

# Knight Life

FR. MCCORMICK COUNCIL 3880



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## Grand Knight's Report

Scott Popp

*Dear Brother Knights and Families,*

I hope that this letter finds all of you in the great comforts of life (spiritual health, spiritual happiness, and spiritual prosperity), with these there is no need for anything else.

Again, I must convey how blessed we are in our faith, church, and the ability to serve in our respected ministries. And I would like to thank all of the new Brothers for stepping up and joining, and more importantly getting involved, as well as some of the old "silent" Brothers who are coming out to functions, and events, and also getting involved. At this past business meeting we had one of the highest attendances we have had in years, it was in excess of 40 members, not counting officers. With that kind of showing it tells me that we must be doing good things on a number of levels.

We have a number of events coming up, and I really want to get the word out, communication I believe is key to getting involvement - where there is involvement, there will be the Knights of Columbus, in the full precepts of the order - Charity, Unity, Fraternity, And Patriotism.

On May 31st, we are preparing the dinner for this year's RCIA picnic, also on that Sunday there is a "5th Sunday", for those of you who are unfamiliar, on any month that has "5" Sundays in it we pay homage to the fallen Brothers of our order at the 9:00 a.m. mass, our Council brings up the gifts as well as the section of pews on the right side of the altar are reserved for the "Knights", and their families, come and sit with us, and if you have a blue Knights shirt be sure to wear it. Afterward we host the "coffee and donuts" following the masses.

On June 2nd, we have our business meeting, as well as the officer elections, this is a system where anyone can be nominated for any of the officers positions, by a simple nomination from the floor, and a following vote. Please come out and be a part of tradition in this voting process.

On Saturday, June 6th we celebrate the monumentous event of our very own Brother Knight, Ervin Caliente's ordination into the priesthood. That evening we as a Council have been asked to run a bar at the celebration dinner, as well as to man the dishwasher (and we need help).



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## OFFICERS

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2013-2014

Grand Knight	Scott Popp 815-477-1810
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Recorder	Mike Bradley 815-459-2605
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## Grand Knight's Report, *continued*

The very next day Sunday, June 7th (Corpus Christi) the Council, as well as individuals from the 4th degree (in regalia), will lead (along with the scouts), a procession with the Blessed Sacrament from the outdoor mass at Piersen street Church down Dole avenue to The Oak street Church, and then we will immediately celebrate "Father Ervin Caliente" first mass.

On Tuesday, June 16th, there will be the social meeting (Rosary recitation prior at 7:30). And finally on Sunday, July 5th, we will be walking in the Crystal Lake Independence Day parade. Our theme is going to be "respecting life from conception through age maturity". And we need families, young and old to be a part of this, we will have accommodations for our seniors (and young!) to ride on the float. We will then be getting together for a picnic afterwards. Watch for emails with the details for this event, we need help in the construction, and orchestration of this endeavor.

So as you can all see, there are great things happening right here in our own "backyard", and we want you to come out and join us, we need our family together and United, and thank you to all of you for allowing myself to be a part of it.

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

*Dear Knights and Families,*

Many years ago I went to a local Catholic retreat; in between the sessions they had a store you could buy religious items. I bought this small book called: Knights to Christ, Daily Devotions for Knights Seeking Christ. Over the years I have gone through the book many times and always have found something new. I thought you would enjoy May 27.

One day a small opening appeared on a cocoon. As the butterfly struggled to bust through the tiny hole, a man sat waiting to see the butterfly appear. As a show of compassion, he took a pair of scissors and snipped off the remaining bit of cocoon. The butterfly then emerged easily – but it had a swollen and small, shriveled wings.

The man continued to watch the butterfly expecting, at any moment, the wings would enlarge and expand. Nether happened. The butterfly spent the rest of its life crawling around with a swollen body and shriveled wings. What the man did not understand is that the restrictive cocoon and the struggle required of the butterfly are nature's way of forcing fluid from its body to the wings. That way, it would be ready for flight once it achieved freedom from the cocoon.

Sometime struggles are exactly what we need in our lives. If we went through our days without any obstacles, it would cripple us – we would not be as strong as what we could have been. And we could never fly. – Author unknown.

Do we sometime bail our children out of a difficult situation, depriving them of a life lesson?

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### **KC 3880 Just Keeps Rolling Along!!**

**5th Sunday Memorial Mass May 31, 2015:** Please attend the 9:00am mass; please wear your blue Knights polo shirt, the Knights will be providing the coffee and sweat rolls after the masses.

**Jack Venezia Golf Outing June 6, 2015:** Prairie Isle Golf Club fee \$100.00 per person. Contact Bill Bransley for details

**Food Pantry June 6, 2015: 8:30 am – Noon** at the Food Pantry in Crystal Lake contact Vince Esposito for details

**Evin Caliente June 6, 2015:** Ordained a Priest in Rockford Contact Scott Popp GK for details

**Monthly Breakfast:** June 14, 2015, early this month due to Fathers Day is the third Sunday of the month.

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

The Troop has a crew of twelve (8 Scouts and 4 Scouters) going to Philmont Scout Ranch departing on June 12th. They will be trekking through the mountains and valleys of New Mexico for a week possibly reaching altitudes of over 12,000 feet above sea level. They will carry everything they need on their backs and will trek anywhere from 75 to 120 miles during the week depending on the trek they are assigned.

Philmont, the Boy Scouts of America's High Adventure base, challenges Scouts and Venturers with more than 214 square miles of rugged northern New Mexico wilderness. Backpacking treks, horseback cavalcades, and training and service programs offer young people many ways to experience

this legendary country. Two landmarks of the Ranch are Baldy Mountain (elev. 12,445 ft.) and the Tooth of Time (elev. 9,003 ft. and shown below) which are incorporated in some of the treks crews take.



The Scout Ranch originated in 1938 through a land donation by Waite Phillips, an Oklahoma oilman and rancher. He offered 35,857 acres of his ranch to the Boy Scouts of America in 1938 to serve as a national wilderness camping area. The area was named Philturn Rockymountain Scoutcamp (after Phillips' name and the Scout slogan "Do a Good Turn Daily"). Fees for the first summer were set at \$1 per week per camper, and 189 Scouts from Texas, Kansas, Louisiana, and Oklahoma arrived for the first experience at a national backcountry Scout camp. Through additional donations from Mr. Phillips and others, the ranch grew to its present size of 214 square miles (136,960 acres). The name was change to Philmont Scout Ranch in 1941. The Ranch now hosts 22,000 scouts a year based on all activities.

Our crew will travel by train to get to the Ranch. They will have a day at base camp and then will be off on their trek. They will have a Ranch guide for the first two days and then will be on their own to find their way along the hills, valleys and mountains of the Ranch. They will need to find water, suitable camping sites, and prepare freeze dried meals (using the two stoves that were donated) all while trying to stay hydrated and adjust to the altitude. The air gets a little thin up there. They will return home on Sunday June 21st and will most likely really enjoy their first night back in their own bed. They will have tales to tell and hopefully some great photos to share.

The Pack, while not going on a high adventure trip, does have a family campout scheduled in June as well as several day camps for the different ranks of Cub Scouts in July. They will also be marching in the Memorial Day Parade in Crystal Lake. They have hikes, a fishing derby and other activities planned throughout the summer.

All of this is made possible by the continued support of Father McCormick Council #3880. We appreciate all that you do for us in sponsoring the Pack and the Troop to allow these young men to build character and memories that will last them a lifetime. We wish you all well and for those families that paid the ultimate sacrifice and lost a loved one in the service to our country, we offer our thanks and our prayers for those who gave all.

## Officer Nominations



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS  
FR. MCCORMICK COUNCIL # 3880  
2015-2016 OFFICER NOMINATIONS  
PRESENTED MAY 5, 2015

### Officers and positions needing a vote

Position	Nominee
Grand Knight	SK Scott Popp
Deputy Grand Knight	SK Bob Wyman
Chancellor	SK Mike Kebr
Recorder	SK Mike Bradley
Treasurer	Bob Kosin
Advocate	Ed Riley
Warden	Pat Slowey
Inside Guard	SK Kevin Scanlan
Outside Guard	Todd Bright
Outside Guard	Cesar Jimenez
Three Year Trustee	SK, PGK Mark Daniel

### Appointees and Officers not needing to be voted in

Position	Officer
Chaplain	Fr. Akan Simon
Financial Secretary	SK, PGK, Steve Haugh
Two Year Trustee	SK, PGK, Tim Hicklin
One Year Trustee	SK, PGK, Marty Zopp
Lecturer	Appointed by Grand Knight - currently Mike Jasinski

### Illinois State Convention Delegates

Position	Nominee
Grand Knight	SK Scott Popp – No Vote Needed
Delegate	Normally the three year trustee or Immediate Past Grand Knight – SK, PGK Mark Daniel Vote needed
Alternate to the Grand Knight	SK Bob Wyman - Vote needed
Alternate to the Delegate	SK, Mike Kebr - Vote needed

## Save the Date! First Appreciation Dinner

Save the Date!! Saturday, October 10, 2015

I know that is a ways off, but on that beautiful Saturday night, you and your best girl are invited to Fr. McCormick Council 3880's Appreciation Dinner! Yes, that's right, we are again planning to hold the Appreciation Dinner. It has been a while, and the Grand Knight made a comment about it a few months ago, so we looked into it. We have reserved the hall at the Golf Course of Illinois, in Algonquin, the site of the last 4 or 5 dinners. We have always been treated very well there, the food and refreshments have been very good, the price is right and a lot of fun has been had. So let's do it again!

More info will follow in the coming months, so stay tuned, let your loved one know so she can start planning on a night on the town (with you!!!).

*John Stefani*

## Breakfast and a Party!

Not for the first time, we shared the breakfast with another Parish event. St. Thomas had a reception for newly ordained Deacon Kyle Manno which took place during the May breakfast. Each year we open up the entire Community Center as the Children's Mass takes the summer off.

Looking forward to a repeat or at least a near repeat of the tremendous turn-out last month.. We were ready to go at 8:00 AM. And go in style! Deputy Grand Knight Bob (Former Knight of the Year!) Wyman had organized a GI Party for Saturday to scrub down the kitchen.. and boy did they do a job! Thanks to all who clean up after me, breakfast and otherwise... We are not the only users of the kitchen, but the main one, and often get comments about it.. so, thanks again Bob to you and the entire crew that showed up

Back to the breakfast! We were ready, but the crowds weren't... 7:30 Mass which had been so large the month before had a very small turn-out. 9:00 was next, but that crowd wasn't much bigger.. then after the 10:30, as the reception crowd came in, our orders started stacking up as well.. guess people just wanted to be there for Kyle, and THEN had breakfast... either way, we had a very good result to the day, not spectacular, but large enough that we said a prayer of thanks.

One thing on that as well, as Grand Knight Scott Popp commented on... was the crowd smaller or are we just so efficient and speedy in back that we don't realize we are putting out as much product since we are in a great rhythm?

Could be... but as long as the dollars are up and the crowds are showing up, we are happy!

With now having three permanent menus and the Special we have been using, we are doing well attracting the crowds... of course, I made myself something a little different Sunday, and the large grill man... um, meaning the GRILL IS LARGE, Bob Newport said "Hey I bet that will sell, in fact, how about this??" So we may be having something else new very soon... variety is the spice of life, right

Keep watching....

*John Stefani*

## Scavenger Hunt

Announcing a new fun(d) raising project.  
Here are the steps/directions:

Look in your wallet. Find your knight I D card with  
PAID TO: December 31, 2015. If so, you are entered!

If the card is missing, or that date is different make  
sure your payment (last Dec-Apr 30, 2015) has cleared.  
If so, call me to issue new card: 815-459-4447.

If or your degree is wrong, call me to issue new card:  
815-459-4447.

Many big surprising prizes will be awarded once  
all our members have a current ID card.

If you can't afford the dues, just leave a message.  
No one but I will know. We'd rather lose the dues  
than a brother.

**Steve Haugh**  
*Financial Secretary*

## 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

### Wives Birthdays

Marie Chmiel  
Helen Mayer  
Lucille Polakowski  
Paula Reckamp  
Jennifer Streit

### Anniversaries

David A. & Jacquelyn Behm  
Tom & Jean Marie Brickey  
Stephen W. & Judie Bright  
Marc & Erica Duffy  
Vincent P. & 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 A. & Rhonda Nissen  
Daniel & Annette O'Connell  
Ken "Tiny" & Heather Pearson  
John J. & Jennifer Streit

### The Power Of Prayer

#### *Please pray for:*

Lillian Kolbus  
Bernadine Walsh  
Roma Zopp  
Frank Popp Sr.  
Kevin Popp  
Ellen Noacks  
The soul of Chuck Prank  
Joni Jasinski



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## Council Calendar

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### June

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6/2 Business Meeting  
6/6 Golf Outing  
6/14 Breakfast  
6/16 Social Meeting

### July

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7/7 Business Meeting  
7/19 Breakfast  
7/21 Social Meeting  
7/26 Family Mini Golf

### August

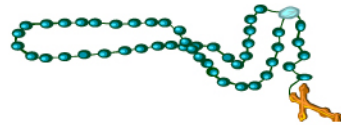
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8/1 Grill Night  
8/4 Business Meeting  
8/16 Breakfast  
8/18 Social Meeting



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



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## **Knight Life**

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