

# Fr. McCormick Council 3880

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Crystal Lake, IL 60014



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# KNIGHT LIFE

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## Grand Knight's Report

By Vince Esposito

**D**ear Brothers:  
From the wandering mind of the Grand Knight ...

Here we are again at the end of another year. As I write this a day late (sorry Tim) we just had a first degree ceremony where we had 5 new members join our ranks. It's great to see men **Go To Page 2**

## Deputy Grand Knight's Report

By Tim Hicklin

**D**eputy Grand Knight's Thoughts and Views:  
From the meanderings of the DGK.

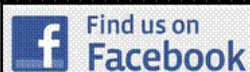
Brothers,  
For a child is born to us, a Son is given to us; upon his shoulder dominion rests. They name him Wonder-Counselor, God Hero, Father-Forever, Prince of

## Breakfast with Santa

By PGK, John Stefani

**Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!!**

Well, by the time you are reading the corner. But what a December this, Christmas will likely be gone, Breakfast we had! This was with- and maybe 2012 is still just around out a doubt **Go To Page 2**



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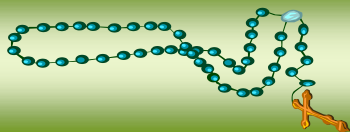
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## Pray the Rosary as a Family and with your KofC Brothers



**What Works?  
Team Works!**

## Grand Knight's Report

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who like helping others because that's what we're all about.



The Christmas tree lot is all picked-up and stowed away for another year. Our biggest council fund raiser of the year was of course a success as always. Thank you to the co-chairmen of the event Scott Popp and John Scott.

Thank you too to the members who put in more than their fair share of hours selling the trees. Thank you to Bob Wyman, Bob Newport, Dan O'Connell and Mike Kebr. Without you guys putting in the time the tree lot wouldn't be the success it turned out to be.

We also this month had a breakfast with Santa. I got an email for one of the parents stating that she is going to make this a family tradition because they had so much fun. I sent back a reply telling her we have a monthly breakfast and she could make it a monthly family tradition. Thank you to the breakfast crew for their help. Of course it isn't a breakfast without John Stefani. I also want to thank the clean-up crew who are there every breakfast. Thank you to the two Bobs, the two Steves, Mike, Pete H. and host of others. We can't do it without you guys.

Another thing to go on in the month of December is the selling of the Polish Dinner tickets for the January 14 dinner. Thank you to Steve Starr who of course again is doing most of the work with that. Jim Skaja is chairing the event with help from a few others in the council. Jim and his family by the way

will be cooking the P.A.D.S. dinner on Christmas day.

Another thing going on this month is the auxiliary under the guides of Melinda Popp will be making phone calls for the upcoming blood drive to be held on January 14. Thank you to everybody who participated in an event came to eat or bought a Christmas tree. That's what makes our council one of the most active in the state.

Last of course is the big thank you that goes out to all the members who have helped Kathy and me through these trying times. Kathy if you didn't know was diagnosed with breast cancer. She has had surgery and as I write this is expected to hear what will be the next course of action to be taken. Thank all of you for your prayers, gifts and support. We both appreciate the thoughtful people that make up this council. As I had written last month that I would be stepping back on some of the duties of this chair. Well I fibbed. Since Kathy is home convalescing, for some reason she is always asking if there is a Knight's event for me to attend. I don't know why she is asking me this all the time but hey who am I to say no to helping where I can.

Thank you all again for everything and let's hope that 2012 will see **Health** and happiness for us all.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. May the Holy Spirit fill your everyday with his grace and blessings.

Vivat Jesus,

Vince Esposito  
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## Deputy Grand Knight's Report

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Peace.

What a great prophecy of Jesus Christ. I sincerely hope that all of us had a Merry Christmas and will have a Happy New Year!

January brings to us our annual Blood Drive on January 14. For information, please call PGK, John M. Orso—815/477-1048.

Also, on the same day is our annual Polish Dinner. Currently it's sold out, but as always there may be some last minute cancellations. For information, contact Treasurer, Steve Starr—815/477-2892.

At the end of January, we again are hosting

another PADS dinner—contact Steve Bright, 855/459-6999.

And a special thank you to Rick Kendzior for bringing in 5 new brothers at our 1st degree exemplification held before our December Social Meeting!

Til next month!

Vivat Jesus,  
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## Fourth Degree Assembly News.

Greetings Sir Knights, Brother Knights and family and friends!

**Fourth Degree Assembly News.** Greetings Sir Knights, Brother Knights and family and friends! The year 2011 was a good one for the Assembly. We added a number of new Sir Knights, and did not lose too many. As one looks back on a year, it seems that too often we have to remember those we lost. May God Bless and Keep them, and may the

rest of us continue with our good works so that He will keep watch over us and ours.

As we look forward to 2012, we have already received notice of several upcoming 4<sup>th</sup> Degree Exemplifications. The first one will be on Saturday, February 11, 2012, in Lisle, Illinois. The next one scheduled will take place on Saturday, April 21, 2012, at the Marriott Lincolnshire Resort in Lincolnshire, IL, which is the closest of the two. There is always a third Exemplification in October, which has generally been favored by our Assembly. With no information on it yet, it is hard to guess, but it could be in Rockford. A Candidate for Fourth Degree must be a Third Degree Knight, in good standing, with at least 6 months from the date of your FIRST Degree.

As you First and Second Degree Knights who are reading this, remember that we are hosting the annual Major Degree from the F. McCormick Council 3880 on February 19, 2012. If you are a First or Second Degree, that would be an ideal time to start your advancement. For that, please see Council Membership Director **Rick Kendzior**, or send him an e-mail at the Council address, [membership@KofC3880.org](mailto:membership@KofC3880.org) to get signed up for that. For the Fourth Degree forms, please see me or send me an e-mail at [KofC0198Navigator@gmail.com](mailto:KofC0198Navigator@gmail.com) or give me a call at 815 679-6598. In the meantime, be safe, keep praying for all of us, and a very Blessed and Happy New Year to each and every one of you!

Vivat Jesus! John

## Breakfast with Santa

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breakfast that we have had since we did the old Christmas Buffets, which were 8 or 10 years ago, when we had the entire Community Center. I'll save the actual dollar amounts for the minutes at the January meeting, but I will say that the net to the Council was way higher than the gross at many of the breakfast we have had.

To say the crew was kept busy was an understatement. And what a crew it was! We had the entire regular kitchen crew in there, minus of course **Jim Punda**, who does seem to be making progress.. keep those prayers coming, they are working. But in his place was his mentor, **Jim Skaja**. But to the kitchen crew going around the horn, **Bob Modrich**, **Glenn LaBello**, **Ken Artner**, **Bob Kampman**, **Dan O'Connell**, **Pat Maguire**, **Steve Haugh** and **Trevor O'Donnell**, goes an undying thanks and note of gratitude, not only from me, but from the entire Council. To the memory of **Jack Venezia**, **Dick Campobello** and **Mike Britton**, thanks for always looking down on us and keeping watch over us so that we never forget why we are here, and for always being an inspiration to us. To **Rich Partyka**, who had carried on the tradition of a faithful Knight at the front table held for so many years by **Leo Ziembra**, who along with **Fredie DeLance** made up the *THREE AMIGOS* and inspired us all, and Rich's understudy, **Steve Haugh**, who went from calling orders

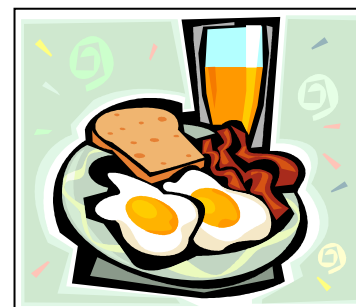
to manning the money table... wherever and whenever we need him. Like all of the guys. To **Bob Wyman** who is in at the crack of dawn with his crews to set up the place and



later take it down and clean it up. Thanks to **Kevin Scanlon** who always makes the place look so great for every special breakfast we have. Thanks to **Bob Newport** for keeping the pots and pans clean when I am not grabbing him to man the grill! To **Jeff Faye** and **Bill Bransley** who have decided they want to be part of this team.. To all the guys that are up front every month to serve and bus the tables... **Brian**, **Steve**, **Mark**, **Robert**, **John**, **Mike**, **Pat**, **Pete**, **Ken**, **John**, and all the guys who make short work of the clean-up, thanks to **Jack**, **Bill**, **Ralph**, **Vince**, **Denny**, **Jim**, **Mike**, **Robert**, ... and to all the kids

that have worked side by side with dad, and the wives who have taken their turn to make the breakfast so special.. and a special thanks to our priests, to **Monsignor Hermes**, **Father Simon** and **Father Jerome...** who not only 'preach to the parish to stop in for breakfast!' but come in and about all morning long to talk and laugh and eat with everyone of us... being there to support a parish function.. This is sounding a lot like the Thanksgiving what we give thanks for article... but when we have a record turnout, because Santa is there, and the weather is not so great, and the food is good, and there are family and friends around... we are all together working side by side so that so many can enjoy a little peace and happiness... and a time they can relax and not have to cook... That is the Christmas spirit... that is being Catholic... that is being part of our own family, and our church family and our Knights of Columbus family and our community. Amen.

See ya there and here! Vivat Jesus! John



# December Business Meeting Minutes

By Bob Newport

Fr. McCormick Council 3880  
Knights of Columbus  
Business Meeting Minutes

December 6, 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

### Do a Good Turn Daily

The language may be antiquated but the thought is still germane when it comes to one of the tenets of Scouting. Starting with that scout who would not take a tip from W.D. Boyce for assisting him in London, scouts today are still required to help someone in some way every day.

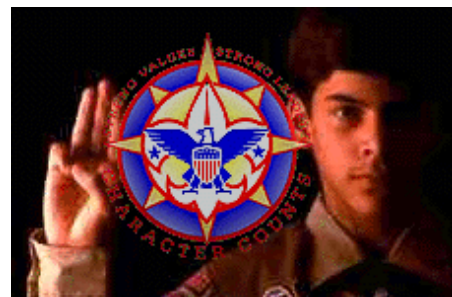
In our world today with the hustle and bustle, get it done faster attitude, this seemingly small act can loom large in someone's day. It can be as simple as giving someone a heartfelt hello and a smile that perks up their day to helping a neighbor clear the snow from their driveway (an opportunity yet presented this year). Small acts of kindness or assistance to help a person in need makes the

scout think of someone other than themselves. It builds the fabric of our community.

Doing a good turn daily is an excellent rule for everyone to live by. We all should be looking for opportunities to assist our families, friends and neighbors but especially strangers who we may not know. A random act of kindness performed without expectation of any payback makes both the giver and receiver feel good. Hopefully the receiver will pay it forward to the next person they see in need.

In this holiday season, be on the lookout for your chance to make someone's day with a small act of kindness. But let it continue throughout the year and it will make you feel good and help countless others feel good as well.

Cub Scout Pack 127 and Boy Scout Troop 127 would like to wish all members of Council 3880 and their families a very Merry Christmas and all the best in the coming New Year. Your continued support of Scouting is building strong young men of character who will forge our future in our great Nation.



## Membership

By Rick Kendzior

### Thank You Santa!

On Tuesday, December 22, 2011, we were privileged to host a First Degree ceremony before our regular social meeting. Also joining us that evening was Sacred Heart Council from Marengo. It was very impressive to see eight new Knights take their first degree.

Once again, our degree team did an outstanding job performing the ceremony. The

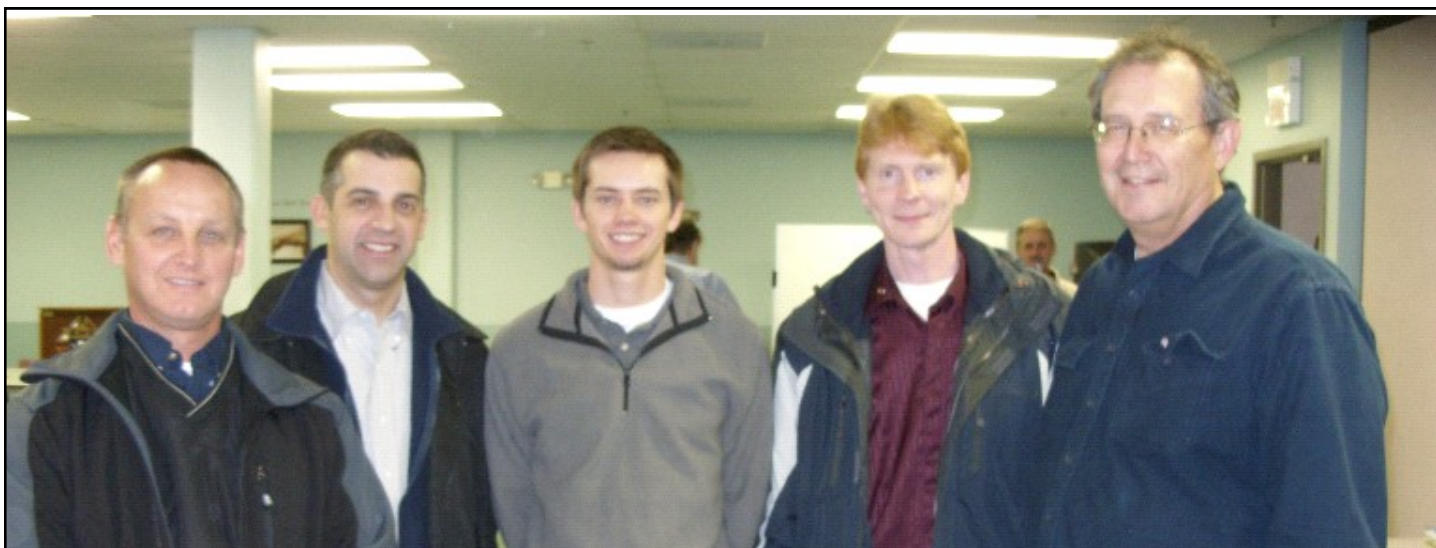
new recruits were thoroughly impressed by the work that the team performed that evening. I know I repeat myself but I will say it again, if you haven't witnessed a degree ceremony in a while, come back soon.

And soon may be as early as February 19, 2012. Our council along with EAS Council 13678 will be hosting a major degree that Sunday. Due to the limited meeting space available the degrees will be held at St. Eliz-

abeth Ann Seton's community center.

This will be the first time that we will be hosting the new format of the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> degree ceremonies. I have not yet witnessed this format but everyone who has seen it says that it is a very inspiring event. Be sure to mark your calendars so you can attend.

Here's wishing everyone a Blessed Merry Christmas and a Healthy, Happy New Year.





A PEOPLE OF LIFE

AND FOR LIFE

## Prayer for Life

O God, our Creator, all life is in your hands from conception until death. Help us to cherish our children and to reverence the awesome privilege of our share in creation. May

all people live and die in dignity and love. Bless all those who defend the rights of the unborn, the handicapped and the aged. Enlighten and be merciful toward those who fail to love, and give them peace. Let freedom be tempered by responsibility, integrity and morality.

### Stand Up For Life

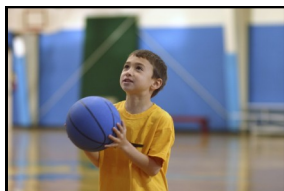
In the words of Supreme Knight Carl Anderson, "The Knights of Columbus' formula is simple: Become informed, get involved and stand up for life!" Visit [kofc.org](http://kofc.org).

## Youth Director

By Mike Kebr

### Knights of Columbus Free Throw Contest 2012 update

Please save the dates. We are in need of volunteers to help with registration, judging/scoring and ball retrieval for the Council and Regional events. A sign up sheet will be available at the December Business meeting. I will pass along more details as they become available.



We are going to co-host the Free Throw Contest again this year with Council #10678.

Our local Council event will be held at St

Thomas School on Saturday, January 12th, from 8:30am-10:30am. All boys and girls ages 10 to 14 are invited to participate.

The District level event will be held at St. Peter and Paul in Cary on Saturday, February 25th, starting at noon.

We also will be co-hosting the Regional Event with Council #10678 at St Thomas School on Saturday March 10th, from 9:00am

-11:00am.

Please contact me if you have any questions.

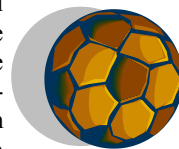
Mike Kebr – Youth Director

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### Knights of Columbus Soccer Challenge

I am pleased to announce that one of our Council and District level winners participated in the Regional Soccer Challenge that was conducted on Saturday, November 5<sup>th</sup> in Huntley. Brianna Berillo won the 13 yr Old Girl bracket and has advanced to the State Finals that will be held on November 19<sup>th</sup> at Eastern Illinois University. Congratulations to Brianna and good luck. Results should be known soon.



## P.A.D.S.

By Steve Bright



I am taking names for the upcoming season and only three slots are left. If you would like to due a dinner or have questions please call Steve Bright at 815-459-6999. Bless you All!

Listed below is the PADS dinner schedule for 2011-2012. A brief outline of organizing procedures follows. We are in need volunteers who would be interested in preparing a meal If you can help out or have further questions. Please contact our PADS coordinator.

- Steve Bright (815) 459-6999— [brightones@live.com](mailto:brightones@live.com) or
- John Orso (815) 477-1048— [johoro@aol.com](mailto:johoro@aol.com)

All dinners take place at Bethany Lutheran

Church - 76 West Crystal lake Avenue.

### PROCEDURES

1. PADS coordinator contacts site Manager regarding menu and determines the quantity of food needed for dinner.
2. KC meal provider purchases groceries needed .turn in all grocery receipts to Financial Secretary for reimbursement.
3. Kitchen in parish community room MUST be utilized for meal preparation. Contact PADS coordinator to arrange the use of this facility.
4. Large pots etc. In community room may be used.
5. Meal should be taken to PADS dinner site by 6:30p.m. They have facilities to

keep food warm.

6. Meals are served by PADS site personnel. Knights volunteers may assist as needed.

## 2011-2012 Schedule

This last P.A.D.S. dinner on April 29, 2011

Dates	Volunteers
12/25/2010	Jim Skaja
1/29/2011	Steve Starr
2/26/2011	John Stefani
3/25/2011	John Orso
4/29/2011	Scott Popp

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



On the day after Thanksgiving, there was a Festival of Lights parade in Crystal Lake. The Knights and auxiliary of Fr. McCormick Council 3880 entered a fantastic float in the parade. Their efforts garnered a 2nd place finish. Congratulations on a job well done.



On December 18th the council held their annual Breakfast with Santa. Santa listened intently to their wishes and told the boys above and to the upper right that if they were good that their wishes would be answered.

To the right, Advocate John Scott, attached a tree to a customer's car despite a very irritating rain. We sold out of the trees about a week before Christmas. We had the best trees ever and all who helped had a great time. Thanks to all for your help!!!



## Financial Secretary From Page 8

to the six of you whose books I received too late, but at least you got your money back. Indeed, if you would send that money back to

me we would just about hit our assigned goal. Vivat Jesus  
Steve (the good) Haugh

## Illinois Federation Right to Life Contact Information



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# For the Good of the Order

## Knights January Birthdays:

- Frank T. Casey
- Thomas J. Dawson
- Ron De Marco
- Ted F. Duda
- Robert Frazier
- James W. Gigl
- James P. Gray
- Michael L. Gregus
- Stephen M. Haugh
- Irvn R. Kemp
- Florian A. Miras
- Stephen J. O'Riordan
- Lamont M. Sprague
- Matthew J. Turk
- Frank Willy

## Wives January Birthdays:

- Carol Anderson
- Linda De Marco
- Judy Modrich
- Sue Reed
- Sheri Turk
- Lisa Waggoner

## January Anniversaries:

- James W. and Debra Gigl

## Good of the Order:

### Pray for:

In this month of remembrance we remember the following:

- Bill Klug
- Brian Scanlan
- Mike Updike
- Estelle Clochon
- Dwayne Dittner
- Peter Herren
- Barb Herren
- Norma Beckman
- Dorothy Hicklin
- Jim Punda
- Kathy Esposito
- Jeff Rouhanden
- The Military
- Tricia and Rose Didier
- Fr. Ken Stachyra
- Rick Summerville and Family

## 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:

[THicklin@aol.com](mailto:THicklin@aol.com),  
Call -(815) 455-2765  
or send a note to:  
**Tim Hicklin**  
**225 N. Main St.**  
**Crystal Lake, IL 60014-4434**



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:

- January 29, 2012
- April 29, 2012
- July 29, 2012
- September 30, 2012
- December 30, 2012

REMEMBER TO WEAR  
YOUR 3880 BADGE!

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

## Tempus Fugit, Memento Mori!

Sunday, October 30, 2011 is the next memorial mass of the 2011 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 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.

# Council Calendar 2011-2012

## January 2012

1 New Years Day  
 3 Business Meeting  
 14 Blood Drive followed by our Annual Polish Dinner  
 15 Breakfast  
 17 Social Meeting  
 29 5th Sunday P.A.D.S.

## February 2012

7 Business Meeting  
 19 Breakfast  
 21 Social Meeting  
 22 Ash Wednesday  
 26 P.A.D.S.

## March 2012

6 Business Meeting  
 17 St. Patrick's Dinner Dance  
 18 Breakfast  
 19 St. Joseph's Day  
 20 Social Meeting  
 25 P.A.D.S.

## From Our Financial Secretary

By PGK, Steve Haugh

### DUES MEMBERSHIP CARDS VOCATION RAFFLE. TAX

Everyone received a dues billing statement for 2012, due December 31, 2011. I appreciate the promptness of many. Last tax year shows over \$6,400.00 in dues collected with over \$8,500.00 in expenses for all members. We need your timely dues to cover our duty to charity.

I am comparing addresses from Supreme with your checks, and also adding marital status and wife's name to Supreme records.

So far, I've got 6 corrections from vocation raffle mailings, and that was sent via our own council's computer records. If you see a need for correction, please call me.

We bill \$25.00 per year, so if your invoice is more than that, you owe for past years. We haven't increased dues for at least 30 years, and we are the lowest dues charging council I know. Speaking of past years, the first payment I received was mailed to Dick Campobello. How time flies.

As always, if you are having financial difficulty, just give me a call and your dues will be in abeyance or waived, as you request.

No questions asked. We can afford to lose \$25.00 to keep a brother.

I will keep your card if I anticipate seeing you at the next meeting, or breakfast, as we are trying to save postage funds. Last tax year we spent over \$4,000.00 in postage and printing. Next year I hope to bill everyone by E-mail, so I would truly appreciate your E-mail address.

Finally, we sent in 83 vocation raffle books, which means we kept \$747.00 to apply to our vocation fund goal. State moved the submission date for books to be in Springfield by November 27. I apologize **Go To Page 6**

## KNIGHT LIFE

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

