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Grand Knight's Report

Scott Popp

Dear Brother Knights and Families,

Just when you think things are going to slow down, you realize your wrong, and by that I mean at first glance you'd think February would be a slow month for the Knights. But that couldn't be further from the truth, we started the month with our business meeting, followed by a busy morning at the food pantry on the 7th, followed by another successful grill night that evening (thank you so much to everyone who came and helped out (even in my own absence, or maybe because I was absent (lol)) one of the many reasons this Council is so great- everyone making time to do the works of charity for the greater good). On the 12th, the Council hosted a very successful (annual) clergy night (headed by Mike Chmiel), where Bishop Malloy was even in attendance!

Of course we had the monthly breakfast on the 15th, and I do believe it is getting busier every month, especially with the newly added menu's. Next on the 20th we started a new event for the season of Lent, Lenten supper's on each Friday up till Good Friday. Service will be from 5 PM till 7PM, with the intent that the patrons of the event will go and attend the stations of the cross afterward. Dinner will consist of salad, tomato vegetable soup, and grilled cheese, this is not a "strap on the feed bag" type of eating event, the idea is that it is a lighter fare in keeping with the season in its meanings.

Then on the 22nd we are hosting our annual Major Degree, and as of right now we have 7 new members coming into OUR Council!, with 17 total expected for making their 2nd and 3rd degree. And of course, we end the evening with dinner, where there are over 40 confirmed! Oh, but wait, we are also putting a P.A.D.S. Dinner that night as well, And course we have another Lenten dinner on the 27th. Busy! busy! busy!

As you can see, by the the "goings on" of a short month like February, that this Council does not sit around and rely on it's reputation of being THE Greatest Council in the state, it works at it! And has a great time along the way. So I ask you to come out and be a part of the fun! I encourage you all to come back, to get involved, to come and be active member of our Brotherhood, and our family.

Please feel free to email myself confidentially if you have any questions, concerns, or suggestions, my door (or email inbox) is always open. If you prefer to phone me, my cell phone is 847-951-8086.

*God bless you all,
Scott Popp*

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Breakfast, Going Strong!

John Stefani

Just like January, the February breakfast was really great. The new menus are popular, with each of them getting selected a little more. Head count this last breakfast was up a little again. We are serving over 225 breakfast's. The original Yellow menu with the specials on it is still selling over 100 at a time, and the mix on them is holding steady... Both Ken Artner and Bob Kampman were out this month, but as usual, both PGK Pat Maguire and K of C Insurance Agent Dave Mazurk were on deck and took over the chores, and Worthy Warden Pat Slowey (do YOU know his kitchen nickname? Given to him by the GK?) was there filling manning the convection ovens. Just as PGK Vinnie Esposito was back in the back kitchen running the monster dish washer... where he has been since I stole Bob Newport and put him on the grill. Which he now owns the BIG grill and has been doing great. If you have been enjoying the om-lets, thanks him... he went from not knowing how to make one, to being responsible for most of them coming out of the kitchen!

Speaking of the kitchen crew, Dan O'Connell is going in after the next breakfast for a hip replacement (finally!), so keep him in your thoughts and prayers... and speaking of him, the freezers in the cage have been emptied, cleaned and refilled once again by our own Guardian Angel, Annette O'Connell. She has taken it upon herself to make sure we are all spic and span in addition to herding all of the servers during the event. Oh, not a crew member, but speaking of food, one who does love to eat, PGK Tim Hicklin is also going in for some body replacement parts, namely a new knee. Tim goes in next week from the time I am writing this, on the 24th of February. So backward prayers work as well!

By the way, a question I am asked a number of times... has there been any kick-back on the new menu prices? Not one! So along with the addition of the two new menu's and the price increase, and the constantly growing crowds, the breakfast is holding its own and then some in adding to the coffers. And still continues to bring in new Brother Knights!

Now maybe it's time for the next target, the Belgian waffles... I have had a few comments from the guys in back on why we have these new specials that makes a little more work for some people, but Artner just keeps plodding along with all the easy work... hmmm....

Keep watching....

John

Dear Knights and Families,

I just received my Ashes tonight, so I thought it would be appropriate to do a little sharing on why and how important it is.

Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of Lent. The ashes we receive on our forehead in the shape of a cross serve as an outward sign of our sinfulness and need for penance. The ashes also symbolize and a reminder that one day we will die and our bodies will return to dust. Hence the traditional words, Remember that thou art dust and unto dust thou shalt return.

The tradition of receiving ashes has its origins in the Old Testament, where sinners performed acts of public penance. It was Pope Urban II who in the 11th century recommended that all Catholics take part in the practice of receiving ashes on Ash Wednesday. In the 12th century it became customary that the ashes used on Ash Wednesday were made by burning the previous year palm branches.

Above history of Ash Wednesday was taken from St Anthony Messenger Faith-filled Family by Susan Hines

KC 3880 Just Keeps Rolling Along!!

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

Clergy Night: February 12, 2015 was well attended at the Crystal Lake County Club.

February Breakfast: Over 200 people were 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.

Lenten Dinners: On Fridays during Lent, 5-7pm, we are serving meatless meals, grilled cheese, vegetable soup, garden salad with a beverage for \$5.00. Open for dinner just before the Stations of the Cross for your convenience.

Major Degree Feb 22, 2014: John Stefani our Membership chairman is hard at work arranging a special day for new Knights and others for their advancement in our order.

Pads Dinner Feb 22, 2015: Mike Chmiel and Matt Walker Families

Family Bowling At Crystal Lake Metro-Bowl, contact Pat Maguire for details

Upcoming in March

- Grill Nights
- Lenten Dinners
- St. Pats Dinner/Dance
- Pads Dinner

Check dates for these above events in this newsletter

*Yours in Christ,
Deputy Grand Knight, Bob Wyman*

Activities Galore!

Dan O'Connell



The Pack held their Pinewood Derby on January 24th and the Troop assisted with the practice track and judging the cars on design. The Pack had a terrific time and the top two finishers in each class as well as the design winners move onto the District competition to be held in Pecatonica at the high school on April 11th and 12th.

The Troop and one Webelo from Pack 127 participated in the Klondike Derby on February 7th. The team had a lot of spirit and made it through all twelve stations including knot tying, fire building and first aid but finished just out of the running. Team Victory is shown below with their patrol flag and sled.



Once again this year, the Pack and the Troop will be participating in a Council wide food drive, Scouting For Food, to fill our local pantry's shelves. On February 28th, the Pack will be placing bags with notes on household doors surrounding the Oak Street Church all the way down to Route 14 and north to Hillside asking for donations to be on their doorstep the next Saturday.

On March 7th, the Troop will be going around collecting the bags that have been put out by the residents. We will bring them back to the Church, count and weigh the items and then deliver the collected goods to the Crystal Lake Food Pantry. If you live in this area, please consider donating. Even if you are not in the area and you want to donate, please bring your donation (food, health and beauty, household items or monetary) to the business meeting on March 3rd and I will be happy to include them. In the past, we have collected over 1,000 pounds of items for the pantry.

Once again, all of this would not be possible without the great support of Father McCormick Council 3880. Thank you for your dedication to building the next generation of America's leaders.



Fourth Degree Assembly News

Greetings Sir Knights, Brother Knights and family and friends!

Be sure to read the Council Shirts article for some info on 4th Degree shirts...

We have another 4th Degree Exemplification coming up in April, this time in Glenview. Dan and I think it is on either the 18th or the 25th... by the time you read this and get around to asking us, we will know! Brother Jim Mckinnon, who recently joined the Knights and our Council, is taking (has taken?) his 3rd and 4th Degree at our February Major Degree on February 22nd, and has already filled out his Form 4 to become a Sir Knight! Want to join him there? Let Dan, The Assembly Faithful Comptroller, or Worthy Financial Secretary Steve Haugh, who is the Faithful Pilot of the Assembly, or me, who is the 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 Stefani



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Worthy Brothers all,

The Illinois Lottery and Special Olympics Illinois are proud to announce the first U.S. Lottery game to benefit Special Olympics. Senate Bill 219 was signed at the 2014 Special Olympics Illinois Summer Games Opening Ceremony on Friday, June 13, 2014, at Illinois State University's Hancock Stadium in Normal and the new scratch-off game went live on February 2, 2015.

The scratch-off ticket is now available at over 8,100 retailers around the state. The tickets cost \$5 and will feature four top instant prizes of \$250,000, among other cash prizes. The new game will provide funds for training and competition programs that benefit nearly 22,000 Special Olympics athletes in Illinois from all 102 Illinois counties. These funds will also allow for the organization to continue transforming the lives of individuals with intellectual disabilities. The Lottery ticket will help Special Olympics Illinois offer increased participation for eligible athletes in the state as well as pursue additional national and international opportunities for their existing athletes. New money generated from the Lottery game will not be used for administrative expenses.

This is a win-win for all involved. If you are scratch-off player or have thought about using your money to help a worthy cause here is your chance to help the Illinois Special Olympics and you never know, you could be a winner as well.

Sincerely,
Donald C Kinyon Jr.
State Deputy



Passion ~ Pride ~ Performance

March 7th is your opportunity to help out with the Crystal Lake Food Pantry. The Fr. McCormick Council provides manpower at the CL Food Pantry on Saturday mornings in even months. (next up is April 4th) Cub Pack 127 and Boy Scout Troop 127 will participate in the annual "Scouting for Food" February 28th and March 7th. There are over 14,000 homes in Crystal Lake. Cub Pack 127 will distribute bags to 1,000 homes in the area around the Oak Street church on the 28th. If you are solicited by the Scouts, please fill bag with groceries to be picked up the morning of March 7th.

If you're not in those areas, but want to help, you can drop off grocery items at the Oak Street Community Room Saturday, March 7th between 9am and 11am. Scouts will be collecting and repackaging groceries for delivery to the food pantry after 12 noon.

The Knights have been kind enough to support my Association of Horizon Summer Camp. Our site is <http://associationofhorizon.org/wordpress/>

Check out the photos of our wheel chair swings! Camp is always looking for Campers and Volunteers. Do you know an adult with physical disabilities like: ALS, Muscular Dystrophy, Cerebral Palsy or Multiple Sclerosis? Registration is going on now. Camp is a one week residential summer camp experience. There's no cost to camper or volunteer. It's a great experience for the camper, and can provide respite for the family.

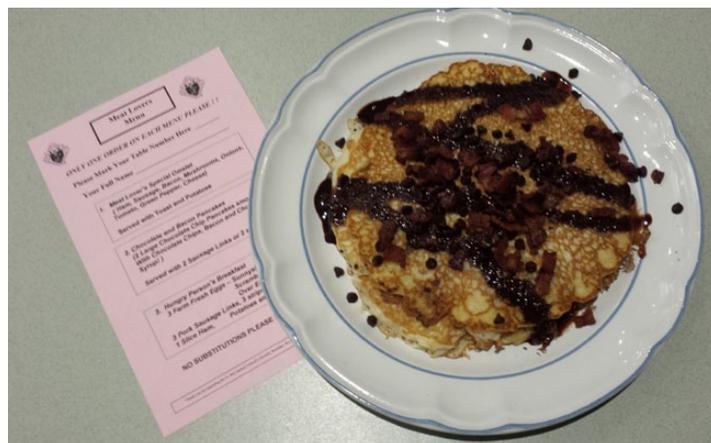
We provide camp for 100+ campers. Each camper has a volunteer personal attendant for the week. Volunteer attendants need be 16 years or older. If you know a student or scout who needs community service hours, Camp provides 144 hours. I guarantee, if you recommend Association of Horizon to someone who attends as a camper or volunteer, they will never forget their experience. Please ask me any questions.

If you're a committee chair who wants publicity, send relevant information to me at jpwalsh328@sbcglobal.net.

Council, Shirts Again!

I had mentioned the new Council polo shirts last month, and have received a few orders. We now also have the new Navy Blue Council Tee shirts. Similar to the last ones we had ordered, a better blend of material. I have order forms with me most of the time for both the polo and the tee's, so let me know, or drop a line at membership@kofc3880.org I also have a form for the RED 4th Degree Assembly shirts, for those of you who are also Sir Knights.

Vivat Jesus!
John Stefani



And did we mention...Breakfast?

Thanks to Bob Kosin for the delicious photo!

PADS Dinners

We're approaching the end of the year and can still use volunteers. Below is the PADS dinner schedule for 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
3/29/2015	John Orso & Tom Jackson
4/26/2015	Dan O'Connell & Mike Kebr

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 in 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.

Good Of The Order

Knights Birthdays

Joseph Alger
Kevin Anderson
George A. Boulet
Joseph I. Clark
Sarnie Coliflores
Marc Duffy
John Paul Georgy
Robert L. Kampman
Stephen P. Laudick
Robert S. Mackinlay
Ronald E. Meissen
Robert Newport
James A. Nissen
Robert H. Reckamp
Glendon Schutz
Joseph S. Schutz
Jeff Sernett
Mark F. Spreitzer
John J. Streit
David Tambellini
John P. Walsh
Mark A. Zehker

Wives Birthdays

Karen Ferrero, III
Dorothy Giambi
Mary Kay Kampman
Gail Lehner
Cathleen Martin
Cheryl Newport
Heather Pearson
Irene Skaja
Saundra Zehker
Marilyn Zopp

Anniversaries

Michael & Marie Habisohn
Stephen & Bobbie O'Riordan
Rick & Lynn Russell

Can We Warm Up Some Nuns?

Tim Hicklin

A fraternity of Chicago nuns desperately needs your help. The sisters of Fraternite Notre Dame in Chicago's Austin neighborhood have no heating right now during Chicago's coldest time of year. Their boilers broke and they were told it would take \$40,000 for repairs. Contractors have now told the Sisters that their boilers cannot be repaired and must be replaced. A new system could cost them as much as \$200,000.



Council Calendar

March

3/3 Business Meeting
3/6 Lenten Dinner
3/7 Grill Night
3/13 Lenten Dinner
3/14 St. Patrick's Dinner
3/15 Breakfast
3/17 Social Meeting
3/20 Lenten Dinner
3/29 PADS dinner

April

4/5 Easter
4/7 Business Meeting
4/19 Breakfast
4/21 Social Meeting
4/26 PADS dinner

May

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



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



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