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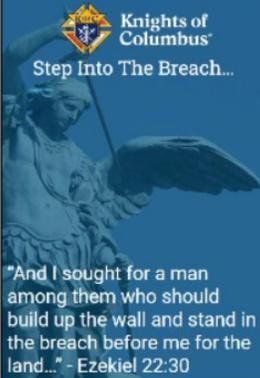
Welcome to Council 3880
Faith In Action 2023-2024

Knights of Columbus

Our Council-Faith In Action



Knight Life



Knights of Columbus
Step Into The Breach...

This year all Knights are called to Step Into The Breach.

- Attend one council meeting.
- Participate in one event or activity.
- If you don't already have one, get a council polo.

How many of these 3 have you achieved?

Respond to the call with "I'm In!"

"And I sought for a man among them who should build up the wall and stand in the breach before me for the land..." - Ezekiel 22:30

Scanlan and Dan O'Connell will be present in Fourth Degree Uniforms. We are men leading our parish and families in faith.

Our Christian Service fair is the following weekend(4/14). This one is pretty easy. We'll be setting up tables after 4:30 mass on Saturday. From there, the organizations participating take over, and set up, and really run the fair. We'll have representation from SCVN, Food Pantry, Medicate, SVDP, NAMI, and more. This is the Knight's leading our community for the benefit of our parishioners.

On April 27th the bishop will be visiting for Confirmation, and this will be the first opportunity for our new 3880 honorguard to put the Knights on display. Beyond Kevin and Dan mentioned above, **Bob Kosin, John Carzoli, Pat Slowey, Pete Harren**, and myself will be able to join in uniform. This is a beautiful and very visible moment for our council.

Heading into May we'll have our first food truck event for the summer and we're planning a "Taste of Kermes" Hispanic dinner with our Caballeros from Pierson Street. More on those events later, but I'm very excited about the new things we'll be doing with these activities this year.

The Corpus Christi Eucharistic Procession is a way to express devotion to Christ, and is also a way to show love for neighbors by bringing Christ closer to them. The tradition began in the 14th century, when popes encouraged the procession of the Blessed Sacrament through town after Mass on Corpus Christi Day.

On June 2nd our parish will pull together our >> 3

Grand Knight

Vivat Jesus brothers!

Between April, May and June, the council has a lot of things going on. Surprisingly, it's not the usual stuff. Yes, we've got our food pantry and breakfast, but we've got some plans that are quite a bit different than usual as well.



First off, this weekend is Divine Mercy Sunday. Fr. Bob has specifically asked for the Knight's to be present at the 3pm Service. By the time this is published it will be past, but I know at least 5 of us will be there. We'll be bringing the Divine Mercy Image down the center aisle of the church and we'll be holding it during the veneration. **Kevin**

Deputy Grand Knight

March is typically the month when we "spring forward" one hour in time. Fortunately, that was one week before our monthly breakfast. Thus, we were able to get our rest. And that's good because we had a good crowd. Over 200 guests came to our breakfast. But none of this could have been achieved without the support and participation by many of you, our Knights. You follow our moto of "Charity" and follow your heart to volunteer your time to give back to our community.

In parallel we are also working with our brother Knights the "Caballeros" who are preparing the foundation of "A taste of Kermes". It's basically a snippet of the formal food fest held in the summer at the Pierson Street parish. More details to come.



For more details, feel free to come to the next Planning meeting on March 26th and / or the Membership meeting on April 2nd, 2024.
Vivat Jesus
Cesar Jimenez

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- Please read the Grand Knight's Column

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Membership

With our last exemplification on February 12, 2024, we have made our number for new Knights for fiscal 2023-24. Thank you for all your efforts for bringing in new Knights into council 3880.

We will be involved with the **Parish Ministry Fair on April 14, 2024** in the community room. We will be there along with our insurance agent for the Knights working with him to bring in new Knights into the Knights of Columbus. We also will be doing a membership drive in May at Pierson Street church.

I will be scheduling a possible exemplification at Oak Street or Pierson Street churches for May or early June for candidates we may have from the ministry fare and membership drive at Pierson Street church.



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

**Form #100
Belongs in
All of These Places**

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

**SIGN UP A
NEW MEMBER
TODAY!**



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Again, please inform your prospects of the brief history of our council which will be **70 years old this year, 1954 – 2024**. 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

Knight's Monthly Breakfast

March... supposed to be warmer with a gentle breeze or two, kitchen crew mostly back to wearing shorts again... okay, except for people like **Bob Newport WHO TURNED 50 AT THE BREAKFAST!!! and wears them all year long...** and expecting bigger crowds as people shake off the winter blues and blahs and get out a little more... well, okay, getting there! We served 202 today so kept the room full and everyone on their toes. Expenses were a little higher as we ran out of a few more things last month so needed to restock. But that has always been the tricky part. But so far for both the fiscal year and calendar year we are ahead of budget...

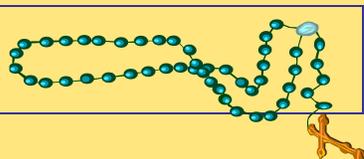


is seeing so many Brothers, working the day or not, who do have their family come in to have breakfast together! And some who do not work but are there to support us and have breakfast! Like **John Romanelli..** who is a great guy so I can "talk about him" a little! John comes in and buys breakfast for himself and Kathy, and the kids if they are with them, **AND THEN** buys himself a second breakfast!!! Does John absolutely love our breakfast? Does John just like to eat? Does John just see it as another

way to Support the Council? For me, it is a rousing **YES** to all 3.. and if you really do not know John, that is your loss... I am fortunate to know him for so many years... he does love to eat; he does love our breakfast; and he ALWAYS supports the Council. I would love another five dozen John Romanelli's! It is what keeps 3880 going, and keeps me going, and so many of us going... everyone can not be involved in everything we do, but everyone can support us in any and every way! Thanks John for being a Brother Knight, but mostly for being my friend!

See you all next time on April 21st at the next Monthly Breakfast, and hopefully a few more times along the way, here and there!

John



Pack 127 & Troop 127

Scouting – Always an Adventure

The Scouting for Food effort by the Pack and the Troop brought in over 1,500 pounds of food and sundries for the Crystal Lake Food Pantry. We had a beautiful day for collecting the donations left on doorsteps through the neighborhoods surrounding St. Thomas.



The Cub Scout Pack 127 crossed over three scouts (and their parents) to BSA Troop 127. They were welcomed to the Troop by Scoutmaster Dan Raineri and Merit Badge Chairman Brother Marty Zopp along with four scouts from the Troop. The new scouts received the Troop neckerchief and BSA slide, the

Scout handbook as well as epaulets and Troop numbers for their uniform. They are now immersed in getting to the rank of Scout and then on to Tenderfoot. An exciting start to their ongoing adventures in Scouting. Hopefully we will get

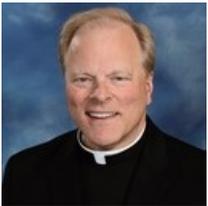


them all to the Eagle Scout Rank in a few years.

The Troop has two crews (4 Scouters and 12 Scouts) on their way to Sea Base in Islamorada, Florida for their sailing excursion in the Keys. They will be gone for 10 days over Spring Break. They will return at the end of March. Brother John Walsh is one of the Scouters on the trip. I believe this is his third time taking this excursion with the Troop.

Chaplains Message

This funny story is old, but even if you've heard it before, you might enjoy it again. There was an old couple who argued a lot, and they decided to travel before they died. One place they wanted to see was Israel. While they were there, the wife died. When the husband tried to see what arrangements he could make for her funeral, the mortician told him she could be buried in Israel for \$2,000 or they could send her body home to the United States, but it would cost \$20,000 to transport her. He thought for a moment and said we'll send her to the United States. A friend asked why he would spend so much money to send her back home. He said, "one time a person rose from the dead here in Israel and I can't take that chance."



Our faith tells us one person did indeed rise from the dead, Jesus Christ, and if it weren't for his resurrection we would never have heard of him. Others have made the claim that they would rise from the dead, but the bottom line is that they didn't. Jesus Christ did and he spent forty days on the earth before his resurrection securing many

very persuasive witnesses. Our faith is based on the incredible testimony of these witnesses (most who gladly gave their lives for their testimony) and the power of the Holy Spirit that has been the life force of our Church since that first Pentecost.

When the resurrected Lord did return he did so in a spirit of peace and offering reconciliation. He did not return with vengeance in his heart. No, he returned with Divine Mercy flowing through his resurrected body. Next Sunday, **April 7**, we invite you to a **Divine Mercy Service at 3:00 PM**. During this service there will be Eucharistic Adoration, some Scripture, a brief reflection, time for

shared and personal prayer, an opportunity for receiving the Sacrament of Reconciliation and an opportunity to venerate the beautiful image of Divine Mercy.

We hope you can join us .

Not only did the risen Lord Jesus promise the gift of the Holy Spirit to lead and guide our Church, he also gave us the gift of His True Presence in the Holy Eucharist, on the night before he died, on Holy Thursday. As we continue our Eucharistic Revival Year, we invite you to our next **Eucharistic Encounter Evening at 7:00 PM**, on Tuesday, **April 16**. During the course of a Eucharistic Holy Hour with Praise and Worship music, your pastor, Fr. Bob Jones, will be giving a couple of brief reflections on a book by Vinny Flynn entitled, "**The Seven Secrets of the Eucharist**". This has been an enriching revival for our parish and we do hope you will be able to attend.

Before the month of April concludes we will have 2 celebrations of First Holy Communion on Saturday, April 20, and 2 celebrations of Confirmation (1 in English and 1 in Spanish) on April 27. Please keep the youth of our parish in your prayers as they plan for these special sacramental moments with their families.

Our Easter Celebration today hopefully gives us a new resolve to praise the Lord. Despite all that is not right in the world and often in our own lives, we do have reason to rejoice and be glad. Jesus Christ has overcome this world and all the darkness that often accompanies it. Jesus Christ has promised a share in His Divine Life and Heavenly Kingdom. So, let us rejoice and be glad for this is the day that the Lord has made. May you all have a very blessed and **Happy Easter!**

Peace be with you, Fr. Bob Jones

Grand Knight

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Caballero's from Pierson Street and our Knights from Oak Street for the procession. Imagine the procession being led by our Fourth Degree Honor Guard, with a sea of blue polos. This is the Knights again, leading our parish in bringing our faith to the community.

Now the big question. Will you be there? We're all very busy, and sometimes we're not sure about committing until we "see what we have going". Trust me on this brothers, if you say "Yes" to stand up for your faith, your parish, and your community,

and add it to your calendars now, you'll find your other commitments and stresses will get cleared from your plate. As they say, "Have faith!"

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

Vivat Jesus,

Joe Scherb
Grand Knight



Crystal Lake Food Pantry

No one should go hungry.

Crystal Lake Food Pantry

Brothers,

Our council is working the Crystal Lake Food Pantry this 3rd Thursday. We are covering this time slot every 4th Thursday of the month and can use your help. We are in need of 8-10 volunteers to help serve our neighbors at the pantry.

(Masks are currently optional for all)

Time: 4:30pm -7:30pm

If you are interested or have any questions, please **Contact PGK**,



FEED THE HUNGRY

Mike Kebr
815/814-7395

See you there. Mike Kebr

3rd Thursday of the Month 5-7pm

4th Saturday of the Month 8am -12 noon

We need your help

Crystal Lake Food Pantry

42 East Street,
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Fourth Degree

Congratulations to our new **uniformed** Sir Knights: SK John Carzoli, SK Pete Harren, SK Kevin Scanlan, SK Joe Scherb and SK Pat Slowey. They can now participate in the Honor Guards that are going on around McHenry County for Confirmations and Wakes/Funerals. Most importantly, they can participate in the Confirmations coming up at St. Thomas on April 27th.

If you are a current Sir Knight without a uniform, you can find all of the information [here](#) to order your very own. The sword and baldric can be found [here](#).

The next Exemplification is planned for June 22nd at Fr. John Brebuef Parish, 8305

N Harlem, Niles, IL 60714 (location change). It will be a one day event with more details to follow but check your calendars now. If you are interested in joining the 4th Degree, please see one of our many Sir Knights in the Council or ask me for a Form 4 to complete.

Final notices for 2024 Assembly dues were sent out. Dues were increased to \$30 for regular members and remain at \$10 for Honorary members. If you have not paid your 2024 dues, please take care of it as soon as possible. Please contact me with any questions or concerns you may have or if you need assistance with your dues payment.

Our next Assembly meeting is on **April 10th** 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.

From the Desk of the Financial Secretary

Worthy Brothers, greetings! It is an honored privilege to be Financial Secretary of this great Council! Like so many "volunteer" positions in life, this one is truly blessed with so, so, so, so many opportunities to do stuff! LOL! But having been a close friend with the late great FS Dick Campobello for many years, and then Steve Haugh following him, I had a good idea of the work involved. Then Mark Allen filled the gap with Steve's sudden passing, no small feat. But it really is a rewarding job. You work closely with the other Officers all the time, not just an hour or so at a couple of meetings each month, but all the time preparing for the next thing wrapping, up the last thing, figuring out what IS the next thing... Obviously my part deals with the



finances, but there are so many moving pieces to all that is done. It is amazing to watch the thought process, the old wheels turning, of the GK as ideas and plans are formulated, watching the DKG delve into it and see what part he needs to take, and Treasurer taking the steps to see not only what money is needed, but where is it and does something need to be transferred by him before we even realize it needs to be done! Each of the other Officers thinks about what they need to do, or with many of them, what ELSE they can do. If anything is apparent, it is how many of them over-extend themselves because there is something that needs to be done, but mostly that SOMEONE must do it and they each say..."well, if nobody else is, guess I better!" That makes **Fr. McCormick** Council so vibrant, always did, is, and always will! But if you are reading this, I ask you to stop, and think are you pulling your weight? We always say when recruiting, you do not have to do ANYTHING, just support us... well, true to a point, but help is always needed... even an hour doing this or that contributes to the sum of the whole, without which there is nothing. So just a little asking on my part, do you have an hour?

Okay, here is where I drop the other foot... death and taxes... We do have taxes; they are called dues. Our Supreme office and our State Council have taxes... they call them assessments. For every member on the roster, we must pay a tax to Caesar. If you do not pay your dues, I still must spend money in your name to pay those taxes. We currently have 291 members, 19 non-dues paying inactive, 57 Honorary Life non-paying and 1 exempted. So, a little over 200 dues paying members. As I write this it is April 1st, no pun intended, and we still have 57 members who have not paid since the Invoices were mailed out in December. Of those, 13 have not paid in 2 or more years. Annually we go through this list to have members removed from our roster, so we do not have to pay those taxes... we have eliminated well over 100 in the last 3 years. Not that we want too, but it makes logical sense to do it. I say the same thing every year, if you **can not afford** the dues see me, call me, and it will be waived... we **DO NOT WANT TO LOSE MEMBERS BECAUSE THEY CAN NOT AFFORD** IT... but in reality, maybe if you just don't care or are too lazy to do it, do we need you? Sorry for putting it this way... but it is what it is. My door or phone or email is always open...

If the dues are a hardship this year, please seek me out and talk to me... the FS has the authority to waive the dues for cause... and that is between you and me. Just us... call I may be reached by phone / text at (815) 679-6596 or jstefan-144fs3880@aol.com John

Pro-Life Report

By SK Pete Harren

By E. Joanne Angelo, M.D.

The Holy Father, Pope John Paul II, reaches out lovingly and compassionately to women who have had an abortion in his encyclical letter *Evangelium Vitae* (EV), the Gospel of Life. While condemning abortion as "an unspeakable crime," he acknowledges that "the decision to have an abortion is often tragic and painful for the mother..." (EV, 58).

The Holy Father understands that many factors influence the decision a woman makes when she is burdened with an untimely pregnancy:

As well as the mother, there are often other people too who decide upon the death of the child in the womb. In the first place, the father of the child may be to blame, not only when he directly pressures the woman to have an abortion, but also when he indirectly encourages such a decision on her part by leaving her alone to face the problems of pregnancy. ... Nor can one overlook the pressures which sometimes come from the wider family circle and from friends. Sometimes the woman is subjected to such strong pressure that she feels psychologically forced to have an abortion: certainly in this case the moral responsibility lies particularly with those who have directly or indirectly obliged her to have an abortion. (EV, 59)

The Holy Father also places responsibility for the tragedy of abortion on "doctors and nurses ... when they place at the service of death skills which were acquired for promotion of life," on "legislators who have promoted and approved abortion laws," and, "to the extent that they have a say in the matter, on the administrators of the health-care centers where abortions are performed" (EV, 59).

A general and no less serious responsibility [John Paul II continues] lies with those who have encouraged the spread of an attitude of sexual permissiveness and a lack of esteem for motherhood, and those who should have ensured—but did not—effective family and social policies in support of families. (EV, 59) "Finally," he concludes, "one cannot overlook the network of complicity which reaches out to include international institutions, foundations and associations which systematically campaign for the legalization and spread of abortion in the world" (EV, 59). A woman's decision to have an abortion is made in the context of multiple personal and societal pressures in what the Pope has termed the rapidly accelerating "culture of death." Although the responsibility for the abortion decision is not entirely, nor perhaps not even primarily hers, she must bear its burdensome consequences almost entirely alone for the rest of her life. The Holy Father's pastoral outreach to women who have had an abortion is tenderly compassionate, forgiving and hopeful in the Gospel of Life.

I would like to say a special word to women who have had an abortion. The Church is aware of the many factors which may have influenced your decision, and she does not doubt that in many cases it was a painful and even shattering decision. (EV, 99)

A woman's decision to have an abortion is always a stressful decision, made under the pressure of time and often shrouded in secrecy and shame. Most abortions occur in the first trimester—only a few weeks or a few days after medical confirmation of the pregnancy. Women are urged to complete the "procedure" quickly, and are erroneously assured that what is to be removed is only "a blob of cells," "some tissue," or a "pre-embryo." Yet, every woman knows that if nothing untoward intervenes, in a matter of months she would be holding a child in her arms.

She may believe that the birth of this child would threaten her relationship with the baby's father, or her ability to complete her education or to achieve her career plans. She may be under intense pressure from the baby's father, from her own parents and from friends to submit to an abortion. Conversely she may find herself alone, unable to share the secret of her pregnancy with anyone—afraid of losing their esteem and their love, or for fear of reproach or abandon-

ment.

Often women present themselves for an abortion in obvious distress, tearfully signing forms they do not read, feeling emotionally numb and depersonalized. They get through the procedure as though it were happening to someone else, and parrot the rhetoric of the abortion industry when interviewed shortly thereafter: they are "relieved"; their "problem is solved"; they can now "get on with life" as though nothing more significant than a tooth extraction had occurred.

In the days and weeks following an abortion a woman's defensive denial may be shattered, as pain and bleeding and emotional lability due to hormonal changes remind her of the assault on her body. She is poignantly reminded of the reality of what has happened—of her child that has died an untimely and violent death—as the date approaches when the baby would have been born, or when she sees other children the age her child would have been, or on the anniversary of her abortion, or on Mother's Day, or by the omnipresent abortion debate in the media, or on hearing a pro-life homily at church. Flashbacks to the abortion procedure may occur at every visit to the gynecologist, or be triggered by the sound of the suction machine at the dentist's office or the vacuum cleaner at home, or by watching a violent film or TV news story. Graphic educational materials about prenatal development or about late-term abortion may suddenly bring the scientific truth about what has happened into clear focus, leading to overwhelming guilt and depression.

The wound in your heart may not yet have healed. (EV, 99)

Women who have had abortions are often haunted by the intrusive thought, "I killed my baby!" Nightmares of babies being sucked down a tube in pieces, or of themselves causing fatal accidents to children, make them fear sleep. Daytime flashbacks and intrusive thoughts interfere with work, study and personal relationships. They may turn to alcohol or drugs to get to sleep at night or to deaden the pain of their waking hours, or throw themselves into feverish activity in an attempt to forget their sorrow, guilt and shame. Deep feelings of loneliness and emptiness may lead to binge eating, alternating with purging and anorexia, or intense efforts to repair intimate relationships or develop new ones inappropriately, or to an insatiable need to replace the lost child at any cost.

For some women the painful wound is due to a shattered sense of self. She may have always thought of herself as a good person—successful and admired at home, at school and at work. She may never have experienced a major failure, never made a serious mistake in life. She may be a product of an environment which applauds beauty, thinness, athletic and academic accomplishments, financial success and personal autonomy above all else. An untimely pregnancy may overwhelm her because it threatens to destroy her universe, and seemingly make it impossible for her to fulfill her expectations for success (and the expectations which others have for her). Abortion presents itself as an obvious, quick and easy solution to her "problem." However, the horror of what is happening may become apparent to her even as the abortion is taking place. She may panic at the realization of what she has done: "How could I have done something like that!?" The person she sees in the mirror is not the person she has known. Never having experienced unconditional love, never having had any experience of failure or any perceived need for forgiveness, she may be unable to accept her wounded self as real, to forgive herself or to ask for forgiveness.

The concept of a loving, merciful God presented by the Holy Father may be entirely foreign to a woman whose sense of self has been destroyed by abortion, and initially difficult to understand and to believe. Yet, if she encounters the personification of this truly Christian love and esteem in priests, counselors, and fellow Catholic lay persons, this may be the beginning of her healing and a new stage in her development as a person and as a Christian.

Respectfully submitted

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Supreme Chaplain's Challenge

The protection of life is a sustained prayer intention of the Church, and in particular of the Knights of Columbus.

A Higher Purpose

Lead your community in the spiritual fight to establish a culture of life. Knights and their families will come together in both public and private acts of prayer to promote the protection of life.

Overview

The protection of life is a sustained prayer intention of the Church, and in particular of the Knights of Columbus. Knights remain firmly committed to defending the right to life of every human being – from the moment of conception to natural death. To commemorate and bolster this important cause, councils will promote a novena, nine days of sustained prayer, to build up a culture of life in our parishes, homes and wider community.

SUPREME CHAPLAIN'S MONTHLY CHALLENGE

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MARCH 2023 SUPREME CHAPLAIN'S MONTHLY CHALLENGE

But Jesus came and touched them, saying, "Rise, and do not be afraid." (Gospel for March 5, Mt 17:7)

"Do not be afraid" — we read these words often in Scripture. Here, Jesus speaks to the apostles, awestruck at his Transfiguration. In a similar way, the angel told St. Joseph, "Do not be afraid" to take Mary, who had conceived the Christ Child, as his wife. The knowledge that God is with us should encourage and strengthen us. Sometimes, as with the apostles, we are overwhelmed by the mysteries of faith; at other times the challenges of living our faith in a secular culture seem daunting. Yet Christ continually empowers us as he calls us: "Rise, and do not be afraid."

This month, in which we celebrate the feast of St. Joseph, I challenge you to watch the documentary *St. Joseph: Our Spiritual Father* (available for free at kofc.org/joseph), reflecting on St. Joseph's courage. Second, I challenge you to participate in the Faith in Action Pilgrim Icon program, which features an icon of St. Joseph.

Questions for Reflection:

What are you afraid of? Do your fears prevent you from fully following God's will in your life? How can you imitate the courage of St. Joseph?

Challenge by Supreme Chaplain Archbishop William E. Lori:

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The tradition of **blessing Easter food** has its roots in both the **Roman Catholic** and **Orthodox Christian** churches. Let's explore the origins of this meaningful practice:

Historical Context:

The tradition dates back centuries and is deeply intertwined with the celebration of **Easter**, which commemorates the resurrection of Jesus Christ.

In medieval Europe, people would bring baskets of food to church on Holy Saturday (the day before Easter) to have them blessed by the priest. These baskets contained a variety of foods, symbolizing different aspects of the Easter story.

Symbolism and Significance:

Paska (Easter Bread): The round paska, often adorned with intricate dough ornaments, represents the risen Christ. It is the centerpiece of the Easter basket.

Krashanky (Colored Eggs): These hard-boiled eggs, dyed in vibrant colors, symbolize new life and the resurrection.

Pysanky (Decorated Eggs): Pysanky are elaborately decorated eggs with intricate designs. They represent the triumph of life over death.

Ham and Sausage: These meats symbolize abundance and the joy of the feast.

Cheese: Represents the moderation and balance in life.

Butter: Symbolizes the goodness of Christ.

Horseradish: Included to remind people of Christ's suffering and bitterness during the Passion.

Blessing Ritual:

On Holy Saturday, families bring their beautifully arranged baskets of food to the church.

The priest blesses the food during a special **Easter Vigil** or **Divine Liturgy** service.

The blessing sanctifies the food, making it spiritually nourishing for the faithful.

After the blessing, families take the food home and share it as part of their Easter meal.

Community and Tradition:

The Easter food blessing fosters a sense of community and unity among believers.

It connects generations, as families pass down the tradition from parents to children.

Sharing the blessed food becomes a joyful and sacred moment during Easter celebrations.

In summary, the tradition of blessing Easter food is a beautiful way to honor the resurrection of Christ, express gratitude, and celebrate the hope of new life.

Good of The Order

Knights Birthday Apr. 2024

- John Baldo
- Jim Batastini
- Patrick E. Bradley
- Todd Bright
- Ronald Ferraro
- Jack Hoscheit
- Edward L. Kieras
- Timothy Koscielski
- Stefano Liparato
- Tadeusz B. Orlos
- Chris J. Tumblin
- Paul C. Wilson

Wives Birthday Apr. 2024

- Mary Fisher
- Mandi Kaup
- Annette O'Connell
- Lisa Tambellini

Anniversaries Apr. 2024

- Kevin and Carol Anderson
- Mark and Christina Benkert
- Joe and Mary Hodorwicz
- Richard E. and Claudia Kendzior
- David P. and Jerrilynn Mazurk

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Read the Bible and Pray the Rosary.

Notice:

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



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

Fifth Sunday Memorial Mass. June 30, 2024— 9:00 AM

5th SUNDAY

Sunday June 30 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
Chancellor

Council Calendar—2023-2024



April 2024	May 2024	June 2024
4/2 Business Meeting 4/18 Food Pantry 4/25 Food Pantry\ 4/30 Officer's Meeting	5/5 Cinco de Mayo 5/7 Business Meeting Reading of Officer nominations 5/12 Mothers Day 517-5/19 KofC State Convention 5/19 Breakfast 5/27 Memorial Day 5/28 Officer's Meeting	6/4 Business Meeting Officer Elections 6/6 D-Day 6/9 Breakfast 6/16 Father's Day 6/18 Officer Installation 7:30 PM and Refreshments 8:30 PM 6/20 Food Pantry Thursday 6/25 Officer's 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.

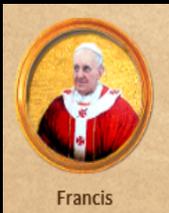


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