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Grand Knights Report

By Mike Bradley

Greetings Gentlemen,
The council has been busy once again. We kicked off March with our annual Knighthood Degree (formally the Major Degree), where the council welcomed in five new members followed by a great dinner prepared by PGK, John Stefani and his kitchen crew. The next week saw the council working the CL Food Pantry leading into a very busy weekend where the council cohosted with Elizabeth Ann Seton's council the regional basketball championship at St Thomas School on Pearson Street. This was followed later that evening by the council's 48th annual St. Pats Dinner lead by Kevin Scanlan and his team less Bob Wyman who's kitchen skills were missed very much this year.



A big thank you to Dan O'Connell and the Boy

Scouts who helped with clean up afterwards to get the room ready for our monthly breakfast the next morning. To round out the month PGK, Vince Esposito and his wife Kathy prepared the Pads Dinner on the 26th.

Though it's been a busy time for the council we must not forget that the season of Lent is almost over. Easter Sunday will soon be upon us as we celebrate the resurrection of the lord over the 50 day Easter season. This has always will conclude with Pentecost Sunday when we all celebrate and recognize the precious gift of the Holy Spirt and how Gods life, breath, and energy lives with in all of us. I pray that everyone will have safe travels as we all have a joyous Easter Celebration.

God Bless,

Mike Bradley
Grand Knight
Fr. McCormick Council 3880

Deputy Grand Knights Report

By Mike Kebr

Dear Brothers,
We are halfway through the Lenten season as I write this. The Feast of St. Joseph, Husband of Mary was March 19th which was celebrated on Monday March 20th this year due to it falling on a Sunday. Did you know that St. Joseph has not one but TWO major feast days? The first we just celebrated and the

second is on May 1st, also known as the Feast of St. Joseph the worker. Pope Pius XII instituted the feast of Saint Joseph the Worker in 1955.

Two major feast days, how cool is that? Speaking of Feast Days, our St. Patrick's Dinner was this past weekend. I'd like to thank everyone who attended the dinner and those that worked the event. I'd also **Go To Page 2**

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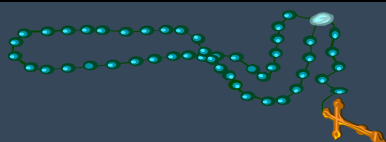
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None Assigned as of yet.

Pray the Rosary as a Family and with your KofC Brothers



Deputy Grand Knights Report *From Pg. 1*

like to thank the Scouts from Troop 127 that assisted in clean up and taking down the dance floor under the watchful eye of you know who. My thanks also goes out to those that helped work the Regional Free-throw Championship this past Saturday, March 18th.



I received an email from Bill Kolton the chairman of the event from Council 10678 thanking our council for their support.

I know it was a very busy weekend and I can't thank everyone enough. In closing I would like to remind everyone if you have

brought in a new Brother Knight or know of a Brother Knight that you haven't seen in a while, please invite them to the Business Meeting and Social meeting. If they are a little reluctant, offer to pick them up on your way to the meeting. Invite them to one of our many events. The biggest thing is to make them feel welcomed and engaged.

Thank you again for all that you do and God Bless.

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

Membership!

By PFN, PGK John Stefani

Welcome New Brother Knights to 3880!

Congratulations to the five new Brother Knight in our great Council! On Sunday, March 12th, we held our annual **Knight-hood Degree**. Please find and welcome, **Tom Foster, Steve Mullen, Greg Thomas, Matt Hund, and Brian Jauch**. Additionally, Brian and Matt not only took the **Admission's Degree**, but also did both the **Formation and Knight-hood Degrees**. And to keep the momentum up, Brian asked for his **Form 4** for the 4th



Degree. They are all eager to get started, but like most of us, have families, children young and old for some of them, so get pulled in many directions at the same time... something we have all gone through. So, time is always a scarce commodity, but don't be surprised to see them here and there. Some of them have been around, helping at the Christmas tree lot, Polish dinner, Tootsie Roll Drive to name a few. Events where they could see us in action and give more reason to join. We also had several others that the date just did not allow them to be there, but are still interested in becoming Knights. With that in mind, I am already planning on the next **Admission's Degree** to be on Thursday,

May 16, 2017. So, mark your calendars, and go LOOK for a few more candidates. We are now at 11 of the 23 we need for our annual goal from Supreme and State. So, everyone that you can bring into the Order will not only help us reach our goal, but that is one more person to help us in all that we do for the sake of Charity.

And since I started this about the **Knight-hood Degree**, let me comment about that and skip one more article! My understanding was that the Degree Team did a great job not only for the State officers present to witness, but most importantly to show the new Brother Knights the dedication that all of us in 3880 share.

A very special thanks to **Deputy Grand Knight Mike Kebr, Warden Todd Bright, Inside Guard Kevin Scanlon, Brothers Robert Kosin and Joe Scherb** who acted as the committee for Registration throughout the day. Thanks to **Brother Dan O'Connell** who not only was part of the Degree Team, but along with **Grand Knight Mike Bradley** and **Deputy Grand Knight Mike Kebr** assisted the Major Teams in their ceremony's. And thanks to the **Past Knight of the Year Bob Wyman** for stepping into our Degree Teams role of **The Sound Man!** Then of course as each of **Go To Page 6**

March Breakfast

By PFN, PGK John Stefani

March Council Breakfast Says Spring is Here!!!

For the second time this year, Breakfast was the day after one of our Major Dinners, this time, St. Pat's! The dinner had an extremely good turn-out this year, better than for the past several, which makes us concerned about who is going to come back for breakfast, since many go to Mass Saturday night. But like with January's Polish Dinner, I saw a lot of people the next day again. The entire event was very even this time, something it has not been for a while. So, the crew had a god even run without a major rush of orders at once. That wasn't to say we didn't



have several times when **PGK Scott Popp** didn't spread out 6 or 8 orders so that he could get them called so as to all be ready about the same time. Without staging like that, one person is served then the others get trickled in, and you have the potential for one order never getting through. When you are getting stacks of new orders in, it can easily happen, but we have a pretty good track record.

By knowing what takes the most time to cook, based on what is in the hopper, it smooths it out. If he gets one table with three Belgium Waffles, 2 omelets and 2 egg orders, he knows the equipment limit, or bottle neck, is the Waffle. No matter how hard he tries, **Ken Artner**, even being 'coached' by his buddy on toast, **Bob Kampman**, a waffle takes x amount of

time, regardless.... And nothing you can do about it. I know of places where they will pre-cook and stack up product, too push it out faster bit we cook per menu, always have, always will. It is one of the short cuts we *don't* take and keeps them coming back for more!

But the day went on, all the masses had good crowds, we had fun, we fed people and they loved it, and we made some money for continuing in our Charitable ways!

Thanks to all the helpers, and to a few of the new guys who have just joined ad are contributing, and all of you who came with your families to enjoy and help us all out. See you the next time!

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News from Pack and Troop 127

By Dan O'Connell

Giving to the Community

The Pack and Troop once again participated in the Scout For Food event this year which is a Council wide event. It is designed to assist in filling the shelves of the local food pantry and help the scouts with a sense of community and helping out those in need. All of the donations collected went to the Crystal Lake Food Pantry.

On February 25th, the Cub Scouts of Pack 127 distributed about 1,000 bags with flyers attached detailing the event and items needed for the Food Pantry. The neighborhoods around St. Thomas Oak Street were blanketed with the flyers/bags that were hung on door knobs or slipped between the front doors to let them know about our efforts to help those in Crystal Lake. The note explained that

the next Saturday, scouts from Troop 127 would be going around to pick up the bags.

On March 4th, the Troop, blessed with good weather, went around the same routes as the Pack and picked up bags left



out on doorsteps by those who wished to contribute. The bags were taken back to the Nunda Township building (no room at St. Thomas) and were sorted, counted and

weighed in preparation for delivery to Crystal Lake Food Pantry. It was a true team effort with scouts, scouters, siblings and parents all pitching in.

When we had finished with the process, we had 2,427 items weighing 2,602 pounds and had collected \$300 in donations for the pantry. We delivered it to them at 2 PM on Saturday and then several stayed to help them put it all away as other Packs and Troops dropped off their donations as well. We did collect slightly more than last year which is always our goal.

Thank you for your continued support of Pack and Troop 127. May you and your families have a joyous Easter as we celebrate His Rising from the dead. He has Risen, Alleluia, Alleluia.

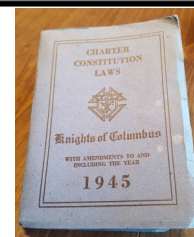
A Bequeath to the Council

By Bob Kosin

The attached photo is taken from a bequeath by a family of Harry Kranz at a wake attended by the 4th Degree Honor Guard. They said it was a possession of their dad since he first became a Knight nearly seventy years ago and we accepted

it for display in the case with the other mementos of the Council.

Tempos Fugitive, Memento Mori



2017 St. Paddy's Day Dinner

By Kevin Scanlan & Bob Kosin



St. Paddy's Day dinner Dance went really well. It was a great turnout and everybody thoroughly enjoyed themselves. The food was tasty and delicious. The Irish dancers put on a great performance and after their performance they asked anyone who would like to join them to do an Irish Jig to come onto the Dance Floor. And, as you can see we had quite a great response. Everyone is looking forward to next year's celebration.

Kevin

The 48th continuous St. Pat's Dinner was another successful milestone. What was not was the work of the photographer who was trying to capture a perfect pairing of Half & Half. Amidst that was the traditional menu, and dancers including lessons for those who believed they too could get in touch with their Irish Heritage.

Applause needs to go to the volunteers and Boy Scouts who accomplished another great event in the Council's Fraternal Year. John S. and/or Kevin S. have details.

Bob



A Delicious Recipe

By Bob Kosin

Sausage and Peppers Rigatoni

- 1lb Italian Sausage cut in ½" slices
- 3 large green and red peppers sliced
- 3 cups rigatoni
- 1 jar chunky pasta sauce

- 1 cup shredded mozzarella cheese
- Combined and bake for 20 minutes sausage and peppers in oiled pan
- Add cooked pasta and sauce, stir, and bake 20 minutes at 375 degrees

Top with cheese!



4th Degree News and Views

By Dan O'Connell & PFN, PGK John Stefani

Greetings Faithful Sir Knights and Worthy Brother Knights!



The Assembly is busy planning a Blue Mass for First Responders that are in the communities that make up our Assembly membership. It will be held on April 29th at St. Thomas. Mass will be at 8:30 AM and will be followed by a breakfast served in the

Community Center. We plan on having an Honor Guard for the Mass and will need help in the kitchen as well for the breakfast for prep, serving and clean up. Please mark your calendars and watch for the call the Honor Guard and for breakfast help.

The next 4th Degree **Go To Page 5**

P.A.D.S.

By Steve Bright and FDD, PGK John M. Orso



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

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

PROCEDURES

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

Dear Brothers,

On March 20th, 2017 confirmation hearings began for Judge Neil Gorsuch, Judge has professed and backed up his Pro-Life stance in all cases for all reasons. The Pro-

Life Coalition consisting of more than 60 Pro Life Groups nationwide sent a letter to the Senate calling for immediate confirmation of

Judge Gorsuch to the Supreme Court Seat. Please pray for Judge Gorsuch and his family as they take on such a monumental task for this great national.

In an aggressive move, Alabama House passed a bill that makes abortion com-

pletely illegal in the event that Roe V Wade is overturned at the federal level. The bill will go to the Senate and if passed will be on the 2018 ballot for the voter final approval. In the event that Roe V

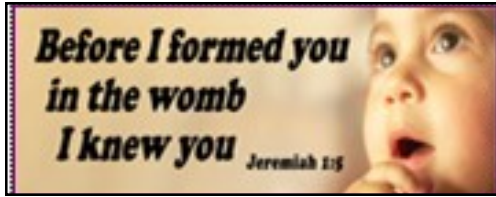
Wade be overturned Alabama would already have the laws on the books to make abortion illegal in all cases. Other states are moving forward with similar "right to life" measures.

Life News in reporting that in Maryland an abortion clinic that has been executing abortions for more than 20 years has

closed on March 17, 2017. Thanks be to God. See Link Below for full article.

<http://www.lifenews.com/2017/03/20/planned-parenthood-closes-maryland-abortion-clinic-that-had-been-killing-babies-for-20-years/>

The Pro-Life communities around American are working unceasingly to get the abortion giant planned parenthood defunded. This effort is to ensure that not one more dollar of tax payer money goes towards this evil empire. This movement is well underway and is picking up steam. I have included a link below for Live Actions petition to de-fund planned parenthood. Please take a moment and sign this petition. As brothers of these unborn children we must raise our voices **Go To Page 6**



4th Degree News and Views

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ST. MARY'S (WOODSTOCK) 776 • THOMAS O'NEIL (HARVARD) 1204 • MCHENRY COUNCIL 1288 • ST. PATRICK'S (MCHENRY) 16443

• SACRED HEART (WARENGO) 13476 • SAN JOSE TRABAJADOR ST. MARY'S (WOODSTOCK) 15324 • QUEEN OF THE MOST HOLY ROSARY (SPRING GROVE) 12302



KNIGHTS of COLUMBUS

Bishop Boylan Assembly 0198

Invite you to join us at our



• ELIZABETH ANN SETON (CRYSTAL LAKE) 10678 • QUEEN OF ANGELS (WALCOUNDN) 4535 • ST. JOSEPH (RICHMOND) 8366 • CARY GROVE (CARY) 12824

BLUE MASS

In honor of YOU, our first responders and their families

For all you do for us in ensuring our safety

April 29, 2017

8:30 am

St. Thomas the Apostle Church

451 Terra Cotta (Rte 176)
Crystal Lake, IL

All are encouraged to wear your uniforms and display your colors

Breakfast to be served immediately following the mass



RSVP by April 24, 2017
To
0198blue@gmail.com



CHRIST THE KING (WONDER LAKE) 8473 • ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST (JOHNSBURG) 9167 • FR. MCCORMICK (CRYSTAL LAKE) 3880

Exemplification will be held on May 20th at Hilton – Oak Brook Hills Resort located at 3500 Midwest Road in Oakbrook. If you are 3rd Degree or even 1st or 2nd, there is time to register but it is getting close. You can become a 3rd Knight and immediately attend the Exemplification to become 4th Degree as there is no longer a six-month waiting period between degrees. If interested, please see John Stefani or Dan O'Connell.

Our next Assembly meeting is on April 12th at the Church of the Holy Apostle in McHenry at 7:30 PM. Please plan on attending if you are a current 4th Degree Knight and bring along a Form 4 for one of your fellow Knights to join our ranks. Dan

Greetings **Faithful Sir Knights** and **Worthy Brother Knights!**

On the left column is the Invitation / Flyer being sent out for the Assembly's upcoming Blue Mass! Will YOU take part? Everyone's Invited

Any questions, please do not hesitate to let me know! (815) 679-6596 or you can e-mail me at the Council at membership@kofc3880.org *Vivat Jesus!*

Membership

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them had time, they came in and helped set up the hall for the reception and dinner. **Brother Joe Scherb** spent a lot of time with a knife in hand cutting vegetables for the dinner, and showed some very skillful expertise in making circles of chocolate syrup for the dessert! Ah, what skills we learn others have when pressed into duty! But all their willing hands made for an easy dinner that was served to a not overly large crowd, but to a most appreciative crowd of Candidates and wives,

State Officials, and Major Degree team members and observers. And of course, Cannot forget **Worthy Past Grand Knight Vince Esposito** in the back room gallantly manning the dishwasher... scrape, rinse, load the washer, empty the washer... and on and on, as he has been doing for almost every food event we have... so remember, even when YOU serve as Grand Knight, there is a place for you afterwards. I truly hope I didn't leave anyone's name off, but I am getting old(er)... mea culpa if

I did.

... 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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together to God begging him for the mercy and grace necessary to stop this wickedness cold in its tracks.

<http://liveaction.org/petition/>

As lent moves forward in time let us remember Christs 40 days in the desert was not just for you and I. Christ was in the desert preparing himself for the monu-

mental task of paying the infinite debt that was owed for our sins. A debt so large it could have never been paid back to God by mankind. It took the Son of God entering into our human condition through the perfectly pure virgin Mary. Jesus entered like light through glass into this world. Let us keep firmly in front of us the 40+ million children that Christ also died for. The

40,000,000 PLUS children that Jesus gave his life for that have been destroyed in the sanctuary of their mothers whom. The time has come my brothers when this must STOP! Pray with increased vigor to almighty God that through his infinite mercy this will finally end. God Bless

Photo Proof of a Great P.A.D.S. Dinner

By Bob Kosin

Attached is photographic proof what can be accomplished with a menu for PADS. Cooks or aspiring cooks in the Council can undertake an act of Charity and fulfill their culinary expectations, When the weather requires comfort food both colorful and appetizing,



generally for fifty persons, it can be prepared in the kitchen at St. Thomas. A sign-up list is circulate at each business meeting but walk-ins and family members are welcomed in the kitchen as most menu magic is the basic of boiled water,

fresh vegetables, household spices and either chicken or beef. Abundanza!



Food Pantry

By PGK, Vince Esposito

This is just a reminder:

On Saturday April 1st the council will be working the food pantry from 10 am to 2 pm.

We will need the following help.

Greeter: 1 person

Client assistant: 6 persons

Receiving & backroom help: 1 person

Back door parcel pickup: 2 persons

This would cover the shift but the bare minimum.

What: Crystal Lake Food Pantry

When: Saturday April 1st. 10 am to 2 pm (come an hour early if possible)

Where: CL food Pantry 42 East St. (the corner of Crystal Lake Ave & East St.)

If you haven't signed the Volunteer waiver yet you'll be asked to do so when you arrive.

Illinois Federation and McHenry County Right to Life



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Alton, IL 62002-5172
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ifrlalton@ifrl-pac.com

Legislative Office:
308 Monroe
Springfield, IL 62701
(217) 544-LIFE
legofc@ifrl-pac.com

McHenry County Right to Life:
www.righttolife-mc.org

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

Good of the Order

Knights' March Birthdays:

- Jim Batastini
- David A. Behm
- Patrick E. Bradley
- Todd Bright
- Steven Carlson
- Ronald Ferraro
- John L. Freund
- Michael Habisohn
- Edward L. Kieras
- Timothy Koscielski
- Robert R. Malone
- Tadeusz B. Orlos
- David W. Russel
- Robert Rybarczyk
- Ernest Tennes
- Chris J. Tumblin
- Paul C. Wilson

Wives' March Birthday:

- Jacquelyn Behm
- Mary Fisher
- Mandi Kaup
- Annette O'Connell
- Lisa Tambellini

March Anniversaries:

- Kevin and Carol Anderson

- Mark and Christina Benkert
- Joe and Mary Hodorowicz
- Richard E. and Claudia Kedzior
- David P. and Jerrilynn Maurk

Good of the Order

Knight of the Month:

- None Presented

Family of the Month:

- None Presented

Pray For:

- Don Keller
- Ginger Bradley
- William Olin Jr
- Bernice Walsh
- Frank Popp Sr
- Konstany Pieczykol
- Tom Wiener
- John Katkus SK
- Steve Mullen's mother

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.



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.

Lecturer's Report

By Pete Harren

We are sponsoring 5 seminarians
Connor Orabutt John McFadden
Miles Monaco Jared Giralamo
Michael Gehrig
\$500 has been sent and accepted by each one these men, to cover their education

expense. This is a traditional for the council excess of 10 yrs. We have already received two letters of gratitude. A number of priests who have transferred through service at St. Thomas have already expressed their gratitude for the support

that our council have given them, including Fr Akin Simon. We will receive a 100.00 reimbursement for each of these individuals from the New Haven headquarters of the Knights of Columbus

Council Calendar

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

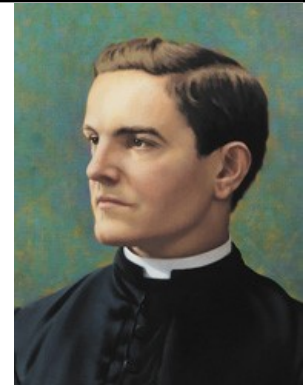
April 2017	May 2017	June 2017
4/1 Food Pantry 4/4 Business Meeting 4/9 PALM SUNDAY 4/13-15 Triduum 4/16 EASTER SUNDAY 4/18 Social Meeting 4/20 Food Pantry Thursday 4/23 Breakfast 4/30 5th Sunday Memorial Mass P.A.D.S.	5/2 Business Meeting Reading of Officer nominations 5/16 First Degree (Tentative) Social 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

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.



KNIGHT LIFE

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2016—Year of Mercy



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

