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25 Years

Grand Knight's Report

By Mike Kebr

Dear Brothers,

We are quickly approaching Holy Week. I hope you all have had a faith filled Lenten journey as we look



forward to the resurrection of Our Savior Jesus Christ. As we are getting closer to the end of our fraternal year, I would like each of you to consider how you may want to be engaged or re-engaged in our council and the Knights of Columbus.

We will be announcing our nominating committee at our April Business meeting on Tuesday April 6th. If you are interested in being considered for one of the officers' positions, please let a member of the nominating committee or myself know.

We are also looking to finish our fraternal year strong by bringing in new members. If you know of a family member, friend, neighbor or fellow parishioner that is a practical Catholic gentleman, please encourage them to join our order. Especially in these times we are in need of men that can lead by example in their faith, words, and action. Being Knight of Columbus is an ideal way to accomplish that.

Please join me in finishing the last quarter of the fraternal year. There are still ways we can be involved and make our presence known. As you may recall we asked Fr. Evans how we may assist the parish further. He asked our council for help with Ushering and cleaning after masses at the Oak Street church. This is

one of the bigger needs of the parish. If you are comfortable in doing so, please consider signing up. Training is available. If you are interested, you can contact Matt Carzoli (815-216-1391, mcarzoli@gmail.com)

We are also working on additional opportunities to support the parish and community. Please keep an eye out for future communications or better yet, please join us at our monthly business meetings. We are conducting hybrid business meetings (virtual and limited in person). Remember our business meetings are on the first Tuesday of every month. Please make sure you sign up for Flocknote as this is the primary way, we send out our communication to members.

In closing, please continue to reach out to your fellow brother knights by giving them a call or sending a text, just to check on them and to keep in touch. We need to continue to help each other and those in need. Please feel free to reach out should you need anything. Have a blessed and Happy Easter. Mary Queen of Knights, "Pray for Us" God bless you all.

Thank you again for all that you do.

Vivat Jesus,

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Deputy Grand Knight

Guardian of His Choicest Treasures

By SK, Robert Kosin

Some Brother Knights may remember my father Stanley, but few would know his middle name was Joseph, born on the day after the Solemnity of St. Joseph. To the sounds of my childish ears, Joseph seemed more eloquent than Stanley but when pressed to use the middle name, my Dad would say, he was the saint to follow and leave it at that.

And now the opportunity to do so is before us. Pope Francis has proclaimed a special "Year of St Joseph," beginning on the Solemnity of the Immaculate Concep-

tion 2020 and extending to the same feast in 2021.

The Pope has given us a "lens" through which to view the workings of the Holy Family and the man who raised Jesus. Although He was God, He was obedient to them as a Child, and under their watchful care "Jesus advanced in wisdom, and age, and grace with God and men".



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Council Officers Fraternal Year 2020-2021

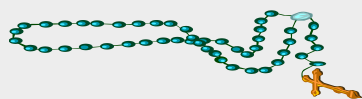
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Membership

By Bob Wyman

MEMBERSHIP FREQUENTLY ASKED

QUESTIONS for Joining: I don't have time to join another organization; why should I join the Knights of Columbus?

Online Membership was designed to allow eligible Catholic men to join the Knights of Columbus online, through a streamlined, optimized process. Online Membership provides you with a digital membership experience, which will help you to grow as a Catholic man and a Knight.

As a Knight, you can choose the projects to be involved in within your own community. You will receive regular updates from your state council regarding news and events in your area and be presented with frequent opportunities to work alongside brother Knights in local councils.

What are the requirements to join the Knights of Columbus?

Membership in the Knights of Columbus is open to men 18 years of age or older who are practical (that is, practicing) Catholics in union with the Holy See.

What is a practical Catholic?

A practical Catholic accepts the teaching authority of the Catholic Church on matters of faith and morals, aspires to live in accord with the precepts of the Catholic Church, and is in good standing in the Catholic Church.

If I join online, am I joining a local Knights of Columbus council?

No you are not. When you join online you will not belong to a local council at first. Instead, you will become a member of the Knights of Columbus state division in your state of residence.

How does Online Membership differ from membership in a local council?

Members who join online ("Online Membership") are members of the Knights of Columbus who have not yet taken a First Degree or been admitted to a local council. As a member, like all members of the Knights of Columbus, you will have the right to purchase insurance on yourself, your spouse and any dependent children. You will receive Columbia magazine, the free accidental death benefit (age restrictions apply), and are eligible for participation in the family fraternal benefit. You may also attend select local and state council events which are promoted by your state division.

What are the membership dues/fees for members who join online?

Online Membership dues are currently \$30 per year across all jurisdictions. Dues are paid online to the Knights of Columbus Supreme Council and they cover both the member's state and supreme membership fees. If a member transfers to a local council, the dues are pro-rated to that council. Debit cards and credit cards are accepted as forms of payment by the Supreme Council.

<https://www.kofc.org/secure/en/join/join-the-knights.html>

Above website is for joining online. Please provide this to the candidate. They still have to fill out a Form 100 to join our council. Contact me and I will provide you with the online Form 100.

Questions, please let me know.

Bob Wyman

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Knights Monthly Breakfast

By PGK, PFN John Stefani

So I'm going to keep this one picture going, if nothing else to find the article easy to



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spot!!

I'm writing this on Sunday... the day we *should* have had the breakfast.. as on every Sunday other than a Knight's Breakfast, I made my wife an omelet, as usual. Yesterday afternoon my phone reminded me that today was the Breakfast... at 6 AM its

at silent alarm went off as the second reminder... then at 12:30 came the regular reminder to go get cleaned up and meet Artner, Kampman and my son Jim for our regular golf game... the last one was what, 16 months ago?? Even talked to Jim this evening and he made the >> 6

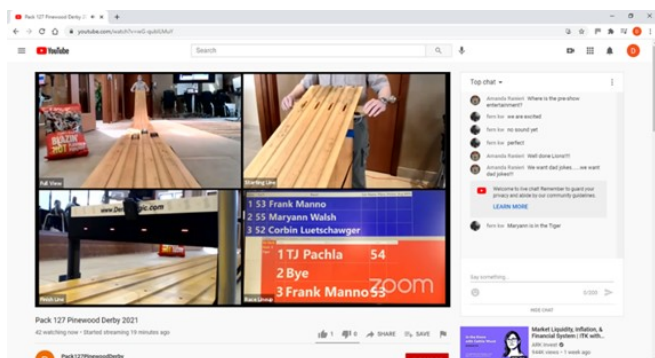


Troop and Pack 127

By Dan O'Connell

Scouting continues but we are seeing some progress in being able to approach "normal" scouting activities. While COVID-19 is still a concern, we are finding ways around it to still let the scouts enjoy some of their traditional events but in a different way.

Pack 127 held their Pinewood Derby virtually. The track was set up by the leaders and the scouts dropped off their cars to be weighed



and measured and then went home to watch it on a private YouTube broadcast. The racers in each heat were shown on one frame while the start, finish and the full track were shown in the other three frames. Each scout rank raced and then the winners from each rank went head-to-head to determine the overall winner. The 1st, 2nd and best design in each rank gets a trip to the Council Derby in the middle of May. We would like to thank Curran Contracting for allowing us to use their space to put on the Derby and Mike Pachla who works there. Thank you to all of the other Derby volunteers who made this happen for the scouts.

The Pack and the Troop had a joint event as we have for every year for Scouting For Food to support the Crystal Lake Food Pantry. On Saturday, March 6th, the Cub Scouts passed out about 1,000 flyers to homes in the area around St. Thomas. The next Saturday,

the Troop went back to the same streets and collected whatever the residents left for us on their doorstep. With the assistance of Brother Knight John Stefani, the pantry provided us with Gaylords to fill. We were able to fill just over 4 of them for a total donation of 2,231 pounds of food and other sundries and \$100 in cash donations. It was a very successful event.

The Troop went snowshoeing in February at Glacial Park in Ringwood. The snow was perfect, the sun was shining, and the temperature was temperate for this type of event. Our intrepid scouts set out to learn a new skill and had an incredibly good time doing it. They hiked several miles and were tucked out at the end of the trail, but it was an excellent adventure.

The Troop has some new scouts joining. Five AOL Scouts from Pack 127 are crossing over to the Troop on March 27th at Veteran Acres. We are also getting four AOL scouts from Pack 290 in Wauconda (they mostly live in Island Lake) so it will be a real treat to have a new patrol of nine scouts starting their adventure in Scouts BSA. Even better



is that we have more parents who we hope will assist in running the Troop and keeping in as active as possible. A little bit of exciting news in that we were able to have our first inside meeting on March 1st at St. Thomas while abiding by both Council and Diocese gathering rules. Even though everyone still has masks on, it was nice to meet in person. We appreciate the continued support we receive and the encouragement from you as we try to build the responsible citizens of tomorrow. May each of you and your families have a Blessed Easter and remain safe in God's hands as we continue on this journey together. God Bless and protect the United States of America.

DGK Report

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more clearly the importance of "ordinary" people who, though far from the limelight, exercise patience and offer hope every day. In this, they resemble Saint Joseph, "the man who goes unnoticed, a daily, discreet and hidden presence," who nonetheless played "an incomparable role in the history of salvation."

A father, says Pope Francis, realizes that "he is most a father and an educator at the point when he becomes 'useless,' when he sees that his child has become independent and can walk the paths of life unaccompanied." With that challenge and eventual responsibility, it is no wonder the greeting of the angel to St. Joseph begins with the phrase, "do not be afraid".

The Year of St. Joseph is an ideal time to "go to Joseph" for all the help we need as Catholic Gentlemen. Even small steps on that proverbial journey, like adding the invocation, "St. Joseph, pray for us!" following grace before meals or setting an alarm on our phone to say a Memo rare to St. Joseph. All are effective reminders throughout the Year of the Holy Family and God's grace in our

daily lives.

MEMORARE TO SAINT JOSEPH

Remember, O most chaste spouse of the Virgin Mary, that never was it known that anyone who implored your help and sought your intercession were left unassisted.

Full of confidence in your power I fly unto you and beg your protection.

Despise not O Guardian of the Redeemer my humble supplication, but in your bounty, hear and answer me.

Amen.

Vivat Jesus

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

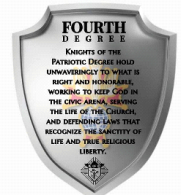
The next Exemplification of the Fourth Degree will be held on May 15, 2021. It will be a virtual event. Deadline for registering has not been published as of yet but I would expect it to be mid-April to avoid any late fees. If you are 3rd Degree and are interested in becoming a Fourth Degree Sir Knight, please contact Dan O'Connell for a Form 4 and registration information or speak to any Sir Knight and they can assist you and be your proposer for the event.

The Assembly is now meeting in person at Holy Apostles in McHenry. Our next meeting is scheduled for April 14th at 7:30 PM. If you are a current Sir Knight and not receiving the meeting invita-

tion emails, please send a note to Dan O'Connell and he will verify your email address with you and make any corrections that may be necessary.

We are trying to get more Sir Knights to acquire the Fourth Degree uniform so that when Honor Guards pick up again, we can be well represented at all of the events. You can find information on the cost and ordering the uniform [here](#). The Assembly has expended all of the rebate offers mentioned in last month's article so you are on your own for the cost of the uniform. If anything changes in that regard, we will let you know.

God bless you and your families, our new Supreme Knight and the United States of America.



Faith Director

By Greg ives

Consecrate Yourself and Family to St. Joseph beginning May 1

Pope Francis has declared 2021 as a Year of St. Joseph, "to perpetuate the entrustment of the whole Church to the powerful patronage of the Guardian of Jesus" and so that "the faithful may daily strengthen their life of faith through the example of St. Joseph."

As Knights we are called to reflect upon the life and example of Saint Joseph and seek to imitate his virtue as our Blessed founder did.

To help men live out the joy of Christ, and to provide all members of the parish community with examples of virtue, prudence and fatherhood, Knights are encouraged to lead their communities in a consecration to St. Joseph during this year of St. Joseph. Consecration can begin on May 1, which is the feast of St. Joseph the Worker.

By this act of consecration, we ask for the aid and intercession of the foster father of Jesus Christ, St. Joseph, who serves as a true model for every man. Preparing for the Consecration to St. Joseph is not a single event, it is choosing a way of life for oneself. Through this act, each participant consciously chooses to be a beacon of God's love, authentic masculinity, and to hold himself and his brothers to the standard established by St. Joseph, Chaste Protector of the Virgin, Defender of the Universal Church and Terror of Demons.

This consecration can be done by an individual, a family, a council, or an entire parish community. It is important to make spiritual preparations leading up to the consecration by learning more about St. Joseph and praying for his intercession regularly. The resources listed here can be used and adapted as needed to make a Consecration to St. Joseph this year.

[Preparing for Consecration to St. Joseph](#)
[St. Joseph Prayer Card](#)

Pro-Life

Novena for Life

[Novena for Life - Life Programs | Knights of Columbus](#)

The protection of life is a sustained prayer intention of the Church, and in particular of the Knights of Columbus.

A Higher Purpose

Lead your community in the spiritual fight to establish a culture of life. Knights and their families will come together in both public and private acts of prayer to promote the protection of life.

Overview

The protection of life is a sustained prayer intention of the Church, and in particular of the Knights of Columbus. Knights remain firmly committed to defending the right to life of every human being – from the moment of conception to natural death. To commemorate and bolster this important cause, councils will promote a novena, nine days of sustained prayer, to build up a culture of life in our parishes, homes and wider community.

SUPREME CHAPLAIN'S MONTHLY CHALLENGE [Supreme Chaplains Challenge | Knights of Columbus\(kofc.org\)](#)

While they were eating, he took bread, said the blessing, broke it, and gave it to them, and said, "Take it; this is my body." Then he took a cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, and they all drank from it. He said to them, "This is my blood of the covenant, which will be shed for many." (Gospel for March 28, Mk 14:22-24)

At the Last Supper, Jesus gave us the gift of himself in the Eucharist, our essential spiritual food and drink, which gives us the life of Christ. We live at a time when many Catholics do not believe in the real presence of Jesus in the Eucharist — the body, blood, soul and divinity of Christ under the appearances of bread and wine. May we, brother Knights, never forget the true nature of the Eucharist nor lose our desire to receive Christ in the sacrament of the altar.

Challenge by Supreme Chaplain Archbishop William E. Lori:

This month, I challenge you to spend 10 additional minutes each Sunday before Mass preparing to receive the Eucharist and 10 minutes after Mass in thanksgiving for this gift. Second, I challenge you to assist your brother Knights in the Faith in Action Sacramental Gifts program to help your fellow parishioners understand the great gifts of the sacraments.

Questions for Reflection:

Do you examine your conscience before receiving holy Communion and go to confession first, if necessary? Do you show reverence for Christ in the Eucharist in such a way that you witness to the Real Presence to your family and fellow parishioners? During the consecration, are you attentive to the mystery taking place at the altar?

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

Right to Life Organizations



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

DD Report

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Knights of Columbus District Deputy, District 45. Learn more at Kofc.org/JoinUs

It's been a tough year.

Supreme has reduced the goals for the year. Membership is at 80% of the stated goal, programs are at 10 of 16 required, and the recent benefits webinar helps councils meet the insurance requirement. Supreme has acknowledged that it's been a tough year, but they're still expecting we bring in members and run programs.

And councils have stepped up. Each of the 5 councils in this district will win awards against this criteria. The plaques recognize the efforts, but we all know it's not about the awards. The programs

support those who need our charity, the members make a strong council, parish, and catholic community, and the benefits night assures brothers are protecting their families.

But I'll ask you, which of these awards have you helped the council earn? Have you helped with a program? Have you brought a new man to the order? Have you participated in the benefits night webinar or taken steps to protect your family. Seriously, think about it. If you can't answer any one of these questions (or all 3), consider stepping up your game. The Knights need you. As it's said; "My Council is composed of members like me. I help make it what it is."

Breakfast

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same comment... can't wait to do breakfast and golf.... or have a normal month, or week, or even day!!!! We appear to be getting closer but only time will tell. Sue and I are scheduled for our 2nd shots this week. May we all be getting them sooner rather than later. I'm keeping everyone in my prayers like I know you are all doing. 'See' some of you on Facebook once in a while, texts back and forth

from some of you all the time, others on occasion, the chance meeting after the 4:40 Saturday Mass, or at Jewel or Menards.. or somewhere... that is always a great feeling seeing one of you and a hail back and forth, a wave or the "Oh, He\$\$\$ a big hug!" We are Brothers... keep on being brotherly!!!! **Miss you all!**

*Some day, soon, we keep hoping ... and praying ...
...and in the meantime... keep in touch with each other... doing our Brother Touch!!*

John

Memories



Consecration to St. Joseph

Memorare to St. Joseph

Remember, O most chaste spouse of the Virgin Mary, that never was it known that anyone who implored your help and sought your intercession was left unassisted.

Full of confidence in your power,
I fly unto you and beg your protection.

Despise not, O Guardian of the Redeemer, my humble supplication, but in your bounty, hear and answer me.

Amen.

Act of Consecration to St. Joseph

O dearest St. Joseph, I consecrate myself to your honor and give myself to you, that you may always be my father, my protector and my guide in the way of salvation.

Obtain for me a greater purity of heart and fervent love of the interior life.

After your example may I do all my actions for the greater glory of God, in union with the Divine Heart of Jesus and the Immaculate Heart of Mary.

O Blessed St. Joseph, pray for me, that I may share in the peace and joy of your holy death.

Amen.



Good of the Order

Knights' April Birthdays:

- John Baldo
- Jim Batastini
- David A. Behm
- Patrick E. Bradley
- Todd Bright
- Ronald Ferraro
- John L. Freund
- Michael Habisohn
- Jack Hoscheit
- Edward L. Kieras
- Timothy Koscielski
- Stefano Liparato
- Tadeusz B. Orlos
- Chris J. Tumblin
- Paul C. Wilson

- Annette O'Connell
- Lisa Tambellini

April Anniversaries:

- Kevin and Carol Anderson
- Mark and Christina Benkert
- Joe and Mary Hodorowicz
- Richard E. and Claudia Kendzior
- David P. and Jerrilynn Mazurk

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

**Update Your
Membership Info**
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**Read the Bible and
Pray the Rosary.**



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

Wives April Birthdays:

- Jacquelyn Behm
- Mary Fisher
- Mandi Kaup

Fifth Sunday Memorial Mass—May 30, 2021 —9:00AM

By SK, Robert Kosin

5th SUNDAY

Sunday May 30th 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.



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St. Thomas the Apostle

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Council Calendar

April 2021	May 2021	June 2021
4/1-4/3 Triduum 4/4 Easter 4/6 Business Meeting 4/20 Social Meeting	5/4 Business Meeting Reading of Officer nominations 5/9 Mothers Day 5/18 Social Meeting 5/30 5th Sunday Memorial Mass 5/31 Memorial Day	6/1 Business Meeting Officer Elections 6/6 D-Day 6/15 Officer Installation 7:30 PM and Social Meeting 8:30 PM 6/20 Father's Day

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



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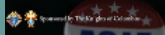
KNIGHT LIFE

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Francis

APRIL 6th



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



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