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Grand Knights Report

By Mike Bradley

Greetings Gentlemen,
 The council has been busy once again as we kicked off the holiday season with Christmas tree sales and The Crystal Lake Festival of Lights Parade on November 25th followed by the Pads Thanksgiving Dinner the same weekend on November 27th. The council hosted and served deserts at the request of WAY after their Christmas concert December 2nd. As if this was not enough we gathered the troops on December 3rd and manned the tree lot on a record breaking sales day of 54 trees along with staffing the CL Food Pantry during the day and then again on December 15th. Our annual Breakfast with Santa was a huge



success on December 18th, and we conclude the month with a First Degree ceremony December 20th and a Pads dinner on Christmas day provided by the Stefani family. As we wrap up 2016 on behalf of myself and the officers of the council THANK YOU to all who have helped out by volunteering their time during the year. We could not have done it without you and your families help. Finally I'd like to wish everyone and their families a very Merry Christmas and a happy new year. I pray that we all have safe travels this holiday season. God Bless and see you all next year!!!!

Merry Christmas to all,

Mike Bradley
 Grand Knight
 Fr. McCormick Council 3880

Deputy Grand Knights Report

By Mike Kebr

Dear Brothers,
 It has been a great Advent and a very busy past few weeks. We rounded out November with several events, as the Grand Knight mentioned in his article, including Tree Lot set-up, Tree Delivery, Tree sales, Christmas parade, Food pantry, PADS dinner, and throw in serving food after a Christmas concert for the start of December. As for the Tree and Wreath sales, we had a very successful event. We netted more to the council than we did in the past several years and we sold out a day

or two earlier than last year. Our last customer actually showed up as we were closing up for the night on Saturday December 10th. The good news is we now have more to give away to charity. Manpower to cover the hours of the lot was ok overall but we were really short on help on the weekends, especially Thanksgiving Weekend. When the Grand Knight heard this, he rallied some of our Brother Knights that were working the Food pantry on that first Saturday, and sent some folks over to the Tree Lot to help out. It definitely took some of the **Go to page 2**

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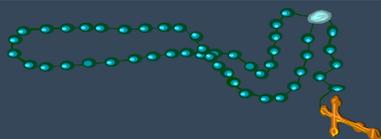
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None Assigned as of yet.

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



Deputy Grand Knights Report *From Pg 1*

pressure off those of us on the Tree committee. I want to send out a thank you from the Christmas Tree Committee (Bob Wyman, Vince Esposito and myself), we couldn't have done it without you. I also would like to send a shout out to

Brother Knight Trevor O'Donnell for putting up an antenna on the trailer as we were able to catch bits and pieces of the football games (when we weren't busy selling trees). It was the best TV reception we have ever had. I also would like to thank the Koscielski family for continuing their family tradition of coming out with their red wagon to buy a tree from us every year for the last 10+ years it makes the time spent working the tree lot well worth it. (See picture)



In conclusion, I and my family would like to wish all of my Brother Knights and their families a Very Merry Christmas and a Blessed New Year.

Vivat Jesus,

Mike Kebr

Deputy Grand Knight

Fr. McCormick Council 3880



Tim, Sue, Mikayla, Lily, and Samantha Koscielski

Membership!

By PFN, PGK John Stefani

Welcome!

Please join me once again in welcoming two new Brother Knights into our Council. They are **Patrick Trainor**, on the left, and **Justin Hansen** in the middle. Please welcome them when you see them. We originally had two other Candidates who were going to come but could make it due to last minute business and family issues. However, that could mean a bigger turn-out for our next Degree, which

will be at the **Knighthood Degree** on Sunday, March 12th. We are still down about 12 additional Brother's for this year for our annual goal assigned by the State Council. Hopefully 2017 will be a good year for recruitment. In addition to the ones mentioned above, I have several others who have expressed an interest in joining. The Grand Knight also talked with others during the Christmas Tree sales and some Parish events who



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December Breakfast

By PFN, PGK John Stefani

After that crazy November breakfast, who knew what would happen for the December Breakfast with Santa. Well it started by walking into the Community Center to see the beautiful set-up, with tablecloths, centerpieces, garland, and Christmas trees that Kevin Scanlan had used to turn it into a



Christmas Wonderland! Santa was in place, goodie bags were ready for the bright-eyed children, a large display of wonderful Christmas cookies provided by the St. Thomas Choir and our own special Soft-Serve with red and green ice-cream! And the crowds came in to feast and help us celebrate. And boy



did they come in! We had a record crowd show up and the kitchen crew was in their element, turning out plate after plate. It was busy enough so that after the 9 AM Mass the crowd was so big, we just barely finished serving when the 10:30 Mass ended! One little boy was overheard telling mom

and dad that that was the best breakfast he ever had! Sounds like another convert. Can't thank everybody enough for all the hard work involved. A special thanks to Dean's Foods for the donation of the ice cream. How good was it, well, not to mention any names, but the Pastor had some, then came back in at the end wondering if there was any left! So, we got him another serving! That donated item has been a start at a couple of events lately, so don't be too surprised to see it showing up more often, like maybe with Red and White
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News from Pack and Troop 127

By Dan O'Connell

Holiday Lights Parade

For the first time in a long time, the Troop took part in the Crystal Lake Festival of Lights Parade on Friday, the day after Thanksgiving. We commandeered a flatbed trailer from one of our scouters and set about decorating it with a tent, campfire (artificial of course) complete with scouts sitting around it, flags (American and Troop) and lots of lights to turn it into a float for the parade. You can sort of see it below in the photo. WE had good participation with the scouts and scouters as well as several parents to march in the parade. We also went through a



few hundred peppermint balls and candy canes.

The Pack has been in the parade for years and the plan had been to match with them and our sponsor organization, The Notre Dame Club of McHenry County (NDCMC). However, due to an entry snafu, we ending up separate entries and the Pack had their own decorated float and NDCMC matched as their own group. Next year the plan is to have one entry with all parties together as one unit.

Hopefully some of you may have attended the parade and saw us marching. Although we did not win a prize for our entry, we are already planning for next year. The winners from the parade are below as shown on the Crystal Lake Downtown website.

2016 Trophy Winners

Several of the judges commented how difficult it was to choose the

winners. The entries in this parade just keep getting better and better!

- **Best Use of Lights** – District 47 & 155 School Bus Drivers
- **Best Use of Music** – Crystal Lake Strikers
- **Most Creative** – Trinity Oaks Christian Academy
- **Most Enthusiastic** – Sage YMCA Swim Team
- **Judge's Choice** – Too Cute Consignment

Best of Theme – A Vintage Christmas – Kenmode Tool

All in all, it was a good experience and we learned a lot for next year. This is just one more example of the benefits of Scouting and building the sense of community for the boys. Thank you for your continued support. Merry Christmas and all the best in the coming New Year.

expressed an interest. So, my list is growing, and I will keep talking to these potential candidates. But the Council and I really depend on all of you to be encourage good Catholic gentlemen to join our ranks. Think of the people you know and even just mention something you did with the Knights recently... sell Christmas Trees, work the Breakfast walk in the Parade... they are called ice-breakers. And if someone comments back on what you are saying ask him about coming along, about joining the Knights! Pat Trainor put his name done at the annual Time and Talent survey the Parish conducted. Justin Hansen was recruited by Brother SK

Mike Chmiel.

Just as the Lord says "Ask and you shall receive" when in need, it also works for us. Many, many new Knights respond to the question, "why did you join the Knights?" with the comment: "because someone asked me too!" How true. Let's not be selfish, let's share with others this great Fraternal Catholic Men's Organization. This is another form of our Sacred Oath of charity... to invite others to share in our common love.

So, we now have 6 new Brother's in the Council so far for this Fraternal Year, against our goal. Talk to them!

And others... let's all grow in God's Grace by helping all of those in need!

Reach me at:

membership@kofc3880.org , or 815-679-6596 Vivat Jesus

John Stefani,

PFN, PGK,

Council 3880 Membership Chairman



4th Degree News and Views

By PFN, PGK John Stefani

Greetings **Faithful Sir Knights** and **Worthy Brother Knights!**



The 4th Degree Bishop Boylan Assembly

0198 hopes that all of you and your families had a wonderful and Blessed Merry Christmas, and eagerly awaiting a very prosperous, healthy and Happy New Year!

Next **Patriotic Degree**, the *Fourth Degree Exemplification*, will be in February, 2017. Remember, as long as you are a Third Degree Brother Knight - in good standing, you are eligible to be-

come a Sir Knight. If you have not attained third yet, and want to advance, call Dan or myself and we will see what is available. If you are interested in becoming a Fourth Degree Sir Knight but are not able to make the February Degree or not yet Third Degree, we have options! On Sunday, March 12th, your Council 3880 will be having a **Knighthood** ceremony at St Thomas. At that time one could take **Go to Page 5**

P.A.D.S.

By Steve Bright and FDD, PGK John M. Orso



Listed below is the PADS dinner schedule for 2010-2010. A brief outline of organizing procedures follows. 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— brightones@live.com or
- John Orso (815) 477-1048— johoro@aol.com

All dinners take place at Bethany Lutheran

Church - 76 West Crystal lake Avenue.

PROCEDURES

1. PADS coordinator contacts site Manager regarding menu and determines the quantity of food needed for dinner.
2. KC meal provider purchases groceries needed .turn in all grocery receipts to Financial Secretary for reimbursement.
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 etc. In community room may be used.

5. Meal should be taken to PADS 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.

2016-2017 Schedule

01/29/2017	Bob & Vicki Kosin & Friends
02/26/2017	Pat and Dee Slowey
03/26/2017	Kathy & Vince Esposito
04/30/2017	Pat and Dee Slowey

Merry Christmas Brothers,

As this year draws to an end let us take pause and give thanks to Jesus for the many Pro Life victories in 2016. First we have a Pro Life President Elect that will be sworn into office in less than 30 days. President elect Donald Trump has stated he will appoint Pro Life Justices to the supreme court that will redirect the course of this nation for many years to come. 31 abortion mills have closed in 2016 to date. U.S. House Select Investigation Panel has found enough evidence against Planned Parenthood and their affiliates that they have recommended moving forward with criminal charges. This recommendation was sent to U.S. Federal Law Enforcement so that they can move forward with formal charges. This entire recommendation stems from the

videos confirming the selling of fetal baby body parts that broke late 2015 by Media Research Center. The investigation shows that this was not a couple of rogue employees at Planned Parenthood. It confirms this was orchestrated at the highest levels within Planned Parenthood. I will bring future information concerning this as it progresses in the new year.

Immediately following the inauguration of President elect Donald Trump we have the Nation's largest Pro Life rally, MARCH FOR LIFE 2017 (01-27-2016) in Washington DC. This rally receives zero coverage in the main stream media. Please take the time this year to spread the news of this rally. Get photos and video, share them on every possible platform that you have available to you (facebook, twitter, ect...). If the main stream media will hide the

truth from the American people then we have an obligation to find other means to bring this truth to the people. Pictures and Videos of the rally show the massive level of support that is out there, to stop abortion.

I will close with this, the Pro Life Generation is here, and we are here to stay. We will double and triple down annually until every single human life is protected from the moment of conception. The lies, deceit, and deception are done. We know the truth and we love Gods glorious little creations. In this new year let us make every effort to stop abortion and save lives. May you and your families have a Merry Christmas and may Christ always be enthroned in your heart. God Bless, Jamie Hruza

Annual Polish Dinner

By PFN, PGK John Stefani

The 2017 Polish Dinner is Here!!

We are gearing up for the rapidly approaching 2017 edition of the Annual Council 3880 Polish Dinner. With a twist or two along the way. The biggest change this year is in the food procurement. For all the years we have had this event, through the efforts of **SK Jim Skaja,**



we have gotten much of the authentic Polish delicacies from **The Lone Tree Inn** in Niles, IL. That business had been sold, so

we needed to take a different direction for financial reasons. So, WE are preparing and cooking ALL the food this year... from the pierogis to the blintzes. So, we will be sending e-mail blast messages out soon

asking for help. We have a few good Polish Brother's and their wives who have been making these Polish Ravioli (sorry, couldn't pass that up!) along with the cabbage rolls Hunter's Stew and everything else, so they have offered their assistance. We will have a pierogi party soon to make them... probably to the tune of a few thousand. So, when the call comes, please be prepared to pitch in! The largest cost to us has been the labor involved, so with our normal Knight's slave labor, we can drastically cut the cost and reap the rewards for our own coffers. And of course, each **Go to Pahe 7**

4th Degree News and Views

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the First Degree, or you can have a friend join at that time, and then the Second and or Third Degree as needed, following that. What a special Sunday afternoon that would make, and then having your spouse, special friend, parents, or children, come to meet you afterwards at the Community Center for a great dinner with your fellow inductees.

If you are already a 3rd Degree Brother, all you need to do is get the purple Form 4 from **Faithful Comptroller of the Assembly**

SK Dan O'Connell, Faithful Pilot SK Greg Ives, or myself and fill it out!

We need an additional 20 some new Sir Knights by the end of June 2017 to make Star Assembly. Please know that is NOT the reason to become a SK, but just an additional reason to fulfill that 'thought' that has been in your head for a while.

And to all Fourth Degree Sir Knights of the Assembly Honor Guard; Confirmations are starting again! We already have a call out

for January 4th, at St. Peter Church in Spring Grove. Another reason to join the 4th... donning the Regalia and processing into a church leading the way for our Bishop, also a 4th Degree Knight.

Any questions, please do not hesitate to let me know! (815) 679-6596 or you can e-mail me at the Council at membership@kofc3880.org

Vivat Jesus!

Vocation Raffle Drawing

By Dan O'Connell

This year's raffle results were much better than 2015. While we had a goal of \$2,400 (160 books), we fell short of that number. We had sales and donations totaling \$1,270 of which our Council retained \$766. That was an improvement over 2015 when our sales were only \$893. Next year, the new raffle chairman can hopefully improve the results.

The drawing was held on December 10th and the results are below. Unfortunately there were no winners from 3880. Better luck next year.

Results are :

- 1st \$ 10,000.00 Spalding Council 427 427
- 2nd \$ 2,500.00 Diane Yakais
- 3rd \$ 1,000.00 Ezio Vallese 6996
- 4th \$ 1,000.00 John & Patricia Desana 1369
- 5th \$ 1,000.00 Ronald Wisniewski 6090
- 6th \$ 1,000.00 Philip Seker 11110
- 7th \$ 5 00.00 ScoL Hatzet 10637
- 8th \$ 5 00.00 Bob Layne 3540
- 9th \$ 5 00.00 Greg Polnik 5573..
- 10th \$ 5 00.00 Joe Langhauser 2869
- 11th \$ 2 00.00 Nancy L Hoskins 11981
- 12th \$ 2 00.00 Gusman Family 2601

- 13th \$ 2 00.00 Denny Shook, Sr 1316
- 14th \$ 2 00.00 Ed Malhas 3674
- 15th \$ 2 00.00 Mr & Mrs R. Lehman 1949
- 16th \$ 1 00.00 James Zachn 665
- 17th \$ 1 00.00 Mater Chris Council 14284
- 18th \$ 1 00.00 Chicago Heights Council 997
- 19th \$ 1 00.00 Margaret Gabor 14795
- 20th \$ 1 00.00 Mrs. Josella Burchardt 13123
- Total \$ 20,000.00

Breakfast

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soft-serve at the upcoming Polish Dinner, Green and Gold for St. Pat's... and



who have also become Knights once they reach 18. Like Brother Brian O'Connell who is home on break from college so is naturally there working away. It says that our emphasis on FAMILY is working. They see dad volunteering his time for the Knights so they become involved and continue through their own adulthood. What a tremendous legacy they are leaving their children.



a special thanks to three very special ladies: Kathy Esposito for manning the Soft-Serve, always present Annette O'Connell, our honorary server Captain who helps make sure the plates go out correct, and of course, Becca Kebr, the Worthy Deputy Grand Knight's daughter who is ALWAYS everywhere helping with anything and everything that we ask of her. And continues a long line of Knight's children who have been coming with dads for years to help. There have been so many over the years, and the sons

Thanks to all the helpers, and all of



you who came with your families to enjoy and help us all out. See you the next time! Thanks, John



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Good of the Order

Knights' Dec. Birthdays:

- Thomas J. Dawson
- Ted F. Duda
- Robert Frazier
- James W. Gigl
- James P. Gray
- Michael L. Gregus
- Stephen M. Haugh
- Jacob Nice
- Brian O'Connell
- Stephen J. O'Riordan
- Jack R. Scott
- Lamont M. Sprague
- Robert Telmanik
- Matthew J. Turk
- Frank Willy

Wives' Dec. Birthday:

- Carol Anderson
- Judy Modrich
- Sue Reed
- Sheri Turk
- Lisa Waggoner

Dec. Anniversaries:

- James W. and Debra Gigl

Good of the Order

Knights of the Month:

- Ken Schutz—not Presented

Family of the Month:

- None Presented

Pray For:

- Genevieve DeLance
- Judy Blus
- Joanne Quigg
- Michaelynn Pesut
- Ginger Bradley
- Cesar Jimenez
- Sarah Kosin
- Bill Slowey
- Wilva Barlass
- Bernice Walsh
- Tom Schemerhorn
- Joe Gitlin
- Phill Wenya
- Bob Thomas
- Lori Bright
- Judy Bright
- Ellen Orso
- Martha Orso
- Maryalin Orso
- Paul Fries

If we have missed anyone's birthday, anniversary, or a special congratulations please email:

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Call (815) 455-2765

or send a note to:

Tim Hicklin

225 N. Main St.

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Notice: Please update your email addresses to receive the newsletter and email blasts!! Use the email address above.



Read the Bible and Pray the Rosary.

Remember and pray for our troops in this hopeful new year.



5th Sunday Memorial Mass

Tempus Fugit, Memento Mori!

Sunday, January 29, 2017 is the next memorial mass of the 2016 calendar year. Please plan on joining us for 9:00 AM Mass at St. Thomas the Apostle Church. We had a great turnout at the last mass in October, and we need to keep it growing!

All Knights and their FAMILIES are invited to attend. The entire

right center section of pews as you face the altar will be reserved for our council. Our council banner will be on the altar and we will be presenting the gifts in our cross formation. An impressive sight to all who attend!

As always, we will be providing coffee and doughnuts in the community center after mass. Check the refrigerator reminder cards that were mailed to you at the beginning of the year.

Annual Polish Dinner

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year we have been blessed with so many of you husband and wife and family volunteers to man the serving lines... so please be prepared to volunteer your time for that once again. Saturday, January 14th is the date. We started selling tickets at the

December Breakfast and have several tables sold already, along with individual tickets. We also need help with ticket sales at the January 7th and 8th weekend masses. That is the ONLY weekend we have for sales as both Christmas and New Year's

Day are on Sundays... so hoping for many calls from the Bulletin article and word of mouth. Call me for more info if necessary...

815 679-6596

Council Calendar

Every Third Thursday is Food Pantry from 5:00 PM to 8:00 PM

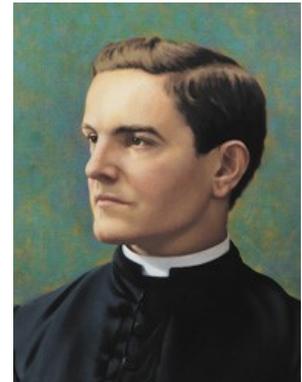
January 2017	February 2017	March 2017
1/1 Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God 1/3 Business Meeting 1/7 Blood Drive 1/14 Annual Polish Dinner 1/15 Breakfast 1/17 Social Meeting 1/19 Food Pantry Thursday 1/28 Free Throw Contest 1/29 5th Sunday Memorial Mass P.A.D.S.	2/4 Food Pantry 2/7 Business Meeting 2/16 Food Pantry Thursday 2/19 Breakfast 2/21 Social Meeting 2/26 Family Bowl P.A.D.S.	3/7 Business Meeting 3/12 Knighthood Degree (3rd) 3/16 Food Pantry Thursday 3/18 Annual St. Pat's Dinner 3/19 Breakfast 3/21 Social Meeting 3/26 P.A.D.S.

Prayer for the Canonization of Fr. Michael J. McGivney

God, our Father, protector of the poor and defender of the widow and orphan, you called your priest, Fr. Michael J. McGivney, to be an apostle of Christian family life and lead the young to the generous service of their neighbor. Through the example of his life and virtue, may we follow your Son, Jesus Christ, more closely fulfilling his commandment of charity and building up his Body which is the Church. Let the inspiration of your servant prompt

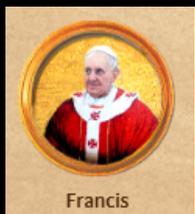
us to greater confidence in your love so that we may continue his work of caring for the needy and the outcast. We humbly ask that you glorify your venerable servant Father Michael J. McGivney on earth according to the design of your holy will. Through his intercession, bless our parish, our Knights of Columbus Council and lady's Auxiliary.

Amen.



KNIGHT LIFE

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2016—Year of Mercy



Make the Right Choice!
 Life is not Your Choice. It's Your Responsibility!

