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Grand Knight's Report

Scott Popp

My dear Brothers and Families,

On Saturday, January 10th, we began the day with our annual January blood drive in the community center. The overall number of donors were down compared to years past, hopefully with a "new take" phone tree calls we will be able to increase those numbers for next time. We also held our annual Polish dinner in the community center at St. Thomas Church. The event was extremely well attended, and came off without a hitch. There is a great number of individuals I would like to thank for all of their efforts. Specifically, PGK John Stefani, Mike Jasinski, PGK Steve Haugh, Dan O'Connell, Kevin Scanlan, DGK Bob Wyman, Chancellor Mike Kebr, and a huge number of wives. Please do not feel offended if I left your name off of the list, The names above are in the forefront of my mind, and I did not record all of the Brother Knights that were there working at the event. Please forgive me.

As a reminder on Saturday, February 7th, we will be staffing the Crystal Lake food pantry from 9-12, and also we will be putting on a grill night starting after the 5:30 PM mass.

As I am sure it is stated several times within this newsletter the Father McCormick Council #3880 will be hosting a major degree February 22, at St. Thomas church. (email to follow) This is a wonderful opportunity for any 1st degree Knight to become a 2nd, and 3rd degree. If you are already a third-degree Knight, could you please come out and support your brothers by attending the ceremony, and subsequent dinner with your wives. Please help us by welcoming our new brothers by your attendance.

Also, coming on Saturday, March 14th, will be the annual St. Patrick's corn beef and cabbage dinner. As always we will be looking for assistance with this event from the selling of tickets, to the preparation of the meal, to the serving, and of course- the clean up afterwards. Please feel free to contact Pat Slowey, Kevin Scanlan, or myself if you would like to assist us.

I would personally like to extend to all my Brothers out there, and their families, a very heartfelt thank you to all of you, for all the support. I know that It was you who chose me to be the representation of the Knights of Columbus, Father McCormick Council #3880. And I do believe that we are making great strides in trying to change with the times- so to speak. I also would like to thank you for all of support of our new events that the Council is involved with. I know it seems like we are



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Grand Knight's Report, *continued*

constantly asking for help, but I assure you that the monies being raised by the Council are going out to the community, and doing good. If it has been a while since you have come out to one of our functions, please consider coming back to us, give us a chance, I have personally found that the Council, and it's vast array of members to be a true blessing in my life.

Thank you all.

*God bless you all,
Scott Popp*



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ANNOUNCING THE 1st, 2nd & 3rd MAJOR DEGREE

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 2015

FATHER MCCORMICK COUNCIL #3880

AT

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE CHURCH
PARISH HALL
451 WEST TERRA COTTA AVENUE (IL RTE 176)
CRYSTAL LAKE, IL 60014

CANDIDATE REGISTRATION: 11:00 AM

1ST DEGREE AT: 12:00 NOON

2ND DEGREE AT: 2:00 PM

3RD DEGREE FOLLOWING 2ND DEGREE

Dinner will be served after the 3rd Degree
Cost of Dinner \$15.00

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REMEMBER, IF YOU ARE A SPONSOR OF A CANDIDATE,
YOU SHOULD BRING HIM TO THE DEGREE

PASSION ~ PRIDE ~ PERFORMANCE

Dear Knights and Families,

Since Mid-December 2014 to Jan 20, 2015 a lot has gone on at KC 3880:

Christmas Trees 2014!!

The tree stand opened Friday, November 28th and we were open every day.

On 12-15-14 we had 1 tree and 2 wreaths left to sell. The Grand Knight called me and said Matt Kebr (Mike Kebr's son) and him have just finished closing down the tree lot. We started with 216 trees and 58 wreaths. What a great year! We changed tree suppliers which lead to a significant savings in the wholesale price of the trees. We had our picture in the NW Herald; not only once but twice. We hopefully will be able to give more money away to our local charities and St. Thomas Church ministries.

A big THANK YOU goes out to:

- Boy Scout Troop 127 for helping set-up the tree lot
- Our brother Knights and family members for setting up the tree lot
- All the Knights and their families who worked the lot
- Our council members who helped in PR for ads through the Tribune, NW Herald and Facebook, it really helped.

The Christmas tree lot widows who never saw their husbands because they were always working; thank you for your patience and understanding.

Special thanks to committee members Mike Kebr, Vince Esposito and our treasurer, Bob Kosin for guiding us through the credit card machine and night deposits.

KC 3880 Just Keeps Rolling Along!!

Breakfast with Santa: this event was well attended, Santa and his elf told me that they had 85 little boys and girls visit with Santa.

Grill Night: Keeps rolling along, come out with your family for a great dinner at a great price.

Blood Drive: John Orso informed me they had over 45 donors, thank you for giving the gift of life.

Polish Dinner: Over 240 dinners were served, this is largest and most attended dinner of the year. Big Thank you go out to John Stefani, Scott Popp, Mike Jasinski & Dan O'Connell for the long hours of organizing and cooking for the event. And all who set-up and cleaned up after the event.

January Breakfast: KC council members please come and work a breakfast or come with your family to enjoy the great food. You will enjoy fellowship with other members of the council and our parish.

Upcoming Events February & March

- Clergy Night
- Lenten Dinners
- Major Degree
- St Pats

Check dates for these above events in this newsletter.

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

January Blood Drive



Bears Versus Packers, And Other Such Things

Dan O'Connell

As you probably recall, the Scouts sell popcorn every Fall and this year was no exception. But it did have a twist. We had Bears and Packers tins of caramel corn and the Pack decided to have a contest with it. As we all know, the Bears' season did not quite live up to expectations this year and the Packers had an unbelievable letdown in their final game to not make it to the Big Show this year again. But that did not stop Pack 127. They had a contest and whichever tin sold the most quantity, an opposing Scouter would get a pie in the face. True to their word, at the last Pack meeting, the top seller of popcorn won the opportunity to "present" the pie to the loser. Not surprisingly, the Bears had a tremendous selling season and outsold the Packers by 4 to 1. Therefore, our intrepid Scouter, who was a Green Bay supporter, received his just reward (or desserts I guess) at the last meeting. The photo below memorializes the excellent toss by a Bears fan (paying attention Cutler?) and there

was even a little rub in after the splat for good measure. What you don't see is under that black trash bag is a Packers jersey.



The Troop has been busy this year with several Eagle Projects which the Council has generously supported. One of the more recent ones was for the Algonquin/LITH Food Pantry and restoration of their turn of the century tool shed. Shane Redman took on this project and completed it in the Fall of last year with the help of many scouts, scouters, friends and even a few familiar faces that you may recognize from our Council. The project was a labor of love that provided the pantry with much needed storage for their gardening tools and supplies so that they could grow fresh fruits and vegetables to have at the pantry for those in need. Take a look at the photo above and see if you can identify any of your fellow Knights. (Hint: One of them is our current GK.)

The Pack and the Troop wish to express our gratitude to the Knights of Columbus Father McCormick Council for your continued support. The opportunities you have given so many over the years to experience the outdoors, community and camaraderie are beyond definition. We appreciate all that you do for us and look forward to a tremendous 2015 with your support.

Breakfast, In With The New!

John Stefani

Well, the first breakfast of 2015 just finished and came in with a big success on a few fronts. We had announced that we would be raising the prices of the menus for 2015 to keep up with the rising costs, and we said we would be adding another menu or two. And we did both. In addition to the normal Blue Regular and Yellow Special menus, we have added a green Kids menu and a pink (that's a MEATY pink!) meat lovers menu. I am happy and proud to say the it did not dampen the spirits of the attendees, as we had a good crowd. Like usual we had a mixed crowd.. the 7:30 Mass was heavier than usual, the 9:00 was a little lighter, but the 10:30 picked up the pace again... Of course having the Worthy Chaplain, back from his recent trip, doing the late mass, it was not surprising! Just to give and idea, we sold 6 of the Green menus, 20 of the Pink, 75 of the Blue and 111 of the Yellow, which always has been and is still our best seller. So that is 212 happy souls who enjoyed a great breakfast. The dollar amount was up over our 'magic' number we strive for (come to a meeting to hear what it actually is!). All, in all, it was a great day for several hundred people, most of them Catholics, but not all.. we do have some special friends of 'us' who are there for a great meal and camaraderie with their friends. And over a dozen wonderful Brother Knights there working and having fun! It's what we do!

John

Order YOUR Council Polo Shirts!

Membership – Council Shirts! Greetings one and all! After many inquiries, I have finally been able to locate a new supplier for our Council polo shirts. The format is going to be changed a bit, so as to include our Council info. I think you will find the new design to be very nice, and the shirt material is a little better, and is stain and wrinkle forgiving. The pricing will be \$30.00 for size Small thru XL, and \$35.00 for sizes above that. I do have samples of the new shirts in all of the different sizes for trying on, and will have them with me at all upcoming meetings and events. Order form is attached here, so if you want, print it out, fill it out, and send it with a check to me, at John R. Stefani, 1802 Cashel Lane, McHenry, IL 60050. Or hand it to me the next time we meet in Church or wherever! They will need to be paid for at the time they are ordered. Sorry about that, but we have a box of them that have been ordered over the years and never picked up... which we have paid for out of Council funds.

John

Council Polo Shirt Order Form



The short is a short sleeve Blue Generation BG-7206
6.7oz 60/40 easy care pique knit polo w/ pocket
This shirt is a heavier wt and has Stain release and
wrinkle resistance
Embroidered as shown on the right chest, first name
above the pocket.

Cost: \$ 30.00 ea. Sm-XL

\$ 35.00 ea. 2X-4X

Payable at time of order

Full Name _____

Address _____

Home Phone _____ Cell _____

e-mail _____

Select Size: Small Medium Large X-L
 2 XL 3 XL 4 XL

Name on Pocket _____

Date Ordered _____

Please make out your Check in the Amount above to Knights of Columbus
Amount includes tax and shipping.

Delivery in 10 to 14 days.

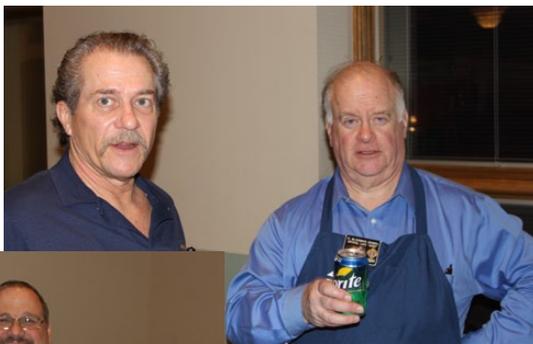
Annual Polish Dinner 2015

WOW! I'm not even going to look up the Polish Translation for that, but it is what the dinner turned out to be. I have to begin with my undying thanks and gratitude to Jim Sakja, Dan O'Connell, Mike Jasinski and Worthy Grand Knight Scott Popp. That's from the food side. Kevin Scanlon and his crew in the dining room, and Worthy Deputy Grand Knight in the back room and several other spots, and his crew, made sure everything was ready and taken care of. My wife Sue, along with Joni Jasinski, Annette O'Connell, Pam Wyman and First Lady Melinda Popp contributed again as they have done in the past to make sure we had the desserts ready, the soup getting served first, and the serving tables manned. There is another whole list of Knights and wives that made the night successful. And a special thanks to Brother Knight Steve Starr, who from far away in Pittsburgh made sure we had the tickets and signs in place. And a special thanks to Steve who donated the tickets to us... again. They can move away, but 3880 is always in the heart and mind. It was a bit strange NOT having Jim and Irene Skaja side by side with us this year... Jim got pretty sick just before the event and under doctor's orders stayed away. Irene, God Bless her, was not able to be with us that night due to a family matter, but Irene, you were in our thoughts and prayers. Especially me and Mike as we were making the World Famous Irene Skaja Mushroom, Beef Barley Soup. We thought we did pretty good with it, but we kept 'hearing' you on every step of the way.

We sold out, actually a couple of times... people who had ordered tickets, and even a few who had purchased them up front, were not able to come because of the nasty weather. So the Worthy Financial Secretary stood in front of the doors and sold what we had. And we have tables of 8, but I had Kevin re-arrange for tables of 9, 10, 11 and even 15 so people could be together... some tables side by side, others with extra chairs jammed in as they requested.

And when the clock was right, we began serving, and once again served in record time! Thanks to the awesome people who always show up to lend a hand... Thanks!

John



PADS Dinners

We need volunteers interested in preparing a meal. 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
2/22/2015	Mike Chmiel & Matt Walker
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.

Pro-Life

What does Pro-life mean to you? Think about it. Really think about it for a moment. Ok, so now, this January marks the 42nd year since the legalization of abortion. Since then, some 57,000,000 human lives have been killed, legally killed, by abortion. Police can't do anything about the killings. Judges and juries can't do anything about the killings. So, why are all the killings happening? 21% are due to inadequate finances. 21% say they are not ready for the responsibility. 16% are because the woman's life would be changed too much. 12% are unmarried or in troubled relationships. 11% are too young or immature. 8% where she feels she has all the children she wants. 3% are because of POSSIBLE health problems with the baby. And finally, less than 1% is due to rape and/or incest. So with all these stats, it appears that there is a severe problem with, as I like to call it, "me-ism". We, as a society, have turned our focus away from God and turned it onto OUR needs and wants. As Mother Teresa is quoted as saying, "It is a poverty to decide that a child must die, so that you may live as you wish." We can change this. Please pray for those affected by abortion. Pray for the unborn. Pray that our elected officials will help defend life. Thank you and God Bless.

Good Of The Order

Knights Birthdays

Patrick J. Cleary
Edward J. Dvorak
Keith M. Fisher
Thomas P. Harold
Donald F. Kolosieki
Robert Kosin
Charles Lundgren
Kyle Manno
Matthias Martin
Robert L. Modrich
Ronald L. Modrich
Vincent B. Mottola
Marc Niemann
Trevor D. O'Donnell
John B. Scott
E. James Skaja
Mike Wypasek

Wives Birthdays

Judie Bright
Diana Daniel
Lynn Faye
Cari Goode
Donna Gray
Catherine Stump
Linda Walsh

Anniversaries

John & Karen Ferrero

Prayer List

Christy & Marek Suscki
Mark Gibson
Gary Wikstrom
Bob Thompson
Jim Kratochul
Marilyn Zopp
John F. Walsh
Joseph Kaltwasser
Judie Bright
Jackie Stephani
Al & Joann Giehl
Mike Bradley
Frank Popp Sr.
Frank Popp Jr.
Marge Fagan
Francis Cogen
Sharon Rodriques
Paul Penkava
Katelyn Friesen
Charllotte Heuer
Irene Skaja
S. K. Francis Cooper
Joe Schultz
Elainor Tillman
Marlene Slowey
Amber Allen Bauman
Ray Kotshi

Vocation Raffle Recap

Just a short recap of the Vocation Raffle results for 2014. The Council sent a total of \$480 to State in support of vocations which represented 80 books of tickets sold. Our goal was 250 so we fell quite short reaching it. The Council retained \$812 (includes some donations) for vocations that will help us in our support of seminarians or other religious candidates we may choose to support. Unfortunately, no one from Council 3880 won a prize in the drawing but there is always next year. For a list of this year's winners, you can go to: <http://www.illinoisknights.org/mary/charity/vocations/RaffleWinners.pdf>

Watch for your opportunity next year to support our vocation candidates and perhaps win some GREEN.

Council Calendar

February

2/3 Business Meeting
2/7 Grill Night
2/15 Breakfast
2/17 Social Meeting
2/20 Lenten Dinner
2/22 Major Degree,
PADS dinner
2/27 Lenten Dinner

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



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



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