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Grand Knight's Report

By Mike Kebr

Dear Brothers,

It seems it was just April and it's already approaching Memorial Day. It's easy to lose track of time when it feels like you are living the movie Groundhog Day. We are quickly approaching Pentecost Sunday on May 31st, which is among the greatest feasts in the Church along with Christmas and Easter.



"And when the days of Pentecost were drawing to a close, they were all together in one place. And suddenly there came a sound from heaven, as of a violent wind coming, and it filled the whole house where they were sitting. And there appeared to them parted tongues as of fire, which settled upon each of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in foreign tongues, even as the Holy Spirit prompted them to speak" (Acts 2, 1-4)

It can be considered the birthday of the Church, as it was shortly after Pentecost that Peter, the first Pope,

preaches for the first time and converts thousands of new believers. Just as Peter and the other apostles were to go out and preach the Word, so too do we as Knights, have a mission to spread the word and evangelize through our thoughts, words and deeds.

At this point in time it looks like our June business meeting will also be done virtually via video conference and or phone. Our last 2 meetings have gone pretty well as we work out the bugs. Our nominating committee has announced the slate of officers for fraternal year 2020/2021 at our April business meeting and an email has gone out to the same. I hope you can join us on our June business meeting at 8pm on June 2nd as our officer elections will take place during that time. Please keep an eye out for the meeting invite and log in credentials, it will be sent out via Flocknote. The Illinois KofC State Convention will also be done virtually this coming Saturday, May 23rd. Instead of being an entire weekend, it will start at 8am and conclude by noon the same day. I am somewhat disappointed as it was to be held much closer to home this year in Lombard instead of Springfield. I will have more to report on the convention at the June business meeting as well. >> 5

Deputy Grand Knight

Faith in Action

By SK, Robert Kosin

All that is being said or written in this time seems at its core to involve a disruption of a planned journey if not an ending of a path of life. These journeys have for some been years in the making like graduation or weddings, while others now walk in permanent separation from a companion on that journey. Our contact with our Faith seems so distant. Efforts are made to distract from this untimely ending. Writers examine whether it is something other than science or chance on to whom the consequence falls. It is an old line of inquiry after a disaster and much like the efforts of the literary character Brother Juniper in The Bridge of San Luis Rey, not fulfilling.

Rather the lesson is that through Grace there is caring manifest as a safety net, extending through family, community, and our Catholic Faith. The Knights

of Columbus have by example to its membership illustrated such charity like the support of the Navajo Nation in New Mexico who are experiencing a higher infection rate of Covid-19 than New York State. Our own Council steps forward twice a month to work the Crystal Lake Food Pantry as it did before and is doing now.

Our faith in action also extends to those on their own journey of faith as it has been ongoing for over one hundred years. There is again on July 1st the resumption of the Seminarian Support Raffle when statewide a financial effort is made to assist those in religious orders on their own journey. Our assistance continues to each who begins that path to Christ for us. We in turn as seen in the >> 2



Council Officers Fraternal Year 2019-2020

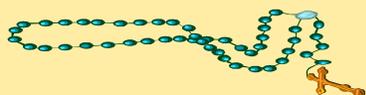
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Membership

These are the upcoming dates and times for online exemplifications:

May 28, 2020 7:00 PM 10:00 PM
 June 2, 2020 7:00 PM 10:00 PM
 June 4, 2020 7:00 PM 10:00 PM

If you have not completed your Second or Third Degree this is an excellent

opportunity for you to achieve that recognition.

Vivat Jesus

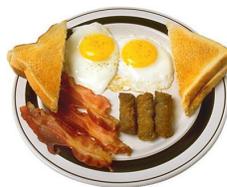
By Mark Allen



May Breakfast

By PGK, PFN John Stefani

So, nothing yet, in case you thought in all the confusion you missed a Breakfast! We are waiting, again, like almost everyone for the world to continue. As I said before, I'm personally not in a hurry to get back to 'normal' before it is safe to do so. We are losing people right and left, but so far I have not heard of any Brother or family member... please God, spare us! But the thought of opening things up to the way there were too soon scares me as much as the nasty virus itself. Maybe I am overly cautious... maybe I am not personally feeling



ing the financial crunch so many people are... maybe my job is not in jeopardy yet, like so many others are... maybe I have been told to not come in to work every day, especially when open to the public, just work at home or however... maybe I am more fortunate than many... I know how my children are faring... mixed results, but all are well...

BUT, one day soon, we will be back in business of serving a great breakfast to a grate-

ful and caring community... soon we BROTHERS will again be back in the kitchen doing what we do... and having a ball! June 14th is not that far away... and even if we must wait until July 19th... it will come.. or August 16th... I want to be around when the time comes, and I want my other Brothers to be with me... so let's hang on and get there! Peace, health, and happiness to all of you!



John

Deputy Grand Knight

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Council's display case a chalice entrusted by the family of a deceased priest, for the ordination of one who reaches that point. Our Catholic faith tells there will be one. Meanwhile our fellow brother Knights are in action and welcome your assistance.

*A youth whose feet must pass this way.
 This stream, which has been as naught to me,
 To that fair youth may a pitfall be.
 He too must cross in the twilight dim —
 Good friend, I am building this bridge for him.*

*The [Bridge] builder lifted his old gray head.
 "Good friend, in the path I have come," he said,
 "There follows after me today*

Troop and Pack 127

By Dan O'Connell

Virtual Scouting Continues

With COVID-19 still in full bloom and the State of Illinois only in Phase 2 of Restore Illinois, Scouts BSA and Cub Scouts continue with virtual adventures. Hopefully Phase 3 hits shortly and Phase 4 quickly after.

The Troop had a virtual campout May 15-17. We kicked off with a ZOOM session on Friday to talk about plans the scouts had made for meals, activities and sleeping arrangements. Scouts were encouraged along with their parents to camp in their backyard or at minimum, sleeping bags on the floor in the house. ZOOM check ins happened throughout the weekend with scouts updating on their progress on the planned hikes they had, scavenger hunt that was planned, how meal prep went and a camp gadget (a simple tripod lashing project). All in all it went well but it wouldn't be a Troop 127 camp out without rain and we certainly got it Saturday night. It wasn't a complete wash out and since it was virtual, no packing up wet on Sunday morning and drying gear out for a week.



The Pack has had two virtual Pack meetings and the second one went much better than the first. The scouts were able to virtually breakout by rank and have sessions specific to them and then return for a combined Pack event. Online quiz games are very popular and both groups have been taking advantage of them.

Games websites like Gimkit, Kahoot!, Quiz-Maker and Quizlet are very easy to use and promotes friendly competition between the scouts.

Committee meetings for the Pack and Troop are also virtual along the Sycamore District's monthly Roundtable. Unfortunately, all of the planning usually done at these meetings are either cancellation of events or have a TBD as we wait for more developments in the state. Between work, Scouts and Knights, I have to say I am a little (okay maybe a lot) ZOOM out. Returning to whatever state normal is going to be cannot happen fast enough for me but tempered by the need to keep COVID-19 at bay.

We hope you and yours are staying healthy and safe and are avoiding the financial aspects of this pandemic. Cub Scout Pack 127 and Scouts BSA Troop 127 thanks you for your continued support. God Bless.



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Elected Officer Duties

Grand Knight – The grand knight is the chief executive officer of the council. He is responsible for setting council goals and ensuring that all officers fulfill their duties in reaching these objectives. He presides over all meetings; appoints program and committee directors as needed and fills officer roles in the event of vacancies; countersigns checks and orders for payment; and is responsible for the council's First Degree Team. Ideally, the grand knight should be a junior so that as a senior he can serve as a mentor for the next grand knight.

Deputy Grand Knight – The deputy grand knight serves as the grand knight's right hand man and should fill in for the grand knight when he is not present. Additionally, the deputy grand knight will likely lead a committee, or multiple, if he chooses to do so. Some deputy grand knights serve as their council's program director. Ultimately, he assists the grand knight in leading the council and reaching council objectives. In some councils, the deputy grand knight role might be used to groom a possible grand knight candidate for the following year. Finally, the deputy grand knight may serve as a liaison between the council and other groups that share similar interest (i.e. Newman Club, pro-life club, etc.).

Chancellor – The chancellor assists both the grand and deputy grand knights in the leading of the council by engaging and

strengthening the council's members. His primary responsibilities include both recruiting and retaining members and to this end he should set up different events that display the different values and principles of the Knights of Columbus. The chancellor should participate in the council's degree team and should serve on both the Admission and Retention Committees.

Treasurer – The treasurer is responsible for managing the council funds, whether in bank or school accounts. He receives money from the financial secretary and deposits funds into council accounts. He is also responsible for paying all council expenses. Finally, he balances and verifies the ledger and keeps the updated budget once approved by the council.

Advocate – The council advocate acts as council parliamentarian; he should be knowledgeable in Robert's Rules of Order and *Methods of Conducting a Council Meeting* (#1937). He may seek legal assistance from the state advocate, should issues arise. The advocate should be able to take on additional responsibilities as the council deems necessary.

Recorder – The recorder has the responsibility of recording all meetings and events held by the council. He should record minutes, conversations and other information helpful to the council and prepare them to be distributed to the council ?>> 6

Crystal Lake Food Pantry

By PGK, Vince Esposito



The Food pantry volunteer days have been different to say the least throughout the pandemic. We no longer get the personal contact with the clients or as the pantry would like us to call them neighbors. We are simply filling orders and curbside pickup just like most food business except grocery stores. The pandemic has hit every part of the community hard and will do so for some time to come. We will try to do our best each time we work the pantry. The May pantry Saturday was staffed well though it's always someone different showing to help along with volunteers from the community. Thank you to all who showed up to help from a 1 hour shift to a 4 hour shift.

Let me take some time to put a personal note here as many of you know a friend of mine who also happened to be the mayor of Crystal Lake died suddenly early on May 4th. Aaron was someone I've known from the time he was a young lawyer just married and

commuting with his wife to their jobs in Chicago. That's where I had met him 25 years ago or more. To me when we first met he was simply the brother of his older sisters who I knew from High school now over forty years. We did not socialize too much other than events such as the Lakeside festival, parades or city events. He once told me that he really couldn't believe how much older I was than he was. He said "I forget" until something would remind me of the old Crystal Lake days and I would say ""do you remember that?" And he would answer "yeah I was like 11 when that happened". Then I would say "ask your sisters they'll remember". That was the king of relationship I had with him. I knew him and his wife before children and politics. He will be missed by all who knew him.



If you're Interested in helping run the event let me know.

Crystal Lake Food Pantry

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Crystal Lake, IL 60014 815-455-0961

www.clfoodpantry.org

Fourth Degree

By SK, Dan O'Connell



Virtual meetings are the name of the game. More ZOOMing for this meeting as well. At our last meeting, the slate of officers for 2020-21 Fraternal year was announced and the same officers we have now are running for a second term except we need someone to take over the Scribe position. This is akin to the Recorder position in the Council. The Inner Sentinel position is a new candidate as SK Dylan Olson has moved to Iowa. Watch for the minutes to come out with the full slate.



With the Catholic Church filing a plan with the State of Illinois and getting it approved, you can expect churches to start holding in person services albeit in very small numbers. This should begin to put Funerals, Confirmations and other Honor Guard events on the schedule. So here is a plug for the new Fourth Degree uniform and per-

haps looking into acquiring it for the flurry of events we are expecting. At present, I believe we have seven Sir Knights out of 300+ registered Sir Knights in Bishop Boylan Assembly that have the uniform. Maybe it is time for you to consider acquiring it. There is no longer a backlog and with the new purveyor, the cost has come down a few dollars. It can be found on the Knights Gear website and the package retails for \$449. The package includes the blazer, trousers, tie and beret with emblem. As you can see from the photo, former Vice Supreme Master Paul Isherwood is in his uniform at a past Fourth Degree event.

Our next Assembly meeting will be on June 10th at 7:30 PM and expect it to be virtual so watch for the invitation. If you, as a Sir Knight, are not receiving emails from the Assembly send/give me your email and I will get you added to the list. If you are not currently a Fourth Degree Knight and are interested in becoming one, please see John Stefani or me for a Form 4. The next Exemplification is planned for October but is tentative based on the gathering size restrictions currently in place due to COVID-19 but we can get the application started.

Praying that you and yours are staying safe and healthy during this pandemic. Vivat Jesus!

Vivat Jesus!

Pro-Life Report

By Jamie Hruza

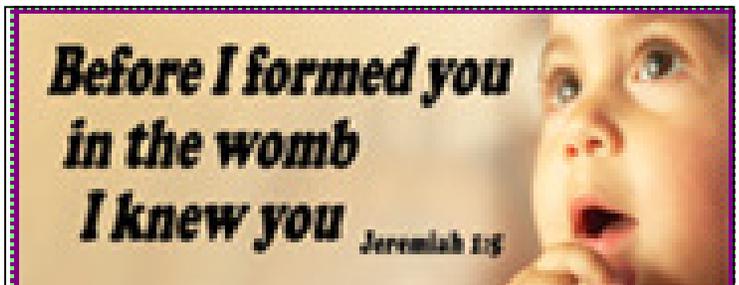
Dear Brothers,

Hope all is well with you and you families. There are many things that are just not adding up during these very turbulent times we live in. The liquor store, tobacco shops, cannabis shops, and abortion clinics are open but the Governor says Church is NON ESSENTIAL. This same Governor promotes abortion (killing of unborn babies) but he is so concerned you might catch a virus that he has closed this entire state while most other states have re-opened. Governor Pritzker has also let out over 4000 inmates from prison of which 64 of them are convicted murders. These murders could very well kill again but he is so scared you might catch "The Virus", that he is collapsing an entire state economy. Abortion and allowing convicted murders to go free from prison is Pro-Death. Are we to believe he is so worried about keeping us alive that he has locked down this entire state so we won't catch a virus? I think you are getting the point. The President has stated repeatedly, "open the country up". You have to see the irony here.

Governor Pritzker allowed a brand new abortion clinic to be opened in Waukegan Illinois just 1 hour north of the heart of Chicago in May of 2020. This was allowed because he considers abortion clinics, "reproductive health care provider". This is absurd! Governor Pritzker desperately needs our prayer. Please keep him as a priority in your daily prayers.

There are doctors coming out saying people are dying waiting for

transplants because they consider many of these surgeries, "elective". This is very sad, please pray for all our brothers and sisters that are suffering silently at home. I pray for healing of all those that are sick and that have died from this horrible virus. I pray for God's mercy! Please fast and pray to make atonement for the sin of peoples and nations. Domestic violence and suicides are rapidly increasing as many American are losing everything. Please pray for peace in the world. Mary Queen of Peace, Pray for us. In Christ, Jamie Hruza



Grand Knight's Report

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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. Mary Queen of Knights, "Pray for Us"

Vivat Jesus,
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God bless you all.

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

2020 Memories



Our Brother Knights assisting the restocking and delivery of food to our neighbors.

Thank you for helping our neighbors during this trying times



Elected Officer Duties

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Membership in a timely manner. Additionally, he should help with council event notifications, council meeting reminders, and assist with council social media responsibilities.

Warden – The warden is responsible for the property owned by the council. He is also in charge of setting up meetings and leads both the inside and outside guards. Many college councils utilize the warden and guards as custodians of the campus ministry property which may include raking leaves, shoveling snow and assisting with maintenance of the interior.

Inside/Outside Guards – The inside and outside guards carry out tasks given to them by the grand knight and also follow orders of the warden. They are responsible for checking membership cards and allowing entrance to meetings. Councils should consider appointing additional inside and outside guards, especially among promising freshmen, as this provides early leadership opportunities from which they can be elected to higher positions as they enter their sophomore year.

2020-21 Officer Nominations

PGK Mike Bradley, PGK Marty Zopp, and PGK Jeff Faye

KofC Council 3880 Slate of officers for the 2020/2021 fraternal year

The 2020 Nominating Committee has put together the following slate of officers for the upcoming fraternal year. This is only a recommendation. If you are interested in holding an office and a Third Degree member in good standing of council 3880 you can be nominated by a fellow brother from the floor. All nominees must be present at the meeting or by teleconference in case that a physical meeting cannot take place to accept the nomination. In the event that there is more than one nominee for an officer position the District Deputy will give further instruction at that time. The Nominating committee would like to thank all the current officers for their hard work and dedication over the last year.
Vivat Jesus

2020/2021 Officer Slate – Vote needed

Grand Knight: Mike Kebr
Deputy Grand Knight: Bob Kosin
Chancellor: Joe Scherb
Recorder: Pete Harren
Treasurer: Matt Carzoli
Warden: Cesar Jimenez
Inside Guard: Larry Miller
Outside Guard: Jerry Lyons
Outside Guard: Anthony Montanaro
Advocate: Mike Chmiel
Three Year Trustee: John Orso

Convention Delegates:

Automatic:

Grand Knight

Vote needed:

Delegate: DGK Bob Kosin

Alternate: Chancellor Joe Scherb

Alternate to Alternate: 3 Yr. Trustee
John Orso

Officer positions – no vote needed:

Financial Secretary: Mark Allen
Two Year Trustee: PGK Jeff Faye
One Year Trustee: PGK Mike Bradley

Appointed position by Grand Knight no vote needed:

Chaplain
Membership Director
Lecturer
Faith Director
Family Director
Community Director
Life DirectoCommittee Chairmen

Good of the Order

Knights May Birthdays:

- Dennis Amato
- Harry P. Blus
- John W. Erickson
- Jeffery T. Faye
- Richard M. Fink
- Richard W. Heuer
- Matthew Hund
- Mike Jasinski
- Richard Kelly
- James J. Kratochvil
- Mario Manno
- David J. Miloch
- James Nimps
- Donald Rose
- Jon Russell
- Kevin F. Scanlan
- Peter J. Walters
- Donald Wolff

Wives' May Birthdays:

- Marie Chmiel
- Maria Galvin
- Lucille Polakowski
- Jennifer Streit

May Anniversaries:

- David A. and Jacquelyn Behm
- Tom and Jean Marie Brickey
- Stephen W. and Judie Bright
- Marc and Erica Duffy
- Vincent P. and Kathy Esposito
- Jeffery T. and Lynn Faye
- Keith M. and Linda Fisher
- Ralph W. and Gail Gebert
- Mike and Joni Jasinski
- Rick and Mandi Kaup
- James J. and Jill Kratochvil
- John and Wanda Loretan
- James A. and Rhonda Nissen
- Daniel J. and Annette O'Connell
- Ken A. "Tiny" and Heather Pearson
- John J. and Jennifer Streit

Good of the Order— Knights of the Month:

None presented

Family of the Month:

None presented

Pray For List is included in your May minutes

Apologies for misspellings in the above list.

Note:

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

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

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



Fifth Sunday Memorial Mass—May 31, 2020 —9:00AM

By Robert Kosin

The next and last Memorial Mass of the 2020 calendar year is Sunday May 21, 2020. 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 pre-

sending the gifts in a Cross formation. An impressive sight to all who attend!

As always, the Council provides coffee and doughnuts in the community center after Mass. Servers always needed.

We have had a good turnout this year at the 5th Sunday Memorial Mass so please mark your calendar for December 29th to continue this event of note and prayer in the 65th year of our Council. Tempus Fugit Memento Mori

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!

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- [11036B - Multiple Card Version](#)

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:





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St. Thomas the Apostle



Council Calendar

June 2020	July 2020	August 2020
6/2 Business Meeting Officer Elections 6/6 Food Pantry 6/6 D-Day 6/14 Breakfast 6/16 Officer Installation 7:30 PM and Social Meeting 8:30 PM 6/18 Food Pantry Thursday 6/21 Father's Day	7/1 Fraternal Year Begins 7/4 Independence Day Food Pantry??? 7/7 Business Meeting 7/16 Food Pantry Thursday 7/19 Breakfast 7/21 Social Meeting	8/1 Food Pantry 8/4 Business Meeting 8/15 Assumption of Mary 8/16 Breakfast 8/18 Social Meeting 8/20 Food Pantry Thursday

Prayer for the Canonization of Fr. Michael J McGivney

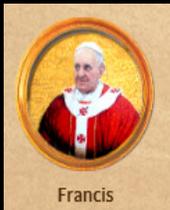
God, our Father, protector of the poor and defender of the widow and orphan, you called your priest, Fr. Michael J. McGivney, to be an apostle of Christian family life and lead the young to the generous service of their neighbor. Through the example of his life and virtue, may we follow your Son, Jesus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



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IN SERVICE TO ONE. IN SERVICE TO ALL.

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

