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Grand Knight's Report

Scott Popp

My Dear Brother Brothers and Families,

We are coming to a close of another busy month (aren't they all!), and I can't thank you all enough. This past weekend was the Knights of Columbus I.D.D.F. Drive, or you may refer to it as the Tootsie roll drive, and your support by giving of your time for various (and many) shifts was overwhelming, not to mention all of those of you who helped to fill the cans with your hard earned money. We were also blessed with a great number of St. Thomas parishioners who volunteered their time, not to mention all the people from the various ministries, and agency's which are all near and dear to our fine organization. Early totals for the collection are looking to be just over \$10,000,00! And again, this wouldn't be possible if it weren't for all of you. For those of you who are unaware these funds are sent to the state, with our list for disbursements to our local charities, and then returned to us for those disbursements after approval.

So, with all the other fund raising events that the Council does (breakfast, dinners, Christmas tree's, etc.) all being separate of the I.D.D.F. Drive, you can start to understand the need we have for help, and how it is that we are able to give away all the money we do. In the name of CHARITY.

Now I wanted to take the time to share some wonderful congratulatory news going on right here in our own Knights family.

Brother Knight, Worthy Warden Pat Slowey (soon to be known as Sir Knight,) has just retired! I know that it may not seem like that big of a deal to some of you (probably those of you already retired guys!) but I do believe it something to be congratulated on, especially since Pat was with the same company for 47 years. You certainly don't see that too often, and probably never will. Now for some awesome additional news on one of our very own. If you have been in the Council for any number of years, then you know John Scott, and his family. His kids have been INVOLVED with us from a young age, and his oldest son JB is even a Brother Knight of this Council! Which brings us to the big news!!! JB (a Crystal Lake South graduate, as well as a Purdue graduate) graduated from Air Force pilot training on 9/11, receiving his wings of silver. JB has been assigned to fly the F16!!!, yes everybody that is a fighter jet!!! JB will be spending a month 9/24-10/24 receiving his survival skills. Which I'm sure he will be more than acquainted with several of them, seeing as JB is also an Eagle Scout. I cannot imagine how proud of him John, and Yvonne must be. It is such an awesome accomplishment, and I know he



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Grand Knight's Report, *continued*

is fulfilling his dreams, please congratulate the family the next time you see them. JB when you read this please know that all of us here in Crystal Lake, your Brothers in Council #3880 are so very proud of you! And wish you safe flying! I must add this BOOM! 

God bless you all,
Scott Popp
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Appreciation Dinner

**It's getting REAL close- Do YOU have your reservation in??
Saturday, October 10, 2015 isn't far away, and tickets are being sold!**

Here's your last chance to get tickets to the Appreciation Dinner! We have a large gathering ready to show up on Saturday evening, the 10th for this event.

As the 'old' saying says, "Be there or be square!" the price is unbelievably low, and that is so that we can all get together to share some memories, re-aquaint ourselves to each other, and in general have a nice evening, with our Brother Knights, and NO ONE has to set-up, cook, serve or clean up afterwards!!! How easy can it be??? Let me know ASAP with an e-mail or a phone call to the numbers below... HURRY HURRY HURRY !!!

We want this to be a great event for Brother Knights of Fr. McCormick Council 3880 and their guest. We have chosen a very good buffet menu and the food and service at the club has always been excellent.

We are lining up some musical talent so that we can enjoy the evening with our Council Brothers, good food, a little liquid refreshment and dancing away the night.



Take a look at the price below.. it isn't a typo! You've all worked for the Council, some over and over, some just getting started, and some not able to because of work, family or health issues.... doesn't matter... you are a Brother Knight!

So come and join us... We will have fun, the 3880 way!

Golf Club of Illinois
1575 Edgewood Dr.
Algonquin, IL 60102

6 O'Clock PM

Knight: _____

Guest : _____

Cost: \$25.00 per person \$35.00 per Couple! (Yes, that's right!)

Payment
Attached: Cash: ___ Check: Amount _____ Check No. _____

(Please make Checks Payable to K of C 3880 with Appreciation Dinner on the note line)

ALL completed forms and payment must be given or sent to Dinner Chairman

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Dear Knights and Families,

October: Respect Life Month

(He) will shelter you with his feathers, and under his wings you will find refuge.. *Psalm91:4*

An article in the National Geographic several years ago provided a penetrating picture of God's wings....

After a forest fire in Yellowstone National Park, rangers began their trek up a mountain to assess the inferno's damage. One ranger found a bird literally petrified in ashes, perched statuesquely on the ground at the base of the tree. Somewhat sickened by the eerie sight, he knocked over the bird with a stick. The loving mother, keenly aware of impending disaster, had carried her offspring to the base of the tree and had gathered them under her wings; instinctively knowing the toxic smoke would rise.

She could have flown to safety but refused to abandon her babies. When the blaze had arrived and the heat had scorched her small body, the mother had remained steadfast. Because she had been willing to die, those under the cover of the wings would live.

Above Taken from Knights to Christ Copyright 2001 by Colorado Knights of Columbus Charities Fund, Inc. Second Edition October 2001.

Our Lord made the ultimate sacrifice by dying on the cross so we could have eternal life.

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

Upcoming:

- Food Pantry October 3, 2015
- Grill Nights October 3, 2015
- Business Meeting October 1, 2015
Sign up for Christmas Tree Stand Set Up
- Appreciation Dinner October 10,2015
- Monthly Breakfast October 18, 2015
- 1st Degree & Social Meeting October 20,2015
- Pads Dinner October 25, 2015
- Christmas Tree Stand Set-up November 21,2015

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*

Tootsie Roll Drive 2015



Pray for our Future Priests!



We Need Your Help To Grow

Dan O'Connell

The Pack and the Troop are in the middle of our recruiting for the upcoming Scouting year and could use your help. Perhaps you have a son, nephew, friend's son, coworker's son or other acquaintance who has a young man that would be interested in Scouting. We would be interested in hearing from you to help us grow our Pack and Troop.

Scouting provides a tremendous opportunity to young men to learn new skills; practice core values; participate in community service; make new friends and have a great time doing it. We are looking for interested candidates for the Pack from ages 6 to 11 and for the Troop from ages 11 to 16. If you have someone in mind you think we should talk to, please send the parent's name, the youth's name and phone number to me at danoco55@sb-cglobal.net and I will contact them with further information about the Pack and Troop. You can promote that both groups have activities every month that include hiking, camping and other outdoor activities but also numerous opportunities to learn and practice new skills and core values that will serve them the rest of their lives. Who knows, perhaps they will achieve Eagle Scout and have that honor follow them throughout their career. It does look great on a resume. Below are a few photos you can show to promote us. A picture is worth a thousand words.

If you should have any questions about the programs, please do not hesitate to contact me as well. We appreciate all the support from Council 3880 and hope to continue our success of producing upstanding future citizens that will keep America great.



From Our Supreme Knight

Dear Brother Knights,

Congress is set to vote in the coming days on three important pro-life measures. In the House, the Defund Planned Parenthood Act (H.R. 3134) would put a one-year moratorium on funding for the organization unless it agrees to abandon its abortion practice. Also in the House, the Born Alive Abortion Survivors Protection Act (H.R. 3504) provides federal criminal and civil penalties for failing to provide care to an infant who has survived an abortion attempt. Next week, the Senate is expected to take up the Pain-Capable Unborn Child Protection Act (S. 1553), which bans abortions after 20 weeks of gestation, the point at which experts agree that the unborn feel pain. Please contact your elected representatives in support of these measures.

At the heart of these three pieces of legislation is recognition of the dignity of the unborn child. In the past several weeks, through the release of several undercover videos, the United States has received a distinct call to reexamine its conscience regarding abortion, which claims the lives of over a million unborn children every year in this country.

As you may know, most of the videos show or explain some aspect of

the harvesting of organs for monetary compensation, including the grisly details of how these organs are extracted from recently aborted babies, many of them late-term.

Congress has held two hearings, one in the House Judiciary Committee, and one in the Energy and Commerce Committee, investigating the practices of Planned Parenthood and shining a light on this disregard for human life.

I was moved recently to see this video interview of Utah Congresswoman Mia Love discussing the Planned Parenthood videos: "Here we are in the United States of America, and our job is to protect life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness—first and foremost life," she said.

There simply is no good reason for taxpayers to fund Planned Parenthood or any organization that performs abortions.

Thank you for all you do in support of the dignity of human life.

Vivat Jesus!
Carl A. Anderson
Supreme Knight

Breakfast

John Stefani

Annual Fall Breakfast Buffet! Wow, the food was stupendous!!! And I didn't do much cooking... did the Ham, Turkey and Roast Beef, and helped a little here and a little there... I am so, so grateful to my fantastic Brother Knights who have risen to the occasion and realized how really old I am!!

That's only partially tongue in cheek, as anyone in or around the kitchen during any of our food events know, mostly what I do is run around barking orders... get this done, do that, hurry up, slow down... but truth be told, this great group of guys can get the job done with or without me back there. Sure, I get to do the inventory and ordering, pick up the local items, create and print the menus, and a few other things, but there is always back-up for me when and if needed. But the crew we have, from the old-timers like Ken Artner and Bob Kampman, to newer stars, like Bob Newport, GK Scott Popp and Pat Slowey, and the many in-between, like permanent fixtures Dan O'Connell, PGK Daniel Patrick Maguire, himself, and always whenever I need him Mike Jasinski... and permanent as-I-need them guys like Dave Mazurk... and the guys out front, Steve Haugh and his \$\$\$ table crew of Bill Bransley, Mike Kebr and Bob Kosin. And then there is the Dining Room Crew led by DGK Bob Wyman, with Kevin Scanlan (supported by the Dan O'Connell family) who lead the set-up every meal.... And all of their supporting cast who come in, and the back Kitchen Crew, PGK Vince Esposito, and the recurring Bob Wyman, the in-an-out guys like Newport, Jasinski, Kebr, Brian O'Connell, Pete Hall, Tom Brickey, then there is the Wyman's Clean-Up Crew, Jim O'Reilly, and you know what? Look at the list below!

IF you are on it, give yourself a pat on the back... if you are not... want to be? Give the DGK ring or find him sometime and offer your time!

Oh, yeah, and if you missed it, Past Grand Knight and former grill man PGK Bob Modrich stopped in at the Buffet again to say Hello! as he and Nancy had breakfast. Keep watching....

John

Serving

Steve Bright
Kevin Scanlan
Mark Allen & Daughter
Bob Kosin
Bob Newport Family
Chris Krambeer Family
Jerry Lyons
Matt Martin
Jim Rausch
Marc Niemann
Dennis Holm
Trevor O'Donnell
John Walsh
Ralph Gebert
Mike Kebr & Daughter
Annette O'Connell

Dishes/Kitchen Clean-up

Vince Esposito
Mike Kebr
Bill Cotugno
Jack Loretan
Jim O'Reilly
Brian O'Connell
Charley Popp
Scott Popp
Bob Newport
Bob Wyman
Dan O'Connell
John Stefani
Pat Slowey
Tom Brickey
Ryan Krambeer
Mike Jasinski
Dennis Holm
Pete Hall
Chris Krambeer

Dining Rm Setup/Cleanup

Bob Kosin
Steve Haugh
Jim O'Reilly
Bob Wyman
Dan O'Connell Family
Mike Kebr & Daughter
Dean Bichler
Jerry Lyons
Denny McCoy
Pete Hoffman
Dennis Holm
Ralph Gebert
Kevin Scanlan

Membership

Keep the new year rolling on! With so, so much help from some of you out there, we did a great job in recruiting for Fraternal Year 2014-2015. 23 new Brother Knights joined our Order and our great Council 3880, and that put us over our quota and helped earn our Council a few more kudos! But kudos and awards are not what we are looking for, really.

We are looking for more men like us, good, faithful Catholic gentlemen, not necessarily Saints (although a few of our Brother's come close!), interested in sharing our faith, willing to roll up their collective sleeves once in a while to work to fulfill our vow to Charity, promote our faith and brotherhood and letting us sleep peacefully at night knowing in our hearts that we are making a difference... to ourselves, our family, especially our children to whom we are Role Model #1, our parish and community.

So, we have a new quota for this current Fraternal Year which kicked off in July. What's the number? Who cares!!! It is out there, what we need to think about is: Can I offer someone I know a golden opportunity to enrich their lives, and ours by becoming Brothers? Supreme and the State say, "One Member per Council per month!" We almost doubled that last year, and we can do it again the same way we did then: We talked about what a Knight is and what it means. We showed what a Knight is by doing.... Selling Christmas Trees and Tootsie Rolls! By providing parish and community building events like the breakfast, the Polish Dinner, the Corn Boil, the Christmas Parade, presenting the gifts on the Fifth Sunday of the Month, by being ushers and lectors and extra ordinary Ministers... we wear our colors... the Council Polo Shirt and Tee shirt... our name badges... (which we need to do even more of!!!)... but a lot of people know who and what we are. They support us. But a lot of those people could also be us... they may just be waiting for US to ASK them to JOIN US! So grab a Form 100 from the rack just inside the door on the right in the Community Room... call me, see me, e-mail me, text me.... And I'll get you as many forms as you want... Oh, yeah, you could also come to a meeting and pick some up! Next meeting is Tuesday, October 6th.

AND... I have some more names and Form 100s, so we will plan for another 1st Degree Ceremony at the October social meeting on Tuesday, October 20th...

IN THE MEANTIME, KEEP A FORM 100 HANDY AND BRING IN A NEW MEMBER!!!

PEACE, John Stefani

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Thanks again Brother's for joining in the Prayers of our Holy Father. Our bond of Brotherhood and support for the Priesthood is strengthened by our participation. This month's chosen prayer again aligns with the principals that guide our work as Knights, that it benefit our neighbor.

Apostleship Monthly Prayer: "O God, who through human labor never cease to perfect and govern the vast work of creation, listen to the supplication of your people and grant that all men and women may find work that befits their dignity, joins them more closely to one another, and enables them to serve their neighbor. Amen."--from the Roman Missal

One "new" item this month, an introduction to another web site. I am not enamored with the sites advertising but it provides a clear picture of where many of the candidates stand on the issue of Life, regardless of if they be pro-life or pro-abortion. It's clean and easy to read with timing of position statements and "some" voting records to use to evaluate them. <http://www.ontheissues.org/Abortion.htm>.

The rest is a reprint of August's Lecturer's Corner.

First, homework; there are two Catholics among crowded field of Republican hopefuls. My investigation indicates they are "actually" Catholic, unlike certain members of the currently sitting House of Representative who claim the faith than lead the charge "for" Abortion. Your mission gentlemen, to identify the Catholics and learn their positions. While you dig in on that, or if you are in any way hesitant to put in the time here is something to think about regarding this upcoming election.

There are four Supreme Court justices are over the age of 70, Stephen Breyer, Anthony Kennedy, Antonin Scalia, and Ruth Bader Ginsburg, a pancreatic cancer survivor.

I you are at all concerned about the most recent decisions handed down by the court based on the individual justices interpretation of the U.S. Constitution than you should be afraid, "very afraid". It is completely reasonable to assume that the next President of the United States will name no less than 3 new justices. Can you imagine what the future will hold if the wrong person is in that office? Clearly as individuals we cannot control the ultimate outcome of this election, but you will have materially contributed to the outcome based on your vote.

United States Supreme Court Justices			
Justice	Appointed by	Date of Birth	Sworn in
Antonin Scalia	Ronald Reagan	3/11/1936 Age: 79 yr 5 mo	9/26/1986 Served: 28 yr 10 mo
Anthony Kennedy	Ronald Reagan	7/23/1936 Age: 79 yr 0 mo	2/18/1988 Served: 27 yr 6 mo
Clarence Thomas	George H. W. Bush	6/23/1948 Age: 67 yr 1 mo	10/23/1991 Served: 23 yr 9 mo
Ruth Bader Ginsburg	Bill Clinton	3/15/1933 Age: 82 yr 5 mo	8/19/1993 Served: 22 yr 0 mo
Stephen Breyer	Bill Clinton	8/15/1938 Age: 77 yr 0 mo	8/3/1994 Served: 21 yr 0 mo
John G. Roberts	George W. Bush	1/27/1955 Age: 60 yr 6 mo	9/29/2005 Served: 9 yr 10 mo
Samuel A. Alito, Jr.	George W. Bush	4/1/1950 Age: 65 yr 4 mo	1/31/2006 Served: 9 yr 6 mo
Sonia Sotomayor	Barack Obama	6/25/1954 Age: 61 yr 1 mo	8/8/2009 Served: 6 yr 0 mo
Elena Kagan	Barack Obama	4/28/1960 Age: 55 yr 3 mo	8/7/2010 Served: 5 yr 0 mo

The charter of the Court in handing down decisions is a critical check and balance in the structure of our government put in place to ensure that the foundational principals of our country are not violated. This to my mind does not appear to be what is actually happening. What we have seen this court migrate to rather quickly is a body that is a maker of law itself. That being the case, and with the potential for the next President to shape the court for decades to come we must be in this political race, "Up To Our Neck's".

Don't forget our ownership of participation begins locally at both the State, and County levels, and recent failed efforts to defund Planned Parent Hood should only urge us on. Those Public Servants that had the good character to attempt to bring this to a vote must know that it remains a vital issue to us. We cannot let this slide. Email, Call, Write Letters, with support for those that brought it out, and admonishing those that blocked it.

August/September voter education tools. The first is not a vetting tool, rather it is a centering one. If you go to the web site https://www.ewtn.com/vote/brief_catechism.htm on the EWTN web site you will find a Catechism for Catholic Voters. Worth the read but I caution you, it removes any gray area you may be harboring. It speaks the truth, and as our Lord Jesus Christ taught us, "then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free" Jn 8:32.

Next is <http://www.catholicvote.org/> this one is one of the best in sorting through the field of candidates and their positions (hint-hint will help you with your homework) but more than that it keeps you on top of what is happening on all issues and their impact from a Catholic perspective.

I end "again" with a question, I saw on the internet...I know the internet right??? But think about it, it's a pretty reasonable question, consider asking a pro Abortion person the next time you have the chance.

If we are pronounced dead when our heart stops, why are we not pronounced "ALIVE" when our heart starts?

As always, God Bless you all my Brothers, pray for one another.

Fourth Degree News

John Stefani

Greetings Sir Knights, Brother Knights and family and friends!

Short and sweet! A week and a half from when I am writing this article, there will be a Fourth Degree Exemplification held in Crystal Lake at the Holiday Inn. As previously stated it is being hosted by an Assembly other than ours, but C.L. was chosen. I can confidently say it was a beautiful, moving and successful ceremony!

Our very own Bishop Boylan Assembly 0198 was privileged to welcome three new Sir Knights from our very own Fr. McCormick Council 3880.

Next time you see Brother Sir Knights Pat Slowey, Ed Riley and Cesar Jimenez please be sure to congratulate them... They have reached the pinnacle of Knighthood!

Welcome Sir Knights!!!
PGK, PFN John Stefani

Support Our Vocation Students

Don't forget, we have the vocation raffle going on (drawing in December) with terrific prizes including the \$10,000 first prize (3880 has had a past winner of this prize). We will not be mailing tickets this year so if you would like a book or ten, please see me, Dan O'Connell at the meetings, events or call me at 815-356-1413 to arrange pick up. The books contain 15 tickets at \$1.00 a piece and the Council retains \$9.00 of each book to support our own vocation efforts.

We need to sell this out to support our vocation students who are training to do God's work on earth. They need all the support we can possibly give them so that they succeed in their endeavors.



Good Of The Order

Knights Birthdays

John M. Ferrero, III
Joe Gottemoller
Thomas M. Lehner
John Loretan
Daniel P. Maguire
Joseph Mancini
Peter M. Mateljan
Kenneth Mavec
Daniel W. McCrea
Richard B. Mensik
Jasper Pitrello
Paul Ruiz
Robert L. Schmidt
Gerald L. Spiewak
Stephan C Townsend

Wives Birthdays

Christina Benkert
Ginger Bradley
Kathy Esposito
Jeanne Fraser
Mary Frazier
Debra Gigl
Sheri Kebr
Tina Mackinlay
Nancy J. Modrich
Meghan Riley
Lynn Russell
Linda Steadman

Anniversaries

Mike & Elizabeth Baietto
Patrick & Ginger Bradley
Todd & Lori Bright
Kenneth & Dianne Diana
Gerald & Jeanne Fraser
Stephen & Peggy Haugh
Thomas & Gail Lehner
Gerald & Marilyn Spiewak
John & Linda Walsh
Paul & Beth Weyna

The Power Of Prayer

Please pray for:

Theresa Morrison
Angel Jimenez
Jose Jimenez
Serocki Family
Fran Cooper
Bernadine Walsh
Jim Krachovil
Bob and Jan Thomas
Frank Popp Sr.
John Barry
Repose of the soul of Steven Drain
Vince Esposito
Pat Taylor
Mary Marzak
Bob Wyman
Barbra Pope

Proud of our Scouts!



PADS 2015-2016 Schedule

Listed below is the PADS dinner schedule for 2015-2016. We are in need volunteers who would be interested in preparing a meal. If you can help out or have further questions. Please contact our PADS coordinator.

Steve Bright (815) 459-6999 Brightones1@live.com

All dinners take place at Bethany Lutheran Church --
76 West Crystal Lake Avenue.

Sunday October 25
Sunday November 29
Sunday December 27
Sunday January 31
Sunday February 28
Sunday March 27
Sunday April 24

John Stefani
Kevin Scanlan

Jim Skaja

Scott Popp & Family
Vince & Kathy Esposito

Council Calendar

October

10/3 Food Pantry, Grill Night
10/6 Business Meeting
10/10 Appreciation Dinner
10/18 Breakfast
10/20 Social Meeting
10/25 PADS

November

11/3 Business Meeting
11/6 Food Pantry, Grill Night
11/15 Breakfast
11/17 Social Meeting
11/29 PADS

December

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



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



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