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25  Years

Grand Knight's Report

By SK, Mike Kebr

Dear Brothers,

I hope that each of you had a blessed Easter. As we start into spring we are moving into the final months of our fraternal year. The nominating committee which is comprised of PGK(s) Mike Bradley, John Orso, and Jeff Faye are reaching out and talking to members that will form the proposed slate of officers for the 2021-2022 fraternal year starting in July. The committee has been hard at work and will be announcing the slate at our May business meeting on Tuesday May 4th. The slate will then be posted in the May newsletter. The election of officers will take place at our June business meeting on Tuesday June 1st.



In other news, I'd like to report that a Charities Committee was formed, comprised of our trustees, PGK Mike Bradley, PGK John Orso and PGK Jeff Faye. Along with DGK Bob Kosin, Treasurer Matt Carzoli, FS Mark Allen and Bob Wyman. The committee has identified a list of charities/organizations for monetary disbursements. The list will be presented at our May business meeting. A recap will be sent out in the May newsletter.

DGK Bob Kosin and I will be attending the 123rd Illi-

nois Knights of Columbus State Convention which will be held in Lombard on May 28-30. We look forward to sharing information we obtain with the council at the following business meeting.

In closing, I would like us all to continue to look for ways to stay engaged in our parish and council. Please continue to reach out to your friends, neighbors and brother knights that perhaps you have not seen or talked to in a while. It is important that we leave no neighbor behind.

Mary Queen of Knights, "Pray for Us"
God bless you all.

Thank you again for all that you do.

Vivat Jesus,

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Deputy Grand Knight

Who He Calls

By SK, Robert Kosin

This time in the Fraternal Year the slate of candidates for all officer positions of the Council is assembled and place before a vote of the members at the June meeting. The Grand Knight has already called for candidates. It seems people think service in the Council is only for the few, the brave, the select, but this is not the attitude of this Council nor when Jesus walked along the shores of Galilee.

Have you ever wondered why God chooses the people He chooses, and yet appears to let the leaders of

His people do so many strange, foolish, and embarrassing things? Mark Twain in is later writings had a theme that maybe God loves a good laugh, and since the angels never blunder, He must get His enjoyment through men.

But I think there is another reason for why God chooses men who fumble and stumble from time to time. When we look at our personal best and say its second and third rate, and the >> 3



Council Officers Fraternal Year 2020-2021

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Membership

Being a Knight of Columbus for Fr. McCormick Council 3880.

I was asked by John Orso Jr. to join the council; it was the fall of 1999. I had 2 young children and was working long hours for the Quaker Oats Company in Barrington IL. All I was doing was working, eating, sleeping, and helping my wife raise two young children. So, I said no. But the job was getting more and more intense, and I needed a break, a diversion.

Our family attended a special mass 12/31/99 to bring in the millennium. After, the Knights had a special breakfast at 1:00am, it was well attended. When our family was sitting in the community room enjoying our breakfast Jeff Faye, the grand knight at the time, approached me to ask if I was interested in joining the Knights. I told Jeff that John Orso Jr. had approached me in the fall and I told him how busy I was with work and family. Jeff told me; you can be involved as much your schedule allows. He told me about the monthly breakfasts, St. Pats dinners and the Christmas tree stand. But especially the great group of fellow Knights that are in the council and the great fellowship they have. When Jeff left, I discussed joining the Knights with my wife wondering if I would have time or not, she said it sounded like you could volunteer with what time you had to help the council. In the next week or so I contacted John Orso Jr. and told him I would join.

In March of 2000 I attended a major degree that was held in the basement of the Oak Street church. I did the 1st, 2nd & 3rd degree

all in the same day! Wow what a day! At the dinner after the degrees, I met many new Knights and current Knights from Fr. McCormick Council 3880, it was great! I attended my 1st meeting in early spring of 2000 and volunteered to help at the monthly breakfast. Met some great men when helping wash dishes and cleaning up the kitchen. Through doing those tasks my stress level had dropped with my job, at least for a few hours. But the most important part was working with a great group of fellow Knights to help the community and making lifelong friends.

By the way, I completely forgot when I joined the council my dad, Willis Wyman was a charter member of 3880. The only regret, I wish I would have joined the council when he was alive.

This is my story; I know you have your own story when joining council 3880. When recruiting new Knights tell them your story and the fellowship you have found with the Knights and the charities we support.

<https://www.kofc.org/secure/en/join/join-the-knights.html>

Above website is for joining online. Please provide this to the candidate. They still must fill out a Form 100 to join our council. Contact me and I will provide you with the online Form 100. Questions, please let me know.

Bob Wyman
Cell: 815-529-1832

Knights Monthly Breakfast

By PGK, PFN John Stefani

Greetings Brother Knights and other worthy readers!

Fourteen months since the Last Breakfast... Yep, it's Sunday, April 18th, and I'm sitting at my desk in the mancave hours after my alarm went off again for the Monthly Breakfast... No Breakfast yet, but I'll never change it. Kind of like I have a few Brother



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Knights in my contact list... ones I can never send a text or email to, because they are gone... but never forgotten. It's the same with the alarm and this picture, one day we will have the Breakfast, and one day I will be with them.. okay, don't know which is more morbid right now, but I am so tired of not being together doing what we do so well. We are getting more people, More of US being vaccinated... but then we read that the numbers are still out there... they say we are getting better and closer, but then the next article says how many more have >> 6



Troop and Pack 127

By Dan O'Connell

With the weather turning a little more Spring like, the Cub Scouts have moved outside to keep scouting moving forward. The April Pack meeting was held at the pavilion at Veteran Acres allowing the scouts to blow off a little steam playing "Steal the Bacon" which is probably one of the most popular games in Scouting other than



Gaga Ball. They also received their rank and Adventure awards. They had a hike at Cantigny Park in Wheaton and participated in the Community Cleanup held on April 17th sponsored by the Crystal Lake Chamber of Commerce and Crystal Lake Park District. Hopefully with lots of nice weather ahead, more outdoor activities will be in store for Pack 127.

The Troop has put camping back on the calendar with our first real event the weekend of April 23 -25 in Woodstock. We won't be quite back to normal having to abide by the state and Blackhawk Area Council COVID-19 rules in place but we hope to make it happen. We are so confident we are headed in the right direction

with the pandemic that we have outings scheduled through October.

The Troop also installed new leadership with a new Senior Patrol Leader, Assistant Senior Patrol Leader and Patrol Leaders. Together they make up the Patrol Leaders Council or PLC. Since Scouts BSA is boy led, this group meets each month to plan out the meetings and outings for the Troop and puts it together with the Scoutmaster to provide activities and events to help the scouts continue on their path to Eagle. They were sworn into their new offices at the last Troop meeting in April shown here on the right.



We appreciate the continued support we receive and the encouragement from you as we try to build the responsible citizens of tomorrow. God bless you and your families. May He also bless and protect the United States of America.

DD Report

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The Order is Moving Forward

This month Supreme launched the Covid Recovery Program (CRP). This program is focused on helping councils to resume operations in a way that inspires members and parishioners to become reinvolved with Church and community activities. CRP starts by aligning your council to the needs of the Pastor. It verifies your council has the structure and resources for success. And it focuses the programs and activities to re-engage members for the benefit of the parish and

community.

To learn more about this effort, download the [CPR Guidebook](#). You can also [watch the webinar](#). The guidebook has resources including a council assessment, suggested methods to engage members, and sample program ideas. Momentum is building and The Knight's are leading the way back. Make sure you are active and a part of this.

DGK Report

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Council deserves better, He deserves better, so we let only the gifted people do the job. This misses the whole point that God's strength is made perfect in weakness. He specializes in using people who are not fit for the job.

During Easter, the movie Ten Commandments is shown and watch

the change of the pride of Egyptian royalty, when asked to do the work of God, Moses said, "Pick somebody else, I'm no good at speaking."

The reason is simple, for when God does a beautiful thing through such an inadequate channel both the channel and those who see it cannot fail to recognize the grace of God.



The amazing, good news in all this is, you do not have to worry about being qualified to be of use to the Council. Do not fret, for that makes you just the sort of person God can use if you surrender your talents to Him. It is likely that there will be blunders. Remember Jesus chose the 12, not for what they were, but for what they could become. It was their potential that made them His choice. What is your potential for being an officer of the Council? Certainly, you can be of use to your Brother Knights just as well as those who preceded us in office.

Crystal Lake Food Pantry

By PGK, Vince Esposito



No one should go hungry.

The Knight's involvement with the food pantry is now on hiatus. If you still want to help, please contact the help out, call the number below.

Crystal Lake Food Pantry

42 East Street,
Crystal Lake, IL 60014 815-455-0961

www.clfoodpantry.org



Fourth Degree

By SK, Dan O'Connell



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In Service to One, In Service to All

The next Exemplification of the Fourth Degree will be held on May 15, 2021. It will be a virtual event. Deadline for registering May 1st to avoid any late fees. If you are 3rd Degree and are interested in becoming a Fourth Degree Sir Knight, please contact Dan O'Connell for a Form 4 and registration information or speak to any Sir Knight and they can assist you and be your proposer for the event. You can also find information [here](#) on the Master's website.

The Assembly is now meeting in person at Holy Apostles in McHenry. Our next meeting is scheduled for May 12th at 7:30 PM. If you are a current Sir Knight and not receiving the meeting invitation emails, please send a note to Dan O'Connell (koc4thdegree0198@gmail.com) and he will verify your email

address with you and make any corrections that may be necessary. We are saddened by the passing of Sir Knight Steve Bright. He exemplified the meaning of the Patriotic Degree standing countless Honor Guards for Confirmations, the wakes and funerals of fellow Sir Knights and any time the Bishop of Rockford required the 4th Degree to be present. Our condolences go out to his wife Judie and the entire family at this difficult time and we will keep them all in our prayers. He will be missed. May he rest in peace in the hands of our Lord. As we are slowly coming out of this pandemic and returning to some semblance of normalcy, may God bless each of you and your families keeping you safe and well and God bless the United States of America.



Faith Director

By Greg Ives

Consecrate Yourself and Family to St. Joseph beginning May 1

Pope Francis has declared 2021 as a Year of St. Joseph, "to perpetuate the entrustment of the whole Church to the powerful patronage of the Guardian of Jesus" and so that "the faithful may daily strengthen their life of faith through the example of St. Joseph."

As Knights we are called to reflect upon the life and example of Saint Joseph and seek to imitate his virtue as our Blessed founder did.

To help men live out the joy of Christ, and to provide all members of the parish community with examples of virtue, prudence and fatherhood, Knights are encouraged to lead their communities in a consecration to St. Joseph during this year of St. Joseph. Consecration can begin on May 1, which is the feast of St. Joseph the Worker.

By this act of consecration, we ask for the aid and intercession of the foster father of Jesus Christ, St. Joseph, who serves as a true model for every man. Preparing for the Consecration to St. Joseph is not a single event, it is choosing a way of life for oneself. Through this act, each participant consciously chooses to be a beacon of God's love, authentic masculinity, and to hold himself and his brothers to the standard established by St. Joseph, Chaste Protector of the Virgin, Defender of the Universal Church and Terror of Demons.

This consecration can be done by an individual, a family, a council, or an entire parish community. It is important to make spiritual preparations leading up to the consecration by learning more about St. Joseph and praying for his intercession regularly. The resources listed here can be used and adapted as needed to make a Consecration to St. Joseph this year.

[Preparing for Consecration to St. Joseph](#)
[St. Joseph Prayer Card](#)

Pro-Life

Novena for Life

[Novena for Life - Life Programs | Knights of Columbus](#)

The protection of life is a sustained prayer intention of the Church, and in particular of the Knights of Columbus.

A Higher Purpose

Lead your community in the spiritual fight to establish a culture of life. Knights and their families will come together in both public and private acts of prayer to promote the protection of life.

Overview

The protection of life is a sustained prayer intention of the Church, and in particular of the Knights of Columbus. Knights remain firmly committed to defending the right to life of every human being – from the moment of conception to natural death. To commemorate and bolster this important cause, councils will promote a novena, nine days of sustained prayer, to build up a culture of life in our parishes, homes and wider community.

SUPREME CHAPLAIN'S MONTHLY CHALLENGE [Supreme Chaplains Challenge | Knights of Columbus\(kofc.org\)](#)

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While they were still speaking about this, he stood in their midst and said to them, "Peace be with you." But they were startled and terrified and thought that they were seeing a ghost. Then he said to them, "Why are you troubled? And why do questions arise in your hearts? Look at my hands and my feet, that it is I myself." (Gospel for April 18, Lk 24:36-39)

After Jesus rose from the dead, the apostles were confused and afraid. But showing them his wounds, Jesus proved his identity. Whenever we find ourselves confused or fearful, let us remember that Christ is risen, and that it was "by his wounds we were healed" (1s 53:5). If Christ had not suffered and died, he could not have risen from the dead: without Good Friday; there would be no Easter Sunday. May we unite our suffering to Christ's, rejoice always in his resurrection and base our lives on his peace and presence among us.

Challenge by Supreme Chaplain Archbishop William E. Lori:

This month, ideally on Good Friday, I challenge you to visit your local parish and pray the Stations of the Cross. Second, I challenge you to participate in the Faith in Action Good Friday Family Promotion program to aid your fellow parishioners in remembering Christ's passion, in anticipation of his resurrection.

Questions for Reflection:

When you are suffering, do you tend to find yourself forgetting God or drawing closer to him? What does it mean to "offer it up" when we are suffering? How does the reality of Christ's resurrection offer us comfort, peace and hope during the trials and tribulations of this life?

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!

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:

- [I1036 - Full Page Version](#)
- [I1036A - Card Version](#)
- [I1036B - Multiple Card Version](#)



Vivat Jesus

Right to Life Organizations



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ifrlalton@ifrl-pac.com

Legislative Office:
308 Monroe
Springfield, IL 62701
(217) 544-LIFE
legofc@ifrl-pac.com

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

Order your Blue Council Shirts

By DD, Joe Scherb



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Breakfast

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tested positive and how many more have died... its never ending. We all need to do our part and not give in to the hysteria of it's okay, let's get together!! Soon... soon... We are Brothers... keep on being brotherly!!! Miss you all!

Some day, soon, we keep hoping ... and praying ...

*...and in the meantime... keep in touch with each other... doing our Brother Touch **John***

The Council's New Website — Same name www.kofc880.org

By SK, Tim Hicklin



After months of promising a new council website, I am pleased to announce that it is now up and running! Below is the new Home Page.

Please visit the site and let me know your thoughts.

NOTE: Rick Kendzior and I are in the process of adding links to Twitter and Linked In.

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

- 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

Obituary for Stephen W. Bright | Davenport Family Funeral Homes and Crema-

www.davenportfamily.com/obituary/Stephen-Bright

Good of the Order— Pray For List is included in your April Minutes

**SK, Stephen Bright
July 24, 1943 ~ April 20,**



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



**Remember and pray for our
troops in this hopeful new
year.**

Wives May Birthdays:

- Peg Godfrey
- Lynda Ives
- Donna Maguire
- Melissa Smith
- Debbie Starr
- Allison Townsend
- Becky Walker

May Anniversaries:

- Thomas P. and Lori Harold

Fifth Sunday Memorial Mass—May 30, 2021 —9:00AM

By SK, Robert Kosin

5th SUNDAY

Sunday May 30th is a Fifth Sunday of the month for which the 9AM Mass is in memory for the Deceased Members of Father McCormick Council 3880. The health and safety standards of the Pandemic has change our attendance and participation at Mass. But that does not limit the moment of prayer. As well as attending Mass that day, find a place to hear an inner voice or view of His creation and if the weather is conducive, stand outside on that Sunday, long enough to say a decade.

*Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with you;
Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your
womb, Jesus.
Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners now and at the
hour of our death.
Amen.*



And from the gentle repetition of each prayer be mindful of our deceased members, their faith in their clergy, love of Our Lady and how each lived a life in recognition of Tempus Fugit, Memento Mori.



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St. Thomas the Apostle



Council Calendar

May 2021	June 2021	July 2021
5/4 Business Meeting Reading of Officer nominations 5/9 Mothers Day 5/18 Social Meeting 5/30 5th Sunday Memorial Mass 5/31 Memorial Day	6/1 Business Meeting Officer Elections 6/6 D-Day 6/15 Officer Installation 7:30 PM and Social Meeting 8:30 PM 6/20 Father's Day	7/1 Fraternal Year Begins 7/4-5 Independence Day 7/6 Business Meeting 7/20 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

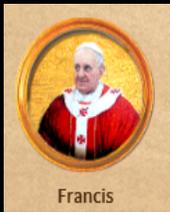
which is the Church. Let the inspiration of your servant prompt us to greater confidence in your love so that we may continue his work of caring for the needy and the outcast. We humbly ask that you glorify your venerable servant Father Michael J. McGivney on earth according to the design of your holy will. Through his intercession, bless our parish, our



Knights of Columbus Council and Lady's Auxiliary.

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



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