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Grand Knight's Report

Tim Hicklin

Dear Brothers,

Praise be to Jesus Christ!

Clergy Dinner

On February 27, Mike Chmiel put on and hosted an extraordinary Clergy Night at the Crystal Lake Country Club. After a slow start for Knights the event kicked off for at least 30 plus attendees. The highlight of the pre-dinner festivities was the arrival of Bishop David Malloy. He joined us for camaraderie and fellowship and said Grace. He, unfortunately, had to leave because of a prior commitment in Rockford. Mike made sure he wouldn't travel back to Rockford on an empty stomach with at least two sandwiches.

I want to thank Allyson Svigelj, St. Thomas Director of Public Relations and Promotions for taking pictures and posting them on our Facebook page. These also were featured in The Observer along with some very nice comments. Thank you Rick Kendzior and John Walsh for great comments there as well.

St. Paddy's Day Dinner.

On Saturday, March 15th, Kevin Scanlan hosted our 45th Annual St. Paddy's day Dinner. Everything went off like clock-work. The tables were put p th night before with helium balloons filled and Mrs. Grand Knight's table centerpieces adorning each table. There was plenty of help in the kitchen and by 9:0 Saturday morning the Community Center smelled delicious.

The evening began at 6:00 sharp with fellowship that all enjoyed. Fr. O'Simon then led us all in Grace. Prior to that we called on PGK, Vince Mottola who started this event 45+ years ago where he related that years before when his parents emigrated to this country, they had to sell the O' in their name to make ends meet!! We are fortunate to have Vince still with us and thank him greatly for starting this memorable event.

The evening proceeded with the Irish Dancers, who put on an exciting routine that was well received. The drawings for the 50-50 and special prizes continued followed by the Band who were excellent. Everything was exceptional especially the little dancer who is featured on our Facebook page. Please if ypu want a smile, please click on the video if you want a large smile.



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Grand Knight's Report, *continued*

Bingo

We were presented with a potential money maker by hosting a Bingo Game at the new Crystal Lake Rib House. One night per week for 50 weeks. We wer hoping to have more details after the zoning meeting, but there was no meeting. There still remain many question s and hopeful-lyanswers as weekly outflow vs. expected inflow. PGK, Marty Zopp is in the process of obtaining the details.

Officer Nominations

The nominating committee is formed and the members of the group is the trustees – John M Orso, Vince Esposito and Marty Zopp. If you are interested in moving up or serving as an officer, please send me or the mem-bers a note or a call (all have their phone numbers in the Newsletter).

God Bless! And remember to Pray for all of our fellow knights & families, both living and deceased.

*Vivat Jesus,
Tim Hicklin,
Grand Knight
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March Council Awards:



PADS Dinners

This is it! The last PADS dinner for 2013-2014. If you would like to volunteer preparing a meal in the future, please contact our coordinator. Steve Bright 815-459-6999 brightones1@live.com • John Orso 815-477-1048 johoro@aol.com

All dinners take place at Bethany Lutheran Church, 76 West Crystal lake Ave.

Dates	Volunteers
4/27/2014	John Stefani

Dear Worthy Brother Knights,

A few noteworthy notes:

Our Chaplain, Fr. Simon, made a comment during one of his recent Saturday morning mass sermons that stuck with me. He was talking about Catholics focused on giving up things for Lent – chocolate, coffee, soda, and for me – exercise. He took an alternative approach to that well-used act of penance. Instead of giving up something during Lent, try adding something – alms giving, prayer, charitable work. You get the idea.

It made total sense to me, and it is something each of us as members of the Knights of Columbus can really focus on. Don't give up! Add! For me, that amounts to little things. When I'm ready to rip someone's head off for cutting me off on the way to work I'll pause for a minute and do a quick WWJD reminder. It works. Say hello to someone you don't know, and make their day. Thank someone for something nice they did for you, and smile.

It was a pleasure to have worked and attended two of our great events this March. I came away thoroughly impressed at Mike Chmiel's work in planning and executing an outstanding Clergy Night. Mike, who missed his calling as a professional MC, left all of our attending clergy impressed as well. Our Clergy Night is one of our Council's gems. We make no money from it, but that's not the point. We do it to thank our priests and deacons for the work they do for each of us as Catholics. Thanks Mike!

Once again, Kevin Scanlan's St. Pat's Day event blew me away. Kevin has an attention for detail like no other person I know. This is an event we have held for 45 years. Corned beef and Cabbage aside, he left no stone unturned in his planning. What does that do? It makes every one of those 250 people attending know that the Knights of Columbus Council 3880 does it right. When I sit back and think of those handful of Knights who we could not survive without, I put Kevin at the top of that list. Thanks again Kevin!

That Man is You planning will get underway in April. What's this, you ask? We officially kick off what is two 11-week sessions in September for men of our parish. What I can tell you is that it will leave you as a better dad, husband and Catholic Man. It has been wildly successful at other parishes. Msgr. Aaron Brodeski told me his Batavia parish hosts 150 men each week. Brother Knight Jerry Smith over at St. Mary's in Woodstock has a little under 100 men attend each week. We will hold the 90 minute sessions on Saturday mornings – and breakfast is included. I am rounding out my steering committee. Want to help me out and learn more? Call me at 847-338-4672 or shoot me an email at gregives@att.net. I can use your help in a variety of areas.



*Vivat Jesus,
Greg Ives
Deputy Grand Knight*

February Council Awards:



This January, following FOCUS' Student Leadership Summit, a group of 40 missionaries who are directing various mission trips all over the world this year, traveled to Mexico City, Mexico for five days of training. Our time in Mexico was filled with practical training for our missions, as well as prayer, and exploring! We were blessed to visit the Basilica of Our Lady of Guadalupe and the spot where she appeared to St. Juan Diego in 1531! We spent time in prayer in front of the miraculous tilma with Our Lady's image on it which is still intact almost 500 years later! It was such a peaceful place to visit, knowing that Our Blessed Mother had come to that very spot, and called her children to follow her Son. The thought that stayed in my mind during our visit was a story that Archbishop Aquila of Denver, shared with all those present at the Student Leadership Summit, which was an experience in prayer he had during a visit to the tilma last November. He was praying before Our Lady, and praising how miraculous it was that she appeared and that her presence is still on this tilma. Her response to his prayer was that, what is even more miraculous is her Son, Jesus being made present, Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity in the Eucharist! How blessed are we that we are able to receive Our Lord so often in the Eucharist, and then are able to share Him with those we encounter each day!



I will be leading a mission to Honduras, this month, from March 22-29. We will work with a mission group called the Missioners of Christ; who serve the rural communities of the Honduran mountains, bringing catechesis and the sacraments. I will also be directing a mission to Denver this May to work with Christ in the City and the Community of the Beatitudes to serve the poor and homeless in Denver, CO. I am so excited and thankful that Jesus has asked me to go serve His people around the world! Pope Francis says about mission: "In fidelity to the example of the Master, it is vitally important for the Church today to go forth and preach the Gospel to all: to all places, on all occasions, without hesitations, reluctance, or fear. The joy of the Gospel is for all people: no one can be excluded" (Evangelii Gaudium 23).



Thank you for your continued support this year! Without the Knight's generosity, I would not be able to follow where Jesus has been calling me! Please pray for me as I continue to serve on campus, as well as abroad! Know of my prayers for all of you!



*In Christ,
Ashley Moersch*

Pain-Capable Unborn Child Protection Act

The U.S. Senate is working to pass legislation to stop “Pain Capable Unborn Child” Abortions. It is now recognized that an unborn child at 20 weeks old can sense pain and therefore, should be protected from abortion. This bill is similar to a House of Representatives bill that passed in June of last year.

This is an incredibly important piece of legislation that we can help to get passed. All we need to do is contact our Senators and let them know we want them to support this bill. The Bill is called, Pain-Capable Unborn Child Protection Act, S. 1670.

I have provided a shortlink where you can go to enter your address and generate an e-mail directly to your senators on your behalf. Enter this into your web browser: <http://goo.gl/drrV97>

It will take you to the National Right to life site where you can enter your information and tell your Senators that you whole-heartedly support this bill.

Hobby Lobby - HHS Mandate

During the week of March 24, the U.S. Supreme Court will hear arguments against the Affordable Care Act’s mandate of employers providing drugs coverage for drugs that are against their religious beliefs. Hobby Lobby has been at the core of this debate, but other companies and religious organizations have gotten on board as well. This is the first very strong challenge to the Affordable Care Act and the Obama Administration has to put up a strong fight in order to prevent weakening the health care program it designed. On the Right to Life side, this mandate forces employers to provide post-conception medicine to terminate a possible pregnancy - sometimes called “morning after pills” as well as other medications that can terminate a pregnancy.

This is another important battle in the government intrusion on our religious beliefs. Stay tuned.

Public Relations Potpourri

Our Facebook Page - <https://www.facebook.com/#!/kofc3880> - continues to grow, slowly. If you, your spouse or family members are Facebook members, I encourage you visit the site and “Like” Council 3880. When you see Council 3880 posts on your timeline, please feel free to comment on those posts. It helps spread the word on what the council is doing in the community. If you take a picture at any Knights event, email the picture to membership@kofc3880.org.

Two ways to connect directly with Pope Francis – connect on Twitter at <https://twitter.com/Pontifex>.

And for your smart phone, the Pope has an app – Missio – the application and can be downloaded for free on the iTunes App Store and on Google Play.

Can’t make our council sponsored Blood Donation Drive on April 12th (7:30-12 noon at St. Elizabeth Ann Seaton)? You should know you can make an appointment at the Heartland Blood office in Crystal Lake (815) 356-0608 any time. Tell them you want your donation to be credited to St. Thomas Knights of Columbus, and the council gets credit for this needed life giving effort.

My Association of Horizon Summer Camp is looking for Adult Campers and Volunteers for our annual summer camp July 20-26th held downstate at Timber Point Easter Seals Camp on Lake Bloomington. Check out our YouTube Video <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JurEDxza47s> . Do you know an Adult (18+) with physical disabilities (ALS, MD, MS, CP)? Camp is free. Please pass along this information and application link <http://associationofhorizon.org/wordpress/activities/summer-camp> . We are also in need of volunteer attendants for Camp. Able bodied youth 16+ and adult volunteers – particularly males – are needed.

St. Patrick's Day Dinner



March, 2014... STILL snow on the ground, at a dusting coming down before dawn as the breakfast crew was starting to show up for the March breakfast on the 16th... even got to church and it was all dark inside.. no Wyman and team starting to get the dining room all ready... hmmm, we changed the clock the week before... oh, yeah, St. Patrick's dinner the night before.. means a few of the guys only got home a few hours ago.. cleaning up, yeah, right, that was it... lol

But as usual the room was all set, and they came rolling in, just after Mr. Artner and I got there. Then my surprise: We are adding two new menu items as specials today! Real corned beef and cabbage omelet, with boiled potatoes and carrots??? Not hardly! But really, tip o' the hat to Kevie Scanlon and his crew for once again doing a bang up job on that event...

Back to the new items: Special One was a French Toast and Eggs Combo. Two of our world famous French “Ernie Tennes” Toast, two eggs any style and 2 pieces of sausage or bacon, \$6.00 please, no substitutions! Special Two was a Bratwurst Omelet! Three Farm Fresh Eggs, Bratwurst, Cheddar Cheese and Grilled Onions, with Toast and Hash Browns. \$6.00 please, no substitutions!

And they really went over pretty good. The first orders in after the 7:30 Mass where a few of each, and then they kept coming all morning. According to the Worthy Financial Secretary, Steve Haugh, there were a lot of good comments from people on the way out who had tried them!

So, it looks like we may keep those on for at least another month. Way back when, we offered toast. Period. Then added rye and whole wheat. I keep telling Kampman I think we should add raisin toast as well, maybe even sour dough, and he says fine, who will be making toast then? Guess he is good with the three choices! We have also, over the years, added bacon, which has gone over great and is barely behind pork sausage in popularity. Can't remember when we added the corned beef hash, but don't think it was an original option. I do know that we added several different omelets, like the bacon and cheese, mushroom and cheese and the sausage and cheese. It's hard to remember as I have been running the breakfast at the request of Grand Knight Marty Zopp, since we moved upstairs, when the new hall was built. That was back in '96 or '97.

The crew was down a little, which of course was expected with the big dinner the night before. A lot of the regulars at the 7:30 Mass go to the dinners, so instead go to the 4:30 Mass. But we did talk about that and are cooking up a plan for the next time that happens!

You will have to keep watching the newsletter for the next few months, as the breakfast dates will be changing a bit. Next month, of course, the third Sunday of the month is Easter Sunday, so we have already booked the following, April 27th, as breakfast

Sunday. Then in Jun, because of Father's Day, we need to move again, However, the 22nd, which would be our choice, is not available to us as the Parish is having a large Pentecost Sunday event, and we will not be able to use the hall. So still working on which Sunday in June, but it will be one of them! We in the back room have way too much fun to miss one!

You just got to love this Breakfast Crew! Peace to them, to their families who help them side by side, or allow them to come and work with us instead of mowing the grass or going shopping, or STILL shoveling snow, or even understand they really would like to just sit and read the paper, but here they are...

WE ARE 3880 !! Thanks..See ya here and all around,

Vivat Jesus!
John

The 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
C. James Roach
Thomas J. Roti
David W. Russel
Robert Rybarczyk
Charles G. Stump
Ernest Tennes
Chris J. Tumblin
Paul C. Wilson

Anniversaries

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

Wives Birthdays

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

Prayer List

Tom Nemcek
Peg Cichon
Fr. Thomas Saucier, OP
Chuck Prank
John Jagouinski
Jim Meuller
Nicole Nagendram
Military Deaths
DD, Chuck Gbarek
Irv Kemp

Council Calendar

April

4/1 Business Meeting
4/13 Palm Sunday
4/15 Social Meeting
4/17-4/19 Triduum
4/20 Easter Sunday
4/25-4/27 State Convention
4/27 Breakfast,
P.A.D.S.

May

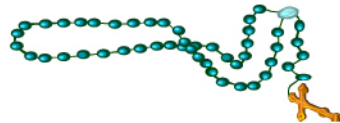
5/6 Business Meeting
5/11 Mother's Day
5/18 Breakfast
5/20 Social Meeting
5/26 Memorial Day

June

6/3 Business Meeting
Officer Elections
6/8 Breakfast
6/15 Father's Day
6/17 Installation and
Dinner
6/29 5th Sunday



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



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