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## Grand Knight's Report

*Scott Popp*

*My Dear Brother Brothers and Families,*

Let me begin by wishing all of you a Merry Christmas, and the most happiest, and healthiest of New Years. I do want you all to know that I think of you daily, and include in all of my prayers. It's funny as you grow older, and wiser you really start to understand what's important in life, and I bet you find yourself praying more. I know that I do.

Personally, When I look back on 2015, It was quite the year for me, and my family. Both good, and bad. As far as work, it has been the busiest year yet, and I am grateful, unfortunately it has taken time from my family, and from you all, again "my family". My wife, and I were blessed to welcome home our son who had been away for quite some time, and our oldest son got married at St. Thomas back in May, and my wife and I celebrated our 25th wedding anniversary. Sadly, though my wife lost her dad back in March at the young age of 71. There has been other joyful milestones, as well as heartaches. I know that you all have experienced much of the same, and I will continue to pray for you all. I have certainly learned that there are no guarantees in life, but I know that we must trust in him.

I would like to thank all of you who took the time to help us out in the many functions we were a part of in December, from the food pantry, to the grill night, the giant breakfast with Santa, and of course the oh so many hours that so many of you spent with Bob Wyman, Mike Kebr, and Vince Eposito at the Christmas tree lot. It is by your commitment to doing the works of Charity that we are able to donate the large amounts of money do.

In January we will again be hosting our annual Polish dinner on the 9th, and we could use all the help we can get. And how about giving in a different way? On the 16th is the John L. Orso blood drive at St. Thomas- have you a pint to spare? Perhaps a New Years resolution for us all could be to come back to the family, our church family, our no matter what WE are there for you family!

*God bless you all,  
Merry Christmas, and Happy New Year,  
Scott Popp  
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## Newsletter Staff Christmas Wishes

The Fr. McCormick Council 3880 Knight Life staff wishes you a Blessed Christmas and a Joyous and Prosperous New Year. This coming month marks Mike Wypasek's leave from the Newsletter until he earns his Master's Degree. We wish him success and anxiously await his return.

Until that time please send your Newsletter Articles to Tim Hicklin at thicklin@aol.com.

*Thank you to all those who've been so supportive of our efforts to create a helpful and attractive newsletter. Best wishes for a great 2016.*

*Yours, Michael*



## Family Fun for everyone!!!!!!!

### Family Bowling

**Where** - Metro Bowl

**When** - January 10th 2016

**Time** - 1:15 to 3:15

**Details** - 3 games - \$ 9.00 per person includes shoes - it's a great deal

**Who is invited** - All our families - Moms, dads, kids, grandmas and grandpas - aunts and uncles

**40 spots open -**

Contact me at  
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to get your name on the list  
Any questions - call me  
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## Deputy Grand Knight's Report

Bob Wyman

*Dear Knights and Families,*

Christmas Trees 2015:

Mike Kebr and I were just closing the tree stand on a Saturday night about 8pm a few weeks ago. I looked outside into the parking lot and heard a voice say "They are still open!" Mike and I came out of the trailer; it was a family with two adults and 4 girls, middle school to grade school with a red wagon. Mike and I got to talking to the family. They said they walked from their house on Lincoln Parkway about 4 blocks away. They do this every year to buy a tree. I remember now our GK when he was chairing this event told me about this family.

Mike and I sold them a tree. I took a picture of the family in the tree lot. The parents and the girls were reminiscing of the past 10 years of picking out trees, the weather conditions and how much fun it has been every year making memories, they love our tree lot. When they were leaving I asked Tim, the father, to take a picture of the family, the tree and the red wagon. As they left to walk back home pulling the wagon with their tree, they started singing Christmas carols. Mike and I turned to each other and said this is why we do this.

We sold all but 3 trees. One of which we received a monetary donation to "pay it forward" and the next

ones in for a tree would get it for free. It was a family with 2 children. We made their day. The last 2 trees were given to a couple who came as we were taking the tree stand down. In gratitude they made a donation to the Knights.

I would like to thank all those who helped in the tree lot this season. We cannot be successful without our volunteers. Wishes to you and your families for a Happy and Healthy New Year.

**KC 3880 Just Keeps Rolling Along!!  
Busy January!**

*Upcoming:*

- Food Pantry December 27, 2015
- Business Meeting January 4, 2016
- Monthly Breakfast January 17, 2016
- Social Meeting / 1st Degree January 19, 2016
- Pads Dinner January 31, 2016

As you can see we are a very busy council, you can check for the upcoming events on our website <http://kofc3880.org/>

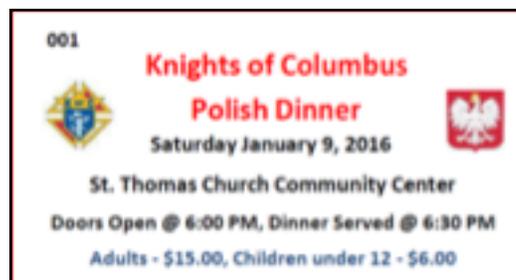
*Happy New Year to you and your families,  
Deputy Grand Knight, Bob Wyman*

## 2016 Polish Diner

Here is a copy of this year's Annual Council 3880 Polish Dinner ticket... and truth be told, by the time you read this, I hope they are all sold! We started selling them at church the weekend of December 5/6 and sold almost 50 that weekend! With a max limit of 250, we always sell out sooner rather than later... and thanks to all of you reading this who have their tickets in hand.

At the same time, I want to remind and encourage all of you to participate in this event. We normally have enough workers, but who knows what will happen. If you are interested in helping out, for an hour or the night, please give the Grand Knight a call and let him

know. he can be reached at (815) 951-8086. He is also the general chair. Or call me at (815) 679-6596, as I am not only coordinating the tickets but will again run the kitchen. We always need extra help on the serving line, clearing the tables, clean-up and all the rest. See ya



When I write articles about the Pack and Troop, their exploits and adventures, it is usually quite easy. This month is different. Not that the Pack and Troop have not had great Christmas parties each this year but rather the relationship between the Council and your Scouts has taken a drastic turn.

Supreme Knight Carl Anderson, in a letter dated November 18th to the National Catholic Committee on Scouting (NCCS) and in a speech on November 20th to the Order's midyear organizational meeting of state deputies, announced that the Board of Directors has voted to no longer allow Councils to directly charter Boy Scout units but rather the units should be sponsored by the parishes to more align them with the youth ministry programs of the church.

*(See the article in December's Columbia magazine – "Our Mission to Build the Domestic Church and Strengthen Parish Life")*

You can also visit the NCCS website at [www.nccs-bsa.org/national/KnightsSupportingScouting.php](http://www.nccs-bsa.org/national/KnightsSupportingScouting.php) to view the letter from our Supreme Knight in addition to a letter from Edward Martin, National Chairman of NCCS and a communication from Mike Surbaugh, Chief Scout Executive/CEO of the Boy Scouts of America and the NCCS's commentary on the decision.

Therefore, as of March 31st, 2016, the Council's 30 years of chartering the Pack and 25 years of chartering the Troop, since it was brought back to life by Marty Zopp and others, will end. We have met with Monsignor about the Parish sponsoring the Pack and Troop but it has been deferred to the Diocese as there are several units affected in the area and Blackhawk Area Council's (BAC) territory closely aligns with the Rockford Diocese so we will have to wait and see how it comes down.

As it stands right now, we are hopeful that the parish will agree to be our charter organization. If not, we have the option of searching out other organizations that would charter us. We are in contact with our Sycamore District leadership as well as BAC leadership about possible sponsors and hope to have constructive talks with them about our options. This may or may not allow us to continue to meet at St. Thomas which has been our home since the inception of the Troop in the early 1960's. If we cannot find another organization, the worst case scenario would be that the Pack and Troop would have to disband and boys could join other units in the area that are not in this dilemma.

I have enjoyed serving as the Charter Organization Representative for the Pack and Troop for over six years and am proud of the 75 Eagle Scouts the Council has assisted in producing with the Troop since it re-chartered in 1990. It is with a heavy heart that my position comes to an end on March 31st as the Knights of Columbus Council #3880 Charter Organization Representative. Perhaps it will continue as the St. Thomas Parish Charter Organization Representative.

Cub Scout Pack 127 and Boy Scout Troop 127 wishes all of you and your families a Merry Christmas and all the best in the coming New Year. We are truly thankful for you support over the years.



## Clergy Night 2016

Mike Chmiel

Clergy Night 2016 is scheduled for Thursday, February 4, 2016, at Crystal Lake Country Club. For the third straight year, we are hosting our clergy on the Thursday before Lent - "Mardi Gras Thursday"... "Fat Thursday"... "Clergy Thursday"!

For the fourth straight the year, the price for Knights to attend is being held at or under cost at \$35 per person. Clergy - priests, deacons, etc. - and their guests - of course attend as ours guests. (Their cost is covered through sponsorships on an individual or larger basis.)

This annual event provides a thank you to the Catholic Clergy of the McHenry Deanery. As well, the Bishops of the Diocese and other leading Clergy of the Diocese and State, along with certain Alumni Clergy of the Deanery and the Seminarians of the Deanery are invited.

Three years ago, the event was moved up in the year to avoid Lent and to avoid the transfer of clergy to new assignments. The event has been successful, especially with the quality service and environment of the Crystal Lake Country Club.

The event will begin with a reception at 6:00 p.m., followed by introductions at 7:00 p.m., dinner at 7:15 p.m., and door prizes at 8:00 p.m. Those who attend will be able to pick among three menu choices - Chicken De-jonghe (breast of chicken crusted with garlic butter, sherry and breadcrumbs), Gremolata Crusted Tilapia (topped with mixture of breadcrumbs, lemon, parsley and garlic, with caper sauce), Roasted Vegetables Crepes (fresh roasted vegetables tossed with mascarpone cheese and oven baked with chardonnay sauce and cous cous). All dinners will include salad, rolls/butter, dessert, coffee/tea, one adult drink, and a door prize.

Sponsorships for the clergy, the bar, and door prizes are welcomed. Father McCormick Council 3880 continues to serve as the primary sponsor of the event. The other councils of the McHenry Deanery are also being invited to attend and support the event, as Clergy from throughout the Deanery are being invited. The Bishop Boylan Assembly (for the Fourth Degree) is also invited, as are other friends of our Clergy. To the extent any other organization or person sponsors or donates something, that organization or person will be noted as a sponsor at the event. Kudos to the Notre Dame of McHenry County as the first (other than Council 3880) sponsor, who will cover a few clergy at the \$200 level, largely in honor of its chaplain, Msgr. Thomas Dempsey.

If you would like to join the Clergy Night 2016 Committee, or if you would like to offer any comment, suggestion, and question, please contact Mike Chmiel at [chmielmike@aol.com](mailto:chmielmike@aol.com) or Post Office Box 2425, Crystal Lake, Illinois 60039-2425. Or, if you would like to donate or sponsor something for the event, please contact Matt Walker at [mattwalker1@comcast.net](mailto:mattwalker1@comcast.net) or (815) 922-5347, or Scott Smith or Kelly Stanger at (815) 385-7700.

## PADS 2016 Schedule

Contact our PADS coordinator.

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All dinners take place at Bethany Lutheran Church --  
76 West Crystal Lake Avenue.

Sunday December 27

Sunday January 31

Sunday February 28

Sunday March 27

Sunday April 24

Jim Skaja

Pat Slowey

Scott Popp & Family

Vince & Kathy Esposito



*From Bob Kosin:  
Our pop tab collection benefitted the Ronald  
McDonald House...best guess is this year -  
our third - we collected nearly ten pounds.*

*A little effort to create a little gift with a big  
pay off....thank you.*

*And as you can see,  
it's fun to deliver your  
pop tabs to Santa.  
Nice shots from our  
Breakfast With Santa.*



## **New Contact Info: Retired**

*John Stefani*

I've retired! From the everyday drudgery of work, NOT the Knights!!! As of January 1, I am calling it quits. For the past 10 years at the same employer, I have had the luxury of using my work cell phone for Knights business. If you have my number in speed dial, on a piece of paper, in your waking mind (or, even if you do not care!) time to make a change. But also to make the transition easier, I have changed my home land line number to my cell number... so if you had that, nothing to change! the new number is (815) 679-6596.

I still have the Council e-mail, [membership@kofc3880.org](mailto:membership@kofc3880.org) and my personal e-mail if you choose to use that... [jstefani44@aol.com](mailto:jstefani44@aol.com) so if you need me, dial, text or mail me!!!

*John Stefani, PGK, PFN, Membership Director*

## Breakfast Is Served!

Breakfast is served! Did you know that your Council puts on not only the best breakfast in town, but one of the least expensive?



Fr. McCormick Council 3880 has been holding a monthly breakfast for well over 40 years, on the third Sunday of the month at St. Thomas. This was always held down in the cavern that was the basement of church and almost 20 years ago, when the church was enhanced and the Community Room was added, we brought the show upstairs! We went from two menus then to now having 5, or 6 or 7... depending on what we feel like doing!!! and the time of the year... and the crowds are loving it. We have been growing and growing with so many new families coming in. They are new parishioners, old ones who never came before, visitors and even outside people!

The price is right, the food is great, it is all cooked to order from the menu.. like 8 different omelets, a variety of size and flavor of pancakes, Belgian waffles, choice of bread and meats...

If you haven't been, or not for a while, come on out and give us a try! And at the same time, help us in raising funds for Charity, our number one Goal as a Council!

*From the Koscielski Girls... Thank you for yet another great year for our family. I realized it is at least 10 years and counting that we have made the trek to the church for our tree. Have a blessed Christmas.*



## Good Of The Order

### Knights Birthdays

Thomas J. Dawson  
Ted F. Duda  
Robert Frazier  
James W. Gigl  
James P. Gray  
Michael L. Gregus  
Stephen M. Haugh  
Brian O'Connell  
Stephen J. O'Riordan  
Lamont M. Sprague  
Robert Telmanik  
Matthew J. Turk  
Frank Willy

### Wives Birthdays

Carol Anderson  
Judy Modrich  
Sue Reed  
Sheri Turk  
Lisa Waggoner

### Anniversaries

James W. & Debra Gigl

### The Power Of Prayer

#### *Please pray for:*

Marilyn Scanlan  
Marilyn Harrington  
Bernadine Walsh  
Fran Cooper  
Jennifer Markovsky  
Garret Swasey  
Kearney Stewart  
Tom Jones  
Tony DePippo  
Carolybn Kalo  
Msgr. Hermes  
Ashley Gustafik  
All the souls lost at Our Lady  
of the Angels school

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## Council Calendar

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### January

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1/4 Business Meeting  
1/9 Grill Night  
1/17 Breakfast  
1/19 Social Meeting  
1/31 PADS

### February

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2/2 Business Meeting  
2/6 Grill Night  
2/14 Breakfast  
2/16 Social Meeting  
2/28 PADS

### March

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3/1 Business Meeting  
3/5 Grill Night  
3/13 Breakfast  
3/15 Social Meeting  
3/27 PADS



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



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## **Knight Life**

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