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Grand Knight's Report

Tim Hicklin

Dear Brothers,

Praise be to Jesus Christ!

January was an incredible successful month. On 1/11 we held our annual winter Blood Drive. Despite the wintry weather and colds and flus, we collected a very respectable 70 pints. Thank you for those that donated. FDD, PGK John Orso will have a report at our February business meeting. Thanx go to the set and take down committee especially Melinda Popp (phone call coordinator) and the O'Connell's. ***One pint saves 3!***

And on the same day we hosted our annual Polish dinner. DGK, Greg Ives was the chair of this event, and along with Greg, a huge kudos go out to John Stefani, Irene and Jim Skaja. Dan and Annette O'Connell and the rest of the kitchen staff who did a bang up job handling of the food and lines of people who attended this event. It again was a sellout and our council, thanks to Bob Wyman, handed out the community organizations our charitable donations – McHenry 1st Way Pregnancy Support Group, Right to Life of McHenry County, Good Samaritan and St. Thomas Jail Ministry. These organizations were invited to the dinner and were very appreciative of our good works. And a special thanks to Mike Kebr and Ken Schutz for co-hosting the Basketball free throw competition with GK, Todd Gray from Elizabeth Ann Seton's council 10678. We had a very successful event even though the weather was frigid. I apologize to Mike, Krista and their Piwonka daughters who unfortunately came ***just*** after the competition ended.

On February 1, 2014, we will be helping at the Food Pantry. Be there from 8:30 until noon to help pass out food to those in need. February has the Super Bowl including ours. The Sunday after Super Bowl Sunday, February 9, 2014 we will be hosting our annual Major Degree. If you know of anyone who has expressed an interest in belonging to the best Catholic Men's Fraternal Organization bring them to this event. For all of you who have proceeded through the 1st Degree, please come to this event and take your 2nd and 3rd. And for those who have become 3rd degree knights see the updated program from these degrees. I encourage all brothers to attend. We are the host council and we need to have a great showing – the 1st Degree begins at 1:00 PM and all candidates should arrive at noon.

March is shortly coming after February – yeah Spring!! Our Business Meeting is on Mardi Gras Tuesday meaning the Lenten season of sacrifice begins the next day with Ash Wednesday. Our annual St. Paddy's Day din-

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Grand Knight's Report, *continued*

ner will be held on March 15, 2014. It will prove to be another outstanding even. Again, help is needed. So if you are able, please contact Kevin Scanlan at 815-356-2609.

And thank you for all of the Knights who have signed up for Adoration. We have made a wonderful impression with the Parish and members. God Bless! And remember to Pray for all of our fellow knights.

Vivat Jesus,
Tim Hicklin,
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The Good Of The Order

Knights Birthdays

Patrick J. Cleary
Edward J. Dvorak
Keith M. Fisher
Thomas P. Harold
Donald F. Kolosiekie
Robert Kosin
Charles Lundgren
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John M. & Karen Ferrero, III
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Wives Birthdays

Judie Bright
Diana Daniel
Sandi De Paul
Lynn Faye
Cari Goode
Donna Gray
Catherine Stump
Linda Walsh

Prayer List

the Jim Ennis Family
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
Dave Mazurk

Vivat Jesus Brother Knights,

During its midyear meeting in Quebec City last November the Knights of Columbus Supreme leaders and state deputies outlined the three most pressing needs of the Order in 2014:

- a. Growth
- b. Retention
- c. Revitalization of the membership

While not official, you could also call these our own goals and priorities. Without bringing in good new members to join our ranks, we are dead. On the same path, we must work hard as a council to retain our members, making it worthwhile for them to be active and vibrant members in our Council.

That brings me to the third point. What do we need to do as a Council to make it a must-belong part of a Catholic Gentleman's faith agenda.

Here's what our Supreme leaders said means the most as Knights of Columbus: We all must dedicate ourselves to evangelization of the Church, especially during these times when the Church continues to be persecuted:

- ***The unique role of the laity***, which was recognized by Father McGivney in the late 19th century, was a central theme of the meeting in Québec. Both the supreme knight and Archbishop Lori emphasized that the laity is essential to the Church's evangelizing mission, citing Blessed John Paul II's apostolic exhortation *Ecclesia in America*: "The renewal of the Church in America will not be possible without the active presence of the laity. Therefore, the laity, the lay faithful is largely responsible for the future of the Church" (44).
- Supreme Knight Anderson noted that Father McGivney demonstrated the "practical and spiritual genius of giving laymen leadership roles and [founding] an organization that in a thousand different ways every year has created means ... to express the Christian values of charity, unity and fraternity for all to see."
- In order to fulfill this mission, the supreme knight said, it is essential for the Order to increase its membership. "The Good Shepherd leaves the 99 to find one," he said. "How can we have councils that are happy with the one and refuse to go after the 99?"

When we need to grow, point to what we do as a council to spread the faith.

- Speaking on behalf of the chaplains gathered at the meeting, Archbishop Lori highlighted how Knights of Columbus are particularly equipped to take part in the new evangelization. He observed that the Order is "the premier organization in which laymen, together with their wives and families, can become equipped spiritually, morally and intellectually to bear witness to the Gospel and to bring the Gospel out of the four walls of the Church and into the world."
- The supreme chaplain also discussed the Knights' emphasis on building strong marriages and families: "The Order helps us all see how the vocation to authentic marriage and family life is essential to the Church's mission of evangelization — for it is in the heart of the family where the Gospel is to be received and lived, and it is authentically Catholic families, joyful and united, that bear witness to the Gospel and serve the common good."

What was said at that meeting is exactly what we need to do as members of this esteemed Council. Live our faith by example in everything we do. We are working hard to grow our evangelical side. Stay tuned for some good things later this year.

One other such area I am most proud of is the commitment we are making with our three hours in the Adoration Chapel. We are finding our sea legs with the schedule, but I pray we receive great graces as a result of our commitment. Thank you men for being part of this much needed effort. If you want to be part of our Adoration work, please call me.

Vivat Jesus,
Greg Ives
Deputy Grand Knight
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It is that time of year when Cub Scouts become Boy Scouts. WebelosII will end their Pack career and either move to a troop or quit Scouting. This occurs at the Blue and Gold Banquet which is a celebration of the WebelosII accomplishments in Cub Scouts but also a send off to Boy Scouts. It is also a celebration of the anniversary of Scouting in America which is February 8th. Boy Scouts will celebrate 104 years and Cub Scouts will celebrate 84 years of Scouting in America.

In Pack 127, the Webelos II actually cross a bridge leaving behind their Pack compatriots and are received by their new troop which welcomes them on the other side. They remove their Webelosneckerchief and brag vest and crossover receiving a new neckerchief that symbolizes them taking a new path in their journey in Scouting. The Troop welcomes them in and invites them to the first Troop meeting along with his parents so they may become familiar with the new adventures that await them.

When a Webelos II does crossover, there is one award from his Cub Scout career that can follow him into Boys Scouts. That is the Arrow of Light. It is the highest award in Cub Scouts and is earned by working on outdoor skills, physical fitness, learning more about citizenship and working with others. Upon completion of Arrow of Light, they can bridge into a Boy Scout troop. The Arrow of Light award is worn below the left pocket of the tan Boy Scout Uniform.



The first rank of Boy Scouting, Scout, can be earned as soon as a boy joins a troop, especially if he has earned his Arrow of Light as a Webelo Scout. This first rank is earned by applying and memorizing some important scouting basics. This is followed by completing the requirement for Tenderfoot, Second Class, First Class, Star, Life and ultimately Eagle Scout. Each has a set of requirements to be met that help the Scout grow in citizenship, outdoor skills, life skills and build on all of his previous experience. The Troop and adult leadership encourage the Scout to achieve these ranks by participating in meetings and outings where he has the opportunity to learn new skills and hone those he has already mastered.

This is what Father McCormick Council 3880 is investing in by supporting Cub Scout Pack 127 and Boy Scout Troop 127. Building our leaders of tomorrow by teaching them the values and ideals of Scouting to be practiced the rest of their lives. We wish you all a very safe, healthy and happy 2014 and thank you for your continued support.



Once again, Fr. McCormick Council 3880 presented a most successful *Annual Polish Dinner*! Congratulations to the Council and to the event chairman, **Deputy Grand Knight Greg Ives**. But I want to comment from the other side of the wall. We can not praise or thank Brother Sir Knights **Mike Jasinski** and **Dan O'Connell** enough. Okay, starting with the fact they are working for me, that's enough of a problem as anyone who has ever worked the kitchen can tell you. But these two guys have been there more than once. And they come back because we have a ball back there. And it is easy because we each know what the other can do, and we take turns working together to quickly get a part of it done, or go off on our own to do out thing. But a quick word and the others are there to help with a task. We have gotten it done to clockwork.

Each of the past several years we have served the 250 some people buffet style in record time. We know when to start each process and when it comes time to begin, both Mike and Dan are on the line like NFL coaches prowling to see what dish is almost empty and move pans and people to have the replacement ready to go. There is no stop in the serving line... serve, serve, serve and serve some more. Each year Kevin puts together a great team of servers, and many of them are there again and again so it is easy for them to do their job and keep it moving. And there is a great key on why 3880 does great events; because we have people stepping up to the plate to help.

And wives! Where would we be without them... they say behind every good man is a good women... true, but with the Knights it really is, beside every good Knight is their good woman! Kitchen is the same, year after year; there is **Sue Stefani, Joannie Jasinski and Annette O'Connell**. And I left a couple of names out... Brother Sir Knight **Jim Skaja** IS Mr. Polish Dinner! And at his side is Irene, the ultimate Soup Goddess!!! As usual Jim sets it all up and through the most generous donation of this wonderful food from *the Lone Tree Inn* in Niles, Illinois. Jim, like several of us, is that typical hard working Knight... true, he has the quietest customers, but the hours are crazy. And this year it was his weekend to work, of course. But he organized all of his part, and picked up and delivered the food Friday night. And several weeks ago in church Irene whispered in my ear that she would be there to help... and she was, early Saturday morning, stirring and tasting spoons in hand, going at it until SHE was satisfied that it was good to go.. and, oh, my, was it ever GOOD!

So these people are what makes the magic at this event... people give me kudos for the food, but it would never happen without them. I owe them a tribute of gratitude, as all of us as Knights of Fr. McCormick Council do... Thank you, each and every one of you... thank you my friends!



Brother Knight Irv Kemp, enjoying the Polish Dinner at 96 years!

Major Degree February 9, 2014

Once again, Fr. McCormick Council 3880 will be hosting a Major Degree on the 2nd Sunday in February. Of course we want all brother Knights to participate in any way you can. We will need help setting up downstairs for the ceremonials as well as up in the kitchen where PGK John Stefani will be cooking up a marvelous meal for after the degrees. Please help where you can.

Now, for those of you who are not third degree members, this is a wonderful opportunity to attend and advance your membership in the order. Our council will sponsor you at no charge for the day – including dinner! Spouses or guests are invited to attend the dinner at a cost of \$10.00 per person.

The day will start with registration at 12:00 noon. The 1st degree will start promptly at 1:00 PM with the 2nd and 3rd degrees to follow. All members should come and witness the 1st degree. Those of you who are 3rd-degree members should also stay and witness the additional degrees. The ceremonials have changed so if you haven't seen a major degree in the past few years, you haven't seen a major degree.

This is also a great time to recruit a friend or family member into our organization. Do you know someone who may be interested in becoming a Knight? ASK Them. You may be surprised at how quickly they say, YES! We have plenty of FORM100's available. Remember our recruiting goal for this fraternal year is 21 new members. This would be a great event to cut that number down.

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

Vivat Jesus.

Rick Kendzior

Membership Director

Council Shirts



If you've wanted to order a new Council 3880 shirt, now is the time. Our previous supplier has not responded to any of our requests, so we were forced to find a new vendor.

And find one we did! Not only is our new shirt supplier local, but they are willing to hold the same pricing from our previous vendor. Shirt sizes small, medium, large, and X-large will still only cost \$30.00 each. Sizes 2XL and up are priced at \$35.00 apiece. One new requirement is that all shirt orders must be pre-paid. Our council has had to absorb the cost of prior shirt orders that were never picked up. We can't afford to continue that and it makes our Financial Secretary pull out his hair. Think about that.

Look forward to other choices coming up. We are looking at a long sleeve dress shirt option in addition to the polo. More info to come on that in the future.

There will be shirt order forms available at the February Business meeting. If you can't make the meeting, email me at membership@kofc3880.org and I can assist you.

Rick Kendzior

Council Dues 2014

By now, all of you who paid by 1/25/14 should have received your ID card. Please check it for proper spelling and your highest degree. Things are slower this year as I am checking every check for spelling, Sr/Jr, III, Dr. Col, etc. I am also adding wives' names as they certainly deserve recognition.

Second notice is out Jan. 30. As always, if you are having financial difficulty, just leave a message on my recorder 815-459-4447, and I'll mail your card. No one else will ever know, and I won't question you.

Should you wish to withdraw, Supreme won't recognize it unless you write something, date it and sign it.

Steve Haugh
Financial Secretary



*Our latest
Knights of the
Month*

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.

Dates	Volunteers
2/23/2014	Matt & Becky Walker, Mike & Marie Chmiel
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.

Contraception Update on the Affordable Care Act

On New Year's Eve, United States Supreme Court Justice Sonia Sotomayor issued an injunction delaying the implementation of the contraception mandate as part of the Affordable Care Act. The mandate says religious groups must either comply with the mandate to provide contraception coverage for their employees or face hefty fines. Religious groups are allowed to sign a waiver allowing them to claim exemption from the mandate. Once the waiver is signed, the health care administrator then will then make a determination of whether the administrator will provide the contraception coverage to the employees.

At the center of this controversy are The Little Sisters of The Poor (A charity of Roman Catholic women in Denver, CO) and Christian Brothers Services (an Illinois based Christian organization). The organizations claim that allowing the administrator to determine whether or not contraceptives will be provided is only assigning the sin to a third party - which goes against the Church's teachings.

Since contraception is a sin in the Catholic Church, it goes against the church to provide contraceptive coverage in their health care plan. Signing the waiver is essentially allowing a third party to sin on behalf of the Church.

President Obama's administration argues that the waiver is the only way they will be allowed to avoid the fines. They even point out that the administrator for the health plans of these two organizations has stated they will not provide the contraception coverage as desired by the groups. The Obama Administration is asking for the injunction to be removed and for the groups to sign the waivers to remove the threat of the hefty fines.

The groups feel they cannot sign the waivers assigning the possibility of sin to a third party. Even with the promise of the administrator not providing the contraceptive coverage. There is a chance the administrator can change their position in the future or the possibility of a change in health care administrator with a different position on the matter. Since the law is mandating the change, the groups want the law to provide the protections that are currently not in place for these and many other religious groups.

The Obama Administration would like this challenge to be resolved very quickly and is hoping the injunction will be removed this week. The fear is that other religious organizations may get on board with this challenge and provide heavy pressure for the Affordable Care Act to be changed.

As of today, January 16, nothing has been decided. I will provide updates as the situation evolves.

***Michael Fisher,
Brother Knight***

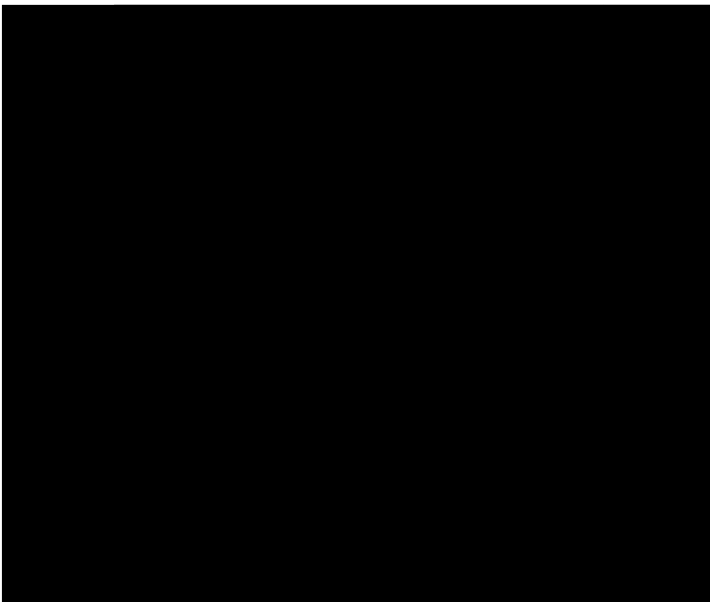
Basketball Free Throw Competition 2014



Annual Winter Blood Drive



Pope: Church must not turn priests into ‘little monsters’



Pope Francis is calling for a change in the culture of seminaries, saying priests who are taught only to toe the line will become “little monsters.”

The pontiff expressed his vision for a more open and joyful religious education system during a three-hour talk with the heads of the orders in November, but his remarks were not published until now in the Jesuit journal *Civiltà Cattolica*.

Taking another swipe at clericalism — a term often used to express a very formal, elitist attitude by some priests — Francis said seminaries and “houses of formation” need to keep up with the cultural times.

“Problems are not solved simply by forbidding doing this or that. Dialogue as well as confrontation are needed,” he said.

“To avoid problems, in some houses of formation, young people grit their teeth, try not to make mistakes, follow the rules smiling a lot, just waiting for the day when they are told: ‘Good, you have finished formation.’ This is hypocrisy that is the result of clericalism which is one of the worst evils.

“Formation [of future priests] is a work of art, not a police action,” he added. “We must form their hearts. Otherwise we are creating little monsters. And then these little monsters mold the people of God. This really gives me goose bumps.”

In the 10 months since he was elected leader of the Roman Catholic Church, Francis has become known for his plain-spoken, sometimes blunt style — and it was on full display in this interview.

“Just think of the religious who have hearts as sour as vinegar,” he said at one point. “They are not made for the people. In the end, we must not form administrators, managers — but fathers, brothers, traveling companions.”

Francis, who was named *Time* magazine’s person of the year for 2013, said men should run toward the priesthood, not away from secular life.

“The ghost to fight against is the image of religious life understood as an escape or hiding place in face of an ‘external’ difficult and complex world,” he said.

Echoing past comments, the former archbishop of Buenos Aires called for priests to work directly with the poor and other on the fringes of society.

“This is really very important to me: the need to become acquainted with reality by experience, to spend time walking on the periphery in order really to become acquainted with the reality and life-experiences of people,” he said.

“If this does not happen we then run the risk of being abstract ideologists or fundamentalists, which is not healthy.”



As a member of this council, you are our greatest asset. We value your judgment, we appreciate your opinions, and we rely on your participation for continued success. Since joining the Knights of Columbus, you have undoubtedly become familiar with many of our varied programs of involvement — programs where you can personally apply your talents and fulfill your ambitions. In an effort to satisfy your desires and interests, we ask that you complete the following survey and return it to our program director for evaluation and action.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Date: _____

Name: _____

Street Address: _____

City: _____ State or Province: _____ Zip: _____

Home Phone: _____ Work Phone: _____ E-Mail: _____

SERVICE PROGRAM INVOLVEMENT

Please list your preferences for possible committee assignments. Mark those areas which you find exciting, challenging and promising.

PROGRAMS

- | CHURCH | COMMUNITY | COUNCIL | FAMILY | YOUTH |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Vocations | <input type="checkbox"/> Pro-Life | <input type="checkbox"/> Public Relations | <input type="checkbox"/> Survivor's Assistance | <input type="checkbox"/> Columbian Squires |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Parochial Services | <input type="checkbox"/> Health Services | <input type="checkbox"/> Fraternalism | <input type="checkbox"/> Family of the Month/Year | <input type="checkbox"/> Youth Groups |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Religious Devotions | <input type="checkbox"/> Civic Involvement | <input type="checkbox"/> Blood Donors | <input type="checkbox"/> Memorials | <input type="checkbox"/> Educational Programs |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Christ in Christmas | <input type="checkbox"/> Public Safety | <input type="checkbox"/> Cultural Events | <input type="checkbox"/> Recreation | <input type="checkbox"/> Social Activities |
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MEMBERSHIP

- Recruitment Retention Insurance Promotion Admission Committee Ceremonials

In your opinion, how can our council improve existing programs? Please be specific.

INSURANCE PARTICIPATION

- Non-Insurance Member If you are not currently enrolled as an insurance member, would you like a Supreme Council Insurance Representative to contact you to explain the many benefits available through the Order's insurance program? Yes No
- Insurance Member If you are an insurance member, would you like a Supreme Council Insurance Representative to contact you to explain new and additional benefits available through the Order's insurance program? Yes No

Council Calendar

February

2/1 Food Pantry
2/4 Business Meeting
2/9 Major Degree
2/14 Valentines' Day
2/16 Breakfast
2/18 Social Meeting
2/23 P.A.D.S.
2/27 Clergy Dinner

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 P.A.D.S.



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and with your KofC Brothers*



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