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Grand Knight's Report

By Scott Popp

My Dear Brothers, and Families,

Let me begin by saying that I continue to pray for you all and hope that you have the best Lent of your lives this year. As we march on towards Easter and the rising of our Lord, and Savior Jesus Christ, we must take the time as we prepare to not fall into the "usual" routines of our lives. We need to stay mindful that this is a season of Repentance, prayer,



and fasting. I typically write in this article about how we need to stop, and smell the roses (so to speak), and this month that theme continues. As Catholics we are foremost called to try and lead a Holy life, and if we are continually mindful of the sacrifices that Jesus made for us, and that the name "Jesus", be ever present on our lips, then we are doing that. It is not at all my intention to preach, just to offer the reminder.....Jesus.

It has been a relatively busy month (as usual), and this month we even started "manning" the food pantry on the 3rd Thursday of the month (5-8pm), as well as the tradition that started last year of Lenten dinners. Unfortunately, I have decided after last evening (2/19) to cancel the remaining Lenten dinners. On the first Friday of Lent (2/12) this year we only did 25 covers, last year this same evening yielded over 70. And as many of you are aware that the 1st Friday of Lent each year that St. Thomas school has their

production on the Stations of the Cross. Then last evening we only did 20, the attendance at the dinner dropped of significantly last year as the season went on, as seems to be the case again. Again, as many of you are aware we don't always do events with the idea to make money, more than that it's about Fellowship, and community, but given all the supplies, and manpower needed to run the event it just doesn't make sense. Perhaps this will at least allow the workers to now attend the "Stations".

I know we are still in February with the monthly breakfast tomorrow, but the upcoming month of March certainly will be busy. The 1st weekend has the return of the Grill night on the Saturday the 5th, and then Council 3880 will be hosting what many of you used to call the major degree, it's now referred to as the Knighthood degree. It is held at St. Thomas (Oak street) and begins with a 1st degree ceremony, followed by the 2nd, and 3rd degree ceremony afterward with dinner to follow. There are details within this bulletin, and please we encourage you to consider attending to either participate in the degree or certainly as a observant, and feel free to bring your significant other to the dinner that concludes the day. Lest us not forget also it's that time again for corned beef and cabbage, with the annual St. Pat's dinner on the 12th (3/12), of course we will be holding our monthly business and social meetings on 3/2, and 3/15. Also if you have any interest what so ever in >> **Page 2**

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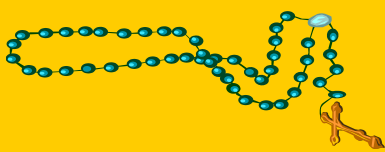
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**Pray the Rosary as a Family
and with your KofC Brothers**

becoming involved of the officer position in the Council please feel free to talk with myself, or any of the individuals on the nominations committee for the upcoming elections. Those individuals would be PGK, Vince Esposito, PGK, Marty Zopp, and PGK, Tim Hicklin.

This Council, just like work, family, and

friendships, etc. takes work, and effort to make it great, and I think it's pretty great. Maybe you have some ideas to take it to the next level? Please come out and join the family, where the names of Jesus, and Mary Queen of Heaven, will be forever on our lips.

God Bless you all,
Scott

Deputy Grand Knight's Report Bob Wyman

The Spirit.....will lead you into all the truth – John 16:13

In 1858, a girl named Bernadette reported apparitions of Mary at a hillside in Lourdes France.

Sick people visited the site and were cured. Over 1,300 cures are well documented.

In the 1930's Alexis Carrel, a skeptical New York surgeon and Nobel Prize winner went to Lourdes to investigate the claims. While there, he witnessed a girl being cured. He stood in silence, totally stunned. That night he went for a long walk. Ending in a church, he prayed.



"I still doubt ... Beneath... intellectual pride a smothered dream persists... the dream of believing"

He returned to his hotel and recorded his observations. In the *Voyage to Lourdes*, he describes what then happened:

"A new coolness penetrated the open window. I felt the serenity of nature enter my soul with gentle calm. All intellectual doubts had vanished" - Mark Link, SJ

For those who believe, no explanation is necessary. For those who do not believe, no explanation is possible.
Author unknown

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KC 3880 Just Keeps Rolling Along!!!!

- Pads Dinner February 28, 2016
- Business Meeting March 1, 2016
- Grill Nights March 5, 2016
- Knighthood Degree March 6, 2016
- St. Pats Dinner March 12, 2016
- Monthly Breakfast March 13, 2016
- Social Meeting March 15, 2016
- Pads Dinner March 27, 2016

As you can see we are a very busy council, you can check for the upcoming events on our website <http://kofc3880.org/>

Yours in Christ,

**Bob Wyman,
Deputy Grand Knight**

Here we go again!

Well, last month I stated that the January breakfast was a little slow... after the holidays, cold weather, all of that. This morning after the 7:30 Mass it started out about the same way, kind of light. But that was the end of that... 9 went crazy and the two 10:30 masses kept it up... looking at the figures for Worthy Financial Secretary Steve Haugh bore that out. We really had a great day when all was said and done, and even with a couple of 'charitable' servings, it would have been better yet, but it was what it was.



Mr. Toast was still apparently down on the Florida everglades or there about, so Worthy PGK Danial Patrick 'Himself' Maguire manned the toaster conveyor and crispy golden bread was served to one and all. Worthy Warden Pat Slowey then got to man the convection ovens, so the sausage and bacon was up and ready as needed. Worthy Deputy GK Bob Wyman was off cruising the world, so Worthy Lecturer Mike Jasinski started by filling his spot, until I needed home to take over for me on the small grill. But as usual, Brother Joe Scherb was right there up to his armpits in soapy water doing the dishes. And of course Worthy PGK Vinnie Esposito and Worthy Chancellor Mike Kebr where both there to watch Joe doing a fine job!

The rest of the regular crew was at their stations and it was another superb breakfast.

The regular clean-up crew came in to do the dirty work at the end, the usual suspects where there all morning running the food out to the hungry throngs, and we had fun as always.



2016, another record year coming up? We certainly hope so. It is off and running after a brief rest last month... see you all in March!! Keep it up!!! We can't continue all of this without each and every one of you John

4th Degree -Bishop Boylan Assembly 0198

By Dan O'Connell

The Patriotic Degree

The Northern Illinois District of the Marquette Province held an Exemplification of the 4th Degree on Saturday, February 20th at the Sheraton Lisle. One hundred and fifty new Sir Knights joined our ranks including three from Bishop Boylan Assembly. It was an amazing day that included our Vice Supreme Master Paul Isherwood attending the event as well.



We have an excellent opportunity for any First, Second or Third Degree knights to take the next step in your Knight's journey and join the Patriotic Degree on April 16th at Hilton Chicago-Indian Lakes Resort in Bloomingdale. If you are First or Second Degree, we have a Knighting Ceremony scheduled at St. Thomas on March 6th. You can achieve your 3rd Degree status and then attend the 4th Degree Exemplification on April 16th as there is no longer a six month waiting period between Degrees. Contact John Stefani for more in-

formation on the March 6th event to attain your 3rd Degree.

If you are Third Degree and are interesting in taking your 4th Degree, contact John or myself (Dan O'Connell) for a Form 4 and information about the Exemplification. If you are a Sir Knight and have a candidate you wish to propose, time is short and you must get the Form 4 and registration in at our next Assembly meeting on March 9th to make the deadline. Again, please see John or me for more information.

A Month in the Life of Fr. McCormick Council 3880!



Clergy Night February 4, 2016 at the Crystal Lake Country Club.



St. Paddy's coming up 3/12/2016.



GK. Scott Popp (L) and Warden Pat Slowey with the Keep Christ in Christmas Poster Winners!

With the recent passing of a great voice protecting the unborn, Supreme Court Justice Antonin Scalia, we need to pray even harder to have those in government / political positions, and those who seek to destroy human life, to have their hearts softened and filled with compassion for the unborn.



Lord God, I thank you today for the

gift of my life, and for the lives of all my brothers and sisters. I know there is nothing that destroys more life than abortion, yet I rejoice that You have conquered death by the Resurrection of Your Son. I am ready to do my part in ending abortion. Today I commit myself NEVER to be silent, NEVER to be passive, and NEVER to be forgetful of the unborn. I commit myself to be active in the pro-life movement, and never to stop defending life until all my brothers and sisters are protected,

and our nation once again becomes a nation with liberty and justice not just for some, but for all, through Christ our Lord. Amen! You have just read the "Prayer to End Abortion".

Please be mindful and do your research on the candidates for the upcoming Illinois Primary on March 15th.

Thank you and God Bless.

Chris Krambeer

Boy Scouts

By Dan O'Connell

Busy January

As I said last month, both the Troop and the Pack had big events at the end of January. The Pack had their Pinewood Derby and the Troop had the Klondike Derby.



The Troop had their Sycamore District



outdoor competition with the Klondike Derby held at the Mary Ann Beebe Center in Harvard on January

23 & 24. We had seven intrepid scouts and guests take on the course of 14 different events including first aid, knots, crate stacking, fire starting and the two man saw to name just a few. Hatchet (tomahawk) throwing was also in there to add some excitement.

The Troop did well taking two second place and two third place finishes in the events including knots, hatchet throwing, first aid and crate stacking (shown below). It was a beautiful day and we actually had two scouts and two scouters sleep out in tents on Saturday evening when the temperature went down to a balmy 20 degrees.

The Pack had their Pinewood Derby the next weekend at the Community Center at St. Thomas. The boys had built their cars and they were ready to race. The track was in place and fine tuned for the races. Each class, Tigers through Arrow of Light scouts (formerly Webelos II), had races to determine the winners. The top three finishers in each class received trophies and then there was an all Pack runoff of the top finishers for an overall Pack winner. The top two finishers in each class are eligible to go the Pe-



catonica for the Council races in April along with the best design car in each class. The leaders also raced cars they had built to finish off the day. The Troop assisted with judging the cars for best design and helped with concessions and the practice track. All in all it was a great day for the scouts, leaders and families at the 2016 Pack 127 Pinewood Derby.

We appreciate all the support Father McCormick Council has provided us over the years and wish each of you and your families a Blessed Easter.

Looking for a Name Tag? **Better yet, LOOK for YOUR Name Tag!**



When you join the Knights in Council 3880, we order you a name tag. Unfortunately, a number of Brother Knights don't get to a meeting very often... so here are the tags that have been boxed up, some for a long, long time... how about coming out to a Business Meeting (the first Tuesday of the month, in case you forgot) or even a Social Meeting,

the 3rd Tuesday of the month, and pick yours up... we would love to see you!

These tags are all paid for and just waiting to find a good home... namely on your pocket!

PEACE. I can be reached at: (815) 679-6596, or Member-ship@kofc3880.org

That Man Is You - A Perfect Lenten Companion

By Greg Ives

Besides Council 3880 there is no larger men's group at St. Thomas the Apostle than the That Man is You program. It attracts men of all ages – young dads, husbands, middle-age guys, retirees, even our clergy!

TMiy has been wildly successful in helping make men better dads, husbands, and Catholics. By now, most men of the parish are aware of its rather odd start time. We open the Community Center doors at 5:45 a.m. each Saturday. PGK Marty Zopp has the donuts and coffee ready. By 6:15 a.m. we start



– with upwards of 100 men in attendance. We have more than 240 men signed up.

It's successful because it is so simple – stop in, talk with the guys for a bit and have breakfast; watch a 30-minute video and break into your small group until 7:30 a.m. You're done and ready to head to 7:30 a.m. Mass, or start your day.

Other than sleeping in on a Saturday there really are no excuses at 6 a.m., and that's what brings so many men back time, after time, after time.

We have a good number of Knights who come each week. In fact, the TMiy steering committee is made up entirely of Council 3880 members:

There is plenty of room for more

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| Greg Ives | Cesar Jimenez |
| PGK, Marty Zopp | Jim McKinnon |
| Steve Townsend | Marc Niemann |
| Mat Carzoli | Jeff Sernett |

Knights to start coming! Right now, TMiy is guiding us through Lent, enriching our faith and making us all leaders of our domestic churches at home. That's our job as Catholic men, and it's often a heavy load. Stop by! You will see a lot of very familiar faces there.

We meet through Saturday, April 2, and then we are off until early September, when we start Year 3 of what is a 5-year program. If you have any questions about TMiy give me a call. I'm at 847-338-4672.

Food Pantry

By PGK, Vince Esposito

As everybody should know by now we work the food pantry on the first Saturday of the even number months. What may not be known is the new time schedule 10 to 2. This is a good way to have 2 hr shifts for this event

get this off the ground so we that we don't just rely on 8 or 9 members working this event. If I can get a total of 12 to 15 council members or family to work split between the two shifts.

money, preparing of food or kitchen clean-up is involved.

So now with that being said the council has also volunteered to work the third Thursday of every month from 5pm to 8pm. We start this on February the 18th. Starting in April or May the Food Pantry will be moving to a new location 42 East St. until then the King Street location is where we will be doing our work. Check your calendars and see if you can give us a hand on Saturday, Thursday or both. I'll have signup sheets at the March business meeting.

This is a much needed event for the community and our council. This event is totally community



Crystal Lake Food Pantry
Organization · Public Services

10-noon and noon to 2pm. I'd like to

based meaning whatever time you put into this event goes to the charity. No

Newman Ministry

By PFN, PGK John Stefani

Been to college? Have a son or daughter away from home at college? Wondering about their 'church' at college? For many years, the Knights of Columbus, through the Newman Catholic Ministry, have provided that Catholic 'place' at school. You should have been getting a card in the mail from

nate a minimum of \$100.00 each year. We have members with 25 plus years as a donor. But you don't need to donate \$100.00 to help. \$5.00 would do it, as in every little bit helps, in the end, it all adds up. And, it is a donation that is tax deductible! See the info in this notice below. Their ad-

And like it says, write Council 3880 on the memo line. Why? Well, every year the Council is giving a "Newman Goal" or amount, call it what you may but it is something that we have to pay. So the more members who contribute, the less it comes out of your dues.

Sounds like fancy accounting, and yes, you are paying either way, but at least this is tax deductible for you, and saves us writing yet another check that could be used for Charity. Or, if you want to save the postage, write your heck like it says, and drop it off to me or any officer and we will send

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Be sure to have your Council Number on your check so we can update your goal!*

the Illinois State Council regarding this ministry. Many of our Brother Knights here in Fr. McCormick Council 3880 are Century Donors, that is, we do-

dress, which they seemed to have gotten to put on here, is Illinois Knights of Columbus, P.O. Box 681, Kankakee, IL 60901-0681.

them all together to the State!

Peace, John Stefani, PGK,
Newman Advocate.

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For the Good of the Order

Knights' March Birthdays:

- Joseph Alger
- Kevin Anderson
- George A. Boulet
- Joseph I. Clark
- Sarnie Coliflores
- 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

Wives' March Birthdays:

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

March Anniversaries:

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

Good of the Order:

Knight of the Month

- Ed Riley

Family of the Month:

- Dan & Annette O'Connell & Family

Special Award: Becca Kebr

Notice: 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



Read the Bible and Pray the Rosary.

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



Fifth Sunday Reminder

Tempus Fugit, Memento Mori!

Sunday, May 29, 2016, 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.

P.A.D.S.

By Steve Bright



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.

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

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.

2015-2016 Schedule

Dates	Volunteers
2/28/2016	Pat Slowey
3/27/2016	Scott Popp Family
4/24/2011	Vince and Kathy Esposito

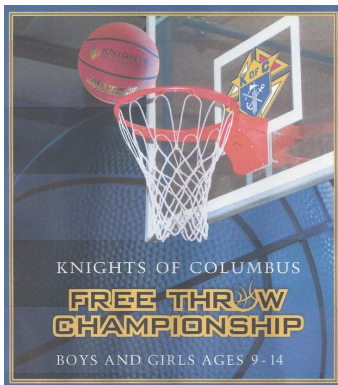
Council Calendar

NOTE: All PADS Dates on Page 7

March 2016	April 2016	May 2016
3/1 Business Meeting 3/5 Grill Night 3/6 Knighthood Degree 3/13 Breakfast 3/15 Social Meeting 3/24-26 Triduum 3/27 Easter and PADS	4/2 Food Pantry and Grill Night 4/5 Business Meeting 4/17 Breakfast 4/19 Social Meeting 4/27 P.A.D.S.	5/3 Business Meeting Reading of Officer nominations 5/7 Grill Night 5/17 First Degree (Tentative) Social Meeting 5/22 Breakfast

Free Throw Contest Update

By Mike Kebr



FREE THROW CHAMPIONSHIP

Knights of Columbus Free Throw Championship is sponsored by St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Council 10678 and Fr. McCormick Council 3880 from St. Thomas the Apostle parish.

All contestants will be recognized for their participation in the event. Age group winners will receive a Champi-

onship plaque and advance to the District Free Throw Championship in February at SS Peter and Paul School in Cary where they will have the chance to move on to the Regional Championship on **Saturday March 5th in Crystal Lake** and the State Championship in April in Chatham, Illinois.

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