

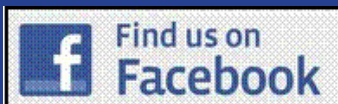
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Grand Knight's Report

Scott Popp

My Dear Brother Brothers and Families,

As I hope you are all aware we are again approaching a very busy month for the Knights of Columbus, especially right here in are very own Council. But first let me give you a short recap

of this month. It all started on the 1st, at the Crystal Lake food Pantry, It was our turn to stock the shelves (and my Lord were they bare!) and assist with food dispersement, I strongly urge any Brother Knight or family member to come on out to work this event, what a humbling experience, and a great reminder as to how fortunate we are! (our next "date" is 10/3), also on the 1st was our monthly Grill night, even after not having the event for 2 months we still served 55 meals, which I believe shows that the Church certainly values our events, as evidence in the continued attendance at all of our events.

Then on 8/4, we conducted our monthly Business meeting, and congratulations to our Worthy Chancellor (Mike Kebr) on conducting his first program(s) report! On Saturday, August 15th we had a Rosary Recitation at the gravesite of our Councils namesake Father McCormick, at Crystal Lake Memorial Park Cemetery, on the 60th anniversary of his passing (thank you PGK Vince Esposito, for coming up with this idea to pay our respects to such an instrumental individual, and Priest in the early formation of St. Thomas Church). Of course on Sunday 8/15, was the monthly breakfast, and even though people were busy taking college students back to school, it was busy, again thank you St. Thomas!

Tuesday 8/18, was the monthly social meeting, but first PGK, Worthy Membership Chairman, John Stefani had 3 new Brothers that came into the ranks! And lastly the 30th was our 5th Sunday memorial mass held at 9:00am, where we also put out the donuts.

September looks to be even busier, and we need help across the board, (don't we all need HIS help), but especially at one of our largest events of the year, the I.D.D.F. (Tootsie roll) drive. I'm sure there are additional details as to be able to volunteer within this newsletter, but you may also log onto the Council website (kofc3880.org) for details as to all our events.

Below please find a list of this months events, and please come out to lend a hand anywhere you can and please feel free to bring the family.

- 9/1 Business meeting
- 9/5 Annual Corn Boil 11-3
- 9/5 Grill night 3-7:30

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Grand Knight's Report, *continued*

- 9/12 Fall St. Thomas kitchen clean-up
- 9/15 Rosary, and Social meeting (*bags, washers, and cards!*)
- 9/17-18 I.D.D.F drive (*St. Thomas Pastoral center*)
- 9/20 Annual fall Breakfast buffet
- 9/26 Johnny Appleseed festival (*food booth*)

I thank all of you for the support that you offer to this Council, through service, support or prayer. Please watch for our upcoming list of disbursements to local area charities and please save the date for the return of the annual appreciation dinner being held on October 10th at the Golf Club of Illinois, where there will be dinner, dancing, a short awards presentation, and a small surprise! As always my email inbox is always open, please feel free to contact me for any needs or concerns you may have, and thank you.

God bless you all,
Scott Popp
scottpopp1@sbcglobal.net

Appreciation Dinner

Appreciation Dinner getting close- Do YOU have your reservation in??
Saturday, October 10, 2015 is no longer all that far away, and tickets are being sold!

Since there is a limited number of seats available at the Golf Club of Illinois, you may want to get your ticket request in. I have attached a copy below that you can cut out, fill in, and mail with your check, or hand to me with check or cash when you see me.

We want this to be a great event for Brother Knights of Fr. McCormick Council 3880 and their guest. We have chosen a very good buffet menu and the food and service at the club has always been excellent.

We are lining up some musical talent so that we can enjoy the evening with our Council Brothers, good food, a little liquid refreshment and dancing away the night.

Take a look at the price below.. it isn't a typo! You have all worked for the Council, some over and over, some just getting started, and some not able to because of work, family or health issues.... doesn't matter... you are a Brother Knight!

So come and join us... We will have fun, the 3880 way!

Golf Club of Illinois
1575 Edgewood Dr.
Algonquin, IL 60102

6 O'Clock PM

Knight: _____

Guest : _____

Cost: \$25.00 per person \$35.00 per Couple! (*Yes, that's right!*)

Payment
Attached: Cash: ___ Check: Amount _____ Check No. _____

(Please make Checks Payable to K of C 3880 with Appreciation Dinner on the note line)

ALL completed forms and payment must be given or sent to Dinner Chairman

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Dear Knights and Families,



Above is a depiction of the Apparition seen on August 21, 1879, Right: Aerial view of St. John the Baptist Church and Shrine in Knock Ireland

My wife Pam and I and our friends Joan and Fred went to Ireland in August. It was a self-guided trip that the wives worked on for months; we traveled in a rental car with a GPS through central, northern and western Ireland. We stayed in a cottage on a lake, B&B's, visited castles; rode on ferries, (got sea sick) and went to the pubs! We rode bikes, played golf, saw live Irish dancing and music and did I mention we went to the pubs!

But seriously, the visit to the Knock Shrine and attending Mass was one of the highlights of the trip. We went to the noon Mass at the old church, there was standing room only. At the end of Mass they had the anointing of the sick and blessing of religious items. Then we went to the 1:00pm Mass at the Shrine.

It was a wonderful experience to see so many practicing our Catholic faith.

The apparition story:

Our Lady did appear at Knock, in County Mayo in the northwest of Ireland on August 21, 1879, at about eight in the evening and lasted for at least an hour and a half. This was 21 years after the apparitions to St Bernadette in Lourdes in 1858.

The apparition in Knock was witnessed by 15 people ranging in age from five years to 75. They included men and women, teenagers and children.

In addition to Our Lady, the people also saw St Joseph and St John the Evangelist standing on either side of her, outside the south gable end of the small chapel in Knock.

Behind the three figures in the apparition was a plain altar on which was a cross and a lamb, with angels adoring the lamb.

These figures, as they were seen then, are now depicted in statues in the Apparition Chapel, built to enclose the site of the apparition, abutting the original chapel, which still stands.

Our Lady was seen as very beautiful and standing a few feet above the ground, wearing a white cloak hanging in full folds and fastened at the neck.

On her head was a bright crown which appeared to be of gold. She was seen to be deep in prayer with her hands raised and her eyes looking up to heaven.

One of those who saw her went up to kiss Our Lady's feet but she felt nothing but the wall of the church, wondering why she could not feel what she could see so clearly.

St Joseph, also wearing white robes, stood to the left of the Blessed Virgin, and appeared with his head bowed towards her. St John the Evangelist stood to the right of Our Lady, also dressed in a long robe and wearing a mitre.



The people thought this must be St John since he appeared in the same pose as a statue of him in a chapel at Lecanvey, near Westport in County Mayo.

He appeared to be preaching, slightly turned away from Mary and Joseph, and he held a large open book in his left hand. To his right was the altar with the lamb and the cross.

When the apparition first appeared word quickly spread so that others came as well to observe it. They stood in the pouring rain, some of them praying the Rosary.

Although it was still light when the apparition began, it became completely dark as the time passed, and nonetheless the figures could always be seen clearly as if lit up by a white light.

They did not seem to move in any way. What is more, in spite of the drenching rain, the ground around them remained dry. When the apparition ceased the ground became wet.

Unlike the apparitions at Lourdes and Fatima, there was no message as none of the figures spoke. Some six weeks after the apparition, on October 8, 1879, the Archbishop of Tuam, Most Rev. Dr John MacHale, established an ecclesiastical commission to investigate the apparition.

All the visionaries testified as to what they saw on the evening of August 21 and the members of the commission were satisfied that their evidence was trustworthy.

They were also satisfied that there was no natural explanation for the apparition and that there was not the slightest suspicion of fraud.

At a second commission of inquiry in 1936 the surviving witnesses confirmed the evidence they had given to the first commission.

The apparition immediately attracted the interest of the international media, with journalists going to Knock from as far away as Chicago.

Even Queen Victoria asked her government to send her a report about the event. Over the years there have been numerous cures and favours granted through the intercession of Our Lady of Knock, and many people have left their crutches and walking sticks behind, as they have at Lourdes.

Knock has become one of the most popular shrines in Europe, visited each year by over 1.5 million pilgrims. The nine-day novena in August attracts 10,000 pilgrims every year.

In 1974 Pope Paul VI blessed the foundation stone for the Basilica of Our Lady, Queen of Ireland, at Knock and in 1979 Pope John Paul II visited the shrine to commemorate the centenary of the apparition.

For more, see Fr Flader's blog at fatherfladerblog.wordpress.com or contact Fr Flader on frjflader@gmail.com.

**Yours in Christ,
Deputy Grand Knight, Bob Wyman**

Summer Camp 2015

Dan O'Connell

Troop 127 headed off to Summer Camp July 12th with fifteen scouts ready and raring to go. We were headed an hour and a half West to Canyon Camp just outside of Stockton in the Northwest corner of Illinois. It is one of two camps run by the Blackhawk Area Council, the other being Camp Lowden near Oregon, Illinois.

The guys had grand plans for merit badges as well as the camp wide games that take place each week among the several troops in attendance. We arrived and were assigned to the Lost Battalion campsite which just happened to be at the top of Suicide Hill. Imagine a hill that goes almost straight (okay maybe a 65 degree grade) up for the first 100 yards and then goes to a 50 degree grade before finally leveling off after another 500 yards and 500 feet of elevation change to arrive at our tranquil campsite. Suffice it to say we were not running back and forth to our campsite all day.

Luckily for us, the weather was good but warm most of the week. We know back here you had some pretty severe weather that luckily missed us and we just had to deal with the heat. Canyon Camp is relatively bug free (lots of bats) and so that was not an issue but we did have our mosquito netting for sleeping at night due to the platform tents we inhabited for the week.

Monday morning brought beautiful weather and off we went after flag raising and breakfast to the various merit badge activity areas. We had them all it seemed from Citizenship, Swimming, Rock Climbing, Canoeing, Rifle and Archery. We also had new scouts participating in the First Class Emphasis and Canyon Rangers Programs. Everyone was busy and regaled their day when we went back to our campsite each evening.

We also had three scouts called out for Order of the Arrow (Scouting's Honor Society) as well as Terry Redman, our Scoutmaster, at the OA ceremony on Wednesday night that included Native American dancing and the induction ceremony. They spent Wednesday evening under the stars and went through their Ordeal (a silent cheerful day of service) on Thursday.

The week progressed quickly and soon we were checking in with the scouts on Friday (clean up day) on any merit badges they still needed to complete by the end of the day. Friday also brought the camp wide games which the Troop was definitely looking forward to and they did terrific. They took first in the swimming relay, water basketball and the camp wide relay. Second place in dodgeball and third place in the BIG SPLASH (way to go Johnnie S.). That led to the Troop winning the overall Champion ribbon. The frosting on the cake for the week was winning the Gilwell Staff (named for the first scout camp in England) for the Troop that showed the most Scout Spirit throughout the week. There were at least 15 other troops there and our guys won it. Oh, they also earned forty-nine merit badges along the way.

Thank you to Council 3880 for your continued support of Scouting on both the Pack and Troop level. Together we are building the citizens of tomorrow that will live their lives by the Scout Oath and Law. God bless you and your families.

PADS 2015-2016 Schedule

Listed below is the PADS dinner schedule for 2015-2016. We are in need volunteers who would be interested in preparing a meal. If you can help out or have further questions. Please contact our PADS coordinator.

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All dinners take place at Bethany Lutheran Church --
76 West Crystal Lake Avenue.

Sunday October 25
Sunday November 29 KEVIN SCANLAN
Sunday December 27
Sunday January 31
Sunday February 28
Sunday March 27
Sunday April 24



Congratulations and Welcome to our three newest Brother Knights!

From left to right...

Brother Mario Manno

**Brother Michael
Chmiel, Jr.**

Brother Charley Popp

When you see them,
be sure to congratulate
them and welcome them
into 3880!



And I would again like to give a heartfelt thanks to the more than 20 Brother Knights who came to the 7:30 PM Installation to show their true welcoming spirit to these young men. They are the future of the Knights of Columbus, our Fr. McCormick Council, the Catholic Church throughout the world. Both Charley and Michael are college students, so they will not be around as much, but watch for them during the holidays. Mario is one of us working guys, so schedule permitting we may get to see him more often! I also have to thank the illustrious 3880 First Degree Team. Worthy Financial Secretary Steve Haugh is the Warden of the Degree Team. That makes him the head of that group, and when the Team Grand Knight, PGK Tim Hicklin, and the Team Financial Secretary, Mike Jasinski both had to beg off due to work, Steve was able to get two other Brother Knights, Steve Bright and Chuck Cerny, as GK and FS respectively, to step right in. And they did an EXCELLENT job with their parts. But then again, with Brother Sir Knight Pat Bradley continuing his spectacular role as the Worthy Chancellor, you always want to be on top of your game. All of you on the Team made us look good.

In his closing Remarks, Steve Bright also made a comment that bears repeating, as it was echoed by others. When was the last time that YOU attended a ceremony? I had been part of our Degree Team from way back in the days when PGK Tony DePippo was heading it up. I followed PGK Bob Thomas with the part of the DGK, doing it for many years. The First Degree has seen very few minor changes in all that time. But not the other 3 Degrees! The 2nd and 3rd Degree have undergone a number of changes over the last several years, as has the beautiful 4th Degree. You really need to see those. They have always been wonderful and moving ceremonies, but the new ones bring a thrill to you as you sit and listen. Speaking of that, how many of you even REMEMBER your 2nd, 3rd or 4th Degree?

We will plan on having another 1st Degree at the October Social Meeting. There will be a Major Degree by us on March 6th, 2016, but also one in October by Sacred Heart Council in Marengo. Why not plan on attending one of these and renewing and refreshing your K of C experience. It is not unlike going to Confession or Mass... it charges you back up again!

AND, there will be a 4th Degree Exemplification right here in Crystal Lake on Saturday October 3rd. All 4th Degree Members are more than welcome to attend that... the Ceremony itself and/or the Mass here at St. Thomas to follow as well as the Dinner afterwards. See Faithful Comptroller of our Bishop Boylan Assembly 0198, SK Dan O'Connell, or myself for information on that!

IN THE MEANTIME, KEEP A FORM 100 HANDY AND BRING IN A NEW MEMBER!!!

Need a Form 100 (The NEW short Form!)? see me or they are in the small stand just inside the door to the Community Center at Church.

PEACE. I can be reached at: H 815-679-6596, C 847-722-4629 or Membership@kofc3880.org

Fourth Degree Assembly News. Greetings Sir Knights, Brother Knights and family and friends!

Guess what? We are STILL having a Fourth Degree Exemplification right here in Crystal Lake this coming October. Saturday, the 3rd to be exact. It is local, you don't have to travel far away... just make a commitment for the day. We have already given out several Form 4's for application to the 4th Degree. Will we be getting yours?

The Council had another 1st Degree Ceremony last night as we received three more young men into the Council. That is soooo exciting... young men... two of them just into college... joining the Knights. We do indeed have a future here! When I joined the 4th Degree, I was one of the 'young guys'.. okay, so that was a long long time ago... but still... The average age of our 4th Degree Bishop Boylan Assembly 0198 admittedly was probably around 70 in those days, but no more. We keep getting younger and younger Brother Knights joining. That says so much for the future of the Knights.

And these men are joining in everything, not just the Order, but the events, and the meetings and the chairs. They are showing up and getting involved.

Now IS the time to become a Sir Knight, we are on the way to making things happen on all fronts. Won't you be part of that?

Join your Brother Knights of Council 3880 as they become Sir Knights not is just name, but in action.

Find Faithful Comptroller of the Assembly Sir Knight Dan O'Connell or myself, or call or e-mail us to get the Form 4. We are waiting, patiently if need be, but waiting for you to join the over 40 members of our Council who are 4th Degree.

Remember, there are only two things keeping you from becoming a Sir Knight. The first one is that you are not yet a 3rd Degree Knight. No problem... our sister Council, 13476

Sacred Heart, in Marengo, will be having a Major Degree in September so you can attain the needed 2nd or 3rd. Then you can go into the 4th a few weeks later.

Please see me as soon as possible, drop me an e-mail at membership@kofc3880.org or call me at (815) 679-6596 and let me know! We in Council 3880 have a long and honored tradition of filling the ranks of members and Officers of Bishop Boylan Assembly 0198 of the Knights of Columbus.

Vocation Support Raffle – Get Yours Now

So have you gotten your book of tickets yet for the Vocation Raffle? They are not being mailed out this year so you need to see Dan O’Connell at a meeting or event or email him at danoco55@sbcglobal.net and request your books.

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

Here are just a few of the many things:

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

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

In October, State invites every seminarian attending Mundelein seminary from all six diocese of Illinois to

a “Welcome Back to Mundelein Seminary Dinner”. A sizable monetary donation is also made to the seminary. Additional donations are made to some of the other seminaries that our seminarians attend.

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

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

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

Fr. McCormick Anniversary Rosary

Who? Well, the namesake of our Council, of course! Then, how many of you even know WHO Fr. Mac was? Ask Vinnie! PGK Vince Esposito recently asked everyone in the council to join in a Rosary at the gravesite of Fr. McCormick.

Here is a picture of most of those who attended. (okay, someone had to take the pic! But my shadow is sort of in it!) The headstone, shown here, has some very interesting info on it.

Fr. Edwin McCormick, who really started St. Thomas as we know it today, became the first real Pastor in 1915 and continued on until his death in 1955! Ask Vince next time you see him, and you have a lot of time, to tell you some of the history of Fr. Mac. It really is interesting.

It was a shame there weren’t more of us out there on that beautiful summer Saturday morning. But maybe this could become an annual event? It takes 10 -15 minutes to drive out there, the Rosary is another 15, then home...

Early on a Saturday morning... well worth the time and effort.... Not sure why I showed up, but so glad I did.

See you next time?

***PGK PFN John Stefani,
Membership Director***



Lecturer's Corner

My Brother Knights, this month I would like to begin by sharing the short prayer that accompanied our Holy Father intentions for August. Actually if you replace the word "they" with "we" this should be on our minds if not our lips as we begin our efforts at each and every event. I don't actually know if he is one but it sure feels like our Pope is a Knight at heart.

To read all of Mike Jasinski's column, please see the Lecturer's Corner on our website, www.kofc3880.org

Pro-Life Note

On August 3, 2015, the Senate voted on ending of federal funding to Planned Parenthood. It failed to pass with a vote of 53-46, 60 votes are needed to allow the bill to advance. If a bill were to pass, President Obama has threatened to veto it. The National Right to Life has a great article about the 2016 Presidential candidate standings on Pro-Life. Carly Fiorina, who is Pro-Life, is quoted as saying "It is made even more terrible by the absolute deafening silence of the Democratic Party. Democrats have always fought for a policy that says it is not a life until it leaves the hospital. Hillary Clinton has fought to preserve that policy." Undercover videos of Planned Parenthood's discussions about abortion practices and the sale of aborted fetus body parts have been released on social media. To become better informed, I would suggest watching at least one. ***material is very disturbing*** Please pray for the protection of the unborn. Thank God your Mom was Pro-Life. God Bless.

Chris Kambeer

Knight Families Enjoying Summer 2015:



Good Of The Order

Knights Birthdays

Richard M. Biestek
Tony De Pippo
Rick Drew
Vincent P. Esposito
Walter J. Grygiel
Gregory J. Heideman
Frank T. Juliano
Harry F. Kranz
Steve Landt
Dennis O. Maloney
David P. Mazurk
Ken A. "Tiny" Pearson
Ed Riley
John M. Scott

Wives Birthdays

Erika Caliendo
Jan Dawson
Erica Duffy
Constance Fraser
Lori Harold
Karen Hicklin
Joyce Holm, Sr.
Lisa Korn
Jill Kratochvil
Donna Ladner
Ria Reckamp
Marilyn Spiewak
Jan Thomas
Khakhanang Walsh
Marie Walters
Beth Weyna
Marion Weyna
Margaret Willy
Debbie Wypasek

Anniversaries

Joe & Joan Clark
Thomas & Constance Fraser
Larry & Peg Godfrey
Richard & Charlotte Heuer
Mike & Sheri Kebr
Robert & Tina Mackinlay
Vince & Mary Jane Mottola
David & Theresa Russel
E. James & Irene Skaja
Ralph & Mary Statter
Mark & Linda Steadman
John & Susan Stefani
Philip & Marion Weyna
Frank & Margaret Willy

The Power Of Prayer

Please pray for:

Theresa Morrison
Angel Jimenez
Jose Jimenez
Serocki Family
Fran Cooper
Bernadine Walsh
Jim Krachovil
Bob and Jan Thomas
Frank Popp Sr.
John Barry
The soul of Steven Drain
Vince Esposito
Pat Taylor

Council Calendar

September

9/1 Business Meeting
9/5 Corn Boil, Grill Night
9/12 Kitchen Cleanup
9/15 Social Meeting
9/18-19 IDDF Drive
9/20 Breakfast, Insurance Talks
9/26 Johnny Appleseed

October

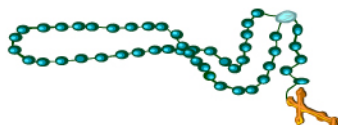
10/3 Food Pantry, Grill Night
10/6 Business Meeting
10/10 Appreciation Dinner
10/18 Breakfast
10/20 Social Meeting
10/25 PADS

November

11/3 Business Meeting
11/6 Food Pantry, Grill Night
11/15 Breakfast
11/17 Social Meeting
11/29 PADS



*Pray the Rosary as a Family
and with your KofC Brothers*



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