

Fr. McCormick Council 3880



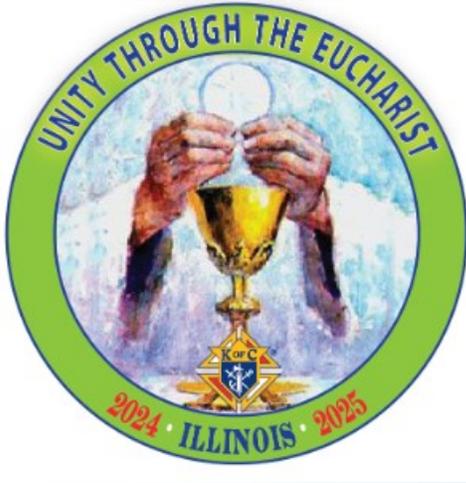
Welcome to Council 3880
Faith in Action 2024-2025

Knights of Columbus

Our Council-Faith In Action



Knights Life



Grand Knight Report

Hello Brother Knights.



Thank you for your trust in having me back as your Grand Knight for fraternal year 2025 – 2026. I am honored, humbled, and happy to be back in this roll. What I learned this past year is that our council does a lot. But, it couldn't have been done without you.

We started out the year celebrating our 70th anniversary as a council. We had our

standard Community events including Blood drive, IDD – Tootsie Roll drive, Polish dinner, Monthly breakfasts, and Food Pantry support. Family event included KCIC, St Thomas family picnic, Food for Families support.

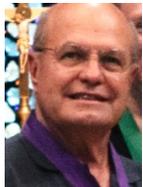
For Life, we sponsored the Silver Rose, ASAP Pro Life program, SPREAD Ministry breakfast, NAMI support, and Crosses for LIFE.

For Faith we had our random Rosary prayer events, Clery Night, Memorial mass, and Vocation raffle. Speaking of Vocation, this past month we celebrated two of our Deacons being ordained and becoming Priests. The Knights provided each one a celebratory event. * >> 3

Deputy Grand Knight

What's Up

Followers of the calendar of the Council will note that June is the last month of the Fraternal Year and July 1st begins not only the new year but the term of the new officers of the Council. The Council will be well served by a second term of the current Grand Knight J. Cesar Jimenez and when looking over his first term, reminded of the quotation of Lewis Carrol, "One of the deep secrets of life is that all that is really worth doing is what we do for



others."

The Council is ending the year with fifteen new members drawn by faith and works of Charity. No surprise as Charity is the watchword of this fraternal order. But does not stop there as the Marian Scholarship is on schedule for the graduate of St. Thomas. This is the same group of students who participated in the Keep Christ in Christmas Program. There was also the Seminarian donation that soon one of our own will be ordained While the Council learns to navigate the digital age, it also learns to press forward upon the passing of its stalwart beers. Again, no surprise to an organization whose motto is "time flies, remember death". Most fitting is to end the >> 3

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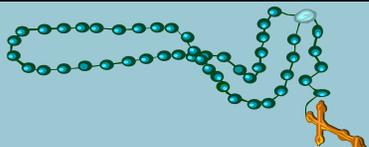
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Pray the Rosary



Membership

I started this journey of membership chair in 2020. I have learned so much!! Due to the change of format, with the degrees (1st, 2nd & 3rd) which is now one Exemplification ceremony! It now takes the 3 degrees and tells the story of the Knights of Columbus and our guiding principles. It's not a secret anymore to become a Knight! Family and friends that have attended the ceremony have commented to me, now I know what the Knights are all about.

CHARITY!! Worked with the past and present officers on putting together the Exemplification team for bringing in new Knights, doing membership church drives for our Oak and Pierson street churches. I also found out Jewel Chicken still tastes good and a good value to have to celebrate our newly inducted Knights and families and friends.



Thank you worthy Warden!

I welcome all the new Knights that have come into council 3880 the last 5 years. Please support the council by working or attending events. You will not regret it working for the common goal of Charity and making friends with your fellow knights!

Lastly, please welcome **Robert Kosin**, our new member-

ship chair. Please support Bob and his efforts for this very important job of membership for council 3880! **New members are our future!!**

We have reached our goal number for membership for this fiscal year which is 15! I would like to thank the council for bringing in new members by supporting our membership drives and one on one membership prospect recruiting. Your support has been great!

Again, please inform your prospects of the brief history of our council of 71 years 1954 – 2025. The four key principles of our order: Charity, Unity, Fraternity and Patriotism. And inform them of the events we have, like our monthly breakfast, special dinners, Tootsie Roll Drive and Brat Mobile events to raise money for CHARITIES!!

Please tell them of the fellowship that will be made working events with fellow Knights. Just, if it is for a few hours or working the entire event. Friendship and fellowship will be made for a lifetime with fellow Knights.

Remember our 1st principle is CHARITY!!

Fellow Knights, if you have someone you know is thinking 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
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Breakfast

Greetings! Well, we hit a new low today, with only 140 paid diners attending the June Breakfast. That's the lowest number of attendees that we have had in the last 3 plus years... so, a combination of weather, vacations??? Not sure. There were 962 people attending the 3 masses this



week, but last month it was 163 served with 967 attending the masses, so that doesn't make a lot of sense either... but be that as it may, we actually only lost less than \$40.00 financially. But the way I calculate that is a straight it cost us this much... some think we should change how I calculate that to sit and figure exactly how much we used, not what was purchased... but that than makes a lot more work in running this... all though, in last months article I ended up by asking if anyone wanted to take over the breakfast, since I have been doing it almost 30 years and am getting old, and tired... but I also asked almost a dozen people today if they even read this article last month and only one said yes... so, who am I writing this for??? We have, and have had for over 30 years an outstanding award winning Newsletter... judged by our peers state wide... but who reads it of our own? How interesting is that question... Oh well, on the plus side today, we had a low turnout but also had several key brothers who were doing other things, so it was a little scarce in the kitchen... I guess some things just even out... but thanks to all the guys who did bother to show up and a few constant replacements that make the world of difference... like we had ONE server the first mass...

See you next **July 20th**. Hope to see some of you there... hopefully more that showed up today...

Hope to see you all there on one side of the counter or the other!

John



Chancellor's Musings (DGK Fraternal Year 2026)

Muses from the DGK

Have you ever spent time considering the American flag? It is proudly flown throughout the summer. It is displayed on the various holidays – from Memorial Day (the unofficial start to summer), to Flag Day (June 14th), to Independence Day on July 4th and to the unofficial end of summer – Labor Day. In-between there are parades, picnics, sporting events, etc. to see this nation's national symbol on display.

What do we really know about our country's flag? Most of us know that the thirteen red and white stripes represent the original 13 British colonies that sought independence from Great Britain and that the white, five-pointed stars on the blue rectangular background signify the states within the USA. But what do the colors mean? The colors are the same as that of Great Britain's flag, but history suggests much more about the lives of our founding fathers. The white signifies purity and innocence, red is

for hardiness and valor; while blue represents vigilance, perseverance and justice. The American Flag was adopted on December 3, 1775 as a piece of military equipment to identify US ships and forts. The original flag had only 13 stars and has been updated 27 times since 1775. The last update and current rendition has been around since July 4, 1960 when Hawaii was added as the 50th state.

The flag has numerous nicknames – "The Stars and Stripes"; "Old Glory"; "The Star Spangled Banner" and of course, "The Red, White and Blue". The Pledge of Allegiance and the holiday- Flag Day are dedicated to this national symbol.

As you go about enjoying this summer more fully with the usual parades, picnics and warmer weather – look up once in a while and remember our nation's flag.

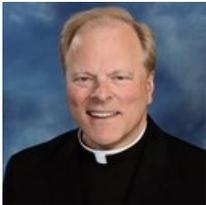
William Bransley

Chaplain's Report

Today we remember Saints Peter and Paul who guided the early Church just after the life, death and resurrection of Jesus. Each of these two saints is important for different reasons. Peter was the first Pope and kept the Church united as it grew very rapidly in the early years following Pentecost. In the first years after Pentecost, it was mostly the Jewish people who accepted Jesus as the Savior and so the early Church was a very Jewish Church. But as time went on, the newly converted (Saul) Paul began to preach also to non-Jewish people, the Gentiles as they were called. His preaching was very successful, and he brought huge numbers of non-Jewish people into the Church, so much so that the number of Jewish people in the Church was greatly outnumbered by non-Jewish people.

So, both Peter and Paul had very important tasks in the early Church. Peter worked to maintain unity in the Church, which during his lifetime had already spread throughout the Middle East and Europe. Paul reminded the Jewish people that Jesus is the fulfillment of their Old Testament hopes, and taught the

Jewish people and the Gentiles that Jesus is indeed the Savior.



It is interesting to note the personalities of both Peter and Paul. Peter was impetuous. On the evening of Holy Thursday, telling Jesus that he would die with Him if necessary (John 13:37) but later that night he three times denied that he knew Jesus or had any association with Him.

We also remember Peter's strong objection to Jesus' prediction that He would suffer and die in Jerusalem and Jesus reply to Peter, "Get behind me Satan, because the way you think is man's way and not God's way." (Matt 16:23). Yet, what made Peter a suitable candidate for Jesus' call was his love for Jesus, so

three times the Risen Jesus asked Peter if he loved Him and asked him to look after the flock (John 21:15-19).

Paul was a controversial character in his own way. He had a fiery personality. In his early life he channeled that fire towards persecuting the Christians in Jerusalem, even witnessing the death of Stephen, the first martyr for Jesus (Acts 8:1). After his conversion, Paul's preaching was fiery and upset the Churches. Why did God call Paul? Paul was a highly educated Pharisee (Acts 22:3), and it would only be someone like him who could see that the Jewish expectations were fulfilled in Jesus. Paul had the strong personality needed for that daring challenge. These two founding fathers and great saints answered the call of Jesus and built upon the foundation our Lord set in place with the Paschal Mystery. Since this Feast falls on Sunday this year, we highlight their importance to our own calling.

Peace, be with you,

Fr. Bob Jones

Grand Knight Report

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Our Fraternal brotherhood is what makes council 3880 who we are. That is why this year I am asking you to please consider joining us at one of the many events that we sponsor. We can use your help. Whether it is 30 minutes, 1 hour or the entire event. Remember "many hands make for light work".

As always, thank you for all that you do to support our council.

If you know of someone who feels left out or abandoned from the Knights, please reach out to me at 847-341-1727. We are one Brotherhood, one family, and together we are one.

God Bless.
Vivat Jesus
Cesar Jimenez
Grand Knight - #3880

Deputy Grand Knight

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of the month Mass for all deceased members of the Council.

And so, the Banner will be posted, the US Flag will be unfurled throughout and more than a few blue shirts will be seen at the 9 o'clock Mass Sunday June 29th. If a member -to-be or new member or even a long serving member wonders what to do first in



the New Fraternal Year, hold the Rosary, say a decade for those who have gone before us and then begin the service for others, because that is what it's all about.

SK, Bob Kosikn
Deputy Grand Knight



Crystal Lake Food Pantry

No one should go hungry.

Brothers,
Our council is working the Crystal Lake Food Pantry this Thursday, June 26th. We are covering this time slot every 4th Thursday of the month and can use your help. There has been an increase in the number of neighbors being served recently which has increased the need for volunteers.

Please do not wear sandals or open toes shoes as this is a safety issue at the food pantry.

We are in **need of 12-14 volunteers** to help serve our neighbors at the pantry.

Date: Thursday June 26



FEED THE HUNGRY

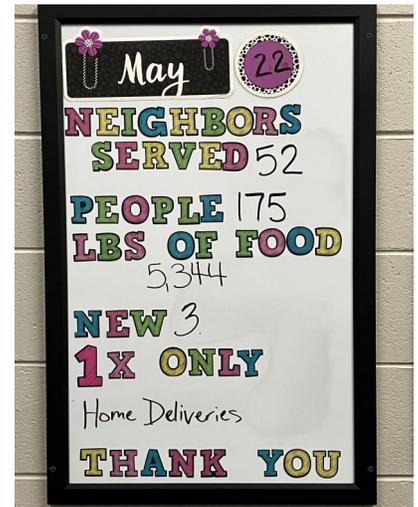
Mike Kebr

3rd Thursday of the Month 5-7pm
4th Saturday of the Month 8am -12 noon

Crystal Lake Food Pantry

42 East Street,
Crystal Lake, IL 60014
815-455-0961

Time: 4:30pm - 7:30p
Please RSVP if you can make it.
If you are interested or have any questions, please contact Mike Kebr 815-814-7395
See you there.



The new Assembly officers for the 2025-2026 Fraternal year were elected and will be installed on July 19th at Elizabeth Ann Seton after the 4 PM Mass. Your officers are::

Faithful Navigator	Kuczera, Mark
Faithful Comptroller	O'Connell Jr, Daniel J
Faithful Friar	Apostol, Rev. Moises A
Faithful Captain	Scherb, Joseph M
Faithful Admiral	Cermak III, Frank J
Faithful Purser	Penczak, Stanley John
Faithful Pilot	Lemont, Anthony R
Faithful Scribe	Bednarek, Christopher
Inner Sentinel	Falbo, Frank A
Outer Sentinel	Skowronski, Paul
One Year Trustee	Voloch, Andrew J
Two Year Trustee	Schuring, Gregory A
Three Year Trustee	Schafer, Robert C

The Assembly has decided to increase the uniform allowance to \$200 this coming Fraternal year and there will be five (5) available beginning July 1st. It is on a first come, first reimbursed basis. You must submit a paid receipt along with the reimbursement form to receive payment. You can order the uniform [here](#). The sword and scabbard package can be found [here](#). Our Council will continue the

\$100 allowance (5 maximum) so you could get up to \$300 back on a uniform purchase.

The Exemplification of Patriotism for Marquette Province Northern District in the Chicago Diocese will hold the event at Saint Hubert's in Hoffman Estates on June 28th. This will be the newly revised and released Exemplification Program that was used at the 125th Anniversary Exemplification in New York in February and Indianapolis in March. You must register to attend even if you are just coming to view the new Degree. Families are also now able to attend and view the Exemplification.

Our next Assembly meeting is on **July 9, 2025**, at 7:30 PM at Holy Apostles in McHenry. If you are a Sir Knight and are not receiving the meeting invites or other Assembly emails, please let me know and I can update your email address to rectify the situation. If you have purchased the uniform for the 4th Degree and are not receiving the Honor Guard callouts, please let me know as well so I can add you to that list.

God bless you and your families and God Bless the United States of America.
Vivat Jesus!

SK, Dan O'Connell

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Questions? Call Sam Evans at 773-641-6601
or email samevans97531+kofc@gmail.com
Hablamos español (despacio, por favor!)

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Zip Hoodie

T-shirt

Long Sleeve Performance T-shirt

Short Sleeve Polo

Long Sleeve Polo

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Pro-Life Report

By SK Pete Harren

Pope Leo XIV, previously known as Cardinal Robert Prevost, is a strong advocate for the [pro-life cause](#). He has demonstrated this commitment both as a college student, where he helped found a pro-life group, and throughout his career within the Church. He has consistently spoken out against abortion and emphasized the value of all human life, including the unborn, elderly, and those with disabilities.

Here's a more detailed look at his pro-life stance:

- **Early Advocacy:**

While at Villanova University, he co-founded "Villanovans for Life," a pro-life group that continues to exist.

- **Strong Statements:**

As a cardinal, he has criticized ideologies that he believes reduce individuals to disposable objects, particularly those that devalue the lives of the unborn and elderly.

- **Focus on Mercy and Life:**

In a recent homily, he connected God's mercy with the need to protect every life, emphasizing the dignity of both the unborn child and the elderly.

- **Anti-Abortion Stance:**

He has explicitly spoken against abortion and has been vocal about the Church's teachings on the sanctity of life from conception.

- **Advocacy for Vulnerable:**

His pro-life stance extends to the vulnerable, including the elderly, and those with disabilities, recognizing them as gifts from God.

- **Global Perspective:**

As a bishop in Peru, he stood with Venezuelan refugees and defended children against gender ideology, further demonstrating his commitment to human dignity and the protection of life.

Respectfully submitted,
Pete Harren,
Prolife Director 6-21-25

Pro-Life Organizations



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

2005-2006 Officer Elections

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| Grand Knight | Cesar Jimenez |
| Deputy Grand Knight | William Bransley |
| Chancellor | John Carzoli |
| Advocate | Stuart Liegel |
| Treasurer | Ned Holland |
| Recorder | Sam Evans |
| Warden | Pat Slowey |
| Inside Guard | Tim DeLance |
| Outside Guard | Paul Tagatz |
| 3 Year Trustee | PGK Pat Maguire |
| Continuing on as: | (non-elected) |
| 2 Year Trustee | PGK Joseph Scherb |
| 1 Year Trustee | PGK Mike Bradley |
| Alternate to the Delegate for State Convention: | |
| | DGK Bill Bransley |

Novena for Life

[Novena for Life - Life Programs | Knights of Columbus \(kofc.org\)](#)

SUPREME CHAPLAIN'S MONTHLY CHALLENGE

Each month, Archbishop William Lori – Supreme Chaplain of the Knights of Columbus – selects a brief passage from the Gospel reading of one of the Sunday Masses of the month.



Archbishop Lori shares a brief reflection on the passage and issues a challenge for men to live for the month.

their experiences living the challenge.

The Supreme Chaplain's Monthly Challenge is ideally suited for *Cor*, but can also be done in other group settings or individually.

By taking up the Supreme Chaplain's Monthly Challenge, men take direct, concrete action to grow in their faith and help their brothers do so as well.

The next month, men undertaking the challenge as a group gather and share

SUPREME CHAPLAIN'S MONTHLY CHALLENGE

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

June 2025

“If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate to be with you always.” (Gospel for June 8, Jn 14:15-16)

Last month, we reflected on how Jesus probed Peter three times with the question “Do you love me?” Here we have an answer to what it means to truly love Jesus — by keeping his commandments, as expressed in Scripture and in the teachings of the Church. The monthly challenge for March underscored how our faith bears fruit in what we do. Let us remember that to keep the commandments for love of Christ is to allow the Holy Spirit to bear good fruits in our lives.



Challenge by Supreme Chaplain Archbishop William E. Lori:

This month, I challenge you to use the Catholic Information Service® resource *A Guide to Confession*, which is organized around the Ten Commandments, to examine your conscience and then go to confession.

Questions for Reflection:

What is your response to Jesus' question, “Do you love me?” Do you show your love for Christ in how you live? In what ways do you need to become more attentive to the commandments and the teachings of the Church?



Good of The Order

Knights Birthday June 2025

PGK Michael R Kebr 07-01

- Jesus Lopez 07-02
- Anthony J Montanaro 07-03
- Kenneth M Repholz 07-03
- Deacon Neal Carpenter 07-09
- Jose L Garcia 07-09
- Juan Munoz 07-09
- James J Kratochvil III 07-10
- David L Waggoner 07-10
- Michael G Fisher 07-11
- Ralph W Gebert 07-11
- Joseph C Letizia 07-14
- Tad M Walters 07-14
- Jared Santiago 07-15
- Peter H Harren 07-16
- Robert L Kunz 07-17
- GK J Cesar Jimenez 07-19
- Michael L Klepitsch 07-19
- Gregory L Waggoner 07-21
- Dr Thomas F Jackson Jr 07-21
- Dylan J Krambeer 07-23
- Thomas W O'Brien 07-23
- Charles J Feck Jr 07-25
- Dennis J Holm Sr 07-25
- James L Mc Manus 07-25
- Roxmal Lopez 07-26
- Gregory J Ives 07-29

Wives Birthday June 2025

- Pat Artner
- Jean Marie Brickey
- Joan Clark
- Joni Jasinski
- Angela Krambeer
- Ana McCoy
- Jeanne Mulville
- Patricia Zokal

Update Your Membership Info
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Anniversaries June 2025

- Edward W and Emily Holland 07-03
- Martin J and Marilyn C. Weniger 07-20



Read the Bible and Pray the Rosary.



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

Notice:

If you would or your wife would like to be mentioned in the Good of the Order for Birthdays and Anniversaries, please let Tim Hicklin know via email at thicklin@aol.com.

Fifth Sunday Memorial Mass. June 29, 2025— 9:00 AM

5th SUNDAY

Sunday June 29, 2025 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. Please consider attending in your Black or Blue Council 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
 DGK

Council Calendar—2024-2025



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July 2025	August 2025	September 2025
7/1 Business Meeting 7/4 Independence Day 7/15 Bi-lingual Rosary 7/16 Caballeros De Colon 7/19 Food Truck Event (Lippold) 7/20 Breakfast 7/23 Rockford Chapter 7/24 Food Pantry 7/29 Officers' Meeting	8/5 Business Meeting 8/15 Assumption 8/16 Blood Drive 8/17 Breakfast 8/20 Caballeros de Colon 8/23 Parish Picnic 8/23 Fr. McCormick Rosary 8/26 Officers' Meeting 8/28 Food Pantry	9/1 Business Meeting 9/7 Labor Day 9/15 1st Day Spanish Heritage 9/17 Caballero de Colon 9/19-20 IDDF Drive 9/21 Breakfast 9/24 Food Pantry 9/27 Johnny Appleseed 9/30 Officers' Meeting

Prayer for the Canonization of Fr. Michael J McGivney

God, our Father, protector of the poor and defender of the widow and orphan, you called your priest, Fr. Michael J. McGivney, to be an apostle of Christian family life and lead the young to the generous service of their neighbor. Through the example of his life and virtue, may we follow your Son, Jesus Christ, more closely fulfilling his commandment of charity and building up his Body which is the Church. Let the inspiration of your servant prompt us to greater confidence in your love so that we may continue his work of caring for the needy and the outcast. We humbly ask that you glorify your venerable servant Father

Michael J. McGivney on earth according to the design of your holy will. Through his intercession, bless our parish, our Knights of Columbus Council and Lady's Auxiliary. Amen.



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Pope Leo XIV



Make the Right Choice!
 Life is not Your Choice. It's Your Responsibility!

