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Grand Knight's Report

Scott Popp

My Dear Brother Brothers and Families,

In the coming weeks you can expect to receive a phone call from one of your Brother Knights, please take the time to answer a few questions, we hope with the feedback we receive to be able to move into the future. We're trying to come up with solutions as to why at times we have poor attendance/ response. Please feel free to be brutally honest, we can't grow, and improve without having our shortcomings exposed...there will be no hard feelings.

We are rapidly approaching the end of the year, and where has the time gone? I know I'm a little ahead of myself with that statement, at the time of this writing we haven't even celebrated Thanksgiving! But, as I am getting older the time is moving faster, and faster- at least it seems that way. So, I would like to touch base on a reoccurring struggle we are having in the Council, and please be understanding but, it also is centered on time- and the lack we have of it.

In this past year, we have had to cancel two events (golf outing, and the appreciation dinner), and decline others (staffing of the PADS shelter on 5th Saturday's- due to a lack of available workers), I know that some of these functions don't seem to carry any significance to the whole, but I believe the trend we are seeing is a sign of what's around the bend, and it worries me. This past week we held a memorial mass for our fallen Brothers, and unfortunately the turnout was very poor. I feel sad for this family of ours for those of you who missed out on getting to know the 138 deceased Brothers of Council #3880. These were beyond a shadow of a doubt some of the best people I have ever been involved with, not to mention the rich history which they possessed. These men WERE, and ARE history.

Family absolutely comes first, however we mustn't let complacency, and laziness define our mission, we are The Knights of Columbus . These various functions ARE significant on several different levels, certainly there is the aspect of raising funds for CHARITY, but there is an offspring of our charity work..... camaraderie, Brotherhood (and sisterhood for our wives too!) and close sharing that goes on at these events. What I mean in sharing, is that we are Brothers, many of us don't have the closeness for various reasons to our own blood (siblings), and whether we are aware of it or not we are a support system for each other. I have become much closer with my Brother Knights than my own family in many cases (and that



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Grand Knight's Report, *continued*

may be something that many of you find disgraceful, for that I am sorry), as we grow and mature we start to realize more and more what makes us happy, and where we find that happiness. For me it is in My Church, and My Council, and I thank each and everyone of you for your Brotherhood, and friendship, and wish the happiest of Thanksgivings, and A Most Blessed Advent Season.

God bless you all,
Scott Popp
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Breakfast With Santa Is Coming!



Here is a photo of our Lady as presented to the Parish by the Council. With all the snow in Crystal Lake, it looks like she is wearing a hooded winter robe. We are all covered by her whatever the season, whatever the challenge to our life.

Bob Kosin

Dear Knights and Families,

Give and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over, will be poured into your lap. – Luke 6:38 NIV

He said, “Why don’t you wait in the car where it’s warm? By the way my name is Bryan.” Well, all she had was a flat tire, but for an old lady, that was bad enough. She asked him how much she owed him. This was helping someone in need, and God knows there were plenty who had given him a hand in the past. He told her that if she really wanted to pay him back, she could take care of the next person who needed help and “think of me”. A few miles down the road the lady saw a small cafe. Her waitress came over with a sweet smile. She was eight months pregnant, but she never let the strain and aches change her attitude. Then the lady remembered Bryan. After she finished her meal, she left the waitress five \$100.00 bills and a note – “You don’t owe me anything, I have been there too. If you really want to pay me back, here is what you do: Do not let this chain of love end with you.”

That night when she climbed into bed, she wondered how the lady could have known – with the baby due soon, it was going to be hard. She knew how worried her husband was, and as he lay sleeping next to her, she gave him a soft kiss and whispered, “I love you Bryan”. *Author unknown*

During the last storm to hit your life, what did you learn about your life’s foundation?

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!! Busy December!

Upcoming:

- Food Pantry December 5, 2015, 2015
- Grill Night December 5, 2015
- Business Meeting December 1, 2015
Sign up for Christmas Tree Sales
- Breakfast With Santa December 16, 2015
- Social Meeting December 20, 2015
- Pads Dinner December 27, 2015

**A BIG THANK YOU TO ALL WHO HELPED PUT UP THE TREE STAND ON 11-21-15!
WE HAD MORE THAN ENOUGH HELP IN BLIZZARD CONDITIONS.**

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

Tree Lot Hours:

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

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

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

***Merry Christmas to you and your families,
Deputy Grand Knight, Bob Wyman***

Tree Lot Reflection

It is not often that a father and son have a project together, especially decades in their years. Who would of thought that the KOC Tree Lot presented the opportunity. There in the winter snow the father could remind the son to wear his gloves and not forget the hat. Duties were assigned, unspoken by age, between inside the trailer and outside among the trees. A buyer came upon this generational crew with a little girl. “She knows her tree”, said her father and a wise look came from the senior one inside the trailer. Christmas passed were reminisced as the customers left with that special tree atop the car and others came to see the lot. The younger explained the difference between the trees scotch pines and frasers. Money was held by the older and therefore responsible one, who knew that his son could do what

was needed but still was seen by the father as the little boy in this season of joy. Memories came back of lost gloves, wet clothes and standing in the snow, a mouth agape before widows onto wonderful settings of holiday commercial magic. It was a night of who was protecting who from the weather or passage of time. The shift at the Tree Lot came to an end too soon and left them both with a thought and story that they could still work together as father and son. But the real reason for the Christmas season was the love to be expressed more than any other gift to be found under those trees bought that night. ***On December 4, 2008 Robert Kosin and his father Stanley, both Council 3830 members, did one shift together in the trailer at the KOC tree lot.***

The Season of Giving

Dan O'Connell

Cub Scout Pack 127 has always had a spirit of giving and what better time to let it come out than the Christmas Season. At their last Pack meeting in November at St. Thomas Community Center, they had several worthwhile causes that they supported in a BIG way.

First was the Operation Christmas Child charity. Sponsored by Samaritan's Purse International Relief, the idea is to pick a girl or boy between the ages of 2 and 14 (2-4, 5-9, or 10-14) and put together a shoebox (or plastic container) of gifts for them. The idea is to pack a quality "wow" toy such as a doll, soccer ball with pump, or stuffed animal. Then add other fun toys, hygiene items, and school supplies. Most importantly, the Scout and his family pray for the child who will receive the gift. The scouts can include a personal note and photo if they wish. Thirty-three boxes were collected with a few more promised. They are then dropped off at a local collection point and shipped to needy children around the world. Since 1993, Samaritan's Purse has collected and delivered more than 124 million shoebox gifts to children in more than 150 countries and territories through Operation Christmas Child.

Next up was providing warm clothing and socks for local distribution through PADS and the Food Pantry trucks that frequent the area.



The scouts collected well over six dozen pairs of socks along with several gently used coats. There were mittens, gloves and hats to go along with it all. They will certainly keep many less fortunate warm this winter.

Last up was a sign up for bell ringing with the Salvation Army. The Pack will be manning the red pot at Hobby Lobby on Saturday, December 5th from 11 AM to 5 PM. They will brave the elements to raise funds for those less fortunate especially during this Holiday Season. If you happen to be in the area, stop by and drop a few coins or bucks (or maybe one of the special gold coins Salvation Army seems to gather each year) to support their efforts.

During this Christmas Season, having just celebrated Thanksgiving, let's keep in mind that it is better to give than to receive just like the Cub Scouts have shown us. These are the types of lessons that your support of Cub Scout Pack 127 and Boy Scout Troop 127 bring to fruition, not just during this Holiday Season but throughout the year and throughout their lives. Thank you for your continued support and we wish each and every Knight and their families a very Merry and Blessed Christmas and all the best in the coming New Year.

PADS 2015-2016 Schedule

Contact our PADS coordinator.

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

Sunday October 25 John Stefani

Sunday November 29 Kevin Scanlan

Sunday December 27

Sunday January 31 Jim Skaja

Sunday February 28 Pat Slowey

Sunday March 27 Scott Popp & Family

Sunday April 24 Vince & Kathy Esposito

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Breakfast

“Hi, they told me you are in charge of the breakfast! This is the greatest breakfast I ever had! We will be back!!!” I was standing next to the service table at our breakfast last week talking to the GK, when I saw Steve Bright pointing at me to some woman... she came over and said that! Don't know who she is and apparently never saw her before because she said she was never here. But seems we will see her again. Maybe everyone isn't that excited and exuberant, but we do get similar comments. This is a tribute to the team... from the way the food is prepared, plated and served, it all comes down to a WOW!!!

People have been coming for many, many years. Some tell me they can't come all the time, for whatever reason, but love it when they do come. I was walking around talking with people and stopped to sit with George and Bernie Stasiak, who I have known since I moved into the parish. And parents of son Greg who recently joined the Knights. George says they usually go to the 4:30 Saturday evening Mass, but because it was their 57th Wedding Anniversary, they came on Sunday. 57!!!! WOW!!! But what a great couple... Bernie used to work at the Parish Office with my wife. And whenever I came home from church or the breakfast with lipstick on my collar, Sue would say, “Oh, I see you saw Bernie!” She always wore that great old bright red shade. But they are both awesome, and George made the comment about how much they enjoy the breakfast and they should come more often. Same with Ed and Alice Dvorak... He said they don't stop in often enough but enjoy it when they do... This is what our Parish is made up of.. people who are awesome, and who do so much, and are so involved in so things they can't do everything, and need to take a break once in a while... but do when they can... Isn't that just like the Knights? We volunteer for one thing and then get involved in another and just meet ourselves coming and going... not everywhere all the time, but so nice to meet up when we do... we share a story or a laugh.. PGK Bob Modrich came to breakfast and after a while I was sitting with him and Brothers Bob Kampman and Ken Artner and we all started talking and laughing and ribbing one another, which brought more laughing... what a great time, sitting and enjoying one another's company. You can walk around any of our breakfasts' and witness that over and over. Families and friends... Parishioners and non-Catholics... like Bob Kosin and wife Vicki are there and you can be sure that their friends Paul and Laurie, who are not Catholic, are with them, whether it is breakfast or the Polish Dinner.. or anything else we do... in fact while the guys and I were sitting Paul walked by and I yelled out, “Hey, you Catholic yet? I need more candidates to become a Knight!!!” that's the kind of relationship we get at the breakfast.. he hasn't converted, and never will, (our loss!) but he laughed and I said okay go away! And then got up to talk to him. We are getting great crowds, thanks to this team... and we are making money for Charity... but this is still, has been and will always be, first and foremost, a Community event... But it keeps them coming back, it keeps new ones coming in... WE are an Evangelizing Parish, it says so on the cover of the Bulletin... well, our Breakfast is too! Thank God!

Keep it up!!! John

Good Of The Order

Knights Birthdays

Mike Baietto
Raymond W. Boshma
Robert L. Cormier
Paul Cuchna
Mark Daniel
Thomas Mike Fraser
Peter Hall
Richard E. Kendzior
Richard Korn
Matthew D. Meisner
James V. O'Reilly
John M. Orso
Rick Russell
John R Sinski
Ralph W. Statter
Mark Steadman
Lee M. Stevens
Robert E. Thomas
Matthew C. Walsh

Wives Birthdays

Elizabeth Baietto
Gail Gebert
Margaret Heideman
Darcy Mensik
Suzanne O'Reilly
Amy Pitrello
Ellene Schmidt
Susan Stefani

Anniversaries

Matthias & Cathleen Martin
James & Suzanne O'Reilly

Jasper & Amy Pitrello
Daniel & Lucille Polakowski
Steve A. & Sue Reed
Lee M. & Betty Stevens

The Power Of Prayer

Please pray for:

Helen Mayer
Vince Mottola
Bob and Jan Thomas
Theresa Morrison
Deacon Ralph Statter
Nancy Cramer
Linda Walsh
William Olin
Bernadine Walsh
Lillian Kolbus
Marilyn Orso
Delore Sanock
Francis Cooper
Jim Kratovil
Garrett Thompson
Mary Marzak
Frank Popp sr.
Caroline Kolder
Father Simon
Father Koutnik
Monsignor Hermes
Mike Chmiel Family
Ken Artner's Special intention
Pat Bradley
The Serocki family
The soul of Tony Biliskov
John Stefani

Late PGK Vince Mottola





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Council Calendar

December

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

January

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

February

2/1 Business Meeting
2/6 Grill Night
2/14 Breakfast
2/15 Social Meeting
2/28 PADS



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



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