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Grand Knight's Report

Scott Popp

Dear Brother Knights and Families,

For any of those of you who may have perhaps showed up for the regular business meeting on April 7th, to find there was none, I apologize. I decided to postpone the meeting till Wednesday, April 8th in consideration of the St. Thomas confirmation mass on Tuesday evening. Technically we would have been able to still conduct the business meeting, however there was a number of individuals whom are Brother Knights that were in attendance at the confirmation, and therefore the thought was to postpone the meeting to allow those individuals to celebrate with the confirmands. The Knights of Columbus, is a Catholic Brotherhood, and again as I have said so many times a Family, and FAMIY comes first.

Speaking of family, on Tuesday, April 21st Council #3880 own degree team conducted a first degree ceremony, where we welcomed into our Council..... 8 (yes that is correct 8) new brother Knights, and we had a total of 13 brother(s) join the order that evening. I would like to extend my unending gratitude to Past Grand Knight, Worthy Membership Director, John Stefani for all his hard work in growing our Order. I would also like to thank the Council 3880 degree team for another beautifully reverent ceremony. And additionally, I would like to thank all of those of you who attended and were there supporting our new Brothers.

This past Lenten season we served meatless dinners on Fridays during Lent, prior to the Stations of the Cross. The numbers of attendee's were nothing overly spectacular. However the presence of the Council was important. Not every event will be hugely successful in terms of attendance, or in monies raised. However, our presence is still very important, and necessary, WE ARE THE RIGHT ARM OF THE CHURCH (do you remember where you just heard that?) It is my hope and desire that we will again be able to conduct those Lenten dinners going forward into next year, and thank you to all those individuals who helped with that event from cooking, cleaning, and serving to coming out and eating. The dinners were profitable for the Council, and we certainly had fun!, and since our presence was visible to the entire Parish, I say Home Run!

This past weekend our Deputy Grand Knight (Bob Wyman), and myself attended the Illinois State convention, and we were again amazed at how far this Order of our's stretches. We live most of our daily life hear in beautiful Crystal Lake, not entirely seeing the Good of our Order on what you may call a big scale. But rest assured there is great things happening



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Grand Knight's Report, *continued*

in our state. Did you know that the state of Illinois placed fourth in overall recruitment? And that is on a worldwide scale, The only other state that surpassed Illinois was California. I believe that the first place recipient was Peru (yes the country!) where the Knights of Columbus is generally speaking new in its existence. We are bringing back some idea's that hopefully we will act on in hopes of greater solidarity with our Priests as well as the Church.

On a personal note, I would like to extend on behalf of my mother in-law (Gayle), and my wife Melinda, our unending gratitude to all of those of you who extended your sympathies on the passing of my father in law, Ronald Charley, your prayers, and intention are truly appreciated.

*God bless you all,
Scott Popp*

So that you are aware:

- The Council is sponsoring a diaper drive on Sunday May10th.
- There will be no grill night in June, and July.
- In June our very own Ervin Caliente will be ordained a Priest on Saturday, June 6th.
- July 4th is on the first Saturday.
- The annual Jack Venezia Golf outing is scheduled for Friday, June 5th, at Prairie Isle

Jack Venezia Golf Outing Sponsored by Knights of Columbus Fr. McCormick Council #3880

Enclosed are an Informational Flyer and Sign-Up Sheet for Jack Venezia Golf Outing, Friday, June 5, 2015, at beautiful Prairie Isle Golf Club in Crystal Lake. We hope that you can join us for a great day of golf and fun, all for the benefit of the many charities supported by the Knight of Columbus. We are reserving four-somes at this time and they are filling up fast. Twosomes or single golfers can call us as well and we will do the best we can to accommodate you. Last year we filled the event so please get your reservation in soon!

The fee is \$100/player, or \$400 per foursome. If you register, and pay for, a complete foursome on or before May 15th, the foursome price will be discounted to \$360. A complete foursome must be registered, and the payment must be received by May 15th.

We look forward to seeing you out at Prairie Isle, and making this event a success for the community. Please send both your sign up sheet and checks (made payable to Knights of Columbus) to Bill Bransley per the enclosed information.

Thank-you once again for your support.

K of C Golf Outing Committee

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Dear Knights and Families,

When I was growing up in this parish in the late 50's and 60's the May Crowning of our Blessed Mother was a very big deal, let's just say my mother let us know it was; over the years and being in this organization the importance has been magnified. We are supposed to pray the rosary as often as we can! What a great way to show our graduate to our Blessed Virgin Mother on her special Month by attending the May Crowning.

I know we have a KC business meeting at 8:00pm on May 5th the same night as the May Crowning; hopefully the event will be over before the meeting starts at 8:00pm. See below for information on the May Crowning.

Please join us as we honor Mary during the month of May. On Tuesday, May 5th at the Oak St Church at 7:00 pm our Parish Marian Group will host a Living Rosary and May Crowning followed by a reception in the Community Room. May is a special month to honor Mary. Praying the rosary is a devotion to Our Lady and an ideal means of meditating on the life and works of her son, Jesus Christ. Families receive special graces when they recite the rosary together as a family. The Marian Group will also be decorating Mary's altar with special linens and fresh flowers in her honor. Join us on Tuesday, May 5th at 7:00 pm at the Oak St. Church for a Candlelight Living Rosary and May Crowning. Our new communicants from St. Thomas Religious Education will join in a procession and crown Our Blessed Mother.

All are invited to a reception.

KC 3880 Just Keeps Rolling Along!!

Grill Nights 1st Sat. of the month May 2, 2015: Come out with your family for a great dinner at a great price.

April Breakfast: Over 200 people served; we had a great team cooking serving and cleaning up. Come and join us next month to work or bring your family for a great breakfast. New menu items have been added, which have been doing very well per John.

1st Degree: We had 13 new Knights join our order on April 21, 2015, 8 of them are in our council. It was just a great evening, please seek out our new Knights and congratulate them.

KC Convention April 25, 2015: 1st time attending the convention, what a great feeling I got know all these Catholic men are working together for the same cause CHARITY !

Pads Dinner April 26, 2015: Mike Kebr and Dan O'Connell Families

Upcoming in April

- Business Meeting
- Social Night
- Diaper Donation
- Monthly Breakfast
- June Golf Outing

Check dates for these above events in this newsletter

Yours in Christ,

Deputy Grand Knight, Bob Wyman

As I stated in a very brief update last month, our Scouting for Food effort this year was a rousing success. The Pack distributed almost a thousand bags with flyers the weekend of February 28th to homes around St. Thomas-Oak Street. The Troop then collected the bags that were left on the door steps the following weekend. Thankful the weather cooperated and except for being a little chilly, we succeed in our endeavor.

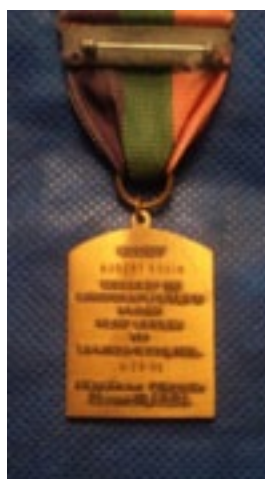
Upon collecting and sorting the food and other household goods in preparation for delivery to the Crystal Lake Food Pantry, we counted and weighed it all at their request. We had 3,005 items weighing in at 2,486 pounds and collected \$220 in cash donations. We then helped put it away once delivered to the Pantry.

The Pack had a great Pack meeting in April with a demonstration of Birds of Prey by the Flint Creek Wildlife Rehab Center (<http://www.flintcreekwildlife.org/>) located in Barrington. They brought a hawk, screech owl and turkey vulture for the scouts to see (and if I wasn't such a bad photographer, there would be pictures). The Center takes in injured birds and mammals and rehabilitates them for release back into the wild. If they cannot be rehabbed, they become residents at their Barrington or Northerly Island locations. It is an all volunteer group so if you are so inclined, check out their website and support them if you wish.

The Pack also had rank advancements for Tigers and Bears moving them into Wolf and Webelos I respectively. June will bring rank advancements for Wolves and Webelos I at the Family Campout and Pack meeting. In between all of this will be a campout at Stronghold Camp in Oregon, Illinois (<http://www.strongholdcenter.org/index.html>) the first weekend in May.

The Troop is headed to the Lincoln Pilgrimage in Springfield the last weekend in April, commemorating the 150th Anniversary of President Lincoln's Assassination, Death & Burial. Our Philmont crew will be taking the Lincoln Trail Hike which is a 20 mile trek in the footsteps of Abraham Lincoln. It was one of the first BSA hiking trails established back in 1926. Our own Robert Kosin made the trek (9-28-68) and would be happy to regale you with his adventures and accomplishment which next to getting his Eagle Award was his second best experience in Scouting.

As you can see, busy young men all around and all due to the generous support of Father McCormick Council 3880. Thank you for building our future leaders of tomorrow.



Fourth Degree Assembly News

Greetings Sir Knights, Brother Knights and family and friends! And a special Hello and Congratulations to new
Sir Knight James McKinnon!

On Saturday, April 18th, Jim joined the ranks of the top tier of Knights by becoming a 4th Degree Member. Are you ready for the next step? Earlier in this Fraternal Year,

His Honor Sir Knight Michael Chmiel became a 4th, and now Jim. I would think we can do better than two a year from this great Council, don't you? And to the seven new Brother Knights who also joined the Knights at the February Major Degree, AND to the EIGHT brand new Brother Knights have just joined our Council at the April 21st ceremony, please consider 'upgrading' your status. Remember with the new rules, as soon as you become a 3rd Degree Knight, you are eligible for 4th Degree, there is no longer a 6 month waiting period. Oh, you are not a 3rd Degree yet? You missed the opportunity when the Fr. McCormick Council hosted the Major Degree this past February? Well, you are in luck! On Sunday, May 17th, Sacred Heart Council 13476, in beautiful downtown Marengo, will be hosting a Major Degree. We would love to escort you there to take your Second and or Third Degree. Then you will be all ready for the next 4th Degree Exemplification in October. Please see me as soon as possible, drop me an e-mail at membership@kofc3880.org or call me at (815) 679-6596 and let me know! We in Council 3880 have a long and honored tradition of filling the ranks of members and Officers of Bishop Boylan Assembly 0198 of the Knights of Columbus.

Here is a picture of the Assembly Honor Guard performing one of its best duties as Honor Guard for His Excellency David Malloy, Bishop of Rockford at the recent Confirmation here at St. Thomas the Apostle on Tuesday, April 7, 2015. To become part of that picture, let SK Dan O'Connell, Jr., the Assembly Faithful Comptroller, or Worthy Financial Secretary SK Steve Haugh, PGK, who is the Faithful Pilot of the Assembly, or me, as a Past Faithful Navigator and current liaison between the two groups know and we will get you the Form 4 and all the information you could want!



Vivat Jesus! John

Oh Breakfast, Oh Breakfast!

Oh Breakfast, Oh Breakfast! ... Here we went again! Riding on the apparent continued success of the new Special Menus we introduced in January, and fearful of Mr. SK Ken Waffle feeling jilted, we offered yet another awesome choice for the foodies walking into the Community Center in April....

CHICKEN and WAFFLES!

So, how did they go over? A great fluffy golden brown Belgian Waffle, 2 golden Chicken Tenders smothered in a golden Maple Syrup drizzle the topped with a rich creamy (Mike Jasinski special) chicken gravy??? Why, golden, of course!

And what a Sunday it was! We had a really large GREAT crowd at the 7:30 Mass and worked hard to get the goodies out. Then, the 9:00 Mass was equally great! So we were prepared at that point to take it a little easy after that as it is

almost always 2 good, 1 not so good... but 'almost' was the key word... after the 2 Masses at 10:30, they started walking in.. and walking in!

Financially we had one of the best breakfasts' in recent memory, and I have a pretty good memory! Lots of friends showed up to work as well (how many PGKs and a GK work the kitchen?) as to eat... a special couple of non-Catholics, friends of one of us (Who dat, RK?), many, many regulars, wives, children and grandchildren of workers, some new people and a family of 5 of a man who became one of us a couple of days later (Who dat, JT?)

In the words of a PGK "Are we having fun yet??" (who dat, BM?) OH YEAH!!

Keep watching.... John Stefani

New Members!

The Council held a totally fantastic First Degree Ceremony this past Tuesday, April 21, 2015.

We welcomed EIGHT new Brother Knights onto the Membership Roll of Fr. McCormick Council 3880. And I was blown away with the Brother Knights who showed up as witnesses to the event. I could not believe my eyes, but we had 30 Brothers sitting on the sidelines as you can see. What a great tribute to our members, that they come out on a chilly Tuesday night, early at that, to be in the Council Chambers before 7:30 to bear witness to these men joining our ranks...

Come to the next meeting and hopefully you can personally welcome these men if you were not part of the crowd:

- Andy Popp
- Benjamin Popp
- Tyler Smith
- Nathan Mazurk
- John Tinkham
- Brian Simms
- Arturo Munoz
- James Hruza
- John Svigelj, who transferred in.

your Catholic neighbor.. And on top of all that, we have brought in more than our required 21 new members for this current Fraternal Year, thanks to all that Past Membership Chairman, Brother SK Rick Kendzior has done for the start of this Fraternal 2014-2015

Year, as well as the past 6 plus years. Next time you see Rick tell him thanks again for all of his hard work.

Oh yeah, Fraternal Year 2015-2016 starts in just over 2 months... when we start the process again. But is these past several months are any indication, WE CAN DO IT! I have the Form 100s for a couple more waiting to join after July 1st... and the promise of several more. Want to have your son, relative, friend neighbor be one of us, just like you are? I have the new Form 100s and will get you one if you ask... and if I see you, maybe I'll give you one anyway!!

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H 815-679-6596 C 847-722-4629 Vivat Jesus!**



Food Pantry Sunday & Observations

Every month the Parish has a Food Pantry donation day, generally on the first Sunday. In volunteering at our own Crystal Lake Food Pantry, there are a few things I have observed. There are a lot of really needy people in our Community, just like all of the Communities. My sister-in-law runs the one in Johnsbury, and we compare notes once in a while. It is amazing the amount of food that is available, but it is also just as amazing as how much more is needed! One of the 'jobs' I have had over the years is stocking the shelves. And there are items we just don't have much of that are really staples in the everyday kitchen.

We have some fantastic management at the CLFP. In a conversation with one of the people a year or so ago, we learned that with some savvy purchasing techniques he was able to get a lot more of a product than before. New programs open up, just as new people can bring fresh ideas. Another thing we found out was what they CAN and CANNOT get through these programs like the state one. They had put up a sign showing this, we looked at it and said, wow, nice! But then, I for one, never did anything with that knowledge. So here it is, a list of the items that they only have if someone donates them! So, next time you want to drop off some food for the Food Pantry at church here is what they need!

Let's see if we can't make an even bigger impact on those we are helping by giving them what they need... along with our prayers of course!

Keep watching.... John Stefani

Oh, yeah, I know you do it... but watch the dates on items. It is sad to see things that have to be tossed.

Good Of The Order

Knights Birthdays

Brian S. Alexander
Tom Brickey
Michael Caliendo
James Colvin
Steven A. Crnkovich
Gerald E. Fortier
Paul J. Georgy
Joe Hodorowicz
Brian D. Mazurk
Kenneth J. Olsen
Bruce Smith
Philip L. Weyna
John M. Zokal

Wives Birthdays

Kathy Breuss
Peg Godfrey
Lynda Ives
Donna Maguire
Rhonda Nissen
Melissa Smith
Debbie Starr
Mary Statter
Allison Townsend
Becky Walker

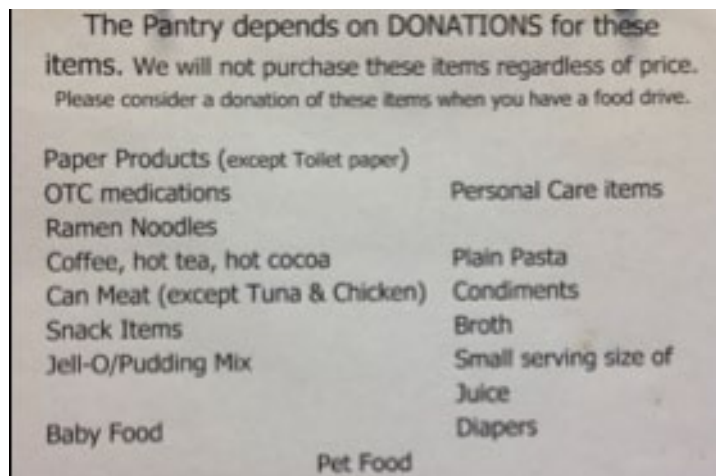
Anniversaries

Gerald & Kathy Breuss
James P. & Donna Gray
Thomas P. & Lori Harold
Chris & Angela Krambeer
Richard B. & Darcy Mensik
Robert L. & Ellene Schmidt
Bruce & Melissa Smith
Ernest & Florence Tennes
Mark A. & Sandra Zehker
John M. & Patricia Zokal

The Power Of Prayer

Please pray for:

Lillian Kolbus
Bernadine Walsh
Roma Zopp
The soul of Ronald Charley
Frank Popp Sr.
Kevin Popp
Ellen Noacks
The soul of Chuck Prank
Joni Jasinski
The soul of
Cardinal Francis George



Council Calendar

May

5/2 Grill Night
5/5 Business Meeting
5/17 Breakfast
5/19 Social Meeting
5/31 5th Sunday Memorial Mass

June

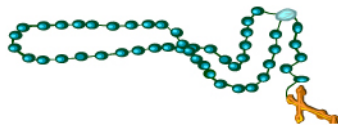
6/2 Business Meeting
6/6 Grill Night
6/7 Breakfast (*alternate date*)
6/14 Breakfast
6/16 Social Meeting

July

7/X Business Meeting
7/X Grill Night
7/X Breakfast
7/X Social Meeting



*Pray the Rosary as a Family
and with your KofC Brothers*



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