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Grand Knight's Report

Scott Popp

My dear Brothers and Families,

As I am writing this article we have not yet celebrated Christmas, (due to the necessary time needed to assemble, print, and deliver the newsletter) but my hopes are that all of you were able to celebrate the birth of our Lord, with all of your loved ones, and I do wish you the happiest New Year.

On Saturday, January 10th, is our annual Polish dinner served in the community center of the St. Thomas Church. I hope that you are all able to attend the event, as either diners, or to lend a hand in the serving. This event is a great opportunity to come and get to know your brother Knights and their families as we work together for the common good.

Back in December, we were the recipients of two separate features in the Northwest Herald newspaper for our annual Christmas tree sales lot. This was a wonderful opportunity to showcase some of the works in charity that we perform on a regular basis, hopefully you were able to see the article's. I would also like to extend a BIG thank you to Past Grand Knight Vince Esposito, Chancellor Mike Kebr, and Deputy Grand Knight Bob Wyman for their numerous hours spent at the tree sales lot, I would also like to thank all the individuals who assisted with the tree campaign this year, from the set up of the lot, to the unloading of the trees, to the selling of the trees, and to the cleanup of the lot. It was one of our most successful years, thank you again.

On Sunday, February 22nd, the Father McCormick Council #3880 will be hosting a major degree. The major degree begins with a first degree ceremony, and then there is opportunity where any first degree Knight can participate in the 2nd, and(simultaneously) 3rd degree ceremonies. This is a very moving and inspiring ceremony, I would encourage any first-degree Knight to come and witness the first degree, and stay to take their second and third degrees. It's a great opportunity for us to grow our membership with son(s), brother(s), even father(s) or neighbors who are practicing in the Catholic faith. I hope to see as many of you there as possible.

Lastly, I would like to remind all of my Brother Knights out there of who, and what we represent, we are a Catholic men's organization doing the works of charity, in communion with the Holy See. Therefore our conduct must be representative of that at all times, as we move forward in the

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Grand Knight's Report, *continued*

new calendar year we must work to hold ourselves to a higher standard, to strive to do the "right" things, to do more than the minimum, to always put the Knights of Columbus in the "best possible light". At the January business meeting I will be stating to the membership of a few changes as to practices, and conduct within the Council, and at it's functions.

God bless you all,
Scott Popp

You and Your Guests are cordially invited to attend . . .

Clergy Night

sponsored by
Fr. McCormick Council 3880 of the Knights of Columbus

on
Thursday, February 12, 2015

at
Crystal Lake Country Club,
721 Country Club Road, Crystal Lake, Illinois 60014

6:00 p.m.	Reception
7:00 p.m.	Introductions
7:15 p.m.	Dinner
8:00 p.m.	Door Prizes

Price

\$35 per person (including one drink and door prize).

Donations

Please call Gary Di Renzo at (630) 204-7320 or Matt Walker at (815) 922-5347
if you are able to donate door prizes or help sponsor the event.

Please RSVP by February 5, 2015, by mailing the following portion as indicated

Enclosed is a check for \$_____ for this year's Clergy Night for
_____ me, _____ guest(s), and _____ clergy.

My Name: _____

My Guest Name(s): _____

My Address: _____

My Telephone: _____

Please make checks payable to Knights of Columbus and mail to:
Knights of Columbus
c/o The Chmiel Family
P.O. Box 2425
Crystal Lake, IL 60039-2425

Dear Knights and Families,

The Memorial Mass & 60th Anniversary celebration for the council was held on November 8, 2014. We started with Mass said by Monsignor Dan and dinner after in the community room for about 75 Knights and their families. The council put together a commemorative booklet to celebrate the event with the evening's program, the history of the council, and the names of our fallen Knights, which were read. PGK Tim Hicklin, master of ceremonies for the evening, awarded the "2013/14 Knight of the Year" to Rick Kendzior for serving as membership director for the past 5 years. He has done a great job growing our membership for Council 3880. And to Mike Kebr "Family of the Year" for all the events his family members and Mike are involved in (breakfast & Christmas trees), and his outstanding relationship with the boy scouts Troop 127 which the council sponsors. The scouts help the council at different events throughout the year. Rick Kendzior presented a very special award to Donna Kothera, who is the church parish administrator. Donna is our go to person on scheduling events, helping us out with our yearly



calendar of events and just being there when we need her to answer questions. Unfortunately she was unable to attend the event due to other commitments. We were able to give her the award that following week; she was very surprised and thankful.

Lastly, I would like to thank the committee who put this event together, especially Tim Hicklin, Kevin Scanlan and Mike Kebr and all who did phone calls to fellow Knights asking to attend the event.

The Christmas trees were delivered on Nov. 24. **BIG THANKS** to all the knights and their families who were able to help in the less than ideal weather conditions! The tree stand opened Friday, November 28th and we will be open every day until December 20th or until we sell out. **WE NEED YOUR HELP...** please sign up for a 2 hour shift. The sign up book will be at the December 2nd business meeting and at the trailer. Thank you in advance, your Christmas tree committee.

*Christmas blessings to you and your family,
Bob Wyman*



Things Are About To Chage...

Dan O'Connell

Scouting, and in particular, Cub Scouts will be changing in 2015. The program has been reviewed by a national panel and they have decided to make some updates to the program to make it more relevant in today's society as well as hopefully increasing crossovers to Boy Scouts. 2015 will be a transitional year for the program and following are a few highlights.

Cub Scouts will adopt the Boy Scout twelve points of the Scout Law (A Scout is Trustworthy, Loyal, Helpful, Friendly, Courteous, Kind, Obedient, Cheerful, Thrifty, Brave, Clean and Reverent). The Core Values of Cub Scouts will align exactly with these twelve points. The Law of the Pack will be retired but the "Akela" concept as a leader will be retained. The Scout Oath (On my honor, I will do my best To do my duty to God and my country and to obey the Scout Law; To help other people at all times; To keep myself physically strong, mentally awake and morally straight.) will replace it. The Cub Scouts will continue to use the motto (Do Your Best), sign (two fingers), salute and handshake.

The ranks are changing slightly in that there will now be a Tiger rank (instead of Tiger Cub), Wolf, Bear, Webelos and Arrow of Light (AOL). A boy can join scouting and in the fifth year and only have to work on AOL requirements instead of having to earn both his Webelos and AOL at the same time. It will reduce the stress on the Scout, parents and Leaders.

Rank Advancement will be more Den based adventures including a family based "Duty to God" adventure to earn each rank. Each rank will have seven den-based adventures to complete to achieve rank advancement. Eliminated will be belt loops and pins for Academics/Sports (May of 2015).

The changes to Boy Scouts and Venture Crews is not quite as dramatic. Scout now becomes a rank: Duty to God is now an element to show Scout Spirit and service time required at all rank levels. For more information on the changes to Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts and Venture Crews, you can go to: http://www.scouting.org/filestore/program_update/pdf/2014-2015_Program_Change_Overview_v8.pdf

It should be an exciting year in Scouting all made possible by Father McCormick Council 3880's continued support of the Pack and the Troop. We would like to wish all you and your families a Blessed Merry Christmas and all the best to everyone in the coming year.

Special Breakfast

John Stefani

On Sunday, November 30th the Knights were privileged to serve breakfast to the current RCIA candidates, staff, and our very own **Worthy Chaplain Fr. Akan Simon**, who is again the pastoral guide on their journey to Catholicism.

It looks to be yet another large class of men and women that will be joining us as full Catholics on **Easter** Saturday, April 4th, 2015. In looking back through my records, I note that we did our first RCIA breakfast when **Sister Rita Specht** hosted 78 candidates and staff at the regular Monthly Breakfast on November 5, 1998!! Not only has our Parish brought in so many people to the Catholic Church, but our Council has also benefitted greatly with many new members.

Membership

Mark your calendars! Sunday, February 22, 2015 we will be hosting a Major Degree at St. Thomas. If you are still a 1st or 2nd Degree Brother Knight, this is your chance to take another step.

If you have a friend, neighbor, relative, son who is Catholic, and 18 years old or over, we want them! Do yourself and your Council a favor by asking someone to join the Knights. It is amazing how many people would like to join, but have never been asked.... So ask!

I am looking to bring in a large class in February, good faithful men who will augment our ranks, make the work a little lighter, and offer them the opportunity to see what we are all about and how friendships can be built. Need a Form 100? No problem, I have lots of them, just ask!

I can be reached at: H 815-679-6596, SC 847-722-4629
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Vivat Jesus! John Stefani, PGK, 3880 Membership Chairman

Operation Support Our Troops

Knowing that its late , here is the outcome of our December OSOT. This years drive was better than last years. Thanks to Monsignor Hermes allowing the parish to participate with the Knights of Columbus. Items collected for troops was increased, Monies to help ship troop packages was up. \$ 25.00 for shipping . Letters to the troops From the parish, kids, and many others help break the loneliness . In this up coming year it would be nice to have many more of these letters for our troops.

GOD BLESS YOU ALL & THANKS AGAIN
Steve Bright

Breakfast With Santa



Council 3880's 60th Anniversary Celebration



PADS Dinners

We need volunteers interested in preparing a meal. Below is the PADS dinner schedule for 2015. If you can help out or have further questions. Please contact our PADS coordinator.

Steve Bright (815) 459-6999—brightones1@live.com
John Orso (815) 477-1048—johoro@aol.com

Dinners take place at Bethany Lutheran Church,
76 W. Crystal Lake Ave.

Dates	Volunteers
1/25/2015	Bob & Vicki Kosin
2/22/2015	Mike Chmiel & Matt Walker
3/29/2015	John Orso & Tom Jackson
4/26/2015	Dan O'Connell & Mike Kebr

PROCEDURES

1. Coordinator contacts site Manager regarding menu and the quantity of food needed.
2. KC meal provider purchases groceries. Turn in all receipts to Financial Secretary.
3. Kitchen in parish community room **MUST** be utilized for meal preparation. Contact PADS coordinator to arrange the use of this facility.
4. Large pots in community room may be used.
5. Meal must be taken to dinner site by 6:30p.m. They have facilities to keep food warm.
6. Meals are served by PADS site personnel. Knights volunteers may assist as needed.

Good Of The Order

Knights Birthdays

Thomas J. Dawson
Ted F. Duda
Robert Frazier
James W. Gigl
James P. Gray
Michael L. Gregus
Stephen M. Haugh
Brian O'Connell
Stephen J. O'Riordan
Lamont M. Sprague
Robert Telmanik
Matthew J. Turk
Frank Willy

Wives Birthdays

Carol Anderson
Judy Modrich
Sue Reed
Sheri Turk
Lisa Waggoner

Anniversaries

James W. & Debra Gigl

Prayer List

Christy & Marek Suscki
Mark Gibson
Gary Wikstrom
Bob Thompson
Jim Kratochul
Marilyn Zopp
John F. Walsh
Joseph Kaltwasser
Judie Bright
Jackie Stephani
Al & Joann Giehrl
Mike Bradley
Frank Popp Sr.
Frank Popp Jr.
Marge Fagan
Francis Cogen
Sharon Rodriques
Paul Penkava
Katelyn Friesen
Charllotte Heuer
Irene Skaja
S. K. Francis Cooper
Joe Schultz
Elainor Tillman
Marlene Slowey
Amber Allen Bauman
Ray Kotshi

Polish Dinner

John Stefani

Mówimy Po Polsku?? Personally, nie mówię po polsku !

It's time for our annual Fr. McCormickski Polish Dinner. This annual event, sold out 99% of the time in the first few weeks, is coming on Saturday, January 10, 2015.

We have a world class kitchen crew that has put this event on for over 10 years to rave reviews... we have had a fantastic crew of men and women manning the tables to serve up all of the scrumptious Irene Skaja's Beef Barley Mushroom soup, Roast Pork, Polish Sausage, Pierogi, Golabki, Kopytka and Bigos to name a few! And save room for the Kolaczki and Raspberry Nalesniki!

Come and help sell tickets, serve food, wait tables, clean up, work the bar, sell raffle tickets, the jobs are almost as endless as the great smells and taste of the food... *Dziękuję bardzo i do zobaczenia wkrótce.*

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John R. Stefani, PGK

Council Calendar

January

1/3 Grill Night
1/6 Business Meeting
1/10 Blood Drive,
Polish Dinner
1/18 Breakfast
1/20 Social Meeting
1/25 PADS dinner

February

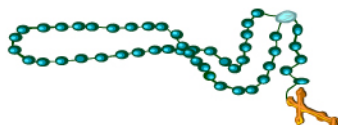
2/3 Business Meeting
2/7 Grill Night
2/15 Breakfast
2/17 Social Meeting
2/20 Lenten Dinner
2/22 Major Degree,
PADS dinner
2/27 Lenten Dinner

March

3/3 Business Meeting
3/6 Lenten Dinner
3/7 Grill Night
3/13 Lenten Dinner
3/14 St. Patrick's Dinner
3/15 Breakfast
3/17 Social Meeting
3/20 Lenten Dinner
3/29 PADS dinner



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



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