Dear Brothers:

From the wandering mind of the Grand Knight ...

As things go this is the hardest job I have as Grand Knight. That is to write about a fellow council member's death. As most of you are aware by this time we lost Bob Follmer who died on March 7th. To Page 2.

Deputy Grand Knight’s Report

By Tim Hicklin

Deputy Grand Knight’s Thoughts and Views:

From the meanderings of the DGK.

Brothers,

Lent is almost over and starting 4/1 it’s the week of our lord’s passion. As this Sunday’s Gospel stated — those who love this life will lose it and those who

O, Tis the Wearin’ of the Green! By Kevin Scanlan

After initial shaky sales, this year’s St. Patrick’s Dinner was one of the best ever. Thanks to the priests of the parish for talking this event up. We had more than enough tables sold. The Macarthy Dancers provided the evening’s entertainment and they were out of this world.

Now on to our 44th annual dinner next year.
**Grand Knight’s Report**

Bob did so much for this council and I am very proud to have known him. He was instrumental in getting the brat-mobile together and the council having the relationship we have with the Crystal Lake downtown association. Bob was also a member of the Marian Central Scholarship committee and last but not least one of the Hawaiian shirt guys. These members are the heart and soul of our council. Let’s hope we don’t lose anymore for a long time to come. My condolences go out to Bob’s Family. Let’s hope that his soul will be as active in eternal life as it was when he spent time with us here on earth. We have council members who lost a parent this month. Matt Turk lost his father on the 16th and Mike Kebr lost his mother on the 17th.

All of this brings to mind that we are only here on this earth for such a short time. All of us need to be reminded of this from time to time. Life is to prepare us for eternal life. We make preparations for parties, vacation and of course retirement. What type of preparations have you made for entering or not entering paradise?

March also bring to an end the third quarter of the fraternal year. The nomination committee is working on the next nominees to the officer’s chairs. Please consider being one of the 13 who make the decisions regarding the future of this council.

The St. Patrick’s Day dinner was a rousing success as was the March breakfast the next morning. I’m so glad to see so many who helped with both events all within a 12 hour period.

Easter is right around the corner and our April meeting is set for the Tuesday of Holy Week. Come early and join us and pray the rosary starting at 7:30 pm. Start the Easter week with honoring the Blessed Virgin.

On Easter we celebrate the Resurrection of Jesus. The temple of his Body was destroyed and rebuilt in 3 days. He overcame all obstacles of mankind’s doing. He overcame the evil of mankind when tempted in the desert. He overcame the evils of society by forgiving even those who killed him. He overcame the one thing mankind will never overcome even with the most advance science that of course is death. Jesus shows us that death is an obstacle but with his help we all can have life after death.

What type of preparations have you made for entering or not entering paradise?

Vivat Jesus,

Vince Esposito

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**Deputy Grand Knight’s Report**

hate this life and its sins will gain eternal salvation. Our Lord gave up his life for our salvation. This is a time of reflection. I realize that many of us gave something up for Lent. That is a great sacrifice for many of us. We also need to truly share with someone in need. We need to be charitable which is the fundamental belief of our order. Charity begins at home—have we been charitable to our family? Have we spent adequate time with our spouses, children and parents?

Then it goes to Church and Community. Have we served our Church by giving a little extra to the parish so they can use that money for their tithe to organizations in need.? Have we offered to serve our parishioners or the priests with time to serve?

Finally, have we served our community by being an example of our faith? Did we offer assistance where needed?

In the final days of Lent, reflect on these ideals. See if you can give more of yourself without sacrificing our families, church and community.

And, please pray for the Follmer family on the loss of Bob Follmer who was a great example of what a brother should be by his example of faith, hope and charity.

Til next month!

Vivat Jesus,

Tim Hicklin

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Greetings Sir Knights, Brother Knights and family and friends!

Spring is here! And just before it got here, we had a record number of record setting days weather wise... I would love to see the trend continue with our Council 3880 lead the way with new 4th Degree Candidates. We have an exemplification coming up in early April, and I have one confirmed application so far, with several other possible coming in. CALL ME if interested… you need to be a 4th Degree Brother Knight who has been in the Order for a minimum of 6 months. Of course, the record for Fr. McCormick is over 30 at one time! But I would be very happy with a doze-

We are already doing Honor Guards for Confirmations… just that only a few involve the Bishop... most are for Monsignors... Bishop Doran is scheduled to do the one at St’s Peter & Paul in Cary on March 25th. The Confirmation at St. Thomas the Apostle is scheduled for Sunday, April 29th, at 4:00 PM. .. just hot off the presses, as you may have heard, the Diocese of Rockford has a new Bishop. Monsignor David Malloy of Wisconsin has been selected by the Holy Father to succeed Bishop Doran. That is barely a month from now until our Confirmation, and have no idea of when Msgr. Malloy will be elevated to Bishop, nor when it will take over. But it can be a goal for you to become a 4th Degree Sir Knight so you can participate in an up-coming Honor Guard.

And as with our Council, elections for the Assembly Officers for the Fraternal Year of 2012 – 2013 are fast approaching. The nomi-nating committee has been appointed and are going through a lot of the inventory that I carry. And, we also did a buffet style break-fast for the Jail Ministry group a few weeks ago that we provided for them for free, because they do so much for the community, and because our BROTHER JOHN L. ORSO was one of the founding fathers of this moist noble group, and who could possibly say no to anything involving John?

So keep coming on those Third Sundays… to work or to partake in the feast.. we are re-stocking our larder and will be eagerly await-ing to serve and feed you and your family and friends…

See ya here and all around, see ya in church!

Vivat Jesus! John

Do you remember learning this in school? A retired teacher friend said that when she taught fourth grade there was a whole chapter devoted to it. I don’t re-member learning it, but I have re-ceived this email before. It’s proba-bly one of those things that have been deleted from our curricu-lum.

History from a $1 Bill-Fascinating! Read all the way to the bottom to know about Haym Salomon

On the rear of the One Dollar bill, you will see two circles. Together, they comprise the Great Seal of the United States. The First Continental Congress requested that Benjamin Franklin and a group of men come up with a Seal. It took this group four years to accomplish the task and another two years to get it approved.

If you look at the left-hand circle, you will see a Pyramid. Notice the face is lighted, and the western side is dark. This country was just beginning. We had not begun to To Page 6

March Breakfast

It is Spring!!

With the gorgeous warm, record breaking weather we have been having, coupled with a fun-filled and jam packed Community Center on Saturday night, we were a bit curious on the crowd we could get on a warm Sunday morning for the March Breakfast. Would everyone opt out of stopping so as to get home and get a start on being out in this beautiful sunshine? Would all of our 7:30 Mass regulars not show up as they went to mass on Saturday nights so they could go right to Kevin Scanlon’s St. Pat’s Party?

Well, it seemed we had nothing to worry about! Even the after 7:30 AM Mass, which has been very slow these past few months, was a big, happy crowd. And many of the regulars, like the Mike Romanelli family, where at the dinner and then right there for the breakfast. As usual.

We had some people doing different jobs again, as several of the regulars had other commitments. But then a few of our regular regulars, such as Glenn and PGK Pat filled in as needed, and new regular, like K of C Insurance Agent Dave Mazurk, just stepped right in, making those wonderful Belgian Waffles while Ken Arntzer was off on a family function.

The rest of the morning seemed to flow along as usual, as I then took off early to catch a plane for a business trip. Based on what I could see before I left, and from the txt that Worthy Financial Secretary Steve Haugh sent to me at the end of breakfast... yes, I said the he TEXTED me the financial results. But we still made money... not quite as much as in recent months, because we have been

A $1.00 History Lesson worth untold millions!

By PGK, John Stefani

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Boy Scouts

With Warm Weather…

The scouts are abuzz with the very nice weather we have been having. Between the Troop and the Pack, many outdoor activities are being planned to add adventure to the lives of many young men.

The Pack has started a monthly hiking event that goes a minimum of 2 miles and up to 5 miles at various sites throughout the McHenry County Conservation District. It gives the boys an opportunity to observe nature, enhance their skills in compass and build up those muscles. The last one included geocaching as one of the activities they enjoyed on the trail.

They have several outings planned. In April they will be traveling to Galena, Illinois for Grant Pilgrimage. In May, Woods of Webelos will take place at Camp Lowden in Oregon, Illinois. In June, the annual family campout will take place at Rush Creek in Harvard, Illinois. As you can see, they are crisscrossing the state looking for adventure.

They are also looking at a rocket activity at the Challenger Museum in Woodstock in May and sleeping over on a submarine in the Challenger Museum in Woodstock in June. They are also looking at a rocket activity at Harvard, Illinois. As you can see, they are crisscrossing the state looking for adventure.

They have a very busy schedule planned. The Troop’s activity has also picked up. They are planning to attend the Lincoln Pilgrimage in Springfield, Illinois at the end of April and participate in a 20 mile hike while there. This is one of the requirements of the Hiking merit badge. May and June are at Shabonna Lake and Nunda Youth Camp respectively.

Summer camp in July will be at Canyon Camp in Stockton, Illinois. We are looking forward to the seven new scouts that joined Troop 127 attending their first summer camp and the older scouts going after a boatload of merit badges as well as other learning opportunities that will be presented there.

August brings a wilderness canoe trip in Michigan; September is our Court of Honor at The Hollows where we invite Webelos from Packs around Crystal Lake that may want to join Troop 127. In October, we head to Devils Lake in Baraboo, Wisconsin. We are going to be busy.

As you are reading this, yours truly along with other scouts and scouters will be on a 50 foot sailboat in the Florida Keys experiencing a week on the water at Sea Base on Is- la morada, Florida. I hope to have some interesting stories for our next Knight Life. Until then, the Cub Scouts of Pack 127 and the Boy Scouts of Troop 127 as well as all the adult volunteers of both organizations would like to thank Father McCormick Council 3880 for the adventure opportunities you have provided for hundreds of scouts over the years.

On a sad note, SK Mike Kehr, the Scoutmaster for Troop 127, lost his mother, Theresa to a long battle with congestive heart failure. She passed on peacefully in her sleep on March 17th surrounded by her loved ones. All the scouts and scouters from the Pack and the Troop send our condolences and prayers to Mike and his family at this difficult time.

Emissaries Program

Here’s a program for us to consider…

Here’s info from last Autumn… Collectively we touched many hearts and warmly invited about 2,500 families to the Science Tests Faith program at St. Thomas. The Science Tests Faith program put on by Tim Francis packed the house for the 3 nights he was here. As a result many people came back to Confession, Adoration and came to realize the true presence of Jesus in the Eucharist – PRAISE GOD!!! The follow-up Reason to Believe program is still going strong in April.

We will again be hitting the streets on Saturday, April 14th from 9am-12pm. Again, we are looking for 400+ volunteers to help us distribute CD’s and invitations which will be all put together in a door hanger. I think those who went would tell you it was not as scary as they first thought and felt very worthwhile. We will be inviting the people within our St. Thomas boundaries to a one evening Science Test Faith event on Monday, April 23rd from 7-9pm, hosted by Tim Francis. This evening will be very similar to the one held last November.

Here are the three events we need help with:

1. We need people to help pass out a CD gift to all our families on Easter Sunday.
   We will have many parishioners who come on Easter only and we would love to warmly invite them to our Science Tests Faith. If you can help with this one, please let me know what Mass or Masses you can help with. We will need at least 10 people per Mass. Kids are encouraged to help also!

2. We need people to pack approx. 4,000 bags on Wednesday, April 11th at 7pm in the Community Center.

3. Lastly, but certainly not least – we need approximately 400+ people to hit the streets on Saturday, April 14th to knock on doors and invite people to the Science Test Faith event.

Please email me if you can help with any of these projects, keeping in mind that the Emissaries event on April 14th is the most important of all!!! Can’t thank you enough for all your help in the past and look forward to doing it again with you this spring. May God Bless your Lent!

JoEllen Gregus
Program coordinator
Wife of Brother, Mike Gregus
Brother Knights,

The following is an excerpt from a letter Martin Fox of the National Pro-Life Alliance. Seems to me the only way to change this is our Vote. Remember in November!

Excerpt

I love watching chimpanzees. They are, without a doubt, one of God’s most fascinating creatures.

Recently, there’s been loud fanfare about the move by the National Institute of Health to ban medical testing on chimpanzees. Animal rights groups are concerned about the suffering that these apes might have to endure. They are poked and probed, injected with harsh, deadly chemicals, and then left to languish in agony while deadly drugs do their work.

Sound gruesomely familiar?

Isn’t that what abortionists do to millions of innocents in the womb every day?

But, isn’t it grossly unjust that there should be government intervention -- heck, entire agencies -- to protect monkeys, yet billions of our tax dollars every year to brutal abortion mills, with hardly any oversight or limitation?

How can there be such joyful hoopla in the media over the banning of chimp testing because of ethical qualms, but that same media treats with distinct moral outrage the issue of abortion.

Americans like to view themselves as compassionate to weaker creatures. But the media has things seriously skewed when it comes to protecting the lives of the unborn.

Abortion is just plain evil.

All life is precious, but there is something seriously wrong when chimps have more protection -- much more -- than human babies do.

That’s where you and other members of the National Pro-Life Alliance come in.

We are fighting the fight that matters, and we will never stop fighting for what is right, until together, we not only end taxpayer funding of abortion, but also pass a Life at Conception Act to overturn Roe v. Wade.

While we have compassion for all life, shouldn’t a precious baby be given more consideration, and government protection, first, above all others?

End of excerpt

In accordance with our rules specific political references have been omitted.

Vivat Jesus,

Jeff Faye, Sr. PGK, Pro-Life Director

I am taking names for the upcoming season and only three slots are left. If you would like to due a dinner or have questions please call Steve Bright at 815-459-6999. Bless you All!

Listed below is the PADS dinner schedule for 2011-2012. 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 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 and 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.

2011-2012 Schedule

This last P.A.D.S. dinner on April 29, 2011

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explore the west or decided what we could do for Western Civilization. The Pyramid is uncapped, again signifying that we were not even close to being finished. Inside the Capstone you have the all-seeing eye, an ancient symbol for divinity. It was Franklin's belief that one man couldn't do it alone, but a group of men, with the help of God, could do anything.

'IN GOD WE TRUST' is on this currency. The Latin above the pyramid, ANNUIT COEPTIS, means, 'God has favored our undertaking.' The Latin below the pyramid, NOVUS ORDO SECLORUM, means, 'a new order has begun.' At the base of the pyramid is the Roman numeral for 1776 (MDCCCLXXVI).

Check the right-hand circle carefully and you will notice that it is on every National Cemetery in the United States. It is also on the Parade of Flags Walkway at the Bushnell, Florida National Cemetery, and is the centerpiece of most heroes' monuments. Slightly modified, it is the seal of the President of the United States, and it is always visible whenever he speaks, yet very few people know what the symbols mean.

The Bald Eagle was selected as a symbol for victory for two reasons: first, he is not afraid of a storm; he is strong, and he is smart enough to soar above it. Secondly, he wears no material crown. We had just broken from the King of England. Also, notice the shield is unsupported. This country can now stand on its own. At the top of that shield you have a white bar signifying congress, a unifying factor. We were coming together as one nation. In the Eagle's beak you read:

'E PLURIBUS UNUM' meaning, 'from many - one.'

Above the Eagle, you have the thirteen stars, representing the thirteen original colonies, and any clouds of misunderstanding rolling away. Again, we were coming together as one. Notice what the Eagle holds in his talons. He holds an olive branch and arrows. This country wants peace, but we will never be afraid to fight to preserve peace. The Eagle always wants to face the olive branch, but in time of war, his gaze turns toward the arrows.

They say that the number 13 is an unlucky number. This is almost a worldwide belief. You will usually never see a room numbered 13, or any hotels or motels with a 13th floor. But think about this:

13 original colonies,
13 signers of the Declaration of Independence,
13 stripes on our flag,
13 steps on the Pyramid,
13 letters in 'Annuit Coeptis,'
13 letters in 'E Pluribus Unum,'
13 stars above the Eagle,
13 bars on that shield,
13 leaves on the olive branch,
13 fruits, and if you look closely,
13 arrows.

And finally, if you notice the arrangement of the 13 stars in the right-hand circle you will see that they are arranged as a Star of David. This was ordered by George Washington who, when he asked Haym Salomon, a wealthy Philadelphia Jew, what he would like as a personal reward for his services to the Continental Army, Salomon said he wanted nothing for himself but that he would like something for his people. The Star of David was the result. Few people know that it was Solomon who saved the Army through his financial contributions but died a pauper. Haym Salomon gave $25 million to the Continental Army, money that was extremely important to our independence from England.

Most people do not know this. Your children probably do NOT know this, and their history teachers probably do not know this. Too many veterans have given up too much to ever let the meaning fade. Many veterans remember coming home to an America that did NOT care. Too many veterans never came home at all...
For the Good of the Order

Knights March Birthdays:
• Jim Batastini
• David A. Behm
• Patrick E. Bradley
• Todd Bright
• E. Thomas Cunningham
• John L. Freund
• Michael Habisohn
• Edward L. Kiers
• Robert R. Malone
• Tadeusz B. Orlos
• C. James Roach
• Thomas J. Roti
• David W. Russel
• Robert Rybarczyk
• Charles G. Stump
• Ernest Tennes
• Chris J. Tumblin
• Paul C. Wilson

• Annette O'Connell
• Lisa Tambellini

March Anniversaries:
• Kevin and Carol Anderson
• Mark and Christina Benker
• Norman and Dorothy Giambi
• Joe and Mary Hodorowicz
• Richard E. and Claudia Kendzior
• David P. and Jerrilynn Mazurk

Wives March Birthdays:
• Jacquelyn Behm
• Maureen Hubbard
• Mandi Kaup
• Judy Miloch

Good of the Order:
Pray for:
In this month of remembrance we remember the following:
• The prayer list will accompany the minutes.
• The 50 million or more aborted babies in the United States since Roe v. Wade.

Knight of the Month:
None Presented

Family of the Month:
None Presented

Certificate of Merit:
None Presented

Notice: 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:
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Fifth Sunday Reminder

Mark your calendars for our 5th Sunday Masses.
Keep this card on your refrigerator as a reminder.
Join with your brother Knights and families in prayer, at the 9:00 AM Mass on the following dates:
January 29, 2012
April 29, 2012
July 29, 2012
September 30, 2012
December 30, 2012

Reminder

Remember to wear your 3880 badge!

Tempus Fugit, Memento Mori!

Sunday, April 29, 2012 is the first memorial mass of the 2012 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 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.
Brother Knights,

The current fiscal year is coming to a close and the election of officers for the upcoming year will soon be upon us. The process is straightforward and thoughtful. At the March business meeting the nominating committee was appointed by current GK Vince Esposito. The committee includes PGK Pat Maguire, PGK John Stefani, former membership director Steve Bright, myself and ex-officio GK Vince Esposito.

At the April business meeting the nominating committee will formally ask for volunteers and recommendations for those willing and able to serve in the highly responsible roles of council offices and appointees. All volunteers and names brought forward will be considered by the nominating committee. At the April social meeting the nominating committee will meet individually with all wishing to seek an office or appointee position. The nominating committee will present a complete list of nominations at the May business meeting. Elections will be held at the June business meeting. Please keep in mind that at the June business meeting nominations may also be entered from the floor to challenge any office.

All interested should go to kofc.org officers handbook to learn exactly what the responsibilities of each office are.

E-mail addresses for active committee members are PGK Jeff Faye jcfaye@sbcglobal.net, PGK Pat Maguire danmaguire2003@yahoo.com, PGK John Stefani jstefani44@aol.com and Steve Bright brightones1@live.com Please feel free to contact any of us with any concerns or questions, but please also CC all of us for discussion sake.

Vivat Jesus,
Jeff Faye, Sr., PGK Chairman

Election Notice

June 2012
5 Business Meeting
Officer Elections
10 Corpus Christi celebrated.
Breakfast
17 Father’s Day
19 Installation and Dinner / Social Meeting
30 Fraternal Year Ends

Council Calendar 2011-2012

April 2012
1 Passion Sunday
3 Business Meeting
6 Good Friday
8 Easter
15 Breakfast and Divine Mercy Sunday
17 Social Meeting
29 5th Sunday Memorial Mass
P.A.D.S.

May 2012
1 Business Meeting
4, 5, 6 State Convention
13 Mothers Day
15 Social Meeting
19 Armed Forces Day
27 Pentecost
28 Memorial Day

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