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Grand Knight's Report

By Mike Kebr

Dear Brothers,

Christmas is around the corner, how well have you prepared for His coming? I hope you all had a blessed Advent and had taken some time to prepare your hearts for the birth of Our Lord Jesus. At this time of year, I strongly encourage you to take time for yourself and to spend it with family. This past month has been another busy one. I want to thank everyone that came out to help with the tree sales. Whether it was setting up of the lot, unloading of the trees, selling the trees or with the take down of the lot, I greatly appreciate all that you have done. We had a very successful year this year, we started out with 249 trees and sold all but a couple which were donated and given away. While the final numbers will be presented at the January business meeting, it looks like we netted more to the council than last year. We sold out quicker than last year as well, so if you were looking for a bigger tree and we were out? Stop by earlier next year! Great job to the Christmas tree committee headed



up by Bob Wyman.

Thank you too to PGK Mike Bradley for pulling the float in the Festival of Lights parade the Friday after Thanksgiving and to those that walked in the parade handing out candy. It's a great way to get our name out there and to spread the message of the true meaning of Christmas. On Sunday, December 15th we held our annual breakfast with Santa. I would like to say thank you to PGK Scott Popp for fixing the grill in time and to John Stefani and crew for putting on another successful breakfast. Oh, and I must not forget to thank Santa for coming and making the day for 110 children that came to see him. With that I look forward to the second half of the year. Together we will make it great. I would like to wish all of you and your families a very Merry Christmas and a blessed New Year.

God bless you all.

Mary Queen of Knights, "Pray for us."

**Vivat Jesus,
Mike Kebr**

Grand Knight #3880

Deputy Grand Knight

PIEROGIS

SK, Robert Kosin

Salute the Pierogi

During the Holiday season from Thanksgiving through Christmas there is always more than one gathering around the table to enjoy the meal of the year and share conversation about this and that. It is the later that requires as much skill as carving the bird or roast to such an extent that there are conversational topics to avoid, for example, who has not heard of the debate at least among old Chicagoans whether ketchup belongs on a hot dog.

On Saturday January 11th at 6PM is the start of a Great Feast referred to our Council as the POLISH DINNER. A diner ticket includes a menu of beef barley and mushroom soup, roast pork with mushroom gravy, Polish sausage, Golabki (Stuffed Cabbage), Bigos (Hunter Stew), sauerkraut, mashed potatoes and Pie-

rogi. One conversational starter is that later item - Pierogi - who has more champions around a Polish dinner table than any other favorites on the menu, not an understatement in Chicago which has more Poles than Warsaw itself. First while eaten in multiples, there is no "s" in the word as it is already in the plural; so with this grammatical factoid, you are ready to show your sophistication in the buffet line for the best of Polish Cuisine at the Great Feast. The real noteworthy item in any dinner conversation about Pierogi is it's the only food that has its own patron saint, St. Hyacinth, the first Polish Dominican monk whose memorial day is the 17th of August. So, venerated among Chicago Poles there is the Basilica of Saint Hyacinth in the Archdiocese of Chicago, one of the visually stunning Catholic Churches along the Kennedy Expressway.



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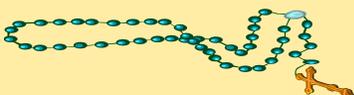
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Membership

By Mark Allen

On the 10th of December we held an Admissions Degree and welcomed Donald Rose and William Sudbrook into our Order. In March our Council is sponsoring a Knighthood Degree on the 8th. If you have not taken your Second or Third Degree, this would be a perfect opportunity. In closing Brothers, for those of you who were unable to attend our social meeting you missed a good time. Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!!!

If you have any questions, concerns, comments, or suggestions please contact me feel free to contact me through one of these: personal cell phone 815-861-6602, work cell phone 312-246-9716, personal email obg40@msn.com and

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Vivat Jesus!

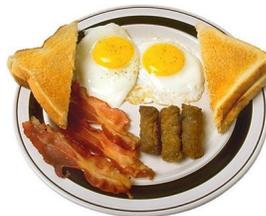


December Breakfast

By PGK, PFN John Stefani

WOW!!!!

which is to say the least! **THREE HUNDRED AND FIFTEEN** breakfasts where served at December's Annual **Breakfast with Santa!** What a fantastic turnout we had, and over 110 Candy bags were handed out to the little children.. another record. This has prompted many comments from the crew that we need to have a **theme** breakfast every month. And that's about all



it would take to top **Knight of the Year** (okay, from many years ago!) **SK Bob Wyman's** Annual Christmas Tree Sales (2019), which was another fantastic success this year. But we did have a record turnout for the breakfast, and we will show a great net profit to the Council. We have a minimum quantity that we are required to purchase from our Vendor, so each month a few 'extra' items are ordered to meet that number. Well, we have done that enough that I decided NOT to place a regular order, and just purchased a few things locally. With that, we made a GREAT profit, and just about ran out of everything. So, the January order from the vendor will be a bit higher but will try to do this more often of

skipping an order. If it pays off, we will stay in the black at a higher rate. There are a few things that we can not get locally, either quantity or quality, but will work on it.

Speaking of working on it, once again it was **PGK Worthy Trustee SK Scott Popp** who came to the rescue of the Council bank account. If you were at the December Business meeting you heard me talk about having to buy a new flat top for the breakfast. We had some issues with it the previous months, with the November breakfast seeing **Bob Newport, Scott Popp** and **Pat Slowey** getting burnt due a bad valve. Scott was able to find a replacement valve and we tried it out. It worked perfectly and gave Bob greater control over the flame than we have ever had. So, I told Scott to buy another one to replace the second valve and to also buy one more as a spare. So thank **Scott** next time you see him for once more working his magic. So, maybe the next Theme Breakfast will be Cupid? or the Easter Bunny??? who knows, but be sure to show up and find out!!!! See you all on Sunday, January 19th for the next one! >>3



Troop and Pack 127

By Dan O'Connell

Christmastime for the Scouts

The Christmas season is all around us and the Pack and Troop are in full swing with the Holiday.

The Pack and Troop both participated together in the Festival of Lights parade on the Friday after Thanksgiving in downtown Crystal Lake. The weather was perfect, and the streets were packed with parade watchers awaiting the arrival of Santa.



The Pack participated in several more holiday events. They went caroling at a local retirement home; participated in Operation North Pole, a special day for children with life threatening illnesses and their families, greeting them at the Crystal Lake train station; filled and donated Jared Boxes (A plastic shoe-sized storage box filled with small gifts, toys, games, crayons, coloring books, and fun activities. Each box contains items selected for a specific age and gender. The boxes are given to children in the hospital to provide a special, fun diversion. Kids and parents alike are so very thankful for these boxes. The boxes symbolize the importance of play and are filled with well wishes, hope and love.) and bell ringing for the Salvation Army at Hobby Lobby. The Pack enjoyed a Christmas party and movie at their December

Pack meeting.

The Troop was not quite as active as the Pack for the holidays but did assist with Breakfast with Santa as shown in the picture. Not sure what they asked Santa for, but it was very helpful having them there based on how busy we were for the event. We also had some scouts out camping the same weekend as the breakfast in the Rockford area. The lack of snow did put a bit of a damper on the event as no sledding or snowball fights, but they did get to do a little hiking.

The Troop also had a Christmas party with a white elephant gift exchange, food and the movie Elf.

Christmas is a time to reflect and give thanks for what we have as life begins anew with the birth of Jesus. We are thankful for your support of Scouting and helping to form our citizens of tomorrow at a time when it is sorely needed. Hopefully they will lead us by using the Scout Oath and Scout Law as their map and compass and keep America strong and respected by the rest of our global neighbors. We wish each of you and your families a very Blessed and Merry Christmas and all the best in good health and good cheer in the coming year. May 2020 be our best year yet as we start a new decade.



December Breakfast

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And lest I forget, Thanks to **SK Kevin Scanlan** and his whole crew for the beautiful looking dining room! And if noticed, we had another special family space set up on the side. **SK Tony Santinello** had invited his whole family to come and celebrate together, so we had an extra table arrangement for 20 people. If you would like to have a special family get together at a breakfast, let me know and we can arrange it! No extra cost just everyone buys their own menu and selects what they want, and we do the rest! .

In the meantime, take care of you and yours and pray for ALL of us, and **Merry Christmas and Happy New Year** from the entire Breakfast Crew!

John

P.A.D.S is Back

By GK, Mike Kebr



Dear Brother Knights! PADS is on again! After a meeting it was agreed that

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 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:

- January 26th Robert Kosin
- February 23rd Pat Maguire
- March 22nd O P E N
- April 26th Dan O'Connell, Jr.

As you can see, we have a few dates open, but this is after >> 6

Crystal Lake Food Pantry

By PGK, Vince Esposito



Crystal Lake Food Pantry

No one should go hungry.

The Saturday version of the food pantry it seems as though we have problems fully staffing. If it weren't the non-council volunteers the pantry day would have been very disastrous. I had 3 council volunteers to open the pantry at 9 a.m. Some of the council members did trickle in by 10 or 10:30 but the line clients were growing. Non-council volunteers usually made up of court ordered assignments and children with their parents who need to do some hours of community volunteering. These people saved the council some embarrassment of not being able to staff an event for 3 and a half hours. I know a few of the council members were over working the Christmas tree lot and that having simultaneous events running usually makes for a scarcity in council volunteers.

The Thursday Food Pantry lately with the previously mentions outside help along with some of our regular Thursday night help

made for smooth sailing through the 2-hour shift. Some of these "regulars" now go on their migration south for the winter making Thursday nights a little less smooth from January through April. Please check your calendars a try to help out if you can. Our Saturday shift starts at 8:30 am and goes until noon. The Thursday shift starts at 5 p.m. and end at 7 p.m.

The Saturday the council works is the 1st Saturday of each month. The 3rd Thursday evening too.

Our next Saturday will be January 4th the Thursday food pantry day will be January 16th. So if you're in town come join us for a few hours.

Crystal Lake Food Pantry

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

www.clfoodpantry.org



Fourth Degree

By SK, Dan O'Connell



Turning Point in Woodstock and we collected quite a few items for donation. SK Mark Heiriss will coordinate the drop off of the donations. Pizza, sweets and beverages were enjoyed after the meeting adjourned.

There was a motion made to change the Bylaws of the Assembly regarding the quorum for the transaction of business from the current number of 15 Sir Knights to 10 Sir Knights (Article VI of the Bylaws) as the last several meetings did not have a quorum and business could not be transacted. Please check the 4th Degree web-

The Assembly held their December meeting and had 19 Sir Knights in attendance. It was also the

hat and glove drive for

site for the publishing December minutes and the proposed Bylaws with this change and plan on attending the January 8th meeting to vote on the matter.

The next Exemplification will be in Lisle at the Sheraton on February 22, 2020. It will be the usual affair with Friday night accommodation available and an all-day event on Saturday with wrap up on Sunday.

Sheraton Lisle Hotel
3000 Warrenville Road
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If you have any candidates and need Form 4's or have questions, please see John Stefani or me.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to you and yours.

DD Report

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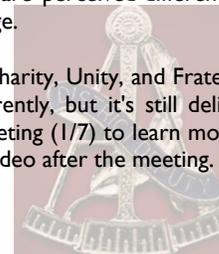
Brothers, you may have heard that our degree ceremonials are changing. When I was told to share this with the councils my thoughts quickly went to the reaction caused by the 4th degree uniform introduction. However, I've received quite the contrary in feedback. The general tone has been very positive and a sentiment of "it's about time".

Our community and parish isn't the same as it was when our council was founded in 1954. Likewise, our country isn't the same as when the Knights were founded in 1882. Things were done differ-

ently, for different reasons. Those things are perceived differently today, and how we do things need to change.

What doesn't change is our principles of Charity, Unity, and Fraternity. The message may be delivered differently, but it's still delivered. Join us as our upcoming business meeting (1/7) to learn more about what's changed. We'll also share a video after the meeting.

Vivat Jesus,



Pro-Life Report

By Jamie Hruza

I would like to wish all of you a Merry CHRISTmas. As this advent season draws us ever closer to the coming birth of Jesus Christ let us thank Mary for her fiat. Mary's submission to will of God was the perfect example of being Christian. That single yes brought forth redemption to all mankind. If we, like Mary, unite our will to the will of God amazing things can happen. Christ is the brilliant light of the world which dispels the darkness. Let us bask in the bright light of Christ this Christmas day as we allow the bright light of Christ to penetrate our hearts and souls and dispel all the darkness. Come Lord Jesus!

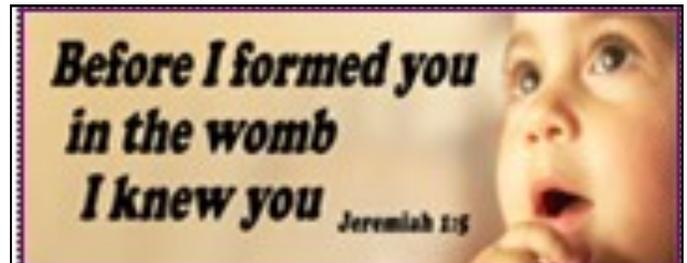
I would like to give a special thanks to all of you that go to the rallies, give money, make those calls to politician when there is a critical vote, do your rosary, stand on the street corner with a sign, speak out on the atrocity of abortion, fight for life, and all the other amazing things you do to stop abortion. I want to say thank you for all those in the womb who cannot tell you themselves. YOU SAVE LIVES! You may not see it now but at your judgment God will show you every single baby/life you saved. You are a member of a great and vast army that has been called forth by almighty God to fight a battle that sometimes feels colossal and very difficult. But you never give up, every second you give, every dollar you spend, every rosary bead you thumb through saves lives. Never give up never stop fighting for these precious little babies. One person at a time, you are changing hearts and minds. God is with you he is your strength. Stay the course regardless of the obstacles before you.

In just over 30 days, thousands will descend on Washington D.C. for the 2020 National March For Life. If you haven't been please go. Link Below.
<https://marchforlife.org/>

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I will continue to pray for you and your families. Please pray your daily rosary for the unborn. Please also unite all your sacrifices with the cross of Christ for the unborn.

In Christ,
Jamie Hruza



From the Editor's Desk

By PGK, Tim Hicklin

Merry Christmas and a Joyous and Prosperous New Year!

As we draw near to the end of the 2019 calendar, I'd like to extend to the contributors of this newsletter a sincere thank you. It has been my pleasure creating "Knight Life" for our entire council. We have provided excellent content for our brothers and look forward to continue it in the coming years.

A special thank you goes out to

- GK, Mike Kebr
- DGK, Bob Kosin
- Membership Chair, Mark Allen

- PGK, John Stefani,
- Scouts and 4th Degree, Dan O'Connell
- PGK, Vince Esposito
- DD, Joe Scherb
- Pro-Life Director, Jamie Hruza
- Family Director, Kevin Scanlan
- PR, John Walsh
- And everyone else who has contributed to this award winning creation.

Vivat Jesus

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2019 Memories

Keep Christ
in
Christmas



P.A.D.S. is Back

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

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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).

Family Director

By SK, Kevin Scanlan

From The Home of FAMILY DIRECTOR

Happy NEW YEAR to All my Brother KNIGHTS & Family's
Once Again it is Time For Our Annual.

KC FAMILY BOWL

WHERE: Crystal Bowl RT . 176 & 31

WHEN: SUNDAY FEB 2 , 2020

TIME: 1 TO 4 PM



\$10 PER

\$8 if you have SHOES

Come out and have a GREAT TIME

With Other KC BROTHERS & There FAMILIES .

You Don't have to be a good BOWLER to COME .

EVERYBODY There to Have FUN

Good of the Order

Knights January Birthdays:

- Thomas J. Dawson
- Ted F. Duda
- Robert Frazier
- Michael L. Gregus
- Stephen M. Haugh
- Anthony Marcucci
- Dr. Nathaniel Miller
- Jacob Nice
- Brian O'Connell
- Stephen J. O'Riordan
- Tom Ryan
- Jack R. Scott
- Robert Telmanik
- Matthew J. Turk
- Frank Willy

Wives' January Birthdays:

- Carol Anderson
- Sue Reed
- Sheri Turk
- Lisa Waggoner

January Anniversaries:

- None

Good of the Order— Knights of the Month:

None presented

Family of the Month:

None presented

Pray For List is included in your November 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 hopeful
new year.**



Fifth Sunday Memorial Mass—December 29, 2019—9:00AM

By Robert Kosin

The next and last Memorial Mass of the 2019 calendar year is Sunday December 29th. 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 presenting 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

Deputy Grand Knight

From Page 1

But while much is known about St. Hyacinth, little is known about the Pierogi. This stuffed dumpling found in cruises throughout the world as raviolis, empanadas or jiao zi (pot stickers) has no known point of origin for the Polish version. St. Hycienth is attributed to introduce the Pierogi to Polish farmers in 1238 as a foodstuff to survive the destruction of a wheat crop by a hailstorm. Yet it is the stuffing that is the real legend for at the Polish Dinner there will be Pierogi stuffed with mushroom, another with sweet cheese, all immersed in a golden sauce of unsalted butter. Others in line may be

searching for potato or sauerkraut stuffed Pierogi, while some like the pulled meats from pork to chicken. So, the final gastronomical advice for the Polish Dinner buffet on January 11th, make your choices, there is no wrong answer; enjoy and call upon St. Hyacinth, "Święty Jacku z pierogami!" (St. Hyacinth with pierogi!) an old-time Polish saying, loosely translated 'good grief!' when asked if ketchup belongs on a hot dog.



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St. Thomas the Apostle

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Council Calendar

January 2020	February 2020	March 2020
1/1 Mary, Mother of God / New Years Day 1/4 Food Pantry Blood Drive 1/7 Business Meeting 1/11 Polish Dinner 1/16 Food Pantry Thursday 1/19 Breakfast 1/21 Social Meeting 1/26 PADS	2/1 Food Pantry 2/4 Business Meeting 2/18 Social Meeting 2/20 Food Pantry Thursday 2/23 P.A.D.S.	3/3 Business Meeting 3/7 Food Pantry 3/14 St. Paddy's Dinner/Dance 3/17 Social Meeting 3/19 Food Pantry Thursday 3/29 P.A.D.S.

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

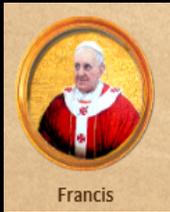
which is the Church. Let the inspiration of your servant prompt us to greater confidence in your love so that we may continue his work of caring for the needy and the outcast. We humbly ask that you glorify your venerable servant Father Michael J. McGivney on earth according to the design of your holy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



Lady's Auxiliary.
Amen.

KNIGHT LIFE

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Life is not Your Choice. It's Your Responsibility!

