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Knights of Columbus

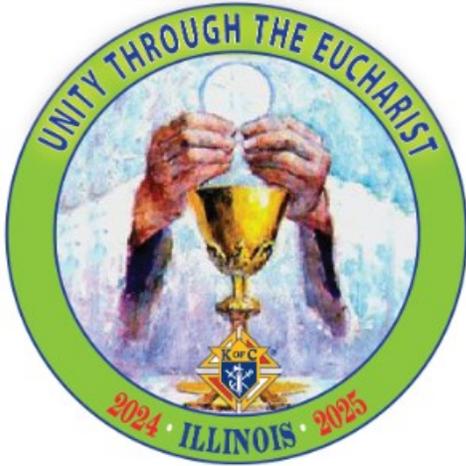


Welcome to Council 3880  
Faith in Action 2024-2025

Our Council-Faith In Action



# Knight Life



## Grand Knight Report

Hello Brother Knights.



This month I attended the Illinois State Council convention where we celebrated Unity through the Eucharist.

Typically this is where the 470 active councils in Illinois celebrate their achievements. More on this to follow.

During this convention we discussed "Prayers of Reconciliation" – Contrition, Confes-

sion, Satisfaction.

- Contrition – Making a truly remorseful thought or regret for wrongdoing against God. Sorrow for your sins committed.
- Confession – Confronting your sins by admitting them to God through the presence of a priest.
- Satisfaction – Having received absolution from the priest and working to avoid the near occasion of sin. A great feeling of relief

What a simple message this serves to remind us the importance of Reconciliation. An important message for >>3

## Deputy Grand Knight

This is THE YEAR

There is an expression that the only constant is change and even that is not certain, which may explain the optimism of Chicago sports fans. At Fr. McCormick Council 3880 the Fraternal Year begins on July 1st and the enthusiasm for the upcoming events before the officers is as solid as a handshake that welcomes new members.



I have had the good fortune to work with some fifteen Grand

Knights, some more inviting than others. But when each would begin his presentation to the Council with, "My Brothers" something special was happening. The past editions of Knight Life for last Fraternal Year recorded many accomplishments and the Memorial Mass on November 19th noted the names of our deceased Brothers, beginning with Fr. McCormick, all who contributed over our 71 years much to this Council.

Yet how do they know that this will be the year ?

In that great baseball ball movie Field of Dreams, a character attempts to explain a perspective much like the motto of the Knights of Columbus, "You know we just don't recognize the most significant moments of our lives while they're happening.

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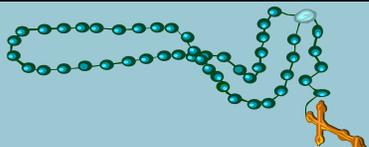
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## Pray the Rosary



## Membership

On Monday May 12th, 2025 we held an English Exemplification at the Oak Street church. I would like to congratulate and welcome Alex Mendoza and Elias Rendon to council 3880. We also had a candidate from St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church council 10678 for Knighthood.

Unfortunately, I was not able to attend, I had a mis-hap on my bicycle. I checked in and the GK, who informed me that the Exemplification team did another great job and the Warden supplied great food and beverages for the celebration after the ceremony.



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 1<sup>st</sup> 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.

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KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

## Breakfast

**Greetings!** Well, May showed up as a much lighter Sunday Breakfast, but with all the local graduations, it was as expected. We had about 40 people short for breakfast from our usual numbers, which became 18%, 17%, and 16%, respectively, of those attending Mass that morning. But, because of what they bought, we did end up on the positive side financially! They are liking the Steak and Eggs menu! And 40% take bacon over 30% requesting sausage... love playing with these numbers. And eggs went up again a little bit from last month. But for the year we are ahead of both last year and the budget figures, so we are still having fun! **We just do it a little different each time...** This time **Bill Bransley** was here to do the calling, and **Bob Newport** was in Iowa for his son's college graduation, so I ended up on the big grill. And



with my old age and lots of pancakes, French toast and steaks, **Jimmy Stefani** on the small grill did the majority of the 54 omelets! And in the back kitchen, **Matt Carzoli** and **Dennis Holm** were doing dishes with **Joe** and **Bob** both out. And even the "heavy cleaning" crew were 99% absent at the end of the day... So, thanks for the

rest of the crew pitching in to get everything cleaned up especially **Dan!**

But here is another kicker to those still reading the article... Help Wanted! Want to be in charge of the Breakfast? It is now my 30<sup>th</sup> year heading this event since **PGK Marty Zopp** put four of us in charge of it... although the other 3 dropped after only a few years... so I have been doing it but am getting a little old and tired... interested, give me a call or talk to me whenever... applications are open!

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See you next **June 22<sup>nd</sup>**, a week later than normal because of **Father's Day!** Enjoy the day with your family!

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

John



## Chancellor's Words

As the weather starts to get warmer, spring rains lessen and school lets out for the summer. Each of us should spend some time review what our life is like. The world around us is filled with wars, strife and bitterness. A person can choose to go along with the status quo or do something about it. God gave us freewill to choose between right and wrong, Are you choosing the correct path in your life.

During this Easter season; the gospel each day has been preaching about love.

Christ's love for each of us. Our love for our family members and of course, love for one another. Life is about giving of oneself to help others. Now is a great opportuni-

ty to change the way you view the world around you and how the world views you. There are so many ways for you to help in our community alone. The Knights of Columbus is first and foremost a charitable organization. We are committed to helping and serving others less fortunate than ourselves. As a fellow knight; you need to look at the calendar and see what events you can help out at.

During the month of June there are business meetings; installation of new officers; breakfast, food truck, food pantry and numerous other opportunities to get involved; help others and change your life

I hope I get the changes to see each and every Fr. McCormack knight duriing the month of June. Come out and join the fun. It will be a life changing experience.

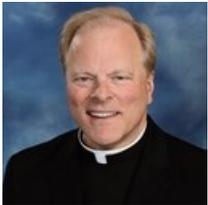
William Bransley

## Chaplain's Report

Our Memorial Day was originally known as "Decoration Day," an opportunity to decorate many graves of the over 600,000 men who died in the Civil War. It was, by far, our nation's costliest war in terms of human life, about 2 percent of the entire population. Today, that would translate into 6.5 million people. Memorial Day honors all who have died in military service to our country since its inception. But why should we, as a nation and as Catholics, remember something so grim?

It was September 2006. The rooftop was sweltering. Three U.S. Navy SEALs were in an "overwatch" position on a Ramadi home with two Iraqi soldiers. It had been an eventful morning, but it was quiet at the moment. From below, without warning, someone lobbed a grenade. It bounced off Petty Officer 2<sup>nd</sup> Class Michael A. Monsoor's chest, then clattered on the deck. Penned together, all five were easy prey for the grenade's deadly spray of shrapnel. At point-blank range, it couldn't miss.

Monsoor yelled, "Grenade!" and made a snap decision that would mark him for all time. He flung himself onto the device, smothering it with his torso, just in time to absorb the blast. The result was predictable; he lived only 25 minutes before dying of his injuries. His companions escaped with only scratches and minor wounds.



Because of the configuration of the rooftop, only one of the five men had a pathway of escape, had he chosen to use it. Yes, that man was Michael Monsoor. For his stunningly self-sacrificial action, he received the Medal of Honor, our nation's highest military honor, posthumously. As is written in his official Navy Summary of Action,

"Monsoor's actions that day could not have been more selfless or clearly intentional."

This story of great heroism has been shared with recently commissioned Catholic Marine officers. They have been challenged to recall who, further back in history, perfectly embodied a sacrifice that "could not have been more selfless or clearly intentional." The answer of course: Jesus Christ. What our Lord did to save us could not have been more selfless or clearly intentional. "Do this in memory of me" (1 Cor 11:24).

We know from his official biography that Michael Monsoor "devotionally" attended Catholic Mass prior to his missions. Apparently, he was a man who intentionally sought to integrate his faith with his daily life of military service. How many times did he hear the words following the consecration, "Do this in memory of me"? Please take some time this weekend to remember the brave sacrifices of those who have paid the ultimate price for the freedom we enjoy.

Peace, be with you,

Fr. Bob Jones

## Grand Knight Report

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for us leaders of our domestic church to bring home.

As always, 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.

Thank you all for what you do to support this council.

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

## Deputy Grand Knight

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that, that was the only day." Tempus Fugit, Memento Mori

When the Grand Knight calls the Council to business for the new Fraternal Year, the principals of the Order are known, and all are welcomed. Will you join us?



# Crystal Lake Food Pantry

No one should go hungry.

Brothers,

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.

**We need your help**

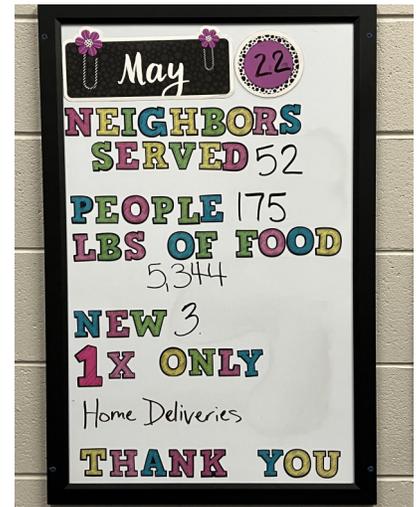


**Date:** Saturday  
**Time:** 8:00-12:00  
**Please RSVP if you can make it.**

If you are interested or have any questions, please contact Mike Kebr 815-814-7395

**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



## Knights of Columbus FOURTH DEGREE *Patriotic degree of the Order.*

The Exemplifications of Patriotism for Marquette Province Northern District is quickly approaching. The Chicago Diocese will hold the event at Saint Hubert's in Hoffman Estates on June 28<sup>th</sup>. There is still time to sign up and take the Degree to become a Sir Knight. Please visit the new [Master's website](#) if you have not been out there yet for further information. You can find the June Exemplification information and registration [here](#). Please let me or any of our many other Sir Knights know that you are interested so we can make the June 14<sup>th</sup> deadline to avoid late fees.

This will be the newly revised and released Exemplification Program that was used at the 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Exemplification in New York in February and Indianapolis in March. Current Sir Knights may want to attend the event to observe the new and improved version of our Patriotic Degree, but 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](#). See the link above for

the registration form.

The Assembly approved an additional five uniform allowances for this Fraternal year. This was based on our home Assembly having the Exemplification in October of 2024 so that new Sir Knights could get some assistance in acquiring the new uniform. The four remaining allowances are open to all on a first come first served basis. **Our Council still has five \$100 uniform vouchers available.** Please note that cost of the uniform has gone up from \$449.00 to \$475.00 effective September 1, 2024 and you can order [here](#) and at present, you can still get a \$200 rebate if you act quickly. The sword and scabbard package can be found [here](#).

Our next Assembly meeting is on **June 11, 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 4<sup>th</sup> 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

## 3880 Store

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*Hablamos español (despacio, por favor!)*









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# Pro-Life Report

By SK Pete Harren

New pope's views on Pro-Life

Pope Leo XIV has consistently affirmed the Church's pro-life stance, emphasizing the dignity of all human life, from conception to natural death. He has criticized abortion and euthanasia as violations of this dignity and evidence of a "throwaway culture". He has also highlighted the importance of protecting the vulnerable, including the unborn and the elderly, as bearers of Christ's face.

Here's a more detailed look at his views:

• **Reaffirming Catholic Teaching:**

Pope Leo XIV has repeatedly reaffirmed the Catholic Church's teachings on marriage, abortion, and euthanasia, emphasizing the family's foundation in the union between a man and a woman and the inherent dignity of the unborn and elderly.

• **Criticism of Abortion and Euthanasia:**

He has criticized abortion and euthanasia in his homilies and addresses, often linking them as examples of a "throwaway culture" where the weakest are discarded.

• **Protection of the Vulnerable:**

He has stressed the importance of protecting all life, especially the most vulnerable, including the unborn, the elderly, the sick, and the unemployed, highlighting their dignity as creatures willed and loved by God.

• **Call for Action:**

He has called on all people to strive to ensure respect for the dignity of every person, urging them to be a force for good in protecting vulnerable lives.

Respectfully submitted  
Pete Harren, Prolife Directo

## Pro-Life Organizations



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[www.prolife-victory.com](http://www.prolife-victory.com)

## 2005-2006 Officer Nominations

- 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**

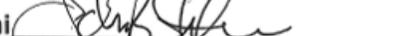
In accordance with rules and requirements by the Supreme Council of the Knights of Columbus, and at the direction of the Grand Knight of Fr. McCormick Council 3880.

Submitted by the appointed Nominating Committee:

Past Grand Knight Michael Bradley 

Past Grand Knight Timothy Hicklin \_\_\_\_\_

Past Grand Knight Joseph Scherb 

Past Grand Knight John Stefani 

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.

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

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.

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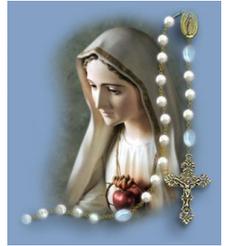
[Supreme Chaplains Challenge | Knights of Columbus \(kofc.org\)](#)

**He said to him the third time, "Simon, son of John, do you love me?"** (Gospel for May 4, Jn 21:17a)

When, following the Resurrection, Jesus revealed himself to his disciples at the Sea of Tiberias, why did he ask Peter three times whether he loved him? It has often been seen as a penance for Peter's earlier threefold denial of Christ. But perhaps there's something more — perhaps Jesus was pushing Peter to reflect more deeply on what it means to love him. Sometimes, we speak the words "I love you" by rote, without grasping their true meaning. May we always be mindful of what it means to truly love someone and to love as Christ taught us.

**Questions for Reflection:**

What does it mean for you to truly love Jesus? Do you know anyone — or is there a particular saint — who has shown you what true love looks like? What are some specific ways you can grow in



**Challenge by Supreme Chaplain Archbishop William E. Lori:**

This month, I challenge you to identify one way you can demonstrate true love of God and neighbor. Then pray about how to concretely undertake that sacrificial act of love — and put it into action.

**Memories of 3880**

It's Spring at Birdie Bakalars Garden, wife of member Mike Bakalar!



Special recognition to members who have attained many years of service!



Grand Knight presents Kevin Scanlan with a well deserved Knight of the Month!!



**Spring Exemplification**



**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!**

## Good of The Order Knights Birthday June 2025

- PGK Jeffery T Faye 06-02
- Harry P Blus 06-05
- Michael J. Chmiel Jr 06-06
- Jerzy Czaplak 06-07
- Charles E Leahy 06-07
- David Nastali 06-07
- Richard M Fink 06-10
- John W Erickson 06-11
- Richard W Heuer 06-11
- David J Miloch 06-11
- Donald F Rose 06-12
- Donald Furlano 06-17
- Dennis J Amato 06-18
- Kevin F Scanlan 06-22
- Michael R Lunebach 06-24
- Michael A Jasinski 06-27
- Kevin Castillo Rodriguez 06-29

## Wives Birthday June 2025

- Diane A Santinello 06-14

## Anniversaries June 2025

- Mark Lee & Angel Allen 06/16
- Daniel J & Annette M O'Connell Jr 06/21
- John C & Tricia Carzoli 06/22
- PGK Vincent P & Katherine Esposito 06/22
- Robert L & Mary Kunz 06/25

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Membership Info  
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### 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](mailto:thicklin@aol.com).



Read the Bible and Pray the Rosary.



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

## Fifth Sunday Memo-

### 5<sup>th</sup> 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.



Amen.

## rial Mass. June 29, 2025—

*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.*

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.

## McCormick Park Plaque

This is the first available photo of the Crystal Lake Landmark plaque supported by our Council of our namesake, Father McCormick Memorial Park.

Thank you SK, Bob Wyman and SK, Bob Kosin and the rest of the Crystal Lake Historical Society for your efforts.



## Council Calendar—2024-2025



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June 2025	July 2025	August 2025
6/3 Business Meeting and Officer Elections 6/8 CL Trolley Tour 6/10 Officer Installation 6/15 Father's Day 6/18 Caballeros de Colon 6/19 Corpus Christi 6/22 Breakfast 6/24 Officer Meeting 6/26 food Pantry 6/29 5th Sunday	7/1 Business Meeting 7/4 Independence Day 7/16 Caballeros De Colon 7/19 Food Truck Event (Lippold) 7/20 Breakfast 7/23 Rockford Chapter 7/29 Officer Meeting	8/5 Business Meeting 8/15 Assumption 8/16 Blood Drive 8/17 Breakfast 8/20 Caballeros de Colon 8/21 Food Pantry 8/23 Parish Picnic 8/23 Fr. McCormick Rosary 8/26 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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Make the Right Choice!  
 Life is not Your Choice. It's Your  
 Responsibility!

