a little different. The volunteers don't have much or any contact with the neighbors right now. We pick orders as they arrive from prefilled bags. All are put into carts weighed and give to the neighbors and they then load the food into the car. With this process the mad rush at the beginning when that pantry opens quells quickly. This leaves some down time at the end of the shifts. I was asked why I didn't find work for some of the volunteers who didn't look too busy and my reply was we haven't seen each other for weeks now and we had some time to distantly socialize.

I'm sure the May pantry days and even June will be run the same way. To all who have come to help Thank you so much as we try to get food to those who are under employed or now unemployed.

I've heard so comments about how social distancing is either unconstitutional or a big inconvenience that is hurting the bottom line. This is not forever nor even for a long period of time. Think how you would feel being pulled out of you house at gun point loaded like cattle into a train car. Then shipped to a camp where you are either worked to death, starved or become a victim of genocide. Sitting in a camp for years being tortured. A three month or so social distancing order where you can still get your favorite take food buy groceries, medicine and watch TV shows and movies. Ask what line the people who had been in a death camp would stand. Stay strong we'll make through and just maybe the phrase "binge watching" will never be used again.



If you're Interested in helping run the event let me know.

Crystal Lake Food Pantry

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www.clfoodpantry.org

Fourth Degree

By SK, Dan O'Connell



The Virtual World of the Patriotic Degree

I hope this find you and yours safe and healthy during this COVID-19 pandemic. These are some trying times and nevermore have we needed the Lord than now.

Technology is a wonderful thing. Virtual meetings are becoming the norm in both business and the volunteer world. Hopefully, some of you bought stock in ZOOM before all of this hit. We did have our first Assembly meeting via ZOOM on April 9th and are anticipating another virtual meeting on May 13th. Watch your emails for a ZOOM invite from our Faithful Navigator, David Jones.

Speaking of the Faithful Navigator, he and the Faithful Admiral, Stephan Zalas, are looking for candidates for the upcoming Fraternal year. At a minimum, they are looking for a Faithful Scribe which is the position akin to the Recorder at the Council level. We are also looking for Commanders for the Honor Guard but you must

have the new uniform for that position. Please let one of them know if you are interested. I do have information on acquiring the new uniform from our new vendor if you are interested in doing so.

The Exemplification planned for May 16th has been cancelled. The next Exemplification is tentatively scheduled for October but the exact date has not been established. It would most likely be the 17th of the month which is the third Saturday and be the new format of one day only. More information to follow but if interested in becoming a Sir Knight, please see John Stefani or Dan O'Connell for a Form 4 and further information

Let's pray for those families who lost loved ones during this pandemic and that their pain is lightened by the fond memories of those who have gone before them. Special thanks to the first responders and healthcare providers who held the frontline and helped many conquer this virus. Wishing many blessings for you and yours as we fight through this Coronavirus scourge together with God's help. May His grace keep us safe from harm and protect us.

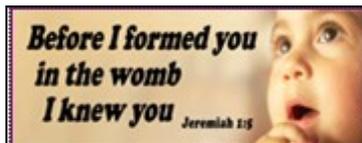
Vivat Jesus!

Pro-Life Report

By Jamie Hruza

Dear Brothers,
Hope you and your families are doing well! A very good friend of mine asked me to speak on the topic of in vitro fertilization. I want to start by saying as Catholics we trust our fertilization to God and God alone. God is the author of LIFE and if he wills fertility then fertile you will be. There are many stories within the bible of infertility and through prayer God gifted the infertile with fertility. Trusting in God is of utmost importance in all aspects of our lives and our fertility is no different.

Finding out you are infertile is very devastating and heart breaking. Advancements in science have allowed doctors to perform procedures that appear to give hope to couples struggling with infertility, but we have to ask, at what cost? As Catholics we have to answer for our decisions when we stand before Christ to be judged. In vitro fertilization is the extraction of a women's eggs, placing them in a dish where then sperm is introduced and life is created. The doctors extract many eggs and introduce



sperm to all eggs in hopes that some implant and grow. At this point they will reintroduce the fertilized eggs (multiple) back into the uterus and see how many embed in the uterine wall.

Once they determine how many embed they will go back in and selectively reduce (KILL) the babies in excess. So if the parents decided they want 1 baby and 3 eggs embedded then the doctor would kill 2 babies. The parents are responsible for the lives that were destroyed.

Another evil is, the excess eggs that were fertilized but not introduced into the women's uterus are then frozen for usage at a future date. The United States has over 1 million babies frozen in labs across the country. This is horrifying! At some point these unused babies will be

destroyed/killed. The parents of every single one of those babies will have to answer for those deaths. This is the harsh reality of in vitro fertilization.

As humans we have to restore right order in the world. Every one of these children has infinite value to God. They are just like you and I. They deserve every right we have to live a full life from conception to natural death. We have to take pause and say, what are we doing here? Are we willing to allow 5 or 6 babies to die so that we can have 1 or 2 babies? This is sad and unethical. Can we no longer see what we are doing or have feeling or compassion towards these babies. Have we lost our way? Many are blind to the reality of what is taking place behind the scenes concerning in vitro fertilization. If this is something you have been involved with there are many things that you can do. Repentance/ confession, tell God you are truly sorry, take action if there are additional frozen babies. You can only heal through repentance. If you have questions contact your local pro life community they can assist you.

There is so much more to this subject that I am unable to cover in this short article. Including psychological and emotional pain after realizing the truth of IVF, doctors offering parent's designer babies (choosing the hair color, sex, eye color, etc.), creating life in the hostile environment of a dish, etc.... Have we now set ourselves in place of God through science? Below you will find an article on the subject by the USCCB.

- <http://www.usccb.org/issues-and-action/human-life-and-dignity/reproductive-technology/begotten-not-made-a-catholic-view-of-reproductive-technology.cfm>
- <https://www.naprotechnology.com/>
- <https://popepaulvi.com/>

Grand Knight's Report

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Please Be Well, Be Safe and Be STRONG! We will make it through this together.

Mary Queen of Knights, "Pray for Us"

God bless you all.

Vivat Jesus,
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McHenry County Right to Life:
www.righttolife-mc.org
McHenry County Right to Life PAC:
www.prolife-victory.com

Leave No Neighbor Behind

www.kofc.org

Knights of Columbus are called to step into the breach and leave no neighbor behind – especially in this time of crisis.

As the coronavirus pandemic continues, our duty is to lead our families, protect our parishes, and serve our communities, remembering always that where there's a need, there's a Knight. Supreme Knight Carl A. Anderson has challenged Knights to take this moment as an opportunity to “deepen our commitment to the very principles which define us: charity, unity and fraternity.”

Knights of Columbus Order wide are encouraged to serve and sacrifice for those around us. Many, including in our own councils and parishes, are isolated and alone in quarantine. Food banks, blood centers, and other essential services have been depleted of their vital supplies. There are many people and places that require urgent help.

Knights are encouraged to engage in five types of service activities:

1. [Support Your Brother Knights](#)
2. [Support Your Parish](#)
3. [Support Your Community](#)
4. [Feed the Hungry](#)
5. [Participate in Blood Drives](#)

In the pages that follow, you will find additional details for each of these categories. You can use this document as a foundation for your efforts and those of your council. Where you see opportunities to do more, you are encouraged to do so, always mindful of guidelines and suggested procedures from national and local health experts. Abide by social distancing, self-quarantine, and shelter-in-place orders, where applicable. Do not put yourself or others at risk of infection. For more information on safety measures while participating in program activities, refer to the “Guidance on Safety” section of this Guidebook.

Above all else, remember your duty as a Knight of Columbus. When crisis strikes, we respond with care, compassion and charity. It is time for all of us to answer the call – and leave no neighbor behind.

As you and your council take specific action to support your parish and community, please let the Supreme Council know. We may want to highlight your efforts. Submit your stories to fraternalmission@kofc.org.

Guidance on Safety

While engaging in activities as part of the Leave No Neighbor Behind program, participants are encouraged to always be mindful of guidelines and suggested procedures from national and local health experts. Abide by social distancing, self-quarantine and shelter-in-place orders, where applicable. **Do not put yourself or others at risk of infection.**



For your sake, that of your family, and the entire community, you need to consider your own safety first. Leave your home only when necessary. Those who are at higher risk or who live with people at higher risk (such as people over 60 years old, who are ill, who have pre-existing conditions, etc.) should avoid going out in public for any reason. Additionally, participants should strive to limit direct contact with other members, as much as possible (i.e. Do not offer to drive a member to the store but, rather, complete the errand on his behalf).

Safe environment rules for the protection of children should be strictly followed.

[Download Leave No Neighbor Behind Guidebook](#)
[Download the Leave No Neighbor Behind Poster](#)

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involved at this point thinks this will ease our burden.

With this, WE NEED YOUR HELP! As the first dinner starts on Sunday, October 28th, we are playing catch-up! Here is the tentative schedule:

- April 26th Dan O'Connell, Jr.

As you can see, we have a few dates open, but this is after I called and implored those listed, who have done this event for many years. I have myself listed for October because it is soon... but if anyone wants that date, please let me know! Anyone else in interested in ANY date, or who wants to get their feet wet (along with any and all friends and family members!) give me a call...

John @ (815) 679-6596. AND, anyone who wants to be a co-chair with PGK Orso, let me know... I only got involved to help Linda make sure we are still going to do this... it is one more way of being out there to help our neighbors without all the hoopla of our banners and colors... as PGK Vince would say, it is us doing what we do for the sake of doing it... yet another Charitable event.

Michael Kebr, Grand Knight - #3880 815-814-7395 (cell).

Good of the Order

Knights May Birthdays:

- Brian S. Alexander
- Tom Brickey
- Michael Caliendo
- James Colvin
- Gerald E. Fortier
- Paul J. Georgy
- Joe Hodorowicz
- Brian D. Mazurk
- William Mullen
- Darin O'Brien
- Bruce Smith
- Philip L. Weyna
- John M. Zokal

Wives' May Birthdays:

- Peg Godfrey
- Lynda Ives
- Donna Maguire
- Rhonda Nissen
- Melissa Smith
- Debbie Starr
- Mary Statter
- Allison Townsend
- Becky Walker

May Anniversaries:

- Thomas P. and Lori Harold
- Chris and Angela Krambeer
- Richard B. and Darcy Mensik
- Robert L. and Ellene Schmidt
- Bruce and Melissa Smith
- Mark A. and Sandra Zehker
- John M. and Patricia Zokal

Good of the Order— Knights of the Month:

None presented

Family of the Month:

None presented

Pray For List is included in your March minutes

**Apologies for misspellings in the
above list.**

Note:

If we have missed anyone's birthday, anniversary, or a special congratulations please email: THicklin@aol.com,

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**Read the Bible
and Pray the
Rosary.**

**Remember and pray for
our troops in this hope-
ful new year.**



Fifth Sunday Memorial Mass—May 31, 2020 —9:00AM

By Robert Kosin

The next and last Memorial Mass of the 2020 calendar year is Sunday May 21, 2020. Please plan on joining your Brother Knights for the 9:00 AM Mass at St. Thomas the Apostle Church.

All Knights and their FAMILIES are invited to attend and please wear your blue shirt. Past Grand Knights have this occasion to wear the white shirt. The lapel pin is a suitable alternative and know in your pocket is your Rosary. The entire right center section of pews as you face the altar is reserved for Father McCormick Council. Our Council banner will be posted at the altar and we will be pre-

senting the gifts in a Cross formation. An impressive sight to all who attend!

As always, the Council provides coffee and doughnuts in the community center after Mass. Servers always needed.

We have had a good turnout this year at the 5th Sunday Memorial Mass so please mark your calendar for December 29th to continue this event of note and prayer in the 65th year of our Council. Tempus Fugit Memento Mori

Prayer for Protection in Time of Pandemic

By Robert Kosin

Prayer composed by Pope Francis seek Our Lady's Intercession

It's never too late. Join us in this Novena - 3/15 to 3/23. Do it on your own!

- [11036 - Full Page Version](#)
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Vivat Jesus

Join us in saying this prayer, from your home, with your family. Simply download and print the prayer by selecting one of the links below:





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St. Thomas the Apostle



Council Calendar

May 2020	June 2020	July 2020
5/2 Food Pantry 5/5 Business Meeting Reading of Officer nominations 5/10 Mothers Day 5/17 Breakfast 5/19 Social Meeting tentative Admissions Degree 5/21 Food Pantry Thursday 5/25 Memorial Day	6/2 Business Meeting Officer Elections 6/6 Food Pantry 6/6 D-Day 6/14 Breakfast 6/16 Officer Installation 7:30 PM and Social Meeting 8:30 PM 6/18 Food Pantry Thursday 6/21 Father's Day	7/1 Fraternal Year Begins 7/4 Independence Day Food Pantry??? 7/7 Business Meeting 7/16 Food Pantry Thursday 7/19 Breakfast 7/21 Social Meeting

Prayer for the Canonization of Fr. Michael J McGivney

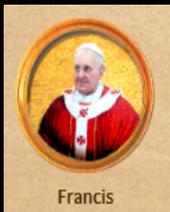
God, our Father, protector of the poor and defender of the widow and orphan, you called your priest, Fr. Michael J. McGivney, to be an apostle of Christian family life and lead the young to the generous service of their neighbor. Through the example of his life and virtue, may we follow your Son, Jesus 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, bless our parish, our Knights of Columbus Council and



Lady's Auxiliary.
Amen.

KNIGHT LIFE

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Francis



Make the Right Choice!
Life is not Your Choice. It's Your Responsibility!

