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Grand Knights Report

By Mike Bradley

Greetings Gentlemen,
I had the pleasure along with our DGK Mike Kebr of attending the 2017 Knights of Columbus Illinois State Convention this past weekend April 22nd and 23rd. I'd like to take a moment and share with you all a few tidbits of information from the convention.



- The Rockford Diocese will now be represented on the state council by Jeff Peters from St Rita's in Rockford. He will be serving as the State Advocate.
- Currently the state council is testing E registration in several areas of the state where an interested candidate can register to become a Knight. This information is then forwarded to the nearest council where they would be able to take part in a degree ceremonial.
- Finally, the format and content of all the current degrees will be updated. I will provide more information on these changes at our May business meeting.

One of the great experiences I enjoyed being a part of was attending the special mass for the Knights of

Columbus held in the Cathedral in down town Springfield. Bishop Joseph Siegel, who also serves as our Illinois State Chaplin lead the mass. It was really something to see as the 4th Degree Knights were in colored regalia. They lead the procession and lined up along the main aisle as the Bishop entered. The cathedral itself is a breathtaking structure inside and out with its ornate ceiling and light fixtures along with the beautiful stained glass windows. I would highly recommend that if anyone finds that they are traveling through Springfield to take a slight detour and check out the cathedral.

In closing 3880 once again be participating in several events this summer. These include Turning Points Radioathon, the Parish Block Party, and the 4th of July parade just to name a few. I will be sending out email blasts as these events approach to update the council. If you haven't attended a council event in a while please consider coming out and volunteering some time to help even if it's just an hour I would love to see you there and get to know you.

God Bless,

Mike Bradley
Grand Knight
Fr. McCormick Council 3880

Deputy Grand Knights Report

By Mike Kebr

Dear Brothers,

First I would like wish all of my Brother Knights and their families a very Blessed and Happy Easter, albeit a little late. The second Sunday of Easter is known as Divine Mercy Sunday. The focus is around the institution of the Sacrament of Penance and the Tribunal of Divine Mercy. During Jesus' revelations to Saint Faustina, He asked that

a feast day be dedicated to the Divine Mercy and that it be celebrated on the Sunday following Easter. Originally celebrated in Poland and Vatican City, the feast day was granted to the entire Catholic Church on the canonization of Sr. Faustina, on April 30, 2000 by Pope John Paul II. On May 23, 2000, a decree was made that the Second Sunday of Easter going forward would be known >>Page 2

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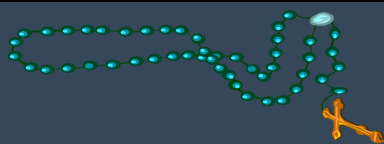
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None Assigned as of yet.

Pray the Rosary as a Family and with your KofC Brothers



Deputy Grand Knights Report *From Pg. 1*

as Divine Mercy Sunday. If you have not prayed the Chaplet of Divine Mercy, you can recite it using rosary beads, which we should be carrying in our pockets at all times anyway.



It begins with: (1) **Our Father..., Hail Mary..., The Apostles' Creed.**

(2) On the Our Father Beads say the following: **Eternal Father, I offer You the Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity of Your dearly beloved Son, Our Lord Jesus Christ, in atonement of our sins and those of the whole world.**

(3) On the Hail Mary Beads say the following: **For the sake of His sorrowful Passion, have mercy on us and on the whole world. (Repeat step 2 and 3 for all five decades).**

(4) In conclusion, say the following THREE TIMES: **Holy God, Holy Mighty One, Holy**

Immortal One, have mercy on us and on the whole world.

In her Diary, St. Faustina tells us that on 22nd February 1931, when she had the vision of the Image, Jesus said to her, "Paint an image according to the pattern you see, with the signature: **'Jesus I trust in You'**. I desire that this image be venerated first in your chapel and then throughout the world". (Diary 47)

Remember those words daily, "Jesus I trust in You". May we never forget that Jesus loves us so unconditionally that he died for us, for our sins. Let us remember to love Him back unconditionally as well. We can do this in many ways including the good works we do for others.

**Vivat Jesus,
Mike Kebr
Deputy Grand Knight**

Membership!

By PFN, PGK John Stefani

Welcome New Brother Knights to 3880!

Have a Form 100 ready to turn in? I'm still looking for about a dozen more between now and the end of the Fraternal Year. Can YOU help? At Sunday's breakfast we had another gentleman who is interested and has a Form 100 and my business card ready to get it back to me... I also spoke to another young man who has just moved back to Crystal Lake from a while in Colorado. Seems he missed the flat land!!!! But his family is all migrating back to our area. He came back a few months ago and registered with the Parish and joined RCIA... but too late to be able to become a full Catholic last Holy Week, but looking forward to it for next Easter... then joining the Council. Several of us spoke with him while having breakfast. Speaking of RCIA, I have been asked to give a brief (me? brief?) talk to the new RCIA grads on Sunday, April 30th... which, by the way, is another 5th Sunday! For those of you new to the Council, every 5th Sunday of a month, the Council gathers at the 9:00 AM Mass to pay

Honor to ALL Knights, living and deceased. We reserve the entire right hand side of the church, facing the altar for us to sit together... but as you look around you will see many Knights sitting in their regular seats scattered throughout the church... as long as you are there. Those who have a Blue Council shirt are asked to wear them in solidarity with the Council. We also have a team of Blue clad Knights process up in the form of a Cross to bring the gifts to the celebrant. That was started by Past Grand Knight Jeff Faye many years ago and continues on. We also provide *Riverside Bakery* sweet rolls with the coffee on that day, always run by SK Bob Wyman and his team... but if you recall, Bob is somewhat handicapped with an arm in a sling these days, so if you can help after mass, please show up.

I had originally talked about an *Admissions Degree* for the May Social Meeting, on the 16th. Trying to get more members so we can reach our goal. However, the Parish is having a special event that evening, celebrating the 100th anniversary of >> **Page 6**

April Council Breakfast After Easter!

Spring time is here, as evidenced by many families skipping out after mass, bypassing the World's Greatest Breakfast, and going to enjoy the sunshine... which had I been feeling better, I would have joined them!



But, in true K of C style, we stayed indoors and did our usual job of providing a nourishing Sunday morning breakfast to those who came. And, in truth, we did

make our mysterious number that I have set as our goal a while back. We started with a run on rye bread... the first three orders heard **PGK Scott Popp**, calling orders to the cooks as he always does, with a shout of "Rye Bread" three times to the Master Toaster, **Bob Kampman**. And it was on from there... it was a common call all morning, can't remember having that many orders with rye toast on them in a single day, even to the point we had our regular runners, **Becca Kebr** and **Tyler Zopp** running out to buy more. Just as crazy, pancake order where down. The

7:30 Mass as very good, 9:00 AM crowd almost non-existent, but then good crowds from the two 1030 Masses. In fact, just before the 10:30 people showed up, while standing around talking, **PGK Daniel Patrick Maguire, himself**, made the observation to Waffle man **Ken Artner**, there wouldn't be any Belgium Waffle orders! And of course, the first three orders in heard the call, "Belgium Waffle" "Belgium Waffle" "Belgium Waffle"! Sometimes you just can't win around here.

We even had two gentlemen >> Page 6

News from Pack and Troop 127

By Dan O'Connell

The Jeff Clark Scout Spirit Award

Jeff Clark was a member of Troop 166 in Fox River Grove, Illinois. He had reached the rank of Eagle Scout on October 24, 1995, one day before he and six of his Cary Grove High School classmates were tragically killed when an express commuter train hit their school bus at a railroad crossing in Fox River Grove. It is hard to believe it is almost 22 years ago.

Jeff was involved in Scouts for eight years from Cub Scouts through Eagle in both his native state of Washington and here in Illinois. He truly loved nature and the outdoors and he liked the fact that Scouting provided him many opportunities to enjoy the outdoors. Whether it was a Troop camp out or a high adventure outing to places like Philmont, Jeff always had fun, met new people and discovered new learning experiences.

Jeff lived his life honoring the Scout Oath and Law. In Jeff's memory, a special Sycamore District award has been established. All active Boy Scouts in the District are eligible to participate and attempt to earn this award. This annual award honors and recognizes two to six Scouts in the District who,

like Jeff Clark, really show their Scout Spirit. The award recipients receive is a framed certificate, an engraved plaque and their choice of a free summer camp or a \$200 savings bond.

Troop 127 is fortunate to have one of only two recipients this year. William Wickersty was presented the award at the Sycamore District Volunteer Recognition Dinner held at the beginning of March. Criteria for receiving the award includes such things as living the Scout Oath and Law, Scout Spirit, Rank Advancement, Merit Badge work, attendance at summer camp, leadership positions, high adventure activities, leadership training as a participant or on staff, and community service work. Scouts who wish to participate must complete an application which is a recap of their Scouting career so far as well as write a short essay on "What Scouting Means to Me." Here is William's essay.

What Scouting Means to Me:

To me, Scouting means opportunity. The opportunity to meet new people and friends, to try new things and challenges and to make my own decisions and to follow through on them.

Without Scouting,

I would never have met my best friend, Matt K.

I would not have become a leader on my basketball team and earned my coaches' trust.

I would not have known that I really like

sailing, kayaking and rock climbing.

I would not know that I am really good at selling - over \$29,800 in door to door popcorn sales so far.

I would not have had the confidence to kayak the Apostle Islands in 2 to 3 foot waves or look forward to attending the 2017 Jamboree.

Scouting gives me the opportunity to be the best I can be every day. It seems kind of simple, if you try to live by the Scout Oath and Law, you'll not only be a good Scout but become a better person.

William's submittal along with recommendations from Terry Redman, our Troop 127 Scoutmaster and myself earned him this award. His Scouting career to date has been exemplary and he received congratulations from all in attendance and said he had never shaken that many hands before in his life. William is currently a Life scout and is looking for an Eagle project to propose to the Troop Committee. He will be attending the National Jamboree this year at Summit Bechtel Reserve in West Virginia in the middle of July. That will be on the heels of returning from Summer Camp in early July at Camp Napowan in Wild Rose, Wisconsin.

It is opportunities like these that the Boy Scout program provides that allows for the development of our citizens of tomorrow who live by Scout Oath and Law. Through your continued support, we are building on the future of America one Scout at a time through Pack 127 and Troop 127.



Crystal Lake Food Pantry

No one should go hungry.

Saturday, May 13th: Help Stamp Out Hunger!

Stamp Out Hunger is an annual national and community wide effort to stock local food pantries. We hope to stock The Crystal Lake Food Pantry with plenty of food to support our motto, "no one should go hungry". This is a family-friendly serve for all ages. We welcome scout troops, sports teams and other small groups to come

and work together to help feed our hungry neighbors.

How do we sign-up to Volunteer?

It's easy and it will only take a minute to check out our May Sign Up page for open slots and...SIGN UP! <http://bit.ly/2iFv8Ct>
Community Service hours can be awarded!

How do we participate in the Food Drive?

Just set out your non-perishable food for collection well before your letter carrier's

normal pick-up time on Saturday, May 13.



Let's make the 25th Anniversary the biggest & best ~

Crystal Lake Food Pantry

42 East Street,
Crystal Lake, IL 60014

815-455-0961

clfoodpantry.org

4th Degree News and Views

By Dan O'Connell & PFN, PGK John Stefani

Greetings Faithful Sir Knights and Worthy Brother Knights!

As I hope all of you are aware, the Assem-

bly's **Blue Mass** scheduled for Saturday, April 29th has been cancelled due to some conflicts at our Parish as well as many neighboring ones. Plans are to still have it, but no new date has been decided on. There is going to be a **4th Degree Exemplification** on Saturday, May 20th, in the Oak Brook area. By the time you get this it is most likely

past the deadline... however, the next one is October! Isn't it time you became a 4th Degree Sir Knight?

The Sir Knights of our Council will be joining with the other SKs of the Assembly at as an Honor Guard at Bishop Malloy here at St. Thomas the Apostle for Confirmation on Thursday, April 27th. After that there is a full slate of Confir- >> **Page 5**



P.A.D.S.

By Steve Bright and FDD, PGK John M. Orso



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

PROCEDURES

Listed below is the PADS dinner schedule for 2010-2010. A brief outline of organizing procedures follows. We are in need of volunteers who would be interested in preparing a meal. If you can help out or have further questions. Please contact our PADS coordinator.

1. PADS coordinator contacts site Manager regarding menu and determines the quantity of food needed for dinner.
2. KC meal provider purchases groceries needed. Turn in all grocery 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.

2016-2017 Schedule

04/30/2017 Matt Walker

Thank you for all who served the needy.

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

Pro-Life Report

By James Hruza

Dear Brothers,

An absolute victory for the Pro Life movement. On April 10th, 2017 Judge Neil Gorsuch was sworn in as the newest Supreme Court Justice of the United States of America. This confirmation and swearing in of Supreme Court Justice Gorsuch leaves the highest court firmly 5 Conservative and 4 liberal. This is great news for the smallest and weakest amongst us as this is an epic win for LIFE!

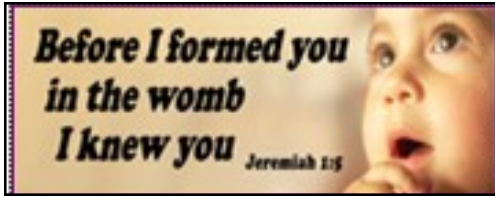
In Illinois we have some interesting news concerning HB-40. This is an Illinois House Bill that would remove all prohibitions

concerning Illinois tax dollars funding abortion. In an unexpected statement from Governor Bill Raurner he states that "he would veto legislation that would authorize taxpayer funding of abortion", should HB-40 reach his desk. This is very unexpected and exciting at the same time as Raurner has been very pro death and pro l.b.g.t in the past. If HB-40 were to pass into law an estimated 15000+ abortions annually would be funded by your Illinois Tax Dollars. This speaks in volumes as to what exactly is at stake here. Here is a link to send a message of support for Governors Raurners an-

nouncement of his intention to Veto this HB-40. <https://www.votervoice.net/ILFI/campaigns/51660/respond>

Upcoming National Day of Prayer and Protest against planned parenthood. April 28th and 29th, 2017. These will be held in front of planned parenthood shops across America. For location details see link. www.protestpp.com/locations If you are unable to attend perhaps a hour of adoration or a rosary storming heaven asking for the end of abortion and the end of companies that profit off the death of unborn babies.

On April 14th, 2017 President Trump signed and bill that allows states to withhold federal money from organizations that provide abortion services >>Page 6



4th Degree News and Views

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mations throughout the Deanery that we stand for. For those who are 4th Degree and have Regalia, please check the Assembly website for the list of times and places.

If you are interested in the 4th Degree or have questions, please contact me as I am the Council liaison with the Assembly, or talk with SK Dan O'Connell, Jr., who is the

Faithful Comptroller or SK Greg Ives, who serves as the Pilot of the Assembly.

Vivat Jesus! John Stefani, PGK, PFN, Trustee. (815) 679-6596.

Holy Saturday Blessing of the Food Baskets

By Bob Kosin



Membership

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Our Lady of Fatima along with the Parish May crowning. We have been invited to participate in that, both the Council and the Assembly. So I am going to try for a final membership push for the June Social Meeting, on the 20th. PLEASE try to get a Candidate for us... a number of you do bring in new members when you can, but the majority don't and never have. Isn't

there someone you want to share the joy of Knighthood with? Someone who deserves the opportunity to join this great organization, just like you did? Think about it and let me know.... We have the Forms!

... let's all grow in God's Grace by helping all of those in need!

Reach me at:

membership@kofc3880.org, or 815-679-6596.

Vivat Jesus!

John Stefani,
PFN, PGK,
Council 3880 Membership Chairman

Pro-Life

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including planned parenthood. This bill reverses an Obama regulation that prohibits states from withholding money from companies that perform abortions. This is another huge Pro Life victory.

In California they have charged David Daleiden with 15 new felonies in an over reaching attempt to attack Mr. Daleiden again. David is the young man who after many years of investigating and recording of high ranking planned parenthood employees found that they were selling baby body parts for profit. They have been attacking David non-stop since the videos

were release two years ago. Please keep David in your daily prayers. <http://www.ncregister.com/blog/kschiffer/david-daleiden-hit-with-15-felony-counts-in-california-responds-with-new-vi>

In closing I want to take a moment and thank all of you that act quickly when we send out a "Call to Action" email. The pro choice crowd is very organized and they have deep pockets. We are now at a time where the tide is turning and we have to be organized and we have to take immediate action concerning these wick laws

they are trying to push through. They are counting on us to be asleep at the wheel well guess what those days are over. There is strength in numbers our political leaders must hear our voice loud and clear. We are PRO LIFE, we love our children, we want a mother's womb to be a safe environment to bring forth Life, and we have GOD behind us. So stay the course, never stop speaking the Pro Life message.

Thank you for all you do and God Bless you have your families, Jamie Hruza

April Breakfast

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inquiring about the Knights! One is ready, and the second young man just recently moved back to Crystal Lake from Colorado, and is part way through the RCIA program... so come this time next year, we have another Candidate.

Oh, check this pic out... After the breakfast, **SK Robert Kosin** said that we had a problem.... Seems a full jar of pancake syrup fell on the floor and broke... (thin carpet?). So he asked what to do. I gave him three options, with **Annette O'Connell** as witness.... Call the Parish office and leave a voice message that someone ran through the Community Center and threw

a syrup bottle on the floor and ran off, move a table over it and look the other way, or, clean it up! Well, **Mr. Kosin** being the Knight that he is went to work on the carpet! Of course! All in a day's work around here.

And a special THANK YOU to **Sir Knights Steve Haugh, Greg Ives and Dan O'Connell** who after the breakfast ran home and got cleaned up and returned to church to provide a 4th Degree Honor Guard for the **Devine Mercy** service in the afternoon.



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McHenry County Right to Life:
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McHenry County Right to Life PAC:
www.prolife-victory.com

Good of the Order

Knights' May Birthdays:

- Brian S. Alexander
- Tom Brickey
- Michael Caliendo
- James Colvin
- Steven A. Crnkovich
- Kenneth Dumovich
- Gerald E. Fortier
- Paul J. Georgy
- Joe Hodorowicz
- Brian D. Mazurk
- William Mullen
- Darin O'Brien
- Bruce Smith
- Philip L. Weyna
- John M. Zokal

- Chris and Angela Krambeer
- Richard B. and Darcy Mensik
- Robert L. and Ellene Schmidt
- Bruce and Melissa Smith
- Ernest and Florence Tennes
- Mark A. and Sandra Zehker
- John M. and Patricia Zokal

Good of the Order

Knights of the Month:

- None Presented

Family of the Month:

- None Presented

Pray For:

Brothers, please pray for the following:

- SK, Pat Slowey's father
- Sir Knight Cesar Jimenez' newly born granddaughter Melissa Rose and daughter Julia and son-in-law Tony.
- PGK, John Stefani wife's brother, Steve Peters

Vivat Jesus,
GK Mike Bradley

If we have missed anyone's birthday, anniversary, or a special congratulations please email:

Thicklin@aol.com,

Call (815) 455-2765

or send a note to:

Tim Hicklin

225 N. Main St.

Crystal Lake, IL 60014-4434

Notice: Please update your email addresses to receive the newsletter and email blasts!! Use the email address above.

Wives' May Birthdays:

- Peg Godfrey
- Lynda Ives
- Donna Maguire
- Rhonda Nissen
- Melissa Smith
- Debbie Starr
- Mary Statter
- Allison Townsend
- Becky Walker

- SK, Pat Slowey's father
- Sir Knight Cesar Jimenez' newly born granddaughter Melissa Rose and daughter Julia and son-in-law Tony.
- PGK, John Stefani wife's brother, Steve Peters

May Anniversaries:

- James P. and Donna Gray
- Thomas P. and Lori Harold



Read the Bible and Pray the Rosary.

Remember and pray for our troops in this hopeful new year.



5th Sunday Memorial Mass

Tempus Fugit, Memento Mori!

Sunday, April 30, 2017, is the next memorial mass of the 2016 calendar year. Please plan on joining us for 9:00 AM Mass at St. Thomas the Apostle Church. We had a great turnout at the last mass in October, and we need to keep it growing!

All Knights and their FAMILIES are invited to attend. The entire

right center section of pews as you face the altar will be reserved for our council. Our council banner will be on the altar and we will be presenting the gifts in our cross formation. An impressive sight to all who attend!

As always, we will be providing coffee and doughnuts in the community center after mass. Check the refrigerator reminder cards that were mailed to you at the beginning of the year.



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The Knights of Columbus is unlike any other company. We do things differently — because both our faith and our members demand it.

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Council Calendar

Every Third Thursday is Food Pantry from 5:00 PM to 8:00 PM

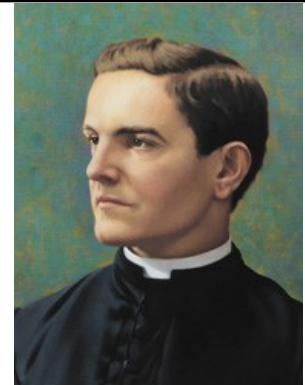
May 2017	June 2017	July 2017
5/2 Business Meeting Reading of Officer nominations 5/16 First Degree (Tentative) Social Meeting 5/18 Food Pantry Thursday 5/21 Breakfast 5/29 Memorial Day	6/3 Food Pantry 6/6 Business Meeting Officer Elections D-Day 6/8 Food Pantry Thursday 6/11 Breakfast 6/18 Father's Day 6/20 Officer Installation 7:30 PM and Social Meeting 8:30 PM	7/4 Independence Day 7/5 Business Meeting NOTE—Moved to Wednesday 7/16 Breakfast 7/18 Social Meeting 7/30 5th Sunday

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.



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Francis

2016—Year of Mercy



Make the Right Choice!
 Life is not Your Choice. It's Your Responsibility!

