

# Knight Life

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## Grand Knight's Report

*Tim Hicklin*

*Dear Brothers,  
Praise be to Jesus Christ!*

Over the last 23 months we have made a ton of accomplishments. We started a drive for the adoration chapel and have provided a \$10,000.00 gift and pledge. Of that \$7,000 has been provided for that. It is a terrific way to thank St. Thomas for what we've been given especially the Community Center, the area for our Christmas Trees and annual Corn Boil and the Lower level. Also, the programs continue to provide our coffers with funds needed for our charitable works.

All of the program chairs have done a magnificent job bring programs in on time and in budget or close to it. One thing we need to remember is that we need to keep an eye on our expenses. Every month we provide monetary donations to St. Thomas and the Crystal Lake Food Pantry. We have provided funds to Ashley Moersch and her evangelization ministry. All are worthwhile. But as with a lot of things in this bad economy, we are spending a tad more than we are bringing in. It seems that every meeting we are requesting additional funds for Eagle Scout projects which are terrific programs, and Operation Support Our Troops and many others. These are non-budgeted items and what we consider surprises that eat into our reserves. Yes, we have that money available, but we need to be responsible with it. What I'm asking is that we put forth an effort to have these items in our budget up front (a good guesstimate is better than nothing).

But looking forward, I see that we are still a great council and have done so much with our order, that in 60 years we have grown to over 300 members and at the same time we have spawned three other councils - Elizabeth Ann Seton, Cary-Grove, Marengo. With our membership holding steady, I want to give heartfelt thanks to our outgoing Membership Chairman, Rick Kendzior, on a job well done! Thank you greatly.

Looking at our slate of officers for the coming fraternal year, I am excited by the slate offered to you. They will continue to help us grow both in numbers and spirituality. Anew program, that Greg Ives is chairing is called This Man Is You and offers a scripted way that we as men and Knights can expand their spiritual life. And community programs need to be resurrected. A Golf Outing is being discussed and I trust that our new Grand Knight can get this back off the ground. It was a fabulous event and even though attendance waned a bit over the years, it still brought needed



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2013-2014

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## Grand Knight's Report, *continued*

funds for our charitable works. I trust that we can continue to grow our activities. We need to try and get our Family Bowl back on track even if we have to use the Bowling Lanes in Algonquin. It was sad to see this event go last year. Bring it back as with the Golf Outing! The future is wide open. We are getting back on track to again become a Star Council. I presuyme that oiur target will again be 21 new members and 7 more insurance members.

And finally, the 60th anniversary Dinner Party is taking shape. Bob Wyman has set the date (7/11/14) at the Golf Club of Illinois down in Algonquin. The ad book is taking shape and mailings will be going out within the next week or so for ads and guests. The cost is set for \$30.00 / person and the entertainment will be great. Come, let us celebrate our council's 60 years of Charitable Service and applaud our Knight of the Year and Family of the year.

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

***Vivat Jesus,  
Tim Hicklin,  
Grand Knight  
THicklin@kofc3880.org***



*Vivat Jesus Brother Knights,*

If you were at the masses this past weekend at St. Thomas you took part in our Council's most robust recruiting effort in many years. We had the opportunity to take the good messages about the Knights of Columbus, our Council, and the many great men who are part of our organization to our Sunday mass attendees.

We are doing so many great things for our parish and community. Of course, you know that. Many do not, however. They see us as the guys who wear the tuxedos and ostrich-topped chapeaus, the guys who cook up the breakfasts, sell the trees and hand out Tootsie Rolls. All of that is indeed true.

What they also heard were stories about our charitable work, our increasing efforts to enhance men's faith formation, and the support we give our Parish with money and service. Globally, they learned about the millions of dollars we give to Catholic Charities, and the many great services we have performed since 1882.

And we asked men of the parish from 18 and older to join our ranks. Interest was robust, to say the least, and we are still sorting out how many will take their first degrees. We also asked our inactive members to give us another look. We have so much to offer them, and we want them back as involved members of Council 3880. There's strength in numbers and we need active men and their families to ensure we can continue our great work.

That's where each of us can come in. If you have not been to a meeting, or to one of our events, please join us. If it has been a while, please call me personally at 847-338-4672 or email me at [gregives@att.net](mailto:gregives@att.net) and I will make sure you are welcomed and can take an active role in what we do.

If you know of someone who would make a good member of our ranks please grab a Form 100 from the wood box in the Community Center and fill it out with them. Take them to their First Degree and make sure they feel a part of our meetings and activities. When I sign up a new member I try to stay in touch, reminding them of upcoming Knights stuff. It is easy to drift, I know.

Let's make this one of our best recruiting efforts ever. I would like nothing more than to start our new fraternal year with many fresh, active faces – men who will perpetuate this Council and keep it going, and growing, for many years to come. Talk is cheap. Let's put my words into action, guys!

*Vivat Jesus,  
Greg Ives  
Deputy Grand Knight*



**Congratulations to our new Transitional Deacons. Our prayers are with you.**

A banner for a live streaming event. At the top left, a red box says "Live Streaming Alert!". To the right, it says "DIOCESE of ROCKFORD" with a logo. The main text reads "Transitional Diaconate Ordination of Ervin Caliente and John McNamara". Below that, it says "Saturday, May 17 at 11:00am" and "Cathedral of St. Peter - Rockford, IL". On either side of the text are small portraits of the two deacons, Ervin Caliente and John McNamara.



## How Many Eagles?

Dan O'Connell

At last month's meeting, someone asked how many Eagles has Troop 127 had? I did not have the answer other than the last couple of years so I did a little research.

The Troop actually rechartered back in 1991 after being dormant through most of the 1980's. The 2014-2015 year will be the 24th year of the Knights' continuous sponsorship of the Troop. The Pack will actually be at 29 years of sponsorship by Father McCormick Council.



There is a plaque out by our display cabinets that has the names of all Troop 127 scouts that earned their Eagle since 1991. In total there are 67 names inscribed on the plaque and many are familiar to the Council.



The first name to appear on the plaque is Garrett Zopp, son of Marty Zopp. Another is David Kosin, son of Bob Kosin. There are the McCoy brothers, Alex and Kyle sons of Denny McCoy. Glenn Schutz, son of Ken Schutz. Blake DePaul, son of Steve DePaul. Tim Kebr, son of Mike Kebr. Brett Collar, son of Stu Collar.

And last on the plaque at this point, my son Brian O'Connell (3rd Degree Knight) shown here receiving a Supreme Council recognition certificate from Past Grand Knight John Stefani at Brian's Eagle Court of Honor held in April. And there are actually two more Eagles that have been awarded that are not on the plaque yet so that brings the total to 69 over the last 23 years and there are several more at the threshold to earning this coveted rank.

This is quite an accomplishment by both the young men who achieved this honor and for Father McCormick Council 3880 for their continued support of both Cub Scout Pack 127 and Boy Scout Troop 127. We continue to build our future leaders and for that, the Pack and Troop wish to say thank you. And for those who served in our armed forces and paid the ultimate price for our freedom, may we all take a moment on Memorial Day to say thank you and God Bless them and their families.

## COUNCIL ELECTIONS

*Elections will be held for the 2014-2015 Fraternal Year at June's Business meeting, 6/3/14*

### **Nominations are:**

Grand Knight	Greg Ives
Deputy Grand Knight	Bob Wyman
Chancellor	Mike Kebr
Recorder	Mike Bradley
Financial Secretary	Steve Haugh ( <i>No vote, appointed by Supreme</i> )
Treasurer	Bob Kosin
Advocate	Glenn Labello
Warden	Pat Slowey
Lecturer	<i>Appointed by Grand Knight</i>
Inside Guard	Kevin Scanlan
Outside Guard	Pete Harren
Three year Trustee	Tim Hicklin
Two Year Trustee	Marty Zopp ( <i>No vote required</i> )
One Year Trustee	Vince Esposito ( <i>No vote required</i> )
Delegate	<i>Grand Knight</i>
Delegate	<i>Immediate Past Grand Knight Tim Hicklin</i>
Alternate to the GK	<i>Deputy Grand Knight</i>
Alternate to the Delegate	<i>PGK, Marty Zopp</i>

## Right To Life

*Michael Fisher*

The National Right to Life Congress is holding its annual convention in Louisville, KY from June 26 to 28. There are programs for adults and teens to help us get energized and support the rights of the unborn. There are an enormous number of speakers and events surrounding this incredible 3 day event. Early registration is only \$120 and the price drops considerably for students, teens, seniors, etc.

Check out the details and registration information at: [www.nrlconvention.com](http://www.nrlconvention.com)

In the ongoing challenge to the Affordable Care Act by organizations who oppose the contraception mandate, an interesting idea has emerged. This is the government's perception that 'for profit' companies don't have the right to exercise the same rights as individu-

als. For example, the right to have a moral opposition to public policy. While religious organizations and other 'not for profit' organizations are allowed to object, the government has the opinion that Hobby Lobby and similar corporations don't have the right to object. The government's position is these companies can't impose the religious and moral ideals of its executives upon its employees. It certainly brings up an interesting challenge, however, none of the employees are being employed against their will and if the employee objects to a company's beliefs and policies that employee has a moral duty to themselves to find employment elsewhere.

*Have a blessed Spring  
Michael Fisher*

Join the social/digital world. If you have a Facebook page, please friend the 3880 page, “like” and comment on our postings. It’s how we spread the word about the council. It’s a great way to invite your friends to join the knights.

The Association of Horizon thanks the council for it’s Golf Outing Hole Sponsor on 5/31. Two of “my guys” from Camp, Kevin and Devin. Ask me about Kevin. We still have need for able bodied volunteers age 16+ the week of July 20-26.

June 7th 8:30 to 12 noon at the Crystal Lake Food Pantry. We can always use an extra hand.

*John Walsh*



## Dues

As of 5/20/14 we still have 60 members owing \$3450.00 in dues, 14 owing 100.00 or more. Actually, I have 5 withdrawals that Supreme has not processed, and a few more to submit. Sorry, but if you have formerly withdrawn, I may need to contact you again. To withdraw, Supreme needs your original letter of withdrawal, signed and dated by you. Send to me, please, and I will resubmit it. Please call with any questions.

*Steve Haugh*  
*362 Wallace*  
*Crystal Lake, IL 60014*  
*815-459-4447*

## Get The Word Out

One of the best ways to recruit new members is to "Get the Word Out!" Look at all the things we do and how many of us volunteer to perform these events. So, don't be shy. When someone asks, "What did you do this weekend?", tell them you worked with the Knights at the food pantry. Tell them you helped serve breakfast at St. Thomas. Tell them you sold Christmas trees. And then ask them, "Would you like to do that too?" The only way we can promote this council is to be vocal, even passionate, about the work we do. We don't do it for ourselves, we don't do it for money, we don't do it for publicity, we do it for CHARITY. GET THE WORD OUT!

*Rick Kendzior*

## Reimbursement / June Checks

Family calls me to Florida on June 3, so I will not be available to prepare reimbursement vouchers at our meeting. Please deliver or fax any requests for payment to me prior to 7 PM May 27, 2014.

*Steve Haugh, 815-459-4447.*

## The Good Of The Order

### Knights Birthdays

Harry P. Blus  
Gerald Breuss  
John W. Erickson  
Jeffery T. Faye  
Norman Giambi  
Richard W. Heuer  
Mike Jasinski  
Richard Kelly  
James J. Kratochvil  
Bob Ladner  
David J. Miloch  
James Nimps  
Kevin F. Scanlan  
Joseph J. Vorisek

### Wives Birthdays

Marie Chmiel  
Helen Mayer  
Lucille Polakowski  
Paula Reckamp  
Jennifer Streit

### Prayer List

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

### Anniversaries

David & Jacquelyn Behm  
Tom & Jean Marie Brickey  
Stephen W. & Judie Bright  
Steve D. & Sandi De Paul  
Marc & Erica Duffy  
Vincent & Kathy Esposito  
Jeffery T. & Lynn Faye  
Keith M. & Linda Fisher  
Ralph W. & Gail Gebert  
Mike & Joni Jasinski  
Rick & Mandi Kaup  
Harry F. & Marcy Kranz  
James J. & Jill Kratochvil  
John & Wanda Loretan  
James & Rhonda Nissen  
Dan & Annette O'Connell  
Ken & Heather Pearson  
John & Jennifer Streit

# Council Calendar

## June

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

## July

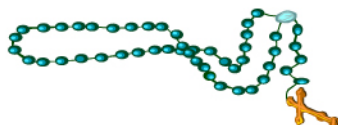
7/1 Business Meeting  
7/4 Independence Day  
7/11 Appreciation / 60th  
Anniversary Dinner  
(tentative)  
7/15 Social Meeting  
7/20 Breakfast  
7/27 Family Mini Golf

## August

8/5 Business Meeting  
8/17 Breakfast  
8/19 Social Meeting  
8/30 Corn Boil  
8/31 5th Sunday



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



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