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Grand Knight's Report

Scott Popp

My dear brother Knights and Families,

This past Tuesday at the social meeting, a first degree ceremony was conducted, and we have two new brothers to welcome into our brotherhood. Please help all our BROTHERS, new and old to feel welcome. Perhaps it has been a while since you have been to a meeting, perhaps you have never attended a meeting?, our even one of our functions?, well the time to get involved is now, cause we need you. Could you spare 2 hours over the next month to pick up a shift at the tree lot? I have stated many times as to what a great feeling it is to do the works of Charity, and at what better time than Christmas?, in addition you'll get to be with a great bunch of guys.....YOUR Brothers, our family.

Another great event that we are involved with this year is the downtown Association festival of lights Parade conducted on Friday, November 28th. Unfortunately this newsletter will probably be delivered after that date but I hope to have seen all of you there. Lest us not forget the annual breakfast with the Santa Claus in attendance, on Sunday, December 21st. Also be sure to mark your calendar for the annual Polish dinner on Saturday, January 10th.

Please look to your inbox(s) for emails over the next few months, The Council will be making an effort to try to keep all of its members more informed and updated as to events happening within the Council. Please understand that we are trying to make all of our members aware of functions and not trying to burden you with unnecessary repeated emails. In this current age individuals check their email accounts much more frequently than any other means of communication, therefore we will be sending out a number of correspondences.

As this will be most likely the last newsletter you will receive prior to Christmas, I would like to extend from myself, my family, and the Knights of Columbus to all of you, a most BLESSED Merry Christmas, and happy, safe, and healthy new year. Please be careful and all your travels and God bless you all.

*God bless you all,
Scott Popp*

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You and Your Guests are cordially invited to attend . . .

Clergy Night

sponsored by
Fr. McCormick Council 3880 of the Knights of Columbus

on
Thursday, February 12, 2015

at
Crystal Lake Country Club,
721 Country Club Road, Crystal Lake, Illinois 60014

6:00 p.m.	Reception
7:00 p.m.	Introductions
7:15 p.m.	Dinner
8:00 p.m.	Door Prizes

Price

\$35 per person (including one drink and door prize).

Donations

Please call Gary Di Renzo at (630) 204-7320 or Matt Walker at (815) 922-5347
if you are able to donate door prizes or help sponsor the event.

Please RSVP by February 5, 2015, by mailing the following portion as indicated

Enclosed is a check for \$_____ for this year's Clergy Night for
_____ me, _____ guest(s), and _____ clergy.

My Name: _____

My Guest Name(s): _____

My Address: _____

My Telephone: _____

Please make checks payable to Knights of Columbus and mail to:

Knights of Columbus
c/o The Chmiel Family
P.O. Box 2425
Crystal Lake, IL 60039-2425



Membership

The Council held a small but wonderful 1st Degree Ceremony at the November Social Meeting. Please join me in welcoming our two newest Brother Knights, Darrell Little and Jim McKinnon.

Only mess up was by me... I forgot to get their pictures! Unless someone took them when I wasn't looking, you will have to find them to congratulate them.

We changed the time and it seemed to work out well. We are starting the 1st Degree at 7:30, and getting it done in an hour, so there was plenty of time left for a great Social Meeting.

The aim this year, as usual, is to bring in many more new Knights. Our Council is always tops in putting on events, but as the Grand Knight has been saying, we need more guys working them than the same ones over and over. What better way to remedy that than to get more new guys?

So we need to be looking for friends, neighbors and relatives, good Catholic gentlemen, 18 years old or more, who can join us. I've just ordered about a million more Form 100's, so come and get some... gee, fathers of 18 year old sons... they could even make good stocking stuffers... or to add to that tin of cookies you are giving to your Catholic neighbor..

Want a neat K of C Magnet for your Car / Refrigerator / Metal Yard Shed??? Or anywhere?!?!

Just bring in a filled-in and signed Form 100 for a new member and be the first among your friends, neighbors and Brother Knights to get one... Hurry, offer ends December 31, 2014!

Reach me at: membership@kofc3880.org , H 815-679-6596 C 847-722-4629

Vivat Jesus! John Stefani, PGK, 3880 Membership Chairman

Breakfast, The Meal of Friends!

John Stefani

We just finished the November breakfast... can't believe it is this late in the year! But the breakfast crew missed out on our monthly golf outing afterwards thanks to WINTER weather showing up. Oh, well, it was bound to come. The other thing that came with the cold weather were people having breakfast! This was one of the biggest we have had, even though the crowds have been doing great. But all three masses kept us busy in the kitchen. And again, it was a little weird. Last month, Ken did over a dozen Belgian Waffles for the first mass. This month it was under half a dozen for the whole day. Very little French Toast and fewer Specialty Pancakes. But eggs! Wow did we ever go through the eggs. Bob Newport was making great omelets at a record pace. After Pat Slowey's friend fixed the valves on the big flattop it was pretty easy regulating the fire so Bob was just cranking them out. I got to work the small grill and did a zillion egg orders on that, plus quite a few omelets. Need to keep my hand in. We also used the new potatoes this time. We have been talking about using the cubed potatoes instead of the hash browns, and it seemed like a good fit. We had a lot of comments on them. On the plus side for us, they are much easier to prepare and even the quantity control will work in our favor. They will continue as the standard item for breakfast with the FOUR new menus coming out at the beginning of the year. I had an announcement on the tables about the new menus plus a price increase at the same time. Did not hear a negative comment. On the other hand, had a lot of nice comments not only on the potatoes, but the breakfast as well. We still continue to draw new people and I had several stop by the tables were several of us were eating to say that.

We have a couple of updates to do in the kitchen, including on the big grill. As we were rolling it out Sunday morning, one of the caster wheels actually fell off. Not a good thing as the grill itself weights in excess of 300 pounds. It was even harder getting it back out at the end. So we did some looking then and again at the Social Meeting Tuesday night. We need to get something done before the next breakfast. Which is the big one with Santa, so don't forget to get your families in with the kids... yours or grandkids.

This is still a combination fund generating / community spirit event. The parish is a tremendous support for us with the breakfast in particular, and I am thrilled as I am out in the dining room and hear so many of you saying "Thanks for coming!" to so many people as they walk out. That is the 3880 spirit that keeps us going.

WE ARE 3880 !! Thanks..See ya here and all around, *Vivat Jesus! John*

Scouting is certainly a learning experience. We had two opportunities this month. One with the Pack and one with the Troop.

The Cub Scout Pack had its Pack meeting last Monday and the topic was diversity. They wanted the scouts to understand some of the difficulties those with disabilities might face in their daily lives. They set up stations that deprived the boys the use on their vision, hearing, ability to walk, motor skills issues and cognitive issues.

This was accomplished in several clever ways. We borrowed the wheelchairs from St. Thomas and the scouts had to negotiate an obstacle course in the chair. We had ear plugs to impair their hearing and had to find other ways to communicate their message. With mittens on, they had to try and pick up coins to pay for an item they were trying to purchase. Blindfolds were used to take away their sight and they had to find their way and try to identify everyday items. For cognitive, they had to try and write with the opposite hand that they normally do (try it yourself and see how you do). To a boy, they came to realize how difficult some people have it and to be thankful for their health.

The Troop took a little adventure north to Milwaukee to visit the Harley Davidson Museum. If you are any kind of a motorcycle enthusiast (and even if you are not), this is an amazing place to visit. They have over 450 motorcycles in their collection dating back to the beginning of Harley Davidson in 1903. They have a one production model for every single year they have been in business. They do an excellent job in showing how the company progressed and the products they produced evolved. Did you know they also made golf carts, snowmobiles and boats for short periods of time? The boys also saw that not all designs make it into production. Case in point is the HD Penster shown here. It was first looked at in 1978 and then again in 2006 but was never produced except for two prototypes the museum has.



In conjunction with the visit, we worked on and completed the Engineering merit badge. The museum had their own workbook to follow that led you through the exhibits and helped you complete the requirements for the merit badge. The scouts had to look at the history of the company; the types of engineers that were involved in developing the motorcycle; come up with how they would improve the product and draw out how they would do that. It was very educational as well as an entertaining way to earn a merit badge.

Thank you for your continued support of the Pack and Troop and we wish you and your families a Happy Thanksgiving and a Merry Christmas as 2014 is already coming to an end.

Phone Directory

Brother John Stefani has taken charge of New Membership, and wants everyone to have a current directory. I've spent six years adding to Supreme's records, which are now fairly accurate. Brother Vinnie and I added many E-mail addresses in capitals, or phone numbers bracketing area codes. I need to reverse each so that the information fits on 1 landscape page.

Supreme is still researching how to add wives' names (hopefully just wife's name in your case), which I have if her name is on your dues payment check. (Interestingly, wives sign and mail probably half the checks I receive.)

The point is that you need to keep me advised of address, phone, cell phone and E-mail changes. It is very important to let me know if you die! Please call me right away!

Steve Haugh, Financial Secretary

Christmas Tree Sales

The Christmas tree committee, Mike Kebr, Vince Esposito and Bob Wyman NEED YOUR HELP!

This event is something special. Christmas tree sales are the single biggest fundraiser for our council. Some of our customers have been purchasing trees from us for over 20 years because they know our profits go to charity. This is a great event for the whole family to participate in.

Tree stand hours, beginning Friday 11/28:

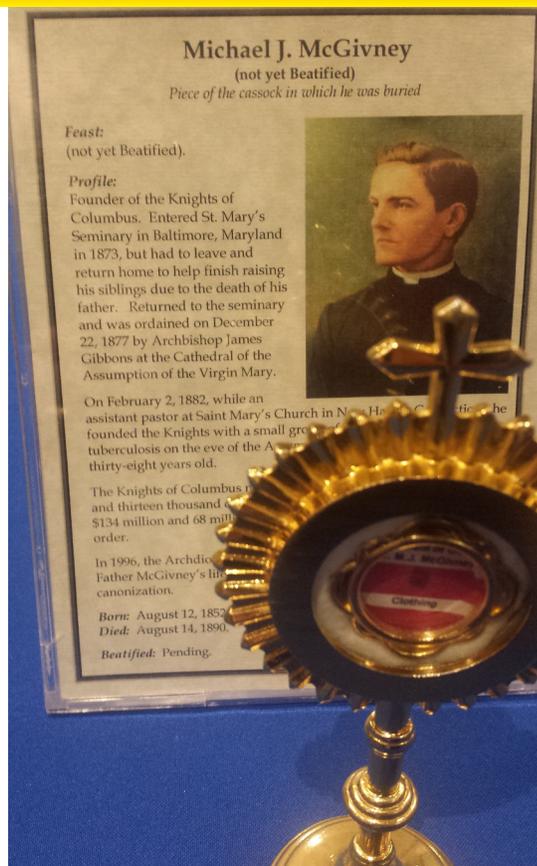
Monday through Friday 5-9pm

Saturday 9-8

Sunday 8:30-7

Please consider doing a 2 hour shift!

Fr. McGivney Relics



Dues

If Supreme allows, your dues billing will be mailed in early December. Your dues remain at \$25.00 per year. If the invoice is higher, you owe for past years. 4th degree? Bring a SEPARATE \$20.00 dues check for Brother Dan O'Connell. Both are due Jan. 1, 2014.

I would suggest you bring your funds to a meeting or to the breakfast. If you leave cash, check, or use the credit machine at the Christmas tree lot, but be sure your name is very clear. Last year, several sent in nameless business or bank check, and one credit card slip had an unreadable signature.

I hope to have the new ID cards ready for the meeting, which may be before you receive an invoice. Bring your funds anyway, and we'll save postage.

Just call me, 815-459-4447 and leave a message if you are having financial problems. I can waive your dues if you need that, and no one else will ever know. I'd rather keep you as a brother.

Steve Haugh,
Financial Secretary

Operation Support Our Troops

Often the troops in leadership positions supply with names of those serving under them. They are very grateful for our support.

When a sergent sent in his list of names, he wrote this: As well as the supply Sgt, I am also the acting mail clerk for the unit during deployment, so I will ensure everyone receives their package or the contents designated for them. I feel ashamed to ask for this, knowing that everyone is going through hard times nowadays, but I assure you that it is much needed and there will be happy soldiers who are very appreciative.

All the donations really helped boost morale and the soldiers were very touched by everyone's generosity. Some of these guys come in from the service because they have nothing and no one that cares for them. The fact that someone they don't even know would take their time and money to help them really astonishes some soldiers. One was brought to tears "I've never had any one care about my well being before."



Being collected now at JA Frate:

- Shampoo
- Body wash
- Antacids
- Anti-itch or antibiotic cremes
- Over the Counter cold medicine
- Eye Drops
- Nasal Spray
- Vitamins
- Vitamin C drops
- Instant hand or foot warmers
- Mouthwash
- Lotion for men
- Wipes
- Foot powder
- Socks
- Microwave popcorn
- Individual coffee, tea or hot chocolate packets
- cold drink packets
- Ground coffee in one pound bags
- Powdered creamer in individual packets
- Granola bars
- Jerky, slim jims, jerky sticks
- Canned nuts
- Trail mix
- AA batteries

2015 Polish Dinner

John Stefani

Mówimy Po Polsku??

Personally, nie mówię po polsku !

But I sure do enjoy Polish food! But even if, like me, you can't speak Polish doesn't mean you have to miss out on the fun! It is getting to be time for our annual Fr. McCormick's Polish Dinner. This annual event, sold out 99% of the time in the first few weeks, is coming on Saturday, January 10, 2015.

So mark your calendar... buy tickets as soon as they are out, or come join the fun and help work the event. Or do both like a bunch of the Brothers do with their families!! We have a world class kitchen crew that has put this event on for over 10 years to rave reviews... we have had a fantastic crew of men and women manning the tables to serve up all of the scrumptious Irene Skaja's Beef Barley Mushroom soup, Roast Pork, Polish Sausage, Pierogi, Golabki, Kopytka and Bigos to name a few! And save room for the Kolaczki and Raspberry Nalesniki!

Come and help sell tickets, serve food, wait tables, clean up, work the bar, sell raffle tickets, the jobs are almost as endless as the great smells and taste of the food... *Dziękuję bardzo i do zobaczenia wkrótce.*

I can be reached at:

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John R. Stefani, PGK

2015 Clergy Night

Mike Chmiel

Clergy Night 2015 is being planned for Thursday, February 12, 2015, at *Crystal Lake Country Club*. The Thursday before Lent setting will once again work to provide a thank you to the Catholic Clergy of the McHenry Deanery.

The event will be similar to before, with a couple of menu items and accompaniments. As before, those who attend will be eligible for door prizes, including books, beverages, gift cards, and the like.

Clergy Night 2015 will begin with a reception at 6:00 p.m., followed by introductions at 7:00 p.m., dinner at 7:15 p.m., and door prizes at 8:00 p.m. The price will be \$35 per person.

The Clergy of the McHenry Deanery - the priests, sisters, and deacons of the Deanery - will be invited through mailed invitations as the honored guests, along with spouses of the deacons. As well, Bishop David Malloy, his staff, and other clergy will be mailed invitations as guests of the Council. Knights and their guests are invited through this newsletter and separate email.

Sponsors of the clergy, the bar, and door prizes are welcomed. Once again, the other councils of the McHenry Deanery are also being invited to attend, as Clergy from throughout the Deanery are being invited. To the extent any other council or person sponsors or donates any item, that council or person will be noted as a sponsor at the event.

If you would like to join the Clergy Night 2015 Committee, or if you would like to offer any comment, suggestion, and question, please contact Mike Chmiel at chmielmike@aol.com or Post Office Box 2425, Crystal Lake, Illinois 60039-2425. Or, if you would like to donate or sponsor something for the event, please contact Matt Walker at mattwalker1@comcast.net or (815) 922-5347, or Gary DiRenzo at rockytv@comcast.net or (630) 204-7320.

PR: Doing The Good Works

Doing the good projects of the council, and not telling the community...is like winking at a pretty woman in the dark. Only you know you're winking. We want to get the word out to the community about council activities more often.

That requires committee chairs to send the relevant Who, What, When, Where, Why and How Much, along with your contact information to me at: jpwash328@sbcglobal.net in advance, in a timely manner. The NW Herald has a two week advance deadline for items to post in their Saturday Neighbors section. I self-publish council news on Patch.com and TribLocal.com. Our council social media manager gets those stories posted on the council Facebook page.

Think monthly breakfast, monthly grill night, Christmas Tree sales, blood drives, basketball and soccer challenges. Please take pictures at your events and forward them to me for post-event publicity. NW Herald wants names for people in submitted photos. It's best to take photos of 1-2-3 people, instead of snapshots of a group of 6 or more. Following these guidelines helps with submitting to the Observer and Columbia for publishing.

If you have a Facebook account, please visit Knights of Columbus 3880's page and start following us. Then, share our posts with the people in your circle. If you see our stories on Patch or TribLocal, please share them on Facebook and give them a Tweet – adding #knightsofcolumbus tag.

Good Of The Order

Knights Birthdays

Mike Baietto
Raymond W. Boshma
Robert L. Cormier
Paul Cuchna
Mark Daniel
Thomas Mike Fraser
Peter Hall
Richard E. Kendzior
Richard Korn
Matthew D. Meisner
James V. O'Reilly
John M. Orso
Rick Russell
John R Sinski
Ralph W. Statter
Mark Steadman
Lee M. Stevens
Robert E. Thomas
Matthew C. Walsh

Wives Birthdays

Elizabeth Baietto
Gail Gebert
Margaret Heideman
Darcy Mensik
Suzanne O'Reilly
Amy Pitrello
Ellene Schmidt
Susan Stefani

Anniversaries

Matthias & Cathleen Martin
James V. & Suzanne
O'Reilly
Jasper & Amy Pitrello
Daniel & Lucille Polakowski
Steve A. & Sue Reed
Lee M. & Betty Stevens

Prayer List

Irv Kemp
Peter M. Harren
Fran Cooper
Steven Sotloff
James Foley
Bob Thomas
Jim Kretach
Ralph Gebert
Judie Bright
Julie Rivera
Joannie McLaughlin
Mary Cichen
David Cichon
Joe Kalwasser
Tom Nimchack
Steve Baker

PADS Dinners

We need volunteers interested in preparing a meal. Below is the PADS dinner schedule for 2014-2015. 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—johoro@aol.com

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

Dates	Volunteers
11/30/2014	Kevin Scanlan
12/28/2014	Jim Skaja
1/25/2015	Bob & Vicki Kosin
2/22/2015	Mike Chmiel & Matt Walker
3/29/2015	OPEN
4/26/2015	OPEN

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.

Council Calendar

December

12/6 Grill Night
12/2 Business Meeting
12/16 Social Meeting
12/21 Breakfast with Santa
12/28 PADS dinner

January

1/3 Grill Night
1/6 Business Meeting
1/10 Blood Drive,
Polish Dinner
1/18 Breakfast
1/20 Social Meeting
1/25 PADS dinner

February

2/3 Business Meeting
2/7 Grill Night
2/17 Social Meeting
2/20 Lenten Dinner
2/22 Major Degree
2/22 PADS dinner
2/27 Lenten Dinner



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



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