

Knight Life

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Grand Knight's Report

Scott Popp

My Dear Brother Brothers and Families,

It's looking to be another busy year for Council 3880, our calendar of events was recently submitted to St. Thomas for it's consideration (with respect to usage of facilities) and received overwhelming support. You are able to find the entire annual calendar of "Knights" events on the Council website. kofc3880.org It's the intention of the Council to try and keep its members as informed as possible so please look to the website regularly to information as well as photos of events.

I would like to thank everyone for all the help, in helping to make last year so successful, because of the continued support this Council receives from it's members, the Church, as well as the community at large we are in a wonderful position. The finance committee has met (and if you were at the July business meeting) and has decided to make a dispersement of funds above our "normal" monthly expenses/stipends, in the amount of \$9,000.00 for this past fraternal year. An email was sent looking for idea's as to Charities that fit within the criteria of the Order, and currently that list is being complied and verified. We hope to be making those dispersement as soon as possible. Our Council saw an incredible amount of growth last year, by its membership (23 new members), as well as in monies collected for its various charities (approx. \$6,200 over the prior year) but most importantly by its growing relevancy to FAMILY, and CHURCH.

When I joined this Council, so many years ago, I was going through a terrible time, I had recently lost the only job I had ever had as an adult, (of 13 years) I had a wife, and three young boys at home, and no way to provide. I was so scared, and even though I had the overwhelming support, and friendship of my wife, I felt alone, and again did I mention terrified. I was raised in an old fashioned home where the husband was the bread winner and went to work, as well as the anchor of the family. It was at this time that with Melinda (my wife) that I reevaluated my life. And what I did was to rely on my faith, and offer it all up to God. I realize now I wasn't living the right life, my priorities were all wrong. So I made changes, changes to try and lead a good Catholic life, to trust in God, too have Faith above all else. Faith that God wouldn't give me anything I couldn't handle (I teasingly say I just wish he wouldn't trust me so much). It was at this time I was dropping off our oldest son, (who now is a Brother Knight to you, always my son!) at the monthly breakfast for the 6th grade service

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Grand Knight's Report, *continued*

project to "earn" his bible provided by the Knights, when I was asked if I had ever thought about joining the Knights, by Brother Bob Frazier. And well let's say the rest is history, I found a group of gentlemen dedicated to what I was wanting to become... A Catholic Gentlemen, I know that I am still and will always be a work in progress. But because of this group of men, that are based out of MY church, I am fortunate. Fortunate to have gone through something that brought me to our Lord. Fortunate to have friends, even more fortunate to have Brothers...OUR FAMILY.

As always my email inbox is always open, please feel free to contact me for any needs or concerns you may have, and thank you.

God bless you all,
Scott Popp
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Council 3880 In Crystal Lake's Independence Day Parade



Dear Knights and Families,

Come and possess the kingdom which has been prepared for you....

I was a stranger and you received me...

I was sick and you took care of me...

Whenever you did this for one of the least important of these followers of mine, you did it for me.

Matthew 25:-40

Two young men were canoeing on a river in the Canadian wilds. One day both of them became ill. Fortunately, they spotted a trapper's cabin. They beached their canoe and walked up to the cabin. It was unlocked. In one corner was cot. On it laid an open Bible with a note.

Your cabin saved my life. I was seriously ill and needed shelter. Your cabin provided it. I have no money with which to repay you. I can only promise you God's blessing. Read the passage from Matthew 25.

In what ways does our council minister to the areas Jesus specified in Matthew 25?

Above Taken from Knights to Christ Copyright 2001 by Colorado Knights of Columbus Charities Fund, Inc. Second Edition October 2001.

KC 3880 Just Keeps Rolling Along!!

KC 3880 Just Keeps Rolling Along!! Busy July!!!!!! Upcoming:

July 5, 2015 – 4th of July Right to Life Parade Float

July 18, 2015 – Blood Drive

July 19, 2015 – Monthly Breakfast

July 21, 2015 – Outside Family Rosary Church Grounds

July 21, 2015 - Social Meeting Church Basement

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

August 1, 2015 Food Panty

August 1, 2015 Grill Night

August 4, Business Meeting Church Basement

August 18, 2015 1st Degree

August 30, 2015 5th Sunday

September 5, 2015 Corn Boil

September 5, 2015 Grill Night

September 12, 2015 Kitchen Clean-Up

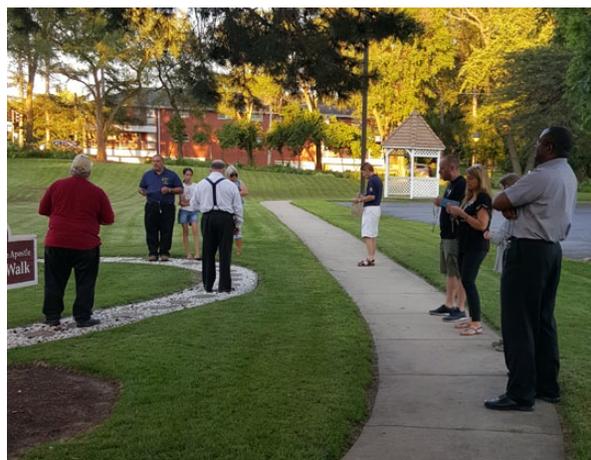
September 18-19, 2015 IDDF Drive

September 26, 2015 Johnny Appleseed

Yours in Christ,

Deputy Grand Knight, Bob Wyman

A photo from the rosary prayer on Tues July 21st. Note that our Chaplin was in attendance. We need everyone in the Council to participate in our Rosary activity. Thanks Kevin Scanlon for arranging this each time.



They Have Returned

Dan O'Connell

Our intrepid crew that went to Philmont Scout Ranch in June successfully completed their mission. They hiked over the New Mexico terrain for a week traversing fifty (50) miles on the trip. They stopped long enough for the photo below on top of the Tooth of Time peak (elevation 9,003 feet). It was a long journey with bumps and bruises along the way but no major injuries and no altitude sickness.

They were rained on almost daily and in many cases endured hail along with it when fast moving storms would roll through the mountains. They carried supplies and food on their backs; followed trails to end up nightly at their campsites to pitch tents they had carried. They had to find their own water in most cases and treat it to make it safe. Toward the end of the trip, they were running low on tablets to treat the water but luckily were able to borrow a few from another crew they came across to finish the trip.

Their return to Crystal Lake was slightly delayed by a four hour Amtrak delay as they left camp but they were happy to sleep in their own bed. When I asked the crew what their "thorn" and what their "rose" was for the trip, the thorn varied from the food (freeze dried) to the rugged terrain and the rose, without exception, was the beautiful panoramic views they experienced throughout the trip.

Unfortunately a week after our crew was there, Philmont experienced torrential rains that caused flash flooding in the canyons that wash away one crew and caused one death to a scout in that crew. May God rest his soul.

Thank you all for our support of our Philmont crew and the Troop as well as the Cub Scout Pack. We continue to build our citizens of tomorrow through these character building adventures made possible by Father McCormick Council's continued sponsorship.



PADS Dinners 2015-2016 Schedule

Listed below is the PADS dinner schedule for 2015-2016. We are in need volunteers who would be interested in preparing a meal. 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 johorso@aol.com

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

Sunday October 25
Sunday November 29 KEVIN SCANLAN
Sunday December 27
Sunday January 31
Sunday February 28
Sunday March 27
Sunday April 24

PROCEDURES

1. Pads coordinator contacts site Manager regarding menu and determines the quantity of food needed for dinner.
2. Kc meal provider purchases groceries needed .turn in all grocery receipts to Financial Secretary for reimbursement.
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 ect. In community room may be used.
5. Meal should be taken to PADS dinner site by 6:30p.m. They have facilities to keep food warm.
6. Meals are served by PADS site personnel . KC volunteers may assist as needed.

Membership

John Stefani

Are you ready to welcome a few more Brothers? At the August Social Meeting, Tuesday, August 18th, we will have a First Degree early, before the Social Meeting. When we did this a few months ago, in April, we had a tremendous turn-out of YOU, Brothers of Father McCormick Council 3880. What a warm welcome to the 7 new Brothers who joined our ranks that night. So I have to ask you once again, PLEASE, PLEASE try to show up for this next one. It has such a great impact on the new members to see so many people sitting around, as they become invested in their Rosary, to join Mary's Army for Christ.

And with that thought in mind, try and reserve Sunday, March 6, 2016 (yeah, a long way off..) but that will be our next Major Degree.

Encourage all of our new Knights to become 2nd and 3rd at that time.. you are looking for candidates all the time, aren't you??? Oh, yeah... a few months ago we got brand new Form 100s, and ordered a bunch and threw away the old... then less than a month later, Supreme changed the form again!! But it is a new short half page one that is easy to carry and easy to fill out.. you just need to give it to someone to do it! So they can become one of you on Tuesday, August 18...

Need a Form 100? No problem, I have lots of them, just ask!

I can be reached at: H 815-679-6596, SC 847-722-4629
Membership@kofc3880.org

Fourth Degree News

John Stefani

Greetings Sir Knights, Brother Knights and family and friends!

As we have been talking about, there will be a Fourth Degree Exemplification right here in Crystal Lake this coming October. This was to be put on by the Assembly from DeKalb, but they backed out at the last minute, so now the Assembly from Huntly will sponsor it... but the real good news for all of you non-Sir Knights out there is that you still have the opportunity of joining the 4th Degree without leaving town. Our Bishop Boylan Assembly 0198 right here in McHenry County had a good turnout when we were the host Assembly a year ago, so now you have another chance. With the recent change in the requirements, ANY 3RD Degree Knight in good standing can join the 4th Degree as soon as the day after becoming 3rd Degree. AND, for all of you new Brother Knights in the Council, who are still 1st or 2nd Degree, you will have the opportunity to just before October. SOOOOOO, all of you who are interested in joining Brother Worthy Warden Pat Slowey, as he joins the 4th in October, let me or Faithful Comptroller of the Assembly Sir Knight Dan O'Connell know and we will get you the form! Then you can join in the procession at the following Mass celebrated by His Excellency Bishop David Malloy!

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.

Essay Contest Winners



Left:

From left to right:
Valerie Japsen
Quinn Morceri
Joseph Noonan
Max Stridel
Dean Limosnero

Right:

Our Winner,
Joshua Tinkham

Not pictured:
Andrew Lydon



Vocation Support Raffle – We Want You!

Hello Fellow Knights of Father McCormick Council,
Here it is for 2015. The only raffle sponsored by the Illinois State Council and you too can participate. The drawing to be held on December 5, 2015. The cost is \$1.00 per ticket and there are 15 tickets in a book. The list of prizes is amazing!!

1st prize - \$10,000

2nd prize - \$2,500

3rd – 6th prizes - \$1,000/each

7th – 10th prizes - \$500/each

11th – 15th prizes - \$200/each

16th – 20th prizes - \$100/each

The raffle goes to support our seminarians or brothers entering a major or minor seminary or young ladies entering a convent. They all have expenses and this will help defray some of them. The Council keeps \$9.00 of every book sold and \$6.00 goes to the State Council. What a great way to fund our own seminarian support program.

Please see Dan O’Connell or send me an email at dano-co55@sbcglobal.net with your request for tickets. Get your books to sell to family and friends. All tickets and money will be due in by the November business meeting on November 3, 2015 so we can get them in on time. Let’s sell it out.

Breakfast and ...

well, anything! It is the middle of summer... mid-July, and the middle of monsoon season! Well, several days of torrential downpours in the area. But the Community center was high and dry, and breakfast was on. masses were spotty, not bad, very good, missing in action... we didn’t get much of an in-between breakfast rush like we have had for several months. But we still had good enough crowds to keep our numbers up... number of diners, number of dollars.. what a great combination.

The crew was in back getting the job done as always... Dan and his ‘assistant’ came in after the Blood Drive to start setting up.. set-up continued as needed, like always... in spite of the downpour as the local food was getting delivered Saturday afternoon, so some of it had to wait for the rain to let up so I could get it in... after all, wouldn’t want to take the chance I would melt...

Even the big order from our commercial supplier had a hick-up, almost...

We have a minimum quantity of either pieces ordered or dollar amount of the bill. We are really small potatoes compared to an Andy’s, for instance. So it takes a little effort to get the numbers working without overloading the cage... and the Invoice amount as well... But I got a message from our rep that one of the items would not be available... which was okay as we were not out

completely and actually had about enough for one more breakfast. But that did put us under the numbers. But not to fear! We have been buying from U. S. Food for some time, and our local rep is Tom Sadowski, who is a parishioner of Elizabeth Ann Seaton, AND a Brother Knight. So he said “Not a problem, I’ll load it in my car and drop it off!” which he did. And not the first time he came to our rescue. So, thanks, Brother Tom! If you happen to know him, which many of you do, tell him thanks! Tom has also been instrumental in our being able to borrow EAS’s warming oven for some of our major dinners. Brother Knights are Brothers... pure and simple!

We have again had some new Brother’s show up to pitch in, and even a missing Brother or two, who have been busy out and about, have showed up. That’s what we are all about! See all you Breakfast people, workers and eaters, in a few at the August event.

And don’t forget to mark your calendars for our Annual Fall Buffet... I know I cannot believe that summer is down to one more month...wow.. where does the time go (when you are having fun!)?

Oh, yeah, and if you missed it, Past Grand Knight and former grill man Bob Modrich stopped in for breakfast and to say Hello! Nice to see you, Bob!!!

Keep watching.... *John*

Lecturer's Corner

My Brother Knights, thank you for taking the time to read this, and for the time that you will invest over the course of these next few months to frame and develop your personal criteria to exercise and voice a strong Catholic Vote. I also want to thank my Brother Sir Knight's Clarence Gburek, and Tim Hicklin for instructing me and clarifying for me how I may properly utilize this Bully Pulpit in accord with the long standing and well-founded guidelines of the Knights of Columbus.

This is as promised the first installment of what I hope to be a tool that we can all use to educate ourselves and get the most from our Catholic vote. I begin with the link to the web site for Susan B. Anthony List <http://www.sba-list.org/>. This is a strong faith based organization closely aligned with our own position and it has a specific section that provides information on individual candidates, I have found if useful in vetting them for my upcoming decision.

I would also recommend a book that I acquired prior to the last election, *The Catholic Vote, Catholics Participating in Public Life* by Larry T. O'Neill, Jefferson House Publishing right here in Illinois. It is only 92 pages and worth the read.

Let me reiterate the importance of understanding that we are called not to vote a political party, that is, not to vote strictly Republican or Democrat, liberal or conservative, it is our Duty to vote Catholic. It is more than a sacred trust or patriotic responsibility that we cast our vote, and not do so lightly without having done the work, the homework to ensure that it serves the needs of others and requirements of God.

We are greatly blessed as always that the Chair of St. Peter is filled by a Servant of God consistently reminding of our duty to the virtue of Charity. Charity which is inseparable from social justice which requires we take seriously not only the care of the poor, but that we do all in our power to respect the sanctity and dignity of "every human person" in every stage, situation, and condition of life. While there can be no respect or dignity without food, shelter, education, opportunity, and security, most important of all it demands the right to and of life as a gift given by God.

Enough for now, so I close. God Bless you all my Brothers, pray for one another. Vivat Jesus

Mike Jasinski, Lecturer

Good Of The Order

Knights Birthdays

Mark Allen
Mark Benkert
William Cotugno
Kenneth J. Diana
David M. Frederick
Larry S. Godfrey
Robert M. Gray
Timothy J. Hicklin
Ronald J. Johnson
PSD, Joseph G. Kaltwasser
William E. Keehan Jr.
Jon Kosin
Chris Krambeer
Dennis V. McCoy
Donald Meyer
Brian Mulville
Daniel J. O'Connell
Daniel Polakowski
Christopher Rodolfo
Roger S. Schmidt
Eric Schreifels
Rev. Kenneth Stachyra
John R. Stefani
William Tillman
Mathew S. Walker
Dean Wisser
Richard Wolk

Wives Birthdays

Diane De Pippo
Linda Fisher
Marilyn Georgy
JoEllen Gregus
Barb Harren
Charlotte Heuer
Wanda Loretan
Jerrilynn Mazurk
Mary Jane Mottola
Theresa Russel
Betty Stevens

Anniversaries

Thomas J. & Jan Dawson
John W. & Pamela Erickson
Robert & Mary Frazier
Joe & Christine Gottemoller
Peter H. & Barb Harren
Gregory & Margaret Heideman
Gregory J. & Lynda Ives
Daniel P. & Donna Maguire
Dennis V. & Ana McCoy
Ronald L. & Judy Modrich
Gerald M. & Marilyn Zopp

The Power Of Prayer

Please pray for:

Marilyn Scanlan
Jim Kratchovil
Theresa Morrison
Mrs. Thyfault
Kevin Popp
Frank Popp Sr.
The soul of Alice Mazurk
Bob Thomas
Dick Havley
Marlene Slowey
Dee Slowey
Bernadine Walsh
Christie, Marek, and Ella Serocki
Colin Sheetz
John Orso's mother in law
Nancy Mazurk
The soul of Sharon Korabik

Council Calendar

August

8/1 Food Pantry, Grill Night
8/4 Business Meeting
8/16 Breakfast
8/18 1st Degree, Social Mtg
8/30 5th Sunday Mass

September

9/1 Business Meeting
9/5 Corn Boil, Grill Night
9/12 Kitchen Cleanup
9/15 Social Meeting
9/18-19 IDDF Drive
9/20 Breakfast, Insurance Talks
9/26 Johnny Appleseed

October

10/3 Food Pantry, Grill Night
10/6 Business Meeting
10/10 Appreciation Dinner
10/18 Breakfast
10/20 Social Meeting
10/25 PADS



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



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