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## Grand Knight's Report

Scott Popp

*My Dear Brother Brothers and Families,*

It seems as though my monthly article is mostly about what the Council has just done, or what is on the horizon, and I know that it doesn't make for the most exciting of reading. However a certain amount of attention needs to be paid in those to area's, I know that a number of you look to the newsletter for information and I hope that you are finding it. Currently, we are in the process of making some website changes, and the site is currently down as of this writing, please bear with us as we look to improve upon it, and if you are knowledgeable with websites, please need your help. You will find my email at the end of this article to contact me by.

I had the wonderful position of accepting on behalf of Father McCormick, Council #3880 from our District Deputy Chuck Gburek several awards at the last business meeting. These awards included the *Spirit of Illinois* gold medal award, State Deputy *2nd place Membership Award*, and last- but certainly not the least *2014-2015 Star Council Award*.

These awards show just how special OUR Council is as well as how active.



The Spirit of Illinois award specifically acknowledges the many events that are designated by different activities- Church, Community,

Council, Family, Pro-life, Youth, and Membership. My belief along along has been to try and show the membership of this Council, as well as the parishioners of our wonderful Church, what a we are about, **CHARITY, FAMILY, FAITH, and LOVE.**

If we **COMMIT** ourselves to those things everything else will fall in line. And I believe it has. Thank all of you for the time, talent and support you have given to this Council for this past year as well as for all the years before, we would be nowhere without **ALL** of you.

*God bless you all,*

**Scott Popp**

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## Men's Conference

### 21st Annual Great Lakes Catholic Men's Conference "Walk the Talk"



NIU Holmes Student Center, DeKalb, Illinois  
Saturday, November 21, 2015  
8:50 a.m. - 4 p.m.

*"My grace is sufficient for you" 2 Corinthians 12:9*

A dynamic team of speakers will help you to understand authentic masculinity and heroic virtue, inspiring you to live for Christ in an increasingly hostile world. From their personal experiences you will hear how you can direct your time, thoughts, and energy toward forming a personal relationship with God. Come and gather insights that will help you find a new meaning for your life, gain a game plan for holiness, set your faith on fire and renew your commitments to God, church, family and others.

#### ***Featured speakers include:***

- Rev. Richard Simon, Pastor of St. Lambert Church in Skokie and popular Relevant Radio host
- Deacon Harold Burke-Sivers, one of the most sought after Catholic speakers and evangelists
- Dr. Kenneth Howell, Theologian and convert to the faith
- Joe Dittmar, Survivor of the 9/11 Twin Towers terrorist attack
- Master of Ceremonies: Wayne Messmer, National Anthem singer for the Cubs

This year's Conference includes:

Speakers, Music, Adoration, Confession, Rosary, Holy Mass, and More

\$35 early bird if registered by November 2nd, \$40 after, \$45 at the door; \$15 for college students or younger, \$5 for deacons, free for priests. Includes lunch and parking.

**Our parish is selling tickets.  
Get yours through us and save!**

## Deputy Grand Knight's Report

Bob Wyman

### *Dear Knights and Families,*

Mass of Remembrance Monday, November 2, 2015 All Souls' Day Oak St. Church 7:00 PM Mass All are invited to join us for a Mass of Remembrance and Candle Lighting to be celebrated on Monday, All Souls' Day, November 2, 2015 at 7:00 pm. At this Mass we will remember and celebrate the lives of our deceased loved ones. We invite you to join us for this special Mass and to bring a photo or memento of someone you have lost, which will be placed in front of the Altar before Mass. Please bring photos size 5x7 or smaller and arrive between 6:30pm – 6:55pm to place your photo and light a candle during the prelude music. The Mass of Remembrance will begin at 7:00pm.

Also during the entire month of November there will be a book at the rear of the church that you can place names of your dearly departed to be prayer for.

### **KC 3880 Just Keeps Rolling Along!! Busy October & November!**

#### **Upcoming:**

- Food Pantry December 5, 2015, 2015
- Grill Nights November 7, 2015
- Business Meeting November 3, 2015  
Sign up for Christmas Tree Stand Set Up

- Monthly Breakfast November 15 2015
- Memorial Mass / Social Meeting  
November 17, 2015
- Christmas Tree Stand Set-up  
November 21, 2015
- Pads Dinner November 29, 2015

Please sign up to help with setting up the Christmas Tree Stand Saturday November 21, 2015 8:00am – 3:00pm

We need your help to sell Christmas Trees. Please sign up for 2 hour shifts. Date to start selling trees November 27, 2015 – December 19, 2015

#### **Tree Lot Hours:**

Monday – Friday 5pm-9pm  
Saturday 9am – 8pm  
Sunday 8:30am – 8pm

Thank You in advance for your help, this is our largest fund raiser of the year.

As you can see we are a very busy council, you can check for the upcoming events on our website <http://kofc3880.org/>

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

## Don't Miss Out, It Could Be Yours

Your last chance to get into the Vocation Support Raffle with a top prize of \$10,000 is slipping through your fingers. Last date for ticket sales (and turn in for books out there) is the November Business meeting on November 3rd.



Don't let this chance to support our seminarians and novices pass you by. This is a tremendous way to make a difference and maybe even win some dough (2nd prize - \$2,500, 3rd - 6th-\$1,000, 7th- 10th-\$500, 11th- 15th-\$200, 16th- 20th-\$100).

If you are interested in tickets, please contact Dan O'Connell at 815-356-1413 to get tickets or see me at the November Business meeting as the very last day to buy. Let's show our support for those who have chosen to dedicate their life to Christ.

**Vivat Jesus! Dan O'Connell**

## PADS 2015-2016 Schedule

Contact our PADS coordinator.  
Steve Bright (815) 459-6999  
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All dinners take place at Bethany Lutheran Church --  
76 West Crystal Lake Avenue.

Sunday October 25	John Stefani
Sunday November 29	Kevin Scanlan
Sunday December 27	
Sunday January 31	Jim Skaja
Sunday February 28	
Sunday March 27	Scott Popp & Family
Sunday April 24	Vince & Kathy Esposito

## Cub Scouts Prowling About

*Dan O'Connell*

The Cub Pack has been very busy the over the summer and the start of the new scout year. Their activity schedule is in high gear and they have lots more planned.

The summer was filled with all kinds of activities so the scouts could earn their Summertime Activity patch by participating in the events.

September brought a hike at the Hollows; service time on behalf of Feed My Starving Children; a Recruitment Night; Pack Meeting and storefront popcorn sales.

October started out with a weekend campout at Tomo Chi-Chi Knolls campsite in Gilberts and the Bears had to plan the meals and shop. I understand it was a delicious meal. It also included a 1 mile and 3 mile hike. More popcorn storefronts as well as a trip to Yerkes Observatory in Williams Bay for a night of stargazing. The Pack Meeting was a costume affair (shown above) and included a "Leave No Trace" presentation and a conservation "Jeopardy" game. Patches, segments and other advancements were also handed out.

November and December are also packed with activities that are both fun, service oriented and will let the scouts have a terrific time. A parade, ice skating, bell ringing and a trip to a museum. Busy, busy, busy.

The Troop has been busy and by coincidence camped at Tomo Chi-Chi Knolls campsite in Gilberts two weeks after the Pack did in October. Their camp out adventure included a Haunted Hike put on by Three Fires Council. This was their 25th Anniversary year of the hike for the Council. All the scouts made it back alive with all limbs intact. November's outing will be at Camp Lowden in Oregon, IL.

All of these opportunities are made possible by the continued support of Father McCormick Council 3880 and let young boys develop into conscientious, considerate young men who will one day lead our country. As the Thanksgiving Season is upon us, the Pack and the Troop would like to express our gratitude for all of the support shown us in the past and the support you continue to give us. We wish all of you and your families a very Blessed Thanksgiving and may God bless each one of you.



## It's All In A Knight's Life



## Upcoming Council/Church Items

*From Brother Knight Pete Harren:*

**1. Memorial Mass.** On 11/17 at 7 PM. Fr. Simon celebrating. Refreshments follow in community room

- Invitations already sent to widows of Knights who have passed away
- Programs to be organized and published
- Mary Ann Derron will be the organist and Linda Unger will be canter
- A request is sent to the membership for individuals to serve as readers and servers

**2.** Along with Seton Council 10678, billboards will be erected to celebrate **“Keeping Christ in Christmas”** The billboards will be near 176 and 14, and Smith Road and 14

**3. Our Retreat** will be attended by several of the knights Oct 30-Nov 1 at the Bellarmine Jesuit retreat-house in Barrington

## Knight of the Month



Grand Night Scott Popp presenting the October Knight of the Month Award to Brother **Tyler Smyth**. Although Tyler has only been a Knight for a short time, he has shown up whenever possible to help out in a number of Council events! This is the type of commitment that helped us to capture the Spirit of Illinois Award for the past Fraternal Year!

## Membership

**Did you see what WE earned?!?**

Yes, Brother Knights, what WE earned. This Council never earns anything that is not a direct result of YOU, the members of this great Council working towards a goal. And whether it be to sell Christmas Trees, work a breakfast or dinner, ‘sell’ Tootsie Rolls, or any one of the hundreds of things we do, even something as simple as paying your annual dues, it all counts. Even the dues thing, it sounds like a non-event... no I wasn’t able to work anything this year (or, realistically, maybe, I didn’t want to work anything this year..), but it all counts. As Membership Director, one of the things I tell prospects when they ask is they don’t HAVE to do anything... A lot of our members, and think about this, there are over 300 of us in 3880, never come to a meeting, never work an event, but they (you!) are just as important... with your name added to our list of Brothers we are strong! With each of you we can do anything! With your attending if not working even one event a year, you are helping! By paying your dues you add to our coffers to keep our pledge to help the poor. We are strong because of you. What does the song say about “The least of our Brothers...”? None of you really are the least... you are just “my Brother”... so, you did contribute! If you were at the October Business Meeting, you got to see these in person and got to hold them as they were passed around... If you came to the October Breakfast you got to see them on display... If you are my Brother, YOU earned these for us!

We had the honor and privilege of this past Fraternal year earning (left to right)

**SPIRIT OF ILLINOIS GOLD MEDAL**  
**STAR COUNCIL AWARD**  
**STATE DEPUTY MEMBERSHIP AWARD**  
*Congratulations to each and every one of you!*



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## Meet Your New Sir Knights!

On Saturday, October 3rd, as part of a class of 68 new Sir Knights, our 4th Degree Bishop Boylan Assembly 0198, was represented by 16 Patriotic Catholic Americans! Fr. McCormick Council 3880 had the honor of three of our Brothers in that group. Flanked in the picture above on the left by Faithful Comptroller SK Dan O'Connell, and on the right by Past Faithful Navigator SK John Stefani are Sir Knights **Ed Riley**, **Pat Slowey** and **Cesar Jimenez**. Please congratulate them on attaining this final step of Knighthood in our order. If you missed out, there will be another Exemplification coming up early next year. All you need to do is be a Third Degree Brother Knight and fill out the form! Not a Third Degree yet? Well, we have a Knighthood (formerly known as a 'Major Degree') coming up very soon...so let Dan or John know and they can help you out!



## Great Tootsie Roll Turnout!

This year, our 2015 Tootsie Roll campaign turned in over \$10,000! That's the largest collection we've had since the Recession of 2008.

Even more exciting, we're happy to report that the number of volunteers helping with the drive is up for the first time since 2005! A total of 122 people helped us collect for the Mentally Disabled in our area, up from 97 last year. We're especially pleased that more than double the number of brother Knights from Council 3880 helped this year--a total of 36. May God bless our efforts with continued growth and success, for blessings on those in our midst!

*Thanks to everyone who helped!*

## God's Plan For Seniors

Most seniors never get enough exercise. In His wisdom God decreed that seniors become forgetful so they would have to search for their glasses, keys and other things thus doing more walking. And God looked down and saw that it was good.

Then God saw there was another need. In His wisdom He made seniors lose coordination so they would drop things requiring them to bend, reach & stretch. And God looked down and saw that it was good.

Then God considered the function of bladders and decided seniors would have additional calls of nature requiring more trips to the bathroom, thus providing more exercise. God looked down and saw that it was good.

So if you find as you age, you are getting up and down more, remember it's God's will. It is all in your best interest even though you mutter under your breath.

### Nine Important Facts To Remember

- #9 Death is the number 1 killer in the world.
- #8 Life is sexually transmitted.
- #7 Good health is merely the slowest possible rate at which one can die.
- #6 Men have 2 motivations: hunger and hanky panky, and they can't tell them apart. If you see a gleam in his eyes, make him a sandwich.
- #5 Give a person a fish and you feed them for a day. Teach a person to use the Internet and they won't bother you for weeks, months, maybe years.
- #4 Health nuts are going to feel stupid someday, lying in the hospital, dying of nothing.
- #3 All of us could take a lesson from the weather. It pays no attention to criticism.
- #2 In the 60's, people took acid to make the world weird. Now the world is weird, and people take Prozac to make it normal.
- #1 Life is like a jar of jalapeno peppers. What you do today may be a burning issue tomorrow.

*Don't ignore this message. This is your only warning.*  
**John Stefani**

## New Brothers



Meet your new Brothers! On Tuesday evening, October 20th, The Council welcomed **Scott Smith**, **Cory Solis** and **Mike Lunebach** into our Order.

When you see them, be sure to welcome them and make them part of the family! We had over a dozen Brother Knights there to observe the ceremony, which included two other candidates from our brother Council to the east, Cary-Grove #12824. At that ceremony, our Grand Knight and I, along with Super-Recruiters **Mike Chmiel** and Insurance Agent **Dave Mazurk** were each presented with the State's new Star Recruiter lapel pin!

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**Membership Chairman, John Stefani PGK**

## 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

### The Power Of Prayer

#### *Please pray for:*

Helen Mayer  
Vince Mottola  
Bob and Jan Thomas  
Theresa Morrison  
Deacon Ralph Statter  
Nancy Cramer  
Linda Walsh  
William Olin  
Bernadine Walsh  
Lillian Kolbus  
Marilyn Orso  
Delore Sanock  
Francis Cooper  
Jim Kratovil  
Garrett Thompson  
Jim Skaja's mother in law  
Frank Popp sr.  
Caroline Kolder  
Father Simon  
Father Koutnik  
Monsignor Hermes  
Mike Chmiel Family  
Ken Artner's Special intention  
Pat Bradley

## What do you do, anyway?

*Dear Brother Knights,*

We have a wealth of talents, skills and experience in our Council that many of us don't even know about. Even though I know many of you by sight, I don't know what many of you do. For work or for hobbies.

We've got a lot of really cool men right around us. I think that's worth sharing and celebrating. And if that leads to giving a brother a better idea of who to ask for help with something--great!

While in a few months I'll be taking a break from putting together this newsletter, I would like us to create a monthly column that can build a skills bank or simply a "who's who" of what each of us is all about.  
**What do you think? Let us know!**

# Council Calendar

## November

11/3 Business Meeting  
11/6 Grill Night  
11/15 Breakfast  
11/17 Memorial Mass/Social Mtg.  
11/27 Christmas Tree Sales Start  
11/29 PADS

## December

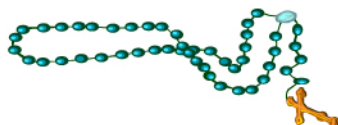
12/1 Business Meeting  
12/5 Food Pantry, Grill Night  
12/20 Breakfast  
12/15 Social Meeting  
12/27 PADS

## January

1/4 Business Meeting  
1/9 Grill Night  
1/17 Breakfast  
1/19 Social Meeting  
1/31 PADS



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



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