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Grand Knight's Report

Tim Hicklin

Dear Brothers,

Praise be to Jesus Christ!

Major Degree

February garnered us four new 3rd degree members. Brian O'Connell went through the entire program on February 9, 2014 while Martin Weniger, a transfer in from Council 11666, Chris Olsen and Mike Fisher completed their third degrees as well. I would like to thank the entire 1stDegree Team – Kevin Scanlan, Mike Kebr, Mike Jasinski, Steve Haugh, Greg Ives and especially Pat Bradley for executing the degree which in my opinion was the best we've done in many years. Special thanks to John Stefani and the kitchen crew for an excellent chicken dinner and Rick Kendzior for a very well-run Degree. The John Paul II Major Degree Team was again exceptional. And the neighboring councils who brought their candidates were pleased that this Major Degreed was so well run. At our next Business Meeting, please welcome in Martin Weniger and Brian O'Connell into our council and also congratulate Mike Fisher and Chris Olsen as well.

St. Paddy's

Our 45th Annual St. Paddy's Day Dinner will be held March 15th, 2014. Starting at 6:00 we will have refreshments and a social hour followed by Dinner, door prizes and Irish Dancers. Tickets are going fast. Contact Pat Slowey at (815)-893-4061 or email at sloweypd@att.net. Our chair, Kevin Scanlan at (815)-356-2609 would also like to hear from you for tickets and especially if you can help.

Lent

Lent is the time of year that is fast approaching us. Our Business on March 4th will be our Mardi Gras followed by March 5th which is Ash Wednesday. But remember that even though Lent is a time for reflection and self-denial (i.e., giving things up), it should also be a time for self-improvement. Think about spending more time praying the rosary and in adoration. Think about getting to know someone less fortunate than you, maybe a street person by donating a buck or taking for a meal. Give of yourself. I'm sure we all have gently used clothing that can be shared with our brothers. You'll be surprised at the joy and fulfillment you will receive in return doing positive acts.



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Grand Knight's Report, *continued*

Clarence Kleinfelter

We lost another brother in February. Clarence Kleinfelter. Eternal rest, grant unto him O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon him. May he rest in peace. Amen. May his soul and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

Web Site

We will be changing hosting providers from Applied Computer Technologies as they are exiting that area of their business. DLS in LITH/Algonquin is their recommended provider and discussions have already been started to switchover. I do not expect any service interruption. Cost to the council should not exceed more that \$5.00 additional per month.

God Bless! And remember to Pray for all of our fellow knights and families, both living and deceased.

***Vivat Jesus,
Tim Hicklin,
Grand Knight
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Dear Worthy Brother Knights,

One of the things I love about the priests we have at St. Thomas is that at times they will provide a solution in their homilies to something that's been eating at me for months. It may be about my Catholic faith, how to evangelize, or their words may give me the ammunition I need as a Catholic husband, father and member of the Knights of Columbus to defend our Church's teachings in a society that is becoming increasingly secular.

Msgr. Hermes' homily last Sunday still sticks with me. He put Jesus' Gospel teachings about Jewish law at the time in Matthew 5: 17-37 -- "Do not think that I have come to abolish the law or the prophets. I have come not to abolish but to fulfill" -- into a today's-world perspective.

I often sit back bewildered and bummed at the increasingly secularized world we live in today, where we are told we can have our faith, but to keep it behind our closed church doors. It's a struggle for me because that is not how I was taught. It is only getting worse.

As Msgr. told us at the 9 a.m. Mass on Feb. 16, "The church's job – and this is so hard for us – is to not go along with the culture, to not fit in with the times. The more our culture becomes more secular and anti-God, the more our Church is going to stand out."

Msgr. added, "we cannot dumb down Jesus' moral ideals. To do so is to betray the people we are helping."

Each of us as Knights are called on to defend our faith. You see great examples of that in every issue of the Columbia Magazine. We are great at service and charitable giving. We must also be servants of Church, defending its teachings and standing up for what we believe.

Msgr. added that "Jesus is asking us to examine our choices – are we under society's influence to rationalize, for example, 'everyone is doing this,' or to minimize, 'that's not a big deal,' what we do. Are we following Christ's teachings, that there is a right and there is a wrong?"

If you have a spare 10 minutes, watch Msgr.'s homily. It gave me a great and better perspective on how we must live as Catholics and Brother Knights, defending the faith in this new world order of ours.

Vivat Jesus,

Greg Ives

Deputy Grand Knight



Belt Loops and Pins turn into Merit Badges

Dan O'Connell

As a Cub Scout, boys have an opportunity to earn 25 Academic belt loops and 28 Sports belt loops. A few of each are Art, Chess, Mathematics and Music as well as Archery, Fishing, Golf, Marbles (yes those marbles) and Volleyball. There are certain requirements that must be met to earn their loop (Academic are gold, Sports are silver except for Archery and BB Gun which are brass). Pins require that additional requirements to be met but are earned in the same categories as belt loops.



Some of the belt loops are a basis for Webelos Activity badges that ultimately can lead to the Arrow of Light, the only carryover badge from Cub Scouts to Boy Scouts. There are 20 different Activity pins and as they are earned, are proudly displayed on the scout's Webelos ribbon.

And then comes Boy Scouts with now 136 merit badges. The newest are Programming, Sustainability (Eagle required), Kayaking, Search and Rescue and Game Design. More are on the horizon for release this year such as Mining in Society, Digital Technology (replaces Computers) and Animation. Signs, Signals, and Codes merit badge will cover Morse code, American Sign Language, Braille, signaling, trail markings, and other non-verbal communications.

Eagle requirements have changed as well. Cooking has been brought back as an Eagle required badge and Sustainability was added. Sustainability teach Scouts about climate change, species extinction, resource extraction, green chemistry, recycling, and zero-waste manufacturing. So now there are 13 Eagle required merit badges and a scout has 17 to choose from to fulfill this requirement. They still must have a minimum of 21 merit badges to qualify for Eagle Scout so they may choose any from the remaining 119 to fulfill this requirement.

All in all, these numerous opportunities for scouts to learn new skills, talents and leadership would not be possible without Father McCormick Council 3880. Your continued support of Scouting, both at a Cub Scout level and Boy Scout level, will allow these young men to develop into our future government and business leaders and thus building a solid foundation for the future of America. God bless you and your families and let's hope for Spring soon.



Kayaking



Programming



Sustainability



Search & Rescue



First Aid



Game Design

Contraception Mandate

The Supreme Court has decided to uphold its injunction blocking the contraception coverage mandate until sometime in March. In the meantime, a large number of religious organizations have filed briefs in support of the Little Sisters of the Poor and other christian groups who oppose the mandate. Battle lines are being drawn as more than 90 House Democrats led by Nancy Pelosi are filing briefs in support of the mandate while House Republicans are filing their own briefs opposing the mandate. In addition, Catholic Charities of Chicago and the U.S. Council of Catholic Bishops has pledged their support to stop the mandate.

Sebelius vs Hobby Lobby

In *Sebelius vs Hobby Lobby*, the founders and owners of the chain of craft stores claim the contraception mandate includes contraception options that go against their Christian beliefs. The mandate includes “morning after” pills and similar treatments (called abortifacient drugs) which could possibly terminate a pregnancy after conception. Hobby Lobby is deeply

opposed to being forced to provide this option to its employees. Support is growing by leaps and bounds for Hobby Lobby’s position. So far, the following have pledged their support for Hobby Lobby.

- 107 Federal Legislators from both sides of the aisle
- 21 States
- A huge number of prominent religious leaders
- Medical groups
- Several Women’s groups

Illinois Right to Life Banquet

The Illinois Right to Life Banquet is being held Thursday May 8, 2014 at The Carlisle in Lombard. Keynote speaker is Governor Mike Huckabee. This should be a wonderful event in support of Right to Life initiatives in Illinois. Tickets are \$125 each with a discount for purchasing a table of 10. There are sponsorship opportunities as well. For more details, checkout www.illinoisrighttolife.org

Joseph G. Kaltwasser

Steve Haugh

I presume Joe’s name caught the attention of at least half our members. He, like most of said half, doesn’t get to come around very much, anymore. Be assured, however, that he is revered by said half, and the rest of us who were blessed to spend some time with him.

I feel much honored that he would call me recently. I was so elated that I just sat there and listened.

For those who may not know Joe, let me summarize his years of dedication and experience as simply as possible by introducing him as a past State Deputy and Vice Supreme Master. Any office you can think of, he held it and received many accolades for his superior achievements.

He is probably our oldest member, 86 on Aug 20, with 57 years as a member.

I think he was just calling to update his address. I’m sure many of my brothers would like to know he can be called at 1-630-578-7985. He now resides at Greenfields of Geneva, ON801 Friendship Way Apt 2102, Geneva, IL 60134. He reports the commencement of Parkinson’s disease, so walk-in visitors aren’t encouraged. Cards and calls would be greatly appreciated, as he feels like he’s losing contact with us. Daughter Jennie is with him much of the time, and is willing to relay messages.

I apologize for this jumble of incompleteness, but I wanted to complete something before the newsletter publication date. I had the honor of driving with him to a State Convention in 2006, where the high mucky-mucks stole him from me so they could bathe in his light. I’ll try to print that conversation next month.

Please call, or send him a card. I know he is in our continuous prayers.

Major Degree Follow-Up

Welcome to our brother Knights who took their steps to full Knighthood at our Major Degree Sunday, February 9, 2014! Brian, Chris, Matt and Martin all took their 2nd and 3rd degrees that day, with Brian going through a 1st degree ceremony as well. We also had 8 fellow Knights from surrounding councils go through the ceremonials as well.

A heartfelt "Thank You" goes out to all those who helped make this happen. We had a wonderful turnout of volunteers that made this day a success. It is something special to hear when members of the Major Degree team say how much they enjoy coming to Council 3880 because we do it right!

Now, we still need to meet our membership quota for the fraternal year. It is up to everyone in this council to recruit new members. We need 20 new members by June to meet our goal. Who do you know that would be interested in becoming a member of our council? Why not ask him? Better yet, bring him along to a social meeting. He can sign a Form 100 right there!

For more information please contact me at membership@kofc3880.org or by cell phone, 815.245.3854.

Vivat Jesus.

Rick Kendzior

Membership Director

What Is a 5th Sunday?

Some time ago, our council leaders wanted to honor and remember those from our council who have passed on to their great reward. It was decided that the best way to do that would be a public display of remembrance. That is how the 5th Sunday Memorial Mass started. That is why we attend the 9:00 A.M. Mass as a group four or five times a year. We place our banner on the altar so that all know why we are there.

It is a very impressive sight for the congregation to see us gather as a group and bring the gifts to the altar. It should be. And, hopefully it might make a gentleman ask about joining our ranks. But, we need our membership to be there. The past several memorial masses have seen declining attendance. We should be filling the pews.

Here is this year's 5th Sunday Schedule.

- March 30th
- June 29th
- August 31st
- November 30th

Our next Memorial Mass is 9:00 AM Sunday, March 30. Please be there to honor those no longer with us.

Rick Kendzior



Newest 3rd Degree Members

We welcome our newest 3rd degree members, Brian O'Connell, Chris Olsen, Martin Weniger and Mike Fisher. They complete their 3rd degree Feb. 9, 2014 at St. Thomas the Apostle. We are proud of you on completing this journey!!!

PADS Dinners

Here is the PADS dinner schedule for 2013-2014. 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, Steve Bright (815) 459-6999—brightones1@live.com • John Orso (815) 477-1048—johoro@aol.com

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

| <u>Dates</u> | <u>Volunteers</u> |
|--------------|-------------------|
| 3/30/2014 | John & Cathy Orso |
| 4/27/2014 | John Stefani |

PROCEDURES

1. PADS coordinator contacts site Manager regarding menu and determines the quantity of food needed for dinner.
2. KC meal provider purchases groceries. Turn in all receipts to Financial Secretary for reimbursement.
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 etc. In community room may be used.
5. Meal should be taken to PADS 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.

The Good Of The Order

Knights Birthdays

Kevin Anderson
George A. Boulet
Joseph I. Clark
Sarnie Coliflores
Steve D. De Paul
Marc Duffy
John Paul Georgy
Robert L. Kampman
Stephen P. Laudick
Robert S. Mackinlay
Ronald E. Meissen
Robert Newport
James A. Nissen
Robert H. Reckamp
Glendon Schutz
Joseph S. Schutz
Jeff Sernett
Mark F. Spreitzer
John J. Streit
David Tambellini
John P. Walsh
Mark A. Zehker

Anniversaries

Michael & Marie Habisohn
Stephen J. & Bobbie O'Riordan
Rick & Lynn Russell

Wives Birthdays

Karen Ferrero, III
Dorothy Giambi
Mary Kay Kampman
Gail Lehner
Cathleen Martin
Cheryl Newport
Heather Pearson
Irene Skaja
Saundra Zehker
Marilyn Zopp

Prayer List

Mark Toscano
Joe Vorisik
Glenn March
Mary Cichon
Patricia Fontana
Arthur Herman
SK Francis Cooper
Judie Bright
Bob Thomas
Jimmy Liptack
Vincent DiRenzo
John McQue

Council Calendar

March

3/4 Business Meeting
3/5 Ash Wednesday
3/15 St. Paddy's Dinner
3/16 Breakfast
3/18 Social Meeting
3/30 5th Sunday,
P.A.D.S

April

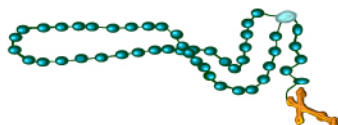
4/1 Business Meeting
4/13 Palm Sunday
4/15 Social Meeting
4/17-4/19 Triduum
4/20 Easter Sunday
4/25-4/27 State Convention
4/27 Breakfast,
P.A.D.S.

May

5/6 Business Meeting
5/11 Mother's Day
5/18 Breakfast
5/20 Social Meeting
5/26 Memorial Day



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



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