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## Grand Knights Report

By Mike Bradley

**G**reetings Gentlemen,  
As we all know the weekend after Thanksgiving traditionally marks the start to the busy holiday season but for Catholics it also marks the start to Advent. In recent years Advent and Christmas seem to have become more commercialized and less of a celebration of Jesus. With retailers pushing Christmas sales before Halloween it has made it easy for one to forget and difficult for one to educate a younger generation of what the Advent season is all about. So often we get wrapped up in the hustle and bustle of parties, shopping, and travel plans that we must remind ourselves what we are truly celebrating. As Catholics, Advent is a joyous season in preparation for Christmas and Jesus Christ's second coming. This can be heard and celebrated through the scriptures of the Lord.



### Malachi 3:1

"I will send my messenger, who will prepare the way before me. Then suddenly the Lord you are seeking will come to his temple; the messenger of the covenant, whom you desire, will come," says the LORD Almighty

### John1:4

In him was life, and that life was the light of all mankind

### John1:9

The true light that gives light to everyone was coming into the world

### Isaiah 9:2

The people walking in darkness have seen a great light; on those living in the land of deep darkness a light has dawned.

### Isaiah 40:9

You who bring good news to Zion, go up on a high mountain. You bring good news to Jerusalem, lift up your voice with a shout, lift it up, do not be afraid; say to the towns of Judah, "Here is your God!"

It is through these scriptures that remind us what this season is all about. During this time many of us will decorate a tree and put up a Nativity scene that symbolizes what is to come. While others may keep an Advent calendar, light an Advent wreath, or recite daily devotions. No matter how you chose to symbolize the season of Advent, as Catholics we will all celebrate the birth of the baby Jesus at its conclusion. I pray that we all have a safe and joyous holiday season.

God Bless you all,

Mike Bradley  
Grand Knight  
Fr. McCormick Council 3880

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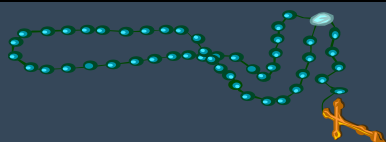
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None Assigned as of yet.

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



## Deputy Grand Knights Report *Mike Kebr*

*Dear Brothers,*

As I am writing this, Thanksgiving is only a week away. The tree lot set up is only days away, and tree delivery is fast approaching. Where has the year gone? By the way, have you signed up for a time slot at our Tree Lot? It's a great way to connect with your Brother Knights and meet new people. See Bob Wyman, Vince Esposito or myself if you are interested or have any questions.



Are you ready for Advent? By the time this goes to print we would have been a week into the Advent Season.

One of my favorite memories during the Advent Season is around the Feast of St. Nicholas. The Feast of St. Nicholas is December 6<sup>th</sup>. One of the traditions in my house growing up as a kid was that we put our shoes out on the evening of December 5<sup>th</sup>. When we woke the next morning we would find a small gift such as candy or coins in our shoes.

St. Nicholas was a Bishop of Myra in the fourth century, in a city in Lycia, a province of Asia Minor. Both the Eastern and Western Churches honor him, and it's claimed that after the Blessed Virgin, he is the saint most pictured by Christian artists. Perhaps the best-known story about Nicholas concerns his charity toward a poor man who was unable to provide dowries for his

three daughters. Rather than seeing them forced into prostitution, Nicholas secretly tossed a bag of gold through the man's window on three separate occasions, which enabled his daughters to be married. Over the centuries, this particular legend evolved into the custom of gift-giving on the saint's feast. St. Nicholas is honored as a patron of: Greece, Russia, the Kingdom of Naples, Sicily, Lorraine, the Diocese of Liège; many cities in Italy, Germany, Austria, and Belgium; Campen in the Netherlands; Corfu in Greece; Freiburg in Switzerland; and Moscow in Russia. St. Nicholas is also considered the patron saint of Children and Sailors. One of the main lessons we can take away from St. Nichols is his legendary charity and to reflect on how we approach material things during the Christmas Season and to find ways to share with those in real need.

In closing, I wish you all a Blessed Advent as we prepare for the coming of Our Lord, Jesus Christ.

As we move into November and start thinking about the start of the Advent season let's look for ways to continue and expand our acts of Charity towards others.

**Vivat Jesus,**

*Mike Kebr*

**Deputy Grand Knight**

**Fr. McCormick Council 3880**

## Membership!

*By PFN, PGK John Stefani*

Greetings... can you believe that it is already late November? Talk about tie flying. Our Fraternal Year is also flying and in a few short weeks, it will be half over. We have been making strides in membership, with 4 new Brother Knights so far this year, and we have

one more Admissions Degree coming up in a few short weeks. Right now, it looks like we have at least three new candidates waiting to join our ranks.

Becoming a Knight just before the solemnity of Christmas **Go To Page 4**

# November Breakfast

By PFN, PGK John Stefani

## The Interesting November Breakfast!

Were you at the November Breakfast? Well, neither was I! I was in Salt Lake City on some family business. Guess I missed a little excitement. Seems the crew was there in all their glory and doing the work when the Fire Alarm went off! It was a false alarm, but as is required the building was evacuated by the Fire Department. And out when a LOT of customers who chose not to return. So the after 10:30 crowd was around a dozen people. So, we lost a lot of customers... probably about 100 plus... meaning about several hundred dollars in profit. Because someone pulled the Fire Alarm... back in church near the Cry Room so I was told... Some little kid whose parents weren't watching. Hard to



blame the little kid... It's a shame, but an alarm is pulled about once a year, at a cost to the Church. And unfortunately, at a financial loss to us as well when during an event. Good we are ahead in the profit column for the year.

It seems we also had a major player in the kitchen who had some emergency surgery on Friday and STILL showed up! Nuts? Yeah, but that is the kind of team we have. So, I can only yell at him so much. We have another couple of events coming up in the next few weeks. More like our Catering part of the food committee. First off we are serving our annual RCIA breakfast on the 27<sup>th</sup>. Don't know if this will get to you in time, mostly because I am way behind and the newsletter may have been printed without me. My fault. Anyway, I was asked to serve breakfast after the 9:00 AM mass for the 10 candidates. And

families and staff. Got the final call and seems there will be 60 people! I know some of the usual's will show up to help... if you're around after the 7:30 mass that day...

Then on Friday evening after one of the parish concerts we will serve for the after-event reception. Dan is running that for me as I will be post-op at that time. Again, if you have some time around 6:30, maybe you can help for a bit.

Otherwise, hope to see you, especially those with little ones, at the December Christmas with Santa on December 18<sup>th</sup>!

Thanks, John



# News from Pack and Troop 127

By Dan O'Connell

## Another Eagle Project Brought to Fruition

As many of you may recall, we approved another Eagle project that was to be completed on the Oak Street grounds of St. Thomas at our November meeting. Johnny Svigelj, son of Brother Knight John Svigelj, was going to build 4 benches for our Rosary Walk (also another Eagle project by John Scott's son, JB) for parishioners to have a chance to sit and reflect around the Rosary.

This may have been one of the fastest completions from our funding a project to it being done and ready for use. Johnny had a build date of November 5<sup>th</sup> on the calendar and as you can see, he had a good turnout of scouts and scouters (of which 5 are Brother Knights). We were able to cut, assemble and stain the four benches in one day and have them ready for installation.

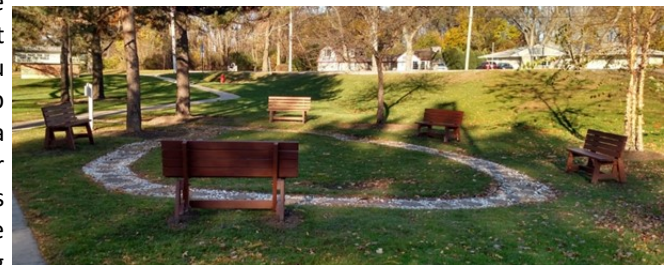


The install crew on the next Saturday was a bit smaller. They had to auger holes (thanks Ed's Rental); tar the legs; place the benches into the holes; pour post cement into the holes and mix; and level out all of the benches before they set. It took a few hours to complete but the end product turned out great. If you get the opportunity, stop by for a look and say a Rosary for our Parish, our Knights and our Scouts as well as our Nation as we embark on an interesting four year journey with our new admin-

istration.

The Pack and the Troop along with the Notre Dame Club of McHenry County will be marching in the Crystal Lake Festival of Lights parade on Friday November 25<sup>th</sup> so we will see you there. Perhaps a little friendly competition to see who has the best float and picks up the hardware.

The Pack and the Troop want to take this opportunity to wish you a joyous Holiday Season that includes the merriest of Christmas's ever. May God bless each of you and your families as we give thanks for what we have and look forward to the coming of the Christ child on Christmas Day. Merry Christmas and all the best in the coming New Year.



is a tremendous present for a man to give to his family, church and community. It is also a present that we can give to ourselves... each of us and our Council. We currently have over 300 members in Fr. McCormick Council. If only one tenth of us went out and brought a new member in, that is THIRTY new Brothers. 30 more of US to share the load, 30 more of us to get to know and form a lasting relationship with. How many of you can honestly say you have not 'found a friend' in the Knights?

We need to spend a little time thinking about why we joined... did someone twist our arm, or did someone

convince us of the good that the Knights do? Did someone share a story with us of a friendship? Then honestly ask yourself why you are STILL a Knight... If you can't come up with a good reason, you need to do a little soul searching. But if you can come up with a reason, and probably a few of them, then why not share that with someone else... a brother, father, uncle, grandfather? A Neighbor a friend at work, the guy you always run into somewhere?



Maybe that chance encounter is for a reason. Talk to them! Ask them! Invite them! We still have a while for them to get a Form 100, fill it out and get it back to me. This warm weather is not going to last forever... neither will that person wait without just forgetting about it... and missing out on a thrill of a lifetime.

Reach me at:  
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**John Stefani,**  
 PFN, PGK,  
 Council 3880 Membership Chairman

## 4th Degree News and Views

By PFN, PGK John Stefani

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



**Patriotic Degree**, was held a few weeks ago and the **Assembly** received seven new Sir Knights! Sadly, not one was from Council 3880.

There was a time, not that long ago, when we had more members in the Assembly than any other of the 13, now 14 Councils in the Assembly. Back in the day we

celebrated when over 20 of us became Sir Knights one glorious Saturday. Even Father Geoff, our Pastor at the time, joined us in our great class. A few of those Sir Knights have passed away in recent years, as have many others, too many. If you were one of the SEVENTEEN Brother Knights of this great Council who attended **Go To Page**

The 4<sup>th</sup> Degree Exemplification, the

## 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 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](mailto:brightones@live.com) or
- John Orso (815) 477-1048—  
[johoro@aol.com](mailto: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.

### 2015-2016 Schedule

11/27/2016	Kevin Scanlan & Crew
12/25/2016	John & Sue Stefani & family
01/29/2017	Bob & Vicki Kosin & Friends
02/26/2017	Pat and Dee Slowey
03/26/2017	Kathy & Vince Esposito
04/30/2017	Pat and Dee Slowey

Dear Brothers,

Exciting news for the weakest/smallest amongst us. In a "60 minutes" interview last week President Elect Donald J. Trump reaffirms one of his administration's top priorities, overturning of Roe v Wade. This is a breath of fresh air for this nation. With a republican "PRO LIFE" majority in both House and Senate, this is possible. Through the pulling back of the curtain on the abortion industry last year, by David Daleiden's MRC (Media Research Center), light was shed on what is really going on behind closed doors. MRC released videos confirming the absolutely horrifying reality of the wholesale, selling of aborted baby body parts by federally funded, Planned Parenthood. These videos confirmed this nation's worst fears which caused a massive shift in how people viewed abortion. This nation sent a loud and clear message to Washington at the ballot box and that message was, we want Life protected.

The Republican party ran on the largest Pro Life platform ever brought before the American people, since the passing of Roe v Wade. With a Pro Life Catholic Vice President Elect Michael R. Pence at his side, Donald J. Trump was able to bring the protection of Life back to the highest office in this republic. This is the time when we as a nation must pull together and stop this industry all together. We must stay the course, show up at Pro Life rallies, educate those God has put in our path, use technology/media to bring the truth to light, and stand up for these precious little gifts that God creates for us. We are called to stand up for the weakest amongst us and to bring Christ's light into this world. Without the basic right to life what other rights matter?

Brothers your strength is needed in the fierce battle to restore what had been lost many decades ago. Let us together make a promise to Jesus Christ that we will never give up, we will never slow down, we will never

turn away, and we will stay the course regardless of the cost to self. We will protect and fight for the weakest amongst us. As your Pro Life Chair I will work to bring updated information concerning all PRO LIFE matters (upcoming rallies, events, legislation, abortion facility closures, ect.) to you. I follow McHenry County Right for Life, Pro Life Action League, Live Action, MRC, and a large array of other resources to ensure we stay on top of all information concerning the Pro Life movement. Thank you for entrusting this great service to me. In closing let us bring to mind this passage from the bible:

### Deuteronomy 30:19

I call heaven and earth to witness against you today, that I have set before you Life and death, the blessing and the curse. So choose Life in order that you may live, you and your descendants.

God Bless,

Jamie Hruza

## 4th Degree News and Views

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5the recent Memorial Mass at St. Thomas, thanks you for being there at a pitiful remembrance of over 100 of our Brothers who have gone on to their reward. I wonder what some of us can say on why we weren't there that night. I know that I have been among the missing over the years, not always being there... work, out of town, whatever, but I think we need to get back to our roots. Why did we join the Knights? There are FOUR Degrees. Did we join only on planning to stop at 3? Did we (do we) think that if I become a 4<sup>th</sup> I must get the Regalia. Admittedly at a cost of several hundred dollars. But of the 314 Sir Knights in the Assembly, less than 10%, if that

many, are part of the Honor Guard. Like not all in the Council work every event, or any... regardless of the reason, but we ARE members. We pay our dues and contribute what and when and how we can.

As this year is winding down and we are heading into 2017 let's think about re-committing ourselves to the values and the principles of the Knights of Columbus. Let's see if we can step up our activity, get a little more involved, and maybe for some, take that last step to true Knighthood in our Order.

Next *Patriotic Degree* will be in February, 2017. How about taking a minute and thinking about your future in the

Knights of Columbus? If you are already a 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree Brother, all you need to do is get the purple Form 4 from **Faithful Comptroller of the Assembly SK Dan O'Connell** or myself and fill it out! If you are a 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree Brother, then let us know and we will get you the info on when and where there will be a Knighthood Degree between now and then.

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](mailto:membership@kofc3880.org)

*Vivat Jesus!*

SK John Stefani, PGK, PFN, 4<sup>th</sup> Degree Liaison, Membership Director.

# Moments in the Lives of Fr. McCormick Council 3880



Special Award presented to PGK, Scott Popp by DD, Chuck Gburek for attacking programs and Insurance Goals.

# Association of Horizon's summer camp

By John Walsh

25 years ago, a group of people decided to take over a summer camp program for disabled adults that a large national organization abandoned, forming their own "mom and pop" 501-c Charity. Few summer camps are held for special adults and Association of Horizon is unique in putting together an experience unmatched by anyone else.

This year's Association of Horizon's summer camp featured 112 adult campers with physical disabilities. Each one is paired up with an able-bodied volunteer personal attendant for the week. Activities include: arts & crafts, swimming,



boating, sports, animals to pet and to

ride, camp fires and the making of new friends. The Camp experience is free to camper and volunteer.

Horizon's Mission statement is to organize individuals with and without disabilities to challenge themselves, develop responsibility and grow through interacting and working together. The vision is to break down the barriers between able-bodied and disabled. Limitations are to be overcome, new abilities are discovered and an increased awareness of self and others.

For the Campers, it's a vacation they look forward to every year. For their families, some needed respite from the daily care of a loved one. For volunteers, it's an introduction to a community and individuals they've never seen



this up close and personal. A large number of the volunteers we depend on are 16-21 year old. This year's volunteers aged 16 to 66. The challenge for many is to quickly learn what personal care for another individual entails - primarily through communication and empathy. I am heartened to see so many people learning first hand the value of every individual, regardless of physical abilities, and take that experience into the world.

The Fr. McCormick Council was a sponsor of a camper last year. Picture: Association of Horizon Board member, Jim Novalinski presents Mike Kebr with Camp's sign of appreciation - a valuable 25th Anniversary Camp T-Shirt. Picture: The American Eagle Go To Page 7

# Illinois Federation and McHenry County Right to Life



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**McHenry County Right to Life PAC:**  
[www.prolife-victory.com](http://www.prolife-victory.com)

## Good of the Order

### Knights' Dec. Birthdays:

- Mike Baietto
- Chris Burzynski
- Robert L. Cormier
- Paul Cuchna
- Mark Daniel
- Thomas Mike Fraser
- Francisco Galvin
- Peter Hall
- Richard E. Kendzior
- Richard Korn
- Nathan Mazurk
- Matthew D. Meisner
- James V. O'Reilly
- John M. Orso
- John R Sinski
- Ralph W. Statter
- Mark Steadman
- Lee M. Stevens
- Robert E. Thomas
- Matthew C. Walsh

### Wives' Dec. Birthdays:

- Elizabeth Baietto
- Gail Gebert
- Margaret Heideman
- Darcy Mensik
- Suzanne O'Reilly

- Amy Pitrello
- Ellene Schmidt
- Susan Stefani

### Dec. Anniversaries:

- Matthias and Cathleen Martin
- James V. and Suzanne O'Reilly
- Jasper and Amy Pitrello
- Daniel and Lucille Polakowski
- Steve A. and Sue Reed
- Lee M. and Betty Stevens

### Good of the Order

#### Knight of the Month:

- None Presented

#### Family of the Month:

- None Presented

#### Pray For:

- John Stefani's brother in law, Steve Peters and Steve's wife Cheryl who passed away while he was going through chemo and radiation.
- Pat Slowey who had an emergency medical procedure.
- Dennis McCoy requested prayers for his father, Tom McCoy.

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

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Call (815) 455-2765

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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, January 29, 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.

## Association of Horizon's summer camp

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cabin - myself with 8 campers, 8 volunteer attendants and one camper's nurse. She's there because Chad is on a respirator.

<http://associationofhorizon.org/wordpr>

ess/activities/summer-camp

If you know of a family member or friends with an adult 18+ with physical disabilities: registration starts end of January, and open slots fill quickly. If

you have a young adult or retired adult looking for a unique, satisfying way to spend the third week in July, we particularly need male volunteers.

# Council Calendar

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

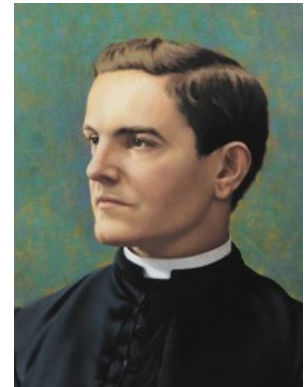
December 2016	January 2017	February 2017
12/3 Food Pantry 12/6 Business Meeting 12/8 Immaculate Conception 12/15 Food Pantry Thursday 12/18 Breakfast with Santa 12/20 Social Meeting Tree Sales should end 12/25 Christmas P.A.D.S	1/1 Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God 1/3 Business Meeting 1/7 Blood Drive 1/14 Annual Polish Dinner 1/15 Social Meeting 1/19 Food Pantry Thursday 1/20 Breakfast 1/29 5th Sunday Memorial Mass P.A.D.S.	2/4 Food Pantry 2/7 Business Meeting 2/17 Food Pantry Thursday 2/21 Social Meeting 2/26 P.A.D.S.

## 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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2016—Year of Mercy



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

