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Grand Knight's Report

Scott Popp

My dear brother Knights and Families,

First off, I would like to begin with thanking Past Grand Knight, John Stefani, for taking over the role as Membership Chairmen, as many of you are aware this position requires a tremendous amount of time and effort. As many of you may not be aware off, John is extremely involved with the Knights of Columbus on multiple levels, within our Council as well as with the Assembly, not to mention his integral involvement with most of the dinners we serve, this brief description does not nearly do justice to all John does. Next time you see him throw out a "thank you" to for his dedication, and desire to help.

I believe that by an overwhelming showing of support by our membership (through various involvements) that we are bolstering our reputation within "OUR" parish, and in the past few months a growing number have expressed interest in joining "OUR" Council. Please look to be a part of a first degree ceremony in November, there needs to be a showing of support and interest, on welcoming in "OUR" newest Brothers. And John, please accept my thanks in giving back to the Council once again.

I would also like to thank Our District Deputy, Chuck Gburek, for his assistance in helping us acquire pumpkins, this allows us to host a pumpkin patch at St. Thomas. This was a no-cost event to the Council, and again I believe to help bolster the image of the Knights of Columbus. Chuck's son-in-law owns Schwarz nursery in Addison and gracious supplied us with the pumpkins. Hopefully it will be an event that we can try to do it again next year.

After a couple weeks break, we are once again starting to approach a very busy time within the Council. Our monthly grill nights seem to have garnered a following, and in the coming month, we will again be hosting one, on Saturday, November 1st, please please feel free to come out and join us by either serving, cooking, or attending the dinner. Additionally, We (the Knights of Columbus) will be a part of two very special masses both being celebrated by father Simon, the first being on November 2nd at 3 o'clock where the Knights of Columbus have been personally invited by Father Simon to celebrate a mass with the Bishop Umoh, the second mass being on November 8th at 4:30. This 2nd mass (on Nov.8th) will be a memorial mass for the deceased brothers of the Council, following the mass there will be a light reception in the community center honoring those brothers, and the Council's 60th anniversary. There was a great effort made to fully recognize, and celebrate the 60th anniversary of our

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Grand Knight's Report, *continued*

Council, however the response cards received with respect to the event were quite dismal, and disappointing. The names of the deceased members of our Council will be read, along with an award(s) presentation for the Knight of the year, and the family of the year at the reception in the community center after the mass.

I would also like to remind everyone, of one of the largest fundraisers we host, The Knights of Columbus, Council #3880 Christmas tree lot. I would like everyone to sincerely consider donating some time at the Christmas tree lot. This event requires a tremendous number of hours manning the Christmas tree lot, please do not feel pressured to have to "make a sale", I firmly believe that if you spend some time out there you'll come away with a greater understanding of what the Knights of Columbus in Crystal Lake is all about. It's a great place for camaraderie, as we well as to meet some great people from our parish, as well as "our" community. I have talked a number of times about brotherhood and families, the Christmas tree lot is a great place to spend some time with your brother Knights in a one-on-one setting. There is no greater feeling than performing works for charity, or raising money to benefit those in need. The Christmas tree lot has been where I have met, and developed some of my closest friendships, I promise you will not be sorry.

Also, the Council is looking to have a Christmas party, this would be a gathering with our wives, and families, to celebrate the birth of Jesus, and spend some time together where we aren't "working". We are fully aware that this is an extremely busy time for people. But again, we (Council 3880) are family and we need to make time. I encourage anyone to please feel free to send me an email with any thoughts, ideas, or possible dates to have a get together.

Lastly, I would like to invite everyone to come and walk with us in the festival of lights Parade, through downtown Crystal Lake, held on the Friday after Thanksgiving, November 28th. I will be sending an email with more details regarding the parade. And If I should not see any of you, I would like to wish you a Happy Thanksgiving, and safe travels.

*God bless you all,
Scott Popp*

That Man Is You: To Pay The Price

In the course of this semester we have seen how failed male leadership has helped form a society in crisis. We have seen that the consequences of sin lead directly to the breakdown of our leadership roles and we traced this all the way back to Adam and Eve in the garden.

This week we see the ultimate fulfillment of all authentic male leadership - Jesus Christ. Christ embodied within himself all five of the personal traits necessary for authentic male leadership.

This Session Contains:

- Christ Perfectly Fulfilled Authentic Leadership
- Life and Death of Christ
- Failure in Eyes of the World
- Christ in the Four Leadership Roles
- Leaders Pay the Price and Christ Paid the Ultimate Price
- Only Authentic Leadership is Fruitful

Please Join Us!

Deputy Grand Knight's Report

Bob Wyman

Dear Knights and Families,

I can't believe it's late October already, soon it will be tree lot time! The Christmas tree committee, Mike Kebr, Vince Esposito and I NEED YOUR HELP! The sign-up sheets for lot set-up, tree off loading and working the tree stand will be at the November business meeting.

- Set-up of the lot: Saturday, November 22, 8 am
- Delivery of trees: November 25 or 26
- Start selling: Friday November 28

This event is something special. Christmas tree sales are the single biggest fundraiser for our council. You get to work with fellow Knights and family members that you may not see at the meetings or other events. Some of our customers have been purchasing trees

from us for over 20 years because they know our profits go to charity. Customers who have come with their parents are now bringing their own children to our stand. We have a heated trailer for your comfort. This is a great event for the whole family to participate in.

Tree stand hours:

- Monday through Friday 5-9pm
- Saturday 9-8
- Sunday 8:30-7

Please consider doing a 2 hour shift,
WE NEED YOUR HELP!

Yours in Christ,
Bob Wyman

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

Air Camp 2014

Dan O'Connell

Well, it is in the books as one of the coolest (and we don't just mean all the games, activities and exhibits) Air Camps yet. The intrepid scouts from Pack 127 and Troop 127 both camped out in Rockford where the temperature took a dip to 34 degrees on Saturday morning at 6:54 AM and on Saturday night into Sunday morning of 39 degrees. Since they were at the airport, those temperatures are official. But a scout is prepared and they all weathered through it to return safely. No frostbite suffered just some teeth chatting.

Saturday saw somewhere between 4,500 and 5,000 scouts along with scouters, parents and siblings, from all twelve counties of the Blackhawk Area Council, at the Rockford International Airport to enjoy a day of archery, BB gun shooting, military exhibits, rock climb wall, and a visit from the last surviving Tuskegee Airmen from World War II. Our newest Boy Scouts are shown below heading out for a day of adventure.



In addition to all of the activities, the EAA Young Eagles were there giving airplane rides to scouts in their own planes that were flown in for the day. This is open to Boy Scouts and Venturing Scouts.

They had the opportunity to tour a corporate jet that was customized with offices, sleeping accommodations and other amenities you do not see on a plane every day. They also got to see and climb on or in military vehicles, fire equipment, airplanes, military jets and helicopters that had been brought in for the event.

It was a beautiful, fun filled and educational day of sunshine enjoyed by all made possible by the generous support of the Knights of Columbus Council #3880. Your sponsorship of the Pack and Troop allow these young men to enjoy these experiences in addition to building our future leaders of tomorrow.

Breakfast Keeps on rolling Along!

John Stefani

Fall is here and the breakfast is still going strong. The late October event was no different. The 7:30 Mass ended and we had a good crowd come in. Things always go in streaks... the crowd was a little bigger than normal., and back in the Ken Artner had an unusually large number of orders for Belgian Waffles. Meanwhile, Bob Newport on the big grill and Glen LaBello on the small flattop where kept busy with eggs, omelets, French Toast and pancakes. A new thing you can hear getting called back and forth is from the current order caller, Worthy GK Scott Popp, who with Bob has gotten to call the Garbage Omelet the "Chef's Special". Well, keep an eye on that one, as we are in the process of a new menu... or two.

One of the new and improved things happening is the brand new gas valves on the big grill. Pat Slowey has a friend who was able fabricate new valves with controls that actually turn the gas off so it can be safely connected and lit. Not only was Bob able to better control flames, but when Bill came in to clean up, he also thought this was really great!

Now all we have to do is get a replacement small grill for the the First Saturday Night cook-outs. Now that it is getting chilly out, we are looking to stop cooking out in the parking lot. We used to have a nice small grill, which maybe some of you remember from the original Cruise Nights, before we go so busy we had to buy the big black grill. Well, that old small one is now RIP, so out looking again. As I said earlier on, we are looking to upgrade the menus. One thing we are looking at is a Children's Menu. So, any ideas on what goes on it? Send me a note or see me at church or wherever and lets have those ideas!

In the meantime, see you around, come ready to help or come hungry and bring the family! March, 2014...

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

2014 Pumpkin Patch



Please Support Our Vocations



This is your last chance to donate to our vocation efforts to support seminarians and others who have chosen the religious life. This will give them the opportunity to continue their studies without financial worries and provide us with priests, sisters and brothers to support our Catholic faith.

Not only can you support this worthwhile cause but you can win big as well. You should have received your tickets for this drawing in the mail in September. Please make sure you fill out your tickets and send your donation before our November business meeting. You may also bring them to the November 4th meeting and give them to Dan O'Connell. You may also mail them to him at 293 Greenview Drive Crystal Lake IL 60014.

Fourth Degree Assembly News

Greetings Sir Knights, Brother Knights and family and friends!

Well, the 4th Degree Exemplification took place early in October, and from Council 3880 Bishop Boylan Assembly 198 was proud to accept His Honor SK Michael Chmiel into its ranks. OF course, as Mike was only too happy to announce to one and all, "Well, at least now John will stop hassling me to join the 4th Degree!" Well, Mike, the pleasure was all mine and ours! Welcome!

Those of you who have been thinking about joining the 4th Degree, well, I'm more than happy to hassle anyone else... just let me know!

In the meantime, the Assembly is going along very nicely, we have almost a dozen Confirmations and special events coming up between now and spring with His Grace, Bishop David Malloy. SK Kevin Scanlon has recently obtained his Regalia and has joined us in several Honor Guards, as has SK Greg Ives. So along with the other 5 or 6 of us from the Council we are able to provide a larger Honor Guard for Parish only events. So, keep thinking if you are not 4th Degree, and if you are, think about the Regalia, it is one of the most special K of C privileges you can ever attain.

Call one of us if you are interested...

Vivat Jesus! John

Don't forget the bonus side of your giving...the raffle. You could win one of several prizes including the grand prize of \$10,000 (2nd prize-\$2,500 3rd-6th-\$1,000 7th-10th-\$500 11th-15th-\$200 16th-20th-\$100). Get your tickets in now so you don't miss your chance to support our future in faith and have a chance to win.

Magnets for Membership

From John Stefani, PGK, 3880 Membership Chairman:

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 ,
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Vivat Jesus!

Membership!

John Stefani

First and foremost, a deep gratitude and heartfelt thanks to the outgoing Membership Chairman, Brother SK Rick Kendzior who has done such an outstanding job for these past 6 years. I was the one who went after him for this when I became Grand Knight and it is maybe only fitting that I share the pain.

But I am hoping it is not pain, but the rich rewarding experience he must have felt over and over when ushering in Knight after Knight.

And that is what I want to experience in the coming months, and I will be able to do that with your help. At the recent 4th Degree Exemplification held this past Saturday, the Master of the Northern District of Illinois of the Marquette Province, Jack McCarthy, made the comment that not only are our membership numbers slipping, but right here in Illinois we are losing on average 125 Knights EACH MONTH to death... that is a staggering figure. It is about 1 % of the Knights in the state.. but think about here, we have just over 300 members in the Council... 1% is 3 Brothers... not such a big number, but what if you were one of those 3? Suddenly it is a big number... But in reality, how many have we lost this past month? The past year? Sadly we are keeping up with that number...

As we should remember it is mentioned in the First Degree Ceremony that we know not when you will die, but we will... I have been so unfortunate as to lose way too many Brother Knights, Sir Knights, friends, really good friends from this Council. But I also have to remember that without this Council, without being a Brother Knight, a Sir Knight, I would never have known them. That is worth the price of membership. So look at it that way... when you do bring in a new candidate, and stand by his side when he becomes a Brother, odds are in your favor that person will become a great friend. And that is worth all of the hardship that could come.

So with that, I am off and running, we have the forms, we will have the programs necessary to build this great Council to be what it has always been and with your help will continue to be.

I can be reached at: H 815-679-6596, C 847-722-4629 Membership@kofc3880.org

John R. Stefani, PGK, Membership Director

Tootsie Roll Participation

Michael Wypasek

We just ended another successful Tootsie Roll Drive, but we need men to step up. At our October Business Meeting, John Orso shared the numbers with us. We collect for the mentally and developmentally disabled. On top of that, the money helps those here in our own area. This helps our neighbors' children. This is something close to my heart. I'm excited that this year's effort brought in around \$8,000 that we can give out. However, WE did not do this. The people of our parish did, but not the Knights of Columbus Council 3880. Hmmm.

In 2005, there were 172 volunteers for the Drive. This included 85 brother Knights from our council, 34 from Council 10678 at St. Elizabeth Anne Seton Parish, plus 25 parishoners from both Churches and some other volunteers.

This year, there were only 97 volunteers. 31 were St. Thomas Parishoners who signed up to help. There were 19 brother Knights from the other council, and only 17 from our own. Wow, this effort was everyone but us.

The Tootsie Roll Drive is something that the Knights of Columbus are known for. We have history watching out for those who can't speak for themselves. No wonder we're also a Pro-Life organization. I don't personally help out with a lot of events because of other commitments, but this one always gets me out for at least a couple hours.

As a personal plea, let me ask you...*please* step up for the Tootsie Roll Drive.

Its Just A Little Thing

It's a small charitable contribution that is on its third year with the Council and everyone can and most have participated; the pop top campaign. The jug has been out all year collecting those tabs at the breakfasts, dinners and meetings. At the end of the calendar year the collection goes to the Ronald MacDonald House. Pop tabs helps pay the bills so moms and dads need not worry about where they will stay while their children are in the hospital. So with summer's over and the Year is almost over, bring those pop tops in or give them to a Brother Knight and he'll see that it gets in the jug. And when you do, you'll know again that every little gift can make a big difference. Thank you.

Bob Kosin

October is Pro Life Month



Good Of The Order

Knights Birthdays

Gary J. Di Renzo
Phillip E. Dorsch
Gerald C. Fraser
Rick Kaup
Daniel J. Melko
Robert F. Molnar
Steve A. Reed
Steve Revnew
Eric J. Skaja
James A. Surdrick
Bill Thiel
Edwin G. Voss
David A. Warren
Martin Weniger
Robert Wyman
German G. Zambrano
Gerald M. Zopp

Wives Birthdays

Pamela Erickson
Marie Habisohn
Peggy Haugh
Mary Hodorowicz
Claudia Kendzior
Florence Tennes

Anniversaries

Michael & Erika Caliendo
Tony & Diane De Pippo
Paul & Marilyn Georgy
Timothy & Karen Hicklin
Dennis & Joyce Holm, Sr.
Paul & Maureen Hubbard
Robert & Cheryl Newport
Steve & Crystal Revnew
Stephen & Debbie Starr

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.

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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
10/26/2014	Mr & Mrs Allen Bondi
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

November

11/1 Grill Night
11/4 Business Meeting
11/16 Breakfast
11/18 Social Meeting
11/22 Christmas Tree Lot Setup,
8am
11/28 Tree Sales Begin
11/30 5th Sunday, PADS dinner

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



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



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