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Grand Knight's Report

By Vince Esposito

Dear Brothers:
From the wandering mind of the Worthy Grand Knight....

knowing what had to be accomplished for the day. It was Palm Sunday we had just commemorated the Crucifixion. We had taken the "top brass" (ret.) out to breakfast. It was a blustery day and I knew the jobs that needed to be done were all **Go To Page 2**

I got my marching orders from the C.O. on Sunday

Deputy Grand Knight's Report

By Tim Hicklin

Deputy Grand Knight's Thoughts and Views:
From the meanderings of the DGK.
Brothers,

Today, the day of writing this column is the solemn feast of Easter. Jesus Christ Is risen today. Alleluia, alleluia!! Praise be to God.

It is Spring and from that season **Go To Page 2**

Family Bowl

By Kevin Scanlan

Fr. McCormick Council 3880 family bowl was held March 27, 2011 at West Lanes. Everyone that turned out had a great time considering the weather put us in

the deep freeze. Also, at the bowling alley, the heat was out for a short time.

The results for the event were **Go To Page 6**



Celebrating Over 55 Years of Service to Church and Community!

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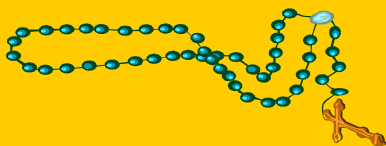
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HAVE ALL NEWS TO
WALLY GRYGIEL BY
THE MONTHLY SOCIAL
MEETING

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Pray the Rosary as a Family
and with your KofC Brothers



What Works?
Team Works!

Grand Knight's Report

From Page 1

outside. So I dressed for the weather put on my best old pair of gardening shoes and hit the yard. The C.O. and the "top brass" (ret.)



decided to go shopping. They took off for some store down south that decided the lure of the big tax breaks from the town was too much to pass up and moved from Crystal Lake. I of course have no say where shopping occurs only that I would not go there and is the last bill that gets paid only on the principle if I die between now and the time the bill is due it may not get paid. But that political story and why shopping down south is only leading to bigger property tax bills for Crystal Lake citizens is for another time. Back to the task at hand, picking up after the dog, straitening the garage, summerizing the snow thrower and changing the oil in the lawn mower and getting it ready for the summer. As I'm running through these tasks the thought occurred to me what would the people of the time of Christ be doing the day of the Crucifixion?

Most I'm sure lived in cities. So what would take place the next few hours would be witnessed by a select few but have a profound effect on the whole world. The streets in all the cities would have been full of shoppers the shepherds would be tending sheep crops would be planted. Day to day tasks and life in general would be carried on.

Jesus was going through a time of crisis he was praying to his father knowing full well what was going to occur, to get him out of the situation. I'm sure as flesh and blood he knew how much pain and anguish he would endure. I would be sweating blood too.

All this was occurring at the same time. Daily life was being played out as was the most profound act of love. So as Holy week and the Easter season starts, let's remember what happened that day as we go through our daily life. Jesus died for our sins as the sacrificial Lamb. A new and everlasting covenant was forged between mankind and God. All life changed completely even as daily life did not.

When the C.O. came back to camp she asked me why I hadn't completed all the tasks assigned to me. I said I was deep in thought and time slipped away from me. She responded, "Decided to watch TV instead didn't you!" As a good soldier my response was "yes Ma'am" and picked up the pooper scooper.

Happy Easter, may the season fill you with peace and love for all of mankind.

Vivat Jesus,

Vince Esposito
Grand Knight

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PS: At no time during this story of the Crucifixion and Resurrection did a rabbit lay colored eggs (if a rabbit could lay eggs) and place them in baskets with fake grass.

Deputy Grand Knights Report

From Page 1

Hope springs eternal. It is time to look forward to the next fraternal year. This coming business meeting we will be holding a 1st degree as we have at least two candidates who would like to go through our 1st Degree exemplification. It's not too late for all of us to bring in a new member. Just ask. The person who is asked may just be the person this council can look forward to going forward.

Also, at this coming month's business meeting, we will be presenting the nominations for the office holders for this coming year. As in all years, there will be some changes and if you are interested in serving the council, please let our Grand Knight or me know. We will be more than willing to send your

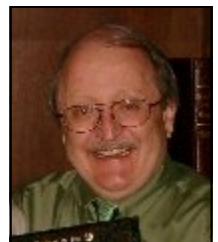
name to the nomination committee for serious consideration. The elections will be held at the June business meeting. Additional nominations can be presented from the floor.

And as a reminder, the Boy Scouts have agreed to turn over their breakfast date of 5/22/2011 to us for ours. Thank you!

God Bless!

Til next month!

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Pope John Paul II's life and heroic virtue stand as an extraordinary witness to the world

I am sure we all felt a great sense of joy upon learning that Pope Benedict XVI will beatify Pope John Paul II this year on May 1, Divine Mercy Sunday.

There is no doubt that John Paul II will enter into the history books as one of the greatest popes who ever lived. His papacy was marked by a legacy of tremendous accomplishments, from his theological contributions to his work that helped end Communism and bring freedom and unity to Europe to his travels and tremendous ability to connect with people of all ages anywhere in the world. Historians will surely record him as a giant who changed the destiny of entire continents — and did so peacefully.

But his beatification is about John Paul II the man and his life of personal holiness. It is about the fact that, though he witnessed some of the worst carnage and oppression of the 20th century, he never lost hope. He preached the Gospel of Peace and called us all to a vocation to love.

Though he was the victim of an assassination attempt, he never lost faith. He forgave the man who shot him. He found constant strength in his relationship with God and his concern for his

neighbors — no matter how marginalized they might be.

The beatification of Pope John Paul II means that Catholics, and indeed all people, have a model for the heroic virtue that each of us should strive to embody. He demonstrated a love of neighbor and defense of human dignity, a willingness to break down barriers and to dialogue with people of other faiths, and the sincerity to ask for forgiveness for himself and the Church.

This was a man who taught us how to live and who, in the twilight of his years, taught us how to die. He was during his life, and remains now, a man for all people, a man for all seasons and an example to us all.

In his last message to the Supreme Council on the occasion of the 122nd Supreme Convention in 2004, Pope John Paul II reminded us of his conviction expressed in *Ecclesia in America* that the lay faithful "are largely responsible for the future of the Church." He called on us "to continue to work as a leaven within society for the promotion of social justice, the protection of human life and all forms of loving service to those in need." These are words that Knights of Columbus everywhere, now more than ever, must continue to take to heart as a sure guide.

On the 50th anniversary of his priestly ordination, John Paul II wrote the book *Gift and Mystery*, which he described as a personal testimony offered in a special way to the priests of the world. In it, he addressed these words to priests, which are also an extraordinary description of his own life:

"While the Second Vatican Council speaks of the *universal* call to holiness, in the case of the priest we must speak of a *special* call to holiness. *Christ needs holy priests!* Today's world demands holy priests! Only a holy priest can become, in an increasingly secularized world, a resounding witness to Christ and his Gospel. And only thus can a priest become a guide for men and women and a teacher of holiness. People, especially the young, are looking for such guides. A priest can be a guide and teacher only to the extent that he becomes an authentic witness!"

Surely Pope John Paul II was all of this and more. May the Knights of Columbus, through his intercession, follow his example more closely so that "in an increasingly secularized world" we, too, may become "a resounding witness to Christ and his Gospel."

Vivat Jesus!

Accepting the Mission

by Supreme Knight Carl A. Anderson

Blessed John Paul II entrusted us with the task of a new evangelization

The beatification of Pope John Paul II will be a time for reflection upon the accomplishments of his pontificate and the holiness of his life. But it will not be enough for the Knights of Columbus to simply look back and remember history. If we are to keep faith with our great friend and beloved spiritual leader, we must also look to the future.

In working toward this goal, we should ask ourselves, "What would Blessed John Paul II say to us today?" We are fortunate that we have thousands of pages of his writings that still speak to us clearly, and none is more relevant to the work of the Knights of Columbus than his 1999 apostolic exhortation *Ecclesia in America*. In reading this document, it seems as though John Paul II is speaking directly to us.

He wrote, "The renewal of the Church in America will not be possible without the active presence of the laity. Therefore, they are largely responsible for the future of the Church" (44).

Today, there is no lay organization in the countries where the Knights of Columbus works that surpasses us in terms of charity, promotion of vocations and evangelization. Thus, the magni-

tude of our work on behalf of the Church can be measured in a certain degree only by the magnitude of our responsibility for the future of the Church.

Perhaps more than any other document, it was in *Ecclesia in America* that John Paul II proclaimed the need for a new evangelization. He wrote, "As the Church's Supreme Pastor, I urgently desire to encourage all the members of God's People, particularly those living in America ... to take up this project and to cooperate in carrying it out" (66).

The pope understood that there was a common Christian foundation to the new civilization being built in the Western Hemisphere during the past five centuries. This common foundation offers the promise of an even greater solidarity, community and charity in the future, if only we have the determination to work for such a transformation.

For more than a century, the Knights of Columbus has been promoting this greater solidarity among Catholics in Canada, Mexico, the United States and the Philippines through our work of charity, unity, fraternity and patriotism.

Blessed John Paul II knew that the task before us was not simply a "re-evangelization" — a repetition of what had gone before — but an

evangelization "new in ardor, methods and expression" (6).

This newness, in a significant way, depends upon the creativity and the dedication of the lay faithful who are willing to commit their personal lives, their families and their associations in witnessing to the good news of the Gospel.

"In accepting this mission," John Paul II wrote, "everyone should keep in mind that the vital core of the new evangelization must be a clear and unequivocal proclamation of the person of Jesus Christ" (66).

For the Knights of Columbus, the beatification of Pope John Paul II is a historic occasion to reflect on precisely the ways in which our dedication to our principles of charity, unity and fraternity provide "a clear and unequivocal proclamation of the person of Jesus Christ."

And as we witness with confidence to this reality, both on a personal level and through the work of our thousands of active councils, we will not only take up a more vigorous role in the work of the new evangelization, but we will also realize more fully Father Michael McGivney's vision of a dynamic organization that is wholly at the service of the Church.

Vivat Jesus!

Fr. McCormick Council 3880 Knights of Columbus Business Meeting Minutes April 5, 2011

Minutes will now be published on the website and copies printed for the meeting. Stay tuned for the Website Password via an email to the council members.

Boy Scouts

By Dan O'Connell

Scouts Lend A Helping Hand

The Knights received a request from The Students Supporting the Right to Life group at McHenry County College (MCC) to use our crosses to have a display at the college to raise awareness about pro-life and abortion in America. PGK SK Phil Weyna graciously agreed to loan the crosses to the group but some were in need of repair.

Troop 127, through yours truly, agreed to take on the task of inspecting, repairing and painting the crosses, as needed, to give the group at MCC as many crosses as possible for their display which was scheduled for the morning of April 6th on the lawn at MCC.

We were able to provide Regina D'Amico, the student coordinator, along with Jean and Dan Diamond and other volunteers 170 crosses to set up. The photo shows the display at MCC on April 6th.

Ms. D'Amico sent the following on how the whole event went:



"It went beautifully! We had the crosses and three big signs set up outside on the lawn between the cafeteria and the other buildings, and EVERYONE saw them! We also had a display set up inside showing the stages of a

baby's development and giving students and community members much information about abortion and pro-life. It was the talk of the school! For the most part, the response was positive, although we did encounter some negative feelings. We even had a few protesters. But that was expected, and we are glad we made people think. We now have more students interested in joining the pro-life students. We definitely touched hearts. Thank you so much for everything you have done. It wouldn't have been possible without you and your hard work. God bless and talk to you soon!"

Troop 127 appreciated the opportunity to assist with this endeavor. Our affiliation with the Knights of Columbus Council 3880 has allowed us to be involved and support the community and we truly appreciate your support of the Troop and the Pack. May each of you have a blessed Easter with your families.

Pro-Life Report

By PGK, Phil Weyna

Brother Knights,

A few months ago, Regina D'Amico, a Pro-Life student at MCC approached us, through Mrs. Jean Diamond, and asked if the MCC Pro-Life group could use our council's white crosses for a "Cemetery of the Innocents" at MCC. We agreed, but realizing that they were in need of repair, I asked Brother Dan O'Connell if he could ask his Boy scout troop to help him repair them and then get them to Regina. To make a long story short, he did and Regina's PL group was successful for making a great public statement about the travesty of abortion. Thank you Regina, Dan O'Connell, the boy scouts and Jean Diamond. When we work together great things happen!!

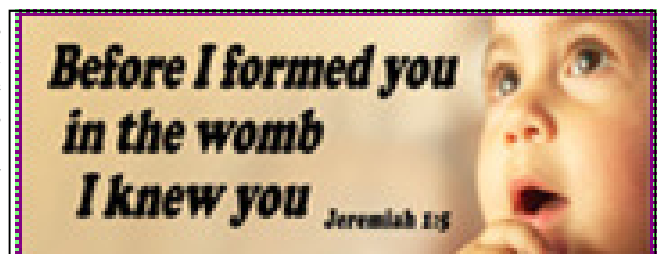
Regina sent me the following email to thank Fr. McCormick Council of the Knights of Columbus which I received on Palm Sunday.

Hello Mr. Weyna!

I just wanted to let you know that the Cemetery of the Innocents went beautifully! We had the crosses and three big signs set up outside on the lawn between the cafeteria and the other buildings, and EVERYONE saw them! We also had a display set up inside showing the stages of a baby's development and giving students and community members much information about abortion and pro-life. It was the talk of the school! For the most part, the response was positive, although we did encounter some negative feelings. We even had a few protesters. But that was expected, and we are glad we made people think. We now have more students interested in joining the pro-life students. We definitely touched hearts. Thank you so much for everything you

have done. You have been our direct line of communication between all of us at MCC and the Knights of Columbus, and we couldn't have done it without you. God bless you! And we would love to send a thank you to the Grand Knight and the rest of the Knights of Columbus, so if you could tell us the name of the Grand Knight and how we should address the envelope, that would be great! Thank you and Happy Palm Sunday!

Regina D'Amico and the Students Supporting the Right to Life at MCC.





Knights of Columbus Council 3880 Marian H.S. Scholarship

Eleven brave young souls completed their essays and on Saturday, April 16th interviewed with the council scholarship committee to see which one of them will receive this year's award. This year ten of the students came from St. Thomas the Apostle school as well as one from Saints Peter and Paul school in Cary.

The students were required to write a two part essay explaining why they thought that they would be an excellent choice to receive the scholarship, as well as what impact a Catholic education has made on their life. Also, each applicant had to include a letter of recommen-

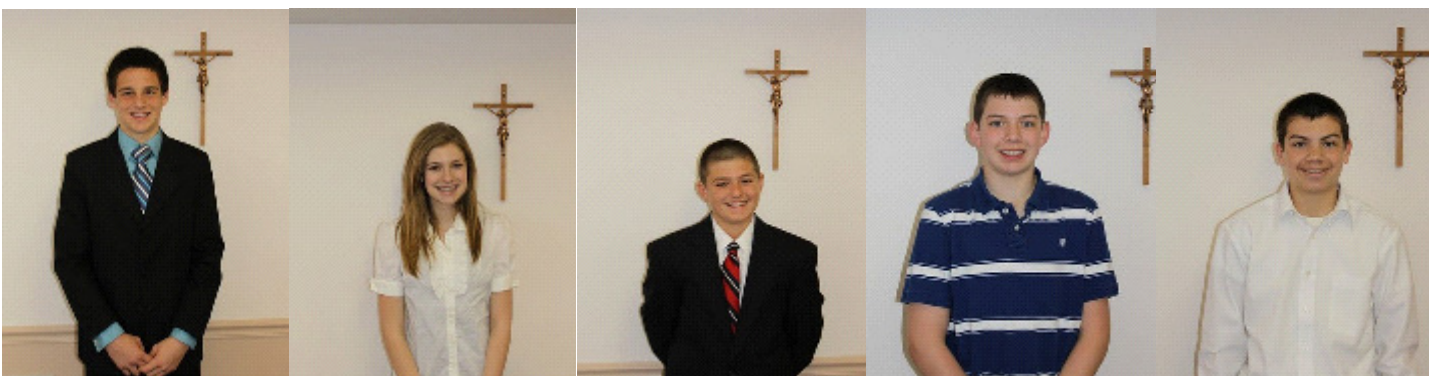
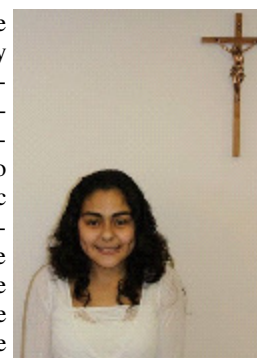
dation from someone outside their family.

The scholarship awards the winning student \$1500.00 over four years at Marian Central Catholic High School. \$750.00 is awarded their freshman year and \$250.00 each year following, provided that they maintain a 2.5 GPA.

This year's committee was comprised of: Committee Chairman DD & PGK John Orso, GK Vince Esposito, FS Steve Haugh, Dave Miloch, Rick Kendzior and John Carzoli. Each member took a turn questioning the candidates about their essay and about Catholic life in general. After the interviews were completed, everyone put in their vote for the best of the best. A lively debate determined

the final winner.

The winner will be named at the July 5th business meeting. All of the applicants and their parents are invited to attend the public portion of our meeting that night. We can only award one scholarship, but we consider all of these candidates to be winners in our eyes.



Ladies Auxiliary

Happy Easter!!!!

Our last meeting on the 19th was attended by Kathy Esposito, Cheryl Newport, Joni Jasinski, Pam Wyman, Deb Starr and myself, we had a small group but non-the-less work was accomplished.



Thank you to all the ladies who called for the blood drive at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton. You were greatly appreciated by myself and Heartland for all your efforts. I hope we made a dent in the amount of blood

they need to share the gift of Life!

We decided a theme of our 4th of July float, which we will be promoting the 4 precepts of the Knights themselves, Charity, Unity, Fraternity, & Patriotism. They will each be represented by a Ribbon that will sit in the middle of the float. To see what this will look like come out and give us a hand, watch for e-mails to follow on this.

This coming weekend Kathy Esposito and I will be going down to the State convention with our respective husbands Knights to partake in the Ladies of the Knights yearly convention. We are hoping to bring some great ideas back that have worked for other councils in their efforts

for charity. Come to the next ladies meeting on the 17th of May to see what we find out.

Lastly I know how busy all of us are, and I understand the effort it takes to rearrange schedules to be able to come to a meeting on a Tuesday. Please try and come, the idea of course is to help our husbands, fathers, brothers, etc.. in their efforts of charity work, but it is also to have social time for us women. To spend a little time with the women that we work with side by side at many functions and that share similar values, family life and a church. May God bless each and every one of you every day! Melinda

What It's Like to be a Member of Fr. McCormick Council 3880



Family Bowl

From Page 1

- Best overall KofC Family
The Newports.
- Best Overall KofC Adult
Steve Starr
- Best overall child

Joe Brickey

We are also sorry that West Lanes will be closing shortly, in May 2011. They had been so good to us for the past 6 years. We hope to find a new home for the future of this family favorite event,



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For the Good of the Order

Knights' May Birthdays:

- Brian S. Alexander
- Tom Brickey
- Michael Caliendo
- Steven A. Crnkovich
- Ben Detterman
- Gerald E. Fortier
- Paul J. Georgy
- Joe Hodorowicz
- Brian D. Mazurk
- Kenneth J. Olsen
- Jim Punda
- Bruce Smith
- Philip L. Weyna
- John M. Zokal

Wives' May Birthdays:

- Kathy Breuss
- Peg Godfrey
- Lynda Ives
- Donna Maguire
- Rhonda Nissen
- Pam Olsen
- Rose Partyka
- Melissa Smith

- Debbie Starr
- Mary Statter
- Becky Walker

May Anniversaries:

- Gerald and Kathy Breuss
- James P. and Donna Gray
- Thomas P. and Lori Harold
- Chris and Angela Krambeer
- Robert L. and Ellene Schmidt
- Bruce and Melissa Smith
- Ernest and Florence Tennes
- Jose K. and Anna Thomas
- Mark A. and Sandra Zehker
- John M. and Patricia Zokal

Good of the Order:

Pray for:

Dorothy Hickilin, Charlie Carpenter, Joesephine Stachrya, Geri Cummings, Red Ellis, Tony Depippo, Frank Casey, Frank Willy, Tricia Grosdidierk, Barbara Callahan, Bernard Mahler, Jenifer Koop Krass, Dennis Faulds, Rees O'Donnell, Father Ken Stachy-
ra, Matt Wolniewicz

Knight of the Month:

- None Presented

Family of the Month:

- None Presented

Certificate of Merit:

- None Presented

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

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Read the Bible and
Pray the
Rosary.

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



Fifth Sunday Reminder

By Rick Kendzior



Reminder

Mark your calendars for our 5th Sunday Masses.

Keep this card on your refrigerator as a reminder.

Join with your brother Knights and families in prayer, at the 9:00 AM Mass on the following dates:

Sunday, May 29, 2011

Sunday, July 31, 2011

Sunday, Oct. 30, 2011

**REMEMBER TO WEAR
YOUR 3880 BADGE!**

St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic Church
Oak Street & Route 176
Crystal Lake, IL

Council 3880

A section of the church
will be reserved for the
Knights and our
families.
Coffee and doughnuts
are served by the
council in the
Community Center
after Mass.

Tempus Fugit, Memento Mori!

Sunday, May 29, 2011 is the next memorial mass of the 2010 calendar year. Please plan on joining us for 9:00 AM Mass at St. Thomas the Apostle Church. We had a great turnout at the last mass in October, and we need to keep it growing!

All Knights and their FAMILIES are invited to attend. The entire right center section of pews will be reserved for our council. Our council banner will be on the altar and we will be presenting the gifts in our cross formation. An impressive sight to all who attend!

As always, we will be providing coffee and doughnuts in the community center after mass. Check the refrigerator reminder cards that were mailed to you at the beginning of the year.

Council Calendar

May 2011	June 2011	July 2011
3 Business Meeting 8 Mothers Day 17 Annual Holy Hour and Social Meeting 22 Breakfast 29 5th Sunday Memorial Mass 30 Memorial Day 31 5th Tuesday	7 Business Meeting—Elections 12 Breakfast 19 Father's Day 21 Installation and Dinner 26 Corpus Christi 30 Clergy Dinner Fraternal Year 2010-2011 Ends	4 Independence Day 5 Business Meeting 17 Breakfast 19 Social Meeting 31 5th Sunday Memorial Masse

Annual Holy Hour

By Kevin Scanlan

May, the month of Mary,

The Fr. McCormick Council 3880 will be hosting the Parish for our annual holy hour.

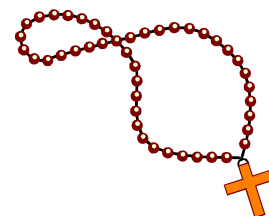
The meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 17, 2011

7:30 Adoration

8:00 Rosary

We are hoping for an extraordinary turnout and

A good showing of all the Brothers.



KNIGHT LIFE

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**Make the Right Choice!
 Live and Vote Pro-Life.
 Life is not Your Choice. It's Your
 Responsibility!**

