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Grand Knight's Report

By SK, Joe Scherb

Dear Brothers. You'll notice I do not have a lot of religious content in my Grand Knight's report. Honestly it's not an area I consider a strength. That's why I'm pleased that we've had so many Priests, Deacons, and Seminar-ians join us this year (6 I think). I'm hoping to strengthen and increase the faith life of the men of our council and their families (myself included). If it's a strength you carry, please bring it to the council.



I did hear a story this weekend that I'd like to share a bit of. It was about grandparents who moved to be closer to their grandkids. They could follow their family on social media and see the pictures of the grandkids, but it wasn't the same as being there. They could watch the video's of the kids, but it didn't replace the feeling of actually hugging the children, or spending time with them. So the grandparents sold their home, packed up, and moved to be with their grandchildren.

To relate this to ourselves, many in our parish have been watching mass at home, but it isn't the same as being there in Church. It isn't the same as being in the real presence of The Eucharist. Sometimes due to health, or other needs, streaming is the best option. But if you haven't gone to mass recently, and received The Host personally, I would like to invite you. Or encourage you to invite your family members, neighbors, or friends if that better applies.

It's not my place to be preachy and I hope this doesn't come off this way, but it's part of our mission to welcome our neighbors back. We know participation in the mass is down. We have ~260 men on our roster. If those men all went to mass, and brought their families, we'd pack the church.

Finally, we've had a lot of success in our council this year. I'm very proud of all of the men who are driving the activities and accomplishments of our council. I say this frequently. When you work really hard to put on a program, or some other activity, and it goes well, it's easy to accept the results with pride. Let's definitely celebrate our success, and the fruits of our work, but give thanks to the source of our success. Pause and say a short prayer of gratitude.

Think of Gideon and his battle against the Midianites (Judges 7). Gideon prepared for battle with 22,000 men, but The Lord told Gideon he had too many men. He needed to take fewer into battle so that the people of Israel would credit the Lord for their victory and not say "My own power saved me". Eventually he took only 300 into battle and The Lord turned the swords of the Midianites on themselves, and brought Gideon success in battle.

Let's always remember, acknowledge, and give thanks to our Lord, the source of our power in whose glory and honor we do our work.

Brothers, as always, thank you for the good works you do.

Vivat Jesus,
Joe Scherb, Grand Knight

Deputy Grand Knight's Report

By SK, Matt Carzoli

After a busy first 10 months, our Grand Knight and I were looking for some rest, brotherhood and inspiration this past weekend. The 124th Illinois Knights of Columbus Convention in Springfield April 22-24 did **not** disappoint us. Well, maybe the expecting rest part.

I arrived late the first day but did enjoy the Friday Knight's party. There we learned and saw in costume the Convention's theme "A Force for Good". The

Star Wars Jedi Knights and Knights of Columbus similarities were demonstrated throughout the weekend. We chose to visit a few hospitality rooms that night and ended in the Rockford diocese room meeting new brothers.



The day opened with a prayer service and the morning session opened with 4th degree Knights posting the colors. We

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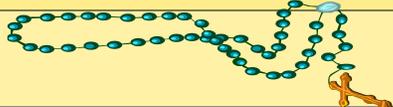
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Knights Monthly Breakfast

By PGK, FS, John Stefani

Breakfast... April Showers!!!



April **Breakfast** had the proverbial showers plenty... but it also seemed to keep some of our guests hiding from the raindrops as well...

But the whole crew was there waiting for those who decided to wait out some drops and come in after the morning masses. Our Worthy **Grand Knight** and **Deputy Grand Knight** were not in town, being down south at the State Convention, so Worthy **Treasurer Cesar** had to handle the table alone... and since the **GK** was not in back, up to his elbows in dish water, thanks to **Brother Dennis** for spending the morning with the Worthy Membership Director washing dishes and everything else! But we carried on without a care in the world and found the time to go into the dining room and join the crowd in a rousing rendition of **Happy Birthday** to our own **Chaplain**



and Pastor, **Father Bob!** Many, many more good Father and may they be here at St. Thomas the Apostle and Council 3880!

So even though the crowds were a little light this morning, we will return once again on May 15th for another opportunity to serve Breakfast for all who come! Hope to see you there. And like the GK says, come to work for an hour, or more, or just come in with your family and eat!

But we WILL be there May 12th, all ready to go ... as usual, as 3880!

A vital part of St. Thomas the Apostle Parish!

Keep praying and keep safe and see you there...

John



Membership

By SK, Bob Wyman

Congratulations to Tim Delance, Jack Hartnett, and Stuart Liegel who have newly joined our ranks as Knights of Columbus for council 3880 on April 2, 2022. Some of these men have already attended our planning meeting and worked our monthly breakfast for April. All of them are encouraged to attend our business meeting on May 5, 2022.

At the planning meeting on 04-26-2022 I gave out our new Knight's welcome packets to the assigned sponsors. We had new knights come into the order earlier this year without sponsors and the information that they needed, reason for the welcome packet. The sponsors will review the welcome packet with the new knights, answer any questions, and make sure to ask them to attend business meetings and events so they get to know our fellow knights and what council 3880 is all about.

We are scheduling an Exemplification for May 28, 2022. As of right now we have one candidate. If you have someone you know is thinking of joining the Knights, please contact him and give him the below information.
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As we continue to celebrate the Oct. 31, 2020 Beatification of our beloved founder, Blessed Michael J. McGivney, please enter the Promo Code MCGIVNEY2020 for 12 months of free online membership.

Bob Wyman
Membership Chair
KC Council 3880

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TODAY!**

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Troop and Pack 127

By Dan O'Connell

Happy Spring

Okay maybe not really Spring yet but we can always hope.

The Troop started up our service project with McHenry County Conservation District of maintaining one mile of the bike trail beginning at the intersection of Virginia Road and Main Street by the old bike shop and Nick's Pizza. We head southeast and finish up just over the bridge over Rakow Road. We do this once a month and bag up all of the litter that folks jettison from their vehicles and that gets blown into the area. This project not only helps the community but also counts as service time for the scout's next rank advancement and can earn them the Conservation Good Turn Award.

The Pack will also be participating in Crystal Lake's Community Clean-up Day coming up on Saturday April 23rd. They will be helping clean up Veteran Acres to get it into



shape for the upcoming season. This will help others in the community enjoy the park to its fullest.

Both groups are looking to come up with active recruiting plans to help grow our numbers. If you know of any young man who would like to join Cub Scouts (boys and girls ages 5 to 11) or Scouts BSA (boys ages 11 to 17), please send their contact information to Dan O'Connell and I will get it into the proper hands to make contact and hopefully start them on an adventure of a lifetime.



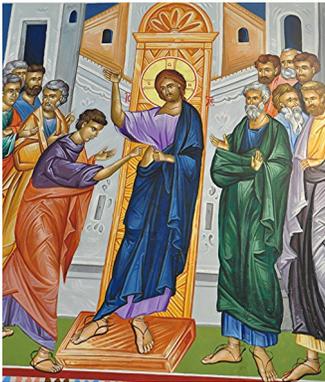
We hope you all had a joyous and peaceful Easter, and we want to give thanks for your continued support of Cub Scout Pack 127 and Scouts BSA Troop 127. We are looking forward to another terrific year of outings and adventures as we keep these young folks on

Chaplain's Message

By, Rev. Bob Jones

Apostle of Divine Mercy

In the Gospel on the Second Sunday of the Easter Season we always hear the story of St. Thomas experiencing the Resurrected Christ for the very first time. On small yet significant detail that immediately stands out in this passage is the simple, unassuming phrase, "Thomas was not with them."



All the Apostles were grown men. Some of them were fishermen, whose profession demanded that they have a certain amount of toughness. Yet, we learn that the Apostles were hiding behind a locked door "for fear of the Jews." But Thomas wasn't there.

This must mean he wasn't hiding. Just where was he? Perhaps, he "drew the short straw" to go get food for the other hungry, restless crew of Apostles, or perhaps, he snuck out to see his family and tell them what he knew of the past days' events, or perhaps, he just had to get out of that stuffy room with the other anxious men. In any case when Jesus came, Thomas wasn't hiding out in the upper room. He faced fear while the others cowered.

Can you imagine how Thomas felt when he came back from his errand and found that he had missed seeing the Resurrected Jesus? He must have felt it to be unfair. After all, he wasn't afraid to go out and risk the danger of the city and the possibility of being recognized as one of Christ's closest followers. Why was he the one to miss out on this incredible occurrence? What was he to make of his fellow Apostles incredible claims? It would have been hard for almost anyone to immediately believe.

Thomas's response to the other Apostles is basically, "I will believe that when I see it." Who among us has not made a similar response in our lives? Thomas was not one who was afraid to proclaim his

true thoughts. In an earlier passage when Jesus wants to go and see his friend Lazarus, his disciples all fear for Jesus's safety. However, Thomas tells the others, "Let us go die with him" (Jn. 11:16).

When Christ appears to the Apostles a second time, Thomas is there. While Christ does give the general admonition, "Blessed are those who have not seen and yet believe," He doesn't punish Thomas for his doubt and desire (Jn. 20:29). Instead, Christ uses this weakness, and poignant desire, to create an intimate moment with Thomas. In his mercy, Jesus gives the bitter, yet honest, Thomas precisely what he asks for.

Thomas experiences God's mercy in a very real way. Two quotes from St. Faustina Kowalska bring this connection beautifully to light.

"I do not want to punish mankind, but I desire to heal it, pressing it to My Merciful Heart."



"Souls that make an appeal to My mercy delight Me. To such souls I grant even more graces than they can ask. I cannot punish even the greatest sinner if he makes an appeal to My Divine Mercy."

Thomas is often referred to as "Doubting Thomas." However, I think a much more accurate and thoughtful title would be the "Apostle of Divine Mercy." St. Thomas, Apostle of Divine Mercy, pray!

Peace, love and joy,
Fr. Bob Jones

Crystal Lake Food Pantry

By PGK, Mike Kebr



Crystal Lake Food Pantry

No one should go hungry.

Brothers,

Our council is working the Crystal Lake Food Pantry this Thursday, April 28th. We are covering this time slot every 4th Thursday of the month and can use your help. We are in need of 8-10 volunteers to help serve our neighbors at the pantry. (Masks are currently optional for all)

April's **Date: Thursday April 28th Time: 4:30pm -7:30pm** If you are interested or have any questions, please contact me. See you there.

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Rosary

By SK, Robert Kosin

Mary Queen of Knights

Almost every KofC monthly breakfast in the Community Room, there is a wonderful person, Joyce Holm at a table with a sign saying, "Rosary Repairs for Free".

But it's not just for repairs that Joyce is available but for over five years with wit and wisdom shared insight about the art and style of Rosaries. There are stories to be told and memories shared with those who stop by for a brief TLC to their Rosary. This breakfast in April, Joyce repaired a link on a way too often twisted Rosary with

the comment that it's the twisting that creates the damage. Not quite the type of the power of prayer needed.

So, Brother Knights the month of May is precisely the time to renew our dedication to this great prayer and to the love and intercession of Mary. Remember that which should be in your pocket signifies how May's love encircles us all, bringing us ever closer to her Son. She truly is Jesus's mother and our own as well. Hail Mary Full of Grace.

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Fourth Degree

By SK, Dan O'Connell



Bishop Boylan Assembly is supporting the Remembering Our Fallen National Memorial that is coming to Arlington Heights in May. St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Assembly #2410 is the hosting Assembly. The memorial will be at North School Park 307 North Evergreen Avenue in Arlington Heights from May 12th through the 15th from 7 AM to Dusk. Sponsorship and volunteer opportunities are available. For more information, click [here](#).



The next Exemplification of the Fourth Degree will be held Saturday, May 21, 2022, at St. Edna Parish, 2525 N Arlington Heights Rd, Arlington Heights, IL 60004. This is a one-day event and concludes by 3 pm. If you know of a 3rd Degree Brother Knight you think is a good candidate, please get him a Form 4 to complete and turn it into the Assembly to get the process started as soon as

possible. Further details can be found [here](#). The deadline for registering is May 7th so time is of the essence. Please contact Dan O'Connell with any questions.

Our next Assembly meeting is May 11th at Holy Apostles in McHenry at 7:30 PM and will be available virtually as well as in person. If you are not getting the meeting invites, please contact Dan O'Connell and verify/update your email address. Vivat Jesus!

Pro-Life

Novena for Life

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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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“My sheep hear my voice; I know them, and they follow me.” (Gospel for May 8, Jn 10:27)



leads us.

Jesus is the Good Shepherd, and the Church is his flock. But are you a good sheep? Do you hear his voice as he calls, teaches and leads you? If we want to follow the Shepherd and not become lost, we must know him well and listen intently. We come to know him most intimately through prayer, the Eucharist, Scripture and good spiritual reading. My brother Knights, let us continually listen to Christ’s voice so we can follow him ever more closely wherever he

Challenge by Supreme Chaplain Archbishop William E. Lori:

This month, I challenge you to pray the rosary every day and meditate intently on its mysteries to know Jesus better, and become ever more attuned to his voice. Second, during this month of Mary, I challenge you to join your council in holding the Faith in Action Rosary program.

Questions for Reflection:

Do you regularly make time to pray? Do you sometimes just go through the motions in prayer or at Mass, not really listening to what Christ is saying to you? What personal habits could you adopt in order to make your prayer life more focused, receptive and fruitful?

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

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Deputy Grand Knight

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heard from Illinois State Deputy Steve Mann, Supreme CEO and a video address by Supreme Knight Patrick Kelly. He summarized all that the Knights do world wide. As of the convention, we Knights have collected over 13 million dollars to support Ukraine alone. The morning ended with a live exemplification of the 1st-3rd degree.

The afternoon brought 3880 some recognition. I will leave our WGK to make these announcements in the coming May Membership meeting. Let me just say it made me proud to be a member of this council. The Diocesan Caucuses were held to determine who would represent each at the Supreme Convention

The highlight of the weekend was Saturday Evening Mass at Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception. Apparently, this was the first time a Cardinal has celebrated mass during the convention. His Eminence Blasé Cardinal Cupich, Bishops Tomas Paprocki and Michael McGovern along with our state Chaplain concelebrated the mass. It was certainly a very inspiring and emotional faith experience. Mass was followed by the State Deputy's banquet. This was kickoff by speeches from all three of our major clergy guests. They reminded us how important it is for us Knights to stand with the church especially in defending life. The rest of the time was the

distribution of State Deputy awards, The overwhelming message was "Together We Are One" and the world needs us now more than ever. Once again, we ended the second night in the Rockford Diocese hospitality room.

Sunday started with prayer and remembrance services for all those Illinois council bothers that have gone before us. The State business meeting started up and soon 3880 was recognized again for their 5 star charity contributions. We ended the short day with the voting on resolutions and state officers.

Overall we had a great time meeting new brother Knights and their families. We Knights have common goals in evangelizing our faith through Charity, Unity and Fraternity. This past weekend demonstrated how much work we have done. We still have a lot of work left but knowing that "Together We Are One" should inspire us this next year.

Vivat Jesus
Matt Carzoli

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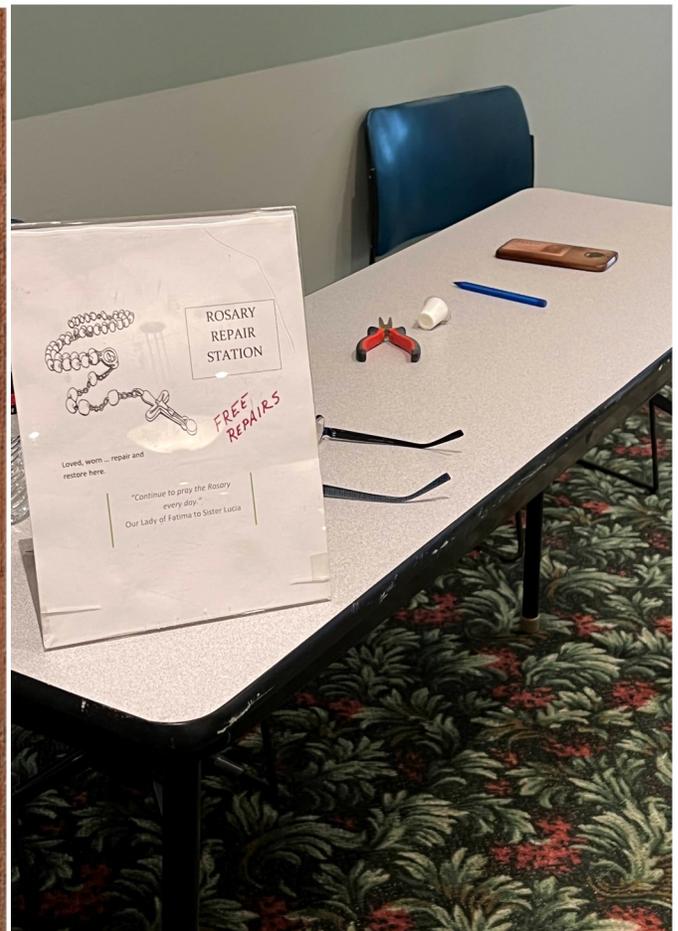
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Good of the Order

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

- Donna Maguire
- Melissa Smith
- Debbie Starr
- 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

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Wives May Birthdays:

- Peg Godfrey
- Lynda Ives

**Good of the Order—
 Pray For List is included in your
 April 2022 Minutes**



and Pray the Rosary.



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

Fifth Sunday Memorial Mass—May 29, 2022 —9:00AM

By SK, Robert Kosin

5th SUNDAY

Sunday May 29th is a Fifth Sunday of the month for which the 9AM Mass is in memory for the Deceased Members of Council 3880 including our namesake Father Edwin A. McCormick. The health and safety standards during the Pandemic have changed our attendance and participation at Mass. If your health condition provides, please consider attending in your Blue Shirt and for those Past Grand Knights, the White Shirt as a worthy memento of your service to the Council. But attendance should not limit the moment of prayer on that day. As well as attending or streaming 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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Council Calendar

May 2022	June 2022	July 2022
5/3 Business Meeting Reading of Officer nominations 5/89 Mothers Day 5/15 Breakfast 5/28 Exemplification 5/29 5th Sunday Memorial Mass 5/30 Memorial Day 5/31 Officer's Meeting	6/6 D-Day 6/7 Business Meeting Officer Elections 6/12 Breakfast 6/14 Flag Day and Officer Installation 7:30 PM 6/19 Father's Day 6/28 Officers Meeting	7/1 Fraternal Year Begins 7/4-5 Independence Day 7/5 Business Meeting 7/26 Officer's Meeting

Prayer for the Canonization of Fr. Michael J McGivney

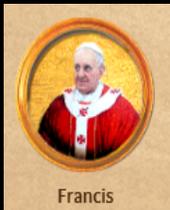
God, our Father, protector of the poor and defender of the widow and orphan, you called your priest, Fr. Michael J. McGivney, to be an apostle of Christian family life and lead the young to the generous service of their neighbor. Through the example of his life and virtue, may we follow your Son, Jesus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