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Grand Knight's Report

By Mike Kebr

Dear Brothers,

Fall is right around the corner and I can't believe how quickly the year has gone by. This year has been one of the most challenging that I can recall. Please continue to reach out to each other and keep in touch with your brother knights and their families. We are looking to conduct a limited in person business meeting in October if possible. The meeting will also be made available via google meets as we have in the past to give those that wish to participate virtually an opportunity to be part of the meeting. More details to follow.



We had an officers meeting last week to finalize the fraternal calendar and to discuss ideas on how we can continue to be engaged as a council. We are putting together a new Exemplification degree team and

would like to start conducting the new ceremony in person. As I stated before, if you are interested in being part of this team please let me know.

In other news, it was nice to be able to get together at this past month's social meeting. We met at the Crystal Lake Brewery and it was nice to see people I have not seen in a while, especially in person. The tootsie roll drive is right around the corner as of writing this. It was good to see we are still able to hold this event. Thank you in advance to the committee from our council and St. Elizabeth Ann Seton for pulling it together to make it successful.

We are still actively looking to fill the following Director positions:

- Family Director – (formerly held by Kevin Scanlan)
- Community Director – (formerly held by Bob Wyman)
- Faith Director

If you are interested please let DGK Bob Kosin >> 5

Deputy Grand Knight

By SK, Robert Kosin

Have I reached the party to whom I am speaking? Among the privileges of office in this Council is posting thoughts in the Knight Life and from this corner there has been offered favorite Biblical passages and inspiration quotations. On a visit to the George Bush Library, I learned that POTUS 41 choose for the front piece of his autobiography "Looking Forward" the quotation from Edward Everett Hale, United States Senate Chaplin, and author of The Man Without A Country:

- Look up, and not down;
- Look out, and not in;
- Look forward, not back;
- And lend a hand.

That request, "lend a hand" is one that echoes on all pages of Knight Life, printed or digital. Yes, truth be told there are members of this Council who still support the USPO for their news from the Council, just as there are members who follow the next latest and greatest from Tim Cook. A brief shout out to those Brother Knights who pay their dues since their Exemplification in the 1950's.

Where do you fit in that communication spectrum and have you shared contact changes with the Council Membership Director?

In Knight Life contact list of officers, ask about participating at CL Food Pantry or in the season to come, selling Advent Wreaths, setting up and working in the Christmas Tree Lot. Socially responsible health standards and practices are in place. Remember this is not the Knights first pandemic



Another communication app is Flocknote for timely news from the Parish and Council 3880 and its interactive. Short bursts of when, where and sign me up are sent out about upcoming events in October like those planned for Respect Life and the beatification of our founder the Venerable Father Michael McGivney. Also, in these times through Flocknote to register to attend Mass where you might see a BrotherKnight or two behind a mask.

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Council Officers Fraternal Year 2000-2021

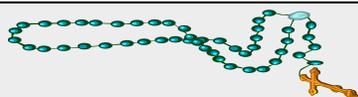
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Membership

4 Principles, 4 Reasons

All the good works we do are informed by our four core principles:

Charity – Our Catholic faith teaches us to “Love thy neighbor as thyself.” Members of the Knights of Columbus show love for their neighbors by conducting food drives and donating the food to local soup kitchens and food pantries, by [volunteering at Special Olympics](#), and by supporting, both spiritually and materially, mothers who [choose life](#) for their babies. Knights recognize that our mission, and our faith in God, compels us to action. There is no better way to experience love and compassion than by helping those in need, a call we answer every day.

Unity – None of us is as good as all of us. Members of the Knights of Columbus all know that – together – we can accomplish far more than any of us could individually. So we stick together...we support one another. That doesn't mean that we always agree or that there is never a difference of opinion. It does mean that – as a Knight of Columbus – you can count on the support and

Our Principles

By Bob Wyman

encouragement of your brother Knights as you work to make life better in your [parish and community](#).

Fraternity – Venerable Michael J. McGivney founded the Knights of Columbus, in large part, to provide assistance to the widows and children left behind when the family breadwinner died – often prematurely. The Order's [top-rated insurance program](#) continues to do this today, as do the good works of individual Knights, who gave more than 75.6 million service hours in 2017, illustrating how Catholics serve each other in fraternity and mercy.

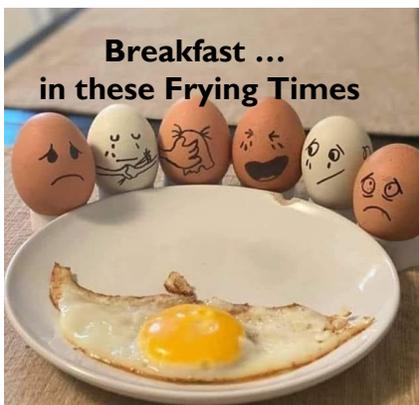
Patriotism – Members of the Knights of Columbus, be they Americans, Canadians, Mexicans, Cubans, Filipinos, Poles, or Dominicans, are patriotic citizens. We are proud of our devotion to God and country, and believe in standing up for both. Whether it's in public or private, the Knights remind the world that Catholics support their nations and are amongst the greatest citizens.

[Join Now](#)

September Breakfast

By PGK, PFN John Stefani

He died last fry day. Thank God he wasn't beaten. Don't worry, he went over easy. He's now in he sunny side. He's definitely in a better plate.



Ha ha. This yokes on you!!



Deputy Grand Knight

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So if you haven't heard of an activity that invigorates the practice of your Catholic Faith or heard from us directly in sometime, it is not for the lack of effort on this side of the communication divide, we just may have the

wrong number or app.

et's keep in touch, whether in the best or worst of times.

Troop and Pack 127

By Dan O'Connell

Virtual Scouting continues...

While we are meeting in person at outdoor venues with CDC guidelines in place, the weather is changing, and we will need to find indoor space to allow us to continue to meet safely. Virtual meetings, campouts and outings just doesn't cut it for Scouting.



The Pack continues to be active with two Pack meeting in September due to the 50-person limit imposed in Illinois. They also held a recruitment night but did not have much success with it. It is tough times to be

asking folks to join an organization when you cannot definitely tell them what the future meetings will look like and where they will be held. We will continue to try and grow and will be looking at other events to bring in new scouts.



The Troop is also remaining active. We just adopted a trail with McHenry County Conservation District (MCCD) that we will be policing at least monthly to keep it clean for others to enjoy in addition to the Troop. We are responsible for a section of the Prairie Trail

from Virginia Road South (by Bike Shop) to Pyott Road (by Bucky's).

The Troop also participated in the IDDF Drive at Lippold Park and we had over 12 scouts and adults participate in the event in what was unfortunately a very slow day. We did our best in these very difficult times.

We are hosting an AOL Den at our next Troop meeting and hopefully have a few join us in February. WE are also planning on participating in a District wide recruitment effort to be held at the McHenry County Fairgrounds on Saturday October 10th. It will be a chance to meet AOL and Webelo scouts from across McHenry County, Lastly, we have received approval from the Notre Dame Club of McHenry County that they will continue to sponsor the Pack and Troop for the 2021 Scouting year. Thank you to Brother Mike Chmiel for bringing us together.

We wish to thank Father McCormick Council for your support and hope you and your families are staying safe, healthy and sane. Hopefully, 2021 will be a much better year. God Bless!

God bless.

DD Report

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Resources at your fingertips.

There has been a lot of change over the last few years, even before covid, but especially since. Sometimes it's not easy keeping up. Fortunately, our organization has created some very good training and reference resources.

Look here for webinars you can watch which cover a number of topics including the new exemplification, managing council operations with Covid, and Leave no neighbor behind program. <https://www.kofc.org/en/for-members/our-webinars.html>

This information isn't just for officers. Maybe it isn't clear what the difference is between an Online Member and someone who takes the Online Degree?

There are also some quick tips videos on how to run a successful open house, or general program. <https://www.kofc.org/en/for-members/resources/videos/quick-tips.html>

IDDF Photos



Crystal Lake Food Pantry

By PGK, Vince Esposito



No one should go hungry.

The food pantry days for September went well with the help of the "off the street" volunteers and council members. The Saturday version we had 5 council member show and 8 for our Thursday version.



The food pantry is one if not only event that the council is involved in that is truly is service orientated. It's just too bad that council turnout is so poor.

In earlier articles for at least the few years and at many meetings I had asked for help coordinating the 24 times a year the council works the food pantry. The response has been underwhelming.

The article last month again had asked for help coordinating and taking over the event. I'm not going to be around as much starting

next year. With this change I won't be able to anchor myself to being at food pantry service days every other week. I may show up on occasions and help out but not every month and most likely not at all during the winter months.



FEED THE HUNGRY

With this all said if the council does not step up with a member, two, six or even twelve to take over the duties the council will have to drop out as one of the scheduled groups taking turns volunteering at the pantry. By the next month's article we will know if the council's service to the community keeps going or our time will be spent better involved with other endeavors. For all the council members, wives and family who have helped in past food pantry service days

thank you!

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Fourth Degree

By SK, Dan O'Connell



New Master and Virtual 4th Degree



We have a new Master of the Northern Illinois District of the Marquette Province. Sir Knight Alexander Tennant was appointed by the Supreme Master **Dennis Stoddard**.

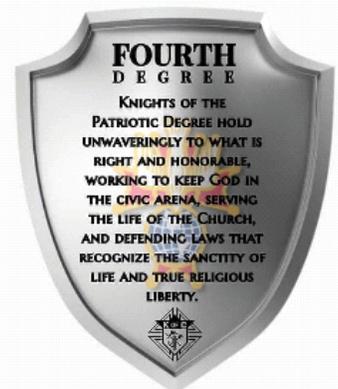
SK Tennant had been a District Marshal under our previous Master Garry Daly. He assumed his new position September 1st. He is currently the Captain in the Bishop Raymond P. Hillinger Assembly #1595, Niles, IL

His first order of business will be to hold the first virtual 4th Degree Exemplification on November 7th. More details to follow on that endeavor and how to register.

No Honor Guards have been held and it will continue to be that way for the foreseeable future. If any changes are announced, there will be a communication about it sent out.

Our next Bishop Boylan Assembly meeting will be on October 14th at 7:30 PM. It may or may not be in person. Watch your email for further information on the meeting format. If you are not receiving the Assembly's communications, please let me know and we can verify and update your email as needed. Vivat Jesus!

Vivat Jesus!



Pro-Life Report

By Jamie Hruza

Dear Brothers,

Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsberg has died at the age of 87 a champion for Planned Parenthood please pray for the repose of her soul. Ruth achieved things unheard of in her time. Taking a seat on the Supreme court was a monumental leap forward for women. This leap forward can now be seen as very unfortunate, that it was not used to save lives and stop the killing of unborn babies. To achieve one of the highest seats this country can offer and then use it to advance the killing of millions of babies is very sad and we can only pray for God to have mercy. Ruth Ginsberg may have fought for the rights of women outside the womb but within the womb you had no right to live and could be discarded as having no value.

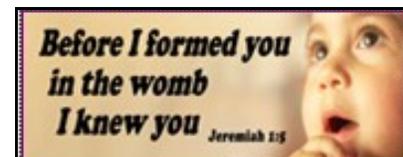
There is only a handful of people in the world at the highest levels of government that can put an end to the genocide of abortion. These people at the highest levels know these babies are being murdered up to birth in the most horrific way and yet still support such atrocities. Please pray that the next Supreme Court Justice will stop the killing of all these babies. If a Pro Life Supreme Court Justice takes the seat vacated by Ruth Ginsberg we will have a Pro Life majority and it will change the trajectory of the United States of America for the foreseeable future. The Pro Life members of the Supreme Court are young and with one more seat Roe vs Wade will be overturned and babies be saved.

President Trump has released a short list of candidates to fill the

vacancy and they are brilliant constitutionalists and Pro Life. The President has made it clear that they are moving forward with filling the seat even with upcoming election. The President believes that he has an obligation to the American people to fill the seat immediately. At the very top of this list is Catholic Amy Coney Barrett. Amy is unapologetically Pro Life and would be a great defender of not only the unborn but also the Constitution of the United States of America. This would undoubtedly be the perfect choice for confirmation to the supreme court, may God's will be done.

The election is fast approaching and as Catholics we have an obligation to protect life. You have to ask yourself will my vote be for the sanctity of life or for the destruction of life. You will account for your vote at judgement and sitting on the sidelines is not an option. Pray for our great nation. Pray for the purification of the Holy Roman Catholic Church from the Top Down. Pray for abortion to be illegal in the entire world. Also pray for all those who have made a false god out of fear, fear is the work of the devil.

In Christ,
Jamie Hruza



Grand Knight's Report

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or myself know. These are important positions that are part of our Faith in Action program and its success.

In preparation for Advent wreaths and Christmas tree sales, the committee will be cleaning out the trailer and painting the floor of the trailer to make it easier to keep clean in the future. Thank you to brother knight Larry Miller for donating the paint.

In closing, please mark your calendars for the beatification mass of Father McGivney on October 31st. A letter will be read from the Holy Father and he will bestow the title of "Blessed" on Father McGivney. This is the step just prior to sainthood. An additional miracle attributed to Father McGivney is required for his canonization as a saint.

Preparations are being made to broadcast the Mass to a worldwide audience.

Thank you again for all that you do.

Mary Queen of Knights, "Pray for Us"

God bless you all.

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

2020 Memories



Vocation Raffle

By DGK, Robt kosin

Who has the Golden Ticket?

The KoC statewide Vocational Raffle has started, and, in many ways, it has been in the shadow of the IDD and Tootsie Rolls but is no less important to the core purpose of the Knights of Columbus. So, beginning this August until the November business meeting, members of our Council were mailed to their homes a Raffle Booklet just like back in the day.

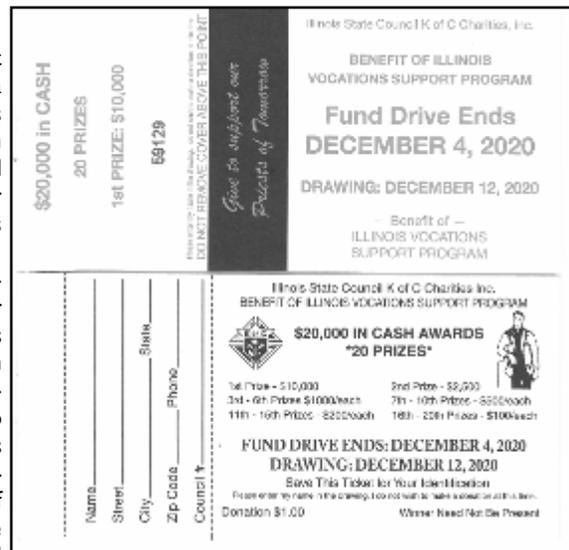
What hasn't changed is each booklet contains 15 chances at a dollar a chance to win \$20,000 in cash awards with the first prize of \$10,000. It can happen, and it did happen in Council 3880. Ask one of the old members or turn the booklet in and be this years legend. But the real winners are the seminarians who for which \$9 stays with our Council to directly support seminarians and \$6 goes to State Council. Even then the money continues to pay forward for those who have chosen to walk the path of Christ. All seminarians in the Theology ranks receive a birthday card with a check in the amount of \$100 on their birthday. All college seminarians receive a birthday card and

a check for \$50. All seminarians in the Theology ranks receive a copy of the Liturgical Calendar "Ordo" as a Christmas gift.

The Seminary benefits as well as with a sizable monetary donation made to the Seminary and the other seminaries that our seminarians attend.

When the education journey ends and a seminarian is ordained, our State Council sends him an ordination card with a check in the amount of \$100 and a beautiful copy of the "Daily Missal".

Booklets are out, and more are available. Please do your part if you received one return it with before the week of November or better yet, ask for another booklet from yours truly and tell others with the Golden Ticket in hand, the purpose of the Vocational Drive of the Knights of Columbus. Whether you win or not, there is a future priest, nun and brother who will.



General Election 11/3/2020

By John Walsh

Due to COVID-19, all McHenry County 2020 General Election voters are encouraged to cast a ballot prior to Election Day, either by mail or during early voting. Voting by mail is an easy option for voters and you can request a vote by mail ballot through email, mail, or in person. An application is available from the McHenry County Clerk at <https://www.mchenrycountyil.gov/vbm> or from the State Board of Elections at <https://elections.il.gov/electionoperations/VotingByMail.aspx>.

To register to vote or check your registration status, visit <https://ova.elections.il.gov>.

MCHEMRY COUNTY EARLY VOTING

All ballot styles for McHenry County are available at ALL Early Voting Centers, voters may choose to vote at the site most convenient for them. Vote by Mail Ballot Drop Boxes are available inside the five permanent sites with extended hours.

Voters may begin voting early on Thursday, September 24, 2020 in the McHenry County Clerk's office at 667 Ware Rd., Woodstock. Monday through Friday, 8:30 AM—4:30 PM.

Beginning October 19th all early voting centers will be open see <https://www.mchenrycountyil.gov/home/showdocument?> for locations and hours. The early voting center in Crystal Lake is the DOLE MANSION - 401 Country Club Rd., Crystal Lake - Vote By Mail Ballot Drop Box Available (during voting hours)

You can early vote from ANY of the 11 early voting locations regardless of where you live. Your customized ballot is printed on site. Any Site.

ANY of the FIVE "Permenant" early voting locations, including the DOLE MANSION will accept your vote by mail ballot during hours of early voting operations.

Good of the Order

Knights' October Birthdays:

- Vito De Frisco
- John M. Ferrero, III
- Joe Gottemoller
- Brad L. Johnson
- Thomas M. Lehner
- John Loretan
- Daniel P. Maguire
- Joseph Mancini
- Peter M. Mateljan
- Kenneth Mavec
- Richard B. Mensik
- Larry Miller
- Jasper Pitrello
- Paul Ruiz
- Robert L. Schmidt
- Gerald L. Spiewak
- Stephan C Townsend

Wives' Ocyober. Birthdays:

- Christina Benkert
- Ginger Bradley
- Kathy Esposito
- Jeanne Fraser
- Mary Frazier

- Sheri Kebr
- Tina Mackinlay
- Nancy J. Modrich
- Meghan Riley
- Linda Steadman

October Anniversaries:

- Mike and Elizabeth Baietto
- Harry P. and Judy Blus
- Patrick E. and Ginger Bradley
- Todd and Lori Bright
- Kenneth J. and Dianne Diana
- Ronald and Bernice Ferraro
- Gerald C. and Jeanne Fraser
- Thomas M. and Gail Lehner
- Gerald L. and Marilyn Spiewak
- John P. and Linda Walsh
- Paul L. and Beth Weyna

Good of the Order— Pray For List is included in your September minutes

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 hopeful
new year.



Fifth Sunday Memorial Mass—November 29, 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-

senting 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!

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:

- [11036 - Full Page Version](#)
- [11036A - Card Version](#)
- [11036B - Multiple Card Version](#)

Vivat Jesus





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St. Thomas the Apostle



Council Calendar

October 2020	November 2020	December 2020
10/3 Food Pantry 10/6 Business Meeting 10/14 Columbus Day 10/15 Food Pantry Thursday 10/18 Breakfast 10/20 Social Meeting 10/25 P.A.D.S. 10.31 Expected Canonization of Fr. McGivney	1-2 All Saints and Al Soul 3 Business Meeting Election Day 11/7 Food Pantry 11/15 Breakfast 11/17 Social Meeting 11/19 Food \Pantry Thursday 11/21 Christmas Tree Setup 11/26 Thanksgiving 11/27 Trees arrive & sales 11/29 P.A.D.S.	12/1 Business Meeting 12/5 Food Pantry 12/8 Feast of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary 12/15 Social Meeting—Tree Sales should end 12/17 Food Pantry Thursday 12/20 Breakfast with Santa 12/25 Christmas Holiday 12/27 PADS

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

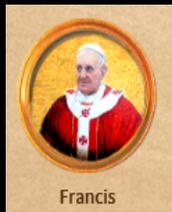
which is the Church. Let the inspiration of your servant prompt us to greater confidence in your love so that we may continue his work of caring for the needy and the outcast. We humbly ask that you glorify your venerable servant Father Michael J. McGivney on earth according to the design of your holy will. Through his intercession, bless our parish, our Knights of Columbus Council and



Lady's Auxiliary. Amen.

KNIGHT LIFE

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Francis



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

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

