



# KNIGHT LIFE

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## Grand Knight's Report

By Scott Popp

**M**y Dear Brothers, and Families,

January, as always was busy here in Council 3880, of course we had the "usual" business, social meeting, the always sold out annual Polish dinner, an amazing Blood drive, free throw challenge, and the monthly breakfast. I thank all of you who assisted, Please don't think I am not appreciative of everything that goes into our charitable events... I thank all of you. These functions coupled with work, family, and of course "life" have led me to change my focal point of this months article a bit.



Another month has slipped away, And can you say that you made the most of it?

I find myself time and time again trying to figure out....Where does the time go? I'm sure like all of you, we find our days are filled "too filled" with work, and "life's" activities. Let alone the MOST important things in life like Faith, and Family. I was just remarking to one of my son's that the days/weeks/months are all blending together, in one giant blur. It seems like every time I blink my eyes it's Sunday again, and another week has gone bye, and I'm not even sure if I have deepened my faith, let alone a contribution to mankind, many of you out there like myself work very hard, and log a lot of hours between work, commuting, volunteering, being a parent, and even a chauffeur for our children. Many times we don't realize how unnecessarily busy we make ourselves as well, by actions involving social media, or just with all of the electronic gadgets that seem to have taken over everyone's

life's. It raises questions?

Namely, what do we want our "Legacy" to be?

Well, I for one am making a change. Some time ago I started really holding myself accountable, for my actions by making a daily examination of conscience. And I mean **REALLY** scrutinizing my day. Did I work to evangelize? Did I thank Jesus for my existence? Did I help others? Did I cherish the moments in the car while driving the kids to there activities, or did I look at it as a burden? Was I wasteful? Did I consider other people's feelings? The list goes on and on... It does really boil down to ...The Commandments. I understand everyone's busyness, and with today's rapidly moving world I probably sound like I don't know what it's like out there, in the world, or you may think that I am plain old "crazy, or unrealistic". What I am simply saying is don't perpetuate what could be one of your greatest regrets. Only you can answer the questions right now that may arise during YOUR examination of conscience. We are all starting a new year, consider it a resolution, or even a challenge, to try and live a Holier life. Make the most of the life God gave you, FOR the glory of God.

And please remember that the Council website is updated regularly with all of our upcoming functions on the calendar page!

I thank all of you for this past year, and wish you all the best in the New Year.

God Bless you all,  
Scott

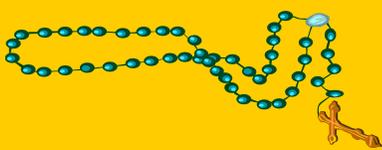
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**Pray the Rosary as a Family  
and with your KofC Brothers**

**Unity is paying back a sacrifice**

**Happy is the person who remains faithful under trials. – James: 12**

It was the first year for canoe racing in the 1924 Olympics. Bill Havens was on the four-man team to represent the U.S. in Paris. But as the time for departure neared, it was clear his wife would give birth to their first child while he was away. Bill hesitated. His wife insisted he go. But the more Bill thought about it, the more he felt his priorities lay with his wife and their first child. An alternate member took Bill's place.

The team went to Paris and won the gold. Meanwhile, Bill's wife was late in giving birth to a boy, whom they would name Frank. Bill never mentioned the disappointment in missing out on the Olympics.

In 1952, Bill got a cable from Helsinki, where the Olympics were going on. It read:

*I'm bringing home the gold medal you lost while waiting for me to be born – Frank*

**Food Food Food**

**FOOD FOOD FOOD!**

Did you miss attending the world famous Fr. McCormick Council 3880 breakfast in January? Well, don't feel too bad, it was brutally cold and apparently a lot of people decided to attend Saturday night Mass so weren't there for the breakfast. So,



We need to be faithful and remain strong whatever sacrifices we need to make.

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

KC 3880 Just Keeps Rolling Along!!

Upcoming:

- Pads Dinner January 31, 2016
- 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday January 31, 2016
- Business Meeting February 2, 2016
- Keep Christ in Christmas Poster awards
- Clergy Night February 4, 2016
- Food Pantry February 6, 2016
- Social Meeting February 16, 2016
- Monthly Breakfast February 21, 2016
- Grill Nights March 5, 2016
- St. Pats Dinner March 12, 2016

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,  
Bob Wyman,  
Deputy Grand Knight***

***By PGK, John Stefani***

missed you! But we are giving you another chance in February. The 21<sup>st</sup> to be exact... come out and give us a try if you haven't yet. We had one parishioner at the last one who said he hadn't been here for a while, and sorry he missed, the food was great.

And don't forget the Grill Knights! We needed to skip January because of the holiday being the day before, and we have to skip February for a Parish event, but starting March it —> **pg 4**

## Happy News from the Breakfast Crew!

2016, another record year coming up? We certainly hope so. Must start with saying we missed with a heavy heart Worthy Warden Pat Slowey who was absent with the sudden



passing of his mother last week. Everyone's thoughts and prayers to you and your family, Pat.

It was a little strange in the fact that we missed the normal numbers Sunday. We had a very light turnout at the first two masses, and while the response from the 2 10:30 masses was pretty good, it was different. Several commented about how funny it felt not running full tilt, and how a few comments centered around wow, we are finished with this mass and it is another

30 minutes until the next one. We aren't used to that. Maybe the fact that the temperature was an extremely low single digit was the main factor that had people attend the 4:30 Saturday Mass so they could stay in and cozy up Sunday morning. Hope so.

But the crowds we did have were the usual happy joyous group, and once again we had people stop and comment about the food. One long time parishioner stopped in the kitchen and after I admitted to his question of "Who's in charge here?" that it was me, he thanked me and all of us for a great breakfast! But I did have the GK and Dan O'Connell standing by in case I needed to say I lied and it was one of them!!! No matter how many times we have this happen, it is a good feeling and we all need to stand tall knowing how good a job we do as a team, and as a Council. Our presence is felt by our faith community, and it is ap-

preciated. Much better to go out into the cold again with a full tummy and warm thoughts!

We also had a few regulars missing, but thanks to some of the newer guys like Joe Scherb who was happy washing dishes with PGK Vinnie Esposito, and Jerry Lyons serving the plates between his new stint as a 9 O'clock usher, we got the job done, as usual. See you all in February... and if you like to keep your calendars up to date, take note that the March breakfast will be a couple weeks earlier, on the 13<sup>th</sup>, so as not to interfere with Palm and Easter Sundays.

Keep it up!!! We can't continue all of this without each and every one of you ....

John



# 4th Degree-Bishop Boylan Assembly 0198

By Dan O'Connell

Exemplification of the 4th Degree is coming up on Saturday, February 20th at the Sheraton Lisle Hotel, 3000 Warrenville Road, Lisle. If you wish to participate in the Honor Guard for this event, please be at the hotel at 10 AM on the 20th for the District Marshall's meeting to be held in the Getz Room on the first floor. The next Exemplification of the 4th Degree is April 16th at Hilton Chicago-Indian Lakes Resort, 250 W. Schick Road, Bloomingdale which dovetails perfectly with our Knighthood Ceremony (previously known as Major Degree) on **March 6,**

**2016** Any 1st or 2nd Degree Knights should consider getting to the 3rd Degree and attend this 4th Degree Exemplification in April and join the Patriotic Degree of the Knights. There is no longer a six month period required between 3rd Degree and 4th Degree. Ask John Stefani or Dan O'Connell for further information. Second notices

went out for Bishop Boylan Assembly dues. If you have questions or concerns about your bill or membership card, please contact Dan O'Connell.



# Blood Drive

By FDD, PGK John Orso

On January 16, 2016 Fr. McCormick Council 3880 held its annual Winter Blood Drive. The drive was very successful considering the frigid weather. Overall we collected 72 pints with 18 deferrals.

We wish to congratulate the council for the gift of ongoing life. At this time of year there is always a shortage and again we stepped up.



# After the Polish Dinner

By PGK, John Stefani

Well, we did it again! Once more the Council hosted a jam-packed Community center for the 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Polish dinner. Just over 240 paying diners plus over 25 workers enjoyed a feast of polish treats. This article is from the 'kitchen' side of the event. Without saying, a special tribute to Jim Skaja who procured the food from both the Lone Tree Inn in Niles and the Bacik's Deli, also in Niles. Every year these establishments have come forward thanks to Jim to provide and or contribute food to the event. Actually, Maria, who was the proprietor of Lone Tree Inn, has donated food to this event for seven of those years. Everything else that was served was prepared right here in the

kitchen by 'us'! A most special thanks to Irene Skaja for coming in and preparing her world famous Beef mushroom barley soup that has been the backbone of almost every one of the Polish Dinners. This year, Irene even brought her very own sous chef, Nancy Modrich, wife of PGK Bob Modrich. Assisting me in the kitchen as usual was my own team of sous chefs, Dan O'Connell, Mike Jasinski, Dave Mazurk and GK Scott Popp. We even had the assistance of Pastry Chef Sue Stefani who created the wonderful filling for the nalesniki, which she and Dan then filled and rolled all 300 of them! Each year I am getting just a bit older, and each and every one of these

people have been there to carry the load and make sure everything gets done... manning the ovens, Dan doing the mashed potatoes, Mike breathing life into the tastiest gravy imaginable, Dave showing up and then slinking away when the work is finished so I really don't get to thank him then and there. And the clean up! Thank goodness that the crew of DGK Bob Wyman, PGK Vince Esposito, Mike Kebr and company were in back trying to keep up with the rest of us making a mess! And that was just from the cooking let alone all of the plates and silverware from the dinner itself!

A special thanks also goes to Cheryl Newport who took over the → pg 6

# Food Food Food

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will pick right up again. As we go we see bigger crowds showing up, but a lot of frequent faces... so people aren't just coming back month after month because of sheer boredom. The food is good and the price can't be beat... soup, salad, and entrée and dessert

for less than McD's... and a million calories less to boot!

AND... with the solemn season of Lent rapidly approaching, the Council will again be offering the Lenten Friday meals... light easy meatless fares that are not a penance for your mouth, but strength for the soul before walking into the church to attend the Stations of the Cross.

BUT... then we also have St. Paddy's day, with the usual Kevin O'Scanlan Irish Feast

coming up on a warm March evening... watch for the actual as with Easter in March, things will be moving, like the Breakfast on the 13<sup>th</sup>, a few weeks early.



Hope to see you at some, or all, of these events. Remember, workers are needed to make these successful, but people attending the events is what gives is the funds for the performing the great acts of Charity that we do!



# A Month in the Life of Fr. McCormick Council

Keep Christ in Christmas Contest



Above, are the three winning Poster Drawings submitted by grade schoolers for "Keep Christ in Christmas."

Winners will be announced shortly and awards presented.



Above are the participants in the KofC annual Free Throw Championships. Each Winner of their age groups will go on to the District championship and after that the State Contest. Congratulations.

**It's coming again!!! What?? Why the annual Fr. McCormick Council 3880 Major Degree!!! Oops! No, it's the KNIGHTHOOD DEGREE!** It seems that after dozens of years Supreme has decided to change the name, but the game is the same.... NEW BROTHER KNIGHTS!

For as long as I have been a part of 3880 we have conducted our annual Spring recruitment drive and installation. Last year, still as the Major Degree, we had a great success in bringing in almost a dozen new Brothers into the Council, part of the over 23 that joined us last year and helped us achieve the **START COUNCIL** award. It was a thrill having three awards presented to the Officer council by the District Deputy. They were awards that each and every one of you helped us achieve... by getting new members, by being a new member, by taking part in one or some or all of the many, many activities that we held all year long. Those are all things that make 3880 the great

council it is, and has been since the 50's. So, this year, on Sunday, March 6<sup>th</sup> we will do it again... and as Membership Director, I will soon be sending letters inviting all of our 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree Brothers to take another step in the commitment that they started... some in the past year, some many years ago... but a step that needs to be taken by all of us... a step towards full involvement in the Knights.

Do you even *remember* your 1<sup>st</sup> Degree Ceremony? Now is the time to get re-involved. All of the ceremonies have been updated over the past few years. Come on out and see. If you are a First Degree, come and take the Second and Third and first sit through the new First Degree and relive what brought you in. Are you a Second Degree, come sit through the first two that participate in the Third Degree Ceremony. Take a minute right now and think about WHY you became a Knight.

What prompted you back then, besides someone twisting your arm J. And while you are doing that, think of someone you know... a son, a brother, a father, a neighbor who is Catholic and is looking for a little something more out of life. Come and pick up a new short Form 100... get them signed up, tell me you want to advance... register for the couple of hours it will take to rejuvenate your life... for you and your spouse and your family... Sunday, Marc 6<sup>th</sup>, starting at noon... with a great dinner after wards...

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

Need a Form 100 (The NEW short Form!)? see me or they are in the small stand just inside the door to the Community Center at Church.

PEACE. I can be reached at: (815) 679-6596, or [Membership@kofc3880.org](mailto:Membership@kofc3880.org)

# Boy Scouts

And The Saga Continues...

As readers of this column, you know the chartering of the Pack and Troop by the Knights is coming to an end. We approached St. Thomas Parish about sponsoring us since we are considered a ministry of the church but based on feedback from the Diocese and decisions made by the Parish leadership, they will not be a charter candidate for us. We will continue to meet at St. Thomas at least through June and possibly longer. We will be having those discussions with St. Thomas over the next few weeks.



We are in touch with both Sycamore District and Blackhawk Area Council

leadership about potential charter organizations. They assure us that it should not be an issue and we will be discussing the options with them shortly. We are also exploring one possible charter group that has come to us from one of our fellow Knights and expressed interest in chartering the Troop and Pack. We will keep you up to date as we progress through this process with all of the aforementioned parties. Our goal is to have a charter organization in place well before our charter expires at the end of March and continue Pack 127 and Troop 127 at St. Thomas.

For now, it is business as usual. With that in mind, the Troop is on its way to Klondike Derby and the Polar Bear sleepover on January 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> in Harvard. The Pack will hold its Pin-

ewood Derby on January 29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> in the Community Center. We plan to continue to follow our calendars through the rest of the Scouting year which ends in May and hope to be planning our 2016-2017 calendar.

I will keep you abreast of the exploits of the scouts for now as we transition to a new charter group but certainly want to keep our ties with the Knights of Columbus who have been terrific to the Pack and Troop over the years. We appreciate all you have done and thank you for helping build our solid citizens of tomorrow. God bless you and your families throughout 2016.



I would like to encourage my fellow knights, who have Facebook accounts to come, visit and like your 3880 Council at <https://www.facebook.com/kofc3880/?fref=ts> It's a great way to keep up with council activities.

This is a public posting of my request for funding. In previous years, I've asked up to \$200 and \$250 to have the council sponsor a hole at a Golf Outing fundraiser for Association of Horizon Summer Camp. I'm asking the council to increase that to the cost of one person - camper or volunteer - at Camp \$450. 100% of a sponsorship goes to fund Camp.

Here's a link to our web site: <http://associationofhorizon.org/wordpress/>

This year's camp in July 17th to 23rd at the Timber Pointe Outdoor Center on Lake Bloomington downstate. We provide a 6-day summer camp experience for adults with physical disabilities. Each camper is assigned a volunteer attendant for personal care and companionship for the week. The adult camper gets a fun-filled week of activities and socializing. A change from facility life. A respite for fam-

ily members. Many of our volunteers are high school and college students having their first exposure to the perspective of the disabled. A great place for personal challenges.

If you know of a family member or friend who is an adult within a wide range of physical disabilities including Muscular Dystrophy, Cerebral Palsy and Multiple Sclerosis, please have them register for Camp now. Camp is free for the campers and all volunteers, and our 104 slots for campers fills and generates a waiting list.

If you know of a family member or friend who is a retired adult (maybe the saintly mrs would like to see you out of the house for a week...), who would like to volunteer. Anyone 16 years of age, or older, who can donate a week of their time & energy is welcomed. No previous experience is necessary — just a willingness to help. I am also a BSA councilor for the Disabilities Awareness merit badge.

I invite any member of the council to visit Camp during the week. We need set-up and take-down on Saturday. We have grill night most evenings and would welcome guest grillers and assistants.



To make this all happen for 104 campers and 124 volunteers for a week run \$93,000 or \$450 per person. I will bring up a motion to ask for that donation amount at the February business meeting. In exchange, the Council will be recognized as a golf outing sponsor, with hole sponsorship program mention, link to the council web site from the golf outing web site and other recognitions. Association of Horizon friends have worked the Tootsie Roll drive and have attended K of C events.

## After the Polish Dinner

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duties of manning (um, womanning?) the front table at the door. We had a number of tickets that because of time where on-hold at the door so had to be paid for. She took that over with her usual enthusiasm and was also helped by **Yvonne Scott** as it was getting busy to keep everything rolling along. They also took turns at the mic as needed and helped **Brother John Scott** with the very successful 50/50 raffle. And of course, then there was the dining room itself. **Kevin Scanlon** once again pulled out all the stops and transformed the room into a very festive site, working both Friday nights and all day Saturday. Kevin

gave me a list of all the helpers, and here it is, but like mine, if a name was forgotten (or misspelled) our sincerest apologies.

**Chuck & Barb Feck, Dennis McCoy, Mike Kebr, Beca Kebr, Bob Wyman, Pete Harren, Martin Weniger, Jerry Lyons, Corinne Schremp, Ralph & Gail Gebert, Scott Cherniak, Steve & Ruth Carlson, Trevor O'Donnell, Marty & Marilyn Zopp, Chris, Angela, Dillon & Ryan Krambeer, James Hruza, John, Yvonne, Jack Scott, Bob & Cheryl Newport, Steve Haugh, Joe Scherb, and Matt Carzoli.** Again, if anyone was missed on the list it was my er-

ror, and apologies to all.

To the General Chairman, Grand Knight Scott Popp, and to my Co-Chairs in the kitchen, Jim Skaja, Dan O'Connell and Mike Jasinski, to the Dining Room Captain Kevin Scanlon, and the clean-up and bar crews, my undying thanks for all of your time, effort and contributions. Maybe as Truman said, "the buck stops here!" but without all of you, there is no buck to pass!

Peace and God Bless! John.... See you next year!!!

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## For the Good of the Order

### Knights' February Birthdays:

- Patrick J. Cleary
- Edward J. Dvorak
- Keith M. Fisher
- Thomas P. Harold
- Donald F. Kolosieke
- Robert Kosin
- Charles Lundgren
- Kyle Manno
- Matthias Martin
- Robert L. Modrich
- Ronald L. Modrich
- Marc Niemann
- Trevor D. O'Donnell
- John B. Scott
- E. James Skaja
- Mike Wypasek

### Wives' February Birthdays:

- Judie Bright

- Diana Daniel
- Lynn Faye
- Cari Goode
- Donna Gray
- Catherine Stump
- Linda Walsh

### February Anniversaries:

- John M. and Karen Ferrero, III

### Good of the Order: Knight of the Month

- Bob Wyman
- Mike Kebr
- Vince Esposito:

### Family of the Month:

- Mark Allen

**Notice:** If we have missed anyone's

birthday, anniversary, or a special congratulations please email:

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Read the Bible and  
Pray the  
Rosary.

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



## Fifth Sunday Reminder

### Tempus Fugit, Memento Mori!

**Sunday, January 31, 2016**, 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.

## P.A.D.S.

By Steve Bright



### PROCEDURES

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

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

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.

### 2015-2016 Schedule

Dates	Volunteers
1/31/2016	Jim Skaja
2/28/2016	Pat Slowey
3/27/2016	Scott Popp Family
4/24/2011	Vince and Kathy Esposito

## February 2016

## March 2016

## April 2016

2/2 Business Meeting  
2/16 Social Meeting  
2/21 Breakfast  
2/28 PADS

3/1 Business Meeting  
3/5 Grill Night  
3/6 Knighthood Degree  
3/13 Breakfast  
3/15 Social Meeting  
3/27 PADS

4/2 Food Pantry and Grill Night  
4/5 Business Meeting  
4/17 Breakfast  
4/19 Social Meeting  
4/27 P.A.D.S.

# Final Thoughts

## Our Principles

All the good works we do are informed by our four core principles:

**Charity** - Our Catholic faith teaches us to "Love thy neighbor as thyself." Members of the Knights of Columbus show love for their neighbors by conducting food drives and donating the food to local soup kitchens and food pantries, by volunteering at Special Olympics, and by supporting, both spiritually and materially, mothers who choose life for their babies. Knights recognize that our mission, and our faith in God, compels us to action. There is no better way to experience love and compassion than by helping those in need, a call we answer every day.

**Unity** – None of us is as good as all of us. Members of the Knights of Columbus all know that – together – we can accomplish far more than any of us could individually. So we stick together...we support one another. That doesn't mean that we always agree or that there is never a difference of opinion. It does mean that – as a Knight of Columbus – you can count on the support and encouragement of your brother Knights as you work to make life better in your parish and community.

**Fraternity** – The Venerable Michael J. McGivney founded the Knights of Columbus, in large part, to provide assistance to the widows and children left behind when the family breadwinner died – often prematurely. The Order's top-rated insurance program contin-

ues to do this today, as do individual Knights, who last year gave more than 10 million hours of their time to assist sick and/or disabled members and their families. In the Knights of Columbus, we watch out for and take care of one another.

**Patriotism** – Members of the Knights of Columbus, be they Americans, Canadians, Mexicans, Cubans, Filipinos, Poles, or Dominicans, are patriotic citizens. We are proud of our devotion to God and country, and believe in standing up for both. Whether it's in public or private, the Knights remind the world that Catholics support their nations and are amongst the greatest citizens.

# KNIGHT LIFE

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Francis

2016—Year of Mercy



**Make the Right Choice!**  
**Live and Vote Pro-Life.**  
**Life is not Your Choice. It's Your Responsibility!**

