

# Fr. McCormick Council 3880

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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 ...

We come into the last part of the year. Christmas tree sales start on November the 25. The trees will be delivered on November 23.

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## Deputy Grand Knight's Report

*By Tim Hicklin*

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

Brothers,

Bless us Oh Lord and these gifts which we are about to receive through Christ our Lord, Amen.

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## Pro-Life Report

*By PGK, Jeff Faye*

**T**uesday evening many of us came together to celebrate Mass in remembrance of our de-

ceased brothers. This was a moving celebration as I know each of us remembered times of togetherness with our brothers now on in

eternal LIFE.

This may not seem like a PRO-LIFE message, but it is because each had the **Go to page 5**



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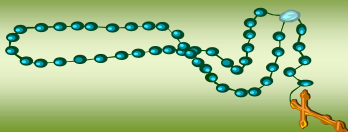
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## Pray the Rosary as a Family and with your KofC Brothers



**What Works?  
Team Works!**

## Grand Knight's Report

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The December business meeting we will discuss some charities to give funds, the Polish dinner is scheduled for January 14. Also at the meeting state officers will visit to give a talk on retention.



Thanksgiving is upon us and we look back on what God has given us. In my life God has given me my family I'm employed which many can't say. I've got a wealth of gifts given to me. This year though my celebration may be a little muted. My sister was just terminated from her long term position, my stepson is having problems dealing with life, and my stepdaughter is hoping for a fellowship but hopes maybe dimming. You may be thinking well you have your health. Even though my health is ok nothing that a low-fat diet with exercise couldn't cure. By the time that you receive this newsletter you will already know that my wife has been diagnosed with breast cancer. Treatments will probably have started and her life will have changed forever. Prayers will always be welcome and she would appreciate them even if she didn't have cancer.

Advent and Christmas season is the next part or first part as it were of the liturgical calendar. Advent which means introduction or beginning is for the Church a waiting period. We celebrate the 4 thousand year wait of God's people. The chosen were promised the savior from God for that length of time. In

the meantime they were set free from the Egyptians, led to their own land. Also in this time the Egyptians were conquered by the Romans. All the feats led by God's hand in this time were just not enough to let his people know he loved them. Into the world came the savior, "The Word was made flesh" but not to conquer the world in the way the people of that society thought would happen. Society would still have the poor, meek, just and pure of heart. The savior came to save souls and show society the way to live your life.

When the Holy Spirit is trying to do his will do we bite our tongues or just not pay attention? Could you imagine if Jesus did the same? The following would not have grown. The way of life Jesus wanted us to follow would have just died. When something you think is not right with society is happening and the Spirit is moving you don't hold back. We are going to be asked to take cuts to programs that help the mentally ill, helping the elderly live comfortably, making sure the world where we live is not destroyed for generations to come and helping the youngest find education. If you feel that any of these programs need to be saved then the Spirit may ask you to speak listen for his voice. Monikers may be put on you that politically may not be what you want to hear but need to think always what would Jesus do?

Vivat Jesus,

Vince Esposito  
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## Deputy Grand Knight's Report From Page 1

This season we should be thankful for the treasures God has bestowed on us. For most of us we have good health. For most of us, we're employed. For most of us we have been blessed with wonderful families. For some of us who have children in the military, believe in the Lord's peace. And for most of us, we have faith in the Lord who has and will continue shedding his grace upon us.

For those who don't have good health, He heals. For those who aren't employed, He will answer your prayers. For those troubled by family strife, He will provide strength to prevail. For those whose children are in harms way, we pray for their safety and that peace will come shortly. And for those who are

doubting in their faith, He will send down his grace upon you.

Make this season a thankful one. Make this season one of Faith, Hope and Charity.

The Lord is coming in a month. Let us be ready for his blessings on the Country, the State, the County, the Council and all Brother Knights everywhere.

Til next month!

Vivat Jesus,  
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## Fourth Degree Assembly News.

Greetings Sir Knights, Brother Knights and family and friends!

The Assembly and the Honor Guard in particular, showed its true colors this past month.

First of all, congratulations to 3880's own Sir Knight Paul Ruiz, who has now joined the ranks of the 4<sup>th</sup> Degree of the Knights of Columbus! Paul received his Knighthood at the recent Exemplification in Rock Falls. The next opportunity to join the elite ranks of the 4<sup>th</sup> will be in April, likely at the Lincolnshire Marriott. Faithful Comptroller Dan O'Connell and I will have that information as soon as we receive it.

The Honor Guard has been very busy. We

stood guard at several wakes this past month, as well as Confirmation's in Woodstock, Johnsbury and Cary. Then, on the last Saturday of October, we had the distinct privilege of providing an Honor Guard for *His Eminence, Raymond Cardinal Burke*, Prefect of the Apostolic Signatura in Rome, (highest judicial authority of the Catholic Church). Cardinal Burke was the keynote speaker at the First Annual McHenry County Prayer Breakfast, which was attended by many parishioners and a large group of Deanery priests, including Monsignor Hermes, Father Simon and Father Caesar, whom many remember from his time at St. Thomas the Apostle. The Honor Guard for him was at the opening Mass at St. Elizabeth Ann Seaton. We had a very large turnout of Sir Knights in Regalia, including SKs O'Connell, Jasinski and Bright who joined me as the contingent from Fr. McCormick Council 3880.

We are still working on the new 4<sup>th</sup> Degree Website, and will let all Sir Knights know about it with an e-mail blast. Speaking of which, I can be contacted for 4<sup>th</sup> Degree in-

formation or business at [KofC0198Navigator@gmail.com](mailto:KofC0198Navigator@gmail.com) at any time.

**Faithful Comptroller SK Dan O'Connell**, will soon be mailing the 2012 Calendar Year dues invoices. PLEASE send in your dues when you receive the notice, along with the top portion of the invoice. The sooner they are paid, the less we have to send subsequent notices, occurring additional expenses. But always remember, being an active Sir Knight is the most important part of your commitment. If there is ever a financial hardship in paying the dues, please contact the Faithful Comptroller, as they may be waived, and your membership in the Assembly may continue unbroken.

See me for a Form 4 to become a Sir Knight... or **SK Steve Haugh** or **SK Mike Jasinski** or **SK Dan O'Connell**, or **SK Steve Bright**...

Peace! John

## November Breakfast

By PGK, John Stefani

### Happy Thanksgiving, and Happy Birthday Ritchie Partyka!!

Boy, as great as these breakfasts have been, month after month, how about this for a great celebration?



We have another stellar turnout, and cap it off by having one of 3880's all time greats attending to

celebrate his 90<sup>th</sup> birthday with the crew he has been part of for so many, many years. With a little bit of help from **Kevin Scanlon**, **PGK Jeff Faye** and wife Lynn brought her father and mother, **SK Rich Partyka** and wife Rose in for a special breakfast meal. We even managed to take a minute out of the hectic day for a big group picture. For me, **Rich**, like so many in this Council, you have been and inspiration to us all, but even better than that, you have been a friend. When I first transferred into the Fr.



**McCormick Council**, I heard about the *Three Amigos*. You are the remaining member, sadly enough, but we all remember how you, **Leo Ziemba** and **Freddie DeLance**, all **Sir Knights**, showed by example how great a Council can be, and happily, we have some new guys stepping up to follow you lead.

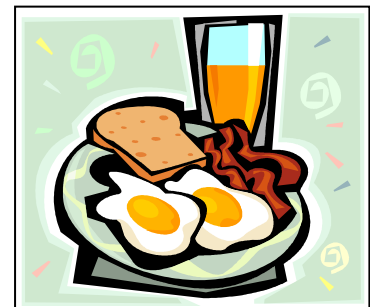
And then getting back to the breakfast itself... we had a whole lot of player changes this morning, including people like **PGK Daniel Patrick Maguire** himself, manning the small grill again, our illustrious, award winning **K of C**

**Insurance** guru running the Belgian waffle griddles, **John Walsh** first working side by side with **PGK Faye** learning the intricacies of calling orders to the cooks, then helping **Dan O'Connell** in doing the plating... then taking over the plating late in the day as **Dan** took over the ovens.. and as usual **Trevor O'Donnell** was there chopping onions as he always does, but coming back to chop ham... and again families played a big role in the day.. Annette O'Connell and son Brian were all over setting up, serving, being runners, **Bob Newport's** son and daughter

serving and cleaning up and winning smiles all around... yeah, these Sunday morning's are just getting to be so much fun... we do have a lot to be thankful for in this Council... day after day, month after month.. oh, yeah, and it doesn't even stop here... next Sunday **Kevin** and crew will be cooking and serving up a fantastic Thanksgiving Dinner to Pads... and we will be in the kitchen with him, helping a little bit, AND preparing and serving yet another breakfast, this time to the new RCIA group.. yep, Happy Thanksgiving, hope everyone had a great one.. and, see you at the next breakfast, with out good friend **SK Santa Clause!!!!**

So, come on out and join in on the good times!

See ya there and here! Vivat Jesus! John



# November Business Meeting Minutes

By Bob Newport

Fr. McCormick Council 3880  
Knights of Columbus  
Business Meeting Minutes

November 1, 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

### Leadership

The news is filled with the tragic situation that is coming out at Penn State University. There was obviously lack of oversight at the University that led to the events that are now being brought to the forefront. The safety of our children is the utmost concern we can have and the Boy Scouts of America (BSA) takes that very seriously.

All Troop positions are filled by adult volunteers who usually have a son in Scouting. From its earliest days, the BSA has had a mandatory application and registration process to screen adult volunteers. Today, the application requires adults who have been selected as potential leaders of youth by a chartered organization to provide references, past addresses, and other community affiliations, and to affirm that they have had no criminal accusations made against them. This information helps the chartered organization verify the applicant's suitability for Scout leadership.

The BSA grants membership to an adult volunteer only after a national criminal background check is performed. The background checks are administered by LexisNexis, a nationally respected third party that also provides this service to local, state, and federal governments; educational institutions; and

other nonprofits. All adult volunteers, regardless of their position, must have completed Youth Protection training within 30 days of registration. This training must be taken every two years in order to renew membership. The training is available online 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

Scouting takes any allegations of inappropriate behavior seriously, whether or not the individual ever served as a Scout leader, and whether or not that person behaved inappropriately with a Scout or any other child. Scouting policy requires the prompt reporting of inappropriate conduct. When such issues are reported, a record is added to the Ineligible Volunteer Files maintained by the National Council, whether or not the allegations are proven. The Ineligible Volunteer Files have successfully kept dangerous and potentially dangerous individuals out of the organization, even based on suspicion alone.

Every application for youth membership advises parents about the basic principles of youth protection, including the "two deep" leadership requirement for every Scouting activity. Every Cub Scout and Boy Scout handbook includes a separate pamphlet that helps parents speak to their children about youth protection issues. Parents and youth are required to review these materials together before the child can advance in Scouting.

While it can be an uncomfortable discussion for some, it does bring the safety of the scout to the forefront.

The "three R's" of Youth Protection convey an important message in a clear manner easily understood by youth members:

Recognize situations that place them at risk of being molested, how child molesters operate, and that anyone could be a molester.

Resist unwanted and inappropriate attention. Resistance will stop most attempts at molestation.

Report attempted or actual molestation to a parent or other trusted adult. This prevents further abuse and helps protect other children. Understand that you will not be blamed for what occurred.



With all of these safeguards in place, we always strive for safe, educational and fun outings, activities and meetings that will help the Scouts achieve their goals. With the continued support of Council 3880, we see the sky as the limit. May we all take a moment at Thanksgiving to give thanks for all that we have in our lives.

## Membership

By Rick Kendzior

### Fall Membership Drive Nets RESULTS!

Our participation in the parish ministry fair was a rousing success. We met with several gentlemen who came to our table to learn about our organization and what we do. Also, we signed up several transfers who have been attending St. Thomas but had not officially changed their council membership. A lot of form 100's were signed that day.

A big THANK YOU to PGK John Stefani and PGK Jeff Faye for helping man the information table as well as going from table to table looking for prospective members! No

arm twisting necessary this time. Well, maybe just a little. Old habits are hard to break.

At this point, we are looking at the calendar as to when we can schedule a First Degree Ceremony in between the holidays. It will be a challenge, but one that we welcome, Watch for an e-blast from our DGK Tim Hicklin announcing when we have a date. If you haven't attended a First Degree in a while, consider witnessing this one. Make our new members welcome!

Meanwhile, KEEP RECRUITING! Don't forget that the Holiday Parade and our Christmas tree sales are just around the corner. When you volunteer to sell trees, bring

along that friend you think would become a Knight. Make sure you talk to the customers as well. You never know where that next member will come from.

Also – We have a date for our Major Degree Ceremony! Keep Sunday, February 19, 2012 open for the day. We will be combining forces with our brother Knights in 10678 Council to host this event at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton parish. Due to scheduling conflicts in both parishes, this is the only date available. So, we are combining forces between the two councils. More information will follow as we get closer!



A PEOPLE OF LIFE

AND FOR LIFE

opportunity to experience LIFE and contribute to this earthly world. So think about the

the babies that will not have the chance at the very same thing.

NESS) are preserved.

Please go to

[http://nationalprolifealliance.com/npla\\_hlaction.aspx?pid=1115](http://nationalprolifealliance.com/npla_hlaction.aspx?pid=1115) read the petition and support it. I did. As always thanks for reading.

Jeff Faye, Sr.

PKG,

Fr. McCormick Council 3880

## 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).

Although there are many things to report on, I believe that the most important is before us now. We now have the chance to support life from conception. There is now a bill sponsored by Senator Roger Wicker of Mississippi to protect person-hood from the point of conception. Once person-hood is validated all other "inalienable rights" (LIFE, LIBERTY, PURSUIT OF HAPPY-

## Youth Director

By Mike Kebr

### 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.

### 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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## P.A.D.S.

By Steve Bright



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
11/27/2010	Kevin Scanlan
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

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

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

Tuesday, November 15, 2011, Fr. McCormick Council 3880 and St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Council 10678 celebrated the annual Memorial Mass in remembrance of our Deceased Brothers with members of both councils reading the names and Chaplain Fr. Ken Stachyra saying the Mass. Thank you greatly, Pete Harren for coordinating this event.



It was a beehive of activity over at the St. Thomas the Apostle Oak St. lot on Saturday, November 19, 2011 as the Boy Scouts, their dads and members of the Knights set up the

Christmas Tree lot in preparation of our annual Christmas Tree sales.

This is one of the premier events of the Fra-

ternal Year and we need all the help we can get. Contact Scott Popp 815/477-1810 or John Scott 815/356-5516 to volunteer your time. Thank you in advance.

## Christmas Idea

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w many people couldn't use an oil change for their car, truck or motorcycle, done at a shop run by the American working guy?

Thinking about a heartfelt gift for mom? Mom would LOVE the services of a local cleaning lady for a day.

My computer could use a tune-up, and I KNOW I can find some young guy who is struggling to get his repair business up and running.

OK, you were looking for something more personal. Local crafts people spin their own wool and knit them into scarves. They make jewelry, and pottery and beautiful wooden boxes.

Plan your holiday outings at local owner-operated restaurants and leave your server a nice tip. And, how about going out to see a play or ballet at your hometown theatre.

Musicians need love too, so find a venue showcasing local bands.

Honestly, people, do you REALLY need to buy another ten thousand Chinese lights for the house? When you buy a five dollar string of lights, about fifty cents stays in the community. If you have those kinds of bucks to burn, leave the mailman, trash guy or babysitter a nice BIG tip.

You see, Christmas is no longer about draining American pockets so that China can build

another glittering city. Christmas is now about caring about US, encouraging American small businesses to keep plugging away to follow their dreams. And, when we care about other Americans, we care about our communities, and the benefits come back to us in ways we couldn't imagine. THIS is the new American Christmas tradition.

Copy and forward this to everyone on your mailing list -- post it to discussion groups -- throw up a post on Craigslist in the Rants and Raves section in your city -- send it to the editor of your local paper and radio stations, and TV news departments. This is a revolution of caring about each other, and isn't that what Christmas is about?

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# For the Good of the Order

**Knights December Birthdays:**

- Mike Baietto
- Raymond W. Boshma
- Robert L. Cormier
- Paul Cuchna
- Mark Daniel
- Thomas Mike Fraser
- Peter Hall
- Richard E. Kendzior
- Matthew D. Meisner
- James V. O'Reilly
- John L. Orso
- John M. Orso
- Rick Russell
- John R Sinski
- Ralph W. Statter
- Mark Steadman
- Robert E. Thomas

**Wives December Birthdays:**

- Elizabeth Baietto
- Gail Gebert
- Margaret Heideman
- Suzanne O'Reilly
- Amy Pitrello

• Susan Stefani

**December Anniversaries:**

- Dennis and Barbara Kostrzewski
- Matthias and Cathleen Martin
- James V. and Suzanne O'Reilly
- Jasper and Amy Pitrello
- Daniel and Lucille Polakowski
- Steve A. and Sue Reed

**Good of the Order:**

**Pray for:**

In this month of remembrance we remember the following:

- The sick Knights, family members, friends and acquaintances.
- The dead
- The military
- The unemployed and under employed
- All those who have lost their faith and need hope.

A full list of our prayer list will be published in the minutes.

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

**Remember and pray for our troops in this hopeful 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!**

**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.*

**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 Calendar 2011-2012

## December 2011

6 Business Meeting  
18 Breakfast with Santa  
20 Social Meeting  
21 Christmas Tree Sales End  
25 P.A.D.S.  
31 New Years Eve

## 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.

## Christmas Idea

Submitted by Kathy Esposito

### Birth of a New Tradition

As the holidays approach, the giant Asian factories are kicking into high gear to provide Americans with monstrous piles of cheaply produced goods -- merchandise that has been produced at the expense of American labor. This year will be different. This year Americans will give the gift of genuine concern for other Americans. There is no longer an excuse that, at gift giving time, nothing can be found that is produced by American hands. Yes, there is!

It's time to think outside the box, people. Who says a gift needs to fit in a shirt box,

wrapped in Chinese produced wrapping paper? Everyone -- yes EVERYONE gets their hair cut. How about gift certificates from your local American hair salon or barber?

Gym membership? It's appropriate for all ages who are thinking about some health improvement.

Who wouldn't appreciate getting their car detailed? Small, American owned detail shops and car washes would love to sell you a gift certificate or a book of gift certificates.

Are you one of those extravagant givers who think nothing of plunking down the Benja-

mins on a Chinese made flat-screen? Perhaps that grateful gift receiver would like his driveway sealed, or lawn mowed for the summer, or driveway plowed all winter, or games at the local golf course.

There are a bazillion owner-run restaurants -- all offering gift certificates. And, if your intended isn't the fancy eatery sort, what about a half dozen breakfasts at the local breakfast joint. Remember, folks this isn't about big National chains -- this is about supporting your home town Americans with their financial lives on the line to keep their doors open.

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# KNIGHT LIFE

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

