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Grand Knight's Report

Scott Popp

My dear brother Knights and Families,

I would like to extend my deepest thanks to the outpouring of support you have shown to me, as well as the Council in the first 2 months of my term. It has been a very busy time for the Council, and it is only going to get busier in the next month specifically. We had our first Grill night on August 2nd, and with the wonderful encouragement to the parishioners from Father Koutnik at the 4:30 mass we served 74 complete dinners. Earlier that day we also worked at the Crystal Lake Food Pantry stocking shelves and helping with food dispersement. I must encourage everyone out there to get involved with the Food Pantry on any level possible, they are doing such wonderful things for our community, we are truly blessed to be associated with them. We had a great turnout as always for the breakfast, and we the Knights of Columbus hosted an out door Rosary recital prior to the social meeting. And by the time you get this we will have also had the annual Corn boil on Labor Day, as well as a 5th Sunday memorial mass. It's wonderful to so many new people (Knights as well as families) at our events. It really is a blessing to have the turnout of workers for so many of the events, it allows some of the "veterans" who work those events to take a breath, and it certainly helps when we have more than one person who can do a job in those times when people are traveling or unable to assist. Please come and join us, get involved and have some fun.

September is poised to be an extremely busy month, please plan on giving us all the help you can,- wives, and children are encouraged and welcome (neighbors too!) We will be hosting: Business meeting 9/2

- Grill night 9/6
- Memorial Golf outing 9/12 (Boone Creek)
- 1st degree 9/16 (before social meeting 7:30)
- Social meeting 9/16 (8:30)
- I.D.D.F 9/19,9/20
- Monthly breakfast 9/21
- Johnny Appleseed 9/27
- 5th Tuesday Social meeting (at Scott Popp house, 5807 Ethel ave. C.L.)

In September the church is going to be starting a new program designed and geared toward men. The program is called "That Man is You". From the information that has been conveyed to me, I am sure it will prove invaluable to a great number of us, Please take advantage of the opportu-



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Grand Knight's Report, *continued*

nities that our wonderful Parish is trying to offer us, I know that we are all very busy, and it always seems that something is vying for time, but as we all well know our duties as Catholic gentlemen is:

1. God
2. Family
3. Charity

Lastly, It has been terribly unfortunate and a sad part of life that "Our" Council has had to say goodbye to a number of it's most cherished family members. In a very short period of time we have lost 3 "Brothers", and the beloved wife of another. To those families, on behalf of the Knights of Columbus Council #3880, we extend our most heartfelt sympathies, and condolences. If there is anything that ANYONE needs, please feel free to contact myself or any of the officers.

Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord, And let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen

*God bless you all,
Scott Popp*

Knights' Rosary Walk August 2014



Dear Brothers,

I would like to reiterate my thanks; same as the Grand Knight, for all the support from our Council the last two months, we always have been a very active and busy Council. I had a great experience with working the food pantry in August; the outpouring from the Knights and their families to help was outstanding. "Many hands make the burden light", the food pantry and community appreciate our efforts; this is what the Knights of Columbus are all about!

As you can see from the GK's article we have a very busy September planned. Please come out and work or enjoy dining at the 2nd Grill Night of the year, give out Tootsie Rolls with your family for the I.D.D.F. drive, work at the brat mobile or enjoy a brat at the annual downtown Johnny Appleseed Festival.

The parish is sponsoring a program "This Man is You". The information I have received is that it's for men to help balance their lives through our Catholic teachings. For many of us this would be very important.

The Grand Knight and I have been working on combining our memorial mass for our fallen Knights and our 60th Anniversary Celebration. The date is November 8, 2014 more details will follow.

I know it's only September, but the Christmas tree committee Mike Kebr, Vince Esposito and I are actively working on ordering the trees and wreaths and planning the set-up. The sign-up sheets for lot set-up, tree off loading and working the tree stand will be at the September business meeting. Christmas trees 2014 set-up of the lot will be November 22. Delivery of trees November 25 or 26, 2014. Start selling: Friday November 28, 2014. WE NEED YOUR HELP; THIS IS THE #1 BIGGEST FUND RAISER FOR OUR COUNCIL. PLEASE SIGN UP!!!

The past few months our council has experienced the loss of 3 of our Knights and a beloved wife of another. I'd like to share a few words about one of these Knights, Joe Vorisek. Joe was a classmate of mine, we graduated in 1972. He was born cerebral palsy but that did not define him. Joe didn't have it in him to be a quitter. He swam, he ran track, he cycled...he never gave up. I will always remember how he taught me to grow tomato plants. Joe was an expert at hurdling life's obstacles. I will miss him very much.

Vivat Jesus,

Bob Wyman

Deputy Grand Knight

Pro-Life News

Hello everyone,

Here we are in 2014 and we are full blown into the world of the internet. The world of pro-abortion has not been left behind. In particular, Amazon.com has joined the industry of the assisting of killing unborn babies. What has been recently stated in an article from the Illinois Foundation for Right to Life, dated July 28, 2014, Amazon is currently selling on its website the Plan B. What is Plan B? It is an abortion-inducing drug taken within 72 hours of unprotected intercourse. Who can order this from the website? ANYONE! ANY AGE! A child under the age of 17 requires an adult to see an R rated movie. But, thanks to Amazon, your pre-teen can order this drug without you even knowing about it. You may think pre-teen pregnancy may not happen to your child? You may want to think again. According to the IDPH, from 1995 to 2011, 67,928 abortions were performed in our state on girls 17 or younger. That is 11 per day! To read more about this article and for additional information please visit www.ifrl.org. So, please talk to your children about the value of life and may God bless you and your family.

Chris and Angela Krambeer

Camp Tesomas proved to be as good as everyone said it would be. The waterfront was beautiful; the staff helpful; the food good and plentiful and it was not 95 degrees in the shade. In fact, as mentioned last month, the temperature was so temperate (COOL) that we tied a record low of 42 degrees one of the nights. Usually you are looking for shade and a breeze to keep you cool in the middle of July.

The scouts of the Troop earned 45 merit badges including 10 Eagle required badges. They ranged from Basketry to Wilderness Survival and everything in between

including Kayaking, Rifle Shooting, Robotics and Whitewater Rafting. We have a few partials to clean up but should get those done in short order. The high ropes course, zip line and climbing tower were also very popular for all. Some of you may recognize one of our newest Knights in the photos. Everyone had a terrific time doing all kinds of activities at Tesomas.



Not to be outdone, the Pack also was enjoying some fun with day camp for all of the ranks as well as hiking and a rocket launch event. The scouts of the Pack earn a summertime participation patch for taking part in all of these



activities.

All of this is possible because of Father McCormick Council's continued support of Cub Scout Pack 127 and Boy Scout Troop 127 here at St. Thomas. We appreciate all you do for us. As summer draws to an end and our children go off or back to school, thank you for making a fun filled summer possible.



4th Degree News

4th Degree Bishop Boylan Assembly News. Worthy Brother Knights of Fr. McCormick Council 3880, greetings! I am writing this with great concern for our 4th Degree Assembly and for 3880's participation. For many years now, Council 3880 has led the list of Councils with the number of members in the Assembly. I fear that spot on the list is in danger of being lost. On Saturday, October 4, 2014, only a short time from now really, the Bishop Boylan Assembly 0198 will host a 4th Degree Exemplification right here in our own backyard. The Exemplification will be held at the Holiday Inn on Route 31, and will include a Ladies Luncheon, the ceremony, a Mass celebrated right in our own beautiful St. Thomas the Apostle Church, then a dinner to cap of the day back at the Holiday Inn.

Fr. McCormick Council has always proudly risen to the occasion and sent men forward to accept the challenge of taking the final degree in our Order. 4th Degree is the special place for Catholic gentlemen to step up and profess their allegiance to the Order, and to further honor our Shepherd, the Bishop of our Diocese. We have sent a number of candidates each time, the last time our assembly hosted, we had 8 men step forward. Years back we had a class of 20 join the Fourth Degree at one time. Since then, one or two at a time.

Right now I don't know if we have even one. Time is running out, as SK Dan O'Connell, the Assembly's Faithful Comptroller, needs your application form and check. If you have any questions at all, PLEASE call one of us. I can be reached at home at 815-679-6598, or on my cell, 847-722-4629. Consider taking the oath of the 4th Degree.

*Vivat Jesus,
John Stefani, Past Grand Knight Council 3880,
Past Faithful Navigator, 0198.*

Mini Golf Outing 2014



Good Bye, Sir Knight! For over 20 years now I have had the pleasure of knowing Brother Sir Knight Irv Kemp. His passing this past weeks has been another downside of becoming a Knight of Columbus. As many of us have proclaimed long and loud, when you become a Brother Knight, you find so many of your missing ‘Brothers’! Those men out there who are your true brothers in so many ways that you never knew about. They are new faces you see when you are in a secret ceremony to become a Knight. Then you see them again when you actually or finally go to a meeting. And there they are again in church. Oh, yeah, hi! Then again when you decide to go to an event... just to help out for an hour or so because someone is always asking you to, and you decide just so they will stop always calling you to help. And then you suddenly realize a few things... like hey, that wasn’t so hard and gee, I actually had a good time. Some of these guys are pretty great. Yeah, I think I can show up again next week for the breakfast, or selling Christmas trees, or the Tootsie Roll drive, or on and on. And you suddenly realize there you are all the time. And people kid about oh here you are again, great! And a few of them, many, many of them if you turn out as lucky as I have been, are those other ‘brothers’ of yours that you didn’t know you had. And then sometimes they are gone. I can’t (or maybe just don’t want too) count my fallen Brothers. I have cried too many times. I have walked into church and seen one of the big macho guys and we look at each other and hug and cry. We lost a friend, a brother.

But then we can smile and start telling stories about him. Like the first time I really met Irv was a long, long time ago when I was new, not to K of C, but to this great Council. I volunteered to sell Christmas trees one winter night. And my then 6 or 7 year old daughter decided to come with me. We had the old trailer then, a rickety short old camper. I walked in with Katie and there was Irv. He couldn’t do enough for here; hot chocolate, a coloring book and crayons, some candy (which of course was a Tootsie Roll!). They both made a new friend that night. And I met someone special. After I decided to become a 4th Degree Sir Knight, to the last time I saw him a few weeks ago, we always put a hand out to the other and said, Hello Sir Knight! He lived a very long life, and as Father Kutnick said in his eulogy, he was at times a crotchety old guy, but to know him was to love him. In the days when the Social Meeting was just that, a bunch of us played a fun card game. Me and Irv, and Leo and Richie and Fred. And Steve and John, and Ray and Bob, and Wally and Andy and Jim and on and on... we played, we drank, we laughed and had such a great time. And we munched on chips and pretzels and pistachios and sometimes a pizza or a hot dog.

And now Irv has left us for the good life with our Lord, and his wife, and his buddies he also lost in the great war, when you wore the uniform of our country gladly defending us... God, family church and country, that was what Irv Kemp was all about. Good night, Sir Knight. I miss you!

PADS Dinners

We need volunteers interested in preparing a meal. Below is the PADS dinner schedule for 2014-2015. If you can help out or have further questions. Please contact our PADS coordinator.

Steve Bright (815) 459-6999—brightones1@live.com

John Orso (815) 477-1048—johoro@aol.com

Dinners take place at Bethany Lutheran Church, 76 W. Crystal Lake Ave.

Dates	Volunteers
10/26/2014	OPEN
11/30/2014	Kevin Scanlan
12/28/2014	OPEN
1/25/2015	OPEN
2/22/2015	OPEN
3/29/2015	OPEN
4/26/2015	OPEN

PROCEDURES

1. Coordinator contacts site Manager regarding menu and the quantity of food needed.
2. KC meal provider purchases groceries. Turn in all receipts to Financial Secretary.
3. Kitchen in parish community room **MUST** be utilized for meal preparation. Contact PADS coordinator to arrange the use of this facility.
4. Large pots n community room may be used.
5. Meal must be taken to dinner site by 6:30p.m. They have facilities to keep food warm.
6. Meals are served by PADS site personnel. Knights volunteers may assist as needed.

Vocation Support Raffle

— **GRAND PRIZE** —
\$10,000!

Got your attention???

You should be receiving your opportunity to win \$10,000 in the Vocations Support Raffle in the mail shortly (if you haven't already pick some tickets up from me). Don't let this chance to support our seminarians and novices pass you by. This is a tremendous way to make a difference and maybe even win some very easy dough (2nd prize-\$2,500; 3rd-6th-\$1,000; 7th-10th-\$500; 11th-15th-\$200; 16th-20th-\$100). The drawing is December 6th just in time for Holiday shopping.

When you receive your tickets, you can fill them out and send them with payment (payable to Knights of Columbus) to me at the address below or bring them to the October business meeting so we can get your chance to win in on time. Where else can one of your bucks do so much!!

Dan O'Connell
293 Greenview Drive
Crystal Lake, IL 60014.

All tickets and money must be absolutely in by the November Business Meeting at the latest.

If you need additional books, I have a few available. Just call me at 815-356-1413 to request your additional winning tickets. Thank you for your support.

That Man Is You

After every Mass this weekend, you heard presentations by men of St. Thomas the Apostle about a new Men's program that will be starting 9/6/2014. The program is entitled "That Man is You". It is two 13 week sessions and the program is an interactive men's program focused on developing men in the modern world. This program combines the teachings of our Catholic faith with science of the world to develop men capable of transforming themselves, families and society.

Yes, it starts early each Saturday – 6:00 AM – 7:30 AM, but the sacrifice will truly transform you into a more faith held man which goes hand in glove with being a true Knight. Those of us involved are excited by the program and invite you to be a part. Please contact Greg Ives – 847.338.4672, Marty Zopp – 815.455.2636, Steve Townsend – 847.638.1332, Chris Olsen – 815.382.0169 or Tim Hicklin – 815-790-5191.

Vivat Jesus,
Tim Hicklin
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Good Of The Order

Knights Birthdays

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Tony De Pippo
Rick Drew
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Gregory J. Heideman
Frank T. Juliano
Harry F. Kranz
Steve Landt
Dennis O. Maloney
David P. Mazurk
Ken A. "Tiny" Pearson
Ed Riley
John M. Scott

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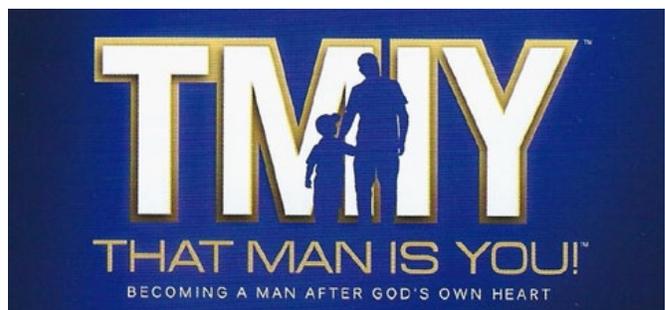
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Ria Reckamp
Marilyn Spiewak
Jan Thomas
Khakhanang Walsh
Marie Walters
Beth Weyna
Marion Weyna
Margaret Willy

Anniversaries

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Mike & Constance Fraser
Larry S. & Peg Godfrey
Richard & Charlotte Heuer
Mike & Sheri Kebr
Robert S. & Tina Mackinlay
Vincent & Mary Jane Mottola
David W. & Theresa Russel
E. James & Irene Skaja
Ralph W. & Mary Statter
Mark & Linda Steadman
John R. & Susan Stefani
Philip L. & Marion Weyna
Frank & Margaret Willy

Prayer List

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Peg Cichon
Fr. Thomas Saucier, OP
Chuck Prank
John Jagouinski
Jim Mueller
Nicole Nagendram
Military Deaths
DD, Chuck Gbarek
Irv Kemp



Council Calendar

September

9/1 Labor Day
9/2 Business Meeting
9/6 Grill Night
9/12 Golf Outing
9/15 Social Meeting
9/19-20 IDDF Tootsie Roll Drive
9/21 Breakfast
9/27 Johnny Appleseed
Downtown Crystal Lake

October

10/4 Grill Night
10/7 Business Meeting
10/19 Breakfast
10/21 Social Meeting
10/26 First PADS dinner

November

11/1 Grill Night
11/4 Business Meeting
11/16 Breakfast
11/18 Social Meeting
11/30 PADS dinner



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



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