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Grand Knight's Report

By SK, Joe Scherb

Brothers,

Last month I stressed how important it is that we get #EveryMemberActive. This month, I'd like to take a few minutes to acknowledge those who are, and highlight some of what the council has been doing. I've come to call this group "The Usual Suspects". They're the ones doing the lion's share, who show up for most of the activities, just to lend a hand. This month they've done their work around surgery, or despite illness, and have reported back in right after vacation. If you knew the details, you'd really be amazed and inspired by the effort The Usual Suspects put in. I am.

Part of the reason, I believe, is the understanding that if they don't help out, who will? Our mission is critical. There really is much work to do. And honestly, The Usual Suspects" need your help, too. Between August and September we have a lot going on, and many opportunities for you to join in.

Last month,

- Thank you to PGK John Orso, Jr. and Dan(& Annette) O'Connell for the Blood Drive.
- Thank you to John Stefani and the entire crew for Breakfast.

- Thank you to PGK Tim Hicklin, Greg Ives, Pete Harren, Matt Carzoli, PGK Mike Bradley, and Ralph Gebert for the Exemplification team for the work and practice.
- Thank you to Mike Chmiel for pulling together clergy night.
- Thank you to Marc Nieman for picking up the Silver Rose prayer service with EAS. And thank you to PGK Mike Kebr, and Mike Brucker for stepping up to fill a couple empty program chairs.

Without all of your efforts, this council does not run, needs go unmet, and our Catholic faith suffers. Really, it's that basic.

Next month our busy program schedule continues with the return of That Man Is You, The Parish Music Fest, Johnny Appleseed, and the annual Intellectual Disabilities Drive.

This is a great time for each of us to step up and support The Usual Suspects. The ID Drive is a great family event. Bring them out. Lead your family in #Charity, in support of those who need us.

At risk of being too long, here, I was reminded recently that we need to invite your spouses to our activities. One of our first callings is to take care of the spouses and families of our brothers. We can't do that if you don't come to events and bring them. It's hard to hear, but I don't want the first time I meet your wife >> 6

Deputy Grand Knight

By SK, Matt Carzoli

I'm lying low after surgery on Monday the 16th. It has been slow but I'm on the mend so thanks for any of your thoughts or prayers. It has been interesting to say the least, not doing anything physically is not easy for me.

As I mentioned last month, to be recognized for Faith, Community, Family and Life events, only four actions or events in each of these are needed to qualify for the program requirements of Star council.

In Faith, we are well on our way with the Vocations raffle. Thanks to Chancellor Greg Ives and WR Bob Kosin for the distribution and follow ups. The Memorial mass in November is already in the planning stages. Thanks to Kevin Scanlan for his continued help.



Community has already seen two breakfasts to date. The blood drive was a successful 28 donors thanks to Annette & Dan [O'Connell](#) and chair PGK John >> 6

Council Officers Fraternal Year 2021-2022

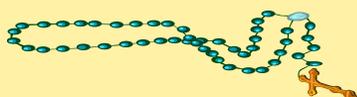
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Knights Monthly Breakfast-July By PGK, PFN John Stefani

Greetings Brother Knights and other worthy readers!

And we are off and running!!!

Breakfast number two of the post-pandemic era went off successfully Sunday August 15th! It was a little light, but this month generally is, with the last of the vacations taking place.. this maybe especially true with the COVID situation. But we were there and ready to go. We went back to the full line-up of menus, including the ever popular **Steak & Eggs** and the **Heart Healthy** option.



We met up with so many returning friends from both last month and over a year ago! Actually got to sit with a few and reminisce. Great to see our new Pastor, Fr. Bob, come in and have breakfast and walk and talk the crowd. Thanks again to the Kitchen Team,

the Back Room crew, the Set-up Team, the Dining Room crew, the Front Table guys. Also just great to see Johnny Kosin there with his wife. He is currently living in Florida, but remember the many many Sunday's he came to breakfast with Dad and brother David to help.. started as a very young man, doing what he could, following his dad and big brother delivering food, cleaning tables and whatever else needed... and helping until he grew into a kool guy, and joined the Knights and kept working at many events until he moved to Texas. Thanks for stopping to say high! The young sons and daughters of so many Knights over the past 25 years is a tribute to their dads and shared a family spirit of helping those in need... those dads did then and still do share what being a Knight, a Dad, and a Catholic Gentleman is all about. I've seen so many of these kids grow up and have not seen one turn out bad.

We are Brothers... keep on being brotherly!!!
John

Membership

By Bob Wyman

When you read this newsletter our 1st in-person exemplification will have taken place on Saturday August 28, 2021. It took take place after the 4:30pm Mass. The team has been activity practicing the new exemplification. I'm very excited not just for the candidates but the family, friends and fellow Knights who attended. The degrees have been secretive until just recently. I was glad after attending the practices and viewing the exemplification on-line that the Knights of Columbus decided to share our important principles publicly with everyone.

Upcoming:

I am working on the Fall 2021 Membership Drive. I need your help with pulpit announcements, handing out materials about joining the Knights and lists of prospective candidates.

More information will be coming out via e-mail and at the meetings.
Recruitment Director
Bob Wyman

Chaplain's Message

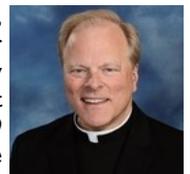
By Rev. Bob Jones

Dear Brother Knights,

The plan for the next month, here at St. Thomas the Apostle, is to focus on Parish Stewardship, with a specific focus on Prayer, Time and Talent. For the past 2 weekends, we have been focusing on Prayer and our Adoration Chapel. We really want to strive to get Perpetual Adoration back, and last weekend was a great start in that direction!

Next weekend, August 28/29, we plan to

offer a Ministry Fair, which will highlight all our Parish Ministries. They all took a substantial hit during this Covid-19 pandemic, but we are committed to bringing them all back to strength again.



The following 3 weekends, we will be highlighting various groupings of ministries. The goal is to both show our appreciation to all involved, and to encourage others >> **3**

Troop and Pack 127

By Dan O'Connell

Recruit, recruit and recruit

Much like the Knights of Columbus, membership numbers in the Boy Scouts of America (BSA) have waned over the last several years. Since 2019, BSA has lost 43% of their members largely due to the pandemic, the lack of in person meetings and the exit of a large sponsoring organization. For the first time in a very long time, Scouts BSA (formerly Boy Scouts) has more registered members than Cub Scouts which is the feeder program for Scouts BSA across the country.



We are kicking off the 2021 Scouting year to increase our numbers in both the Pack and the Troop as well as nationwide. BSA programs are divided by age and activity:

[Cub Scouting](#) is for boys and girls in kindergarten through 5th grade, [Scouts](#)

[BSA](#) is open to young men and young women in grades 6 through 12, and co-ed [Venturing](#) and [Sea Scouting](#) are available for young men and young women ages 14 through 20. The BSA also offers career-oriented co-ed [Exploring](#) programs to youth ages 10 through 20. There is a program that should fit anyone's interests.

We have been added back to the Time and Talent list for the Parish after being removed several years ago and hope to generate some leads from there. We are also looking at hold recruitment events. The Pack will have one on September 1st in the Community Center for those interested children between the ages 5 to 10 and their parents. The Troop has events planned for September through January so that interested Webelos and AOL scouts and their parents can visit us and learn about Scouts BSA. It is also open to anyone age 11 to 16 and their parents who has not been in Scouting to attend. We hope to grow our numbers and put new youth on the road to Eagle.

Thank you for your continued support of Scouting and helping us build strong citizens of tomorrow who will live the [Scout Oath](#) and [Scout Law](#) to keep our country great. God Bless each one of you and your family and God Bless America.

Chaplain's Message

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to step up to the plate. September 4/5 we will focus on all our Christian Service Ministries and Community & Fellowship Ministries. September 11/12 we will focus on our Worship Ministries, which includes all Liturgy and Music Ministries. September 18/19 we will focus on Education and Evangelization Ministries, which includes St. Thomas School, our Religious Education program, Youth Ministry and our Adult Faith Enrichment offerings.

In October, we will begin the month focusing on Pro-Life Sunday, and then I want to take some time to focus on the Stewardship of Treasure, both for our Parish and our Diocesan Appeal.

So, the methodology is first focus on Prayer, then Time and Talents, respect for all Human Life, and finally to spend some time reflecting upon our call to be good stewards with our Treasure. Please keep all of these important efforts in your prayers, and I do thank the Knights for all the ways they embody what we are trying to accomplish and strive for.

Peace be with you,
Fr. Bob Jones

Blood Drive

By SK, PGK John Stefani

Thank you to all who participated in last weekends blood drive. We had 28 donors. 1 donation can save 3 lives! #feelsgood. Special thanks to Annette & Dan O'Connell, and John M Orso, jr for organ-

izing and staffing the event. And of course Versiti [#illinoisknights](#) [#Faithinaction](#)

Crystal Lake Food Pantry

By PGK, Vince Esposito



Crystal Lake Food Pantry

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

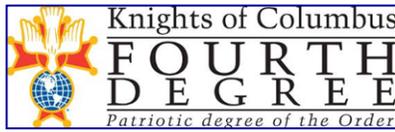
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www.clfoodpantry.org



Fourth Degree

By SK, Dan O'Connell



The October 23rd Degree Exemplification is being planned as an in-person event. It will be held at Faranda's Banquet Center, 302 Grove Street, DeKalb, IL. This Exemplification will be co-hosted by Father Mazzuchelli Assembly #192, Thomas Willison, Navigator, and Andrew Mitchell Assembly #215, Kirk Reinhart, Navigator. If you are interested in making your 4th Degree, please ask one of your fellow Knights who is a 4th Degree Sir Knight to be your proposer or please contact Dan O'Connell for more information. Registration must be in by October 9th to avoid a late fee but the sooner the better so we can process your paperwork.

Check out our Assembly website at: <http://uknight.org/Assembly.asp?A=198>. It has been revamped and updated to provide you with information about the Assembly and upcoming events.

The Assembly is once again offering a \$100 reimbursement for any Sir Knight in good standing, to encourage the purchase of the uniform to participate in Honor Guards for the Bishop and our fallen brother Knights. Our numbers are still very low for those with uniforms. There are five (5) available for 2021-22 Fraternal year and it is first come first serve. You must submit your paid order form for reimbursement of the purchase.

Our next Assembly meeting is September 8th at Holy Apostles in McHenry at 7:30 PM and will also be available virtually. If you are not getting the meeting invites, please contact Dan O'Connell and verify your email address.
Vivat Jesus!

Vocation Raffle

By SK, Greg Ives

Help our Future Priests – With a Chance to Help Yourself, Too!

Since 1882 the Knights of Columbus has supported and prayed for our priests and religious. We pledge to “Form (ourselves) in the Catholic Faith, to live in accord with the Precepts of the Catholic Church, and to participate in its sacramental life.”

That little promise we make during our Full Exemplification includes supporting our priests, including those men who are working their way through seminary to become our future priests. Remember when you were in college, and you had little to no money? The same holds true for our seminarians. They need our help, and we are in a position to help them.

The annual Knights of Columbus Vocation Raffle is underway. Books are just \$15 and offer the chance to win



as much as \$10,000 in a drawing to be held in December. Best yet, \$9 from each book stays in our council, and we give it directly to seminarians who need our help.

Our challenge to you is to purchase a booklet, complete it and turn it back to the Council in the coming months. Get one at a business meeting, at the monthly breakfast, or email Worth Recorder Bob Kosin (rkosin@gmail.com) or Worthy Chancellor Greg Ives (gregives@att.net) and we will get you as many as you need! Anyone can purchase raffle tickets – you don't need to be a Knight.

Do your part to help our seminarians. Help them so they can help each of us as our Catholic priests of tomorrow!

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\(kofc.org\)](#)

THIS MONTH'S CHALLENGE AUGUST 2021

And Mary said: “My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord; my spirit rejoices in God my Savior for he has looked with favor on his lowly servant.” (Gospel for Aug. 15, Lk 1:46-48)



Praying together brings families closer to God and closer to each other. When Mary visits her cousin Elizabeth, the first thing they do is pray: Elizabeth declares a blessing that we repeat every time we say a Hail Mary, and Mary responds with a hymn of praise called the Magnificat. Blessed Michael McGivney, whose feast day we celebrate Aug. 13, came from a prayerful home, and because of his work to strengthen families, we call him the “apostle of Christian family life.” May we seek to make our own

homes places of prayer to strengthen our families and draw nearer to God.

Challenge by Supreme Chaplain Archbishop William E. Lori:

This month, I challenge you to pray every day as an individual or as a family, asking the intercession of Blessed Michael McGivney to live in a more prayerful home, perhaps using the prayer for his canonization. Second, I challenge you to assist your council in the Faith in Action Family Prayer Night or Family Week program, incorporating devotions to Father McGivney into your efforts.

Questions for Reflection:

Do you maintain good and regular habits of prayer in your home? Where is there room for improvement in your family prayer life? What is one specific thing you could do to deepen your own prayer 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

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

GK Report

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to be at your funeral.

If she doesn't want to go because she's concerned that she'll be the only female there, make sure she knows she's making someone else's wife the only female there. The Usual Suspects have wives too, so with a warm and heartfelt welcome, lead your family in #Faith and #Charity.

Whether or not you're one of The Usual Suspects, thank you for all you do for our council, our parish and our community.

Vivat Jesus,
Joe Scherb
Grand Knight

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Grand Knight.
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DGK Report

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Orso. The ID Drive/Tootsie Roll drive and Johnny Appleseed events planning is underway.

Family Thanks to brother Mike Brucker for stepping up to fill this chair position. We will be developing the family events more in the next weeks ahead.

Life - Thanks to Marc Neiman for working with SEA to co-host the Silver Rose prayer night.
More to come on life events coming soon,

Vivat Jesus

Matt Carzoli
Deputy Grand Knight

Photographic Memories



Good of the Order

Knights' September 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 September 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

September 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
- Frank and Margaret Willy

**Good of the Order—
Pray For List is included in your
August 2021 Minutes**

Jim Kratochvil

**June 16, 1951 ~ August 15,
2021 (age 70)**

May he rest in peace. Amen.

*May his soul and the souls of all the
faithful departed, through the mercy of
God, rest in peace.*



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



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

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Fifth Sunday Memorial Mass—Aug 29, 2021 —9:00AM

By SK, Robert Kosin

5th SUNDAY

Sunday Aug 29th 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 during the Pandemic has changed to expand 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 is a worthy memento to wear of your past 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.



Fr. McCormick Council 3880
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St. Thomas the Apostle



Council Calendar

September 2021	October 2021	November 2021
<p>9/6 Labor Day 9/7 Council Meeting 9/17-18 IDDF (Tootsie Roll) Drive 9/19 Breakfast 9/25 Johnny Appleseed Festival 9/28 Officers Meeting</p>	<p>10/5 Council Meeting 10/11 Columbus Day 10/17 Breakfast 10/26 Officers Meeting</p>	<p>11/1-2 All Saints and All Soul 11/2 Council Meeting 11/21 Breakfast 11/20 Christmas Tree Setup 11/25 Thanksgiving 11/26 Trees arrive & sales Begin 11/30 Officers Meeting</p>

Prayer for the Canonization of Fr. Michael J McGivney

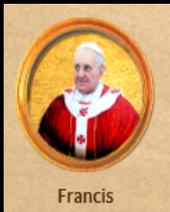
God, our Father, protector of the poor and defender of the widow and orphan, you called your priest, Fr. Michael J. McGivney, to be an apostle of Christian family life and lead the young to the generous service of their neighbor. Through the example of his life and virtue, may we follow your Son, Jesus Christ, more closely fulfilling his commandment of charity and building up his Body which is the Church. Let the inspi-

ration 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.



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