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Grand Knight's Report

By Mike Kebr

Dear Brothers,
Welcome to our new fraternal year. We had our officer installation on June 23rd in front of the Mary Statue at the Oak St church. I would like to thank everyone that attended. It was good to see my brother knights in person. As things start to open up I would like to remind everyone to be smart and be safe. As for future events, the parish block party, our annual corn boil, and Johnny Appleseed have all been cancelled. We will continue to look for ways to be involved in our parish and community. We are still working the Crystal Lake food pantry on the first Saturday and third Thursday of each month. Please consider helping out if you can we can always use the help. If you have any questions you can contact Vince Esposito or John Stefani.



As for Council business, we are currently in need of a few brothers to fill director and chairmen positions.

The openings are as follows:

- Family Director – (formerly held by Kevin Scalan)
- Community Director – (formerly held by Bob Wyman)
- Faith Director

These are important positions for our council. We have people that can help you along. If you have any questions please let our DGK Bob Kosin or myself know. Just remember you do not need to do everything yourself. The director can create committees to assist with activities. I would also like to thank Bob Wyman for stepping up and taking on our membership director position. This is a great opportunity for our council to grow going forward.

We are trying to get to a point where we can start to have in person meetings again, even if in a reduced capacity, but for now they will continue to be virtual. In the event that we can have our meetings in person, they will continue to be available virtually for those concerned about their health may avoid any >> 5

Deputy Grand Knight

Summertime, an' the livin' is easy

By SK, Robert Kosin

Back in the day as begins most recollections by those who remember singing along to Good Vibrations playing on a vinyl 45, the lament heard this time of the year, that there was nothing to do. What was to be done for the summer was already done twice over, no new adventures and travel was limited to backyard or occasional relative's house. A malaise grew among family and friends like the ongoing suspension of today's expected events of the season. If that feeling fills your day, "Bucky" pause for a moment, and consider your Council. On August 1st there is the Blood Drive, a need far greater to be met than the return to cross town baseball rivalries. First Saturday and third Thursday are the Food Pantry call out for volunteers. Also, our Parish has a request for volunteers in so many positions and truth be told being a Knight already has the street creed of being the strong right arm of the Church. As the Beach Boys would

say, "got the pink slip, daddy." On August 30th if not already planning to do so is reason to attend Mass as it is the Fifth Sunday dedicated to deceased members of the Council. Their membership brought the Council and the Knights of Columbus to this point and the organization we have, our insurance, our faith. How better to express our appreciation



than in prayer and Holy Communion. Those summers of long ago brought about the mystery of Sunshine Tea. A large glass bottled filled with water, three or more tea bags, sealed and sitting in the sun until sunset. At the appointed time poured over one or two cubes of ice would be the most refreshing drink of the day. And while sharing the evening's cooling breeze would be a story to tell of even earlier times and family members of generations ago. >> 2



Council Officers Fraternal Year 2000-2021

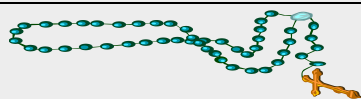
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Membership

Brothers, I'm still learning the ropes of this very important job of membership. Especially in these trying times! Below is what is required.

Since 1882, membership in the Knights of Columbus has been open to men 18 years of age or older who are "practical" (that is, practicing) Catholics in union with the Holy See. Since that time, the Knights of Columbus has understood "practical catholic" to mean a Catholic who accepts the teaching authority of the Catholic Church on matters of faith and morals, aspires to live in accord with the **precepts of the Catholic Church**, and is in good standing in the Catholic Church.

What I have gotten out of being a member of council 3880 since 2000.

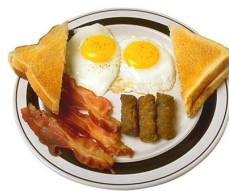
- Brotherhood, knowing you have brothers that have your back!
- Doing events to raise money to give it away. And having fun doing it.
- Fulfilling a need for charity for our community and parish
- Being recognized in the community as an outstanding contributor
- Better pray life by saying the rosary. Make this No. #1

Will keep you posted. Please let me know if you have Catholic gentlemen who like to join us.



July Breakfast ... in a time long long ago!!! By PGK, PFN John Stefani

So, I don't know, maybe some 40 years ago, we did a breakfast in the church basement, with shag carpet on most of the walls!! Leo was in the corner selling cans of juice... Richie Partake was pulling out log pieces of black pipe and screwing them together snaking around the side of the old kitchen to put up the grills... we had two menus, and lots of fun, and dishes and pots and pans were washed in the back cave... So skip ahead over 20 years and we moved upstairs into a totally inadequate kitchen not planned by anyone who knew how to cook... and then had 10 to 12 menus and so much fun... then came the 'bug'!



now we are kidding (sort of?) talking about taking

it out to the parking lot... crazy world???

So the Pandemic menu, masked eggs and gloved sausage? Sanitizer and wipes on every table? Please clean up after yourself, and don't let the door hit you on your &\$\$ on the way out the door, last one out, Please turnout the lights, Elvis has left the building! Me, I want to get back to normal SOMETIME SOON!!!! When I am asked about Corona, I want it in a chilled bottle!!! so let's hang on and get there! Peace, health, and happiness to all of you!



John

Deputy Grand Knight

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Sunshine Tea technology still works and with a little research from Google or Siri, the story of Father McGivney can be told, or locally Father McCormick and his namesake park. And when day is done a decade of the Rosary for what Knight does not have his rosary to share in prayer. Because when it is

the time for others to tell the stories of the Summer of 2020, what would be more awe inspiring than the retelling of Knights of Columbus and service given. To paraphrase, the Duke, this ain't our first pandemic, pilgrim.

Troop and Pack 127

By Dan O'Connell

Virtual Scouting Continues...

As summer is half over and scouting is still virtual, it has not been a total loss. The Pack has been active concentrating on outside activities where social distancing can be practiced. We also have not been allowed back into the St. Thomas facilities as of yet but have submitted our calendar to them for the upcoming year.



The Pack has a monthly hike planned in addition to at least one other event each month so that each scout has the opportunity to earn the Summertime Award. They must attend at least one event in June, July, and August to earn this recognition. Other activities include fishing, rocket launching and

biking.

Recruiting will be challenging this year for both Cub Scouts and Scouts BSA and National is in the process of introducing a social media campaign that will hopefully get the message out that Scouting is still open, active, and looking for participants. They are also relying on "Ask a Friend" campaign so that each scout tries to recruit a friend to join the Pack or Troop. It will be interesting to see how this unfolds.

The Troop also continues to virtually scout. Unfortunately, summer camp at Tesomas Scout Camp in Rhinelander was cancelled due to COVID-19 restrictions in place from BSA and Blackhawk Area Council on carpooling and traveling out of state. We will try again next year at Canyon Camp in Stockton, IL.

We are going to attempt a canoe outing in August which should allow us to social distance, and it will be local so carpooling will not be necessary. We hope to canoe on the Kishwaukee River near Rockford.



SCOUTS | BSA

Let's hope for good weather and that we have not rolled back on any of the pandemic progress we have

made in Illinois.

As for the adults in both groups, we continue to meet via ZOOM to plan out the calendars for the coming scout year. We hope to be able to put together an exciting and fun filled year for the scouts that will allow them to learn new skills; have new adventures; make some new friends and continue to advance in rank in both Cub Scouts and Scouts BSA.

Thank you for your continued support of Scouting and may you and your families stay safe and healthy during these trying times.

God bless.

DD Report

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Understanding State Charities

The State Charities are managed by the State council of KofC and used to meet needs within the state. The state charities are;

- Newman Apostolate Fund - Supporting faith development on college campuses through support of the college Newman Centers. Goal: \$5 per member
- Intellectual Disabilities - Supporting those with disabilities (A.K.A IDDF or "Tootsie Roll" Drive).
- General Assistance Fund - Providing disaster relief throughout the state. Goal:\$1.10 per member
- Vocations - Supporting our seminarians. Goal:\$2.50 per member
- Right to Life - Pro-life activities. Goal:\$1.10 per member

Based on membership, a goal is established for each charity. It's tracked throughout the year (goal, donations, and amount to make goal). Each council appoints a Charity Ambassador to keep track of progress against goals. State KofC will communicate to the Charity Ambassador who's primary job is to communicate status to the council.

Many councils just send in a check for their quota. Sending a check

in Quarterly or every 6 months assures State KofC has funds to respond to the charitable needs. Likewise, a council may contribute to any of the charities at any time. For example you can add to the IDF fund even after the ID Drive is long complete.

Charity Star is an award to acknowledge those councils who meet their goals. Each council MUST have a Charity Ambassador to get recognized as a charity star council.

1. Meet a minimum of 3 of your Charity Goals will earn the Council 2 Charity Star Pins, one for the Grand Knight, and the 2nd for the Council Charity Director or Member the Grand Knight Chooses.

2. Meet 4 of your Council Charity Goals. The Council will earn the Council 3 Charity Star Pins for distribution at the Grand Knights Discretion.

3. Meet all 5 of your Council Charity Goals? The Council will earn 5 Charity Star Pins for distribution at the Grand Knights Discretions.

Hopefully this clarifies some of what and how the state charities programs work.

Crystal Lake Food Pantry



Crystal Lake Food Pantry

No one should go hungry.

Our food pantry days are completed for the month of July. Since there was only the Thursday version in July because the first Saturday was Independence Day, I thought that maybe we would get help. I thought incorrectly. Our total sum of Council Volunteers working the pantry was five. Four of the workers were knights and one family member. With the procedures that are in place currently at the pantry the first hour on Thursday was busy and the second hour slowed a bit.

With the help of some of the off the street volunteers and regular pantry help we managed to make it through the evening shift.

I know some of the "regular" volunteers are not showing because of the pandemic. This is very understandable especially with most of the volunteers being in the high risk category. But I've also noticed that council member involvement has come to a crawl. I don't know if it is because the pandemic, summertime activities or apathy.

I know that we've not been able to come together as a family of parishioners or socially in the community center over coffee or break-

fast. These activities do spark much of our volunteerism.

As this pandemic rages on we may not be able to come together under one roof for some time to come.

Vaccines will be at least 8 to 12 months away. Therapeutics for the virus will arrive probably by year end. In the meantime if we follow the public health guidelines of the 3 W's, wash your hand and frequently touched surfaces often, watch your distance and stay at least 6' apart and wear a mask, we can still volunteer in our community.

Let us never forget any of the people who have died do to this pandemic. If you have ever witnessed someone dying of a pulmonary problem you know what a horrible ending to life God has given watching the oxygen level in their bodies decrease as struggling for life become futile.

Next food pantry days: August 1st and 20th and September 5th and 17th.

Crystal Lake Food Pantry

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Crystal Lake, IL 60014 815-455-0961

www.cfoodpantry.org



Fourth Degree

By SK, Dan O'Connell

In Service to One, In Service to All

We are awaiting word on who will replace Sir Knight Garry R. Daly, Master as our next Master of the 4th Degree Northern Illinois District I of Marquette Province. We expect to hear shortly after August 1st and will let you know in next month's article. The next Exemplification is still planned for October, but a definitive date has not been established and the pandemic may change it entirely. More to follow on that as well.



Honor Guards are not taking place for Confirmations as they are being performed by the Parish priests by permission of Bishop Malloy. Additionally, due to COVID-19, attendance at Confirmations is limited to the candidate, their sponsor, and the candidate's parents.

We are also not seeing requests for wakes and funerals due to COVID-19. This is an exceedingly difficult time for many families who have lost a loved one during this pandemic and do not have the ability to say goodbye in the traditional way we have come to

know. God bless all of the families who have had to endure this during these very unusual times and may their loved ones rest in peace.

The uniform is available as a package that includes the blazer, slacks, tie, beret and emblem for \$449 at [4th Degree Uniform Package](#). Once Honor Guards resume, this will be the only acceptable dress for this and any other 4th Degree events.

Our next Assembly meeting is August 12th at 7:30 PM and right now is planned as a virtual meeting unless we are allowed to meet at Holy Apostles. Please watch your emails for a communication from our Faithful Navigator David Jones.



Pro-Life Report

By Jamie Hruza

Dear Brothers,

2020 has been a very trying year for many. As a nation we legalized the killing of unborn babies 47 years ago. We have been executing babies for almost 50 years in this country with hardly a whisper of opposition from the public. As long as it goes on behind closed doors and the general public does not see or hear about it we are all good. As a society we discard babies like garbage. As a nation our sins scream out to heaven for vengeance. Our country pumps out free porn on 1000's of websites, we kill babies, we euthanize the elderly, assist suicides, we marry same sex couples, and we have liquidated God from almost every inch of this nation.

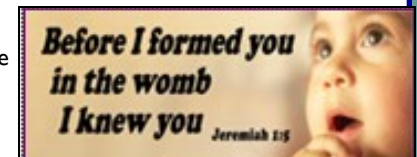
The ones doing the evil can only advance their evil if our protection is removed. If our protection is removed it's because we have apostatized from Almighty God. All you have to do is turn on the T.V. and you can see how far we have fallen as a nation. They blaspheme the Lords name on just about every single show on TV. It's as if they have a quota that must be met. The TV sexualizes everything and now "same" sexualizes everything. The old rated R is now the new PG-13. So if you have looked around and wonder what happened to your country look no further than yourself. This is spiritual warfare and if you are not part of the solution then you are part of the problem. The

end of abortion is of utmost importance, the sanctity of life is a message lost in our current society. You must support the pro life movement physically and financially. You must speak out against the genocide of abortion. You must do your daily rosary. You must fight! At this very moment you can see clearly the battle between the children of Light and the children of darkness.

Remember "all lives matter" regardless of skin color from conception to natural death. Any other politically driven agenda is a distraction from the truth and the work of the devil. The only way to show the world that "all lives matter" is to make abortion illegal throughout the entire world. This will send a clear message that we all have infinite value in the eyes of Almighty God. What we are witnessing in our streets now we can only pray ends soon and order is restored. Please pray for the United States of America and for all the sick throughout the world.

Pray your daily Rosary it is the weapon of our time

In Christ,
Jamie Hruza



Grand Knight's Report

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potential exposure. More to come on this as I get more information from the parish.

Looking ahead to November we did get permission from Fr. Evans to hold our Advent Wreaths and Christmas Tree/Wreath sales. As of right now we are in the planning stages. The Christmas tree committee met last week to start putting together a timeline and game plan. We will be operate under all diocesan rules, guidelines from Supreme and any civil regulations. More to come on this in the near future.

I hope you all continue to have safe and healthy summer. Please re-

member to reach out to your fellow brother knights. If you haven't seen or talked to one of them in a while, give them a call, email or text. Just reaching out and saying "hello" can go a long way.

Mary Queen of Knights, "Pray for Us"

God bless you all.

Vivat Jesus,
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Building The Domestic Church

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parish in becoming the domestic church. It's what we signed up for as Knights of Columbus. By choosing to be Knights, we have chosen to be different from secular society and to live our faith boldly. Encourage your brother Knights to live the [Supreme Chaplain's Monthly Challenge](#). It allows all Knights of Columbus to be united in a simple challenge each month to live their faith. Living as the domestic church is extremely effective. Throughout all of Judeo-Christian his-

tory, there has been nothing more effective at evangelizing the culture than regular, everyday people choosing to live their faith at home and in the public square. Salvation history was changed forever by a family.

Right to Life Organizations



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McHenry County Right to Life:
www.righttolife-mc.org
McHenry County Right to Life PAC:
www.prolife-victory.com

2020 Memories

Who are these Masked Men?



PR Director

By John Walsh

Hope fellow Knights see are inspired to join the dedicated members of the Council (see photo) who give to the community serving those in need at the Crystal Lake Food Pantry.

Please share stories or calendar postings on Patch, NWH and Observer of the August 1st Community blood drive in your social dia. And please visit our Council's Facebook page and share postings of our council's activities.

First Saturday of the month, August 1st and third Thursday of the month, August 20th.

<https://www.facebook.com/kofc3880>

Building the Domestic Church

<https://www.kofc.org/en/who-we-are/our-faith/domestic-church.html>

What is the Domestic Church

The phrase "domestic church" has been used to describe families since the beginning of Christianity. In his *Letter to Families*, Pope St. John Paul II explained, "The Fathers of the Church, in the Christian tradition, have spoken of the family as a 'domestic church,' a 'little church."

The domestic church is believing that how you live your faith in your councils, families, parishes and community has a ripple effect that changes the world

It is the council, the family and the parish that knows that everything they do must be based in surrendering prayer.

It describes the imperfect family and council who deliberately chooses to live contrary to what seems like a Godless world and says, "In our home, council and parish, we choose to live our faith."

It is the family and council who prays together, goes to Mass weekly, frequents the Sacrament of Confession and (because they realize they are powerless without God), deliberately avoids that which pollutes their minds and hearts.

It is the imperfect, humble and joy-filled family and council that rarely preaches the faith because they are too busy living it

The Building the Domestic Church While Strengthening Our Parish Initiative

The Knights of Columbus seeks to strengthen family life through its [Building the Domestic Church While Strengthening Our Parish](#) initiative. Through this initiative, the Order endeavors to support Christian family life and encourages councils and families to more fully integrate with the sacramental and social life of their parish. We thereby hope to not only help each family participate in the Church's mission of evangelization, but to also strengthen our members and revitalize our parishes

[Faith in Action](#)

The Building the Domestic Church initiative is the inspiration and foundation of the new Faith in Action program model, which greatly emphasizes faith and spirituality. Those councils that thoroughly implement Faith in Action will be living and exemplifying the domestic church

[Be a Leader](#)

Take a leadership role in your council, your family and your >> 6

Good of the Order

Knights August Birthdays:

- Mark Allen
- Mark Benkert
- William Cotugno
- Kenneth J. Diana
- 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
- Daniel J. O'Connell
- Daniel Polakowski
- Christopher Rodolfo
- Eric Schreifels
- Rev. Kenneth Stachyra
- John R. Stefani
- William Sudbrook, Jr.
- William Tillman
- Mathew S. Walker
- Richard C. Walter

- Dean Wisser
- Richard Wolk

Wives' August Birthdays:

- Diane De Pippo
- Linda Fisher
 - Marilyn Georgy
 - JoEllen Gregus
 - Barb Harren
 - Charlotte Heuer
 - Wanda Loretan
 - Jerrilynn Mazurk
 - Betty Stevens

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 Heidema
- Gregory J. and Lynda Ives
- Daniel P. and Donna Maguire
- Dennis V. and Ana McCoy
- Gerald M. and Marilyn Zopp

Good of the Order— Pray For List is included in your July minutes

If we have missed anyone's birthday, anniversary, or a special congratulations please email: THicklin@aol.com,
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**Read the Bible
and Pray the
Rosary.**

**Remember and pray for
our troops in this hope-
ful new year.**



Fifth Sunday Memorial Mass—August 30, 2020 —9:00AM

By Robert Kosin

The next and last Memorial Mass of the 2020 calendar year is Sunday May 21, 2020. Please plan on joining your Brother Knights for the 9:00 AM Mass at St. Thomas the Apostle Church.

All Knights and their FAMILIES are invited to attend and please wear your blue shirt. Past Grand Knights have this occasion to wear the white shirt. The lapel pin is a suitable alternative and know in your pocket is your Rosary. The entire right center section of pews as you face the altar is reserved for Father McCormick Council. Our Council banner will be posted at the altar and we will be pre-

senting the gifts in a Cross formation. An impressive sight to all who attend!

As always, the Council provides coffee and doughnuts in the community center after Mass. Servers always needed.

We have had a good turnout this year at the 5th Sunday Memorial Mass so please mark your calendar for December 29th to continue this event of note and prayer in the 65th year of our Council. Tempus Fugit Memento Mori

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!

- [11036 - Full Page Version](#)
- [11036A - Card Version](#)
- [11036B - Multiple Card Version](#)

Vivat Jesus

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:





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St. Thomas the Apostle



Council Calendar

August 2020	September 2020	October 2020
8/1 Food Pantry 8/4 Business Meeting 8/15 Assumption of Mary 8/16 Breakfast 8/18 Social Meeting 8/20 Food Pantry Thursday	9/1 Business Meeting 9/5 Food Pantry 9/7 Labor Day 9/15 Social Meeting 9/18-19 IDDF (Tootsie Roll) Drive 9/20 Breakfast 9/26 Johnny Appleseed Festival	10/3 Food Pantry 10/6 Business Meeting 10/14 Columbus Day 10/15 Food Pantry Thursday 10/18 Breakfast 10/20 Social Meeting

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

