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Grand Knights Report

By Mike Bradley

Greetings Gentlemen,

Since my last article the council finished out its summer events for 2017. Not only did we have great weather, but we had a great turn out of people for the Johnny Appleseed festival held on Saturday September 30th. I'd like to thank the following officers and brothers **GK Mike Bradley, Chancellor Bob Kosin, Treasure Joe Schurb, FS Steve Haugh, Membership Chairman John Stefani, Guard Matt Carzoli, Council Chairman Ron Ferraro, Public Relations John Walsh, SK Pat Bradley, SK John Scott, Brother Jack Scott, SK Pat Slowey, SK Bob Wyman, SK Ken Artner, SK Dan O'Connell, SK Ed Riley, SK Steve Bright, and SK Mike Jasinski** for helping make this year's event a huge success for the council.



As many of you know we debuted a new sandwich this year on the menu at Johnny Appleseed that received great reviews. The sandwich included a mesquite grilled chicken breast served on a roll with Lettuce, tomato, onion and mayo. We also offered the sandwich at our Crystal Lake Brewing event on Friday October 13th. It was such a success at both events that it will return next year and be part of the bratmobile's menu offerings.

Speaking of Crystal Lake Brewing this was the first time that the council had an opportunity to be a food vender for a business like this. It was a beautiful evening were the smell of popcorn filled the air as The Pop Corn Man aka Greg Stasiak manned the popcorn machine while Grill Master Pat Slowey and his sidekicks John Stefani and Mike Kebr worked the Grill, and The Sandwich Makers Pat Bradley, Bob Wyman, Ken Artner, John Scott, Matt Carzoli, and Joe Schurb created delicious works of art, I myself was The Money Collector. Though sales were slow all who worked the event had a lot of fun. The brewery has already talked to us and would like to have us back for multiple dates in Summer 2018. (Please refer to John Stefani's article for additional information).

The council again worked the Crystal Lake Food Pantry on the first Saturday (October 6th) and third Thursday (October 19th) of the Month, with John's kitchen crew making our monthly breakfast on Sunday October 15th. The council also invited SPRED Ministry to enjoy a special breakfast prepared for them. I know they appreciated the invite and I would like to say a very special **THANK YOU** to PGK John Stefani for coordinating this effort along with his continued generosity in providing the breakfast. 5th Sunday mass will close out the month on October 29th as we will then take a few short weeks off from major events in early November. However, things start getting busy again for us near the end of the month as we will be starting our annual Christmas Tree sales and participating in Crystal Lake's Festival of Lights Parade on Friday November 24th right after Thanksgiving. I know the Christmas Tree Committee will be looking for lots of help to staff the tree lot again this year so please help them out and sign up for a couple of shifts. We will also be looking for help to create and build the parade float with this year's theme "A Candy Cane Christmas".

Once again, I will leave you all with this if you haven't attended an event in a while please come out and participate. If you have a few hours or even a couple, please consider helping out and working. Families are always welcome. It is truly a fun time and creates some great camaraderie amongst brothers. In closing our next business meeting will be Tuesday November 7th. If you are a new member I highly encourage you to attend as this is where you get involved and if you are a sponsor of a new member who has not been to a meeting yet, please bring them with you.

God Bless.

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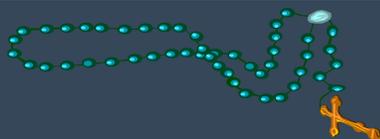
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Pray the Rosary as a Family and with your KofC Brothers



Deputy Grand Knights Rpt

By Mike Kebr

Dear Brothers,
October is traditionally Pro-Life Month. The Respect Life program was first sponsored by the USCCB back in 1972 and starts each year in October. The program promotes respect for human life in light of our intrinsic dignity as having been created in God's image and likeness and called to an eternal destiny with him. Each year there is a new theme. This year's theme is Respect Life – "Be Not Afraid". Let us together promote a Culture of Life and to remember to live it every day. I encourage each of us to make time to spend in reflection and prayer for those unborn children who were never given a choice of life. Let us also pray for those who are facing abortion. May the Holy Spirit work in them to see life for what it is, a Gift from God and that each of us is



created in God's image.

I also would like to remind everyone of our upcoming Advent Wreath sales. We will offering Advent Wreaths, candles and prayers for the first time. We have purchased 25 wreaths this year. The wreaths are 18" in diameter and include live greenery, cones, and berries. Wreaths will sell for \$25 and a set of candles for an additional \$5. All wreaths will come with a laminated prayer card. They will be available for sale at the November breakfast and at the tree lot the following weekend. We also will be in need of help with our Christmas Tree Lot setup. Setup will be on Saturday, November 18th, starting at 8am. Tree sales will begin on the Friday after Thanksgiving, November 24th. Please contact Bob Wyman or myself a call to sign up for a shift at the tree lot. The sign up book will be available at the November business meeting.

Mary Queen of Knights – Pray for us.

Membership

By PFN, PGK John Stefani

Have a Form 100 ready to turn in? I think I'll start each month's article with that, just as I start my monthly Business meeting report with, "Does anyone have a Form 100 for me?"

Still working on candidates for the Order. We have a tentative date for an **Admissions De-gree** on Tuesday, November 21, 2017, our next Social Meeting. Responses have been slow

coming in, but still working them. One thing of note is that we have had very few candidates presented to the Council from existing members. As Brother Knights, we should be constantly thinking about fami-

ly, friends and neighbors we know are Catholic and not Brother Knights. Along with that, how many even read this article every month? Does seeing the word Membership make you automatically skip reading it? We need to take a moment and think or re-think why WE joined the Knights. Was it simply someone twisting your arm one time to many so you caved? Is it why we have about 10% of Knights active in the Council? Are the meetings to long and boring? Or do you just remember one that was and so don't bother to come anymore? The Grand Knight is trying to make things work a little easier. He, along with active members are

trying to come up with new or improved events so we can fulfill our objective of Charity. To the other 290 members who haven't attended a meeting in months, or years, why not try to come out and see what we are doing? And if you can get motivated, how about looking for new members. We have brought in over 40 new Knights in the past few years, and many of them are active, helping at events and even joining the chairs to bring us new ideas and lend a hand. Every Brother Knight is asked to sponsor a new Candidate... not every year, but at least once. So, as one of the 300 plus members, have YOU brought in a new Candidate? Oh, and if you have, are you still in touch with him and attending meetings with him? Time for us all to think about this. With the way the world is turning these days, it is so apparent that we are not out there doing God's work, but maybe shying away from it, in the interest of personal safety. As opposed to the very opposite that Jesus did when he came to us with the full intent of dying for us. All we are asking is that you assist us, not go and die, but help preserve all that we care about.

Think about it and let me know.... We have the Forms! ... 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!



October Breakfast

By PFN, PGK John Stefani

October Breakfast is Charity Time Again!

Welcome to the **Knights of Columbus Fr. McCormick Council 3880** Monthly Breakfast for the third straight year, **SPRED Ministry** of St. Thomas the Apostle Parish. When this ministry was formed three years ago at our Parish, the Council saw it as a very important and special happening. When they contacted us about wanting to attend one of our Monthly Breakfasts, as a way of meeting each other and sharing a meal, we welcomed them with open arms. We went further than that by adopting them as a very special group to us. At that breakfast, we welcomed them and informed them that breakfast was on us! We have since been able further support them financially, and this month once again provided a breakfast get together for them.



This picture, with **GK Mike Bradley** in the middle, shows the group after the breakfast.

As this was pretty much the beginning of the Autumn season, we brought back the Bratwurst Omelet and Pumpkin Pancakes! Both were a big hit and we served quite a few orders of each. They were a part of our **SIX Menu** offering.



We now have about 9 or 10 different menus to offer to our large

crowds. This keeps them guessing when they come on what they will order, and they seem to like that aspect. We have **NEVER** been a pancake and sausage breakfast. We have had several menus for many years, and have been adding to the Yellow Special menu over that time. Originally we had the Garbage and Vegetarian omelets, along with a Cheese option. Since then we added the Bacon, the Sausage, the Mushroom and a Ham and Cheese. Some of the others added have been the Half Waffle and Egg, the French Toast and an Egg, the Hungry Man's Omelet with three different combinations, the Kids Menu with several different options, and even had a Chicken and Waffle menu. So, we keep the options open and have tweaked a number of them after customer suggestions. Several months ago we also changed the Bacon option, which had been asked for years and became very popular, with a different Maple Smoked fresh bacon, replacing the freeze dried one had been using. To say that the new bacon is a huge success is an understatement. It had been replacing Sausage as the most asked for, and even the Corned Beef Hash is selling more and more. It is never the same, except that it is always GREAT! If you haven't been here recently, come on out and give it a try. And bring someone with you! We have regulars who come with out-of-town family, and even non-Catholic friends and neighbors to meet them here.



Next one is on November 19th ... see you there! Thanks, John

After October Breakfast

By PFN, PGK John Stefani

AFTER THE BREAKFAST!

It's Monday morning and I'm at home, Sue is at work and the dog is sleeping. I just finished a late breakfast and cleaning up before going out to cut the grass, maybe for the last time this year. **And as I was washing the few dishes, thought about yesterday at the Monthly Breakfast when that was over.** I was helping the crew put away some of the items and of course the BIG CLEAN-UP CREW was working away in the kitchen... cleaning (scraping!) the grease off of the walls, floors, counters, cleaning the two grills, pots and pans, and all that 'fun' stuff. I am always pretty tired after a breakfast or the Polish or Irish Dinners. After getting in early and prepping and cooking and directing and all that. And THANK GOD there is always someone there to clean up. Heck, I am 73 you know! But there is always a crew in there, thanks mostly to **Bob Wyman**. He alternates between rounding up volunteers to do the work and being in there up to his elbows in dish water.

But the breakfast is something they come in and do 12 times a year, month after month... The heavy cleaners are **Bill Cotugno, Smilin' Jack Loretan, and Jim O'Reilly**. And it seems that this past year they have each had some medical issues to sideline them for a while, but they are all back just as soon as they can. Then we have the guys in the dining room, clearing the tables and putting all that stuff away, moving tables and chairs and wiping and vacuuming. The mainstays of that crew are **Jim Rausch, Denny McCoy, Dean Bichler, Ralph Gebert, Tom Brickey, Chris Krambeer, Dennis Holm, Marc Niemann, and Bob Kosin**.

And all during the breakfast we have a crew washing dishes and silverware and cups. AND the cooking pans and pots and utensils we use doing the cooking. The mainstays back there are **Vince Esposito, Bob Wyman, Mike Kebr, Joe Scherb, Ryan Krambeer and Brian O'Connell**. If you look over the lists, and my apologies if I have left anyone off... let me know if I missed you and I'll make it up to you, but included are the names of **Past Grand Knights** and current and past **Officers**.

Next time I'll tell you about the Servers and Family members who spend many a Sunday morning keeping us going.

But...I need to add another Honorable Mention here. **Mrs. Annette O'Connell**. You all know her... she helps as much as any Knight and more in the background. This time it was the Jelly containers and Sugar containers on the tables. She certainly noticed they were in dire need of some deep cleaning. So she packed them up and carted them home to give them some loving care. And explained to me how the salt and pepper shakers once again needed to be taken home, emptied, cleaned and dried, then refilled. Once again as in she has done this many times. Just like she will periodically come in and go into the cage and empty the Freezers, de-ice them, clean them up, and refill them. And the refrigerators. It started out as a comment about how bad they were and she asked "...if she could come in and work on them!" As in DUH?!?! But then she was serious and has it done a number of times. Next time you see any of these people, PLEASE give them a great big thank you and let them know how much we appreciate all they do for the Council. John



Crystal Lake Food Pantry

No one should go hungry.

Crystal Lake Food Pantry Honors Council 3880!

Please read this opening statement in a letter from Mr. Bill Eich, President of the Crystal Lake Food Pantry, to our Council:

“Dear John, Vince and Knights of Columbus Council, 3880,

We had a discussion at last week’s Board of Directors of the Crystal Lake Food Pantry meeting about how appreciative we are to have you as one of our teams covering service days and supporting our food pantry.

Your team’s contribution to the food pantry is truly helping us fulfill our Mission and Vision to make sure that No One Should Go Hungry. Because of this the Board of Directors asked me to welcome you and your team as an official Associate Partner of the Crystal Lake Food Pantry. The unanimous vote is a testament to your service and dedication to the Crystal Lake Food Pantry.”

This is indeed an Honor for our Council and a tribute to the Current and Past Grand Knights who have fully supported, encouraged us, and been right there working the Pantry. To all you Brother Knights, faithful wives and children, who spend so many First Saturday of the Month and Third Thursday night of the Month, Congratulations and Thank You. Weather you have worked one of the days, every one of our service days, or anywhere in between, this could not have happened without you! Be proud of this accomplishment as you have so unselfishly given up time to fulfill the First Principle of our Order, Charity.

One behalf of **Worthy Grand Knight Mike Bradley, Past Grand Knights Vince Esposito and John Stefani**, Thanks to all of you for showing our True Spirit of Brotherhood to all in need.

If you have any questions, ask Vince or myself. Or give me a shout at (815) 679-6596.

Crystal Lake Food Pantry

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4th Degree News and Views and Blue Mass Review By PFN, PGK John Stefani



Greetings Faithful Sir Knights and Worthy Brother Knights!

By the time this issue is published, there will have been the last Fourth Degree Exemplification for the year 2017. Next one is in February, but no date or location has been announced yet. That doesn’t mean it is not the time to be thinking about attaining the last Degree in the Knights. There has been a lot of negative press going around locally, and beyond about the decision to do away with the honored Regalia in favor of the recently announced Uniform. And those are the names being used officially from Supreme... retire the Regalia and usher in the Uniform. The debate continues, and there is word that some Bishops have informed Supreme that they will no longer request Furth Degree Honor Guards, or Color Corps for any events they are the celebrant at beginning next June of 2018. There is no verification that that is accurate, and like everything else in this world, speculation has a life of its own. We in the **Bishop Boylan Assembly 0198** are still committed to the *Regalia* and will continue wearing it exclusively for Honor Guards as long as we are allowed too. It will be up to Supreme to issue a direct order telling us that we can no longer ‘legally’ wear the Regalia. Yep, this is America and the ‘legal’ definition still stands. We take an Oath when we go through the First Degree Ceremony to obey the order of a superior officer, and there is a provision that failure can lead to suspension or expulsion of membership. So it is not something that can be decided arbitrarily. So we can hope and pray that what is best for the Order shall prevail.

Talking about the Honor Guard. We recently had a number of Call-

Outs, that is a request for Honor Guards within the Assembly. For one of them, three members of the Assembly, and a fourth Sir Knight from Streamwood, was covered excellently by both the Chicago Tribune and the **Diocese of Rockford’s** newspaper, *The Observer*. It was a Funeral Mass and Burial of 5 abandoned babies. We went with the intention of doing honor to these children, but it became much more than that. While we waited on the steps of St. Patrick Church in McHenry, the hearse pulled up and when it was time, students walked up the steps carrying the five caskets. All four of us stiffened when we saw them... two of the caskets were the size of a mail box, and the other three were so small they were not even as big as a shoe box. I know our hearts skipped a few beats when we saw them. We could see that on the faces of the 100 plus attendees. After the Funeral Mass we went to the Cemetery for the burial services. Along with others, we dropped roses into the small plot that held all 5 caskets. And we turned shovels of dirt into the ground. It was one of the saddest things I have ever witnessed let alone took part in. These are the Honor Guards that truly give meaning to what we do as Fourth Degree Members. Standing at Attention in a Funeral Home for a deceased Brother Knight is a very humbling experience as we pay tribute to a fallen comrade. Doing it for an unborn infant who was abandoned, whose lifeless body was thrown away, is a reason to do all that we can for anyone and everyone in distress. It is why we all, as Brother Knights, volunteer time and talent to help spread the word of God and bring comfort to everyone. Charity knows no boundaries, no creed, or religion or anything else should be a barrier to helping those in need. Vivat Jesus!

I certainly hope that we can have some candidates for early 2018, most notably from **Fr. McCormick Council 3880**. Please consider this as a goal for all Third Degree Brothers for the next year. Need a Form 4? Contact **Dan** or myself. Same for any questions. **Vivat Jesus!** John Stefani, PGK, PFN, Trustee. (815) 679-6796 or membership@kofc3880.org

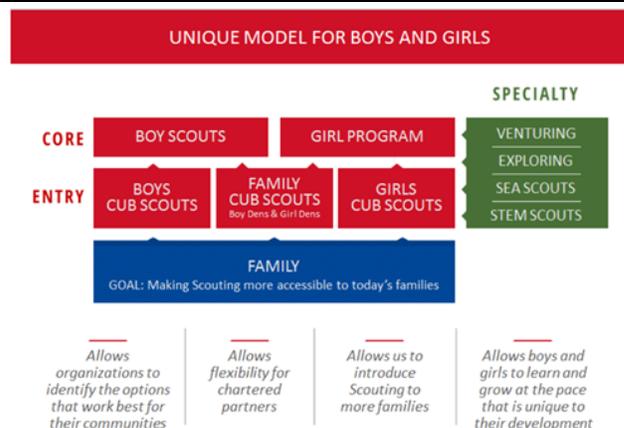
Girls in Boy Scouts

The Boy Scouts of America (BSA) have been having an eventful few years. Gay Scouts, gay Leaders, transsexuals and now girls joining the BSA. All of this has put renewed pressure on the Charter Organizations (CO) across the country as it falls to them to decide on membership.

The volunteer Board of Directors for the BSA voted unanimously on October 11th to allow girls to join Cub Scouts. Starting in the Fall of 2018, they can join a Pack if the CO has deemed it will accept them. The choices for the CO are an all boy Pack, all girl Pack or a mixed Pack which will have all girl dens and all boy dens and the Pack meetings will be mixed. The CO can sponsor more than one Pack so could, in theory, have all three. We will be approaching our CO, The Notre Dame Club of McHenry County, later this year to make that determination.

The Boy Scouts will start accepting young women some time in 2019. The details have not yet been determined but again we would expect them to mirror the Cub Scouts with all girl, all boy or a mixed Troop with same sex patrols. As the details are worked out, decisions by the CO will have to again be made.

The BSA has a press release that can be found at: <http://www.scoutingnewsroom.org/press-releases/bsa-expands-programs-welcome-girls-cub-scouts-highest-rank-eagle-scout/> regarding the decision and the logic behind it. There is also a FAQ page that can be found here: <https://www.scoutingnewsroom.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/10/Family-Scouting-FAQ.pdf> that addresses some of the questions folks may have and the research behind the decision that was made.



The next few months will be interesting as Packs and Troops across the country and their Charter Organizations make decisions regarding this change in the BSA program. There are pros and cons that many have already been voicing their opinion on Facebook and other forums. We will be carefully considering what affect this will have on the current Pack and leadership and what would be necessary to open our ranks to young women who wish to join in order to make a cohesive presentation to our Charter Organization. Certainly, more news to follow on this major change to the BSA.

Thank you for your continued support and we will continue to promote the three tenets of Scouting: character development, citizenship training, and personal fitness to build our citizens of tomorrow.

Vocation Raffle

By Dan O'Connell

So you ask: What does the State Council do with the money from the Vocation Raffle?



Here are just a few of the many things:

All seminarians in the Theology ranks receive a birthday card with a check in the amount of \$100 on their birthday. All college seminarians receive a birthday card and a check for \$50.

All seminarians in the Theology ranks receive a copy of the "Ordo" as a Christmas gift. This past year, all college seminarians received a pocket pray book printed by our Supreme Office. Both gifts were accompanied by a Christmas card.

In October, State invites every seminarian attending Mundelein seminary from all six dioceses of Illinois to a "Welcome Back to Mundelein Seminary Dinner". A sizable monetary donation is also made to the seminary. Additional donations are made to some of the other seminaries that our

seminarians attend.

When a seminarian is ordained, State sends him an ordination card. A check in the amount of \$100 and a beautiful copy of the "Daily Missal" is included.

These are just a few of the ways the dollars we send to State for the raffle are used. Remember of the \$15 per book we collect, \$9 stays with our Council and \$6 goes to State. That \$9 goes to directly support seminarians of our choosing every year as they walk the path of Christ.

So, let's sell out the raffle this year and do our part in supporting this very worthwhile cause. Who knows, you could even win \$10,000 (1st prize) in the process. See Bob Kosin, Dan O'Connell or tickets will be at all our meetings and events as well. We have until the November break-fast to sell out but don't wait until the last minute as you may get shut out.

Crystal Lake Brewery Meets the Knights! By, PFN, PGK John Stefani

A funny thing happened on the way home one night... **Brother Bob Wyman**, I'm sure you all know him, was on his way home from work one stormy rainy night and got misdirected on the way. Turning a corner and seeing a welcoming light, thought it was his front porch light that his wife turned on to guide him home safely, and walked in the door. With rain in his eyes and weary from the trek, he sat down to rest his tired body. As his eyes and ears cleared from the water, he realized the person talking to him was not his wife. It was Beth, and she ex-

plained she was the Manager of the **Crystal Lake Brewery**. Not being much of a drinker, he was a little confused and asked her where he was and what they did. As she explained the establishment to him, and how it was created to give comfort and a safe haven to weary travelers in their journeys through life, he in turn, being a typical Irish gentleman, explained that he was a Knight and that they too were of a similar Charitable nature. Seeking to have a better understanding of this new environment that fate brought him to, he found his way back there >> 6

Crystal Lake Brewery Meets the Knights!

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again... and again... and again! Realizing that man cannot live by beautiful artisan crafted beer alone, the **Crystal Lake Brewery** began making menus from various local establishments available to its patrons. **Bob**, being the gregarious Irishman that he is, and True Knight at heart, came up with the comment to Beth that "Hey my Knights have a world famous Brat Mobile, we can come and do that!" And the rest was history... FRIDAY the THIRTEENTH we loaded up and went there to sell our wares! Well, it WAS Friday

the thirteenth, and a little wet outside... we didn't make a killing, but all in all we did pretty good. The team was led by the Grand Knight and we did what we do... have fun, make some money for Charity, and came up with another good future event contact. Beth has assured us that we will have several opportunities next year starting in the spring. So bring it on world, we are ready, able and willing!

Pro-Life

By James Hruza

Well brothers, it saddens me to say Governor Bruce Rauner failed to veto HB40 as he promised he would do if or when this horrifying bill would reach his desk. Against the will of the people Governor Rauner signed the worst bill in the history of Illinois. Governor Rauner had an opportunity to save lives, instead he chose not only support the taking of innocence lives in the womb but also with the swipe of a pen lay this grave error on the back of the citizens of Illinois. This is an outrage and we should continue to voice our opposition against this evil. Governor Rauner can be reached at (217) 782-0244. Please pray for Governor Rauner. See Link to Live Action article below.

<https://www.liveaction.org/news/breaking-governor-rauner-signs-bill-forcing-illinois-taxpayers-to-cover-abortions/>

The US Department of Health and Human services has release a draft in which they are to redefine life as beginning at conception. This is a great victory for life.

The US House of Representatives passed a bill criminalizing abortions after 20 weeks. This bill is now before the Senate. Pray the Senate representatives do the right thing. President Trump has been very vocal in his support of this Bill. President Trump has also rolled back the contraception mandate

allowing employers the right to refuse to pay for employee's contraception. This was a law President Obama put into place while in office forcing employers to pay for employee contraception against their religious beliefs and against Christ's church.

President Trump in a recent speech defended his choice to defund Planned Parenthood International by stating, "We Must Protect the Unborn". See the full LifeNews.com story below.

<http://www.lifenews.com/2017/10/13/president-donald-trump-defends-defunding-intl-planned-parenthood-i-did-it-to-protect-the-unborn/>

A few other great Pro-Life articles.

<http://www.lifenews.com/2017/10/17/catholic-cardinal-no-one-can-justify-terminating-an-innocent-child-growing-in-the-mothers-womb/>

<https://www.liveaction.org/news/research-now-shows-reborn-babies-feel-pain-very-early-by-8-weeks/>

Please pray your daily Rosary asking the Mother of God for her intercession to obtain for all of humanity the end of abortion. May God have mercy on us all. God Bless.

Church Director

By Pete Harren

Gentlemen

Regarding the Memorial Mass, we have a situation that needs to be revisited.

1. Fr. Simon informed (left a voicemail) me today Oct 17 that he finds it nearly impossible to celebrate Mass on 11-14 due to other commitments that he has that day
2. He has stressed the need to coordinate in advance. I have notified him two months ago of this event. He agreed to this and asked we stay in touch with him as we get closer to this event. This I've done, like what has been done previous years.
3. Donna, who is most in touch with him, informs me that she can reach him in a couple of days. He says that his most open nights are either Monday or Wednesday nights. Per se, we could reschedule to 11-13 or 11-15. No invitations have been sent out yet, though this needs to be done very soon, if we're going to go through with this event that week. Rescheduling during the week of 11-12, given what I heard from Fr Simon and Donna not knowing what his calendar looks like for the rest of Nov, I suggest we take a

new slate approach to scheduling a date.

4. In the bigger picture, given that this event is only a month away, and not knowing what Fr Simon's schedule is for November, we may need to consider rescheduling this event.
5. Rather than chance that Father may have other days during the week Nov 12 open, we may want to look at Jan, Feb, Mar, or Apr. The rest of Nov and Dec is out of the question with Thanksgiving, Christmas, tree sales going on.
6. Tradition has this event on the second Tues of Nov, on our alternative meeting night. This event doesn't have to be scheduled this way.
7. Given the need to contact Liturgy Minister for scheduling, some decent time for invitations to be sent and individuals' scheduling, November schedules being up in the air, and Fr Simon emphasizing "advance notice", I suggest that we look to early next year to do this event.
8. I can work with Donna to get Fr Simon in tune with some workable Mon or Wed night. She and/or I can keep Father reminded time to time of a new Memorial Mass date to better assure his availability for this event

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Knights' November B-Days

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- James A. Surdrick
- Edwin G. Voss
- David A. Warren
- Martin Weniger
- Robert Wyman
- German G. Zambrano
- Gerald M. Zopp

Wives' November Birthdays:

- Pamela Erickson
- Marie Habisohn
- Peggy Haugh
- Mary Hodorowicz
- Claudia Kendzior
- Florence Tennes

November Anniversaries:

- Michael and Erika Caliendo
- Tony and Diane De Pippo
- Paul J. and Marilyn Georgy
- Timothy J. and Karen Hicklin
- Dennis and Joyce Holm, Sr.
- Robert and Cheryl Newport
- Steve and Crystal Revnew
- Stephen J. and Debbie Starr

Good of the Order Knight of the Month:

- None Presented

Family of the Month:

- None Presented

Pray For:

Jim Kratchovil, Rose Valo, Vivctims of Las Vegas, Bob Thomas, Jan Thomas, Victims of the hurricanes, Tim Hicklin, Wilva Schrupe, Bill Slowey, Zoe Drew, Trevor O'Donnell, Marilyn Orso, Delores Snocki, Todd Bright, Colm Shertx, Judie Bright, Dale Carlson, Sabamdon Batsys

Apologies for misspellings in the above list.

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.

Family Apple Picking

By Kevin Scanlan



The site was All Season's Apple Orchard. The day was perfect. The event started at 1:00 PM and went to mid-afternoon. It was a shame that only Kevin and his girl friend Colleen. Even though mobs of

people, the lines moved quickly. There were many activities for all ages. Even though the event had only Kevin and Colle were there Kevin stated we'd try a different date in the hopes of a better turnout.



5th Sunday Memorial Mass

Tempus Fugit, Memento Mori!

Sunday, Oct. 28, 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.

Council Calendar

Every Third Thursday is Food Pantry from 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM

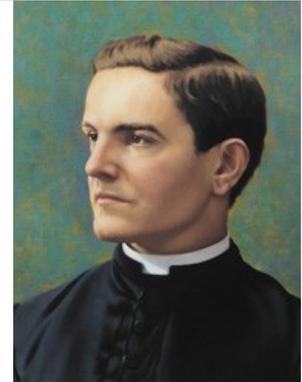
November 2017	December 2017	January 2018
11/1-2 All Saints Day—All Souls Day 11/4 Food Pantry 11/7 Business Meeting 11/16 Food Pantry Thursday 11/18 Christmas Tree Lot Setup 11/19 Breakfast 11/21 Social Meeting 11/23 Thanksgiving 11/24 Christmas Trees Arrive and Sales Start 11/26 PADS	12/2 Food Pantry 12/5 Business Meeting 12/8 Feast of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary 12/17 Breakfast with Santa 12/19 Social Meeting—Tree Sales should be over 12/21 Food Pantry Thursday 12/25 Christmas Holiday 12/31 PADS	1/1 Mary, Mother of God / New Years Day 1/2 Business Meeting 1/6 Food Pantry 1/6 Blood Drive 1/13 Polish Dinner 1/16 Social Meeting 1/18 Food Pantry Thursday 1/21 Breakfast 1/28 PADS

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

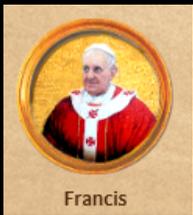
us to greater confidence in your love so that we may continue his work of caring for the needy and the outcast. We humbly ask that you glorify your venerable servant Father Michael J. McGivney on earth according to the design of your holy will. Through his intercession, bless our parish, our Knights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

Amen.



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