



# Knight Life

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### Crystal Lake, IL 60014



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## Grand Knight's Report

By Mike Kebr

**D**ear Brothers,  
Our new fraternal year has begun. It has been another busy and productive month. We started the month out with our July Business meeting. Prior to the start of the meeting we had two donation presentations. These were donations that were part of the charitable disbursements from the previous fraternal year (2017-2018). PGK Mike Bradley was on hand to make the presentations. The first went to



CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocates) for \$500. CASA as you may recall works with neglected and abused children that are put under temporary foster care because their parents cannot or will not take care of them. They give children a voice in court, so they can grow up in safe, permanent homes where they can thrive. The second presentation was made to the Illinois Fire Safety Alliance (IFSA) for \$500. The IFSA is dedicated to fire safety, burn prevention and supporting burn survivors. The 28<sup>th</sup> Annual camp "I am me" is a week-long camp held this year on July 17-23 at YMCA Camp Duncan in Ingleside, IL. The camp provides the setting for child burn survivors to share their common experiences while being able to play and not feel self-conscious about their scars. The council also was given an Eagle Scout Project presentation by Hunter Berkland of Troop 127. Hunter is building two picnic benches, and a toybox at a preschool playground. He made a request for \$200 towards his project. The council later voted and passed a motion to approve the \$200 toward the project. On Tuesday, July 17<sup>th</sup> before our monthly social meeting we will be hosting a rosary held at the rosary walk at the Oak Street church. This will be followed by snacks and refreshments to all that attend.

We will be adding 2 new events this year. On Friday, July 27<sup>th</sup> and Friday, August 31<sup>st</sup> we will have our Brat-

Mobile selling food at the Crystal Lake Brewery. We will need help cooking and serving food at both events. Food will be served from 5pm to 8:30pm outside the brewery. If you cannot help, then come out and have some dinner and a cold one. Look out for more details on the August 31<sup>st</sup> event as this will be tied in with a fundraiser for the Knights of Columbus Coats for Kids program.

I would also like to take a moment to introduce our Program Directors for 2018-2019 Fraternal year.

- Membership director – John Stefani
- Faith director – Mike Jasinski
- Family director – Kevin Scanlan
- Community director – Bob Wyman
- Life director – TBD

As you can see I am still looking for a Life director. If you are interested or know of anyone who might make a good candidate, please let me know.

I will be holding a meeting for officers and program directors to finish the council program planning for this year on Tuesday, July 24<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm at the parish center. If you are interested participating in any programs/events or have any ideas for new programs please let me or our Program director, DGK Todd Bright, know.

One last note, our 56<sup>th</sup> Annual Corn Boil will be held on Saturday, August 11<sup>th</sup> from 11am to 3pm in the parking lot of the Oak Street church. We need many volunteers to help with the event. Please contact Greg Staciak, [gstazze@comcast.net](mailto:gstazze@comcast.net), or myself if you are interested in helping.

Thank you again for all your help and support.

Mary, Queen of Knights. "Pray for us"

*Vivat Jesus,  
Mike Kebr,  
Grand Knight #3880*

## Deputy Grand Knights Report

By Todd Bright

Brothers,  
It is an honor to be a part of and to serve Council 3880. We do so many great things for our church, charities and our community. I have been a member of our council for 20 years, but recently became

more active about 5 years ago. Initially I participated in only a few events per year. The Tootsie Roll Drive with my children (their donation hit rate was exceptional), selling Christmas Trees, and one of my favorite events the Gala/Lakeside festival. I will >> 2

## Council Officers Fraternal Year 2018- 2019

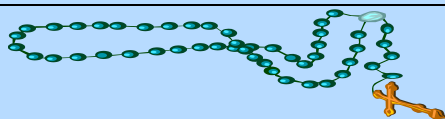
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## Deputy Grand Knight

never forget worthy Chancellor, Bob Kosin's ability to sell T-Shirts to the concert crowd. He and his wife Vicki were naturals.

My first meeting back was overwhelming. How can this group of men and their families do so much? Father Simon reminded us of this at our July business meeting. He noted, "The Knights always amaze me with all the good that you do, I pray for you often". Prior to the meeting PGK Bradley and GK Kebr presented representatives from CASA and a Youth Fire Victims Summer Camp with \$500 checks. Last year the woman from CASA was so thankful for receiving our donation that she broke into tears. There was not a dry eye in the room and we were reminded

of why we do what we do.

My message to our less active members, get more active in the Council this year. Please try to find 2 to 4 hours over the year. You will not regret it! Attend a meeting. Help with one event. If you do not know where to start, reach out to me or any other officer. We can always use the help, we always have fun and you will be helping others. **"To those much is given, much is expected"**. We truly are all blessed. May God continue to bless you and your families,



## Membership

By PGK, PFN John Stefani

### Another Admissions Degree is Coming!

Trying to keep on a roll, we will have the next Admissions (First, for those of you who can't get the new names straight!) Degree next month, at the August Social Meeting. That will take place on Tuesday, August 21<sup>st</sup>. At this time, I have three Form 100s. Two have already been read and approved by vote of the Council, and one new Form 100 that I just received at the July Breakfast. But this gives us more than enough time to get more Candidates. Remember, we can read, vote on, and approve a Candidate at the very beginning of the Ceremony, so hard to ever be late getting it in to me. You get one, and the Business Meeting seems to be too far away, or we just had one, not a problem, give me a call! Remember, I'm retired, so what else do I have to do with my time!!!!? Our "goal" for Membership this year is around the same as the last several years, 23 -25, which we have not met in a while now.

This number is always a main requirement for Star Council, something that we have not met for a while. We have been getting new Candidates / Brothers but seems like we are always a few short. That's where you come in! I know people... but between us 300 plus members of the Council, we know a lot more people than any one of us. So once again, I am asking every one of you to do your fair share. If everyone would help to fulfill the State Council goal of one new member every month, we would surely exceed 12 new Brother Knights, and most likely at least double that number... oh, that would make our goal! The general program of the K of C has changed this year... we now have only four goal areas... Membership is mine, but all of you are also part of Membership! So, let's make this a banner year! Peace!

Reach me at: [membership@kofc3880.org](mailto:membership@kofc3880.org), or 815-679-6596

Vivat Jesu John

## July Breakfast

By PGK, PFN John Stefani

It was a hot, muggy Summer Sunday in July, the heat in the kitchen was blazing away... especially for **Brother Bob Newport** and **me**, over the two grills! **Brother Sir Knight Mike Jasinski** didn't have it a lot better in and out of the two convections ovens repeatedly... **Brother Sir Knight Bob Kampman** had the really hot conveyor toaster in his face all morning... of course, **Brother Sir Knight Ken Artner** was in his private little corner with his personal fan mounted on the microwave while he made

the waffles... oh, well, we each have our cross to bear! Breakfast was a little light, about 15 - 20 diners light... For the past several months **Annette O'Connell**, wife of **Brother Sir Knight Dan O'Connell, Jr.**, who has the distinction of putting each breakfast plate together and sending it on its way, has been compiling all the menus each month. That very detail->> 3



## July Breakfast

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ed list also includes the number of menu's used. So, we can not only see what was made and served, but how many guests we serve. Each order called to the cooks by **Past Grand Knight, Sir Knight Scott Popp**, who is closest to the door and the cooler temperatures of the dining room! But even with the warm weather, we still did good, and even after the 10:30 Mass, when a few thought it would be light with the warm weather, we had a really good showing. All the menus in use, the standard Yellow, Blue, Pink and Green did well, and the three special whites, Steak & Eggs, 1/2 Waffle with and egg, and French Toast with eggs had some hits. Variety is still big with us as it gives everyone a nice choice... they know it is not the same old pancakes and sausage every time, but more of, "Hmm, what will I have this time?" Even the Monsignor,

who always came in through the kitchen, grabbed a paper cup and walked up to Dan and asked for just a couple of sausages, spent the last several times with us sitting down to the Steak & Egg Breakfast! And yes, that item was a little lighter this time... But, **Fr. John Evans** came in and had breakfast with us, a little lighter fare this time around, but graciously came over and said how good it was, with special emphasis on the bacon! Then the guys told me he went out through the kitchen and thanked the guys working there and shook their hands. Thank you, **Father**, and **Worthy Past Grand Knight**, welcome to **St. Thomas** and **Fr. McCormick Council 3880!** Peace and thanks to all who make this event so great, and hope see you all there next month on August 19th!  
John

## Troop and Pack 127

By Dan O'Connell

### July and Summer Camp Adventures

The Troop and Pack kicked off July by Marching in the 4<sup>th</sup> of July parade on July 7<sup>th</sup> (go figure). Both groups were well represented by both scouts, scouters and parents. It was a much better day than last year temperature wise but we still ran out of candy long



before the end of the parade despite having almost 10,000 pieces between the two groups. There were a TON of spectators along the parade route.

It is that time of year that the Troop goes to summer camp. This year we went to Canyon Camp in Stockton, Illinois. Just a couple of hours west of here along the idyllic Coon Creek. We had 14 of our 18 scouts attend camp including our 4 new scouts. Yours truly also went this year after missing last year.



The scouts had signed up for 60 merit badges (MB) at Canyon Camp ranging from Astronomy to Weather. PGK Marty Zopp is the Troop Merit Badge Counselor and did a terrific job of checking in with the scouts and the MB coordinators so that our guys stayed on track throughout the week. I help the new scouts make their way through the Canyon Rangers program (knocks out a bunch of Second and First Class requirements) as well as the Swimming MB and Basketry MB. All in all, we came home with 56 completed MB's with 4 partials to work on. They did a terrific job.

The weather all week was hot and sticky. Mosquitos weren't bad, but they had gnats galore. We tried everything on them and nothing worked. One of the camp counselors told us that the best thing for keeping them away was vanilla extract or Absorbine Jr. which is still available at your local Walmart or Walgreens. Of course, we had neither with us so came home with more than a few bites.



And a Troop 127 outing would not be complete without some inclement weather. Friday night immediately after dinner had been finished being served outside, the bell and siren went off to take shelter in the Mess Hall. We went in there about 6:30 PM and torrential rains with 70 MPH winds accompanied by thunder and lightning blew through the camp. There were large branches and even trees falling. We were finally given the all clear to return to our campsite at 10:30 PM to assess the damage and what had gotten wet. We luckily were not in too bad of shape and went down for the night only to have the heavy rain continue for most of it, so we got to pack up wet on Saturday morning. But it was a great adventure none the less.

The Troop and Pack want to thank you for your continued support with helping build to our citizens of tomorrow who will shepherd our great country in the right direction keeping it strong and free. God bless you and your families, and we hope you have a terrific rest of the Summer.

## Crystal Lake Food Pantry

By PGK, PFN John Stefani



No one should go hungry.

The big news out of the Pantry is that this summer they are celebrating their 35<sup>th</sup> Anniversary! The Board of Directors (made up of the liaison members of all the community churches participating in the Pantry) have been discussing how to celebrate this event. Parishioner Marilyn Georgy, Past President and wife of Brother Paul, and our own Brother Bill Genzler, are heading the committee. Our Council was contacted and asked if the Knights would be interested in bringing the BratMobile and cooking all of the 'donated' food that the pantry will supply. And if we are, could we possibly suggest the dates (Saturdays) that would work for us. This was discussed with (then) GK Mike Bradley and (now) GK Mike Kebr and we agreed this would be a good promotional event for the Council. It was discussed as an agenda item at the July Business meeting. At this time, we have tentatively scheduled Sat-

urday, September 15<sup>th</sup>. We are still waiting on the Pantry to determine that they have enough volunteer workers. We will know by their next board meeting, on August 13<sup>th</sup>. Try to keep that Saturday open if you will be able to work when we call!

The first Saturday of July was a little light, with 36 clients representing 113 persons as we distributed 3,675 pounds of food. We had a nice showing of workers again, so the load was not too bad. Please considering helping on the first Saturday of the month and/or the third Thursday of the month. This can be for an hour or the entire shift.

... If you have any questions, ask Vince or myself, or give me a shout at

(815) 679-6596. Thanks!

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## Fourth Degree

By PGK, PFN John Stefani



Greetings **Faithful Sir Knights** and **Worthy Brother Knights!**

It's only July, but the upcoming Fourth Degree Exemplification in September is already heating up! I have submitted the completed Form 4s for **Brother Mark Allen** and **Worthy Deputy Grand Knight Todd Bright** to the Assembly and they have both been read and approved. I now have a completed Form 4 from **Brother Joe Mancini**, which will be read at the August meeting. That is also the last time we can turn them in to the Master for inclusion. I do have several other Form 4s out, two that I know I will be getting back in time to be turned in. They are for **Brothers John Baldo** and **Steve Baker**. There is another one out that I am waiting to hear on... It would be great to have all six attend the Exemplification, but I will take the five, although really, I would like about 8 or 10! So, if you are on the fence, give me a call and let's talk. Remember this is going to be in Huntley at St. Mary's... a short

drive away, no hotel involved. Drive over in the morning (hopefully with your spouse), get officially registered while she attends the Ladies luncheon and program, you will have a special lunch with the other candidates, then you attend the Knighting ceremony after that, become a Sir Knight, meet up with the ladies after that, attend Mass, have a great dinner reception, then you can go home known as **Sir Knight!** Piece of cake! I also have just received the Master's letter and Application which I will be sending on to those whose Form 4 I already have. It outlines all the details involved along with the menu choices!

Remember, a Tuxedo is no longer required for the ceremony... a dark suit, white shirt, dark shoes, and a nice tie will get it done. Don't know when we will have another one this close!

So, if interested, please see either **Dan O'Connell** or myself for the FORM 4 to start the ball rolling. Same for any questions.

**Vivat Jesus!**

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## Who has the Golden Ticket

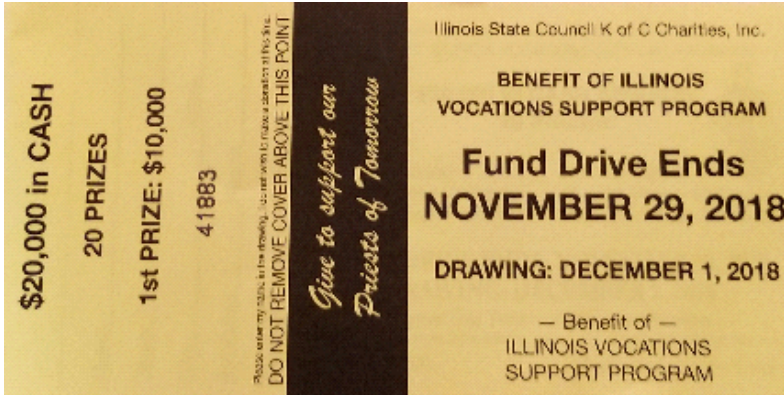
By Bob Kosin

The KofC statewide Vocational Raffle has started, and, in many ways, it's been in the shadow of the IDE and Tootsie Rolls but is no less important to the core purpose of the Knights of Columbus. So, beginning this July until the November business meeting, members of our Council are being given a Raffle booklet which back in the day was mailed to each member's home.

What hasn't changed is each booklet contains 15 chances at a dollar a chance to win \$20,000 in cash awards with the first prize of \$10,000. It can happen, and it did happen in Council 3880. Ask one of the old members.

But the real winners are the seminarians who for which \$9 stays with our Council to directly support seminarians and \$6 goes to State Council. Even then the money continues to pay forward for those who have chosen to walk the path of

Christ. 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 Liturgical



Calendar "Ordo" as a Christmas gift. The Seminary benefits as well as in October, the State Council 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 and the other seminaries that our seminarians attend.

When the education journey ends and a seminarian is ordained, State Council sends him an ordination card with a check in the amount of \$100 and a beautiful copy of the "Daily Missal".

Booklets are out, and more are being distribute. Please do your part by asking your Brother Knight to buy one or more of his raffle tickets or better yet, get a booklet from yours truly and tell others with the booklet in hand, the purpose of the Vocational Drive of the Knights of Columbus. Whether you win or not,

there is a future priest, nun and brother who will.

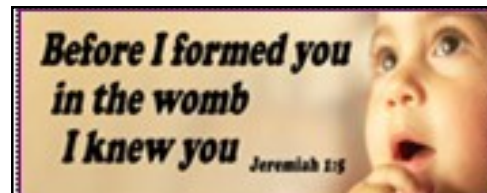
## Pro-Life Report

By Jamie Hruza

Dear Brothers,

President Trump has set forth another Pro Life friendly Supreme Court Nomination. Brett Kavanaugh graduate of Harvard Law with a very distinguished background would protect life. Justice Kennedy believed life began at birth and so before birth the child had no rights. Through 3d and 4d imagery we know this is a lie. Life begins at conception and Gods creation can never be destroyed regardless of what law man makes. This appointment would protect life, safeguard the constitution, and place overturning Roe v Wade directly in the cross hairs. The pro death crowd will do everything they can to derail this nominee in an attempt to keep abortion legal in this country. Many politicians receive lots of campaign funds from the abortion industry including Planned Parenthood. You will see a fierce battle to keep this great Judge from the highest court

in the land. Brett Kavanaugh is Catholic and has a very strong moral and ethical compass. Thank you, Mr. President, for protecting life by setting forth yet another Pro Life Supreme Court Nomination. This nomination, if confirmed, will change the direction of this nation indefinitely in a move away from death to life. Please pray that this nomination be confirmed swiftly regardless of the push back. Mary Queen of Heaven, Pray for Us  
God Bless



# July 2018 Memories



## Good of the Order

### Knights' August Birthdays:

Mark Allen  
 Mark Benkert  
 William Cotugno  
 Kenneth J. Diana  
 David M. Frederick  
 Kevin Fromme  
 Larry S. Godfrey  
 Robert M. Gray  
 Timothy J. Hicklin  
 PSD, Joseph G. Kaltwasser  
 William E. Keehan Jr.  
 Jon Kosin  
 Chris Krambeer  
 Dennis V. McCoy  
 Donald Meyer  
 Brian Mulville  
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 Daniel Polakowski  
 Christopher Rodolfo  
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 Mathew S. Walker  
 Richard C. Walter  
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 Richard Wolk

Laura Dumovich  
 Joni Jasinski  
 Angela Krambeer  
 Marcy Kranz  
 Kristin Laudick  
 Jerrilynn Mazurk  
 Ana McCoy  
 Jeanne Mulville  
 Bobbie O'Riordan  
 Patricia Zokal

Marilyn Orso, Delores Sanoski, Kathy Oliveira, Tim Dobslat, John Santinello, Bob Thomas (RIP), Jan Thomas

Apologies for misspellings in the above list.

If we have missed anyone's birthday, anniversary, or a special congratulations please email: [THicklin@aol.com](mailto:THicklin@aol.com),

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### August Anniversaries:

Thomas J. and Jan Dawson  
 John W. and Pamela Erickson  
 Robert and Mary Frazier  
 Joe and Christine Gottemoller  
 Peter H. and Barb Harren  
 Gregory J. and Margaret Heideman  
 Gregory J. and Lynda Ives  
 Daniel P. and Donna Maguire  
 Dennis V. and Ana McCoy  
 Ronald L. and Judy Modrich  
 Gerald M. and Marilyn Zopp

### Wives' August Birthdays:

Pat Artner  
 Jean Marie Brickey  
 Joan Clark

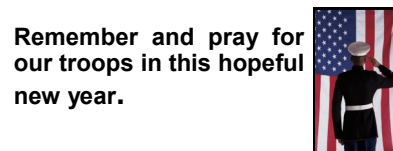
### Family of the Month:

None presented

**Pray For:** Dave Miloch, Frank Sweeny, Rose Vala, Ralph Melgosa, William Slowey,



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



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

## Fifth Sunday Memorial Mass

*Tempus Fugit, Memento Mori!*

**Sunday, July 29, 2018** is the next memorial mass of the 2018 calendar year. Please plan on joining us for 9:00 AM Mass at St. Thomas the Apostle Church. All Knights and their FAMILIES are invited to attend. The entire **right center section** of pews as you face the altar will be re-

served four 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!



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St. Thomas the Apostle

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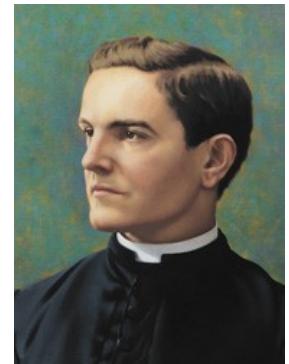
## Council Calendar

August 2018	September 2018	October 2018
8/4 Food Pantry 8/7 Business Meeting 8/11 Corn Boil 8/15 Assumption of Mary 8/16 Food Pantry Thursday 8/19 Breakfast 8/21 Admission Degree 7:00 PM Social Meeting 8/25 Block Party	9/1 Food Pantry 9/4 Business Meeting 9/14-15 IDDF (Tootsie Roll) Drive 9/16 Breakfast 9/18 Social Meeting 9/22 Johnny Applesseed Festival	10/2 Business Meeting 10/6 Food Pantry 10/16 Social Meeting 10/18 Food Pantry Thursday 10/21 Breakfast

## 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 inspi-

ration 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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IN SERVICE TO ONE. IN SERVICE TO ALL.

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

