

Fr. McCormick Council 3880

Knights of Columbus



Welcome to Council 3880
Faith In Action 2022-2023

Our Council—Faith In Action



Knight Life



Grand Knight

Brothers,

Our recent and upcoming programs include Christmas trees, Breakfast, Food Pantry, TMIY, Polish Dinner, Clergy Night, and Free Throw Contest.



During tree sales, we raised money while helping families enjoy the Christmas season. We bundled up in the cold, working and laughing with our brothers, building our fraternity.

The Food Pantry allows us to more directly serve our neighbors who need our support. We give a few hours of our time to help feed others.

TMIY helps to build our personal faith and strengthen the faith of our brothers. Likewise, our Clergy Night reminds our priests that they are valued. We show them that we appreciate all they do to support our faith.

Our Polish Dinner brings good food and good times to strengthen our parish community. We serve food, clear tables, or wash dishes. It's not hard work, but it's meaningful

to serve others, it raises funds for charity, and it builds relationships between Knights and their families.

My point is this, you joined the Knights for a reason. Whatever the reason, there is something here for you.

If you joined the Knights to become part of the brotherhood, to become part of the fraternity, have you found it? If not, have you tried to build that fraternity by working together with your brothers. Have you put in the time to create and strengthen relationships? If you feel that isn't working, reach out to me.

If you've joined the Knights to build your faith life, how is it going? Do you participate in our Rosaries, TMIY, or Silver Rose? You could start a new faith activity to lead our parish or help men lead their families.

Did you join to better support and protect your family? This is the mission of Fr. McGivney. I've said it before, bring your family, and bring your spouse to our activities. Also, I can put you in touch with our field agent Ken Basel if you want to learn more about the protection Knight's insurance programs.

Now here's the catch, only you know what you're looking for. You have to show up, take the steps, get involved, and ask if you're unsure where to turn. We're brothers, we'll help you out. I'll personally do my best to help you find what you're looking for in the Knights. >> 3

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Deputy Grand Knight

After three years, over 220 people gathered in the community room for the 2023 Polish dinner. Ticket sales stated slow but were sold out at 202 after the Knights January Breakfast.

Friday night I arrived early to move table around and Bob Wyman and Kevin Scanlan had already taken care of the heavy lifting. Thanks to all that came out to finish the room for the night. The kitchen was already smelling good with Bigos cooling to make Saturday a little easier.

Doors opened promptly at 6pm. The room was filled with conversation everywhere. Greg Ives, Ralph & Gayle Gebert were hard at working selling out first raffle tickets. The line to the bar grew quickly but head bartenders Pete Harren and Mike Brucker's team kicked into gear.

Our Worthy Grand Knight kicked off the evening with some great testimony to what we do as council 3880 and Knights of Columbus worldwide. Thank you brother Fr. Andrew for leading us in prayer before the meal.



The scrumptious Barley mushroom soup and bread were served to the table and the room became quieter as everyone enjoyed the first course. Our WGK called tables to the buffet for the main course. I heard all night how good this meal was and where did we get what Polish food that was purchased. Thanks to our cooks John Stefani, Dan O'Connell and their carving help Dave Mazurk. Desserts were self serve and featured Annette O'Connell and her Mom's fantastic Kolaczki. >> 3

Special points of interest

- Please Read the Grand Knights Report

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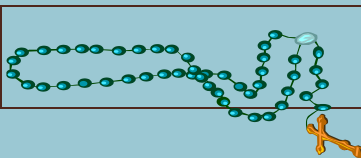
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Membership



We will be holding an Exemplification on Monday February 6, at 7:00pm at the Oak Street church. We have 2 candidates to go through the degree as of now. Hope to have more for our council

of joining the Knights, please contact him and give him the below information.
<https://www.kofc.org/secure/en/join/join-theknights.html>

Bob Wyman
Membership Chair
KC Council 3880

and others.

The names of gentlemen from the fall parish time and talent drive we received, are the two candidates that will be going through the degree. I have more names that I am contacting. If you have prospects, you have been working with, please alert them of the upcoming degree. Also, if you haven't seen an Exemplification, this would be a good time to do so, to support our new Knights and to reminder you, why you joined this great organization! Questions, please contact me.

Remember our 1st principle is CHARITY!!

Fellow Knights, if you have someone you know is thinking

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

**SIGN UP A
NEW MEMBER
TODAY!**



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Knight's Monthly Breakfast

A New Year Dawns for the Breakfast!

Amazing... the crew got there got Sunday morning, a couple regulars missing but regular subs in place... and the big question mark was "What will be the crowd like?" after that great Christmas with Santa Breakfast. Well, turns out, THEY CAME BACK! Ok, not the whole 300 plus, but we had almost 190 come to eat, so the day was a rousing success! Could



2023 be the year of the return? Don't mean to jink it, but I am an eternal (infernal??) optimist. So, we worked it and had a great time doing it. Must add that the help was a little light all around, but we did what we needed to do. Our Worthy Chaplain, Fr. Bob, is still recuperating from his recent surgery so was not there to light up the room as usual, but we did arrange to deliver a Veggie Omelet with Sausage. Keep him in your prayers as always and hopefully by the time you read this he is back!

great Dinner for the Priests of the McHenry Deanery, that Fr. Bob is the head of. This only shows **Dan O'Connell & Robert Kosin** (because I simply forgot to take pictures of **Kevin Scanlon & Pat Slowey**). Guess we were a little busy... but these four played a major part in yet another super food event for the Council in support of our Priests! The Chicken Parm over a bed of pasta with green beans followed the Cream of Chicken Rice soup and all led to some great Cheese Cake with blueberries and strawberries for dessert! A great time was had by all!!!

Oh, yeah, may as well add the down side... at the breakfast it looked like the big grill was deciding it has had enough. After talking with the GK, time to look into a replacement after so many years of faithful service. Oh, well, time marches on! Let us hope the promise of a bright future and a resurgence of the Breakfast, but mostly people coming back together for Mass, is real and will lead us on to the next chapter.

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

Talking about Food, here are a couple of pics of the crew John in action on Tuesday January 10th as the Council put on a



Pack 127 & Troop 127

Scouting – The End of an Era

After six decades of Pack 127 and Troop 127 meeting at St. Thomas the Apostle Church, the end has come. The Diocese of Rockford has reached an impasse over “insurance issues” with the Boy Scouts of America (BSA) at a national and local level that has caused the Catholic Church to sever ties with the BSA as a Chartering Organization. In the case of the Rockford Diocese, unlike other Dioceses, it will not allow the Pack or the Troop to even use the St. Thomas facilities for meetings, events or storage of equipment. We must be out by January 31st. It is a sad day indeed.



Prepared. For Life.™

As you may recall in late 2015, the Knights made the decision nationally to stop chartering packs and troops across the country. This was an unfortunate turn of events as well but fortunately we were able to find a new Charter Organization. With the help of SK Mike Chmiel, the Notre Dame Club of McHenry County stepped up and has chartered us since then. We appreciate all

the support the Knights have continued to show us over the years and will continue to volunteer for service as we can based on the new restrictive rules the Diocese has set in place.

The January 13th press release explains it in further detail and can be found [here](#). FAQ’s about the whole new set of restrictions placed on troops/packs/scouts using the facilities and other aspects of the program can be found [here](#). You may also have seen the article in The Observer dated January 20, 2023. While we continue to try and work with the Parish and the Diocese, it appears we will be vacating the premises as of the end of January. You will not see Cub Scouts or Scouts BSA young men on Monday nights or gathering on Fridays in the parking lot to be off on their next adventure for the weekend or off to Summer Camp. Thank you for your continued support of Scouting and Cub Scout Pack 127 and Scouts BSA Troop 127. Not sure when you may see us again as we navigate these new rules placed on us by the Diocese. We will be doing our best to continue to provide service to the Knights as we can and we will strive to continue to build strong citizens of tomorrow through Scouting. God Bless you and your families.

Chaplains Message



pleased with my recovery.

You may have noticed that you have not seen your pastor in a few weeks. That is because I had a partial knee replacement on both of my knees on Thursday, December 29. After the surgery, I spent a couple of nights in Northwestern Hospital, in Huntley, IL. I then had in-home physical therapy for the first 2 weeks of my recovery, as the physical therapists came right to the rectory. Dr. Daniels and the Physical Therapists have been

My initial expectations were that I would be returning to work within a couple of weeks. My doctor, the physical therapists and my body have all made it clear that those were unrealistic expectations, especially after having an operation on both knees. So, as I write this column on Martin Luther King Day (January 16), it is my sincere hope that I will be back for Mass on Sunday, January 22. So, I am

praying for a great deal of healing to happen this coming week.

I have been very faithful to my PT exercises twice each day, resting, elevating my legs and icing. I have done my best to manage pain medications, but I have felt sick to my stomach the past few days, and I believe it is due to the effects of the medication. Now, I hope to wean myself off of these meds so that my system begins to return to normal. I had PT and a doctors visit this morning and now I am extremely tired, so I am going to rest. \

Please keep me in your prayers and hopefully I will see you this weekend.

Peace, love and joy,
Fr. Bob Jones

Grand Knight

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If you are new to the council, or just haven’t been around much, don’t worry. Trust me when I say you are invited and welcomed. If you feel otherwise, please let me know.

If you’re one of the usual suspects, who’s there for everything, reach out to those you haven’t seen in a while. We are a brotherhood of catholic men. We all need to do our part to build up and support our brothers and their families.

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

Vivat Jesus,
Joe Scherb
Grand Knight

Deputy Grand Knight

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There was a great performance by the Polonia Ensemble. We got to see one of their very polished dance groups/singer with two colorful costume changes. During their performance, Bill Bransley could be seen with his famous arm length for twenty 50/50 ticket sales. He flew solo for the second raffle sales and our guests were quite generous all night.

Thanks to all who helped in any way. As I write this, I need to check some numbers with our Worthy Treasurer. My full report will be ready at the next planning meeting

January 31st and/or membership meeting on February 6th. I hope to see many of you there.

Vivat Jesus
Matt Carzoli
Deputy 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

Fourth Degree



Our February 11th Exemplification is fast approaching. Bishop Boylan Assembly has 25 candidates currently registered for the event and unfortunately none of them are from Council 3880. I would ask each Sir Knight in our Council to consider asking one of your brother 3rd Degree Knights to join the Patriotic Degree at the next Exemplification tentatively scheduled for May, 2023. If you need a Form 4 or promotional material explaining the 4th Degree, please let me know.

The last \$100 uniform allowance offered by the Assembly has been taken by one of our own. They also took advantage of the Council's \$100 reimbursement as

well thus reducing the cost of their uniform by \$200. 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 second 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 February 8th at 7:30 PM at Holy Apostles in McHenry. Please consider joining us and 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.

Vivat Jesus!

Beagle Gary: Saving One of God's Creatures from an Uncertain Future

"All things of creation are children of the Father and thus brothers of man. God wants us to help animals, if they need help. Every creature in distress has the same right to be protected." -St. Francis of Assisi

Earlier in 2022 the U.S. Department of Agriculture cited a Virginia research and breeding facility with a number of violations over its treatment of 4,000 beagle dogs, which were being raised for testing and research.

The facility was shut down and the [Humane Society of the United States has led an enormous effort](#) to find good and loving homes for the 4,000 beagles, which range from young pups to older dogs. Some females were pregnant with pups, others were of questionable health.

When Lynda and I learned that [Anderson Humane in South Elgin would be traveling to Virginia](#) to bring up to 100 beagles to its facility for adoption we immediately signed up to foster and hopefully adopt one of the dogs. We got a call from the facility the week of Aug. 1 that we would indeed be one of the fortunate families to bring one of the beagles into their homes. On Tuesday, Aug. 9 we brought a very scared and shaky 6-month-old male beagle we named Gary into our home.

Gary had a rough first six months of life, but an even more nerve-racking 48 hours prior to getting to Anderson. His first six months were spent in a caged pen, on a concrete floor, with a number of other dogs. He was then separated into a storage facility with other equal-aged male beagles. Anderson brought Gary and 90 others on a 14-hour trip to their facility in South Elgin, arriving around midnight on Aug. 9.

He was fed, bathed and checked out by a vet before we got him around 10 a.m. that morning. He finally was able to get some sleep, saw grass and loving humans for the first time. Gary is doing well, and we are blessed to have spared him from a life that would have likely been short and traumatic.



Gary has a tattoo under his left ear "CNA CFX," which served as his identification at the research lab. He was nothing more than that at that place. We are blessed to have him in our home!

Greg Ives
Chancellor

Pro-Life Report

all members are urged to observe the National Right to Life month in March this year. However, we may view abortion, contraceptives, current legislation, clinics, women's rights and other areas associated with the lives of the unborn, its most imperative that we still honor the rights of the unborn.

The unborn are innocents very often subject to hostile, brutal, and unfair treatment in today's world. How they are conceived, what kind of families receive them, what kind of a world do they enter..... They are most fragile when they enter this world, totally at the mercy to those that they come into being with. They are still God's greatest creation, something that many people across the world overlook.

They represent God's love at its utmost, when they don't know what world they come into. Each child is an opportunity and gift from God to love, behold, sanctify, to offer the best that this world can provide.

Much progress has been made with social freedoms over the past decades. It's highly commendable. The Very sad part is that these innocents pay with their lives for the freedoms demanded by society.

As knights, being true to our society's reason for being, should remind America's public that these innocents are our truest future, deserve our protection, our observance beyond the often-selfish desires of America.

In rape, incest, a mother's health, these are all factors which come into considerations regarding the unborn. The are truly traumatic situations for women in particular. But the innocents, unfortunately pay a much bigger price. Sadly, these considerations are very self absorbed and take precedence over all the unborn's' fate.

With all these factors and smaller world decision-making, we must constantly exclaim and do our best to practice that the unborn's rights have come first, as often as possible, beyond the "norms acceptance" that we often preach. God is asking us to go beyond our known and regular world, to see and appreciate, what we often hear, His wondrous gifts. We so often agree with wondrous gifts, yet rarely get out of our comfort zones and really see how universally and immensely wonderful these gifts, these innocents, really are.

Pete Harren

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McHenry County Right to Life:
www.righttolife-mc.org
McHenry County Right to Life PAC:
www.prolife-victory.com

Photos of 3880



PGK, John Orso bowling with our friends from. Mary Council 11666.



Successful Blood drive held on Jan 14, 2023.

Thanx Dan and Annette O'Connell and PGK, john Orso



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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

This Month's Challenge

FEBRUARY 2023 SUPREME CHAPLAIN'S MONTHLY CHALLENGE

"But I say to you, do not swear at all Let your 'Yes' mean 'Yes,' and your 'No' mean 'No.' Anything more is from the evil one." (Gospel for Feb. 12, Mt 5:34a, 37)

Jesus here decries casual oaths that offend God, but all sorts of deceitful, blasphemous or obscene language is frequently heard in our society today. Taking the Lord's name in vain — or misusing our gift of speech in other ways — has become commonplace. Showing respect for God is fundamental to the Christian life and doing so in our speech is a pivotal place to start. Let's speak plainly and keep our speech pure and



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true to honor God.

Challenge by Supreme Chaplain Archbishop William E. Lori:

This month, I challenge you to mindfully practice curbing your tongue, particularly avoiding taking the Lord's name in vain. Second, I challenge you to seek to grow in your respect for God as a Catholic man by participating in the Faith in Action Into the Breach program.

Questions for Reflection:

Do you pay much attention to what you say and how you say it? Do you notice what you hear around you, whether from the people in your life or from media you consume? What are some specific ways you can try to avoid speech that fails to show respect for God?

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On the evening of January 21, Fr. McCormick Council 3880 celebrated our annual Polish Dinner. Polish Dinner fare and Dancers were extremely enjoyable!

Help to Chair St. Paddy's Dinner Dance

Ever wanted to create a celebration dinner ready to kick off. Here's the opportunity to be a Chairman. The St. Patrick's Day Dinner on Marc 11th is in need of a Chairman or Co-Chairs and you don't need to be Irish, just want your Council to enjoy

another good time with your Brother Knights, their family and friends. "Faith and begorrah."

Good of The Order

Knights Birthday February 2023

- 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 Birthday February 2023

- Lynn Faye
- Linda Walsh

Anniversaries February 2023

- John M. and Karen Ferrero, III

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

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—January 29, 2023— 9:00 AM

5th SUNDAY

Sunday Jan 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.

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



January 2023	February 2023	March 2023
1/1 Mary, Mother of God / New Years Day 1/3 Business Meeting 1/15 Breakfast 1/14 Blood Drive 1/14 Polish Dinner 1/29 Fifth Sunday 1/31 Officers Meeting	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

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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 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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