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Grand Knight's Report

Jan

By SK, Joe Scherb

**D**ear Brothers. Hopefully your New Year has started off well. Sometime long ago I was taught that anyone can win if they're dealt a good hand, but it's how you play when you're dealt a bad hand that matters. No doubt, Covid has been kicking the snot out of us. We all have family and friends that have been dealing with the virus, and all of you have been in my prayers. We've had to cancel the Polish Dinner, and made the decision to cancel breakfast as well, but as it's been said "This too shall pass".



I would like to recognize the efforts of the Polish Dinner crew, Dan, Pete, Jim, Marc, John, Kevin, Mikes Bradley & Brucker, and of course DGK Matt. They did all the work, including raising, and refunding, about \$2000 in ticket sales, without getting to enjoy the fruits-kolachkes of their efforts.

Meanwhile, the Covid surge is starting to recede and there remains much to do. The Top 10 list sent out through Flocknote highlighted this. (If you're not getting flocknote PLEASE let me know. It's our primary form of council communication). There are opportuni-

ties big and small for #EveryMemberActive. We've been dealt a challenging hand, how are you going to play it?

Finally this month Supreme rolled out it's Affiliate Member Program. This allows councils to more easily remove non-dues paying members from it's roster. With the launch of this program we will no longer need to carry men who do not meet their annual dues obligation. The council will direct more funds towards charitable activity instead of paying dues for inactive members.

As dues are only \$25, I'd much rather keep men in the council. If you haven't paid dues this year, please do. If you have an issue with me, the council, the council activities, or anything else, please reach out. You joined for a reason, if we're failing to live up to a promise I'd like to know about it. We can discuss why you joined and how the knights can better serve you. #LeaveNoBrotherBehind.

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

Vivat Jesus,

Joe Scherb

Deputy Grand Knight's Report

Jan

By SK, Matt Carzoli

The Polish dinner committee met often around Christmas and the New Year. Unfortunately, we had to cancel Monday the 3rd. Sales were lighter than expected but the decision was based more about keeping our members and parishioners safe. We graciously received several donations through the refund process. Thanks to SK Dan O'Connell and WW Pete Harren for your help to get through all our calls. I'll have a full report during our next meetings.

The council had a good blood drive showing on January the 15th. Thanks again to SK Dan O'Connell, Annette O'Connell and of course PGK John Orso our Blood drive chair. I'll let them give you the details in the coming meetings.

The Free throw championship is Saturday, January 22nd. Thanks to WGG Mike Kebr for co-chairing this event come back!

We have almost finished the required programs for the Columbian award this fraternal year. There is one more family event that will be planned. The event will promote Good Friday mass attendance to St Thomas parish families.

Stay tuned and may God bless you and your families,

Vivat Jesus

Matt Carzoli



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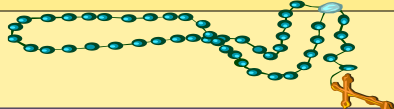
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## Knights Monthly Breakfast Jan

By PGK, John Stefani

### Breakfast... in these frying times!!! John Stefani, PGK FS

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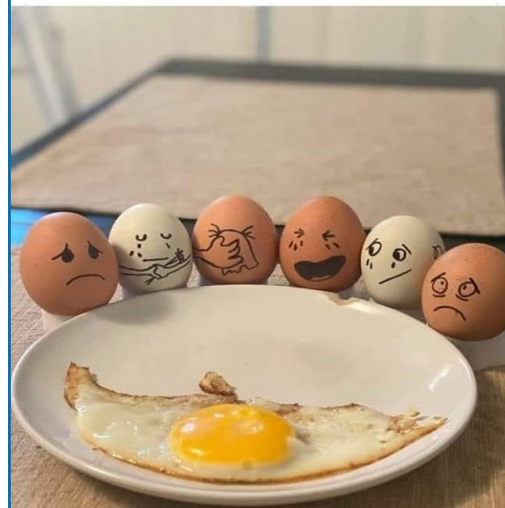


After discussing the situation with the GK and our Worthy Pastor/Chaplain, I felt it was the prudent move, considering we had just cancelled the Polish Dinner. The Worthy DGK and his team did so much prep work for that, and it was a bitter pill to swallow making that call. It just seemed right to follow suit. But we are planning to be there in February, on the 20<sup>th</sup> all ready to go... Keep praying and keep safe, and see you there!

John

is a old one, but fitting times! I have only celled the Breakfast a of times in the past 20 years I have been it, but these times are thing but normal!

He died last fry day. Thank God he wasn't beaten. Don't worry, he went over easy. He's now on the sunny side. He's definitely in a better plate.



## Membership Jan

Jan

By Bob Wyman

### Happy New Year!

I hope you and your families are safe and healthy. COVID has come back again, be careful out there!

We had a successful fiscal year in membership, bringing in transfers and new members into our council. Currently we are at 8 new members through transfers and new members. Our Delta Drive we had for new members in October was well received by the parish and generated inquires and new members. The 3 exemplifications we had with the new format that was open to the public was well received. Our team did a great job!

Going forward, we will be doing pulpit talks at the Masses and an open house in the community room, to sign up new members in early March. Details will follow. **WE NEED YOUR HELP!!!**

Brothers, we always need your support in bring-

ing in new members into our council. Remember, it's easy for the prospect to join online <https://www.kofc.org/secure/en/join/join-the-knights.html> or use the form 100. Questions, please let me know.

Robert Wyman  
Membership Chair  
KC Council 3880



## Troop and Pack 127

Jan

By Dan O'Connell

## Scouting Teaches Life Skills and More

The Troop was practicing for the upcoming Klondike Derby but also learned some



important first aid lessons. The picture to the left shows the scouts lifting an "injured" person on a stretcher made from two poles and a blanket. They then carried the person around the room and set him back down safely. In the wil-

derness, this would come in handy if someone is incapacitated and needed to be carried out to safety.

The scouts were also practicing their knots for the knot tying competition at Klondike. Seven knots are key to Scouts BSA. They are: Square Knot, Bowline, Sheet Bend, Clove Hitch, Two Half Hitches, Taut-line Hitch and the Timber Hitch. If you would like to learn how to tie these knots, you can watch it [here](#). You will then know all the knots a scout does to get to his or her First Class rank.

The Pack was busy with the Holidays but is now back in full swing. They headed to [Eagle Cave](#) for an overnight stay in the cave. You

can explore over 3,000 feet of passages in the cave and get a little muddy along the way. It is always recommended you bring clothes that may not necessarily come clean again.

The Pack has the Pinewood Derby coming up on January 29<sup>th</sup> in the Community Center. The scouts are in the process of building their cars for race day. If they win their rank class at the Pack level, they will move onto the Council level competition held at CherryVale mall in Rockford at the end of April.

They will also have an opportunity to participate in the Klondike Derby with the Troop at the beginning of February. The Troop has invited the Webelos and AOL scouts to a practice session on January 31<sup>st</sup> to practice some of the events that will be contested. It is always a fun outing for all.

Thank you for your continued support of Cub Scout Pack 127 and Scouts BSA Troop 127. We are looking forward to another exciting year and wish you all the best in 2022.



## Chaplain's Message

Jan

By, Rev. Bob Jones

January 22, 1973, marks the landmark decision by the Supreme Court allowing a pregnant woman to abort her unborn child. Abortion has always and will always be a grave sin in the eyes of the Catholic Church, and up this date in our nation's history, it was also considered to be an illegal act. It was considered an illegal act, because it was seen as the direct taking of a person's life and viewed as a murder. The first National Sanctity of Human Life Sunday was celebrated on January 22, 1984, in reaction to the rapid growth of abortions and the serious implications for our society and our constitution.

Unfortunately, not all Americans celebrate this most important day. Over the past 50 years, many hearts have been hardened and many eyes have been blinded to the harsh reality of abortion. Tragically, to some people abortion is just another elective "health procedure". And more tragically, to others it is seen as a way to make money. This terrible thinking has led to over 60,000,000 (sixty million) deaths by abortion since 1973.

I would like to personally thank the Knights of Columbus for being on the front lines of the battle to promote Pro-Life attitudes, actions and activities. On the weekend of January 22/23, St. Thomas the

Apostle has invited Kendra Picchiatti, a nurse at Focus Women's Center in McHenry, to speak at all the Masses. Focus is a women's medical clinic that focuses on meeting women and girls who have unplanned pregnancies and helping them make life giving choices. Focus Women's Center works closely with First Way Life Center, in Johns I ask our brother Knights to keep the important work of these pro-life centers in your prayers and to possibly consider supporting them financially, as well. God bless you my brothers as we celebrate the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Year of our founding as a parish, by Fr. McCormick, the priest whom our council is named for!

Peace, love and joy,  
Fr. Bob Jones



## Crystal Lake Food Pantry

Jan

By PGK, John Stefani



No one should go hungry.

After a short hiatus, the **Knights** are back at the **Crystal Lake Food Pantry!!** Through the efforts of **Grand Knight Joe Scherb**, Fr. McCormick is once again adding an outside Charitable Event to its roster of Community activities! As many of you may know, the **GK** recently asked at a Membership Meeting about us serving at the pantry like we have done for so many years. The membership said a resounding yes! And as usual, two Brothers were quick to stand up and take the lead. In the past, under the leadership of **Past Grand Knight Vince Esposito**, the Council had teams helping on both a Thursday evening (we were the premiere group of Thursday evenings!) and a Saturday morning. Now, thanks to these two we are back in those slots. **Past Grand Knight Mike Kebr** took the reins of Thursday nights. That team will be working the Pantry on the fourth Thursday of the month. **Worthy Chancellor Greg Ives** then 'volunteered' the men of the Parish who are in **That Man is You** to take over the third Saturday of the month (and a dozen plus of them are here in the Pantry right now as I am writing this!). If you want to join in the fun, give one of them a shout and volunteer to join them when they are at the Pantry. Like everything else we do in the Council, **THE MORE THE MERRIER!** \*

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## Fourth Degree

Jan

By SK, Dan O'Connell

February 19<sup>th</sup> Exemplification Will Be Virtual

The Assembly host a viewing at St. Thomas for our candidates and other Sir Knights who wish to attend.

The next Exemplification of the 4<sup>th</sup> Degree is scheduled for Saturday, February 19, 2022, and is now virtual. If you are a 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree Knight and want to take that next step, now is the time to fill out a Form 4 and get your place reserved. Registration for the event must be in no later than February 12<sup>th</sup> and the last Assembly meeting to have your application approved is February 9, 2022. Please see one of our many Sir Knights in the Council for a Form 4 or let me know and I can get it to you. You can find the reservation paperwork [here](#). Please complete it with a check in the amount of \$50 payable to Alex Tennant, Master along with your Form 4 and give it to Dan O'Connell.

Bishop Boylan Assembly will have our candidates meeting at St. Thomas to view the Exemplification and be knighted by our Faithful Navigator Andrew Voloch. We will be in the Community Center and gathering will begin at 9 AM. Any current Sir Knights who have not witnessed an Exemplification in a while, this may be a good time to attend. You can use the same reservation form in the packet to reserve your spot at the event. You can wear your tuxedo if you wish or a dark suit with white shirt and conservative tie. Registration is free for Sir Knights who wish to observe but you must register. You can also view from home but must register and view in privacy. Our next Assembly meeting is February 9<sup>th</sup> at Holy Apostles in McHenry at 7:30 PM and will also be available virtually. If you are not getting the meeting invites, please contact Dan O'Connell and verify/update your email address.

Vivat Jesus!

Pro-Life

Jan

Novena for Life

[Novena for Life - Life Programs | Knights of Columbus](#)

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

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.

A Higher Purpose

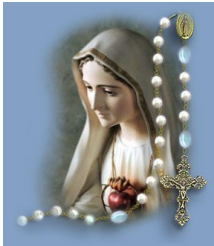
Lead your community in the spiritual fight to establish a culture of life. Knights and their families will come together in both public and private acts of prayer to promote the protection of life.

SUPREME CHAPLAIN'S MONTHLY CHALLENGE [Supreme Chaplains Challenge | Knights of Columbus\(kofc.org\)](#)

January

we look past appearances and see the true worth of every human person — and rejoice in the gift of life.

And behold, the star that they had seen at its rising preceded them, until it came and stopped over the place where the child was. They were overjoyed at seeing the star, and on entering the house they saw the child with Mary his mother. They prostrated themselves and did him homage. (Gospel for Jan. 2, Mt 2:9-11)



In so many ways, Jesus was not what was expected. He came to us not as a powerful earthly king or military leader, but as the helpless child of a poor family. Even so, the pagan Magi recognized the child as a newborn king. The true dignity of all human beings can at times be difficult for us to see and recognize. But, like the Magi, may

Challenge by Supreme Chaplain Archbishop William E. Lori:

This month, I challenge you to offer one decade of the rosary each day — individually or as a family — for the intention of life. Second, I challenge you to participate with your brother Knights in the Novena for Life, March for Life, and/or Pregnancy Center Support Faith in Action programs.

Questions for Reflection:

How can you live your life in such a way as to inspire a change of hearts and minds to a pro-life position? What concrete actions can you take to build a culture of life, such as supporting pregnancy resource centers? How can you better incorporate praying for life into your own prayer life?

Prayer for Protection in Time of Pandemic

By Robert Kosin

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:

- [11036 - Full Page Version](#)
- [11036A - Card Version](#)
- [11036B - Multiple Card Version](#)

Vivat Jesus



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[www.prolife-victory.com](http://www.prolife-victory.com)

## From the desk of the Financial Secretary

PGK, John Stefani

Worthy Brothers, greetings!



We are now into the 2022 calendar year... the Knights use both the calendar year, and the Fraternal Year, July 1<sup>st</sup> to June 30<sup>th</sup> for distinct reasons. The Calendar year is what we use for annual dues. A Member in Good Standing has his dues paid as close to January 1<sup>st</sup> as he can... but always some delay happens. It is my job to send a second notice out for all dues not paid by January 31<sup>st</sup>. But I would like to hold off on that for a little while so everyone can catchup. As of this writing there are 142 (of the 300 plus) members who have not paid yet. Depending on your point of view, of those over 80 have not paid in a while... that while being some over 10 years behind. The Council goes through a process each year with members of the Retention Committee trying to find out why this happens. Realistically, there are members who join and then just do not want to be a Knight anymore. Sad but true. A number of them have moved away and we can not locate them, to even talk with them. This makes the process of removing them more difficult with the steps we re required to take. the good news there is that Supreme is trying to help. Several of us will be on a Webinar with Supreme this evening as they outline a new program that will be to everyone's benefit. Those of you who

have not paid for the current year, I urge you to do so sooner rather than later. It is in the best interest of the Council, especially financially. Those who are only a year or two behind, talk to me! If you can only pay part of it now, that is a major accomplishment! And something we may be able to help with. Our goal is happy paid-up members, it is not to remove people in arrears. that also begs the question, if you are behind, is it something we did, or worse yet, *did not* do to brig you along into the Knights? The Grand Knight and the rest of the Officers are overly concerned if that is the case... and we need to fix that. One way is that you should have recently received an Annual Survey. Did you get that? did you honestly fill it out and let us know if we have fallen behind in your expectations? If we have a problem, the first thing to fixing it is to know about it! Tell us!! Let us ALL get together and build up this Council and build up our Parish and our faith. Call me, text me, or call me... anytime, about anything. Peace! John

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If the dues are a hardship this year, please seek me out and talk to me... the FS has the authority to waive the dues for cause... and that is between you and me. Just us... call I may be reached by phone / text at (815) 679-6596 or [jstefani44fs3880@aol.com](mailto:jstefani44fs3880@aol.com) John

## Pop-Tops

### Happy Anniversary You Little Bit of Aluminum

The new calendar is on the wall and anniversaries are noted. For Councill 3880. it is the ten-year anniversary of collecting pop tabs for the Ronald McDonald House. The Council at its meeting 2012 authorized the collection of pop tops and that year two shopping bags full of pop tops were delivered to the McDonald HQ in Oak Brook. In the years there after, more or less was collected, some by families to do that something for someone whose family was using the McDonald House facilities. Others were collected in a jar or cup and after a season, made their contribution to the cause. But not just soda pop tabs! Those littlest bits of aluminum come from energy drinks, vegetables, soup or any aluminum can weighing in at about 0.65 pounds per thousand (0.0104 ounces each).



The tabs still have no special value other than the fact that when gathered can benefit others by their recyclable value or a tangible connection to caring. The real beneficiary is the programs of the Ronald McDonald House Charities which provide a bridge to quality health care and give children and families the time they need together to heal faster and cope better. Because in some ways that's what Knights of Columbus do too.

So, when it can occur in 2022, the container will be out for the collection of tabs. And if there is a collection of pop tabs found around the house from 2021 or earlier, please consider bringing it to a Council event. Or with that collection of pop tabs in hand, rather than looking for the container, ask your Brother Knight where the smallest contribution has the potential of providing the greatest of shelter for those in need. Happy Anniversary pop top., we hope to collect a thousand more like you.

## Seminarians

By SK Pete Herran

- Seminarian education reimbursement. 5 names have been chosen, including Kevin Gregus, Darren Stassen, Ian Ordonez, Ryan Nooraee, Connor Orabutt,.. Working with the Rockford Diocese and the KofC national in New Haven, 500.00 in total reimbursement to the Council is anticipated by June. This program involves sending letters of their spiritual appreciation and 500.00 checks to ease some of their educational expanse. Priests have said many times that this program has given them additional impetus to continue their studies and afforded them some relief from the \$\$ that they had to expend into their tuitions. We have supported seminarians for at least 20 year
- To support the upcoming St. Patrick's dinner, I am and have negotiated great beverage prices with a large local liquor and beverage supplier.
- I will continue to be an active member of the Degree team, helping initiate new knights from all over McHenry County

## Good of the Order

### Knights' February Birthdays:

- Patrick J. Cleary
- Edward J. Dvorak
- Keith M. Fisher
- William G. Genzler
- Thomas P. Harold
- Robert Kosin
- Charles Lundgren
- Matthias Martin
- Robert L. Modrich
- Mark Nelson
- Marc Niemann
- Trevor D. O'Donnell
- John B. Scott
- E. James Skaja
- Gregory Thomas

### Wives February Birthdays:

- Carol Anderson
- Sue Reed
- Sheri Turk
- Lisa Waggoner

### February Anniversaries:

- John M. and Karen Ferrero, III

### Good of the Order— Pray For List is included in your- January 2022 Minutes

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Read the Bible and Pray the Rosary.



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

## Fifth Sunday Memorial Mass—Jan. 30, 2022 —9:00AM

By SK, Robert Kosin

### 5<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY

Sunday January 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.



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Grand Knight's Report

Feb

By SK, Joe Scherb

Dear Brothers.  
**Bottom line, for this month, is that the council continues to be blessed with success in its efforts.** 1) Our programs continue to tick along well under the leadership of the Program Director (Matt), and the program chairs (Mikes Keber, Bradley, and Brucker). 2) Our membership continues to grow with a lot of hard work from our Membership Chair (Robert Wyman) and the entire degree team. And 3) we've completed our 2nd Fraternal Benefit



Night, meeting the requirement for the Founders Award.

We also calculated that **we've sent out over \$24K in charitable disbursements.** That includes support of our parish, parish ministries, scouting and youth activities, and other local charities.

We are continuing to work together as a strong, growing council, and our parish and community are benefiting from our charitable work.

There's one area I would like to ask for your continued support however. We still have many members we just don't see around very often. Lack of time is often a problem, so Supreme has published a guidebook suggesting each Knight try to participate 24

hours a year.

- 12 hours a year reading the weekly parish bulletin, the state and local council newsletters, Columbia magazine, and surfing the state council and Supreme Council Websites.
- 2 hours a year volunteering at the council's annual drive for people with intellectual disabilities.
- 2 hours a year attending, with his family, two council corporate Communion or prayer services at the parish.
- 2 hours a year on a council-sponsored Church, community, council family or youth project of his choosing.
- 2 hours a year attending one council meeting. (Our meetings typically last less than 1hr.)
- 4 hours a year enjoying (again, with his entire family) a council social function such as a dinner, dance, picnic, etc.

Please look into your own involvement and give this consideration. We're having a great year and want all of our members to celebrate that. I've been touting the mantra of #EveryMemberActive because the council is only as strong as it's membership. With your ongoing support our council will continue to be strong, growing, and impactful.

Brothers, as always, thank you for the good works you do.  
Vivat Jesus, Joe Scherb

Deputy Grand Knight's Report

Feb

By SK, Matt Carzoli

January may have ended without breakfast but we had our first night back at the Food Pantry since the fall of 2020. Thanks to PFK Mike Kebr for chairing this comeback event for the council. 26 families were served with almost 3,500 pounds of food. Our council will be there every fourth Thursday of each month from 5-7pm. There is also every third Saturday opportunities with TMIY from 8-noon. I encourage you to come and help us help our neighbors.

Thomas the Apostle School children. This was a blessed event for a former parent of a students and alumni like myself. Please join us for our next one on May 29th at 9am mass. This is a great way to honor and pray for our fallen brother knights while building *Fraternity* with those here on earth.

God bless you and your families,  
Vivat Jesus

Matt Carzoli



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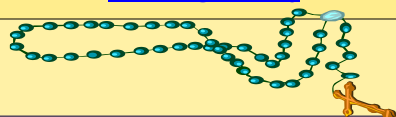
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## Knights Monthly Breakfast Feb

By PGK, John Stefani

### Breakfast... It is on again!!!



...well, maybe, sort of? Like so much about this recent January, the Breakfast was called... that stupid COVID-19 and variations was rearing its ugly head again. So, the decision was made to not hold the Breakfast, just like the Council had to call off the Polish Dinner. They were both tough decisions to make... It was pretty much left to me on the breakfast, and the call on the Polish Dinner was mostly left to **Worthy Deputy Grand Knight Matt Carzoli**. I was doing some work on that, but no where the amount of time Matt put into it. It hurt all around when he had to make that call... but we are resilient if nothing else, us men of 3880! Each step was we took the **Grand Knight** was right there beside us... He offered his consul to the Council (ok, sorry, I could not pass that up!) but heard from all who offered a suggestion or advice. Our **Worthy Chaplain / Pastor Fr. Bob** was consulted all along the way and let us know he would back us regardless of our decisions. It was rewarding as all conversations included the lost revenue, but the main emphasis was on safety and missing an oppor-

tunity to share with our Parish in normal things they want and expect... but were also so understanding about. How understand? When you see Matt ask him about the people he returned Polish Dinner ticket money to and was told to keep it! Ask Matt and Cesar about the people who came to this month's Breakfast, gave extra money, and told them to 'pay forward' to the next family who walked thru the door. Tell me we do not make a difference around here. This is why guys come forward to help out... to offer to lead or just be part of the pack, because we make a difference for others. We give a reason to come to an event because we share a bond with the Parishioners... they know we are raising money, but not for things for 'us,' but for whoever needs it. Whoever.

Breakfast this past weekend was lightly attended, but only slightly fewer than normal... we will be right back to where we were very soon. So, take care of yourselves and your family and friends... we do count, and we all sleep better for it.

But we WILL be there again on March 20<sup>th</sup>, all ready to go again... as usual, as 3880! a vital part of St. Thomas the Apostle Parish!  
Keep praying and keep safe and see you there...  
John

## Membership Feb

Feb

By Bob Wyman

On February 20, 2022, our exemplification team helped Council 12824 at Saint Peter and Paul Church in Cary by performing a 3<sup>rd</sup> degree exemplification. Their council doesn't have a team yet. Council 12824 did the "Father Wants You" campaign. It is the same one we are doing now. The campaign generated two new members for their council and created interest in other men to join their council. We also had **Brian Govern** attend the ceremony who joined online and needed to attend the degree. He joined our council. An update on "Father Wants You" for our council. We have generated a list of candidates (about 40). A personalized letter from Father Jones was mailed out in parish envelopes and sent out to each prospect asking them to consider joining the Knights of Columbus Council 3880. The letter invited the prospects to a meet and greet on March 15, 2022. At this meeting they will find out more about the Knights of Columbus and possibly joining our council. In the next few weeks, we will be following up the letter with a phone call to each prospect to ask if they will be attending the meeting and if they

have any questions. At our business meeting on March 1, 2022, I will give an update and ask for help doing phone calls.

Robert Wyman  
Membership  
Council 3880



## Troop and Pack 127

Feb

By Dan O'Connell

## Scouting Teaches Life Skills and More



The Troop was practicing for the upcoming Klondike Derby but also learned some important first aid lessons. The picture to the left shows the scouts lifting an "injured" person on a stretcher made from two poles and a blanket. They then carried the person around the

room and set him back down safely. In the wilderness, this would come in handy if someone is incapacitated and needed to be carried out to safety.

The scouts were also practicing their knots for the knot tying competition at Klondike. Seven knots are key to Scouts BSA. They are: Square Knot, Bowline, Sheet Bend, Clove Hitch, Two Half Hitches, Taut-line Hitch, and the Timber



Hitch. If you would like to learn how to tie these knots, you can watch it [here](#). You will then know all the knots a scout does to get

to his or her First Class rank.

Unfortunately, the Troop did not fair well at Klondike Derby and it was a bit chilly but a good time was had by all. Thank you, Brother John Walsh for the Cream of Cauliflower soup and grilled cheese sandwiches, on a cold day.

The Pack headed to [Eagle Cave](#) for an overnight stay in the cave. You can explore over 3,000 feet of passages in the cave and get a little muddy along the way. It is always recommended you bring clothes that may not necessarily come clean again.

The Pack had the Pinewood Derby on January 29<sup>th</sup> in the Community Center. The scouts raced the cars they built for the event. If they won their rank class at the Pack level, they will move onto the Council level competition held at CherryVale mall in Rockford at the end of April.

They will also had an opportunity to participate in the Klondike Derby with the Troop at the beginning of February. The Troop invited the Webelos and AOL scouts to a practice session on January 31<sup>st</sup> to practice some of the events that will be contested. It is always a fun outing for all.

Thank you for your continued support of Cub Scout Pack 127 and Scouts BSA Troop 127. We are looking forward to another exciting year in Scouting and hope your 2022 is your best year ever. God Bless you and your families.



## Chaplain's Message

Feb

By Rev Bob Jones

We are about to begin the holy and penitential season of Lent. This is a great time as Catholics to get back to the basics of our faith. The readings of Ash Wednesday remind us of the important spiritual practices of prayer, fasting and almsgiving. I would like to highlight a few opportunities that we will be offering at St. Thomas the Apostle this Lenten season:

**THE SEARCH** – This is a seven-week series that will explore some of the basic questions that many people have. The truth is, we are all searching for something: Why am I here? Will I ever be happy? Who is Jesus? How can I have faith? Why a Church? The story of human history has largely been a story of faith. We need a relationship with our maker, and a relationship with life, to make sense of everything. **THE SEARCH** leads people to probe the deepest questions of the human heart, exploring the meaning and purpose of life. We will be offering 3 opportunities for you to join: One session will gather on Tuesdays at 6:30-8:00 pm and the other is on Wednesdays from 1:00 to 2:30 pm. These sessions begin March 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> in the Community Room. There will also be a 3<sup>rd</sup> option which is a home option, since this series is on Formed, which our parish has a subscription to.

**PARISH MISSION** – Deacon Ron Willie Williams from our diocese will be presenting a Parish Mission on three consecutive evenings, March 7-9, from 6:30 to 8:00 pm. The Mission is entitled, "Stories for Your Faith Walk from the Camino de Santiago", which is the Pilgrimage

of St. James. Each night we will encounter God's mercy as Deacon Williams walks us through his own Camino, including stories of his gritty life experiences that surfaced while he was traveling the Camino. He will also share personal reflective prayers, and spiritual insights that God awakened in him. The goal will be to get us to dig deeper into our own spiritual lives.

**LIGHT OF THE WORLD RETREATS** – We will be offering 2 retreats, one in English (March 18-21), and one in Spanish (March 25-28). The retreats are focused on the basic teachings of our faith, through an exploration of God's loving plan for us, the invitation of His Son, Jesus, and the power that the Holy Spirit offers us on a daily basis.

**HOPE FOR HAITIANS** – This will be an almsgiving opportunity that can connect with our prayers and fasting efforts during the Lenten season. Hope for Haitians is a charitable organization that began in our diocese 20 years ago. They have been helping people in the poorest country in the western hemisphere build new villages one home at a time, and in the process providing jobs, education, security, dignity and most importantly real hope for their future.

These are just a few of the wonderful opportunities that our parish will be offering in this holy season called Lent. May God bless you and I pray you have a prayerful and spiritually fulfilling season. Peace, love and joy, Fr. Bob Jones

## Food Pantry

Feb

By PGK, Mike Kebr

Brothers,



If you are interested or have any questions, please contact me. See you there.

Mike Kebr  
Mkebr@comcast.net  
815-814-7395

Our council is working the Crystal Lake Food Pantry this Thursday, February 24th. We are covering this time slot every 4th Thursday of the month and can use your help.

**Crystal Lake Food Pantry**  
42 East Street,  
Crystal Lake, IL 60014 815-455-0961  
[www.clfoodpantry.org](http://www.clfoodpantry.org)



We are in need of **8-10 volunteers** to help serve our neighbors at the pantry. (Volunteers must wear a mask at all times while inside the facility)

**Date:** Thursday February 24th  
**Time:** 4:30pm -7:30pm

## Fourth Degree

Feb

By SK, Dan O'Connell



The next Exemplification will be held in May. More information to follow on that event. The Master is planning for it to be in person so if you know of a 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree Brother Knight you think is a good candidate, please get him a Form 4 to complete and turned into the Assembly.

The virtual Exemplification of the 4<sup>th</sup> Degree occurred on February 19, 2022, and Bishop Boylan Assembly welcomed nine new members. Among those taking the Degree were Council 3880 Brother Knights (and real brothers) Matt and John Carzoli. We also had a good showing from Elizabeth Ann Seaton Council 10678 with four Brother Knights joining the 4<sup>th</sup> Degree. St. Thomas Community Center was a great venue for the virtual Degree for all of our candidates together to witness the Patriotic Degree.

Our next Assembly meeting is March 9<sup>th</sup> at Holy Apostles in McHenry at 7:30 PM and will also be available virtually. If you are not getting the meeting invites, please contact Dan O'Connell and verify/update your email address. Vivat Jesus!

## Pop-Tops continued

Feb

By SK, Bob Kosin

### Pop-Tabs Update

Five years ago, the Council contributed its collection to the Backe family as they themselves were collecting for their daughter who was just born with a congenital heart condition. The daughter still requires surgery and medical treatment, and the family has collected 2 million pop tabs, intending to reach 3 million, for Ronald McDonald House Charities. About 1,128 pop tabs equal one pound and bring in 40 to 50 cents in revenue. Through the nationwide Pop Tab program, an average of \$6,000 a year goes to Ronald McDonald House. [www.dailyherald.com/news/20220215/special-like-me-crystal-lake-dad-gets-tattoo-just-like-his-4-year-old-daughters-scar](http://www.dailyherald.com/news/20220215/special-like-me-crystal-lake-dad-gets-tattoo-just-like-his-4-year-old-daughters-scar)



Pro-Life

Feb

Novena for Life

[Novena for Life - Life Programs | Knights of Columbus](#)

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.

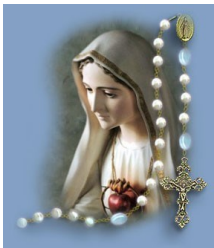
**Overview**

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** [Supreme Chaplains Challenge | Knights of Columbus\(kofc.org\)](#)

**February**

**When Simon Peter saw this, he fell at the knees of Jesus and said, "Depart from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man." For astonishment at the catch of fish they had made seized him and all those with him, and likewise James and John, the sons of Zebedee, who were partners of Simon. Jesus said to Simon, "Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching men." (Gospel for Feb. 6, Lk 5:8-10)**



Simon Peter recognizes Jesus for who he is and deems himself unworthy to be in his presence. Jesus, in calling the fisherman to follow him, tells him not to fear. Every one of us is a sinner, and yet Jesus calls each of us to follow him. It is not our own virtues or qualifications, but rather Jesus who empowers us with his

grace to respond to his invitation. Brothers, remember St. Paul's words: "I have the strength for everything through him who empowers me" (Phil 4:13).

**Challenge by Supreme Chaplain Archbishop William E. Lori:**

This month, I challenge you to go to confession and attend at least one weekday Mass, offering it for the intention to fearlessly answer Christ's call to follow him. Second, I challenge you to participate in or consider starting the Faith in Action Into the Breach program.

**Questions for Reflection:**

Are you sometimes afraid to follow Christ more closely because you consider yourself too sinful and unworthy? Do you truly believe in and experience Christ's mercy and seek to forgive yourself as well as others? Do you stay close to the sacrament of penance in order to do battle with your own sinfulness and allow God's grace to strengthen you for spiritual combat?

**Prayer for Protection in Time of Pandemic**

By Robert Kosin

**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:

- [11036 - Full Page Version](#)
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Vivat Jesus



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St. Paddy's Day

Feb

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# Knights of Columbus

## St. Patrick's Day Dinner Party

St. Thomas Community Center

Saturday March 12, 2022

Hall opens at 6:00 PM, Dinner at 6:45 PM

Adults: \$15.00, Children under 12: \$7.00

Main Course

Traditional Corned Beef, Potatoes,  
Carrots, Cabbage & Irish Soda bread

Dessert

Sweets Table  
Coffee, Tea, Milk.

Wine & Beer available (cash bar)  
Prizes & 50/50 Raffles

Entertainment

Music & McNulty Dancers

Knights of Columbus, Fr. McCormick Council 3880

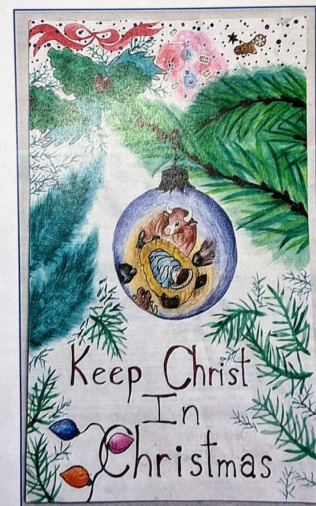
Tickets on Sale in the Narthex & Community Room.  
Contact Matt Carzoli - 815 216-1391



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## CONGRATULATIONS!

**YOUR POSTER WAS SELECTED TO MOVE  
ON TO THE ILLINOIS STATE COUNCIL  
KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS POSTER  
FINAL JUDGING.**



**GOOD LUCK!**

## Keep Christ in Christmas Awarded

Feb

By Bob Kosin

The Rockford Diocesan Chapter of the Knights of Columbus announced on February 12, 2022 that the 1st Place Award for the Keep Christ in Christmas Poster Contest, in the 11 to 14 year old age group, is Anastasia Kamysz of St. Thomas School entered on behalf of Father McCormick Council 3880, Crystal Lake.

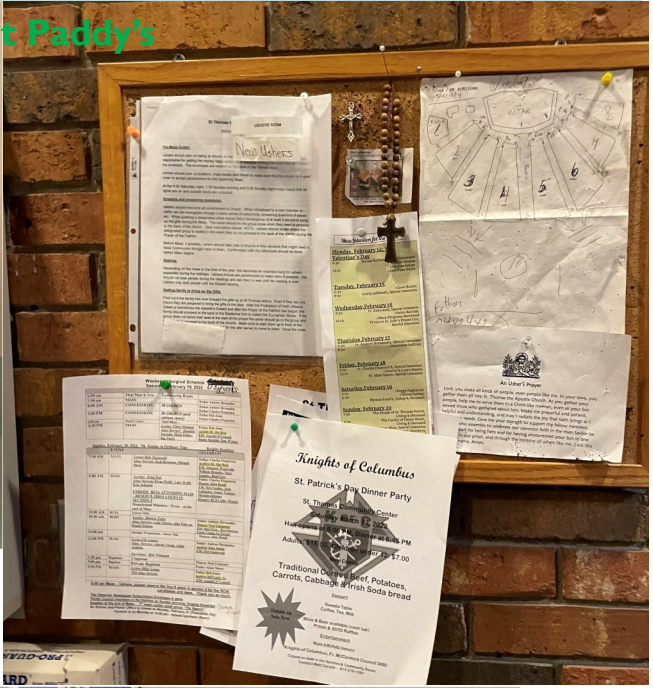
Anastasia is now qualified to participate in the statewide contest.

Attached is a photo taken at the December KofC Brunch of Anastasia, Pastor Bob (Council Chaplin) and the winning poster.

The KCIC is a national Program of the Knights of Columbus and students from St. Thomas School enter the contest each year through the Father McCormick Co



### Getting Ready for St Paddy's Dinner Dance



For her valuable assistance in so many different Knights activities . Thank you Annette O'Connell.



Council 3880 performs the Exemplification for the Cary



### Our new Cash Machine

Feb

By Bob Kosin



Not as momentous as “Mr. Watson come here I want you.” The Council has now in operation the wireless Square cash register. More like something George Jetson would expect to see when coming to the Sunday Breakfast, accepting credit cards and taps.

Actual payment was made using iWallet when operated by the DGK Matt Carzoli and receiving by email an itemized receipt with a volunteer survey. Five stars for the Breakfast. So, whatever is the event from Breakfast, St. Patrick's Dinner or on the road with the Brat-Mobile, you know now what to answer, “What's in your wallet? “

## Good of the Order

Feb

### Knights' February Birthdays:

- Joseph Alger
- Kevin Anderson
- George A. Boulet
- Joseph I. Clark
- Samie Coliflores
- Marc Duffy
- John Paul Georgy
- Robert L. Kampman
- Robert S. Mackinlay
- Ronald E. Meissen
- Robert Newport
- Christopher Olsen
- Glendon Schutz
- Joseph A. Schutz
- Jeff Sernett
- Tyler Smyth
- John J. Streit
- David Tambellini
- John P. Walsh

- Mark A. Zehker

### Wives February Birthdays:

- Bernice Ferraro
- Karen Ferrero, III
- Mary Kay Kampman
- Gail Lehner
- Cathleen Martin
- Cheryl Newport
- Heather Pearson
- Irene Skaja
- Sandra Zehker
- Marilyn Zopp

### February Anniversaries:

- Michael and Marie Habisohn

**Good of the Order—  
Pray For List is included in your  
February 2022 Minutes**

**Update Your  
Membership Info**  
[Click here to update it.](#)



**Read the Bible and  
Pray the Rosary.**



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

## Fifth Sunday Memorial Mass—May 29, 2022 —9:00AM

By SK, Robert Kosin

### 5<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY

Sunday May 29th 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.



**Council Calendar**

February 2022	March 2022	April 2022
2/1 Business Meeting 2/19 Food Pantry 2/20 Breakfast 2/22 Officers Meeting 2/24 Food Pantry Clergy Night	3/1 Mardi Gras 3/2 Business Meeting Ash Wednesday 3/13 Annual St. Pat's Dinner 3/14 Breakfast 3/19 Food Pantry 3/24 Food Pantry 3/31 Officers Meeting	4/6 Business Meeting 4/14-16 Triduum 4/17 Easter 4/26 Officer's Meeting

**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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St. Thomas the Apostle

Visit us at [KofC3880.org](http://KofC3880.org)

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