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Grand Knight's Report

By Mike Kebr

Dear Brothers,

As I write this we are in the last week of Advent. I hope everyone had a chance to take time out of their busy schedules to truly enjoy this season of Advent and to prepare for the coming of Our Lord Jesus Christ. As I mentioned before we sold completely out of the 30 Advent wreaths and candles we had for sale. On top of that we sold all 241 of our trees and 108 wreaths in 16 days. This year was one of the best years we had for raising money for charities at the tree lot. Thank you to everyone that came out to help or to buy a wreath or tree. I would also like to thank the parish office and our priests for their continued support of our council. We could not have done it without their help, whether it was getting the word out in the parish bulletin, the parish website or with pulpit announcements. Thank you again.



We are getting ready for our Annual Polish dinner on Saturday, January 12th. We will be in need of help setting up the room, serving food, working the bar, and clean up on the day of the event.

If you are interested in helping out or attending the dinner please contact Matt Carzoli at 815-216-1391 or Marc Niemann at 847-477-5484.

One more event I would like to mention is our council Free Throw Competition. This year's event will be held at St. Thomas the Apostle School gym on Saturday, January 12th 8:00am – 12:00pm. The event is open to youth ages 9 to 14 years old. We co-sponsor this event with the council at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton. I could use some help at this event as well. I could use 6 to 8 volunteers. Volunteers should show up at 7:30am, registration for youth participants starts at 8:00am. Please let me know if you are interested in helping out.

In closing, I would like to wish each one of my Brother Knights and their families a very Merry Christmas and a blessed New Year.

Thank you again for all your help and support.

Mary, Queen of Knights. "Pray for us"

*Vivat Jesus,
Mike Kebr,
Grand Knight #3880*

Deputy Grand Knight

By Todd Bright

"Be Like Kevin" (Mike)

I think that most reading this article will remember Michael Jeffry Jordan, the best basketball player ever. If you know Kevin Fromme, he is no Mike. **He is better!** I was fortunate enough to meet Kevin five years ago at TMIY. A quiet guy at first, very spiritual, and willing to do just about anything for his neighbor. Kevin is moving to Bloomington, IL to help with his brothers business. Our council and community will miss

Kevin. He quietly helped with everything and was present at nearly every Council event. He holds the office of Warden and oversaw the Raiders football concession stand, but his favorite past time was sorting cutie tangerines at the food party on Saturday mornings. Kevin leaves big shoes to fill and will be missed. We wish him the best of luck and may Our Heavenly Father continue to bless him always.



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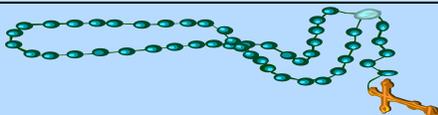
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Deputy Grand Knight

From Page 1

By the way Kevin Scanlan is a stand up individual as well; maybe we should all change our names to Kevin? If not "Be like a Kevin"! A special thanks to the Christmas Tree 2018 planning committee and all who setup, bought, sold and took down. Outstanding job! Record year, record time,

but records are made to be broken. Can you say....Christmas Trees 2019? Let's give it a few months. Have a Great Christmas will friends, family, and Christ. Todd Bright, DGK

December Breakfast

By PGK, PFN John Stefani

Christmas Breakfast Buffet with Santa !

Well, as promised, we offered a second Buffet Breakfast this year for Santa, something we have not had the opportunity to do the past 18 years! Here is the calm before the storm! We had a great number of Brothers show up to help. As you can see here, we were ready to roll come 8:30.



But of course, Father Evans had the first Mass, so they came a little early. And it appeared to be a light crowd that first one.

But oh boy, did the 9:00 AM Mass make up for it... they came in the door, paid and the line wrapped around the north wall and almost started going around the east wall! So, this is the only picture, as there was never time to take any more, unless someone else did. We had the 'normal' fare, and it kept coming and coming! I was a bit concerned, as I decided to up the price a



little, since we all know that we practically seem to give the food away. But not one word to the Worthy Financial Secretary and his crew about it. I tried to get a count on the number of diners, but we had a little hick-up in the new plan, so need to revise that again for the next time... but then numbers were well over 200 almost through the second mass! And the gross income was a little through the roof! And the expenses were not bad, less than at the last buffet. Which translates into the Council made some money. And then some!

Come to the January meeting and get the actual figures. To the kitchen crew, what can I say? all the regulars were in place and the food was just flowing, as always. It really is a bit of magic and a little bit of a miracle how everything comes together. To say that the guys in back are phenomenal is an understatement. I can never say enough about them for how they perform. And out front, another major accomplishment. We had the usual's out on the line, and then a few new guys and a couple of Scouts, all working together. Again, thanks to everyone who pitched in. Can't wait for January when we get

Membership

By PGK, PFN John Stefani and Mark Allen

As reported we are anticipating an **Admissions Degree** for the Social Meeting on Tuesday, January 15, 2019. We are awaiting word from those who inquired about the Knights at the Parish Time and Talent, plus an approved candidate who has not been able to make the last several degrees, and several Brother Knights have talked to me about some possible Candidates.

If you have someone in mind you have talked to or have been planning to talk to, now is the time. With both the January Degree right around the corner, and the Knighthood Degree

in early March, work on them! If you need help with a little arm twisting, or more stories of the greatness of being a Brother, give me or Mark a shout and we will be glad to help! Oh, and while on the subject, a few of you have talked with the Financial Secretary, Steve Haugh, who is also the Warden of the Degree Team, about becoming a part... either in one of the scripted roles or as a stand by member. We certainly need both... PLEASE think about this and answer the call...

Reach me at: membership@kofc3880.org, or 815-679-6596 or see Mark .

December Breakfast

From Page 2

back to a 'regular' breakfast! You have no idea how easy it is to cook the food for the menus as they come in, compared to suddenly have almost 100 people just BE there. Oh, and our faithful Pastor, Fr. Evans, made the remark that he had NEVER had Eggs Benedict in a church that tasted anywhere close to ours! Thanks to Dan O'Connell, who with assistance from Mike Jasinski on the Hollandaise, Bob Kampman on the muffins, and Jim McKinnon on the Canadian Bacon, has truly become the master of the Eggs Benedict!

And finally, thanks again to Kevin Scanlan and his crew who

made the place look so good... And Santa... where would we ever be without him turning up every year? Just walk around out there and watch and listen to the little ones, eyes aglow... It's all about Jesus being born, but to see the little faces light up, it makes your heart happy and believe the world has a chance!

Keep watching and keep coming. Thanks to everyone who made it possible.

John

Troop and Pack 127

By Dan O'Connell

A Date Changes Everything

February 1, 2019 seems like just an ordinary date on the calendar of a new year but not so fast. A BIG change is afoot as the Boy Scouts become Scouts BSA. The moniker is to recognize that the Scouting program is no longer gender specific for membership. Now all youth in America have a chance to become involved in the Cub Scout and Scouts BSA programs.



The Boy Scouts of America (BSA) remains the overarching organization for the Scouting programs. Their mission has not changed: "Our mission is to prepare young people to make ethical and moral choices over their lifetimes by instilling in them the values of the Scout Oath and Scout Law." To achieve our mission, we create innovative programs and evolve existing ones that respond to the needs of today's families and deliver them through dedicated volunteers in communities across the nation.

Cub Scouts started accepting girls in June of 2018. Pack 127 has 4 young ladies who are blazing their trail in scouting at that level. It is now time for the Scouts BSA to start girl troops across the country. At present, Troop 127 does not

have enough interest to form a girl troop. A minimum of 5 scouts must be joining to start a girl troop along with a Scoutmaster and at least one registered female leader. If you are curious, a male may be the Scoutmaster of a girl troop.

Our Charter Organization, the Notre Dame Club of McHenry County has approved sponsoring a girl troop with a shared Committee that currently works with the boy troop.

The program itself will not be changing and the same life skills and practical skills will be taught to all who participate in the program. Girls will have the same path to Eagle as the boys with all the same requirements to be completed. As with all changes, we will be learning as we go and making changes as needed to the program to keep it the success it has been for the last 108 years.

So as 2019 starts out, the New Year brings a new adventure for Scouting BSA. We hope you had a joyous Christmas and may the New Year bring you and your family just as much adventure as you can handle. Pack 127 and Troop 127 appreciate your continued support for the Boy Scouts of America. God Bless.

Crystal Lake Food Pantry

By PGK, PFN John Stefani



Crystal Lake Food Pantry

No one should go hungry.

WOW! The Council had a very good member turnout for the December 1st, 1st Saturday of the Month. What made it even more **3880**, was that as soon as it was winding down guys took off running to get back to the Christmas Tree Lot! Were **SDK Bobby Wyman** was waiting for them because that was busy as usual! How typical of the Council

to be working two events at the same time. And while one was certainly a typical fund raiser, the second was pure Charity, helping those who are less fortunate! Last night was no different! it was the 3rd Thursday of the month, so of course we were back at the Food Pantry! (and yes, I am writing this **very late** in that it should have been turned in a week ago, mea culpa, Worthy Editor!) But last night was another hectic day. The Pantry opened at 7 PM as usual, and by 7:08, there were already **28 registered clients in the reception room!** We ended the night with over 40 clients and had assisted in the distribution of over 4700 pounds of food. At least some Christmas tables will be filled up even though some stockings may be less full. It was also

Fourth Degree

By PGK, PFN John Stefani



Greetings **Faithful Sir Knights** and **Worthy Brother Knights!**

Membership dues cards have been sent out by the **Faithful Comptroller, SK Dan O'Connell, Jr.** This is the only income that the 4th Degree Assembly has currently. When you get the note, please respond and pay up! Fundraising is a little more difficult for an Assembly, since *all* members belong to a Council. WE have held raffles and dinners in the past, so maybe it is time to think about resurrecting that idea. Any thoughts? In the meantime, hopefully some of you

reading this are not 4th Degree Members, so remember that there is an upcoming Degree Exemplification at the **Lisle Sheraton on February 16, 2019!** Now is the time to get your **FORM 4** application to join the Fourth Degree. Please see **SK Dan O'Connell** or me for a Form or more info.

Another reminder that the Assembly is now administering a new program with a Job-Board. **PFN Mark Heiress**, who many of you know, is Chairing this, and it had been picked up by Supreme. It is open to anyone looking for work! If you are a 4th Degree Sir Knight, go out to the Assembly website... or let me know if you need help.

Vivat Jesus!

John Stefani, PGK, PFN, (815) 679-6596 or membership@kofc3880.org

Polish Dinner 2019

By Marc Niemann

Bulletin:

Mówimy Po Polsku?? Well, get your Polish ready St. Thomas! It's that time again. The Annual **Fr. McCormick's Knights of Columbus Council 3880** Polish Dinner is coming. Every year we fill the Community Center and have a great time. We're getting ready to serve up all of the scrumptious Beef Barley Mushroom soup, Roast Pork, Polish Sausage, Pierogi, Golabki, Kopytka, Bigos and Blintzes plus a dessert table. Entertainment will include Polinia Dance Ensemble and live music. Mark your calendar for **Saturday, January 12th** and get your tickets ASAP. Find a Knight after mass

or call Matt Carzoli at 815-216-1391. Prices are \$20.00 per adult and \$10.00 per child under 12. Tickets will go on sale starting at the Knights breakfast on 12/16 and after masses on following week-ends. **"Nie będzie późno"**



Pro-Life Report

By Jamie Hruza

Dear Brothers,
I want to say Merry Christmas to all my brother Knights and your families. I pray you have had a deeply contemplative advent in preparation for the coming of Christ's glorious birthday. May are hearts always be open to Christ.

On December 17, 2018 Thomas More Society's, Counsel: Peter Breen filed with the Illinois Supreme Court on behalf of many Illinois citizens to overturning of HB40. HB40 requires Illinois tax payers to fund abortion with tax dollars. Governor Rauner stated if HB40 passed and came to his desk he would veto it. Governor Rauner did just the opposite he signed this evil legislation into law. Governor Rauner has since been voted out of office and now we are moving to overturn this wicked law. Please pray that HB40 be overturned as soon as possible. More details can be found in the Life Site article linked below.

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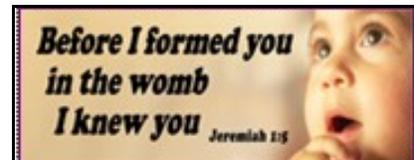
If you have not seen the movie "Gosnell", please do, and take you family with! This movie adequately depicts the horror of the abortion industry. While it is a single example we would

be sadly mistaken to believe this was an isolated case. This kind of evil is taking place in every major city across this great nation and it must stop.

On January 18th, 2019 in Washington, DC at the National Mall there will be the 46th ANNUAL MARCH FOR LIFE. If you can attend please do. Please pray for the safe journey for all those who go and defend life. Please also pray for the media to give the March its due time on air so Americans can see the hundreds of thousands of people that descend on Washington DC.

May we all grow exponentially in faith, hope, love, and charity in the New Year.

God Bless,
Jamie Hruza



Crystal Lake Food Pantry

From Page 4

great to be able to hand out a compete ham dinner to everyone, thanks to the continued support of the Crystal Lake Jewel food store. They have always been a great supporter of our Community. But the team was there to help, and we had a great crew respond. We had three first time clients there, and the willingness of the Knights to assist them, with smiling faces and helpful suggestions, gave a few more people smiles at Christmas time. Thanks! We also had a few inquiries about who we were, and did we volunteer to help? So, when we answered yes it was a good feeling to see looks of thanks on their faces. Let's keep this up in the coming year... 3880 has always answered the call of Charity! Merry Christmas to you and yours from the Food Pantry Team.

Mark the First Saturday of EVERY Month to be there at 9 AM to help set up and stock the shelves, then work with the clients from

10 AM to 2PM, or the Third Thursday from early opening and setup at 4 PM and client work from 5 PM to 7 PM. Work a whole shift or part of one, all are welcome and most certainly appreciated.

Thanks, Co-Team Leaders, PGKs Vince Esposito & John Stefani

... If you have any questions, ask Vince or myself, or give me a shout at (815) 679-6596. Thanks!

Crystal Lake Food Pantry

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McHenry County Right to Life:

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McHenry County Right to Life
PAC:

www.prolife-victory.com

December 2018 Memories



PADS

By Nate Miller

Let me know if you'd be interested and available. If you have questions, concerns, or the need to swap any of the dates listed below, please contact Nate Miller, PADS Coordinator, at 847-707-5547 or juli-aandnate@gmail.com or John Orso at 815-477-1048 or johorso@aol.com.

Thank you so much for volunteering to contribute to the PADS Dinner schedule for 2018-2019. If you have questions, concerns, or the need to swap any of the dates listed below, please contact Nate Miller, PADS Coordinator, at 847-707-5547 or juli-aandnate@gmail.com or John Orso at 815-477-1048 or johorso@aol.com.

Logistics:

- **Location:** All dinners take place at Bethany Lutheran Church. The address is 76 W. Crystal Lake Avenue Crystal Lake, IL 60014.
- **Time:** Prepared food should arrive to Bethany Lutheran by 5:30pm. They have the facilities to keep food chilled or warm.

Other Policies and Procedures:

1. The PADS Coordinator will contact the Site Manager regarding the menu, get a head count for dinner, and relay that information to the Dinner Lead by the **Thursday prior** to the PADS Dinner.
2. The KofC Dinner Lead purchases the required groceries needed to prepare the meal.
3. Itemized grocery receipts can be submitted to Nate Miller or to Financial Secretary Steve Haugh for members requesting reimbursement.
4. If requesting partial reimbursement, highlight the specific items you are requesting reimbursement for or write a dollar amount at the top of the receipt next to your name.
5. The St. Thomas the Apostle community room kitchen **MUST** be utilized for meal preparation. Please contact Nate Miller to arrange the use of this facility.
6. Dinner Leads needing access to the storage room downstairs should contact Nate Miller at least a couple of days in advance with this request. Someone

7. will arrive with keys to open up the closet.
7. You may use disposable pans from the storage closet, but please let Nate Miller know if we need to replenish supplies.
8. Meals, with the exception of our November Thanksgiving Dinner, are served by PADS personnel. You simply drop off the prepared meal and they will take care of the rest.

Please reach out to me with any and all questions. I truly appreciate your time and generosity

Date	Knight
12/30	Jim Skaja
1/27	Bob Kosin
2/24	Pat McGuire
3/31	Open
4/28	Open

Good of the Order

Knights' January Birthdays:

- Thomas J. Dawson
- Ted F. Duda
- Robert Frazier
- Michael L. Gregus
- Jim Gigl
- 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:

- James W. and Debra Gigl

Good of the Order— Knights of the Month:

None presented

Family of the Month:

None presented

Pray For List is included in your December minutes:

Apologies for misspellings in the above list.

If we have missed anyone's birthday, anniversary, or a special congratulations please email: THicklin@aol.com,

Home(815) 455-2765
Cell (815) 790-5191

or send a note to:

Tim Hicklin
225 N. Main St.

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Notice: Please update your email addresses to receive the newsletter and email blasts!!

Use the email address above.



Read the Bible and Pray the Rosary.

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



Financial Secretary

By SK, FS Steve Haugh

2018 ANNUAL SURVEY OF FRATERNAL ACTIVITY INDIVIDUAL MEMBER WORKSHEET

To help prepare our Fraternal Survey for the Supreme Council office, please complete the information requested below and return it at our next meeting. This information will assist us in determining the total number of hours of community service volunteered by our members.

1. Number of visits you made during 2018⁸ to:
 - Sick — caring for the sick/nursing homes/hospitals
 - Bereaved — visits of condolence
2. Number of times you served as a blood donor during 2018
3. Estimated hours of community volunteer service during 2018:
 - Faith Activities — service in all Church related activities
 - Family Activities — service in all youth related activities
 - Community Activities — service in all community related activities
 - Life Activities — service in all related projects
 - Miscellaneous Activities — service in areas not outlined above.....
4. Number of hours of fraternal service during 2018
Sick/disabled members and their families — household chores, transportation, tutoring, counselling, etc.

1. A Degree Team Practice is scheduled for January 22, 2019 at 7 PM in the lower level of St. Thomas. We must improve. Keep practicing. We need more back-ups. Please call me if you are interested.
2. Dues statements are out. I can't believe the 30 or so of you that immediately wrote checks, addressed an envelope to me, stamped and mailed your payment. Actually, most of this work seems to be done by the wives. God Bless you!

Fifth Sunday Memorial Mass—December 30, 2018—9:00AM

By Robert Kosin

All Knights and their FAMILIES are invited to attend and please wear your blue shirt. 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. Tempus Fugit Memento Mori



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St. Thomas the Apostle

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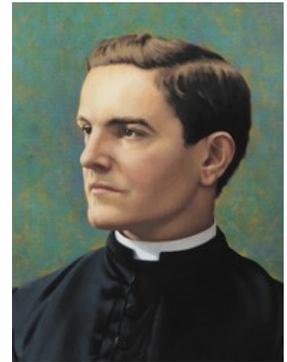
Council Calendar

January 2019	February 2019	March 2019
1/1 Mary, Mother of God / New Years Day 1/2 Business Meeting 1/3 Food Pantry 1/5 Blood Drive 1/12 Polish Dinner 1/15 Social Meeting 1/17 Food Pantry Thursday 1/20 Breakfast 1/27 PADS	2/2 Food Pantry 2/5 Business Meeting 2/7 Food Pantry Thursday 2/19 Social Meeting 2/24 P.A.D.S.	3/5 Business Meeting 3/10 Knighthood Degree (3rd) 3/14 Food Pantry Thursday 3/16 Annual St. Pat's Dinner 3/17 Breakfast 3/19 Social Meeting 3/31 P.A.D.S.

Prayer for the Canonization of Fr. Michael J McGivney

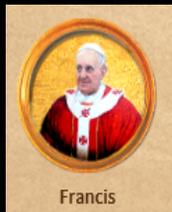
God, our Father, protector of the poor and defender of the widow and orphan, you called your priest, Fr. Michael J. McGivney, to be an apostle of Christian family life and lead the young to the generous service of their neighbor. Through the example of his life and virtue, may we follow your Son, Jesus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



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OF COLUMBUS**
IN SERVICE TO ONE. IN SERVICE TO ALL.

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

