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25  Years

Grand Knight's Report

By Mike Kebr

Dear Brothers,

I hope this finds you and your family well. First off, let me take a moment to wish everyone a Happy New Year. I encourage each of you to stay in touch with your Brother knights and to continue to support each other. This past year has presented everyone with challenges that many of us have never seen, but I have no doubt we will continue to overcome them and move forward.



By the time the next newsletter comes out, we will have started the Lenten season. Let us remember it is a season of penance, prayer, reflection, fasting and sacrifice starting on Ash Wednesday, February 17th. In place of "giving up" something for lent, perhaps think about "starting up" something instead. Whether that involves dedicating more time in prayer or spending more time with family or perhaps helping others. It's another way of looking at the season of lent.

Usually this time of year we are talking about Polish

and St. Pat's dinners, along with the Free Throw championship and generally staying busy as a council. We must continue to look for ways to stay engaged and keep others engaged as well. Some things are still going on within the council. I would like to thank Worthy Chancellor Joe Scherb and those knights that took on the new exemplification team. This will give us an opportunity to hold the new exemplification "in person" in the future. It is another great way to get our name out to the parish and an opportunity for the parishioners to experience who we are and what we are about.

I look forward to being able to get together again in the future as we had before. Until then, please keep in touch and support each other.

God bless you all.

Thank you again for all that you do.

Mary Queen of Knights, "Pray for us."

Vivat Jesus,
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RESOLUTION II

By SK, Robert Kosin

This time of year much is made of the practice to adopt a resolution for the New Year especially from what was experience and learned from 2020. Yet Forbes wrote approximately 80% of New Year's resolutions fail and many of people over the years (including myself last year) have written about new approaches to achieving goals and resolutions, including naming them differently, approaching them differently and viewing them differently. Not departing from tradition, here are three resolution achievable by every Catholic Gentleman for your Council and Faith. FIRST, share and maintain contacts with our Membership Director, Robert Wyman rwyma72@yahoo.com and Financial Secretary, Mark Allen obg40@msn.com for if anything, there is now known to be no one channel of communication, from text, email, cell phone and still USPS. But not only contacts, sharing a word of

wisdom, comments or request throughout the New Year as it is welcomed by any office whose contact is posted in each edition of the Knight Life.

SECOND is keep your dues current. It is the bread on the water that moves this Council and Knights of Columbus forward. The membership card is an affirmation of membership to a Catholic faith based fraternity that through those contacts and prayer provides what is really needed for the New Year.

THIRD that seems the easiest yet most important is the Rosary Prayer, a daily decade, for the Rosary is a tool to a fulfilling path of Practical Catholicism. After all that has gone before, this is the time to >> 3



Council Officers Fraternal Year 2020-2021

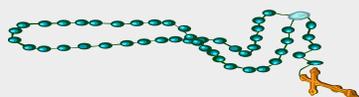
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Membership

RECRUITING

It's an elevator ride. You have 30 seconds. Maybe. You can't tell the entire story of the Order in 30 seconds. So, don't try. Instead, tell the prospect why your membership is important, valuable and meaningful for you and your family. That simple message will be very powerful if you tell it sincerely and passionately. Here are some talking points:

- We have more than 16,000 councils headquartered in Catholic parishes around the world. • Knights put their faith into action every day to make life better in their parishes and communities.
- We offer men the opportunity to grow in their faith while helping others and supporting the Church, and to become better Catholics, husbands and fathers.
- The Knights of Columbus annually contributes nearly \$200 million to wor-

thy charitable causes around the world, and our members donate nearly 100 million hours of their time.

- Our Leave No Neighbor Behind program provides direct outreach to those most impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic.
- Our founder – Blessed Michael McGivney – has been beatified by the Church. People around the world seek his intercession through prayer.
- All practicing Catholic men 18 years or older are invited to join.

Please try the above.

If there is an interested give them the link below to join or have them fill out a form 100.

<https://www.kofc.org/apps/resources/invitation-en.pdf>

Question, Contact me Bob Wyman at 815-529-1832

Knights Monthly Breakfast

By PGK, PFN John Stefani

Well, this past Sunday, as I was making my wife's weekly omelet, I was thinking, its the Third Sunday of the month... I should be at church cooking eggs! It has now been 11 months since we held the last Knight's Breakfast. I've run into a few of the crew here and there around town, but not very often. We touch base once in a while via text or Facebook or email, but so not the same as being together... working, laughing, giving each other a 'brotherly' hard time... just like real brothers do. But for so many of us, we are real brothers... we miss each other and feel for each other, and like many



of our families are not together very much, we feel the pain of that separation. So, let's make an effort to keep in touch one way or another. The vaccine is out there, but we really don't know when any of us will get it, how many will get it and really how well it will work. We need to keep the Faith that it will work and let us be a brotherhood together again.

I miss you all, our crew, our Brothers who come in to enjoy the food and all of the 'customers' that have supported us for all these years. We want to see each an every one again, so in the meantime, wear that mask, keep your distance, and don't let the pain of separation let you lapse in your safety. Yours and everyone else's.

Peace! J



Troop and Pack 127

By Dan O'Connell

Virtual Scouting, like virtual teaching is getting old. We yearn to be outdoors camping, hiking, canoeing fishing, swimming and all of the other fun stuff that comes with Scouting but maybe not in the



middle of January. We hope the recent changes by the State of Illinois in COVID rules will allow us a little more freedom to meet in person and keep our scouts engaged and advancing.

The Pack is moving ahead with the Pinewood Derby which will have to be held virtually under present conditions. Details are being worked out, but cars are being prepared and the race must go on. We hope to be able to race each rank and then have the Pack run off and all races would be broadcast on ZOOM for all to see. Scouts would have to drop their cars off and leaders only would be in charge of setting up the races. Not the best but still a chance for the scouts to build a car and see it race.

The Pack is hopefully going to learn about ice fishing this month. Again, we are limited to groups of ten or less and have to observe social distancing, but we are still trying to keep them engaged in the program by offering these opportunities. The Troop continues to work on virtual merit badges as we try to keep the scouts on the path to Eagle. We have a few scouts who are looking at Eagle projects in the Spring so they may be present-

ing (virtually) to the Council. I will keep you posted on their progress.

Both the Pack and Troop continue to try and recruit new families to the program. With the addition of young ladies to the Scouting program, we feel this is a wonderful family opportunity to enjoy learning or sharing new skills and hopefully enjoying the outdoors in the near future. If you know anyone with children ages 5 to 10, Cub Scouts would be a perfect fit to let them experience new adventures as a family.

If you know any young men (Troop 127 is a male troop as there are no coed Scouts BSA troops) ages 11 to 16, this will give them the opportunity to pursue the coveted Eagle Scout rank that very few scouts attain and learn some life skills along the way. If you do know any young ladies who are interested in Scouts BSA and pursuing the path to Eagle, we can refer them to several girl troops in McHenry County. Scouting has truly become a family affair.

As we kick off 2021, we want to thank you for your continued support of Cub Scout Pack 127 and Scouts BSA Troop 127. We hope to continue to build strong citizens of tomorrow who will hopefully take up the reins of leadership in our country and continue to keep America great. God Bless you and your families in 2021 and God Bless the United States of America.



DD Report

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Knights of Columbus District Deputy, District 45. Learn more at [Kofc.org/joinUs](https://www.kofc.org/joinUs)

The Work You Do

Brothers, the work you are doing is paying off. During the weekend of Jan 16th, our State officers held a mid year meeting. During which an update on donations to the state charities was shared. The Newman fund has raised \$125K, Intellectually disabled fund \$762K, the Pro Life fund \$11.2K, General Assistance Fund \$17K, and \$75K for Vocations. These are some great numbers, and they are because of your efforts. You've stood on street corners passing out tootsie rolls. You've filled out your Newman cards or made donations online (donate

here: <https://www.illinoisknights.org/charity/newman>).

You've also purchased and sold vocation raffle tickets to support our seminarians. Thank you for all you do. The raffle was held on the 16th and the winners are presented in the image. In page 6

Vivat Jesus

DGK Report

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be reacquainted with the what, why and how of that simple spiritual tool. The word rosary means a crown of roses associate with Our Lady Mary and given to each Knight on his membership. The prayer to our Lady can best be described in the words from Our Lady at Fatima, "Say the Rosary every day...Pray, pray a lot and offer sacri-

fices for sinners...I'm Our Lady of the Rosary. Only I will be able to help you.... In the end My Immaculate Heart will triumph."

So resolve with all before us to be that successful 20% knowing that it can begin with prayer. Happy New Year

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

42 East Street,
Crystal Lake, IL 60014 815-455-0961
www.clfoodpantry.org



Fourth Degree

By SK, Dan O'Connell



Knights of Columbus

In Service to One, In Service to All

Supreme Knight Carl Anderson has a new book coming out. He has written several over the years with titles such as: Our Lady of Guadalupe: Mother of the Civilization

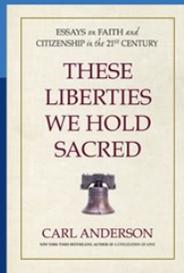
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The Latest Book from Knights of Columbus Supreme Knight Carl Anderson



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of Love (2009); Beyond a House Divided: The Moral Consensus Ignored by Washington, Wall Street, and the Media (2010); Proclaim Liberty: Notes on the Next Great Awakening in America (2012) plus other published works.

As the leader of the K of C for the past two decades, Supreme Knight Carl Anderson has been a vocal advocate for religious freedom. His latest book features many of his speeches, essays and articles in defense of this "first freedom." Order your copy at: [These Liberties We Hold Sacred](#). All author royalties are donated to Knights of Columbus Charities.

As for Bishop Boylan Assembly, second dues notices have gone out. If you haven't paid yours as of yet, please do so to save us additional expense of a third notice. For those who have paid and received your card, they change the color to white (2018 apparently) so both cards (3rd and 4th) look the same except for the emblem of the Degree.

We have the virtual Exemplification scheduled for February 20th beginning at 10 AM (@2 hours). You can still register to attend as an observer but now must pay a \$10 late fee. You can find the information [here](#). A copy of your current 3rd and 4th degree cards must be sent with your registration.

I hope your 2021 is off to a great start. We have a new administration coming in and a country that needs healing. Hopefully, in the words of Martin Luther King, Jr., "May I stress the need for courageous, intelligent, and dedicated leadership... Leaders of sound integrity. Leaders not in love with publicity, but in love with justice. Leaders not in love with money, but in love with humanity. Leaders who can subject their particular egos to the greatness of the cause." My God Bless the leaders of our country as they take office, you and your families, and the United States of America.



Faith Director

By Greg ives

Dear Brothers,

After a month off we got back into another semester of That Man is You on Saturday, Jan. 16. In our pandemic-driven new world order we hold these sessions virtually, with men joining each Saturday at 6 a.m. Some of us are wide awake; some of us take a little longer to shake out the cobwebs – but we soon wake up!

Our first session of 2021 struck me like few others have. TMIY Vice

President Mark Hartfiel took a dive into the Sober Intoxication of the Spirit. For those of us who are leading an alcohol-free life the words sober and intoxication conjure up other thoughts, but the messages that hit me focused on sobriety as humility – and the urgent challenge that we all have to radically transform our pride into humility in everything we do.

As husbands, fathers, colleagues and leaders at work and home that can be really difficult. We are constantly driven by pride, but >> 6

Pro-Life

LINK —————>> [Supreme Chaplains Challenge | Knights of Columbus \(kofc.org\)](http://www.kofc.org)

Each month, Archbishop William Lori – Supreme Chaplain of the Knights of Columbus – selects a brief passage from the Gospel reading of one of the Sunday Masses of the month.

Archbishop Lori shares a brief reflection on the passage and issues a challenge for men to live for the month.

The next month, men undertaking the challenge as a group gather and share their experiences living the challenge



The Supreme Chaplain's Monthly Challenge is ideally done during monthly Knights of Columbus meetings, but can be done in a separate group or individually.

By taking up the Supreme Chaplain's Monthly Challenge, men take direct, concrete action to grow in their faith and help their brothers do so as well.

THIS MONTH'S CHALLENGE JANUARY 2021

They were overjoyed at seeing the star, and on entering the house they saw the child with Mary his mother. They prostrated themselves and did him homage. Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh. (Gospel for Jan. 3, Mt 2:10-11)

It's quite a magnificent scene: Intellectuals from a faraway land, not even of the Jewish faith, travel to pay homage to the newborn king. Their gifts acknowledge the child's kingship and foreshadow the sacrifice he was to make. They are also a sign of what a gift this newborn king is to the entire world. We must also recognize every child as a gift to the world, created in the image of God himself. May we recommit ourselves with renewed vigor to protect and cherish the life and dignity of every human person.

Challenge by Supreme Chaplain Archbishop William E. Lori:

I challenge you to take a concrete, tangible action to support the cause for life in your community, by donating money or supplies to a pregnancy resource center, praying outside an abortion facility or joining your parish's pro-life group. Second, I challenge you to participate with your brother Knights in the Faith in Action Novena for Life program or, if possible, the March for Life program.

Questions for Reflection:

Do you see the image of God in every child, in every person, or do you sometimes look at others as objects to be used? What does taking action to defend life show you about how individuals can impact the world? What more can you do to support the cause for life, whether the contribution is great or small or consists of prayer or works?

From KofC Web Site for January 2021.— Link on title line

Prayer for Protection in Time of Pandemic

By Robert Kosin

Prayer composed by Pope Francis seek Our Lady's Intercession

- [I1036A - Card Version](#)
- [I1036B - Multiple Card Version](#)

It's never too late. Join us in this Novena - 3/15 to 3/23. Do it on your own!

Vivat Jesus

Join us in saying this prayer, from your home, with your family. Simply

download and print the prayer by selecting one of the links below:

- [I1036 - Full Page Version](#)



Right to Life Organizations



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

Council Memories 2020-2021

Who knows what this picture is. Posted on our FB Page.



Winners of the Raffle for Seminararians

WINNERS	AMOUNT	NAME	AFFILIATION
1 ST	\$10,000	LEONARD WALEJEWSKI	10151
2 ND	\$2,500	VINCENT KLINGER	665
3 RD	\$1,000	CHRISTINA MUNSON	6090
4 TH	\$1,000	DAVID FLOOD	4977
5 TH	\$1,000	BRYAN KENNEDY	1334
6 TH	\$1,000	MELVIN ADALIN	1567
7 TH	\$500	MR. & MRS. EDWIN J. ZUBER	1352
8 TH	\$500	GREG & NANCY BOYSEN	4977
9 TH	\$500	SULLIVAN	
10 TH	\$500	K. W. DECKER	6710
11 TH	\$200	MARK HALPER	11091
12 TH	\$200	GERARD & EILEEN HEBLE	5918
13 TH	\$200	KYLE HOLTGRAVE	16126
14 TH	\$200	JIM KEENAN	460
15 TH	\$200	JEANETTE A. MARKS	13476
16 TH	\$100	WANDA PRITCHARD	9890
17 TH	\$100	VUCKO	1599
18 TH	\$100	RICH THOMAS	15175
19 TH	\$100	FRANK & JEAN BIRNER	6090
20 TH	\$100	MR. & MRS. GLENN MISSAGGIA	1599
TOTAL	\$20,000		

Degree Team News

By PGK, Tim Hicklin

We had a practice read through during the Degree Team meeting on January 20th. In spite of PGK Tim Hicklin's, laptop having difficulty connecting, the practice went well. The next practice will be February 3rd in the Church or Community Room starting at 7:00PM.

If you are interested in viewing the new ceremony contact Tim Hicklin at 815-790 5191. Seating may be limited.

The coordinator of the degree team is PGK, Tim Hicklin.

Members of the team are:

- Presiding Officer - Greg (with Tim as backup)
- Presenter on Charity Tim (Mike)
- Presenter on Unity - Pete (Ralph)
- Presenter on Fraternity - Ralph
- Warden - Mike (Pete)

Faith Director

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easily take us down the wrong path. Think of someone you know in your life who is a humble yet effective leader – someone who you can emulate in your life.

When we were asked that question in our small groups it took me a while to think of humble leaders I knew. Those who came to mind include some of the priests we have known at St. Thomas, and many saints who led great and holy lives, including our Knights of Columbus founder Blessed Michael J. McGivney, who was torn apart at the sight of widows and their families pleading for help after the death of their husbands and fathers, and formed a fraternal organization to help solve that problem.

This year, give yourself a new resolution to shed some of the pride in your life and to seek humility. Mark quoted from the short Old Testament Book of Obadiah – maybe the only time I ever heard

anyone quote from its passages: “The pride of your heart has deceived you – you who dwell in mountain crevices, in your lofty home, who say in your heart, ‘who will bring me down to earth?’”

This year make that radical transformation and live the sober life of humility! A great way to get that started is to join us at TMIY! All you need to do is [click on this link at 6 a.m. this Saturday!](#)

Good of the Order

Knights' February Birthdays:

- Patrick J. Cleary
- Edward J. Dvorak
- Keith M. Fisher
- Kevin Fraley
- William G. Genzler
- Thomas P. Harold
- Robert Kosin
- Charles Lundgren
- Matthias Martin
- Robert L. Modrich
- Mark Nelson
- Marc Niemann
- Trevor D. O'Donnell
- John B. Scott
- E. James Skaja
- Gregory Thomas

Wives' January Birthdays:

- Judie Bright
- Diana Daniel
- Lynn Faye
- Cari Goode
- Linda Walsh

January Anniversaries:

- John M. and Karen Ferrero, III

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

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Membership Info**
[Click here](#) to update it.



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



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

Seminarrians

By Pete Harren

Will be starting the council contributions to 5 seminarrians, covering some of their education expenses in February.

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

By Robert Kosin

5th SUNDAY

Sunday January 31st 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 of the Pandemic has change our attendance and participation at Mass. But that does not limit the moment of prayer. As well as attending 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.

Council Calendar

February 2021	March 2021	April 2021
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	4/1-4/3 Triduum 4/4 Easter 4/6 Business Meeting 4/20 Social Meeting



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St. Thomas the Apostle



Prayer for the Canonization of Fr. Michael J McGivney

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

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



Lady's Auxiliary.
Amen.

KNIGHT LIFE

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

