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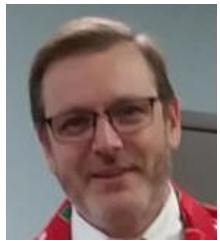
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Grand Knight's Report

By SK, Joe Scherb

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ear Brothers.
We are called to be the Charity that evangelizes, and "Catholic men building a bridge back to faith." As St Paul says "Show me your faith without deeds, and I will show you my faith by what I do." The work we do is directly aligned with the mission Jesus and His Church has put before us.



Men join the Knights and are surrounded by their catholic brothers. Our men are Ushers, Sacristans, and Priests. We lead other men through TMIY, build our catholic community through the parish festival, and raise funds for charity at breakfast and Johnny Appleseed.

While we were crushed by Covid in the past, due to your efforts, we've come back strongly. We're starting to see progress in other ways. We've got guys asking to buy council polos. We've got new faces showing up at meetings and activities.

I recently had a guy tell me "I didn't know what the knights do, but I'm seeing you guys everywhere". That felt good. It's an effort that is starting to gain momentum, and the more we do, the more we can do. The more people we will help.

Let's look at our progress and wins so far;

- We held our first offering of the exemplification last month.
- We brought in a new brother and have line of sight to 4 more.
- Of the 16 required programs, we've already completed 8. Half of the program requirements are done.
- Each time we've asked for help and man power, every single time, you've responded.

That is the success of our #Fraternity, the power of #Unity, and the impact of Faith in Action. Looking forward to October:

- For Respect Life Month we'll be putting out the crosses. This sends a message!
- October is our Membership Church Drive to build our numbers and strengthen our council.
- We'll have another Exemplification which will be bigger and better than the first.
- We have a Fraternal Benefit Seminar called "Financial Success Under Any Circumstance"

You can feel the momentum. The work you are doing, alongside your brothers, matters. And it's paying off. People are starting to notice. As our efforts continue, people will continue to see how we live our faith by the works we do. They will want to be a part of this. Everyone wants to be on a winning team right? >>6

Deputy Grand Knight

By SK, Matt Carzoli

It sure was a busy couple of weeks for Council 3880.

TMIY and the St. Thomas Music Festival kicked off the Saturday after our last council meeting. The early morning with our TMIY brothers in person (or online) again was a great to start the weekend.

The St Thomas Festival brought out many more of our church family than we could have expected. The food line was 25-30 deep most of the night. The beer & wine sales were going well through the night as well. Thanks to all that helped to make this event a wonderful night with our St Thomas Family. I'll let our

Community chair WPGK Mike Bradley speak to this event in more detail. Thanks Mike!



This past Saturday was another great TMIY session that left me hungry for more. Saturday was also this years IDDF drive. It was a beautiful day and with more locations and was a much better year. It is getting harder and harder to give away Tootsie Rolls these days . Thanks WPGK John Orso for your help in chairing this event again. >>6

Council Officers

Fraternal Year 2021-2022

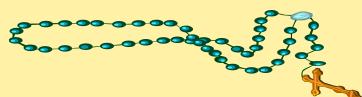
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Knights Monthly Breakfast-July

By PGK, PFN John Stefani

GREETINGS BROTHER KNIGHTS AND OTHER WORTHY READERS!

Breakfast Number 3 Post-Pandemic!!!

Well, a little change this month but here we are and there we were! Do to the increased



semi-resurgence of the new Delta variant, some safety changes have been mandated by both the State, and more importantly by the Diocese. So we sent out the word that masks would be required of everyone working in the kitchen and dining room, and we were 99% in compliance, with the blessing of the Worthy Grand Knight. Speaking of whom... he pulled a fast one on us by posting a picture of the beautiful rib eye steaks we offer with our Stake & Egg Special! It was a great post and very effective!!! It's just that WE didn't know about it until after the fact!! But we did not run out, although **Brother Bob Newport** was kept busy tossing them

on the grill starting very early into the first Mass.

Because of the resurgence of Covid and the Mask mandate, we were a little concerned with the crowd expectations. The crowd after the 7:30 Mass began coming in as a healthy group, but then did taper off rather quickly, but still an acceptable showing. the 9 o'clock crowd was really good after that and kept us busy, always a welcome occurrence! 10:30 crowd was bolstered by a large family group that took up a couple of tables, but then that too began to taper off. All in all, it was a successful day... we came out ahead!

Along with the Steak & Egg, the Heart Healthy Omelet we offer was also very popular Sunday. The White Menu's, consisting of Steak & Eggs, Heart Healthy Omelet, French Toast & Eggs Special, and ½ Waffle & Egg, actually outsold the Yellow Menu! Another amomoly was we had a run on Poached Eggs! We have been doing those for many >> 3

Membership

By Bob Wyman

Fellow Knights We Need Your Help

We are conducting a Knights of Columbus Delta Church Drive for new members for our council the weekend of October 9 & 10, 2021. We received permission from the Parish to do so, but we need your help! How can you Help!

- Help place prospect cards with pencils in all the pews for prospective Knights to fill out for more information about joining the Knights.
- Help will be needed before Mass to man all the church entry/exit doors to give out Fr. McGivney prayer cards, the prayer will be said at Mass.
- A fellow Knight will do a pulpit announcement to outline what the Knights are all about and ask prospective Knights to fill out the prospect cards in the pews if interested.
- Man the entry/exit doors to collect any

filled-out prospect cards from the men who would like more information about the Knights.

- Take filled out prospect cards to the Knights table in the narthex so they can be recorded.
- The above will be done for all 6 Masses.

More information about the drive will be forthcoming at the officers meeting on 09-28-2021 and business meeting on 10-05-2021. Flock-note alerts will be sent out to all the council to alert them of the membership drive.

This is a very important membership drive for our council. Our council ranks over the last few years have started to dwindle, through age, commitment and Knights moving out of the area. We need our ranks to continue to be strong to fulfill our commitment to Charity!!

Robert Wyman
Membership Chair KC Council 3880
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Troop and Pack 127

Scouts About

Both the Troop and Pack had a busy summer and are back in full swing with school back in session.

The Pack had at least two activities each summer month (June, July and August) that earned them the National Summertime Pack Award for their efforts. Activities included hikes, rocket launching, band-shell concerts as well as community service projects. They have resumed their normal monthly Pack meetings as of September. September's meeting concentrated on getting parents engaged in Pack positions such as Treasurer, Activities Coordinator and Day Camp Coordinator to just name a few. These volunteers help give the scouts the best program possible while allowing them to advance in rank from Lion on up to Arrow of Light.



The Troop did not miss a beat during the summer. It started with the Philmont Scout Ranch trek in June along with a hiking outing at Rush Creek. July brought Summer Camp at Canyon Camp in Oregon, Illinois. A week of fun, merit badges and the great outdoors. August ushered in Grant's Pilgrimage (delayed from April) at Galena, Illinois where 3,000 scouts descend on the town for historic tours, battle reenactments and a grand parade down Main Street. Unlike last year when we received 8 inches of snow, this year was much better weather.

I mentioned Summer Camp and merit badges earlier and it should be noted that the scouts earned sixty-one (61) merit badges at camp ranging from Archery and Basketry to Space Exploration and Wilderness Survival.

It is popcorn time for the scouts. Both the Pack and Troop are participating in selling so if you know a scout, please buy some popcorn to support them in their Scouting endeavors. They are selling through mid-October. If you need to be hooked up with a source for the great Trail's End popcorn, just let me know.

Thank you for your continued support of Scouting and helping us build strong citizens of tomorrow who will live the [Scout Oath](#) and [Scout Law](#) to keep our country great. God Bless each one of you and your family and God Bless America.

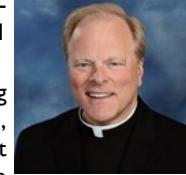
Chaplain's Message

Dear Brother Knights,
As the month of September 2021 draws to a close, we look ahead to October and the Fall weather. We also preview our church calendar to consider many opportunities available to us to live and share our Catholic faith. Here is a look at some of the things on October's calendar:

- October Weekends: Opportunity to recite the rosary after every 4:30 p.m. Mass (Marian Group)
- October 2/3

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- ◊ Pet Blessing in honor of St. Francis, on Saturday, October 2, at 1 p.m. (Oak St.)
- ◊ White Cross Initiative supporting the dignity of the human person, on display in front of Oak Street Church, by statue >> 6 of the Blessed Virgin Mary!
- ◊ Second Collection for victims of Hurricane Ida >> 6



Breakfast

years, and generally have one or two requests each month... this breakfast we had more poached egg orders than all combined over the last 3 years! Interesting! According to **Worthy DGK Matt Carzoli** and **Worthy Treasurer Cesar Jimenez**, we had a number of people who said they were new to the Breakfast! We also continue to have more and more people paying via Credit Card! This is something we never used to do, but these two are ready for it with the device hooked up and waiting... In past years we did have people leave without eating since they only had plastic.. signs of the times!

A huge thanks to all who came to work and observed our new requirements as we march forward in these troubling days.

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Hope to see you all there again in the coming months... And I would be remiss if I didn't add this note: **Past Grand Knight Vince Esposito, we ALL knew you were not in the back room washing dishes!** You have moved on to retirement in Florida, as you and Kathy start another chapter in your lives. The job gets done without you, because **WE ARE 3880!** But that does not mean we like it, and you are not missed... it is the first Breakfast you are 'gone' but you will always be missed. We the Breakfast Crew, and me most personally, already miss you, and I can not thank you enough for all you have done for the Council, the Breakfast, and me, my Brother. Stay Safe and God Speed, Vinnie Bob! We are Brothers... keep on being brotherly!!!

John

Crystal Lake Food Pantry

By PGK, Vince Esposito



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



Fourth Degree

By SK, Dan O'Connell



Once again, the 4th Degree will participate in the Columbus Day Parade in Chicago on October 11th. All Sir Knights with uniforms are invited to attend and march in the parade. The day will start with Mass at 9 AM (arrive by 8:30 AM) at The Shrine of Our Lady of Pompeii at 1224 Lexington Street. There will be a wreath laying at Arrigo Park in Chicago at 10:30 AM. The Columbus Day Parade will kick off at State Street and Wacker Drive at 12:30 PM. Consider donating to the Father McGivney Military Chaplain Scholarship Fund. The 4th Degree has once again been charged by the Supreme Knight Patrick Kelly and Supreme Master Dennis Stoddard to help support priestly vocations for the military through the scholarship program that provides support for those seminarians who will, once ordained, serve both their home diocese and the Archdiocese for the Military Services.

The Archdiocese for the Military Services (AMS) provides the Catholic Church's pastoral and spiritual services to those serving in the armed forces of the United States and their dependents and to all military and naval bases, to the facilities of the Veterans Administration, and to other federal services overseas. Your donation would go to support AMS's shared cost with the home diocese to support these dedicated seminarians who will serve as uniformed chaplains upon ordination. AMS receives no funding from the military or the government and could use our support to help fill the severe shortage of chaplains. For more information about this scholarship, follow this link: [Father McGivney Military Chaplain Scholarship](#).

Our next Assembly meeting is October 13th 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 your email address.
Vivat Jesus!

Vocation Raffle

By SK, Greg Ives

Time is Running to Help our Future Priests! Turn in Your Raffle Tickets! yet, \$9 from each book stays in our council, and we give it directly to seminarians who need our help.

The annual Knights of Columbus Vocation Raffle is getting closer to the finish line. If you have not completed and turned in your book(s) please do so by the end of October. Mail them in the pre-addressed envelope we provided you or drop them off at either the October business meeting or Sunday monthly breakfast.

If you need one, we have them at the business meeting, and the breakfast, or email Worth Recorder Bob Kosin (rkosin@gmail.com) or Worthy Chancellor Greg Ives (gregives@att.net) and we will get you as many as you need! Anyone can purchase raffle tickets – you don't need to be a Knight.

Books are just \$15 and offer the chance to win as much as \$10,000 in a drawing to be held in December. Best

Since 1882 the Knights of Columbus has supported and prayed for our priests and religious. We pledge to "Form (ourselves) in the Catholic Faith, to live in accord with the Precepts of the Catholic Church, and to participate in its sacramental life."



That little promise we make during our First Degree exemplification includes supporting our priests, including those men who are working their way through seminary to become our future priests. Remember when you were in college, and you had little to no money? The same holds true for our seminarians. They need our help, and we are in a position to help them.

Do your part to help our seminarians. Help them so they can help each of us as our Catholic priests of tomorrow!

Pro-Life

Novena for Life

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.

[Novena for Life - Life Programs | Knights of Columbus](#)

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 SEPTEMBER 2021

They had been discussing among themselves on the way who was the greatest. Then he sat down, called the Twelve, and said to them, “If anyone wishes to be first, he shall be the last of all and the servant of all.” (Gospel for Sept. 19, Mk 9:34-35)



Naturally, in every good undertaking — whether doing one's job, helping another or playing a sport — we ought to strive for excellence, for greatness. But here, Jesus gives that thinking a twist: If we want to be great in the kingdom of heaven, we must embrace humility and become servants. We must not seek headlines, but rather give of ourselves for the sake of others, for the common good. My brothers, let us forgo

seeking earthly glory in favor of being selfless “team players” in building the kingdom of heaven.

Challenge by Supreme Chaplain Archbishop William E. Lori:

This month, I challenge you to watch the “Leadership” episode of the *Into the Breach* video series and use the study guide to reflect on what true humility and service look like. Second, I challenge you to participate in the Faith in Action Soccer Challenge or Free Throw Championship program.

Questions for Reflection:

Do you seek personal glory at the expense of others? Do you put your gifts at the service of God and your neighbor, or do you use them primarily to achieve praise and gain in this life? What is one concrete act you can do to grow in humility and give of yourself to others?

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



Right to Life Organizations



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

GK Report

Our society needs a bridge back. Our community and our parish are starving for "good works". Let's keep focused on the mission and show them the way through our Faith in Action.

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

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Knights of Columbus Council #3880,
Grand Knight.

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DGK Report

Our third breakfast capped off our September 17-10 triple header weekend. Get ready, Johnny Appleseed is right around the corner .We are well on our way to getting at least four required events completed in Faith, Family, Community and Life

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Chaplain's Report

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- ◊ Life-Chain on Sunday, October 3, 2:30 to 3:30 p.m.
(Rte. 14, near Hobby Lobby)

- October 9/10 Knights of Columbus Membership Drive at all weekend Masses
- October 16 Rosary Rally outside of Oak Street Church, from Noon to 1:30 p.m.
- October 23/24 Diocesan Appeal Weekend – We need EVERYONE to respond to this appeal as generously as possible. As a parish we are responsible for our target amount! Apparently, this was not addressed in May, so it needs our attention now!!
- October 30 McHenry County Catholic Prayer Breakfast, 9 a.m. at D'Andrea Banquet

- 30/31 Light of the World promotion at all Masses (Retreat November 5 to 8)

I also want to extend a big thank you to the **Knights of Columbus** for the wonderful service you provide at the St. Thomas Fest, on Saturday, September 11. There was a constant line for the food and everyone ate well, enjoyed the music and each other's company. God provided us with a beautiful weather evening. Thanks again for manning the food truck and for all the ways you serve St. Thomas and the larger Church!

Peace be with you,
Fr. Bob Jones

Happy Retirement, PGK Vince Esposito

As I'm writing this email my wife and I are almost to the Georgia Florida border. We've closed on the house and loaded up the car and had a tearful goodbye to our home for over 25 years and my hometown. We look back at all the friends and neighbors we know and sadly have said goodbye to over the years.

I think about the memories of St. Thomas school and the church where I was baptized, confirmed, first Eucharist and Married. I think about growing up in Crystal Lake with all the baby boomers. The childhood games and bruises along with my first job, first car and first love.

All are now memories along with the hundreds of people now gone including my parents.

Time never stops. Every 365 and almost a quarter days the earth

revolves around the sun that we consider a year has happened at least 4 billion times. It's now time for me to enjoy the revolutions I have left in my earthly body. Life has called and it finally didn't get a busy signal. I answered and my guardian angel has told me there's something more to do but not where I've lived.

God spoke to me somehow though I never heard a voice. It's time to move on now I need to hear who is asking for my help. Somehow I know It will be a whisper so my ears are open.

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3880 Photographic Memories



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 October Birthdays:

- Christina Benkert
- Ginger Bradley
- Kathy Esposito
- 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
- 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 2021 Minutes**

Glenn A. LaBello

**June 7, 1957 - August 25,
2021 (age 64)**

May he rest in peace. Amen.

*May his soul and the souls of all the
faithful departed, through the mercy of
God, rest in peace..*



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



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

**Update Your
Membership Info
[Click here](#) to update it.**

Fifth Sunday Memorial Mass—Oct 31, 2021 —9:00AM

By SK, Robert Kosin

5th SUNDAY

Sunday Oct 31st is a Fifth Sunday of the month for which the 9AM *Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with you;* 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.



Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners now and at the hour of our death. Amen.

And from the gentle repetition of each prayer be mindful of our deceased members, their faith in their clergy, love of Our Lady and how each lived a life in recognition of Tempus Fugit, Memento Mori.



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St. Thomas the Apostle

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Council Calendar

October 2021	November 2021	December 2021
10/5 Council Meeting 10/7 Right to Life Crosses 10/11 Columbus Day Breakfast 10/17 Breakfast 10/22 Fraternal Benefit Night 10/26 Officers Meeting 10/30 Exemplification 10/31 5th Sunday	11/1-2 All Saints and All Soul 11/2 Council Meeting qq/13 Advent Wreath Pickup 11/21 Breakfast 11/20 Christmas Tree Lot Setup Wreath Sales Begin 11/25 Thanksgiving 11/26 Trees arrive & sales Begin 11/28 Advent Begins 11/30 Officers Meeting	12/7 Business Meeting 12/8 Feast of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary 12/10 Tree Sales should end 12/19 Breakfast with Santa 12/25 Christmas Holiday 12/28 Officers Meeting 12/31 New Years Eve

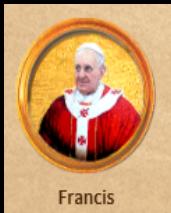
Prayer for the Canonization of Fr. Michael J McGivney

God, our Father, protector of the ration of your servant prompt poor and defender of the widow us to greater confidence in your and orphan, you called your love so that we may continue priest, Fr. Michael J. McGivney, to his work of caring for the needy be an apostle of Christian family and the outcast. We humbly ask life and lead the young to the that you glorify your venerable generous service of their neighbor. Through the example of his servant Father Michael J. McGivney on earth according to life and virtue, may we follow the design of your holy will. your Son, Jesus Christ, more Through his intercession, bless closely fulfilling his commandment our parish, our Knights of Columbus of charity and building up his Body bus Council and Lady's Auxiliary. which is the Church. Let the inspired Amen.



KNIGHT LIFE

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

