



# KNIGHT LIFE

Fr. McCormick Council 3880



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## Grand Knights Report

By Mike Bradley

**G**reetings Gentlemen,

As September came to an end we closed out our summer events with The Johnny Appleseed Festival in downtown Crystal Lake. We hit a few bumps in the road so to speak, as we arrived downtown to set up the trailer we were welcomed by several parked cars as our usual location had not been cordoned off for the event,



but not to worry as we worked with the event staff along with a little help from The Crystal Lake Police and Lakewood Police Departments we were able to find the cars missing owners and all was saved. Though it may have been cloudy the temps were in the 70s and it was a nice day to grill. Thank you to everyone who took the time and came out to help as we had another successful year for this event. So with the end of Summer 2016 and a little break we are once again gearing up for our 2016 Winter events schedule.

The annual Memorial Mass kicks off on November 15, followed quickly by the November breakfast, Christmas tree lot opening and the Festival of Lights Holiday Parade the day after Thanksgiving, not to mention the Pads Thanksgiving dinner that Sunday. December will also be very busy as the holiday season will be in full swing and we man the tree lot and prepare for breakfast with Santa. For the upcoming Festival of Lights Holiday Parade

this year the downtown association has created a theme for this year's parade that being "A Vintage Christmas". We will be building the float the weekend before Thanksgiving if you are interested in helping out or have an idea please contact me. More information will follow at our November business meeting.

Finally, I'd like to touch upon our council prayer list as I believe that this is an important part of our council. As has been the practice people have been added to the prayer list periodically after our monthly business meetings either by email request or word of mouth. As the new Grand Knight I would ask that any prayer requests be emailed to me so that we have a point person sending the request out to the council. In addition, there are times that we do receive requests daily and to cut down on the number of emails being sent out to members I will be sending out prayer requests on Sundays and Wednesdays. If you do not receive an email for prayers either one of those days, it just means that we did not have any requests to go out. I hope this will help cut the number of emails that one receives. As always thank you for all you do.

God Bless,

Mike

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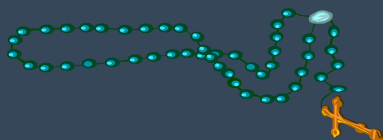
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**Pray the Rosary as a Family  
and with your KofC Brothers**



## Deputy Grand Knights Report *Mike Kebr*



Dear Brothers,

I ran across an article on Catholic Link.org titled "15 Simple Acts of Charity that we Frequently Forget"<sup>1</sup>. The article reminds us that acts of charity, no matter how large or small, are real manifestations of God's Love.

*"To put into practice this witness of charity, the encounter with the Lord who transforms man's heart and outlook is therefore indispensable. Indeed, it is the witness of God's love for each one of our brothers and sisters in humanity which gives true meaning to Christian charity. **Charity cannot be reduced to mere humanism or to a project for human advancement.** Material aid, however necessary it may be, is not the be-all and end-all of charity, which is participation in Christ's love, received and shared. Every authentic charitable action is thus a tangible manifestation of God's love for men and women and thereby becomes a proclamation of the Gospel" -*

Benedict XVI.

I was reminded again of the First Principle of our Order – Charity. Many may think of charity in terms of the material or the monetary needs of others. This article reminds us that charity goes beyond those two things. Below are the 15 Simple Acts of Charity listed in the article.

1. A Smile! A Christian is always full of laughter and happiness!
2. Listen to someone else's story with love, not judgment.
3. Always be thankful (even when you don't "have to")
4. Remember to tell others how much you love them.
5. Help out when it's needed so others can rest.
6. Greet people you see every day with a smile.
7. Speak to your parents over the phone or through other means.
8. Stop to help. Be aware of who needs your help.

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## Membership!

*By PFN, PGK John Stefani*

## Welcome!

Please join me in welcoming into the Council new Brother Knights **Dennis**

**Amato** (right) and **Ron Ferraro** (center). Many of you should recognize **Ron** who has been a member of St. Thomas for over 40 years and with his wife, **Bernice**, are easily recognizable as premiere lecturers in our Parish. They have recently closed their business, *Fantasy Festival*, and as Ron put it, he now has time to become a Knight! **Dennis** meanwhile has been a parishioner for about a dozen years, but busy with family and work-



ing in procurement at Walgreen's. When the recent Time & Talent came out from the parish they both decided the time was right.

Please congratulate them when you see them at church or at an upcoming meeting.

So we now have 4 new Brother's in the Council so far for this Fraternal Year, against our goal of 23. We also had two others eagerly awaiting admission, although plans did not work out for this **Go To Page 4**

## Special Buffet at October Breakfast!

As we have done several times in the past, we hosted one of the Parish Ministries with a Family Style 'reserved area' special. We had the pleasure of hosting the SPRED Ministry and the kitchen crew went over and above once again. In the middle of the normal 9:00 AM Mass, they went into overdrive and provided platters of scrambled eggs, sausage, hash browns and toast for the 20 plus people in attendance. We did this last year when they first formed. Member **SK Robert Kosin's** wife, Vicki, who became a SPRED Volunteer, approached me on their behalf asking if they could sit together for a formation break-



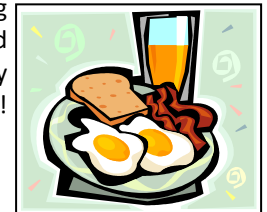
fast. So, working with then **GK Scott Popp**, one or two additional menus. We are not we said sure. Then he presented a donation check to them from our funds. So, as you can see in the pic they came and enjoyed it. With me and **GK Mike Bradley** is Beth *Montana*, founder of SPRED at St. Thomas. And if you don't know what SPRED is, go to the parish website or look it up on-line. What they do is truly special, just as the young people they minister too.



Oh, yeah, the rest of the breakfast: it was good, very good. We had the usual ups and downs, but they make the day interesting! We brought back the *Pumpkin Pancakes* and the *Bratwurst Omelet* as fall specials, along with the normal Yellow, Blue, Green and Pink menus. And I think

been and most likely never will be. If you haven't been to a breakfast in a while, come on out and see what we are all about. And bring the family, bring a friend or a relative, from out of town or in, bring a neighbor. Bring someone you are not on very friendly terms with, for whatever reason, and see what a great breakfast among your peers and see how the day ends! I dare you! November 20<sup>th</sup>!

Thanks, John



# Boy Scout and Cub Scout Saga

By Dan O'Connell

## Scouts and Reptiles

Some are squeamish when it comes to snakes, lizards, amphibians and other reptiles that cohabitate with us. Not our Cub Scouts from Pack 127. The last Pack meeting, they had an eagle Scout from Troop 167 in Huntley show off some of his collection of "pets". Dakota Henn brought just some of his 70 animals in his collection to show the Cub Scouts.



mens to show the scouts. The scouts actually got to touch several of them and heard interesting facts about their habitat, diet and how big they would get. The scouts were enthralled by it all.

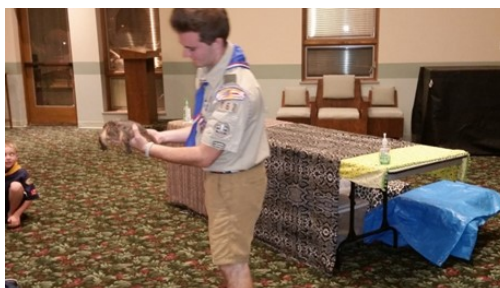
Troop 127 was also busy working on two different Eagle projects, doing Sunday donuts, attend Rock Camp in Rockford and helping with the KC

breakfast. Ryan Gorman and Matthew Tremblay both worked on their projects

bicycles for Nunda Township. Matthew built picnic tables for South Elementary School for their playground area. Matthew's project in progress is shown



Dakota has plans of to go onto to college and become a herpetologist (a zoologist who studies reptiles and amphibians). He hopes to travel the world observing these creatures in their natural habitat and hopefully be able to help a zoo or aquarium as a keeper of their collection of reptiles and amphibians.



Dakota brought several species of turtles, snakes, lizards and other speci-

that were supported by the Knights. Ryan built bike racks and collected gently used

below.

Thank you for your continued support of Pack and Troop 127. We continue to build strong citizens of tomorrow by living the Scout Oath and Scout Law. With the holiday season soon upon us, we would like to wish each of you and your families a Blessed and Happy Thanksgiving.

last Degree. So, with that, how about the rest of you looking to see who you know who would be a good Brother to us all. Becoming a Knight just before the solemnity of Christmas is a tremendous present for a man to give to his family, church and community. Talk to them!

Reach me at:  
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 or 815-679-6596 Vivat Jesus!

**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!

Pretty soon the 4<sup>th</sup> Degree Exemplification will be held in Rockford, and our Assembly will welcome in another 7 new Sir Knights. Next time to go through the *Patriotic Degree* will be in February, 2017. Twenty seventeen... sounds like a long, long time from now, but sit and think, we are almost at Thanksgiving and Christmas Tree Lot time, then The Birth of the Lord and

New Year... and before you know it, February is here. 120 some days.

When was the last time you planned to do something in the future and figured you had plenty of time, only have it to suddenly be there and gone? Another missed opportunity. Well, before you get all tied up in

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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. (And Anthony Rizzo just hit another home run!) Hey, all of you Cubbie fans out there, here's a thought, how about becoming a 4<sup>th</sup> Degree Sir Knight just before the 2016

World Champion Chicago Cubs take to the field to defend their crown!

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



Christmas, followed by another Happy

Form 4 from **Faithful Comptroller of the Assembly SK Dan O'Connell** or myself and

## 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

10/30/2016	Jim Skaja
11/27/2016	Kevin Scanlan & Crew
12/25/2016	John & Sue Stefani & family
01/29/2017	Bob & Vicki Kosin & Friends
02/26/2017	Pat Slowey
03/26/2017	Kathy & Vince Esposito
04/30/2017	Open

## Food Pantry

By PFN, PGK John Stefani

### Crystal Lake Food Panty & Fr. McCormick Council 3880

We had two great showings at the Food Pantry in October! We did our 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of Every-Other-Month on October 1<sup>st</sup> and with a good crew on hand we served almost 40 families between 10 AM and 2

PM. Then on Thursday the 20<sup>th</sup>, on our every 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the month, we had 9 guys who helped 17 families and did a lot of shelf stocking for the next day's staff. We had a couple of guys who are newer to the pantry working and some who haven't been there for a while, but it is the same thing: a feeling of deep satisfaction knowing we are doing good... we are helping

others... no personal gain... no glory for the Council... just a feeling of "Thank you God, for letting me be able, to be in a position, to do something for somebody else." And that is what we are all about... as men, as Catholics, as Brother Knights! If you are feeling down, come on out on one of our turns and let your heart feel the thrill.

## Church News

By Pete Harren

Oct 28-30. Weekend retreat at Bellarmine Jesuit Retreat Center in Barrington. This is a wonderful, crisp time of fall when, in the presence of beautiful fall scenery and terrific accommodations, that our knights can truly enjoy a great respite from the rigors of life. As in previous years, the Jesuit fathers will host a great memorable retreat program which will create good insights and further meaning into the

faith we practice

Nov 15. There will a memorial mass, 7-8 pm, with Fr. Simon presiding. This will honor the past knights who have been called by God, for their contributions to the community and their faithful service. We will have member knights solemnly read off sections of those who passed away. This is truly a sacred remembrance for those who

have served. Refreshments in the Community room will follow

During Nov, Dec. We will feature billboards, 2 of the 5x11' size, posted near MCC on route 14 and near Country Gas on route 14, towards Cary, that will depict two Christmas scenes under the banner of "Keep Christ in Christmas" This has been a tradition of at least 10 years.

## A Person you should know

By Robert Kosin

Joyce Holm has a rosary repair table for the last three years at the KofC Breakfast.

He husband volunteers for the table staff while Joyce offers a service not found in many if any breakfast venues.

She repairs rosaries.

There is a simple sign at her table offering s service that touches so many persons. Ask a Knight which rosary Joyce repaired and the answer will be quickly followed by a lesson learned from Joyce of the type and design of the rosary. Watch the people sitting with Joyce sharing a personal recollection or learning that all is not lost as it can be recovered.

Maybe the sign is wrong and should say Rosary Restoration by Joyce Holm.

Pictured– GK, Mike Bradley (Left) and Joyce Holm (Right).



# Moments in the Lives of Fr. McCormick Council 3880



Each October, the Knights of Columbus 3880 display crosses in front of the Blessed Virgin Mary's statue. This display honors the millions of aborted babies since the inception of Roe v. Wade.



For the October 16, 2016 breakfast, we welcomed F.I.N.D.S. which participate fully in the SPRED Ministry.

**Special Religious Development** - This ministry is designed to provide faith formation to the developmentally disabled or those with learning challenges.

Pictured left are GK, Mike Bradley and PGK, John Stefani. Pictured right are members of the SPRED ministry of which F.I.N.D.S. participates.

Welcome to our Table of Plenty!



## Deputy Grand Knight's Report

- 9. Pick out what you don't use and give it away to someone in need.
- 10. Correct others using love, rather than fear.
- 11. Clean up after yourself at home.
- 12. Lift someone's spirits.
- 13. Notice details.
- 14. Help others overcome obstacles.
- 15. Celebrate other people's success.

<sup>1</sup> Restrepo, Luisa. "15 Simple Acts of Charity that we Frequently Forget" Catholic-link.org. <http://catholic-link.org/2015/02/23/15-simple-acts-of-charity-frequently-forget/> (accessed October 16, 2016).

season let's look for ways to continue and expand our acts of Charity towards others.

**Vivat Jesus,**

**Mike Kebr  
Deputy Grand Knight**

As we move into November and start thinking about the start of the Advent

## Vocation Support Raffle

*By Dan O'Connell*

**Don't Miss Out, This Could Be Yours**

Your last chance to get into the Vocation Support Raffle with a top prize of \$10,000 is slipping through your fingers. Last date for



ticket sales (and turn in for books out there) is the November Business meeting on November 1st. Don't let this chance to support our seminarians and novices pass you by. This is a tremendous way to make a difference and maybe even win some dough (2<sup>nd</sup> prize - \$2,500, 3<sup>rd</sup>-6<sup>th</sup>-\$1,000, 7<sup>th</sup>- 10<sup>th</sup>-\$500, 11<sup>th</sup>- 15<sup>th</sup>-\$200, 16<sup>th</sup>- 20<sup>th</sup>-\$100).

If you are interested in tickets, please contact Dan O'Connell at 815-356-1413 to get tickets or see me at the November Business meeting as the very last day to buy. Let's show our support for those who have chosen to dedicate their life to Christ. Vivat Jesus!

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## Good of the Order

### Knights' Nov. Birthdays:

- Francis Barciak
- Gary J. Di Renzo
- Gerald C. Fraser
- Rick Kaup
- Cedric Koscielski
- Daniel J. Melko
- Steve A. Reed
- Steve Revnew
- Anthony Santinello
- Eric J. Skaja
- James A. Surdrick
- Edwin G. Voss
- David A. Warren
- Martin Weniger
- Robert Wyman
- German G. Zambrano
- Gerald M. Zopp

### Wives' Nov. Birthdays:

- Pamela Erickson
- Marie Habisohn
- Peggy Haugh
- Mary Hodorowicz
- Claudia Kendzior
- Florence Tennes

### Nov. Anniversaries:

- Michael and Erika Caliendo

- Tony and Diane De Pippo
- Paul J. and Marilyn Georgy
- Timothy J. and Karen Hicklin
- Dennis and Joyce Holm, Sr.
- Robert and Cheryl Newport
- Steve and Crystal Revnew
- Stephen J. and Debbie Starr

### Good of the Order

#### Knights of the Month:

- Pat Slowey



#### Family of the Month:

- None Presented

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

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Call (815) 455-2765

or send a note to:

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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, October 30, 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.

## Prayer before Elections

<http://www.kofc.org/en/news/releases/nine-day-novena-2016.html>

As the election nears, the Knights of Columbus is urging its members and other Catholic Americans to pray.

The prayer will be in the form of a novena — nine consecutive days of prayer — and will run from Oct. 30 to the eve of the election on Nov. 7.

The Novena is at the Web Address above. Click or copy it into your browser.



# Council Calendar

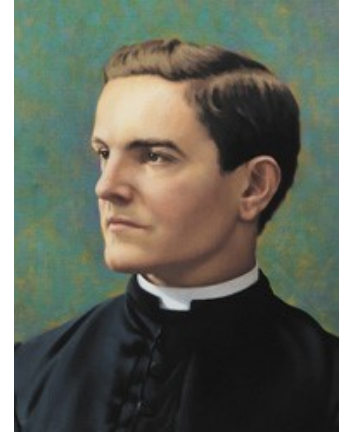
Every Third Thursday is Food Pantry from 5:00 PM to 9:00 PM

November 2016	December 2016	January 2017
11/1 All Saints Day and Business Mtg. 11/2 All Souls Day 11/8 Election Day 11/15 Memorial Mass and Social Meeting 11/20 Breakfast 11/24 Thanksgiving 11/25 XMAS Trees—Sales start 11/27 P.A.D.S.	12/6 Business Meeting 12/8 Immaculate Conception 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 1/20 Breakfast 1/29 5th Sunday Memorial Mass 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!**  
**Live and Vote Pro-Life.**  
**Life is not Your Choice. It's Your Responsibility!**

