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Grand Knight's Report

By SK, Joe Scherb

Dear Brothers. Our last exemplification was beautiful. I'd like to thank the degree team for their hard work.



Likewise, the Memorial mass was lovely. So thank you to Greg and Kevin for the work putting it together.

But here's the thing, we've done both of those activities before. And they've been nice, and well-done events before. There was something different this time. It doesn't matter how well the event is run, how nice a ceremony it is, if no one shows up. It's your participation in these council activities that made them special. We had over 70 people at the memorial mass. It was amazing.

SKs Kevin Scanlan and Greg Ives did an awesome job organizing, promoting, and sending out invites to the event. But your participation was a beautiful display of support for the wives that carried the gifts down the aisle.

These are the things that I am so thankful for. Our council, when everyone is participating and engaged, is truly a gift. I'm frequently humbled by the work the council does and the impact you make.

During the mass, our Chaplin Fr. Bob mentioned that The Knights are always ready to jump in and help. The Parish Fest (PGK Mike), the deanery dinner (PGK

John), and the Veterans mass (SK & FC Dan) were examples of this. THAT is who we need to be. That's something I am thankful for.

We've ordered over 250 Christmas trees. We've got to assemble the tree stand, unload 250+ trees, and sell them over the next few weeks. This is literally an impossible task without the whole council helping out.

But, by the grace of God, we do it every year. YOU make that possible. An hour here or there, by the 30 usual suspects, or by the 75 active members, or the 125 members who occasionally help, make us a powerful force. So yes, "every member active", even if it's just an hour, it matters. That is something that I'm very thankful for.

This Thanksgiving, and Christmas season, please enjoy your time with the family, and reflect on those things you are thankful for. But more than that, acknowledge the impact an hour here or there has on those who need our support. You might not see or feel the whole meaning, but your effort really does touch a lot of lives. You are the reason other people are thankful for The Knights of Columbus Council 3880.

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

Vivat Jesus,

Joe Scherb  
Grand Knight

Deputy Grand Knight

By SK, Matt Carzoli

It has been a great month of October to be a knight. The final weekend closed out with a second exemplification by our well rehearsed team. We welcome our new bothers knights or those that finished their third degree. The next was 5th Sunday in memory of our brother knights lives no longer with us.

The memorial mass was beautiful and very well attended. It celebrated the lives and service of our past brother knights. Thanks SK Kevin Scanlan for asking us to spread out to read their names. The way this

sounded presented a great honor to these brothers who came before us.

We are in the planning stages of our Polish Dinner January 9, 2022. Stay tuned...more to come at our next planning and membership meetings.

Vivat Jesus, Matt Carzoli



## Council Officers Fraternal Year 2021-2022

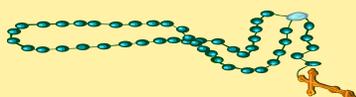
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## Knights Monthly Breakfast

By PGK, PFN John Stefani

### GREETINGS BROTHER KNIGHTS AND OTHER WORTHY READERS!



#### Breakfast Back on Track??

Well, this was a pretty good breakfast!! The end of the 7:30 Mass found the parishioners coming in, in numbers like the old days... then, after the 9 o'clock mass, pretty much the same thing! We were really hopping in the kitchen, and on top of the good crowd we had our Annual SPRED Thank You Breakfast. When SPRED was formed as a Ministry here



at St. Thomas they were invited to the Breakfast to receive a donation from the Knights. Grand Knight Scott Popp had offered that when they came in, we would provide a thank you Breakfast for them. This is a tradition that current Grand Knight Joe Scherb is continuing.

It was good to see so many Brothers coming out to help set-up for the event, and coming in to serve and clean up! The kitchen crew was almost all there, but back-up son was there to fill the gap, and we certainly did shine. We are always on our game back there!

This may come out a little late, but a very Happy Thanksgiving to all of the Brothers that work the Breakfast, and to ALL our Brothers >> 3

## Raffle Thank You & Congrats

By Bob Kosin

The Vocation Raffle has closed on one of the most successful collections in years. On the way to the State Drawing is 118 Raffle Booklets or 1,770 raffle tickets from Council 3880. The statewide program for Vocation Support ran from July 1<sup>st</sup> to the second week in November and this Fraternal Year the GK asked us to do better than prior years. With the assistance of Greg Ives (Chancellor) and Cesar Jimenez (Treasurer), my fellow Brother Knights, we met the goal and surpassed it threefold with a special call out to the participants in the TMIY program and those mem-

bers with little fanfare who purchased nearly a dozen booklets each. Not too surprising for an Over-The-Top Council, just ask any of the program directors from the Sunday Breakfast to Christmas Tree, Blood Drive to ID Tootsie Roll, no program seems to miss the target for the year and more so, fails to engage its participants in Catholic Fellowship. While the winners of the twenty cash >> 3



## Membership

By Bob Wyman

Brothers,

Recently we have had events that made me proud to be Knight of Columbus for the Fr. McCormick Council 3880. Starting with our church drive for new members that we did in October, I had comments from parishioners, priests, and fellow Knights how the church drive brought them back to what the Knights are all about. We planted seeds for new membership!

The latest exemplification for Knighthood for new members. The team did a great job doing the exemplification. It's not a secret anymore, and anyone can attend the degree. Members, please attend the next exemplifica-

tion and bring your wife or a friend, it will bring you back why you joined the Knights, and it will show others how great the Knights are!

Last, but not least, I just attended our annual Memorial Mass for our deceased Knights, which was well attended. Unfortunately, we have recently lost many fellow Knights this year. Standing in the church and looking at all the name cards on the pews and hearing their names being read, I realized time is very short. You need to cherish the time you have with your family, brother Knights and friends. Don't forget your deceased brother Knights, keep them in your prayers.

Robert Wyman

## Troop and Pack 127

By Dan O'Connell

### New Eagle Required Merit Badge

Effective November 1<sup>st</sup>, Scouts BSA has a new Eagle required merit badge. It is the Fourth of the Citizenship badges, and it is Citizenship in Society. It joins Citizenship in the Community, Citizenship in the Nation and Citizenship in the World which are also Eagle required. Beginning July 1, 2022, the Citizenship in Society merit badge will be required for any youth seeking to achieve the prestigious Eagle Scout rank.



In addition to the new merit badge, Boy Scouts of America (BSA) has a new Chief Diversity Officer and Vice President of Diversity and Inclusion. She assumed the position about one year ago. Her name is Elizabeth Ramirez-Washka. She is charged with developing and implementing the Diversity program within the sixteen National Service Territories. You can learn more about her and her Scouting career [here](#)

They have developed a Diversity, Equality, and Inclusion (DEI) mission and vision statement shown below. BSA will continue to develop the program in 2022 to be inclusive of all groups that make up Scouting today. They hope this merit badge will build scouts into upstanders in society going forward and continue to build great citizens of tomorrow.

**BSA DEI Mission:** To promote a culture where every youth, volunteer, and employee feels a sense of belonging and to build communities where every person feels respected and valued.

**BSA DEI Vision:** To partner with all families and communities in raising young people of high moral character, developing their leadership skills, and preparing them to serve and thrive in a world of increasing complexity and challenge.

Cub Scout Pack 127 and Scout BSA Troop 127 appreciates all that you do in continuing our success in bringing the Scouting program to our youth. God Bless you and your family and Happy Thanksgiving to all.

## Raffle Thank You

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prizes will not be announced until December 6<sup>th</sup>, there are as explained in each raffle promotion, a winner at the time of the ticket sale, being the seminarians. For each Raffle Booklet, six dollars went to the Illinois KofC Council for its seminarian program and nine dollars for the Father McCormick Council program. And after doing

the math we can again say we are supporting our religious orders. Because when it is said and done, at all the activities of our Council, we knew there are still those in the long game by fulfilling their calling to follow Him and prepare to help us carry forward our Catholic faith. Congratulation to the winners.

## Chaplain's Message

By, Rev. Bob Jones

### Thanksgiving Story

When I was in 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade, at Immaculate Conception Elementary School, in Elmhurst, Illinois, one of my favorite subjects was Religion. One of the reasons I liked the class so much was because I really liked my teacher, Mrs. Helen Kwasniewski. She did a great job of connecting our Catholic Faith to our everyday lives. She also seemed to really care about all her students becoming good, healthy and contributing members to society. So, she was one of my favorite teachers.

When I was graduating from college, eight years later, I decided that I wanted to reconnect with some people who had made a difference in my life. She was one of them. She was now the Principal of the school. I went to see her and to thank her for the great influence she had on my life. I am glad I did, because I can't tell you how much it seemed to mean to her. She was so grateful that I not only remembered her, but that I shared with her how her teaching had really helped me. >> 6



## Breakfast

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and their Families!

Peace and safety to everyone... See you next month here with Santa himself!

John



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## 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](http://www.clfoodpantry.org)



## Fourth Degree

By SK, Dan O'Connell



The next Exemplification of the 4<sup>th</sup> Degree is scheduled for Saturday, February 19, 2022 in Lisle. It will be in person at the Sheraton Lisle Naperville Hotel. If you are a 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree Knight and want to take that next step, now is the time to fill out a Form 4 and get your place reserved. Registration for the event must be in no later than February 4<sup>th</sup> but the last Assembly meeting to have your application approved is January 12, 2022. Please see one of our many Sir Knights in the Council for the form or let me know and I can get it to you. You can find the reservation paperwork [here](#). Please complete it with a check payable to Alex Tennant, Master and give it to Dan O'Connell.

If you are not a 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree Knight, now is the time to get your 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree taken care of at an upcoming Council Degree, and plan on attending the February Exemplification. There is no longer a waiting period but don't wait until the 11<sup>th</sup> hour to get it done.

If you are a Sir Knight and are looking to purchase the uniform, the Assembly still has a uniform voucher in the amount of \$100 for this Fraternal year. Limit one per Sir Knight.

For our current Sir Knights, our next Assembly meeting is December 8<sup>th</sup> at Holy Apostles in McHenry at 7:30 PM and will also be available virtually. If you are not getting the meeting invites, please contact Dan O'Connell and verify/update your email address. Vivat Jesus!

## From the Desk of Our Financial Secretary

By, PGK John Stefani

Worthy Brothers, greetings! I have just been appointed by the Supreme Knight as Financial Secretary for our Council. This is indeed an honor and a privilege for me. My thanks and appreciation to Brother Mark Allen who has held this position since the premature death of Steve Haugh. I had the privilege of nominating Steve to the position when I was Grand Knight back in 2008, upon the death of Richard Campobello. Dick had the distinction of serving as the longest FS for our Council. Dick was an incredibly good and personal friend and all of us felt a deep loss. A loss that was only repeated upon Steve's passing last year. I am so thrilled that Mark left the position freely!! Mark has also earned the distinction of friend, and I wish him nothing but success and happiness and look forward to his continued contributions to 3880. Like most of my friends, I met Mark as he began helping at the Monthly Breakfast, with daughter in tow.



But now onto today. I am coming in at that special time of the year when each one of you will be hearing from me personally!!! Yep, DUES TIME! Who ever said we can't have fun around here!! "ARE

WE HAVING FUN YET?" was a motto of another Past Grand Knight and worn on shirts for many years.

It is my intention that the Annual Notices AND 2022 Membership Cards, called Traveling Cards, will be available at the December Business Meeting, on December 7<sup>th</sup> (hint, hint!). So, if you come to the meeting, you can pick up your invoice and save the Council the 50-cent stamp. AND, if you pay the dues (still only \$25. for the year as it has been for 30 years that I know of!) oh... \$10. for an Honorary Member... ok, NO dues for an Honorary Life Member!) you save the Council another 50 cents! But remember, these are challenging times, financially as well as everything else.

If the dues are a hardship this year, please seek me out and talk to me... the FS has the authority to waive the dues for cause... and that is between you and me. Just us... call.

I may be reached by phone / text at (815) 689-6896 or [jstefani44fs3880@aol.com](mailto:jstefani44fs3880@aol.com)

John

## 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\(kofc.org\)](#)

#### THIS MONTH'S CHALLENGE

#### NOVEMBER 2021

**“Amen, I say to you, this poor widow put in more than all the other contributors to the treasury. For they have all contributed from their surplus wealth, but she, from her poverty, has contributed all she had, her whole livelihood.”** (Gospel for Nov. 7, Mk 12:43-44)



“Give until it hurts” might seem like a tired old cliché, but it has merit nonetheless. It’s fairly easy to give from our excess — what we don’t really need — but real sacrifice begins when we go beyond that. The widow in the parable, in giving what to many people

would be a bit of loose change, offered a more meaningful gift than the wealthy who donated far larger sums they would hardly miss. But there’s another layer of meaning here: Unlike the wealthy, the widow gave everything she had to God and put her trust complete-

ly in his divine providence. May we recognize that she made the wiser investment.

#### Challenge by Supreme Chaplain Archbishop William E. Lori:

This month, I challenge you to review your charitable giving and to pray about whether God is asking you to contribute something more. Second, I challenge you to participate in your council’s Food for Families or Coats for Kids Faith in Action program.

#### Questions for Reflection:

How does God wish you to balance providing for yourself and your family with serving others? Do you find you put your trust in material goods and wealth, rather than in God? What are some specific, concrete ways you might do better at sharing your blessings with the less fortunate?

## 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

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[www.prolife-victory.com](http://www.prolife-victory.com)

### Chaplain's Report

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I share this story, because it is so important to let others know their importance. I am not sure if people really do know all the ways they contribute to the life of others. There are so many people that have helped me along the way in my life. Thankfully, I was wise enough to thank many of them, but I know there are others whom I should have thanked, but I missed the opportunity.

some of those people and if we have a chance to thank them, please do go ahead and do not pass up the opportunity. I do want to thank all my brother Knights who have made me feel welcome here in my new home. I look forward to our relationship growing in the years ahead

So as Thanksgiving Day approaches, it is a good time to think about

God bless you all and Happy Thanksgiving,  
Fr. Bob Jones

### Knights of Columbus Memorial Mass, Tuesday, Nov. 16

Dear BROTHER KNIGHTS,

Thank you to all the GUYS for an AWESOME JOB at our Annual MEMORIAL MASS This Year For Our DECESED BROTHERS.

It Was Sad to see 8 New Names in the coffin This Year .This Year We Had A Total of a GOOD 150 Decesed .I Was And so Were Others in the Congregation. Very Much Impressed After Each Group of Names Were Read. The GUYS Each Remained Standing in Memory Of There DECESED BROTHERS .

OUR Turn Out Could Not Have Been Better and ALL the WIDOWS That Showed up Family's of the DECEASED .

P.S.THANKS For All You did ( TIM HICKLIN & GREG IVES )

- LECTOR - MIKE JASINSKI
- READERS – JOHN STEFANI, MIKE KEBR , PAT SLOWEY , MATT CARZOLI , DAN O'CONNELL , CESAR JIMENEZ , PETE HARREN , BOB , JOHN ORSO jr , TONY SANTINELLO ,RALPH GEBERT , KEVIN SCANLAN , BOB WYMAN, PRESIDER – CHAPLEN FR , BOB JONES
- MUSIC - MARYANN DERON , ALEX & SARAH RATTAN
- ALTER SERVER – MARK FISHER .

Vivat Jesus, Kevin Scanlan

### 3880 Photographic Memories

Exemplification 10/30/2021



Charitable Disbursements



Memorial Mass 11/16/2021



## 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
- 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

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### 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— Pray For List is included in your November 2021 Minutes



Read the Bible and Pray the Rosary.



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

## Fifth Sunday Memorial Mass—Jan. 23, 2022 —9:00AM

By SK, Robert Kosin

### 5<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY

Sunday Jan 23rd 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 during the Pandemic has changed to expand 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 is a worthy memento to wear of your past 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.



Fr. McCormick Council 3880  
Crystal Lake, IL 60014

St. Thomas the Apostle



### Council Calendar

December 2021	January 2022	February 2022
12/7 Business Meeting 12/8 <b>Feast of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary</b> 12/10 Tree Sales should end 12/19 <b>Breakfast with Santa</b> 12/25 <b>Christmas Holiday</b> 12/28 Officers Meeting 12/31 New Years Eve	1/1 <b>Mary, Mother of God / New Years Day</b> 1/4 Business Meeting 1/8 <b>Blood Drive</b> 1/8 <b>Polish Dinner</b> 1/16 Breakfast 1/25 Officers Meeting	2/1 Business Meeting 2/22 Officers Meeting

### Prayer for the Canonization of Fr. Michael J McGivney

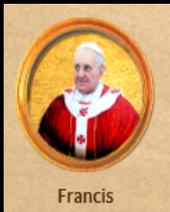
God, our Father, protector of the poor and defender of the widow and orphan, you called your priest, Fr. Michael J. McGivney, to be an apostle of Christian family life and lead the young to the generous service of their neighbor. Through the example of his life and virtue, may we follow your Son, Jesus 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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**Make the Right Choice!**  
Life is not Your Choice. It's Your Responsibility!

