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Grand Knight's Report

By Mike Kebr

Dear Brothers,

As we approach Thanksgiving, let us remember all we have to be thankful for and for all of those no longer with us. We are soon to celebrate our Annual Memorial Mass in a few days on Tuesday November 27th. Let us remember our brothers who have passed away and remember the works they have done before us. Thank you to SK Mike Jasinski and SK Kevin Scanlan and others who worked to put together the Memorial mass this year.



Also, a big shout out to our Chaplain, Fr. Simon who will celebrate the mass for us. I would like to thank Fr. Simon for the support he has given our council in the past and for the nice announcements he gave regarding our Advent Wreath sales. We sold all 30 Advent wreaths this year.

I would encourage all my Brother Knights and their families to come out to the Tree lot. We could really use the help. If you have a couple of hours please come to the trailer and sign up for a shift of two. If you are unable to help please consider supporting us with buying a tree and a couple of wreaths. Thank you to all of the guys that came out to set up the tree lot and those that came to help unload the trees. We could not have done it without you.

With Advent right around the corner, have you thought about how you might "prepare" for the coming of Our Lord? Advent is derived from the Latin word "ad-venire" or "to come to" and is the beginning of the Liturgical year. It should be a time to reflect on the birth of our Lord and to Christ's second coming at the end of time. An Advent wreath is a great Advent devotion that reminds us of the meaning of the season. Too many focus on Christmas Day itself and less on Advent. I would encourage each of us to not get all caught up in the "bustle and chaos" we can find ourselves in at this time of year. We should take time out to recall the true reason for the season. If you did not get a chance to purchase an Advent wreath, perhaps you can find an Advent calendar instead. Either one is a great way to get the family engaged in the season of Advent and to prepare ourselves for the coming of Christ. Perhaps too we can find a little peace along the way.

Thank you again for all your help and support.

Mary, Queen of Knights. "Pray for us"

*Vivat Jesus,
Mike Kebr,
Grand Knight #3880*

Deputy Grand Knight

By Todd Bright

Thankful for a Wonderful Council!

I'm writing to you on Thanksgiving morning from Moreland Hills, Ohio reflecting on the many blessings that we have been granted. Family, friends, freedom, education, opportunity, God, Clergy, and each other (brother Knights). I'm also thankful for PGK Tim Hicklin's patience with the tardiness of my article. This past Thursday I volunteered at the food pantry. I'm embarrassed to say that it was my first time at the new location, but elated to say it won't be my last. It was great to see so much support from the council and their spouses. I was especially touched by Harry's

involvement and willingness to help those in need within our community. Please grab a family member or friend and volunteer for a few hours on the 1st Saturday or 3rd Thursday of the month, this Holiday Season, as a way to show your appreciation for all that you have been given.

On Saturday, November 17, I witnessed an early Christmas miracle as brother Wyman cobbled together a band of misfits and boy scouts to assemble the Christmas tree >> 2



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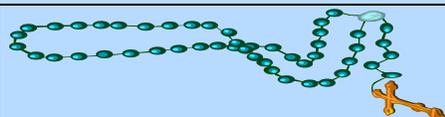
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Deputy Grand Knight

lot in record time (substantially complete by 10:30am), under almost perfect conditions. Ken and his son Neal, GK Kebr, and another gentleman who's name escapes me (I believe a tie to scouts) did a fantastic job keeping us on task and organizing the chaos. Thanks to all who helped and will help by signing up to work a shift at the tree lot, our biggest fundraiser of the year. If you sign up in advance, you take the burden off others that oversee this event. Please help for a few hours.

On Sunday, November 18, brothers Carzoli and Kosin did an outstanding job selling 19 of the 30 Advent Wreaths. PGK Esposito reminds us that this is not a fundraiser, but a way to bring Christ back into Christmas. Our worthy Chaplin, Father Simon was seen after mass greeting families and directing them to purchase the Advent Wreaths.

Have a great Thanksgiving, Advent, and Christmas and continue to serve others. May God continue to bless you always.



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November Breakfast

By PGK, PFN John Stefani

This was one of my easiest ones, yet, I WAS-N'T THERE! And neither was **Dan!** But the team being what it is, the rest of them were there and did what they always do, put on a very CLASS act! I got an email while on the way to Arizona to have Thanksgiving with my daughter Katie's extended family with the initial financial statement and couldn't have been prouder of the guys. Thanks to all the regulars who showed up as usual, month after month, and the stand-ins who filled in. The numbers I got today showed that we had a lot of happily fed people on the other side of the wall. Come to the December meeting and hear them give the numbers.

We again had the notices on the tables announcing the upcoming December **Breakfast Buffet with Santa** to be held on December 16th. We will have them there during all the Donut Sunday's as well. Be sure to let all your families and neighbors know about that so the little ones can come and see the Jolly Old Elf and get a bag of treats!

Keep watching and keep coming. Thanks to everyone who made it possible. John



Membership

By PGK, PFN John Stefani and Mark Allen

I have been lax recently with so many other things going on that we have not scheduled an Admissions Degree for the Council. **Mark** keeps after me to get the letters out and for us to contact the potential Candidates we have. We have been successful in the past because becoming a Knight is ne of the greatest things that a Catholic Gentleman can do for his family. So, the next few weeks will have us busy extolling that message. But it is also YOUR job as Brother Knights to help us recruit. Do YOU have a friend, neighbor,

relative, son, father who is NOT a Knight? When was the last time you asked someone to join?

We are also looking for members of the Degree Team. **Worthy Financial Secretary Steve Haugh** is also the Warden of the Degree Team and has overseen it. But we need new blood in the team, which if you have been to a meeting you have heard him ask for. Supreme requires that all Team Members MUST memorize their parts and >> 3

Membership

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be able to recite them from memory. Of course, there is a learning curve to do this in, but it needs to be accomplished. We also need stand ins for all the parts. Can you read? Can you memorize something. **Brother Sir Knight Pat Bradley** certainly falls into that category, and if you have been to a Degree the last several years, you have heard him. Pat is so good, he was asked by the State Council to be part of their team! High praise, but so very deserved for what he does. But because of that, his supporting cast must be equal. There are no parts that are anywhere as long as his... so can you help? Either as the lead of an understudy? A few have said they would be interested but have not shown up for rehearsal when

asked. yet. We need some commitment. It is the main reason we have not been having Degrees, I am ashamed of how we come across, since we at one time were the best in the state. It is why I am no longer interested in being the Membership Chair. I cringe at a Degree to hear the lack of commitment from many of the participants. I've been waiting to say that for a long, long time. So, there it is. Your turn.

Reach me at: membership@kofc3880.org , or 815-679-6596 or see Mark .

Christmas Trees Lot 2018 or Why I Volunteer

By Bob Kosin

It is not often that a father and son have a project together, especially decades in their years. Who would of thought that the KOC Tree Lot presented the opportunity.

There in the winter snow the father could remind the son to wear his gloves and not forget the hat. Duties were assigned, unspoken by age, between inside the trailer and outside among the trees.

A buyer came upon this generational crew with a little girl. "She knows her tree", said her father and a wise look came from the senior one inside the trailer. Christmas passed were reminisced as the customers left with that special tree atop the car and others came to see the lot. The younger explained the difference between the trees, scotch pines and frasers. Money was held by the older and therefore responsible one, who knew that his son could do what was needed but still was seen by the father as the little

boy in this season of joy.

Memories came back of lost gloves, wet clothes and standing in the snow, a mouth agape before widows onto wonderful settings of holiday commercial magic. It was a night of who was protecting who from the weather or passage of time.

The shift at the Tree Lot came to an end too soon and left them both with a thought and story that they could still work together as father and son. But the real reason for the Christmas season was the love to be expressed more than any other gift to be found under those trees bought that night.

[On December 4, 2008 Robert Kosin and his father Stanley both members of KOC Council 3880 did one shift together in the trailer at the KOC tree lot.]

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By Dan O'Connell

Another Eagle Project Completed/Naval Base Visit/Holiday Season



Jacob Szczepanski completed his Wood Duck project. He built and installed four houses for the ducks at Willows Edge Park in Crystal Lake. Construction took place earlier in the day and installation in the afternoon. All went well, and this will hopefully assist in increasing the duck population at the park. Thank you to the Knights for your support of this project.

The Pack went on a field trip to visit the Naval Station Great Lakes. Parents, siblings and scouts went on November 10th to tour the facilities, experienced the galley and had an opportunity to go to the National Museum of the American Sailor. Unfortunately, yours truly was not able to go but I

understand they had a terrific time. One interesting note about the visit is that anyone over the age of 18 attending had to fill out a two-page vetting form that had to be back to the Navy three weeks prior to their tour so a background check could be performed. It went so far as to ask height, weight, eye color and hair color.

The Pack and Troop will be participating in the Festival of Lights parade in Crystal Lake on November 23rd to kick off the Holiday Season. Hopefully we will have a terrific night to light the 40-foot-tall Christmas Tree at the corner of Williams Street and Crystal Lake Avenue.

This is the time of Thanksgiving and we should remember all that we are thankful for in our lives. It is also the Christmas season when Jesus was born in Bethlehem to bring salvation to the world. It is a time to rejoice and celebrate with family and friends and wish everyone you meet a Merry Christmas. The Pack and Troop wish all the Knights and their families a VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS and all the best in the coming New Year.

Crystal Lake Food Pantry

By PGK, PFN John Stefani



Crystal Lake Food Pantry

No one should go hungry.

The Food Pantry recently held its annual Harvest Drive... you all know this for a few reasons... After all the masses a few weeks ago, cloth bags were handed out and all parishioners were asked to fill them and turn them in the following weekend. The same was done at all the Churches in town who are group members of the Pantry, as is not only St. Thomas, but of course the Council. Many

of you were also asked to contribute as you shopped at various merchants here in town. It was blanket coverage marketing! Obviously everyone was not expected to contribute every time you were approached. Some do! But we all know, and hear at many sermons, not everyone attends mass or any other type of religious service. So, we try to find you to help, wherever you are. This year's harvest goal was 75,000 pounds of food and \$75,000.00. Sound like a lot, but as I have said before, our relatively small town private non-profit pantry hands out about 1,000,000 (yes, million!) pounds of food to the needy each year. In Crystal Lake. In a city of some 40,000 plus residents, that may seem like a lot, but think about what your family had for dinner last night. And what was your table filled with recently for Thanksgiving? >> 5

Fourth Degree

By PGK, PFN John Stefani



Vivat Jesus!

Greetings **Faithful Sir Knights** and **Worthy Brother Knights!**

Did YOU miss out on becoming a Fourth Degree Sir Knight at one of the recent Exemplifications? Well, rest assured, you will have another chance! We have just received information that the next exemplification will be held at the **Lisle Sheraton on February 16, 2019!** Now is the time to

get your **FORM 4** application to join the Fourth Degree. Please see **SK Dan O'Connell** or me for a Form or more info.

Remember too that the Assembly is now administering a new program with a Job-Board. **PFN Mark Heiress**, who many of you know, is Chairing this, and it had been picked up by Supreme. It is open to anyone looking for work! If you are a 4th Degree Sir Knight, go out to the Assembly website... or let me know if you need help.

Vivat Jesus!

John Stefani, PGK, PFN, (815) 679-6596 or membership@kofc3880.org

Polish Dinner 2019

By Marc Niemann

Bulletin:

Mówimy Po Polsku?? Well, get your Polish ready St. Thomas! It's that time again. The Annual **Fr. McCormick's Knights of Columbus Council 3880** Polish Dinner is coming. Every year we fill the Community Center and have a great time. We're getting ready to serve up all of the scrumptious Beef Barley Mushroom soup, Roast Pork, Polish Sausage, Pierogi, Golabki, Kopytka, Bigos and Blintzes plus a dessert table. Entertainment will include Polonia Dance Ensemble and live music. Mark your calendar for **Saturday, January 12th** and get your tickets ASAP. Find a Knight after mass

or call Matt Carzoli at 815-216-1391. Prices are \$20.00 per adult and \$10.00 per child under 12. Tickets will go on sale starting at the Knights breakfast on 12/16 and after masses on following weekends. **"Nie będzie późno"**



Pro-Life Report

By Jamie Hruza

Dear Brothers,

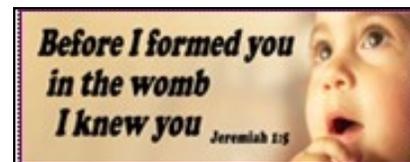
As we draw closer to the advent season let us all cast off all the worries of world around us and enter more deeply into the true meaning of advent. Let us recognize the message of life which Mary so perfectly conveyed through faith and trust in God. Mary's fiat "Yes" was not just a yes to life but a yes to the author of life. Take time each day during this advent season to prepare your hearts for the coming of the infant messiah Jesus! Let us prayerfully meditate on the Holy Spirit coming over Mary and the word becoming flesh in Mary's womb. Let us also consider how Mary was the living tabernacle which carried the beating heart of the messiah for 9 months. Like light through glass Jesus entered into time on a crisp cold night in Bethlehem. Out of love Jesus came to pay a debt so infinite we could not pay it on our own. It took the son of the living God to come down from heaven to restore the relationship lost by our iniquities. This child Jesus would bring all things to perfect fulfillment. Ask Mary to pray for you to always be prepared to receive Jesus in your heart, mind, and soul. Also give thanks to our heavenly Father for his perfect

divine plan to save mankind. Gods plan which included sending the arch angel Gabriel to Mary, the Holy Spirit coming over Mary, the word made flesh in Mary's womb, Christ's birth, life, death, and resurrection. The divine plan was a perfect act of mercy which poured forth out of God's love for each and every one of us. Pray for protection of Gods little creations from conception to natural death.

May God bless you and your families with a deeply contemplative advent and a very Merry Christmas!

Pray the rosary for an end of abortion.

God Bless,
Jamie Hruza



Crystal Lake Food Pantry

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And how many times do you go shopping? Pantry clients can't just stop in every other when they run out of milk or bread... or meat or veggies or much of anything else. Yes, they go to the store and purchase what they can, but for many of them that cart they fill at the pantry is their major food supply for the month. So thanks to so many of you, who work the Food Pantry as part of the Council, whether it be every First Saturday and Third Thursday, or once in a while when you can, or drop off some food on St. Thomas's First Sunday of the Month Food Donation Sunday Drive, or anytime anywhere, WE make a difference in the lives of so many... think about that... really think about all of the that... all that YOU do to help our fellow man, just as Jesus asked us to do. Pretty special, aren't you? Yes, you are!

Thanks.

Mark the First Saturday of EVERY Month to be there at 9 AM to

help set up and stock the shelves, then work with the clients from 10 AM to 2PM, or the Third Thursday from early opening and setup at 4 PM and client work from 5 PM to 7 PM. Work a whole shift or part of one, all are welcome and most certainly appreciated.

Thanks, Co-Team Leaders, PGKs Vince Esposito & John Stefani

... If you have any questions, ask Vince or myself, or give me a shout at (815) 679-6596. Thanks!

Crystal Lake Food Pantry

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www.clfoodpantry.org

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

November 2018 Memories



PADS

By Nate Miller

Let me know if you'd be interested and available. If you have questions, concerns, or the need to swap any of the dates listed below, please contact Nate Miller, PADS Coordinator, at 847-707-5547 or juli-aandnate@gmail.com or John Orso at 815-477-1048 or johorso@aol.com.

Thank you so much for volunteering to contribute to the PADS Dinner schedule for 2018-2019. If you have questions, concerns, or the need to swap any of the dates listed below, please contact Nate Miller, PADS Coordinator, at 847-707-5547 or juli-aandnate@gmail.com or John Orso at 815-477-1048 or johorso@aol.com.

Logistics:

- **Location:** All dinners take place at Bethany Lutheran Church. The address is 76 W. Crystal Lake Avenue Crystal Lake, IL 60014.
- **Time:** Prepared food should arrive to Bethany Lutheran by 5:30pm. They have the facilities to keep food chilled or warm.

Other Policies and Procedures:

1. The PADS Coordinator will contact the Site Manager regarding the menu, get a head count for dinner, and relay that information to the Dinner Lead by the **Thursday prior** to the PADS Dinner.
2. The KofC Dinner Lead purchases the required groceries needed to prepare the meal.
3. Itemized grocery receipts can be submitted to Nate Miller or to Financial Secretary Steve Haugh for members requesting reimbursement.
4. If requesting partial reimbursement, highlight the specific items you are requesting reimbursement for or write a dollar amount at the top of the receipt next to your name.
5. The St. Thomas the Apostle community room kitchen **MUST** be utilized for meal preparation. Please contact Nate Miller to arrange the use of this facility.
6. Dinner Leads needing access to the storage room downstairs should contact Nate Miller at least a couple of days in advance with this request. Someone will arrive with keys to open

7. up the closet.
7. You may use disposable pans from the storage closet, but please let Nate Miller know if we need to replenish supplies.
8. Meals, with the exception of our November Thanksgiving Dinner, are served by PADS personnel. You simply drop off the prepared meal and they will take care of the rest.

Please reach out to me with any and all questions. I truly appreciate your time and generosity

Date	Knight
11/25	Nate Miller
12/30	Jim Skaja
1/27	Bob Kosin
2/24	Pat McGuire
3/31	Open
4/28	Open

Good of the Order

Knights' December Birthdays:

- Mike Baietto
- Thomas P Cieslewicz
- Robert L. Cormier
- Paul Cuchna
- Mark Daniel
- Thomas Mike Fraser
- Francisco Galvin
- Peter Hall
- Justin Hansen
- Richard E. Kendzior
- Richard Korn
- Ryan Krambeer
- Nathan Mazurk
- Matthew D. Meisner
- James V. O'Reilly
- John M. Orso
- Maxwell V. Popp
- John R Sinski
- Ralph W. Statter
- Mark Steadman
- Lee M. Stevens
- Matthew C. Walsh

Wives' December Birthdays:

- Elizabeth Baietto
- Gail Gebert
- Margaret Heideman
- Darcy Mensik
- Suzanne O'Reilly
- Amy Pitrello
- Ellene Schmidt
- Susan Stefani

December Anniversaries:

- Matthias and Cathleen Martin
- James V. and Suzanne O'Reilly
- Jasper and Amy Pitrello
- Daniel and Lucille Polakowski
- Steve A. and Sue Reed
- Lee M. and Betty Stevens

Good of the Order— Knights of the Month:

None presented

Family of the Month:

None presented

Pray For List is included in your October minutes:

Apologies for misspellings in the above list.

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

Home(815) 455-2765
Cell (815) 790-5191

or send a note to:

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

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



Fifth Sunday Memorial Mass—December

By Robert Kosin

The next and last Memorial Mass of the 2018 calendar year is Sunday December 30th.

Please plan on joining your Brother Knights for 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. The entire right center section of pews as you face the altar is reserved for Father McCormick Council. Our Council banner will be posted at the altar and we will be presenting the gifts in a Cross formation. An impressive sight to all who attend!

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 30th to continue this event of note and prayer.

Tempus Fugit Memento Mori

Fifth Sunday Memorial Mass

Tempus Fugit, Memento Mori!

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right center section of pews as you face the altar will be reserved for our council. Our council banner will be on the altar and we will be presenting the gifts in our cross formation. An impressive sight to all who attend!

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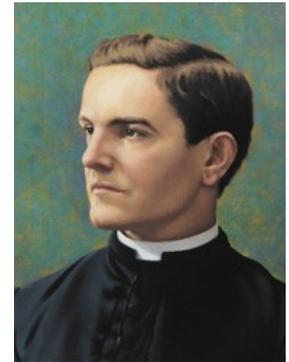
Council Calendar

December 2018	January 2019	February 2019
12/1 Food Pantry 12/4 Business Meeting 12/8 Feast of the Immaculate Conception 12/16 Breakfast with Santa 12/18 Social Meeting—Tree Sales should end 12/20 Food Pantry Thursday 12/25 Christmas Holiday 12/30 5th Sunday PADS	1/1 Mary, Mother of God / New Years Day 1/2 Business Meeting 1/3 Food Pantry 1/5 Blood Drive 1/12 Polish Dinner 1/15 Social Meeting 1/17 Food Pantry Thursday 1/20 Breakfast 1/27 PADS	2/2 Food Pantry 2/5 Business Meeting 2/7 Food Pantry Thursday 2/19 Social Meeting 2/24 P.A.D.S.

Prayer for the Canonization of Fr. Michael J McGivney

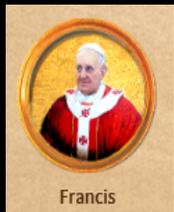
God, our Father, protector of the poor and defender of the widow and orphan, you called your priest, Fr. Michael J. McGivney, to be an apostle of Christian family life and lead the young to the generous service of their neighbor. Through the example of his life and virtue, may we follow your Son, Jesus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

