

Fr. McCormick Council 3880



Welcome to Council 3880
Faith In Action 2022-2023

Knights of Columbus

Our Council—Faith In Action



Knight Life



Grand Knight

Brothers, Do you ever suddenly realize that you've been taking something for granted? Or maybe there's something you do every day, or something you do without even thinking about it. And then, eventually, someone points it out and you realize it's extraordinary.



Let me point out a few examples. Our council will be donating \$2500 to our seminarians as part of our RSVP program. It's something we do EVERY YEAR as part of our budget. We don't even think about it. We budget and

assume the funds will be there. The funds are raised through our programs and particularly through our vocations raffle. The donation is just a given. It just happens.

We also donate to Illinois Universities' Newman Centers and our Respect Life donation support of pregnancy centers. Our ID Drive (tootsie roll drive) raises funds for Special Olympics and the disabled. And when we "pass the can" the funds support disaster relief in our state. In total we raised over \$5700 for these causes this year. It's budgeted and checks are written. It happens.

Our efforts impact organizations and peoples lives all across the state, and to some extent we do take it for granted. Do you know how much we donated to the Newman Centers? No? Did you know our council supports the

Special Olympics? Again, it just happens.

From the annual report we did at the beginning of this year, we donated over \$30,000 to these charities and others in the area. Every St Pats ticket, every raffle ticket, every food truck hotdog, or every breakfast. The hours you work, and the funds you raise. **You need to be very proud of this effort. You need to be very proud of our council and your part in it. You may take it for granted but the people we support do not.**

The woman who needs diapers for her baby doesn't take it for granted. The neighbor who comes to the food pantry does not take it for granted. The senior who needs a ride, or needs help at home does not take it for granted. They might not know the funds came directly from your efforts, but they are very grateful and would be hurt if the funds were not there.

Here's my point. We do our part, but we take for granted the impact we make, the lives we touch, and the hole we would leave if we didn't. When I thank you for your efforts, and I can't thank each of you enough, it is intended with as much sincerity as possible.

Here's another one. Did you know that our council is in the top 8% in size in the state of Illinois? We're massive and powerful. It gives us the manpower to accomplish the mission above, but that isn't something that just happens either.

On this one we need your help. Every year, we have a few members move out of state and transfer out. We have a **>> 3**

Deputy Grand Knight

February has reminded us that winter is not quite done yet. I encourage you to attend TMIY during lent while we prepare for Easter. The videos are powerful and filmed on location in the holy land. Each week takes us though a Sorrowful mystery leading us to Good Friday. Coffee and donuts are ready by 6am Saturday mornings in the community room. All are welcome.

Tickets are on sale for the 2023 St. Patrick's Irish Fest. This year we have contracted a live band called the Nippersink Rouges. The McNulty dancers will be back again this year as

well. Please consider bringing your family for a great evening on March 11th.

For more details on these or other programs, come to the next planning meeting February 28th and/or membership meeting on March 7th.

Vivat Jesus

Matt Carzoli
Deputy Grand Knight



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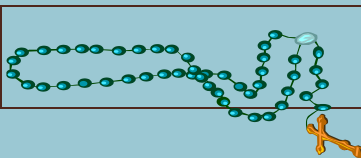
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Membership

We held an Exemplification for 7 candidates for Knighthood on evening of **February 6, 2023 at St. Thomas Oak Street Church.** Two for our council 3880, **Brian Dassenbock and Chris Jackson.** Four for Cary and one for the Huntley councils.



The team did another great job! Tim Hicklin and Greg Ives were back from being absent the last few months. I would like to thank Matt Carzoli and Joe Scherb for filling in for them. Also, we had one of our new Knights Deacon Neal Carpenter fill in for our chaplain to say the prayers for the ceremony. Lastly our Warden Mike Brucker did another great job on providing food and drinks in the community room after the degree for fellowship for family and friends.

We are looking into planning another Exemplification in **Mid-March.** If you have candidates, you have been working with for possible Knighthood, please have them go on-line per the instructions below to sign up. Or you can have them fill out a Form 100, then you give it to the financial secretary so he can put him into the system.

Questions, please contact me.
Remember our 1st principle is CHARITY!!

Fellow Knights, if you have someone you know is thinking of joining the Knights, please contact him and give him the below information.

<https://www.kofc.org/secure/en/join/join-theknights.html>

Bob
Membership Chair
KC Council 3880

**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!**



K.O.F.C.
KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Knight's Monthly Breakfast

Rollin' Rollin'

And just like February follows January, so did the crowds at the recent Monthly Breakfast! For the third month in a row the tables were full as many people came into the Community Center waiting for Breakfast! The first mass, 7:30 style, proved to be the smallest crowd this time, rather than a precursor of how the day would be. It was not a bad crowd, just a little lighter than usual. The next mass was more in tune with the norm, although between



them they left us a little down on the counts. But as happens, the 10:30 Mass ended, a few people walking out the door, but then the crowd did come in... helped by a few newer Knights coming in with each having an armload of kids! It was great seeing that and all the others joining them. In talking with several people they made similar comments about seeing a lot of new faces... and they meant not only those who came to eat, but some new Brother Knights that have showed up to help the regular crew! All in all, it was a very good breakfast event... we filled the room, we offered up our great food, we had a nice turn out of helpers and we raised some money for Charity. How can you possibly beat that? And, we have been approached for another possible 'event' Breakfast coming up in a few months, so stay tuned for that! And on the plus side... we always like to have a plus side... I was thrilled when the invoice came in from our major food vendor, the price of eggs dropped dramatically this month. Who knows what next time will bring, but we take each little victory we can. It all adds up.

The question of our pricing comes up so many times, particularly for the great Steak & Eggs menu item. That 8 oz Strip Steak that **Mr. Newport** cooks so fine, paired with the Eggs **Jimmy** adds to the plate, along with **Jim**

M's toast and the potatoes **Dan** adds to the plate is a steal at \$10.00. We beat *anyone's* price on that dish. Yet we do in fact make money from it! (okay, I have cheap labor!!) But my job managing the Breakfast for these past 26 years has been to have food, have crew to prepare it, make it affordable so that people will come in, again and again, and make some money... not a lot of money, but enough to cover our costs, and add a few dollars every month to our coffers to provide the Charity we deliver to any and all in need.

Because Charity begins at home as well, and if for some of our Parishioners going out to eat is a concern, they can come here and have a world class meal for the whole family without breaking the bank. I might also add, that for those whom the meal is a steal, the amount of tips left at the front table every month is a tribute to the true generosity of the people of St. Thomas.

Peace and good will to all, see you at the next breakfast, one side of the counter or the other, on March 19th!

John



Clergy Dinner

As per usual, our Clergy Dinner scheduled for Thursday before Fat Tuesday had our usually inclement weather but that did not stop our priests, deacons and fellow knights from joining in the festivities. We did have a few cancellations, but a hearty group of travelers made it to Galati's Hideaway in Cary for an evening of good conversation, good cheer, and good food. Unfortunately, Judge Chmiel could not attend due to an installation dinner he had to attend in Chicago. He was missed by all in attendance.

We had five priests (including three of our own), six deacons with most their spouses and seven knights and their spouses. We served a total of twenty-seven for dinner. Sir Knight Greg Schuring, our current Faithful Navigator of Bishop Boylan Assembly #0198, was one of the knights in attendance.

The evening culminated with a door prize drawing for the group, and everyone went home with a coveted prize of their choosing. We received many compliments from the attendees and thanked us for continuing to do this event in recognition of their service to the church. It truly was a great evening but in all the excitement, we forgot to take our usual group photo of the attendees. We will have to remember that for next year.

Chaplains Message

The season of Lent is upon us! This is a time for renewal of our collective and personal faith journeys. It is a time for a more intentional focus on our prayer,



fasting, almsgiving, penitential practices and overall attention to our spiritual lives. Last year, as Lent began, we invited Chris Wieckert to speak to us about **Hope for Haitians**. I invited him back again last weekend to give some updates, and a renewed focus on this mission and one very important way we can gratefully look at our own resources and share with some of our neighbors who have so very little. It is my hope that we will once again respond generously to what he had to

share. Chris will also be visiting our School, Religious Education classes, and Youth Ministry on Wednesday, March 1, to give our children an important perspective of all that we have, and how we can make a difference in places where people are not nearly as fortunate as ourselves.

Our **Parish Mission** begins next Sunday evening, and we will be welcoming Frank Runyeon as our Mission Presenter. Frank Runyeon is a professional actor and a former star of afternoon Soap Operas. Now, he is paring his acting talents with his passion for his faith. He will be with us February 26, 27 and 28. On those evenings, we will (1) follow Jesus on the road with stories from Luke's Gospel, (2) sit on the hillside and listen to the most famous sermon of all time – The Sermon on the Mount, and (3) hear about how we can more fully embrace our faith in an age when many want to embrace and promote the values of Hollywood or the popular culture of our time.

A 5-part series entitled, "**A Biblical Walk Through the Mass**" will begin on Wednesday, March 1, at 7:00 pm. In this year of Eucharistic Revival, this will be

an excellent way to grow in our understanding of where our Mass comes from and what each and every symbol and action mean. It also should help more fully appreciate the greatest gift that Jesus left us, the gift of His Real Presence in the Eucharist! Too many do not fully appreciate or even believe in this most central teaching of our faith. Please take some time for this important series.

Later in March, we will bring everyone up to date on all that has taken place in our Parish Outreach Ministry with the ongoing formation our own **St. Vincent DePaul Society**. Good roots are being laid at this time, and we do hope more will now consider joining and strengthening this most important aspect of our ability to be good Christian stewards and good Christian servants. This society is committed to working with many previously established ministries, like our wonderful CL Food Pantry.

Stations of the Cross will be offered every Friday evening during Lent. There will be increased opportunities for the **Sacrament of Reconciliation** as we get closer to Holy Week and the Triduum, including our **Communal Reconciliation Service**, on Tuesday, March 21, and **Be-Reconciled Day**, on Wednesday, March 29. We will also be offering two additional **Daily Masses** at 8:30 am, on Tuesday's and Wednesday's, throughout the season of Lent.

May this Lent be a time of deepened spiritual renewal and revival in the name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, for all of you.

Peace, love and joy,

Fr. Bob Jones

Grand Knight

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few members pass (memento mori it'll happen to all of us eventually). We also have men who, for whatever reason, just decide to leave The Knights (I don't get it either, really ;-). In order to do the charitable work that we take for granted we need to continuously replenish the ranks.

Membership growth cannot be taken for granted. We need each Knight to do their part. **Have you asked someone to consider joining the Knights this year?** Have you given our Membership chair a name for our prospect list? Unfortunately, we're behind on our goals to bring members into the order, and keep our council strong. We each need to contribute to this effort.

We are a powerful council. The work we do is noticed by the Rockford Chapter Knights of Columbus, by the State Council, and by the people we help. They look to us to lead and ask about how we're doing. As a strong and powerful council the success of the Knights of Columbus as a whole depends in large part on us.

Take pride in your work, take pride in your council, and don't take it for granted.

Brothers, as always, thank you for the good works you do.

Vivat Jesus,

Joe Scherb
Grand Knight
Joe Scherb
Grand Knight



Crystal Lake Food Pantry

No one should go hungry.

Crystal Lake Food Pantry

Brothers,

Our council is working the Crystal Lake Food Pantry this 3rd Thursday. We are covering this time slot every 4th Thursday of the month and can use your help. We are in need of 8-10 volunteers to help serve our neighbors at the pantry.

(Masks are currently optional for all)

Time: 4:30pm -7:30pm

If you are interested or have any questions, please **Contact PGK, Mike Kebr** 815/814-7395

See you there.

Mike Kebr

3rd Thursday of the Month 5-7pm

4th Saturday of the Month 8am -12 noon

We need your help



Crystal Lake Food Pantry

42 East Street,
Crystal Lake, IL 60014
815-455-0961

Crystal Lake Food Pantry Article

The Northern Illinois Food Bank, that serves the Crystal Lake Food Pantry, McHenry County and 12 other counties is celebrating it's 40th anniversary of solving hunger and empowering neighbors through Northern Illinois.

The Food Bank was founded by Sister Rosemarie Burien of Wheaton. NIFB says Sister Burien witnessed people in her community suffering from food insecurity and knew "suffering from food insecurity and knew there was a surplus of food available."

This prompted her to start the Food Bank delivered 7,000 pounds of food. Today, the Food Bank reports it has a network of more than 900 food pantries, soup kitchens and other programs to provide 78 million meals a year to neighbors.

NIFB relies on the help of donors, volunteers and community partners.

Our Council volunteers at the Crystal Lake Food Pantry - 42 East Street - every fourth Thursday of the month, from 4:30 to 7pm.

That would be March 23rd. Family and friends (possible new members?) are welcome to join us. It's a great way to help neighbors.

BSA Troop 127 will be running their annual "Scouting For Food" Drive Saturday March 4th. If you live in the area around St. Thomas, you may have received a door knocker/flier on February 25th. Please leave your food outside by 8am on March 4th.

The need at NIFB and the Crystal Lake Food Pantry will grow in the near future. Extra SNAP benefits are ending as US lawmakers resume battle over program that

helps low-income Americans buy food. Those neighbors will find it harder to put enough food on the table starting in March 2023, after a COVID-19 pandemic-era boost to Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program benefits comes to an end.

Congress mandated this change in budget legislation it passed in late December 2022. Roughly 41 million Americans are currently enrolled in this program, which the government has long used to ease hunger while boosting the economy during downturns.

Many families enrolled in the program, commonly known as SNAP but sometimes called food stamps, stand to lose an average of roughly \$90 per person a month.



Fourth Degree



Our February 11th Exemplification went off as planned and we had 120+ new Sir Knights brought into the 4th Degree. After the pandemic isolation we had gone through the last few years, it was nice to see a room full of candidates being knighted into the Degree. We had almost 400 for dinner that evening as well. The next Degree will be on May 20th at St. Daniel the Prophet Parish at 5337 S Natoma Ave, Chicago, IL 60638. More details to follow shortly but if you are interested in joining, please see one of the many Sir Knights in our Council or reach out to me.

The \$100 uniform allowance offered by the Assembly for this Fraternal year has been used up. The Council still has four \$100 uniform allowance for this Fraternal year so if you are a Sir Knight, take advantage of it before others beat you to it.

The final dues notice for 2023 went out this past week. If you have not paid your 4th Degree dues, please get them in. If you are having financial hardship, please contact our Faithful Navigator or myself for consideration of dues relief. It will be held in the strictest of confidence.

Our next Assembly meeting is on March 8th at 7:30 PM at Holy Apostles in McHenry. If you are a Sir Knight and not getting the meeting invites, please let me know and I can update your email address to rectify the situation.

Pro-Life Report

Fellow brothers,

Last month, I wrote about the sanctity of life and that we should do everything possible to honor and help- preserve it. In spite of many abortions going on, with Catholic families incurring about 50% of their births going through abortions.

There are many reasons for abortion in many individual circumstances, a number of them considered by many doctors and professionals on this subject to be valid and without further blame/recriminations. I argued that the preservation of life should always be uppermost in our minds, no matter what is happening in the "real world", We are one of the most fervent standard bearers for the Catholic faith, and thus the sanctity of life is definitely one we must behold at all reasonable efforts possible.

At this point, particularly in connection with the above paragraph, we should widen our horizons is the most sacrosanct Catholic way: Prayers, respect, honor, and remembrance for all, whether they are living, deceased, sick, in conception, in midst of to abort or not, whatever the status of a given human being.

With God being the ultimate determinant of the life's end for anyone in the universe, we must defer to Him what's ultimately proper for the life's status for our fellow beings. Beyond whatever outcome may be with particular fetuses, we must look to Him in prayer, honor, and recognition as being the best sacred "end all" on the life's determination for the unborn.

In short, God asks us to live in best possible harmony through the various determinations made with o those who deal with abortion issues. As stated in the preceding paragraph, whatever choices are made regarding the to abort or not, God asks us to love, respect, show care to all individuals. God will make the ultimate decisions and judgements with them.

Prolife Director
Pete Harren

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Wehde Receives Community Donation for Sensory Tools

Crystal Lake Knights of Columbus Fr. McCormick Council 3880 at St. Thomas the Apostle Joe Scherb (Grand Knight) and Mike Bradley (Community Director, PGK) presented a check in the amount of \$500 to Wehde Early Childhood Center on Friday, January 27, 2023.

According to Bradley, the Knights of Columbus donation is intended to help Wehde fulfill its mission to develop young students' minds. The grant money will be used to help fund the purchase of sensory and other types of therapy equipment for Wehde students.

"We are so incredibly grateful to receive this donation," said Monica Furlong, principal at Wehde Early Childhood Center. "Sensory play is promoted at a young age and allows children to explore and investigate their environment and senses."

According to Furlong, sensory toys have numerous benefits, such as increasing concentration, reducing anxiety, developing fine motor skills, and encouraging language. With the donation, Wehde will be able to support each classroom with sensory toys and assist in the overall development of each student's learning.



Supreme Chaplain's Challenge

The protection of life is a sustained prayer intention of the Church, and in particular of the Knights of Columbus.

A Higher Purpose

Lead your community in the spiritual fight to establish a culture of life. Knights and their families will come together in both public and private acts of prayer to promote the protection of life.

Overview

The protection of life is a sustained prayer intention of the Church, and in particular of the Knights of Columbus. Knights remain firmly committed to defending the right to life of every human being – from the moment of conception to natural death. To commemorate and bolster this important cause, councils will promote a novena, nine days of sustained prayer, to build up a culture of life in our parishes, homes and wider community.

SUPREME CHAPLAIN'S MONTHLY CHALLENGE

[March 2023 Supreme Chaplain's Monthly Challenge | Knights of Columbus \(kofc.org\)](#)

This Month's Challenge

MARCH 2023 SUPREME CHAPLAIN'S MONTHLY CHALLENGE

But Jesus came and touched them, saying, "Rise, and do not be afraid." (Gospel for March 5, Mt 17:7)

"Do not be afraid" — we read these words often in Scripture. Here, Jesus speaks to the apostles, awestruck at his Transfiguration. In a similar way, the angel told St. Joseph, "Do not be afraid" to take Mary, who had conceived the Christ Child, as his wife. The knowledge that God is with us should encourage and strengthen us. Sometimes, as with the apostles, we are overwhelmed by the mysteries of faith; at other times the challenges of living our faith in a secular culture seem daunting. Yet Christ continually empowers us



as he calls us: "Rise, and do not be afraid."

Challenge by Supreme Chaplain Archbishop William E. Lori:

This month, in which we celebrate the feast of St. Joseph, I challenge you to watch the documentary *St. Joseph: Our Spiritual Father* (available for free at [kofc.org/stjoseph](#)), reflecting on St. Joseph's courage. Second, I challenge you to participate in the Faith in Action Pilgrim Icon program, which features an icon of St. Joseph.

Questions for Reflection:

What are you afraid of? Do your fears prevent you from fully following God's will in your life? How can you imitate the courage of St. Joseph?

Photos of 3880



St. Patrick's Irish Fest!

Live Irish Music, with the Nippersink Rogues
McNulty Irish Dancers
Delicious Corned Beef and Cabbage
Coffee, Tea and Desserts
Wine, Beer available

St. Thomas Community Center
Saturday, March 11, 2023
Doors open at 6 PM; Dinner at 6:45 PM
Adults: \$20; Children under 12: \$10

Knights of Columbus, Fr. McCormick Council 3880
Tickets available online, in the Narthex & Community Room.
Contact Matt Carzoli — 815-216-1391



Free throw champions with our District Deputy, Jerry Weber.



Always ready to serve up Hot Dogs, Brats and Chips, etc.!

Coming March 11, 2023

Good of The Order

Knights Birthday March 2023

- Joseph Alger
- Kevin Anderson
- George A. Boulet
- Joseph I. Clark
- Sarnie Coliflores
- Marc Duffy
- John Paul Georgy
- Robert S. Mackinlay
- Ronald E. Meissen
- Robert Newport
- Christopher Olsen
- Glendon Schutz
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- Karen Ferrero, III
- Gail Lehner
- Cathleen Martin
- Cheryl Newport
- Heather Pearson
- Irene Skaja
- Saundra Zehker
- Marilyn Zopp

Update Your Membership Info

[Click here to update it.](#)

Anniversaries March 2023

None for March



Read the Bible and Pray the Rosary.

Notice:

If you would or your wife would like to be mentioned in the Good of the Order for Birthdays and Anniversaries, please let PGK, Tim Hicklin know by sending an email to thicklin@aol.com



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

Wives Birthday March 2023

Fifth Sunday Memorial Mass—April 30, 2023— 9:00 AM

5th SUNDAY

Sunday pr 30th is a Fifth Sunday of the month for which the 9AM Mass is in memory for the Deceased Members of Council 3880 including our namesake Father Edwin A. McCormick. The health and safety standards during the Pandemic have changed our attendance and participation at Mass. If your health condition provides, please consider attending in your Blue Shirt and for those Past Grand Knights, the White Shirt as a worthy memento of your service to the Council. But attendance should not limit the moment of prayer on that day. As well as attending or streaming Mass that day, find a place to hear an inner voice or view of His creation and if the weather is conducive, stand outside on that Sunday, long enough to say a decade.



Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with you;

Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb, Jesus.

Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners now and at the hour of our death.

Amen.

And from the gentle repetition of each prayer be mindful of our deceased members, their faith in their clergy, love of Our Lady and how each lived a life in recognition of Tempus Fugit, Memento Mori.

Robert Kosin

Prayer During the Pandemic

Prayer composed by Pope Francis seek Our Lady's Intercession

It's never too late. Join us in this Novena - 3/15 to 3/23. Do it on your own!
Join us in saying this prayer, from your home, with your family. Simply download and print the prayer by selecting one of the links below:

- [I1036 - Full Page Version](#)
- [I1036A - Card Version](#)
- [I1036B - Multiple Card Version](#)

Vivat Jesus



Council Calendar—2022-2023



February 2023	March 2023	April 2023
2/7 Business Meeting 2/16 Clergy Night 2/18 Food Pantry 2/19 Breakfast 2/22 Ash Wednesday 2/25 Food Pantry 2/28 Officers Meeting	3/7 Business Meeting 3/11 St. Paddy's Dinner/Dance 3/18 Food Pantry 3/19 Breakfast 3/25 Food Pantry 3/28 Officers Meeting	4/1 Exemplification? 4/4 Business Meeting 4/6-8 Triduum 4/9 Easter 4/21-23 KofC State Convention 4/25 Officer's Meeting

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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 service of their neighbor. Through the example of his life and virtue, may we follow your 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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Make the Right Choice!
 Life is not Your Choice. It's Your Responsibility!

