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TOPIC 01

FYI. The formation for the newsletter has been changed from MS Publisher to MS Word.

TOPIC 02

GK Cesar explains the awards and plaques.

TOPIC 03

Let me know what you think of this format.
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GRAND KNIGHT'S REPORT



Hello Brother Knights

I am happy to be back as your Grand Knight for fraternal year 2025 – 2026. I look forward to another successful year.

Why do I say successful? Because we learned at the July Business meeting that our council earned the STAR Award.

The STAR Award is achieved by completing requirements for the Columbian, Founders, and McGivney Awards.

What is the Columbian Award? That is accomplished when our council completes 4 events in each of 4 categories: Faith, Family, Community, and Life. When you participated in the food truck events, IDD drive, Silver Rose, Advent Wreath sales, and more you helped in winning the Columbian Award.

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What is the McGivney Award you ask? That is when you help to recruit new Catholic men to the Knights. Our goal was 15 new men and you helped to achieve that goal

What is the Founder's Award? This is when you took the time to review an Insurance related webinar and let me know how you liked it. This also required a goal of 15 Knights to participate in.

If we had just focused on any of these 3 categories individually, we could have received any one of the 3 awards and had been done for the year.

But, by assisting in all of these three categories you helped our council achieve the STAR Award. Thank you. It couldn't have been done without your support.

As I have said before, our Fraternal brotherhood is what makes council 3880 who we are. That is why this year I am asking you to please consider joining us at one of the many events that we sponsor. We can use your help. Whether it is 30 minutes, 1 hour or the entire event. Remember "many hands make for light work".

As always, thank you for all that you do to support our council.

If you know of someone who feels left out or abandoned from the Knights, please reach out to me at 847-341-1727. We are one Brotherhood, one family, and together we are one.

God Bless.
Vivat Jesus,
Cesar Jimenez, Grand Knight - #3880

Deputy Grand Knight's Report

As I sit here waiting for the monthly meeting to start; I look around at the various knights gathering and wonder why each of them joined the Knights of Columbus. I remember joining in Atlanta back in 2021 and still enjoy being around the knights.

Among the knights are the very young (DINKs or SINKs); some are middle age struggling with careers, kids, aging parents, etc and finally, the older knights who are probably retired with grandchildren and still think they are thirty-something. It doesn't matter your age; social status or looks; men join the K of C to be with like people and to give back to the community they live in. Yes, I know, people live very busy lives; but knights find a couple of hours each month to share their special talent. Are you sharing yours?

Each month there are so many activities that a person may find it hard to decide. Among the monthly activities are business meetings, breakfasts, Caballeros round tables, food pantry, rosary, TMIY and others. The knights also do a lot of one-offs events throughout the year that mean so much to so many people in Crystal Lake. Among these events are: Food Truck, Blood Drive, Christmas tree sales, Tootsie Roll Drive, Johnny Appleseed, Parish Picnic, Vocational Raffle, Exemplifications (English & Spanish), STS Field Day, Confirmation, NAMI breakfast, Notre Dame Club breakfast, Polish dinner, St. Patrick dinner, Clergy Night, Free Throw Contest, Daddy/Daughter Dance, Festival of Lights parade, SPRED breakfast, Memorial Mass and many more. This list is just a small sample of the various events that the knights do.

Bottom-line is that each and every man who joined the Knights of Columbus wants to make a difference. Now is the time to make the decision to come out and help at an event. Remember that there are 168 hours in every week and around 720 hours per month. Surely, each of us can find a couple of hours to put a smile on another person's face.

I look forward to seeing each of you sometime in the next 30 days helping at an event. Now I am getting the stick eye from a fellow officer as the meeting has begun and I need to pay attention.

SK, Bill Bransaley

Membership Column



Talk is Cheap

Small talk is known to consist of topics with little consequence and yet have value, weather, work, and movie. As the Membership Director, let's add a new one, are you a Knight and if so, why and if not, why not? I would be interested in what you learn when engaged in that small talk. Better if you provide the name of the person who is not a Knight. It is not small talk to pass on information about the benefits of membership, the fraternity of Brothers and supporting Clergy and our Faith. Try explaining to your family why you are still a Knight. It's no secret society So tell the story of Father McGiviney or better yet ask the person you're spending a casual moment with, if they ever heard of Father McGiviny and then tell them of a real winning team. You also know a guy who can help them join.



Chaplain's Column

This column is devoted to some of the main reasons for choosing Catholicism.

- *Only the Catholic Church can trace its roots back to Christ Himself.* Within a few short years of the Resurrection, the followers of Jesus began calling themselves “Christians” (cf. Acts 11:26), and by the end of the first century, the word “catholic” – meaning “universal” was applied to the Church.
- *The Eucharist – the Real Presence of Christ – is not found in other denominations.* Other denominations see the Eucharist mainly in symbolic terms, the Catholic Church has consistently taught that it is truly the Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity of Christ. There would be no Church without the Eucharist and Ordained Priests.
- *Catholics have a fully sacramental understanding of God's saving activity.* Our faith is “incarnational” and “sacramental”. We believe in a system instituted by Christ where He used visible signs and sources of God's grace in 7 specific ritual actions.
- *The Magisterium provides assurance of our beliefs as divinely revealed truths.* Jesus came to proclaim God's truth (John 18:37), and He entrusted this teaching authority to His Church, through a careful examination of Sacred Scripture and Tradition.
- *The Catholic Church, more than any other, gives fitting honor to the Mother of God.* We rightly honor the Virgin Mary, for she plays an irreplaceable role in God's plan of salvation. It is only right to honor her (not worship her) and provide due veneration.
- *The Catholic Church takes Scripture Study most seriously.* The Catholic Church is concerned not just with quoting the Bible, but with the original intent of those who were divinely inspired to compile its timeless wisdom and inspiration.
- *The Church has survived and thrived for over 2,000 years.* This is true in spite of almost every form of persecution, opposition, and difficulty. No mere human institution could possibly withstand such circumstances.
- *Catholicism has the most accurate and complete understanding of human nature.* This truth pertains to 3 areas in particular: reconciliation (ongoing process), ritual (need for communal celebrations), and role models (living mentors and saintly intercessors).
- *Catholicism reflects the nature of heaven most accurately.* This can be seen in 3 different ways. First, the Church and Heaven have a hierarchal structure. Second, the Church and Heaven are universal. Third, all members are united and yet preserve their individuality.
- *Catholic Christianity is rooted in human history and also transcends it.*
Peace, be with you, Fr. Bob Jones

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Scout Report

Eagle Scout Court of Honor/Farewell to Pack 127

We had an Eagle Court of Honor of note in early June. Ayden Butler (Eagle Scout #89 since 1993) received his award along with his proud parents presented by our Scoutmaster. Ayden helped out at many of our breakfasts and was particular enamored with our Bacon Chocolate Chip pancakes prepared by Bob Newport.

Thank you to Father McCormick Council for your past support of Cub Scout Pack 127 and your continued support of Scouts BSA Troop 127. God Bless you and your families and God Bless the United States of America.



The Council supported his Eagle Project which included two “Leopold” benches built and installed on the Walter Herrick Trail on the west side of Crystal Lake. Named after one of Crystal Lake’s most philanthropic residents who passed in 2007, the three-quarter mile long trail starts at Northwest Highway and provides residents an eastern access into Lippold Park through its beautiful tree lined path. Additional landscaping and overgrowth clean-up was also done along the path over the three-day project. There were 32 scouts, scouters, relatives and friends that assisted in one way or another with the project.

Cub Scout Pack 127 had a farewell picnic at Veteran Acres Park on June 1st. They invited past and present scouts, scouters and parents to come and celebrate the long history of the Pack and share fond memories from the past. They will be joining Pack 158 out of the

Monthly Breakfast Report



July Breakfast

Greetings! Well, it was better than last month!! Okay, not by much but we made a little money this time, rather than that tiny loss. We are also running a little behind last year’s numbers, but technically, summer is over, and the next breakfast will be at school returning time, so if last year is any indication, it will be picking up! What was interesting was the craziness of the day... for starters, the day before was the **MYCSA** Baseball tournament at Lippold Park... **PGK Mike Bradley** had the BratMobile there in hopes of a big money making day for the Council.. This was to be in place of the cancelled **Lakeside Cardboard Regatta**...However, weather played havoc with the day. And as for the Breakfast, we ended up with some missing in action... and that was not helped by a bad accident that **Master Plater Dan O’Connell** suffered Friday. Dan took a nasty spill at home and cracked several ribs, putting him not only out of commission today, but possibly next month as well! Get better soon, every event you work always works out better! So, with him out, and **Mr. Big Grill Man Brother Bob Newport** out of town, it was “oh oh” time! But our regular **1st Team Caller PGK Scott Popp** took over the big grill, the always available back up caller, **DGK Bill Bransley** called, and **Brother Matt Carzoli** did a great job plating... and just to add to the fun, yours truly was out of commission due to a 2nd Carpal Tunnel surgery in three weeks! But of course, everything worked out and the Breakfast turned out being a fun time... and that in spite of the fact no one even mentioned, let alone took me up on my offer in the last Newsletter about taking over the job of running the Breakfast... oh, well, there is always next month! .

See you next **August 17th**. Hope to see some of you there... hopefully more than who showed up these last 2 months...

Hope to see you all there on one side of the counter or the other!

John



Fourth Degree Report

The new Assembly officers for the 2025-2026 Fraternal year were elected and will be installed on July 19th at Elizabeth Ann Seton after the 4 PM Mass. Your officers are:

Faithful Navigator	Kuczera, Mark
Faithful Comptroller	O'Connell Jr, Daniel J
Faithful Friar	Apostol, Rev. Moises A
Faithful Captain	Scherb, Joseph M
Faithful Admiral	Cermak III, Frank J
Faithful Purser	Penczak, Stanley John
Faithful Pilot	Lemont, Anthony R
Faithful Scribe	Bednarek, Christopher
Inner Sentinel	Falbo, Frank A
Outer Sentinel	Skowronski, Paul
One Year Trustee	Voloch, Andrew J
Two Year Trustee	Schuring, Gregory A
Three Year Trustee	Schafer, Robert C

The Assembly has decided to increase the uniform allowance to \$200 this coming Fraternal year and there will be five (5) available beginning July 1st. It is on a first come, first reimbursed basis. You must submit a paid receipt along with the reimbursement form to receive payment. You can order the uniform [here](#). The sword and scabbard package can be found [here](#). Our Council will continue the \$100 allowance (5 maximum) so you could get up to \$300 back on a uniform purchase.

The Exemplification of Patriotism for Marquette Province Northern District in the Chicago Diocese will hold the event at Saint Hubert's in Hoffman Estates on June 28th. This will be the newly revised and released Exemplification Program that was used at the 125th Anniversary Exemplification in New York in February and Indianapolis in March. You must register to attend even if you are just coming to view the new Degree. Families are also now able to attend and view the Exemplification.

Our next Assembly meeting is on **July 9, 2025**, at 7:30 PM at Holy Apostles in McHenry. If you are a Sir Knight and are not receiving the meeting invites or other Assembly emails, please let me know and I can update your email address to rectify the situation. If you have purchased the uniform for the 4th Degree and are not receiving the Honor Guard callouts, please let me know as well so I can add you to that list.

God bless you and your families and God Bless the United States of America.

Vivat Jesus
SK, Dan O'Connell

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Hablamos español (despacio, por favor!)

Hoodie

Zip Hoodie

T-Shirt

Long Sleeve Performance T-Shirt

Short Sleeve Polo

Long Sleeve Polo

Pro-Life Report

A statement received publicly from Pope Leo XIV recently on prolife issues, reads as follows:

Pope Leo XIV, like the Catholic Church generally, consistently opposes abortion, viewing it as a grave moral wrong.

Pope Leo XIV's approach to resolving pro-life battles centers on:

- **Affirming the Dignity of Every Human Life:** Pope Leo emphasizes the sanctity of human life from conception to natural death. He sees this as a fundamental principle of Catholic Social Teaching. According to Pope Leo, "We cannot build a just society if we discard the weakest—whether the child in the womb or the elderly in their frailty—for they are both gifts from God".
- **Promoting a Culture of Life:** He advocates for a broader understanding of "pro-life." This includes issues like euthanasia, poverty, and other attacks on human dignity.
- **Encouraging Dialogue and Compassion:** While opposing abortion, he encourages dialogue and compassion for all involved. He highlights the need for the Church to "walk with all people, especially the most vulnerable, ensuring their dignity is upheld from the womb to the end of life".

In essence, Pope Leo XIV advocates for a consistent life ethic. He believes that protecting the dignity of all human life is central to the mission of the Church and to building a just society.

Respectfully submitted.

Pete Harren, Prolife Director

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3880 Memories



Pictures from McCormick Park Plaque. Essay Contest Participants, Bi-Lingual Rosary and from the Business Meeting (2 others not included. Apologies.)

3880 Memories

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For the Good of the Order

AUGUST 2025

Knights Birthdates	Knights Continued	Wives Birthdates	Anniversaries
George M Lauderemith 08-02 Mr Nabor Huerta 08-03 Kenneth S Schutz 08-04 PGK John R Stefani 08-04 Mr Miguel A Riano 08-05 Rick D Oliveira 08-06 Robert M. Gray 08-07 William A Cotugno 08-08 Fr. William Tunarosa 08-08 PGK Timothy J Hicklin 08-12 Jonathan C Kosin 08-12 Mark Lee Allen 08-13 Brian R Mulville 08-14	William R Sudbrook Jr 08-14 Daniel J O'Connell Jr 08-16 William H Tillman 08-17 William E Keehan Jr 08-21 Richard W Volk 08-22 Mark G Benkert 08-23 Kenneth J Diana 08-23 Dennis V Mc Coy 08-23 Matt S Walker 08-25 Christopher E Krambeer 08-26 David Aguilar-Cruz 08-29 Daniel Polakowski 08-30 Rev. Charles A.O. Warren 08-30 Joseph A Smith 08-31	Brita J. DeFrisco 08-27	Stuart & Kristin Liegel 08-07

Fifth Sunday – August 31, 2025 – 9:00AM

5th SUNDAY AUGUST 31, 2025

Sunday August 31, 2025 is a Fifth Sunday of the month for which the 9AM Mass is in memory for the Deceased Members of Council 3880 including our namesake Father Edwin A. McCormick. Please consider attending in your Black or Blue Council Shirt and for those Past Grand Knights, the White Shirt as a worthy memento of your service to the Council. But attendance should not limit the moment of prayer on that day. As well as attending or streaming 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,

COUNCIL NEXT THREE MONTH CALENDAR

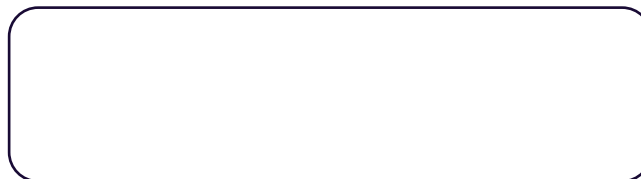


AUGUST 2025	SEPTEMBER 2025	OCTOBER 2025
8/5 Business Meeting 8/15 Assumption 8/16 Blood Drive 8/17 Breakfast 8/20 Caballeros de Colon 8/21 Food Pantry 8/23 Parish Picnic 8/23 Fr. McCormick Rosary 8/26 Officers' Meeting	9/1 Business Meeting 9/7 Labor Day 9/15 1st Day Spanish Heritage 9/17 Caballero de Colon 9/19-20 IDDF Drive 9/21 Breakfast 9/24 Food Pantry 9/27 Johnny Appleseed 9/30 Officers' Meeting	10/4,11,18,25 TMIY 10/4 Octoberfest 10/7 Business Meeting 10/14 Columbus Day 10/15 Caballeros De Colon 10/19 Breakfast + SPRFED Breakfast 10/23 Food Pantry 10/28 Officers' Meeting 10/31 Halloween 10/31 Vespers Mass (Hispanic)

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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.



Francis



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