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Grand Knight's Report

By Scott Popp

My dear Brothers, and Families,

As I reflect on this past month, and close out the month of May, it seems extremely out of the ordinary to say that we had a fairly quite month (Council wise). And it makes me wonder did we miss out on an opportunity to have done the good works of Charity somewhere? I suppose the answer is YES. However, in the busy lives we lead, we must learn, and hopefully master the fine art of BALANCE.



Balance as defined by Merriam Webster ": a state in which different things occur in equal or proper amounts or have an equal or proper amount of importance". As I think of all

the items that we are all faced with balancing on a weekly basis, or even a daily basis, it is truly a miracle at what by GOD'S design we are able to accomplish. While I reflect on the past 2 years and try and determine did I balance all aspects of my life, my answer would be "more or less". This certainly leaves a lot of room for improvement. I've mentioned in other articles of a daily examination of conscience, and sometimes as I do this I find that I am trying to fool my self into thinking that what I have done or not done is OK. When in reality it's NOT. One of my biggest short comings is in that "art of balance". I would assume you know what I'm talking about- you know where you feel like you are literally trying to juggle 10 balls at one time while trying not to drop any. Let's face reality were not anywhere close to perfect, **Go to page 6**

Deputy Grand Knight's Report

By Bob Wyman

Jesus prayed: Father! May they be in us, just as you are in me and I in you. May they be one, so that the world will believe that you sent me. – John 17:21

Bill Russell is a basketball legend. He grew up in Monroe Louisiana. There is father worked long hard days. But his father was a strong man, and return home each night still full of energy. Bill wrote:

"He'd call to my brother, mother and me. We would follow him to the fields where the grass grew tall as wheat, and the four of us

would play hide-and-seek... When it was time to go home, my father would reach down and pick me up under one arm and my brother under the other. Then he would lean down so my mother could crawl up on his back. Then he would run all the way home carrying his whole family, as if we weighted nothing.

Second Wind

How is this image of Russell's father an image of God our Father and the human family.

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Celebrating Over 60 Years of Service to Church and Community!

Officers for Fraternal Year 2010—2011

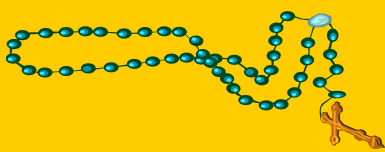
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Pray the Rosary as a Family and with your KofC Brothers

Deputy Grand Knights Report From page 1

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HAPPY FATHER'S DAY BROTHERS!!!!!!!

KC 3880 Just Keeps Rolling Along!!!!

- 5th Sunday Coffee & Sweet Rolls May 29, 2016
- Business Meeting June 7, 2016

- Officers Election
- Monthly Breakfast June 12, 2016
 - Diaper Drive June 12, 2016
 - Father's Day June 19, 2016
 - Installation of Officers June 21, 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

Membership

By John R. Stefani, PGK, PFN

Well, we didn't make it, I didn't make it... guess you can say it either way. We (I) cancelled the First Degree Ceremony that was to be held earlier this month. For lack of interest? For lack of me getting more candidates? For almost ANYONE getting more candidates? I will take whatever blame comes my way, but also man enough to be willing to share that with everyone... Everyone in the Knights is asked to bring in a new member... This is nothing new. The Council, the District Deputy, the State and Supreme have been sending that message forever. Not sure how realistic it is for all of us to do that all the time, or even every Fraternal Year... but on occasion, it would be nice. I get a list of all the parishioners who mark joining the Knights on their Time and Talent survey, and I send every one of them a letter, and or an e-mail, talk to them when I see them if I even know them... call those who I can. I send another letter to them when we are having a First Degree or a Knighthood Degree. I just don't have the power to force them to join... after all, we are all vol-

unteers. A number of you have been bringing new members in over the past couple of years, some of you more than one. Thank you on behalf of the Council, The Grand Knight, myself and of course the K of C!

So, Fraternal Year starts in a few weeks, let's start this rolling again. Now of course I have 2 signed Form 100s. One is for a guy doing rehab from a long illness, so he is not able for a month or two, the other is home for the summer... 1st Degree in July or August? Why not!

See me for a Form 100! PEACE. I can be reached at: (815) 679-6596, or Membership@kofc3880.org John

**Form #100
Belongs in
All of These Places**

- Briefcase
- In Your Pocket
- Near Your Phone
- Glove Compartment
- Everywhere You Go!

**SIGN UP A
NEW MEMBER
TODAY!**

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

And we are off and running!

May continued the return of the Breakfast extravaganza. Well, it wasn't a record breaker, but more like those we have gotten used to over the past year. After the first mass it was a nice steady crowd that came in and kept



the crew happily busy doing what we love to do. The nine o'clock mass continued that with a bigger crowd and went on for a while, getting us over the hump. The last

mass, which ended after the normal 11:30, kind of fizzled out... not sure where the rush was headed, as it wasn't that great of a day, but nevertheless off they went, passing by the doors to the Community Center heading out. But we did have enough people coming in to make it a successful morning anyway. So the crowds were happy the guys kept busy and we added some coins to the coffers so we went away happy. We gave a little variety to those who did come in by using six of our menus. We have been rotating a few of the special menus the last few months, just to keep them guessing! And again we have had activity on all of them. I think the Pink Meat Lovers was the lightest one this time around... which is still okay, because **Master of the Flattop Grill Bob**

Newport has a problem with worn out arms when he has to make too many of these giant creations. I set the requirements, but he likes to see just how he can 'improvise' once in a while. I am waiting for him to pull one off the grill using the platters we use for them and have it break in half!!! But in reality he has mastered all of the menus and even held court on how he can easily make 5 or 6 omelets and still have room for some French Toast! And I bow to him for that, he is every good as me on the grill. Of course, to be honest, he's what, half my age!!!! Still...

And a big thanks to **Mike Jasinski** who has been a blessing to my arthritic hands by manning the small grill these past couple of months. Mike has always been my saucier for dinners... ask him for a sauce and he will work it, baby it, coax it to life and turn out a masterpiece time after time... all the while still being able to handle or assist with any job in the kitchen. The Council is blessed to have him around. The same goes for **Dan O'Connell** who can also easily take up any station in the kitchen. If it is a slow time and someone is having their breakfast and we need some toast, or a waffle, Dan simply walks over and gets it done... haven't seen him on the big grill yet, but someone with his Scouting experience in the woods would be right at

home... maybe his version of an omelet, but still a good one anyone would enjoy wolfing down. Even in the back corner, back by popular demand was his Insuranship

Dave Mazurk.

Mr. Waffle was on the way to Mexico to drink anything EXCEPT the water, so a quick e-mail and there was Dave! Which could be interesting... **Ken Artner** is getting ready to retire this summer, and **Dave** is getting ready to retire this summer, so it could be interesting to see who is there and who isn't. Boy, that just brought up an interesting thought... who in the kitchen is retired: I am, **Bob Kampman** is, **Pat Slowey** is, so **Ken** and **Dave** will be... wow, we're getting old!



Okay, enough of that, back to breakfast itself... don't forget that the June breakfast will be moved up to the 12th so that we can all celebrate Father's Day with our Family's. And we will have a couple of other events going on at the same time and place that day, so be sure to get it on your calendar! Wouldn't want anyone to miss out on the fun.

Peace and see you next time!

Boy and Cub Scouts Saga

By Dan O'Connell

Lions on the Loose

The Boy Scouts of America (BSA) has introduced a new pilot program aimed at boys in kindergarten.

The Lion pilot launching this fall is the only approved BSA program for 5-year-old kindergarten boys. The curriculum was developed by a team of ex-

perts, including representatives from the fields of childhood development, education and child psychology. Previous locally developed content used by some councils was reviewed by that team, and the best pieces were used in the new curriculum. That team worked to ensure that the BSA's high standards were met in delivering

effective (age-appropriate) character and leadership programs. A small number of councils have tested the new curriculum over the past two years, and it is now ready to expand as a national pilot.

Some of us older scouts may remember Lion as a rank in the Cub Scout program we participated **Go to Page 5**

Youth Ministry Needs Chaperons

By Joe Scherb

"For my relationship with my dad, that I may be able to love him more fully."

- an actual anonymous prayer request from a St. Thomas Youth Ministry teen.

Brother Knights, our teens face enormous negative pressures from the media and from their peers. Fortunately, they have Youth Ministry Nights, twice weekly, in the community center. It's an opportunity for them to make friends, and build a peer group who share and encourage the value of a

strong catholic faith. Having two teenage daughters, I can personally attest to the value this ministry provides, guiding the teens toward a stronger faith, and away from other dangers.

Unfortunately, sometime YM nights are cancelled due to a lack of chaperons. It's heart breaking to know that 50-100 teens are turned away due to lack of involvement, so I'm making this request;

Please fill out the [form on the Youth Ministry web-](#)

[site](http://www.saintthomascatholicchurch.org/ym-volunteer.html) and volunteer. It's takes very little effort and makes a huge impact to our parish youth.

At a minimum, you can sign up to join the YM Prayer Warriors team and receive a monthly prayer request email [here](http://www.saintthomascatholicchurch.org/prayer-warriors.html).

2016-17 Officer Nominations

Vince Esposito, Tim Hicklin, Marty Zopp

Grand Knight	Mike Bradley *	Inside Guard	Kevin Scanlan *	<p>* Vote Required.</p> <p><i>These are the Nomination Committee's recommendations to the Council for the coming fraternal Year. These are only recommendations.</i></p> <p><i>On the day of the vote, nominations can be taken from the floor. The member must be in good standing, at least a Third Degree member, present in the chamber and accept the nomination.</i></p>
Deputy Grand Knight	Mike Kebr *	Outside Guides	Cesar Jimenez * Mike Lunebach *	
Chancellor	Ed Riley *	Trustees: Tradition are PGKs	Scott Popp * Daniel Pat Maguire * Tim Hicklin	
Recorder	Pat Slowey *	State Convention	Grand Knight is automatically a delegate	
Treasurer	Greg Ives *	• Alternate to GK	DGK (Mike Kebr) *	
Advocate	Mike Chmiel *	• Delegate 3yr trustee	PGK, Scott Popp *	
Warden	Todd Bright *	• Alternate to	Ed Riley *	

4th Degree Update

By PFN, PGK John Stefani

4th Degree News! And 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Degree, PLEASE READ

Faithful Sir Knights and Worthy Brother



Knights!

On Saturday, June 4th, **Brother Kyle Manno** of our Council, will become the Reverend Kyle Manno! What a tremendous

honor for our Council, our Parish, and our Catholic Faith!

Fr. Manno will celebrate his first Mass at St. Thomas the Apostle the following day, Sunday, June 5th, at 2:30 PM. The **4th Degree Knights** from our Council, along with other Sir Knights of the Assembly, will stand an Honor Guard for Father at that Mass.

I am inviting ALL Sir Knights and Brother Knights of the Council to join us in this most wonderful event. I would ask that if you can come, and are not a member of the Regalia wearing Honor Guard, to

please wear a blue or white Council polo shirt, and/or a suit coat or sports jacket, and proudly wear your 3880 Council name tag as a show of **"Solidarity to Our Priests"** to Father Manno, all attending Clergy, and his family!

The Honor Guard is to show up at 2:00 PM to dress and we will meet in the nursery.

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

in back in the 60's (actually from the early 1930's until late 1960's). It was felt the name honored that legacy and would not cause confusion with the "new" Lions, I guess just with us



"older" scouts.

But the BSA has looked at this carefully and is trying to get scouting into the lives of these young boys and more importantly their parents so that scouting becomes an option as the calendars of the boys fill up. As we have all seen, sports of all variety continue to have youth programs that seem to take more and more time away from other activities. Add to that their advancement in school with homework and other extracurricular activities also vying for their time. If

we get a foothold early, scouting becomes a strong option for them.

The program has all of the supporting documentation needed for the Lion scouts to try out scouting but they will not be "full-fledged" members of the Pack. They will be invited to join 2 or 3 Pack meetings a year so they become familiar with the experience. They will have their own Adventure Book to follow so they can get a sense of achievement by completing the adventures in the book. There is also a Parent and Leader Guidebook to keep the young fellows on track. They will form a Den of 6 to 8 boys to work on their adventures together at least once a month. They will find the familiar concepts of character development, leadership skills, personal fitness and citizenship weaved into activities that are age-appropriate and fun.

So as we start on a new adventure with a new class of scouts that may very well be our future, it will be interesting to follow the program's results. Some of the earlier pilot programs

before this national pilot rollout had good results. Blackhawk Area Council will be participating in the program and we will be discussing if Cub Pack 127 will participate. More to follow on that front.

Our thanks goes out to the Notre Dame Club of McHenry County for sponsoring both the Pack and Troop and allowing our young men this opportunity. Our thanks too to the Knights of Father McCormick Council for

their continued support. As we approach Memorial Day, we would like to extend our heartfelt gratitude to those men and women who made the ultimate sacrifice so that we could enjoy the freedoms we have today. And to their families, our prayers and wish for peace for the price they paid.



Check to Youth Ministry

Budget Requests



Knights of Columbus Youth Scholarship. Past Grand Knight John Stefani of K of C Fr. McCormick Council 3880 in Crystal Lake (left), presents a check to Mr. Dan Wolfe, Youth Minister of St. Thomas the Apostle. The Scholarship will be awarded to students for the groups upcoming trip from Crystal Lake to Buffalo, NY, Pittsburgh, PA and everything in between. The trip is billed as a 4-day 3-night road trip to Niagara Falls to "Take our Faith on the Road!"

Finance Committee will soon be preparing the 2016-2017 Budget, so if you're thinking of a new project, or renewing an old one, or even replacing equipment, make sure I know amounts requested by June 7, 2016 (next business meeting). Please don't presume I'll remember the past, as that gets more doubtful every day for me! Ongoing fund raisers do not need comment, unless you need to increase funding for expansion, new equipment etc. If not in the budget, you may not get funding, or it may be delayed 60 days waiting approval.

The new officers will, I'm sure, be interested in new projects, new charitable needs and new activities. I await your call. (Probably won't answer, but leave a message anyway.)

Steve Haugh,
815-459-4447

Food Pantry Update

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with your generous contributions, it can make someone's day. God Bless and help us help others.

Also, mark your calendars if you can for the 1st Saturday of every even numbered month as we work the Pantry distributing the food. This is from 10 AM until 2 PM. Because of the hours, we have many Brother Knights

AND wives AND older children who split the shifts, some working from 10 to noon, others noon to 2 and still others the whole 4 hours. Can you spare some time? We also work the THIRD THURSDAY of EVERY month... from 5 to 8 PM. We are getting more and more people coming during those hours, many after work to get food to feed their families. We also get dona-

tions dropped off. This past Thursday night people dropped off 950 pounds of food! That takes work getting that brought in, weighed and put on the shelves. If you can work either of these time slots, or both, please give a call to PGK PFN John Stefani at 815 679-6596 to let us know we can count on you!

Grand Knights Report

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therefore we are going to "drop the ball". I believe part of the answer is we need to prioritize. Our list of priorities I would guess our very similar (at least at the first 3):

God, Faith, Family (wife, husband,

children), Work, Charity, hobbies, etc.

My recommendation as we close out the month of May, The Month of Mary, "Queen of Heaven and Earth" is to take the time this summer to enjoy

what can be the simplicity of life. Those moments to sit outside on a beautiful day in peace without any distractions, and to just be....STILL, and in his presence.

God Bless you all, Scott

Altar Server Pizza Party and Remember our Veterans



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For the Good of the Order

Knights' May Birthdays:

- Harry P. Blus
- John W. Erickson
- Jeffery T. Faye
- Richard M. Fink
- Richard W. Heuer
- Mike Jasinski
- Richard Kelly
- James J. Kratochvil
- Mario Manno
- David J. Miloch
- James Nimps
- Jon Russell
- Kevin F. Scanlan
- Donald Wolff

Wives' May Birthdays:

- Marie Chmiel
- Maria Galvin
- Lucille Polakowski
- Jennifer Streit

May Anniversaries:

- David A. and Jacquelyn Behm
- Tom and Jean Marie Brickey

- Stephen W. and Judie Bright
- Marc and Erica Duffy
- Vincent P. and Kathy Esposito
- Jeffery T. and Lynn Faye
- Keith M. and Linda Fisher
- Ralph W. and Gail Gebert
- Mike and Joni Jasinski
- Rick and Mandi Kaup
- Harry F. and Marcy Kranz
- James J. and Jill Kratochvil
- John and Wanda Loretan
- James A. and Rhonda Nissen
- Daniel J. and Annette O'Connell
- Ken A. "Tiny" and Heather Pearson
- John J. and Jennifer Streit

**Good of the Order
Knight of the Month:
Family of the Month:**

Notice: Please update your email addresses to receive the newsletter and

email blasts!! Use the email below.

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

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**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.

Food Pantry Update

by John Stefani

Our **Fr. McCormick Council 3880** is one of many 'common' items that the Pantry of several Parish based groups that try relies on its private donors to support. One of the noticeable things while working at the Pantry is often the 'missing' everyday items not on the shelves. While the Pantry obtains so many bulk purchase items through various state and local organizations, and the tremendous weekly donations from local merchants, some items get lost in the shuffle. The list here is

The Food Pantry depends on DONATIONS for these items. We will not purchase these items regardless of price. Please consider a donation of these items when you have a food drive.

Paper products except toilet paper. OTC medicines. Ramen Noodles. Coffee, hot tea, hot cocoa. Canned Meat (except Tuna & Chicken. Snack Items, Jell-O/Pudding Mix. Baby Food.

Personal care items, Plain Pasta, Condiments, Broth, Small Serving Size of Juice, Diapers and Pet Food.

will have their monthly Food Pantry Sunday a week later than usual. That Sunday will be shared with the Knights' Monthly Breakfast, also moved so we can celebrate, or actually be celebrated, by our families on **Father's Day**. During the breakfast the Knights will also be collecting Diapers for our annual Diaper Drive. More info on that to come. But please take note of this list, and if you can provide some of them **Go to page 6**

Council Calendar

June 2016

July 2016

August 2016

6/4 Food Pantry and Grill Knight
 6/7 Business Meeting and Election of
 2015-2016 Officers
 6/12 Monthly Breakfast
 6/16 Food Pantry Thursday
 6/21 7:30 PM—Officer Installation
 8:30 PM—Social Meeting

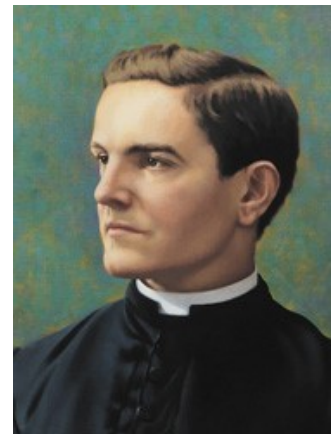
7/4 Independence Day
 7/5 Business Meeting
 7/11 Breakfast
 7/19 Social Meeting
 7/21 Food Pantry Thursday
 7/31 5th Sunday Memorial Mass

8/2 Business Meeting
 8/6 Food Pantry
 8/16 Social Meeting
 8/18 Food Pantry Thursday
 8/21 Breakfast

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!
Live and Vote Pro-Life.
Life is not Your Choice. It's Your Responsibility!

