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Crystal Lake, IL 60014



Faith In Action

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Grand Knight's Report

By Mike Kebr

Dear Brothers,

I hope your summer is going well. Although we have had to cancel many of our usual events this year, we continue to look for ways to stay engaged. My thanks to PGK John Orso and the O'Connell family successfully conducting our blood drive last month. Donor turnout was exceptional especially considering the current environment. Nice job.



We are still actively looking to fill the following Director positions:

- **Family Director** – (formerly held by Kevin Scanlan)
- **Community Director** – (formerly held by Bob Wyman)
- **Faith Director**

If you are interested please let DGK Bob Kosin or myself know. These are important positions that are part of our Faith in Action program and its success.

Now more than ever it is very important that we do not lose focus on growing our order and council. Membership growth is not the sole responsibility of our membership director, it falls on all of us to actively recruit members. I encourage each of you to make this a priority. Sometimes we have men that are interested and they approach one of us about looking to join, but more often than not, all it takes is you asking someone if they have ever thought about joining the Knights of Columbus. Tell them who we are, the works that we do, and what they can expect to get out of the experience of being a knight and at the very least that can be enough to get someone interested in joining. The process of joining is easy. Members can join via online membership. This was created to accommodate new members who have not found a council. This is not the preferred method as this leaves the onus on the prospective member to register online. The better method is for each of us to approach someone to join. This is the same as before, where we would have the prospective member complete and sign a form 100, the form 100 would still be read and approved, and then an invite can be sent participate in the new Exemplification ceremony >> 5

Deputy Grand Knight

Social

By SK, Robert Kosin

"When I use a word," Humpty Dumpty said, in rather a scornful tone, "it means just what I choose it to mean—neither more nor less." "The question is," said Alice, "whether you can make words mean so many different things." "The question is," said Humpty Dumpty, "which is to be master—that's all."

The third Tuesday of every month the Council holds what is labeled as the Social Meeting. And in these times, it is a wonder that the word social can be associated with the activity of any organization. Yet as Humpty Dumpty explained to Alice in Wonderland, a word has more than one meaning. The origin of the word is SOCII a countryside area of ancient Rome that when needed, supported the citizens of Rome. No party here and like the Council, provides support for its members. The Knights of Columbus is not a self-centered organization. Support is given on the first Saturday and third Thursday to the Crystal Lake Food

Pantry. This follows the heritage of its namesake Father McCormick, a pastor of St. Thomas who had such a community wide influence that Crystal Lake renamed its town center in his memory. Being the 65th year of his death, on August 29th Council members will gather at his gravesite for a Rosary prayer at Crystal Lake Union Cemetery.



The ability of this Council to provide support today is not just the past efforts of one person of great Catholic faith. On Sunday August 30th is the Fifth Sunday of the month being the Mass in memory of deceased members who organized the Charter of this Council and served to their last day like Steve Haugh. St. Thomas provides social compliant attendance for Mass or broadcast on U-Tube. Either venue can be used to support the memory of those deceased >> 2



Council Officers Fraternal Year 2000-2021

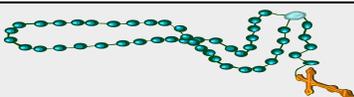
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Membership

By Bob Wyman

The Knights of Columbus were thrilled to learn that Father Michael McGivney, our beloved founder, will be beatified and officially declared "Blessed" on October 31, 2020. In recognition of this historic event, the Knights of Columbus are extending a special membership offer in honor of our founder. **SPECIAL LIMITED TIME MEMBERSHIP PROMOTIONAL OFFER:** Through 11:59 p.m. ET on August 31st, new members are being offered **FREE ONLINE MEMBERSHIP** for the first year. Simply visit kofc.org/joinus and enter the code **MCGIVNEY2020** to take advantage of this special offer. Father McGivney was faced with a pandemic in the 1880s, as we are today. In the face of that pandemic, he persevered in his efforts to evangelize those in his community, to form his parishioners in their Catholic faith, and to grow the Knights

of Columbus. As his spiritual heirs, we can do nothing less. Our pastor needs the Knights of Columbus. Our fellow parishioners need the Knights of Columbus. Those impacted by COVID-19 need the Knights of Columbus. Just as our holy founder surely would, we are resolved to Leave No Neighbor Behind, and to offer every Catholic man of the parish an opportunity to join the Order that Father McGivney founded some 138 years ago.
<http://kofc.org/joinus>



August Breakfast

By PGK, PFN John Stefani

No Breakfast, so no artic;;e.
John



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members through communion and prayer. All these benchmarks lead to a future and support for that future is ongoing with the Seminarian raffle. Using the technology of old, a mailing will be made to members of the raffle book and while most are familiar with the monetary reward, the support is for the future of our religious orders. In some

ways the Council is doing what it always does, supporting its members, community, and Church for which you cannot get more social then that in Father McCormick Council.

Troop and Pack 127

By Dan O'Connell

Virtual Scouting Continues...



Cub Scout Pack 127 had rocket launching as one of their August activities on August 2nd. They combined it with rank advancement but in order to stay under the 50-person limit, they did it by rank. Therefore, the Lions came at 1 PM and each hour on the hour another rank came to launch and advance. The Arrow of Lights finished up the day starting

at 5 PM. It was held at Lion's Park Bandshell in Cary. Talk about being resourceful in getting the event off with out a hitch in these very confining times.

The Pack also brought summer activities to a close with a hike on August 16th in the Boone Creek Conservation Area. Good shoes, a hiking stick, bug spray and plenty of water was the order of the day. That was the end of the opportunities to earn the Summertime Award.



The Scouts BSA Troop 127 has been meeting on the church grounds weather permitting. We have been working on merit badges including Cycling. The Troop has taken several day trips that encompassed all of the mileage needed for the badge in addition to covering bike

maintenance, safety, equipment and completing a 50-mile trip in under 8 hours. This is an Eagle required badge that can be used in lieu of Swimming or Hike. One of the three must be earned on the Road to Eagle.



We did get a canoe day trip in in August. The Kishwaukee River was a little low but it was al great time.



We continue to meet via ZOOM when necessary. We are trying to put together an exciting and fun filled year for the scouts that will allow them to learn new skills; have new adventures; make some new friends and continue to advance in rank in both Cub Scouts and Scouts BSA.

Thank you for your continued support of Scouting and may you and your families stay safe and healthy during these trying times. God bless.

God bless.

DD Report

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Not What You Do, But Who You Are

There is much good and necessary work to be done in this world, and that's what Knights do every day. That's why you are a Knight.

You show up at the food pantry because that's who you are. You serve as an usher because that's who you are. You clean after mass, because that's who you are. Being a Knight is not what you do, it's who you are. You are a Knight, a servant of The Lord.

Live as you are, boldly, and as you do your good work invite others to come along. Invite them to participate in the Fraternity. Reach out to the guys you haven't seen in a while, or invite men you know who are not yet Knights. Show them.

You are the everyday hero. I know it and I've seen it. With that in mind, enjoy this brief video <https://site-19769.bcvp0rtal.com/> Being a Knight is not what you do, it's who you are

Crystal Lake Food Pantry



Crystal Lake Food Pantry

No one should go hungry.

The pantry Saturday version for August went well. A slow start to the day with volunteers showing up after 9am. The neighbors who use the pantry decided to get a slow start too. With the volunteers who showed to help along with council volunteers we had enough help so we all walked out on time which was just past noon. The pantry day was also the day of the council blood drive. So some of the council volunteers worked for an hour then gave blood. Thank to all the council members and family who showed up to work and special thanks to those who also gave blood. As I am writing this article the Thursday version of the food pantry has not yet taken place.

I know in the past I've asked for help taking over the coordination of

By PGK, Vince Esposito

running our food pantry service days. More than one member would be better 12 would be ideal. Each coordinator taking a month.



I'm asking again for help. If we don't get this help at the end of the year council will have to stop having food pantry service days. Next year brings changes in my life with taking more time for leisure and away from home. Let me know if you can help. The pantry will be asking to renew our service days schedule soon.

Crystal Lake Food Pantry

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www.clfoodpantry.org

Fourth Degree

By SK, Dan O'Connell



Knights Of Columbus

In Service to One, In Service to All

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Navigator Bart Fiore PGK, FN
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Captain Andy Voloch PGK
Pilot Andres Carbajal
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Purser Joe Creasey PGK
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Outer Sentinel Frank Cermak
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2-year Trustee Mike Czyzewicz PGK, PFN
3-year Trustee Steve Zalas PGK, PFN, DD

Commanders

Andy Voloch PGK
 Gregory Schuring FDD
 OPEN

We are still awaiting word on who will replace Sir Knight Garry R. Daly, Master as our next Master of the 4th Degree Northern Illinois District I of Marquette Province. We now expect to hear shortly after September 1st and will let you know in next month's article. The next Exemplification is still planned for October, but a definitive date has not been established and the pandemic may change it entirely. More to follow on that as well.

Our next Assembly meeting is scheduled for September 9th at Holy Apostle Church and we believe it will be in person. If that changes, a ZOOM invitation will be sent. Please watch your email. If you are not receiving the Assembly's communications, please let me know and we can verify and update your email as needed. Vivat Jesus!

Pro-Life Report

By Jamie Hruza

Dear Brothers,

Pro Lifers across the country are being arrested for prayerfully standing outside abortion clinics in hopes of saving babies from being killed while protesters are burning cities to the ground and are not being arrested. We live in very troubling times! In Washington D.C. two students were arrested for writing in chalk on the sidewalk, "Black Pre-Born Lives Matter". The crime is punishable with jail time of up to 180 days. 2 lawmakers are calling on an investigation into the arrests for discrimination. Full details below.

<https://www.liveaction.org/news/lawmakers-investigation-arrest-pro-life-dc/>

Below you will find a link to a Vlog by LifeSite News concerning Presidential Contender Joe Biden. Joe Biden has a history of voting for abortion even late term abortion. Please have a listen.

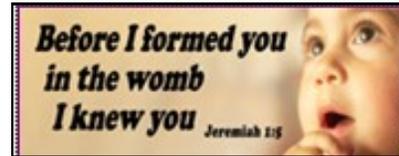
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-lcFoxlOvoQ>

This upcoming election is very serious matter as we will be judged on

who we chose as our leaders. Will they defend the lives God created or will they destroy lives? This is the question that will be front and center at our judgment. God is the creator of all life and no human being will ever have the right to kill it. The false belief that you have a right to abortion is the work of the devil and a great deception. I pray you chose with the wisdom that comes from the Holy Thrown of God.

Please pray that God protects this great national.

In Christ,
Jamie Hruza



Grand Knight's Report

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We would then assist the new candidate to participate in the ceremony. This can currently be done online at a time of the candidates choosing. Once the candidate has completed the online ceremony the council will submit the form 100 as we do now to supreme.

Our council is looking to form a new Exemplification degree team. We would like to be able to start conducting the new ceremony in person once it is feasible to do so. If you are interested in being part of the team, please let me know. The sooner we pull a team together the better.

I would also like to provide an update that the Advent Wreaths, Christmas Trees and wreaths have been ordered. As of now we are planning to have the tree lot open for business, with the changes ensure we are compliant with any Diocesan and local safety regulations

regarding COVID-19.

I hope you all continue to have safe and healthy summer. Please remember to reach out to your fellow brother knights. If you haven't seen or talked to one of them in a while, give them a call, email or text. Just reaching out and saying "hello" can go a long way.

Mary Queen of Knights, "Pray for Us"

God bless you all.

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

2020 Memories



The 22-mile bike crew. Scouts earning their Cycling merit badge and adults joining the fun. Trip from McHenry to Genoa

Brother John Streit {arrow} travelled to Iowa to help in the disaster recovery after the Derecho in Iowa where the winds exceeded 100 MPH.



(Left) Knights in action serving the Crystal Lake Community August 1st at the Crystal Lake Food Pantry.



(Right) Members of 3880 at Crystal Lake Food Pantry 8.20.20. Served 29 families, representing 147 adults and children in need.

Matt Carzoli and PGK, Vince Esposito

Who are these Masked Men?



The photo to the left is from a past Rosary prayer at the gravesite of Father McCormick which is being provided to you for such details as when and where this August to be published in the Knight News.

It is as you have told us the 65th year of his passing and a religious person whose life caused a town to rename their public park in his honor.

This year's Rosary details are:

- August 29th.
- Crystal Lake Memorial Park on Ridgefield Rd.

Good of the Order

Knights Sept. Birthdays:

- Michael Brucker
- Tony De Pippo
- Vincent P. Esposito
- Gregory J. Heideman
- Brian Jauch
- Frank T. Juliano
- Steve Landt
- Dennis O. Maloney
- David P. Mazurk
- Ken A. "Tiny" Pearson
- Ed Riley
- John M. Scott
- Corey Solis
- Patrick Trainor

Wives' Sept. Birthdays:

- Erika Caliendo
- Jan Dawson
- Erica Duffy
- Constance Fraser
- Lori Harold
- Karen Hicklin
- Joyce Holm, Sr.
- Lisa Korn

- Jill Kratochvil
- Ria Reckamp
- Marilyn Spiewak
- Khakhanang Walsh
- Marie Walters
- Beth Weyna
- Marion Weyna
- Margaret Willy

Sept. Anniversaries:

- Joseph I. and Joan Clark
- Thomas Mike and Constance Fraser
- Larry S. and Peg Godfrey
- Richard W. and Charlotte Heuer
- Mike and Sheri Kebr
- Robert S. and Tina Mackinlay
- E. James and Irene Skaja
- Mark and Linda Steadman
- John R. and Susan Stefani
- Philip L. and Marion Weyna
- Frank and Margaret Willy

**Good of the Order—
Pray For List is included in your
August minutes**

If we have missed anyone's birthday, anniversary, or a special congratulations please email: THicklin@aol.com,
Cell (815) 790-5191
or send a note to:
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225 N. Main St.
Crystal Lake, IL 60014-4434

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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—August 30, 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!

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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

September 2020	October 2020	November 2020
9/1 Business Meeting 9/5 Food Pantry 9/7 Labor Day 9/15 Social Meeting 9/18-19 IDDF (Tootsie Roll) Drive 9/20 Breakfast 9/26 Johnny Appleseed Festival	10/3 Food Pantry 10/6 Business Meeting 10/14 Columbus Day 10/15 Food Pantry Thursday 10/18 Breakfast 10/20 Social Meeting	1-2 All Saints and Al Soul 3 Business Meeting Election Day 11/7 Food Pantry 11/15 Breakfast 11/17 Social Meeting 11/19 Food \Pantry Thursday 11/21 Christmas Tree Setup 11/26 Thanksgiving 11/27 Trees arrive & sales Begin

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

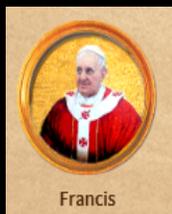
which is the Church. Let the inspiration of your servant prompt us to greater confidence in your love so that we may continue his work of caring for the needy and the outcast. We humbly ask that you glorify your venerable servant Father Michael J. McGivney on earth according to the design of your holy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



Lady's Auxiliary. Amen.

KNIGHT LIFE

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

