

Knight Life

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Grand Knight's Report

Scott Popp

Dear Brother Knights and Families,

As I had previously mentioned last month, we are (*again*) knee deep in events. The Lenten dinners (Friday's during Lent 5-7) have been well received, and has given the parishioners of St. Thomas somewhere they can get a bite to eat prior to the Station of the Cross, which also has seen a much larger turnout than in years past. And as typical gluttons for punishments we still put on a Grill night this month, that was also well attended. And of course we had the annual St. Pats dinner on the 14th, where we served about 170 people, following the very next morning was the monthly breakfast, and that was again was well attended. Our events really have been outstandingly supported by all of YOU, in regards to attendance numbers, and additionally on the service side. We even had reports of 50+ kids show up for the regional free throw contest on the same Saturday as the St.Pat's dinner! I would really like to personally thank each and everyone of you for the outpouring of support, and the assistance that you all have provided to the Council over these past few months. You all are what helps make a great Council and family, thank you.

At last months degree we welcomed 6 new Brothers into the Council, what a wonderful sign of the good works of this Council starting to pay dividends, I strongly encourage all of you to spread the good news of our Order, as well as our Faith- they truly do go hand in hand. We are planning a 1st degree ceremony on Tuesday, April 21st, (7:30pm) where again we are hoping to welcome in a number of Brothers to the order, followed by some fellowship, snacks, and bags! (The game). Believe it or not we are very close to being awarded Star Council for this fraternal year, but most important we are resurrecting a beautiful family and Brotherhood. I say family because of our wives and children are becoming more and more involved in our events, and this has been a personal goal of mine from the very beginning. Family is Family thick or thin. They are always there for you, and so are we. Our events need, and should be a family friendly atmosphere, therefore our better halves will be aware of our endeavors, and therefore supportive of them and also involved, if we don't try and focus on being a family friendly organization, I fear the longevity of our Council, as well as the Order will be in jeopardy.

I have asked Past Grand Knight's Mark Daniel, Tim Hicklin, and Vince Esposito to head up the nominations committee for the upcoming fraternal year, if you have any desire of becoming more involved with the Council in one of the positions considered to be an "officer" please feel free to



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Grand Knight's Report, *continued*

contact any of them or myself, our success depends on it. We are having our annual Jack Venezia golf outing on June 5th, at Prairie Isle golf club, please watch for details. I'm hoping to include in next months newsletter a little background on Jack, someone whom I am a better person for having known, and try to emulate daily. We are also looking at trying to resurrect the "old" appreciation dinner we used to hold for ourselves, (and our wives) as a chance to enjoy each other's company in a non-worker environment. Please respond to myself with any positive, or negative thoughts on this idea via email, no hard feelings I promise.

There is a lot going on within our Council, more than I even realize, so please be understanding of what can be a large number of emails being sent. My theory is you can't be involved if you are unaware-so therefore we trying to keep you aware. And on that note, there have been some recent changes to the Council #3880 web site, namely we are trying to keep it more up to date with what we are doing, again please feel free to send me a note if there is anything we are missing that may be beneficial to the Council.

This month I started something new that seems to have really been well received, at our monthly meeting we pass around a sheet called "For the Good of the Order", upon this sheet we place the names of any individual whom known to us or otherwise are in need of prayers. This list is typically published in this newsletter, I am sending it early, and as often as I receive new names, so that we may be ever mindful of those individuals. Prayers do work, please consider the intention of this request, and pray.

This Lenten season is coming to a close, and I wish all of you a most Blessed Holy Week, and Easter as well. Please know that you all are in my daily prayers, and in my heart always.

***God bless you all,
Scott Popp***

Council Bowling Night



Dear Knights and Families,

St. Joseph's feast day is March 19, the foster father of Jesus Christ and husband to Mary. Please read below of what I found about Joseph and how he protects the church and us when you pray to him.

Below was taken from Women for Faith & Family P.O. Box 300411 St. Louis, MO 63130.

Saint Joseph

What we know about the life of Saint Joseph is contained in the gospels of Saint Matthew and Saint Luke. He has become known as the "Just man".

The name foster-father of Our Lord appears in local martyrologies of the ninth and tenth centuries. The first church dedicated in his honor was in 1129 in Bologna. Pope Sixtus IV(1471-84) added the feast of Saint Joseph to the Roman Calendar. Pope Pius IX placed the whole Church under the Patronage of Saint Joseph in 1870.

In 1989, Pope John Paul II reflected deeply on the life and witness of Saint Joseph in "Guardian of the Redeemer".

Among the saints known to have had particular devotions to Saint Joseph are Saint Bernard, Saint Thomas Aquinas, Saint Gertrude, Saint Bridget of Sweden, Saint Alphonsus and Saint Teresa of Avila.

As the Bible tells us, Saint Joseph was descended from the royal house of David. A village carpenter of Nazareth, he was chosen among all men to be the husband and protector of the Virgin Mother of Jesus Christ. To his loving care was entrusted the childhood and youth of the Redeemer of the world. He reveals to us the perfect model of Christianity through his purity of heart, patience, and fortitude.

Poor in worldly possessions, he was rich in grace. Devotion to Saint Joseph, was fervent in the East from the early ages, and has spread and increased. Today, Catholics of all nations honor him.

There are many stories about the miraculous intervention of Saint Joseph. One is a medieval account of how a famine in Sicily was ended after a Novena to Saint Joseph. A more recent story is of the mysterious "itinerant carpenter" who volunteered to build an architecturally unique spiral staircase in a convent chapel in Santa Fe, New Mexico, which is as sound today as when it was first built, and has never needed repair.

According to ancient tradition, Saint Joseph watches over and protects the Church. He is considered the model of perfect Christian life and the patron of a happy death. His patronage extends over the Mystical Body of Christ, over the Christian family and schools, carpenters, fathers, laborers, and all individuals who appeal to his charity and intercession, especially in the hour of death. Joseph, when dying, received the loving ministry of his foster Son, Jesus, and his spouse, the Blessed Virgin Mary, so it is believed his intercession may well obtain the mercy of God and the grace of a peaceful & holy death.

Also a special memorial to Saint Joseph the Worker is observed on May 1.

KC 3880 Just Keeps Rolling Along!!

Family Bowling At Crystal Lake Metro-Bowl March 1, 2015 was well attended over 30 bowlers showed up and had a great time, the Fisher family won for having the most fun!!!!

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

KC Regional Basket Ball Free Throw Contest March 14, 2015

St. Pats Dinner Dance March 14, 2014 was well attended over 150 people were served a great traditional Corn Beef and Cabbage meal. Thanks' to Kevin Scanlan and his crew for a great evening.

March Breakfast: Over 200 people 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.

Knights of Columbus 3880: March 20, 2015 — will be providing dinner for a special presentation by Deacon Patrick Moynihan for our area priests and patrons.

Pro-Life Rosary by KC 3880 for the parish March 21, 2015 – After the 4:30pm Mass

Pads Dinner March 29, 2015– John Orso and Tom Jackson Families

Upcoming in April

- Grill Nights
- Business Meeting
- Social Night
- Monthly Breakfast
- Pads Dinner

Check dates for these above events in this newsletter

Yours in Christ,

Deputy Grand Knight, Bob Wyman

Quick Boy Scout Note

Dan O'Connell

Pack 127 and Troop 127 collected 2,500 pounds of food for the Crystal Lake Food Pantry on March 7th. Details will follow next month.

Thanks, Dan

Dan O'Connell's hip surgery went well and he is starting the process of getting back to some kind of shape. Please keep him in your prayers.

Scott

St. Patrick's Day Dinner



Fr. McCormick Council 3880 Annual Major Degree!

On Sunday, February, February 22nd, the Council hosted a Major Degree,, which is basically open to all of Northern Illinois. But then as usual, we did a little more with a candidate coming out of Wisconsin.

We are now the proud Council of SIX brand new Brother Knights! Please join me in congratulating these men. They are:

**Ryan Callahan, Greg Stasiak, Michael Antongiovanni,
Charles Cerny, David Bigos, Joseph Scherb**

They join **Jim McKinnon** and **David Little**, who joined at the end of last year, and new Transfers into 3880, **John A. Svigelj** and **Joel Lewon**.

Brothers McKinnon, Townsend, Callahan, Stasiak, Antongiovanni, Cerny and Scherb also took their 2nd and 3rd Degree at the event.

We had a representative from Supreme, SK Ralph Rossi, who is part of the Supreme Ceremonials team attend to audit both our First Degree Team as well as the State Major Degree Team. An interesting aside from Ralph was that it seems only Illinois has a "Major Degree" ceremony. He stated that the newest

Form is for a Council to hold a First Degree one month, during a normal night, like we do, then on a following month's meeting have a Second Degree ceremony, and then the Third Degree on a following month. This is a two sided coin to me... the use a DVD for the 2nd and 3rd, and some Councils also use one for the First Degree. It makes sense in that so often we lose out on candidates because they are not able to commit an entire Sunday to the Major. This way we get them in and all three in a matter of months. The flip side for a lot of us is that they miss out on the beautiful Ceremonies... but something to think about.

And while we are at it, I am planning another 1st Degree at the April Social Meeting, to start at 7:30 rather than 8:00 PM. We did this in November and were still able to have an active Social Meeting. So, have someone in mind to become a Brother Knight? See me as we have the NEW Form 100's.... that's right, they have changed it once again! I have several Form 100's for gentlemen that were not able to make the Major, so we should have a good showing... and, we are so very close to getting enough new members to be able to once again make Start Council. We also need Insurance members for that... please call our Insurance Agent cum alternate Waffle Man, Dave Mazurk, about upgrading your insurance, or even adding a \$100.00 minimum Annuity. These all help towards our annual goals for the Council for Star status.

See me for more info if you need it...
membership@kofc3880.org or 847 722-4629.

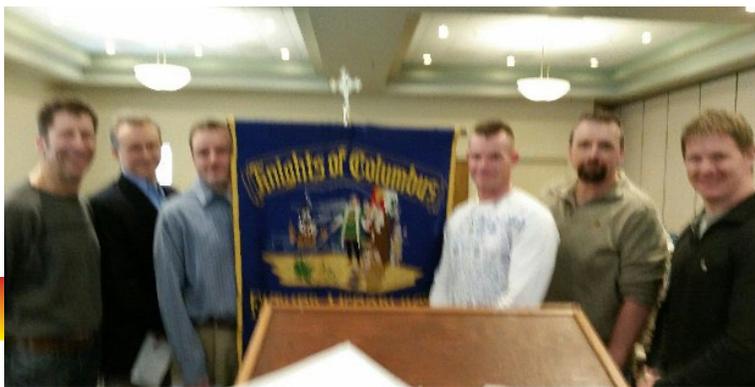
Peace! John

New Parish Web Address

St. Thomas The Apostle Parish has a new address on the web. Staff emails also use the new domain.

www.stthomascl.church

Thanks to Bob Kosin for passing this note along!



Pro-Life

On February 25, 2015, a very important bill was passed in the Oklahoma House of Representatives with a vote of 84-2. It was the Unborn Child Protection from Dismemberment Abortion Act, HB 1721. This is a MAJOR step in the direction of helping to protect the unborn.

What is Dismemberment Abortion, you ask? It is described as, from the National Right to Life Director of State Legislation, Mary Spaulding Balch, J.D., "Dismemberment abortion kills a baby by tearing her apart, limb from limb. Before the first trimester ends, the unborn child has a beating heart, brain waves, and every organ system in place. Dismemberment abortions occur after the baby has reached these milestones." It is further described by, U.S. Supreme Court Justice Anthony Kennedy, as "After sufficient dilation, a doctor inserts grasping forceps through the woman's cervix and into the uterus to grab a living fetus. The doctor grips a fetal part with the forceps and pulls it back through the cervix and vagina, continuing to pull even after meeting resistance from the cervix. The friction causes the fetus to tear apart. For example, a leg might be ripped off the fetus as it is pulled through the cervix and out of the woman..." *Gonzales v. Carhart*, 127 S.Ct. 1610, 1620-21 (2007).

Sorry for the gruesome details, but without them, we do not get the big picture of what goes on; but, how can this be? How could there be someone who would think that this kind of thing is ok? I don't get it. All I know is that we can continue to pray for the protection of the unborn. We NEED to continue to communicate our concerns about this to our elected officials. In case you need them...

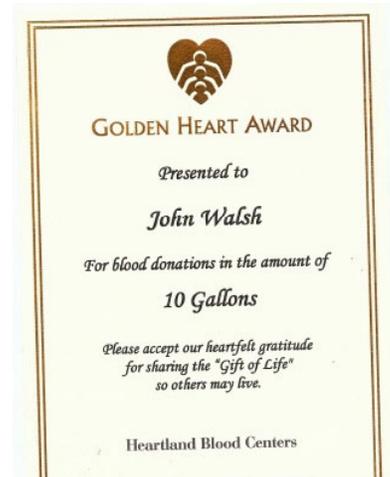
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Thank you and God Bless.
Chris Krambeer

Give Blood, You Can Too!

Donating Blood saves lives. Picture two 5 gallon buckets. That's been my 82 contributions to Heartland Blood (and others) since joining the Knights of Columbus. For the last 10 years, my pint of universally accepted O-negative blood, free of any viruses has been used to make 8 units of neo-natal blood. Used primarily for prematurely born babies, too small to prick for blood samples.

John Walsh



PADS Dinners

Below is the *last* PADS dinner for 2015. If you can help out or have further questions, just let us know.

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

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

Dates	Volunteers
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.

Breakfast, Breakfast!

The good news is that the new Special Menus we introduced in January are doing well... we have increased the number of takers for most of them. The one exception is the new Special Chocolate Chocolate Pancake... but Mr. Newport attributes that to the fact it is pretty heavy, and may be more suited to the colder weather... but hey, that also means it is getting warmer. With Dan O'Connell taking time off to get his hip replaced, I don't have counts on the menu selections... but I did hear from Mrs. O'Connell a little while ago, as I am writing this on March 18th, that he is out of surgery and it is looking good! I would say the continued success of the breakfast depends on him!

Now toast is another thing! Mr. Kampman has been missing in action for a couple of months, and has already announced he will again be missing in April! Poor old PGK Daniel Patrick Maguire himself is really getting pretty good taking over that station, and most of the time knows which side gets buttered!!!!

Now maybe it's time for the next target, I talked about last month, the Belgian waffles... so, don't be surprised to find the waffle sensation of Chicken and Waffles on the menu for next month... mmmm.... If they go over well enough, who knows, maybe even Chicken and Egg Sliders!!! Two with the new potatoes?

Keep watching.... John

Good Of The Order

Knights Birthdays

Jim Batastini
David A. Behm
Patrick E. Bradley
Todd Bright
Steven Carlson
John L. Freund
Michael Habisohn
Edward L. Kieras
Robert R. Malone
Tadeusz B. Orlos
Thomas J. Roti
David W. Russel
Robert Rybarczyk
Charles G. Stump
Ernest Tennes
Chris J. Tumblin
Paul C. Wilson

Wives Birthdays

Jacquelyn Behm
Mary Fisher
Maureen Hubbard
Mandi Kaup
Annette O'Connell
Lisa Tambellini

Anniversaries

Kevin & Carol Anderson
Mark & Christina Benkert
Norman & Dorothy Giambi
Joe & Mary Hodorowicz
Rick & Claudia Kendzior
Dave & Jerrilynn Mazurk

The Power Of Prayer

Please pray for:

Ginny Visin
Maude Graef
Joyce Holm
Tim Hicklin
Roma Zopp
Christy Marek Serocki
Shannon Cerny
Sherri Baxtes
Ginger Bradley
Julia Norwood
Joe Kaltwasser
Scott Schumachket
Barbara Patterson
Mark Toscano
Matt Walbaum
Father Theodore Hesburgh
Cardinal Francis George
Wayne H. Mackliny
Jasper, Amy & Anthony Pitrello
Bob Minor
Roberta (Birdie) Bakalar
Susie Fricano
Sue Dennison
Gerry Frey
Dan O'Connell
Ellen Orso Noecker
Molly Miloch Jordan
Fran Fireng
Shawn Noe
Koya Noe
Lyda Justus
AJ Justus
Mark Gibson
Kim Gibson
Marlene Slowey
William Slowey
Gloria Slowey
Barbara Kostrzewsk
Alice Hackett
Peggy Loretan
Cheryl Kline
Mary Halvey
Rita Nonnemacher
Janet Cain
Frank Popp Sr.
Chester Cichon
Joanie McLaughlin

Council Calendar

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

June

6/2 Business Meeting
6/6 Grill Night
6/7 Breakfast (*alternate date*)
6/14 Breakfast
6/16 Social Meeting



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



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