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Grand Knight's Report

By SK, Joe Scherb

Dear Brothers.

I thought I'd start this out by taking a few moments to welcome all of the new members who've joined our council. Between men who are new to the order, and those just transferring into our council we've grown the council by 20 guys. I could easily see that number reaching 30 by the end of the fraternal year.



Brothers, welcome to Father McCormick Council 3880.

If you haven't had a chance to yet, please come to the next council meeting. It's held the 1st Tuesday of the month at 8pm. We do a rosary at 7:30 which is optional, but never hurts.

While you're at the meeting, make sure to get a council polo order form. The shirts build fraternity and look sharp, even if they get bacon grease on them immediately after you buy one.

Our Chancellor and Membership Chair have been pulling together welcome kits as well. So be on the lookout for those.

I'm very proud of the Brothers we've gained this year and all the council has accomplished so far. It's great that our numbers are up as we still have a lot to do. Our monthly breakfast raises funds, but also builds

community in the parish. Our work at the food pantry supports those who really need our help. In April we'll lead in our faith with the Good Friday promotion. Without the manpower, this doesn't happen, and our parish goes without.

As some of you know I have pretty good visibility into the Knights of Columbus Rockford Chapter and Illinois State council. I can tell you, our work is being noticed. We have a big council. When we're up and moving it's noticed.

Our member engagement exceeds all other councils in the Rockford Diocese including Huntly (and they're huge). We're one of the leaders at State level as well.

We've made sizable donations to the State Charities; General Assistance Fund, ID Drive, Newman, Respect Life, and Vocations totaling over \$7,400. And, little Anastasia Kamysz's KCIC poster keeps moving on. We've received notice that she's won State and is heading into competition at Supreme.

I've said this before. I'm only keeping this chair warm for a bit. While I have the honor of writing it into a newsletter, the effort each of YOU put forth is responsible for achieving these results.

Brothers, as always, thank you for the good works you do.

Vivat Jesus,
Joe Scherb

Deputy Grand Knight's Report

By SK, Matt Carzoli

After two years in hibernation, the St Patrick Dinner was back March 12.

We kicked off sales during the February Breakfast. A few had interested but no tickets were sold that first week. Thanks to help from Pete Harren and Bob Wyman, we sold over 85 tickets that next weekend. The following week we ended after mass sales at 155. I had to consult with the chef Tuesday after food purchases and he stopped me at 177.

We had plenty of help Friday to set up the community room. We had a good mix of the usual suspects and some new knights to spread out the work. The room was looking like a party was going to break out as Kevin and I left that night.



Kevin was back again just as TMIY was ending Saturday morning. I got a sound lesson from new brother Kevin Delany while Kevin worked his magic. He >>>6

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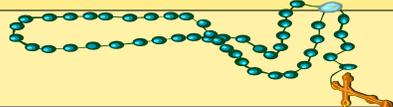
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Knights Monthly Breakfast

By PGK, John Stefani

MARCHing Forward!!!



We were there, strong, and ready to continue the **WORLD FAMOUS Father McCormick Council MONTHLY BREAKFAST!!**

Interestingly enough, we had a few key members out: **Kevin Scanlon** was not there in the Dining Room, **Bob Wyman** was not there marshalling the troops in the morning outside the kitchen making everything work, **PGK Scott Popp** was not there calling orders and **Dan O'Connell** was not plating the food! And that pulled me off of the small grill... but boy, did we pull it together! **Worthy Deputy Grand Knight Matt Carzoli** was asked if he would be willing to plate... he has never done it before, if fact hardly even in the kitchen during a Breakfast, but as is his norm he said "Sure!" and did a super job... even some of the regulars commented on the great job he did (but Matt, don't read that part!). I relinquished the small grill to returning **Brother Jim Stefani** who has been there many times and I did the order calling. And has been happening more often the **Worthy Grand Knight** was taking control of the dish washer all morning! So, the crowds were a little

smaller than normal, and yes, we lost a few dollars over expenses.. but we did increase inventory, so we are good! We just need to maintain being sure that the Monthly Breakfast continues on each month! OF course, with that said, next month it will be a week later than the 3rd Sunday in deference of course to **Easter Sunday**. But we will be there on the 24th of April ready to go! Join the usual suspects in being there to help out, or just come with the family and support us by enjoying a great meal and joining in the friendship of the Parish enjoying the event. Everything helps! And. oh yes, the GK did an announcement of a *new menu item* in the Flocknote last week but with the crew changes had to postpone it, but is should be there for and April surprise! But we WILL be there April 24th, all ready to go again... as usual, as 3880!

A *vital* part of St. Thomas the Apostle Parish. Keep praying and keep safe and see you there...

John



Membership

By Bob Wyman

We just completed our "Father Wants You" membership drive. We sent out 30 letters from Fr. Bob inviting parish men to attend an open house on March 15, 2022, at the church. We had 4 men show up. Out of the 4 one was going online to sign up, the other 3 are still thinking about it. I put them on the prospect list. Thank you to Fr. Bob our insurance agent and council 3880 Knights for supporting the membership drive by making follow-up phone calls and being there that evening. On March 20, 2022, our exemplification team did another degree for the Cary Knights of Columbus Council at St. Peter & Paul church. Only one candidate went through the degree. The team needed the practice, and the Cary council gained another Knight. All went well.

Our recent recruitment efforts from members of the council 3880 have been successful. 3 Catholic men have joined our ranks at our March breakfast. We have planned on having an exemplification in April but at the time it was maybe, now we are having it. Here are the details. If you haven't attended, please come, all are invited.

April 2, 2022

After the 4:30pm Mass (5:45PM) In the Oak Street Church sacristy. Refreshments and snacks will be served in the community room after the degree Website to Join the Knights <https://www.kofc.org/secure/en/join/join-the-knights.html>

Robert Wyman
Membership Chair
KC Council 3880



Troop and Pack 127

By Dan O'Connell

Scouting Teaching STEM and Citizenship in the Community

Sycamore District of Blackhawk Area Council held a STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) Day at McHenry County College. Many scouts from Troop 127 attended the event but what was even more impressive is that two of our leaders taught the Chemistry Merit Badge. Our current Scoutmaster, Mr. Ranieri instructed students in the classroom while our Scoutmaster Emeritus Mr. Redman did hands on demonstrations for the scouts attending the event.



Overall, the scouts had the opportunity to experience many aspects of STEM and earn the Radio Merit Badge as well. Our Troop meeting just before the STEM Day had our older scouts teaching our younger scouts about some of their experiments. No telling how far all of our scouts can go with this kind of education and support.

A BIG highlight for both the Pack and Troop was the Scouting for Food event that occurred at the end of February and the beginning of March. The last weekend of February, the Pack distributed over 1,000 flyers to homes around St. Thomas requesting that households shop for groceries and other sundries to donate to the Crystal Lake Food Pantry and to be collected the next weekend. The

Troop went out on March 5th and in cooperation with the Pantry and Brother John Stefani, we were able to collect 1,915 pounds of food and other goods along with a cash donation \$150.

The Pack also had their Blue and Gold dinner for the crossover of the AOL scouts to Scouts BSA Troops to continue their scouting adventure. Troop 127 received 3 new scouts from Pack 127 that have now started their path to Eagle. This would not be possible without your continued support of Scouting and in building our further citizens of tomorrow. God Bless each of you and your families and God Bless America.



Chaplain's Message

By, Rev. Bob Jones

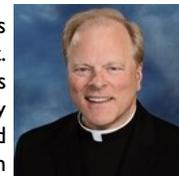
This year, St. Thomas the Apostle Parish is celebrating the 100th Anniversary of our parish's founding. In 1922, Father Edwin A. McCormick was appointed the first resident pastor. At that time, the parish was still in the old frame church (which is now a residential home just 2 houses south of Dole Avenue on the west side of Pierson Street). The large arched window in the front of the house is a distinguishing feature.

Thanks to a considerable donation of four city lots, in 1922, by Mrs. Libby Duffy Reynolds, Father McCormick began construction of the parish plant. Excavation for the rectory began on June 1, 1922, (which is the front red brick part of the current office building), with its completion in March 1923. Ground was broken for a new church on June 27, 1924, which is now referred to as our Pierson Street Church. It was dedicated on July 12, 1925, by Bishop Peter J. Muldoon, who was the first Bishop of Rockford Diocese (Diocese established in 1908). The year 1908 was also the last time the Chicago Cubs won the pennant before their most recent thrilling World Series triumph!

Ground was broken and construction began on St. Thomas the Apostle School, on Lake Street, in June of 1927. The school opened in September of that same year, with 60 students under the supervision of the Springfield Dominican Sisters. It is our original Lake Street School, which still stands as part of our much larger school building today. Also acquired that year was a house to be used as a convent at the corner of Pierson and Florence Streets. An addition to the convent was completed in 1952. In 1953, the parish acquired

a Catholic cemetery, which is now a Catholic section of Crystal Lake Memorial Park Cemetery.

On December 13, 1955, Fr. McCormick was called to his eternal reward, after shepherding St. Thomas families and the Crystal Lake residents for 40 years. The entire Crystal Lake community (Catholic and non-Catholic) were deeply grieved by his death. Since Fr. McCormick's connection to St. Thomas was in place even before he was named the first pastor in 1922, he actually served this community for 40 years at the time of his death. He served this faith community through 2 World Wars, the Spanish Flu pandemic, and the Great Depression.



In fitting tribute to his 40 years of faithful and loving service, a public park was named "The Father McCormick Memorial Park" in his honor and memory. A suitable marker was erected and a formal dedication of the park took place in August 1955, (this is where the Chamber of Commerce building sits today). Before his death, Fr. McCormick founded our Knights of Columbus Council here in Crystal Lake, and today our council proudly bears his name.

Peace, love and joy,
Fr. Bob Jones

Crystal Lake Food Pantry

By PGK, John Stefani



Crystal Lake Food Pantry

No one should go hungry.

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Polish Knights Helping Ukraine



What Do Knights Do?"

Knights of Columbus in Tomaszów Lubelski, Poland, gather in front of the truck filled with supplies bound for Ukraine Feb. 28. (Emilia Adamska)



Fourth Degree

By SK, Dan O'Connell



In an effort to bring some consistency to Honor Guards, training is taking place March 26th at the KC Hall in Arlington Heights. Doors open at 7 am for coffee, donuts, and refreshments. Training begins at 8 am and should be completed by Noon. Please bring your service baldric, sword, and beret. The uniform is not required to be worn.

The Master of the District is required to schedule a meeting every two years to report to the Assemblies in the District all activities which have occurred since the previous Biennial Meeting. Each Assembly within the Northern Illinois District, Marquette Province should be represented at this meeting by the Faithful Navigator. Our Faithful Navigator, Andy Voloch will be in attendance in addition to three elected delegates. The meeting will take place on Saturday, April 30, 2022 at St. Marcelline Church, 822 S Springinsguth Rd, Schaumburg, IL 60193 at 10:00 A.M.

This meeting also asks that the Navigators present and/or Dele-

gates present nominate, at a minimum, three Sir Knights as recommendations to fill the Office of Master for the District for a two-year term which commences on Sept 1, 2022 and concludes on August 31, 2024. Our current Master, Alex Tennant intends to seek re-appointment as Master. If any Sir Knight knows of a potential candidate that should be brought forward, please let me, Dan O'Connell, know and I will get the information to our Navigator.

The next Exemplification of the Fourth Degree will be held Saturday, May 21, 2022, at St. Edna Parish, 2525 N Arlington Heights Rd, Arlington Heights, IL 60004. This is a one-day event and concludes by 3 pm. If you know of a 3rd Degree Brother Knight you think is a good candidate, please get him a Form 4 to complete and turn it into the Assembly to get the process started as soon as possible. Further details can be found [here](#).

Our next Assembly meeting is April 13th at Holy Apostles in McHenry at 7:30 PM and will be in person only. If you are not getting the meeting invites, please contact Dan O'Connell and verify/update your email address.
Vivat Jesus!

Pro-Life

Novena for Life

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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\(kofc.org\)](#)

March

As they were about to part from him, Peter said to Jesus, "Master, it is good that we are here; let us make three tents, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." But he did not know what he was saying. ... Then from the cloud came a voice that said, "This is my chosen Son; listen to him." (Gospel for March 13, Lk 9:33, 35)



Having witnessed the Transfiguration, the three apostles did not want to leave the mountaintop. But as the vision ends, God's voice directs them back to Jesus, who takes them back down the mountain. We might wish in our own lives for extraordinary experiences or "spiritual highs," but even if we are granted such experiences, we are not meant

to cling to them. Brothers, may we be grateful for these enriching moments, if and when they come, but remember that we fulfill our

God-given mission primarily within the daily duties of our ordinary lives.

Challenge by Supreme Chaplain Archbishop William E. Lori:

This month, I challenge you to withdraw from your normal routine each day to spend some time alone with God's word by reading and reflecting on the Gospels. Second, I challenge you to assist your council in planning for the Faith in Action Spiritual Reflection program.

Questions for Reflection:

Do you tend to seek one emotional religious experience after another, yet feel less motivated to live your faith in between these experiences? Do you recognize the Christian witness you must fulfill in your daily duties as a man, a husband, a father, and in your ordinary work and social interactions? Do you set aside time to participate in a spiritual retreat every now and then to reinvigorate your spiritual life?

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:

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From the desk of the Financial Secretary

PGK, John Stefani

Worthy Brothers, greetings!



The Council is alive and well! The Leadership of the Council continues to push forward on all fronts... As has been announced, with a new program from Supreme, we have transferred out over 70 Brothers from the Council to State and Supreme Councils. It is always sad to have to remove Brothers from our roster, and believe me, it was with a lot of careful attention and soul searching that we made the move. But it was with the knowledge that it would make us a more powerful and cohesive unit that it was done. But these 70 plus Brothers were not 'discarded'... that was never the intent of the program from Supreme or especially us. They are still being pursued by State to find any remaining interest in the Order. BUT, thanks to the combined efforts of the Worthy GK, the Worthy Chaplain and the Worthy Membership Director, we are growing! Our goal for the Fraternal Year was 15 new members... and we

were at 10 before the breakfast... but through the combined efforts four new members were signed up! and I was notified by Supreme that another signed up on-line with a preference to be in 3880! Also on the plus side, there are fewer than 30 current members who have not paid their dues yet for the current year, but I keep getting checks every few days, so hopefully by next month we will be at 100%. Something that has not happened in many years. I have been so thrilled to open an envelope from a Brother that has contained their dues for this year and a year or two in arrears. This is simply because of the increased efforts of the Officers in creating a more invigorating environment... more programs, more contact with everyone, and certainly such a powerful presence of our **Worthy Chaplain**, and Pastor, **Brother Father Bob Jones**. The pandemic hurt the Knights and certainly our Council over these past terrible years... but we are coming back stronger than ever... because of all of you!!!

Thanks!! Peace! John

Deputy Grand Knight

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had some help from several knights and family that just showed up like the night before. As I left for the morning, head chef PGK Scott Popp and chef Dave Mazurk were trimming the corned beef.

I arrived back into the church to the good smells of the dinner. Kevin transformed the community room while I was away and the bar was getting stocked and cooled by head bartenders Pete Harren and Mike Bruckner.

The over 15 volunteers showed up at 5:30 to be reminded (as we reminded ourselves) of how we pull this all together. Doors opened promptly at 6pm and the room was filled with a hum of activity. It was like yesterday but also felt like a decade ago at the same time.

Thanks to our *Worthy Grand Knight* for announcements and our *Chaplin Fr Bob Jones* for blessing the meal. And what a blessing the meal was with great preparation by chef Scott Popp. Many, including

myself could not stop talking about how tasty it was even at the March breakfast!

The *McNulty Dancers* put on a good show that impressed many. The 2-8 crowd could not leave the dance floor after that which made it easy to find drawing volunteers. Thanks much to the *Kosin's and Gebert's* for taking on the door and 50\50 sales. Also, thanks to the *Popp family* for saving most of the 2020 door prizes.

A dozen troop 127 scouts with a couple leaders made clean up a breeze.

There are many missed by name here so thank you to all who helped in any way.

All in all, the event was wonderful to be with our St Thomas community once again.

Vivat Jesus, Matt Carzoli

3880 Memories



Degree Exemplification Team at Sts. Peter and Paul in Cary. (Left) Fr. Trowbridge, Matt Carzoli, PGK, Tim Hicklin, Greg Ives.

(Right) Cary's new Knight and PGK, Mike Bradley

Congratulations!

Two photos (Right) of our New trailer. As soon seen out and about is the recently labeled BratMobile First introduced and used at the Christmas Tree Lot and now the KofC Logo cannot be missed around Crystal Lake, when asked, where did you get that great hamburger or brat.

Also a thank you to the LaBello Family whose contribution in the name of Sir Knight Glenn LaBello helped his Council realize the goal of displaying the name of Father McCormick Council 3880.



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

Wives April Birthdays:

- Jacquelyn Behm
- Mary Fisher
- Mandi Kaup
- Annette O'Connell
- Lisa Tambellini

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April Anniversaries:

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



and Pray the Rosary.



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

**Good of the Order—
 Pray For List is included in your
 April 2022 Minutes**

PGK, Vince Esposito asks ...



PGK who as a transplanted Floridian suggested the attachment as a Lenten Menu item. Always looking after the spiritual interest of the Council even with a Florida twist.
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Fifth Sunday Memorial Mass—May 29, 2022 —9:00AM

By SK, Robert Kosin

5th SUNDAY

Sunday May 29th is a Fifth Sunday of the month for which the 9AM Mass is in memory for the Deceased Members of Council 3880 including our namesake Father Edwin A. McCormick. The health and safety standards during the Pandemic have changed our attendance and participation at Mass. If your health condition provides, please consider attending in your Blue Shirt and for those Past Grand Knights, the White Shirt as a worthy memento of your service to the Council. But attendance should not limit the moment of prayer on that day. As well as attending or streaming 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

March 2022	April 2022	May 2022
3/1 Mardi Gras 3/2 Business Meeting Ash Wednesday 3/13 Annual St. Pat's Dinner 3/14 Breakfast 3/19 Food Pantry 3/24 Food Pantry 3/31 Officer's Meeting	4/2 Exemplification 4/6 Business Meeting 4/14-16 Triduum 4/17 Easter 4/22-24 KofC State Convention 4/26 Officer's Meeting	5/3 Business Meeting Reading of Officer nominations 5/9 Mothers Day 5/15 Breakfast 5/29 5th Sunday Memorial Mass 5/30 Memorial Day 5/31 Officer's Meeting

Prayer for the Canonization of Fr. Michael J McGivney

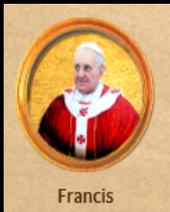
God, our Father, protector of the poor and defender of the widow and orphan, you called your priest, Fr. Michael J. McGivney, to be an apostle of Christian family life and lead the young to the generous service of their neighbor. Through the example of his life and virtue, may we follow your Son, Jesus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

Knight Life

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