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## Grand Knight's Report

By Mike Kebr

**D**ear Brothers,

As we continue our journey through this Lenten season let us remember our Holy Father's message of Lent being "A Time for Renewing Faith, Hope and Love." It is also a time of fasting, prayer and almsgiving. I look forward to our journey towards Easter together.



On another note, in case you have not heard, the Knights of Columbus Board of Directors has elected Patrick E. Kelly as our next Supreme Knight. Carl Anderson will retire on February 28<sup>th</sup>, after more than 20 years of service as Supreme Knight. Patrick Kelly is the Order's 14<sup>th</sup> Supreme Knight. You can find more information on [kofc.org](http://kofc.org)

Next month we will be announcing our Nominating Committee, who will work at putting together next year's slate of officers. With that said, if you have thought about becoming more involved, now would be a good time to talk to myself or one of the current officers. As was once said, "we are looking for a few good men". All kidding aside, if you are interested in becoming an officer, please let me know.

We are continuing with the new monthly meeting formats. This includes an Officers Planning meeting the last Tuesday of the month. The purpose of the Officers Planning Meeting is to plan programs, develop

budgets, pay approved bills, prepare motions, discuss new ideas, and deal with other necessary matters. Council officers, directors and chairpersons are required to attend. The meeting is open to any council members who wish to attend. This will result in a more streamlined and efficient Council Business meeting. The monthly Council Business meeting will continue to be held on the first Tuesday of the month. Meeting will either be virtual or a hybrid of in person and online as needed based on the diocese/parish safety guidelines. Thank you for your patience and flexibility in these matters.

Thank you again for all of your help and support.

God bless.

Thank you again for all that you do.

Mary Queen of Knights, "Pray for us."

Vivat Jesus,

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## Deputy Grand Knight

A Plan Through Lent

By SK, Robert Kosin

The weather and general conditions of life around us continue to give reason to look ahead to March. Our Catholic Faith during this time of Lent also leads beyond the month to Easter. The three traditional pillars of Lenten discipline — prayer, fasting, almsgiving — are to help reinforce our faith in Christ and our dependence on God's grace.

So, during Lent a plan was proposed in the online edition of Simply Catholic called 1-1-1 Lent that is to add God in your routine that you have not been otherwise doing.

Because we are all so busy and easily distracted with the shiny objects of contemporary life, it is a good idea to not just pick an add-in, but to schedule a regular time when you put it on your calendar, so you do not "forget." For the tech savvy, even schedule a reminder from that digital calendar we all now carry around.



The first as often said is the hardest, focus on an area of sin during Lent. Respectfully reader consider pride, or self-love, which St. Thomas >> 3

## Council Officers Fraternal Year 2020-2021

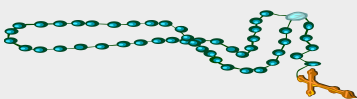
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## Membership

By Bob Wyman

**How important it is to make sure, when talking to perspective candidate's they know about our 3 guiding principles.**

### Charity, Unity and Fraternity

The Order was formed as a fraternal benefit society, but Father McGivney and the men he gathered saw a "higher calling," that was expressed in the Order's three main principles of charity, unity and fraternity. Father McGivney saw them as three legs of a stool, each one dependent on the other, and each one critical to helping the Catholic men of Connecticut keep the faith while supporting also their personal, civic and social needs.

**Charity** — The greatest of all virtues is charity or love, writes St. Paul. But the modern mind has distorted these words; charity is more than giving to the needy, and love is more than romance. What these words really mean is this — to will the good of the other person for his or her own sake, even if that means suffering for me. This is the charity, the love, that Jesus had for us on the cross, and we are to approach every person with this same love and charity.

Jesus gave us a new commandment: "Love one another, as I have loved you" (Jn 13:34). This new love in Christ inspires Knights to reach out through a myriad of organized programs to help those in need next door, across town, across the country and around the world

**Unity** — None of us is as good alone as all of us are together. United in the Catholic

faith, Knights support one another in times of joy and grief and at every moment in between. They form a network of men and their families dedicated to building their homes as domestic churches of faith and love, and they work in union with priests to support parishes in the mission of faith formation and evangelization. In the words of one of Father McGivney's contemporaries: "Unity of purpose, unity of action and unity of faith complete a trinity which makes the Knights of Columbus a mighty agent for good, an upholder of order, a protective force in society."

**Fraternity** — Networks of Knights provide men with something that is too often lacking in today's fragmented society — authentic fraternal fellowship lived out in councils, parishes, online, and in common faith and worthy projects. Working together, we know the truth of the biblical statement: "As iron sharpens iron, so one man sharpens another" (Prov 27:17). Early in the Order's history, Knights were told to exemplify "the Golden Rule, which is the essence of Fraternity."

Father McGivney's vision for his Knights has made a difference in millions of lives and brought hope and healing to countless others. More than 130 years after his death, his vision remains our mission.

Web page to join the Knights of Columbus on-line. <https://www.kofc.org/secure/en/join/join-the-knights.html> Question, Contact me **Bob Wyman at 815-529-1832**

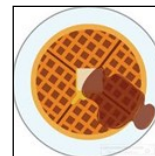
## Knights Monthly Breakfast

By PGK, PFN John Stefani

*Greetings Brother Knights and other worthy readers!*



**Some day, soon,  
we keep hoping  
... and praying**



**...and in the meantime... keep in touch with each other... doing our Brother Touch!!**

## Troop and Pack 127

By Dan O'Connell

The Pack was busy this past month with two activities in particular that are of note. They tried the hand at ice fishing at the west end of Crystal Lake and they were helping out nature by assembling a bird feeder with gelatin and bird seed.

The ice fishing took place the last Saturday in January. Luckily, the weather cooperated, and the scouts were able to get some holes in the ice. The bites were a little scarce, but they did not get skunked. After some initial instructions by Scouter Mike Pachla, the scouts set their lines and has some success bring in some small pan fish. The crazy part is that the last fish of the day, as Mr. Pachla was putting away his equipment, was a small Northern Pike. I know it is true because I saw the photo.



ered friends to enjoy.

The Troop continued to work on merit badges via Zoom with Family Life and Cooking taking center stage. Both are Eagle required badges and several scouts need to complete them for rank advancement. We continue to strive to keep the boys engaged and, on the Path, to Eagle during these trying times.

We did receive a modicum of good news for both groups. Blackhawk Area Council is now allowing indoor meetings for 50 people or 50% of room capacity whichever is less which is in line with the State of Illinois Phase 4 rules. We will be discussing with the church about allowing us back in or possibly searching for other sites to start holding in person meetings which all of the scouts are eager to get back to. We are also trying to meet with AOL scouts who have an interest in joining Troop 127.

The Pack also did an activity at their February Pack meeting to help out the birds that have stayed here for the winter. In honor of Valentine's Day, they made heart shaped bird feeders that could be hung outside for the birds and perhaps a squirrel or two who may be out and about. They did it all by Zoom led by Scouter Sandra Anchor who took them through all of the steps to create this masterpiece. You can see the finished product hanging for our feath-

We will continue to work on building our citizens of tomorrow and hopefully instill in them pride in God, Country and self as the Scout Oath says. We appreciate all that you have done and continue to do for Cub Scout Pack 127 and Scouts BSA 127. God bless you and your families and may you stay warm, safe and healthy.



## DD Report

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### 1000 little things...

Sometimes, being a Knight becomes limited to looking up what's next on the event calendar, or clicking through the emails about meeting notices or new programs from Supreme. Sometimes you get to see one of the guys at Mass. It becomes passive; waiting for things to happen. But there are 1000 little things that could be done. That needs to be done. Little things like reaching out to a brother Knight to see how he's doing (Leave No Brother Behind). Or maybe offering to help clean after Mass or serve as an usher. During the last business meeting Membership Chair Brother Bob Wyman asked

for names of Catholic Men who could receive an invitation to join. Sending a note to Bob isn't hard or time consuming, but it's an easy way to actively participate in the council. There are a lot of little ways we as Knights can put our faith in action. If you're not sure, just ask. For this week: KnightCast, our exclusive webcast series designed to help Knights become better Catholics, better men, better husbands, and better fathers. The first episode debuts this week on Thurs., Feb. 25, at 8:00 p.m. EST. (<https://survey.alchemer.com/s3/6105948/KnightCast-Registration>)

Vivat Jesus

## DGK Report

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Aquinas called, "the cause of every sin."

The second add-in during Lent can come from the principals of the Knights of Columbus for the betterment of the Domestic Church. Ideas for add-ins include:

- ▶ Go to Mass in the middle of the week
- ▶ Read at home the Gospel from Mass
- ▶ Get up early to pray for the canonization of Father McGivney

The third and most popular for Lent is known as the Great Give-Up. While giving up sweets is time-honored, consider giving up one thing that is at least a little bit challenging. Make it difficult but do-

ble, like

- ▶ Limit the time you watch television or surf the Web to converse with those around you.
  - ▶ Give up impulse purchases from that shopping center in the cloud.
  - ▶ Donate each week of Lent to a different charity.
- The gain of the 1-1-1 Program is that in our present age, Lent is perhaps one of the last remaining ways in which we may experience delayed gratification. And isn't that what will make Easter all so special.

Vivat Jesus

## Crystal Lake Food Pantry

By PGK, Vince Esposito



No one should go hungry.

The Knight's involvement with the food pantry is now on hiatus. If you still want to help, please contact the help out, call the number below.

### Crystal Lake Food Pantry

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[www.clfoodpantry.org](http://www.clfoodpantry.org)



## Fourth Degree

By SK, Dan O'Connell

### Knights of Columbus

#### In Service to One, In Service to All



The Knights of Columbus have a new Supreme Knight beginning March 1<sup>st</sup>. Supreme Knight Carl Anderson has reached the mandatory retirement age of 70 and after more than 20 years as Supreme Knight will step down as of February 28<sup>th</sup>. We wish him well in his retirement.

The Knights of Columbus Board of Directors elected Patrick E. Kelly as the next Supreme Knight on February 5th, to continue the mission of charity, unity and fraternity established by the Order's Founder, Blessed Michael McGivney, almost 140 years ago. You can read more about Patrick and his career before the Knights and with the Knights at [Patrick E. Kelly Bio](#). His career and background appear to be well suited to lead the Knights forward in these challenging times. As stated above, he will assume the position as of March 1<sup>st</sup>.

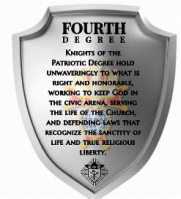
Bishop Boylan Assembly has 5 candidates for the February Exemplification. We can count one of our own among them, namely Joe Scherb, our current Chancellor and District Deputy. He now adds the title of Sir Knight to his resume. Please congratulate him on taking the next step and joining the Patriotic Degree. The next Exemplification date has not been set but will most likely be in late

April or into May of 2021. More to follow on that event. If you are interested, please let Dan O'Connell know.

The Assembly continues to meet virtually on the second Wednesday of the month. If you are a current Sir Knight and not receiving the meeting invitation, please send a note to Dan O'Connell and he will verify your email address with you. We may try and hold an in person meeting in March depending on what the State of Illinois has declared and if we can have meeting space at Holy Apostles. Watch for that announcement as well.

One other item of interest is that if you are considering purchasing the new uniform, the Assembly will subsidize \$100 of the cost. We are trying to get more Sir Knights to acquire the uniform so that when Honor Guards pick up again, we can be well represented at all of the events. You can find information on the cost and ordering the uniform [here](#). This is limited to the first five requests submitted in 2021 and must be submitted with your receipt for the purchase. Past uniform purchases cannot be honored. If you have further questions, please contact Dan O'Connell.

God bless you and your families, our new Supreme Knight and the United States of America.



## Faith Director

By Greg ives

### Make Building Your Domestic Church a Priority

Let this soak in for a minute:

"In today's society, materialism is idolized, immortality is glamorized, truth is minimized, sin is normalized, divorce is rationalized, abortion is legalized, the courts are paralyzed, and our politics are polarized.

"On the Internet, TV and movies, crime is legitimized, drug use is minimized, comedy is vulgarized, sex is trivialized, the Bible is fic-

tionalized, churches are satirized, while God is marginalized, and Christians are demonized.

"Even in our families, our manners are uncivilized, our speech is vulgarized, our faith is secularized, so that everything is commercialized. Unfortunately, Christians, you and I are often disorganized, our pastors are demoralized, our faith is compartmentalized, and so our witness is compromised.

"We need our worship to be revitalized, our differences to be minimized, our members to be mobilized, the lost to be evangelized, and our families and marriages to be re-energized. To be >> 6



## Pro-Life

### Novena for Life

### [Novena for Life - Life Programs | Knights of Columbus](#)

The protection of life is a sustained prayer intention of the Church, and in particular of the Knights of Columbus.

### A Higher Purpose

Lead your community in the spiritual fight to establish a culture of life. Knights and their families will come together in both public and private acts of prayer to promote the protection of life.

### Overview

The protection of life is a sustained prayer intention of the Church, and in particular of the Knights of Columbus. Knights remain firmly committed to defending the right to life of every human being – from the moment of conception to natural death. To commemorate and bolster this important cause, councils will promote a novena, nine days of sustained prayer, to build up a culture of life in our parishes, homes and wider community.

### SUPREME CHAPLAIN'S MONTHLY CHALLENGE [Supreme Chaplains Challenge | Knights of Columbus\(kofc.org\)](#)

### THIS MONTH'S CHALLENGE FEBRUARY 2021

**A leper came to him [and kneeling down] begged him and said, "If you wish, you can make me clean." Moved with pity, he stretched out his hand, touched him, and said to him, "I do will it. Be made clean." The leprosy left him immediately, and he was made clean.** (Gospel for Feb. 14, Mk 1:40-42)

What profound faith this leper possessed. He knew beyond a doubt that Christ could heal him and make him clean. The leper's humble cooperation with the healing grace of Christ allowed him to be cured. Do we recognize our own need to be healed? Do we approach Christ in the sacrament of confession with similar faith, saying to the Divine Physician, "If you wish, you can make me clean"? May we continually return to Christ on our knees, aware of our sins, so as to be made clean again through his mercy.

**Challenge by Supreme Chaplain Archbishop William E. Lori:**

This month, I challenge you to make a comprehensive examination of conscience at the end of each day and make at least one good and humble confession. Second, I challenge you to begin (or continue) viewing as a council the Knights of Columbus *Into the Breach* video series, putting a particular emphasis on the "Spiritual Warfare" episode.

### Questions for Reflection:

The effects of the terrible disease of leprosy were impossible to ignore, but are there times when you forget the seriousness and horror of sin? Do you examine your conscience regularly, so that you might humbly know of your need to be made clean again? Do you seek to avoid those things which lead to sin, or are you careless or prideful when it comes to occasions of sin?

## Prayer for Protection in Time of Pandemic

By Robert Kosin

### Prayer composed by Pope Francis seek Our Lady's Intercession

It's never too late. Join us in this Novena - 3/15 to 3/23. Do it on your own!

Join us in saying this prayer, from your home, with your family. Simply

download and print the prayer by selecting one of the links below:

- [I1036 - Full Page Version](#)
- [I1036A - Card Version](#)
- [I1036B - Multiple Card Version](#)



Vivat Jesus

## Right to Life Organizations



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**McHenry County Right to Life:**  
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## New Supreme Knight ..... his tenure as the Order's 14th Supreme Knight will commence March 1.

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Patrick Kelly's tenure as the Order's 14th Supreme Knight will commence March 1.

### Statement by retiring Supreme Knight Carl Anderson:

"The Knights of Columbus board has elected an extraordinarily well-qualified new Supreme Knight in Patrick Kelly. Patrick has dedicated his life in service to the Church, his country, and the Knights of Columbus. He has served as Deputy Supreme Knight for four years and is a well-rounded public servant with diplomatic and military experience. He is ideally suited to carry on the work of the Knights of Columbus as we enter a new era, faithful to our principles of charity, unity and fraternity, and in close collaboration with the Holy See and the bishops throughout the world. As Deputy Supreme Knight, Patrick has played a leading role in several major initiatives, including our international religious freedom efforts, our pro-life Ultrasound Initiative, and our new public initiation ceremony. He also served as Executive Director of the Saint John Paul II National Shrine, leading its transformation through the creation of its worship spaces and world-class exhibit on the life of St. John Paul II. Most recently, Patrick led the Knights' grassroots response to the COVID-19 pandemic titled "Leave No Neighbor Behind." Through this initiative, brother Knights around the world are serving those isolated and alone in quarantine, supporting food banks and blood centers in need of vital supplies, and providing other essential services. Patrick has the experience and strong faith necessary to lead the Knights into the future."

For over a decade, Patrick Kelly has worked at a senior level on the frontlines of the Knights' work in charity, advocacy, and the management of the organization's multibillion-dollar insurance and investment operations. Mr. Kelly joined the Knights as a student at Marquette University in 1983 and later served as State Deputy in the District of Columbia from 2012-2013. He was named the Knights' Vice President for Public Policy in 2006 and was elected Deputy Supreme Knight in January 2017.

For further information from Archbishop Lori and  
A statement by Patrick E. Kelly

Click on the following link:

[Knights of Columbus elects next Supreme Knight | KofC.org](#)

To read Mr. Kelly's full bio, [click here](#).

## Faith Director

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re-evangelized."

It seems to hit the nail on the head about today's society, doesn't it? That's from American Baptist pastor and author Rick Warren, and those of us on the Saturday, Feb. 20 TMIY session heard it straight from Dr. Scott Hahn and he talked with us about The First Society, our domestic church at home, and the heavy responsibility each one of us as Catholic men shoulder to ensure we have a faith-centric family.

As Catholic men it is our job to get our wives and children into heaven – to re-energize and re-evangelize them. Unfortunately, in many churches these days it is the women of many families who are taking their kids to church. Did you know that the probability of a family being faithful and sustaining Catholics grows if the husband and dad drives the domestic church bus:

- **3.7%** probability that family members become long-term Catholics if the child is the first in the family to become a Catholic Christian.
- **17%** if the mother is the first in the family to become a Catholic Christian.
- **93%** if the father is the first in the family to become a Catholic Christian.

See what role we all play as husbands and fathers? Learn more about what it means to be a leader of your domestic church by visiting the Faith section of KofC.org for this [great article on Building the Domestic Church](#). This Lent, strive to be the leader of your family God wants you to be.

## Good of the Order

### Knights' March Birthdays:

- Joseph Alger
- Kevin Anderson
- George A. Boulet
- Joseph I. Clark
- Sarnie Coliflores
- Marc Duffy
- John Paul Georgy
- Robert L. Kampman
- Robert S. Mackinlay
- Ronald E. Meissen
- Robert Newport
- Christopher Olsen
- Glendon Schutz
- Joseph A. Schutz
- Jeff Sernett
- Tyler Smyth
- John J. Streit
- David Tambellini
- John P. Walsh
- Mark A. Zehker

### Wives Match Birthdays:

- Bernice Ferraro
- Karen Ferrero, III
- Mary Kay Kampman
- Gail Lehner
- Cathleen Martin
- Cheryl Newport
- Heather Pearson
- Irene Skaja
- Sandra Zehker
- Marilyn Zopp

### March Anniversaries:

- Michael and Marie Habisohn
- Stephen J. and Bobbie O'Riordan

**Good of the Order—  
Pray For List is included in your  
February Minutes**

**Update Your  
Membership Info**  
[Click here](#) to update it.



**Read the Bible and  
Pray the Rosary.**



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

## Fifth Sunday Memorial Mass—May 30, 2021 —9:00AM

By Robert Kosin

### 5<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY

Sunday May 30<sup>th</sup> is a Fifth Sunday of the month for which the 9AM Mass is in memory for the Deceased Members of Father McCormick Council 3880. The health and safety standards of the Pandemic has change our attendance and participation at Mass. But that does not limit the moment of prayer. As well as attending Mass that day, find a place to hear an inner voice or view of His creation and if the weather is conducive, stand outside on that Sunday, long enough to say a decade.

***Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with you;  
Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your  
womb, Jesus.  
Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners now and at the  
hour of our death.  
Amen.***



And from the gentle repetition of each prayer be mindful of our deceased members, their faith in their clergy, love of Our Lady and how each lived a life in recognition of Tempus Fugit, Memento Mori.



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St. Thomas the Apostle



### Council Calendar

March 2021	April 2021	May 2021
3/2 Business Meeting 3/13 Annual St. Pat's Dinner 3/14 Breakfast 3/16 Social Meeting	4/1-4/3 Triduum 4/4 Easter 4/6 Business Meeting 4/20 Social Meeting	5/4 Business Meeting Reading of Officer nominations 5/9 Mothers Day 5/18 Social Meeting 5/31 Memorial Day

### Prayer for the Canonization of Fr. Michael J McGivney

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

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



Lady's Auxiliary.  
Amen.

## KNIGHT LIFE

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

