



# Knight Life

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### Crystal Lake, IL 60014



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## Grand Knight's Report

By Mike Kebr

**D**ear 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. I would like to thank everyone that helped with the Christmas tree and wreath sales this year. We had purchased 249 trees, 65 wreaths, and 40 Advent wreaths. In short, we sold everything we had. The tree and wreath sales exceeded our expectations as we sold out in 10 days. We were taking down the lot on Sunday, December 6<sup>th</sup>. Congratulations to the tree committee and thank you for all of their hard work. We netted out more to the council than I can ever remember. We will have the numbers reported at our January business meeting. Thanks again for everyone's help. I also want to take time out to thank DGK Bob Kosin for heading up our Keep Christ in Christmas poster



contest. The contest was open to 8<sup>th</sup> graders at St Thomas the Apostle school. The winner of the contest won a Chromebook. I'm sure we will hear more from our DGK on the details. Thanks again for heading this up Bob.

At this time of year, I strongly encourage you to take time for yourself and to spend it with family. It's been one crazy year. Please stay healthy and safe throughout the Christmas season and into the New Year. 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  
Thank you again for all that you do.  
Mary Queen of Knights, "Pray for Us"  
God bless you all.  
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## Deputy Grand Knight

FIRST IMPRESSIONS

By SK, Robert Kosin

There is the old adage of "First impression is a lasting impression" which in these times recalls the quotation of Will Rodgers that "Two things remain irretrievable: time and a first impression". This perspective occurred upon learning of the passing of Gerald "Jerry" Fraser who was the Grand Knight of the Council 1985-87 and the members accomplished much in his two terms including Star Council. His technique of engaging members was to ask a basic question. At the end of the business meeting, he would approach a Brother Knight sitting in the back row, a practice even common then of the day, and ask, "How can the Knights help you" and while there was a pause, he would following up with, "And how can you help the Knights?"

What Jerry had set in motion and other Grand Knights after him, continue to this day in Council 3880. The Memorial Mass held for deceased members went forward under the circumstances of the Pandemic and as noted time and time again, it is not the first

pandemic dealt with by the Knights. A Knight and Priest who survived that first pandemic, was Father McCormick, a chartered member of the Council, whose passing was in memoriam at the Sunday December 13<sup>th</sup> Mass. Yet his sudden death one year after the Council's organization left it a namesake to carry on for 66 years thereafter. "Tempus Fugit, Memento Mori"



Service did occur to parish and community with the blessed Advent Wreath, including candles and prayers. The legendary Tree Lot was constructed, filled and taken down in a time that can only be a bench mark for Christmas Trees 2021. Good Tidings to all and to all the joy of Christmas by the service of the Council.

Yet this is the time also for that New Year's Resolution and what better way than in Service to promote

## Fraternal Year 2020-2021

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## Membership

By Bob Wyman

## Mission Reminder::

Our mission as a Catholic Men's Fraternity is to provide service and patriotic leadership to our community, service to our church and fraternity for all of our brother knights.

## Our Vision:

We believe in the core values of the Knights of Columbus

- Charity
- Unity
- Fraternity
- Patriotism

In addition, we strongly believe in the following

- Family Values
- Service to Community and Church
- Love of Life

## Meeting Information:

Our council is in the Class AA category within the Illinois State Council of the Knights of Columbus. We have over 250 members. We pride ourselves with our community, church and brotherly service. Our council was founded over 60 years ago. Our meetings are held at 8:00pm at the St. Thomas the Apostle Community Center, corner of IL State Route 176 and Oak Streets, Crystal Lake, IL as follows:

- Business Meeting - First Tuesday of Every Month
- Social Meeting - Third Tuesday of Every Month

We welcome all Brother Knights and extend a warm invitation to join us at our next meeting. In person or virtually.

Merry Christmas to you and your families

## Knights Monthly Breakfast

By PGK, PFN John Stefani

Greetings Brother Knights and other worthy readers!



*We all miss you so very much! Cooking and serving for all of our faithful followers has been our monthly mission for so many years... you have come again and again to share our mission of raising funds for the less fortunate, to break bread with one another, to meet, to talk, to embrace life with one another, to share, to Thanks the*

*Lord for His bountiful feast He has bestowed on all of us.*

*We hope and pray that you and yours are safe and healthy and are able to take comfort on one another with the hope that one day, soon, we can resume our lives... be together and share in the happiness the Lord gives us.*



**Merry Christmas to all and a Happy, safe and healthy New Year!**



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From the entire **Father McCormick Council** Breakfast crew!!

## Troop and Pack 127

By Dan O'Connell

### Virtual Scouting Continues

Pack 127 continues to be as active as possible despite the restrictions in place by Blackhawk Area Council (BAC). We brainstorm on what we can do to keep the scouts engaged and advancing within the program. We continue to have monthly hikes (luckily the weather has been cooperating) but must break up in groups of ten or less and social distance within that group and have our facemasks on. Participation has been good but not as good pre-pandemic.



We had a virtual Pack meeting for December that including a Christmas craft called a "Kissmas" Tree. Materials for the craft were handed out safely the week before by leaders and then all the scouts



assembled them on the Zoom Pack meeting. (If you would like the directions on how to make it, just let me know.) When things return to near normal, it will almost be refreshing to see and hear 45 to 55 young boys and girls racing around the Community Center at St. Thomas and the din that comes with all that activity.

The Troop also lives on Zoom since BAC banned indoor meetings of any size. We work on merit badges as we can and will have a bunch of open blue cards come 2021 to complete when we can get outdoors or meet in groups. Brother Marty Zopp and our

Scoutmaster Terry Redman have been doing their best to keep moving the scouts forward.

We did have our annual Holiday Party virtually of course. With a little advanced planning, the boys selected names of other scouts and then had to deliver a secret package to that scout. The scouts then opened their gift on the Zoom Troop meeting and had to guess who the gift giver was. They each brought their own holiday treat and drinks to consume while the meeting took place.



As we wrap up the year that seems to be "on hold", we would like to take this opportunity to say thank you for your continued support of Scouting even in these difficult times. Cub Scout Pack 127 and Scouts BSA Troop 127 would like to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and all the best for you and yours in the coming New Year!! We hope 2021 is a year filled with family, friends, hugs, handshakes, camping trips, fishing trips, backpacking trips and hopefully everything else we all have been missing out on this year.



God bless, stay safe and stay healthy.

## DD Report

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This month Supreme announce new [guidelines for council meetings](#). After getting feedback from members, they've proposed changes that remove those parts of the meeting that were not considered valuable. They've also provided guidance on how to make the most out of valuable time that our council members spend in meetings. Major changes include, removal of the ode, approval of the minutes (not reading them), a consolidated treasurers & FS report, and guidance on how to briskly move the meeting along. They're also encouraging a separate officers meeting, which is open to all members, to introduce new topics and haggle through the details on difficult subjects.

The idea is that members can expect to come to a meeting, vote on key issues, and not feel they're wasting time listening to people carry on (I'll try to remember not to do that). While we won't be voting on a motion to skip the opening ode anymore, you can still sing it before or after the meeting if you'd like. It will probably take some time to get this rolled out, and we're running virtual now anyway, but if you haven't participated in your council's meeting recently, consider joining an upcoming session. It's your council and you have a voice through your participation.

Vivat Jesus,

## DGK Report

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or participate in the Blood Drive on January 9, 2021 7am-1pm at the Oak Street Church. Mobile units will be present with all safety precautions. You can even register on line just as you did for those gifts, attending Mass or forward this link to others

[https://donate.illinois.versiti.org/donor/schedules/drive\\_schedule/5579496](https://donate.illinois.versiti.org/donor/schedules/drive_schedule/5579496)

Because when it is all said and done this Fraternal year about Council 3880, both past and current members, recall the words of Sonya Parker who said, "Almost everyone will make a good first impression, but only a few will make a good lasting impression." Vivat Jesus

## Crystal Lake Food Pantry

By PGK, Vince Esposito



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**  
42 East Street,  
Crystal Lake, IL 60014 815-455-0961  
[www.clfoodpantry.org](http://www.clfoodpantry.org)



## Fourth Degree

By SK, Dan O'Connell



### **Knights of Columbus** In Service to One, In Service to All

A Battle Lost...A Sir Knight Now In Heaven  
**Vice Supreme Master Paul Isherwood**

**March 1, 1960 - December 14, 2020**

The Knights of Columbus lost a good man on Monday. Having just come home from the hospital on December 9<sup>th</sup> in hospice to spend his last days, Paul succumbed to his health issues. He was surrounded by his loved ones and then took the express lanes to Heaven.

Paul's service with the Knights spanned 39 years. In that time, he was a Past Grand Knight, Former District Deputy, and a Past Faithful Navigator of the Order. In the Fourth Degree of the Order, Paul served as Marshal, Master of the Northern Illinois District and as Vice Supreme Master of the Marquette Province. He was also a proud member of the Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre for a number of years.

He is survived by his wife, Virginia, daughter Victoria as well as brothers and sisters who did not want to see him go. May he rest in peace along with all of his departed Brother Knights and all of the Faithful Departed through the mercy of God.



Paul would hold me remiss if I did not advise you that a virtual Exemplification of the Fourth Degree is scheduled for February 20<sup>th</sup> beginning at 10 AM (@2 hours). The registration deadline is January 9<sup>th</sup> so if any of our 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree Knights would like to register, please contact Dan O'Connell posthaste. We need to get all the paperwork in order and submitted by that date. You can email me at [koc4thdegree0198@gmail.com](mailto:koc4thdegree0198@gmail.com) and I can send you the registration information. Cost is \$50.

May you all have a very Merry Christmas and wishing you and yours all the best in the coming New Year!! 2021 is definitely going to be a much better year.



## Faith Director

By Greg ives

### **Growing Your Faith in a Pandemic Environment**

Every one of us has been impacted by COVID-19 – whether you have contracted the virus, lost a loved one or a job, or have had limits placed on many of the freedoms we have taken for granted, it has been rough and unprecedented.

One of the hardest hits has been with our loss of religious community – attending mass, church events, adoration, sacraments and

more have all been impacted in one way or another. Even with some of the restrictions lifted, going to mass has been different for many of us in our social-distancing, mask-wearing environment.

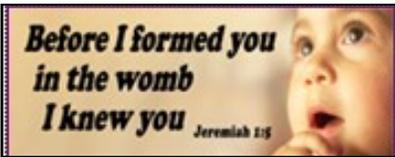
We will be glad when we can get back to faith normalcy – and the light looks like it is at the end of the tunnel. Growing our faith has been a challenge these past few months, but I want to give you an invitation that will nurture your faith as a husband, father and brother Knight – attending That Man is You in a very successful virtual

# Pro-Life Report

By Jamie Hruza

Dear Brothers,

I would like to wish you and your families a Merry CHRISTmas. Christmas is just days away in which the Savior of mankind comes forth from the womb of our beloved mother Mary. Let us meditate on the incarnate word made flesh, the piercing light that dispels the darkness. There is a lot of darkness in the world at the present time but we must never forget Christ is King and we must focus not on fear but on the baby born of a virgin in Bethlehem over 2000 years ago. This baby is the great King that would unite Gentile and Jew as one body through baptism in the Holy Roman Catholic Church. This baby would unite and radically reorder all humanity towards God. Let us all thank Mary for her fiat and God for his perfect divine plan. Thank God Mary was Pro Life and that her Fiat would bring about the sacrificial lamb that would pay the infinite debt owed to God from the fall. This debt was so large it was impossible for men to pay it of their own accord. It took Jesus coming down from heaven and taking on



our sinful flesh to restore the friendship between God and men. We must never forget how great a cost was paid for our salvation and that Christ won our salvation by untold agony on the

cross. Christ is the great victor! Let us, like St John at the foot of the cross, always remain close to Mary and never abandoning Christ out of fear. We can never fear to the point that we make a God out of fear. The only fear that is healthy is fear of offending God through Sin. Any other fear that paralyzes and becomes an obsession is clearly not of God, it is from the devil. Anyone who spews fear constantly is doing the work of the evil one. Obsessing over, this or that, out of fear is pushing God out and allowing fear to take his place. Stay on

guard the devil is always prowling around seeking a soul to devour. Christ the piercing light can dispel the darkness of fear. Stay focused on Christ at all moments of your life, be at peace, and trust in God.

Live Action released an article that the Covid-19 lockdowns in India prevented 2 million abortions from being committed. See the link below!

<https://www.liveaction.org/news/early-covid-study-lockdowns-india-prevented-abortions/>

Another article concerning the vaccine

<https://www.lifesitenews.com/news/abby-johnson-blasts-usccb-for-cowering-to-big-pharma-on-abortion-tainted-covid-19-vaccines>

I would like to close stating it is never ok to be morally complicit in abortion including taking a vaccine that was derived from an abortion (aborted fetal tissue or cell lines). The first evil " Murder" is an intrinsic evil and can never be justified in order to create a vaccine. There is no gray area here you are either for Christ or you are not. Charity towards neighbor by the death of another neighbor will never add up and is not charity at all. So like Christ's victory does not lose its salvific power because it happened over 2000 years ago so too an abortion that took place 50 years ago is still a murder in 2020 the same as it was in 1965 and the same it will be in the year 3050. The further we are from the original intrinsic evil does not lessen the evil. So to the further we are from Christ's Passion and death does not lessen the salvific victory he won!

CHRIST IS KING, Jamie Hruza - Daily Rosary

In Christ, Jamie Hruza

## Keep Christ in Christmas Winner

### KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS 2020

Before the 9AM Mass on Sunday December 13th, Leyna Weber, an 8th grade student of St. Thomas School who was judged to have created the best poster illustrating Keep Christ in Christmas, received her KofC Certificate and Chromebook. Leyna said she entered every year since 4<sup>th</sup> Grade. She is eligible on behalf of Council 3880 to enter the Regional Competition. Also present was the Treasurer, Mat Carzoli.



## Right to Life Organizations

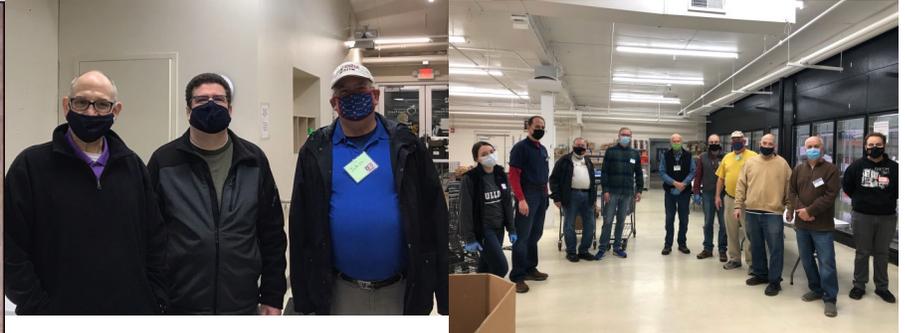


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## Council Memories 2020-2021



## Gerry Fraser

### Gerald Fraser 1936 - 2020

Upon the passing of a Brother Knight another Knights of Columbus Council has shared on line a posting they use which seems fitting and proper to repeat that “every Knight of Columbus is entrusted to the care of Mary, the Mother of God. We carry the Rosary as the sign of our dedication to her and to her Son. Confident in her motherly love for us all, we entrust the soul of our Brother Knight to her, so that she may present him to her Son.”

The obituary of Gerald Fraser can be found on the following link

[www.legacy.com/us/obituaries/nwherald/name/gerald-fraser-obituary?pid=197216453](http://www.legacy.com/us/obituaries/nwherald/name/gerald-fraser-obituary?pid=197216453)

## Faith Director

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environment.

The only things missing are the donuts and handshakes – TMIY has been a hit in its seventh year as we have taken it into the Zoom world each Saturday morning at 6 a.m.

Many of our attendees will agree that this year may be our best ever, featuring great Catholic apologists Dr. Scott Hahn, Dr. Mark Miravalle and Dr. John Bergsma – all professors of theology at Franciscan University of Steubenville. They have opened our eyes in such great ways.

If you have been a TMIY attendee and have fallen way, or if you have never stepped into TMIY, now is a great time to jump in. Roll out of bed and log on in the comfort of your home. We start up again on **Saturday, Jan. 16, 2021**. Look for more details in the church bul-

letin.

For seven years, TMIY has helped to shape the faith life of many men in our parish and will continue to do so. It has provided many answers to questions about the important role we all play as Catholic husbands and fathers, and has helped nurture many great relationships as well.

As we enter the new year, and bid a much-needed farewell to 2020, I challenge you to make TMIY a priority in your faith life in 2021. Make an important decision to join us as we start up again on Saturday, Jan. 16!

Greg Ives  
Faith Director

## Good of the Order

### Knights' January Birthdays:

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

### January Anniversaries:

Please check and if you have January Anniversary, Let me know,

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



**Read the Bible  
and Pray the Ro-  
sary.**



**Remember and pray for  
our troops in this hope-  
ful new year.**

### Wives' January Birthdays:

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



For a child is born to us, a son is given us; upon his shoulder dominion rests. They name him Wonder-Counselor, God-Hero, Father-Forever, Prince of Peace.

## **Fifth Sunday Memorial Mass—January 31, 2021 —9:00AM**

**By Robert Kosin**

The next Memorial Mass of the 2021 calendar year is Sunday Jan 31, 2021. 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!

## **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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St. Thomas the Apostle



### Council Calendar

January 2021	February 2021	March 2021
1/1 Mary, Mother of God / New Years Day 1/5 Business Meeting 1/9 Blood Drive 1/9 Polish Dinner 1/17 Breakfast 1/19 Social Meeting 1/31 5th Sunday	2/2 Business Meeting 2/16 Social Meeting	3/2 Business Meeting 3/13 Annual St. Pat's Dinner 3/14 Breakfast 3/16 Social Meeting

### Prayer for the Canonization of Fr. Michael J McGivney

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

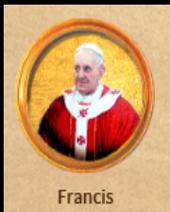
which is the Church. Let the inspiration of your servant prompt us to greater confidence in your love so that we may continue his work of caring for the needy and the outcast. We humbly ask that you glorify your venerable servant Father Michael J. McGivney on earth according to the design of your holy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



Lady's Auxiliary.  
Amen.

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

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

