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Grand Knight's Report

By SK, Joe Scherb

Dear Brothers.
First, let me welcome the brothers who joined us during the December Exemplification; Jack Johnson, Glen Kosiba, and Adrien Gonzalez. It's great having you and your families with us. And, as always, thank you to the exemplification team on a job well done.



At the beginning of the year I set the goal for the council to become recognized as a Star council. My reasoning for this as a goal was that you cannot get Star recognition without all areas of the council functioning well. So, half way through the year, let's take a progress check; Progress toward Star

- Safe Environment Compliance - Complete
- Forms - 50% complete w/#1729 due 1/31
- 2 Fraternal Benefits nights - 1 complete, 1 being planned.
- Programs: 15 of 16 required programs complete.
- Membership: 8 new members or 53% of goal.

So, we're making great progress, but still have a long way to go, particularly with membership.

I should pause here to comment on why Membership is so important to me. Simply, we need to support each other and our Catholic families. As Catholic men, we have this organization, our fraternity, to bring us and our families together. Even if it's just a prayer request, we're expected to be there for each other.

"Love one another as I have loved you" - John 13:34

This is part of the reason why 1) I want every catholic man (and their family) to be invited to join us and 2) I don't understand why they would say no. "Support? People who care? People who help each other?, no, I'm good". Often men get the message that we want help making pancakes and we get the response; "I don't have time". We are a fraternity of men striving to better ourselves and our world. That's the message we should carry.

Of course, the more men we have together, the stronger we become, and the more we can do to help each other, our parish, and our community.

Next, a Covid status update. As of this writing, numbers are climbing and the future is uncertain. #1 Be safe & protect each other. Our council will follow State and Diocese guidelines, and follow the direction of our pastor for church activities. We will not be involved in political or philosophical debates about masks or vaccines. We will protect our members and our neighbors, while continuing to fulfill our mission. I would ask all council members to take this perspective. If rising covid numbers disrupt our events, we'll be looking for ways to conduct them within the guidelines noted above. If necessary and possible, we'll go virtual.

Finally, over the next month we'll be sending out this **Member Interest Survey**
https://www.kofc.org/en/resources/membership/interest_survey.pdf

Joe Scherb

Deputy Grand Knight's Report

By SK, Matt Carzoli

November was another packed month for 3880. Breakfast was a little slow but the rest of the month proved to be a busy final few weeks.

Advent sales went fast thanks to WPGK Scott Popp. Another thanks goes to Scott Popp for his larger than life baby Jesus crib driven down main street in the Christmas parade. Many applauded the display highlighting the reason for the season.

The week of Thanksgiving brought 250 trees to our lot and many left that same week. It took only 8 days to sell enough to where Bob Wyman proclaimed "We are done". Thanks to all that came out to help make this one of the most successful Christmas tree sales years ever.



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Council Officers Fraternal Year 2021-2022

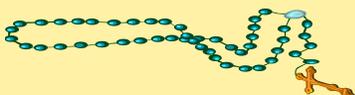
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Knights Monthly Breakfast

By PGK, PFN John Stefani, FS

GREETINGS BROTHER KNIGHTS AND OTHER WORTHY READERS!

too, and mostly the 100 children who came to visit with you during the annual



Knights Breakfast with Santa!

We had such a tremendous breakfast event, certainly one of the best in years! Your always smiling jolly self brought the families and kids in once again to share the bounty that Our Lord has provided us with. Even during the recurring pandemic, maybe even in spite of it, they have come out to say COVID, you can cause us pain and suffering and make us worry and be afraid and vigilant, especially for our children, but you can not and will not weaken out faith and trust in the Lord to get us through this!

And boy, were we busy! It seemed like every other thing that **PGK Scott Popp** called out to the kitchen staff was **"Mini chocolate chip Pancakes.."** and not just an order... 6, 8, 10 at a time to fill the orders coming through the window... and orders for almost 100 omelets, well over a dozen steak & eggs, Heat Healthy omelets and many Hungry Man orders. To say we were busy is an understatement! But it is what this crew loves and lives for...

So thanks to all the Brothers who showed up from Saturday night on for set-up, continuing into Sunday morning with decorating and prepping, serving with the help of many of our Troop's Boy Scouts, and the usual suspects of the after-event clean-up crew!



Hopefully many of the Worthy Recorder's pictures are floating around these pages....

If this gets out too late, sorry, but Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all of the hard-working hands behind every successful Breakfast. This is no one man show... I do such a small portion of it, it is all the guys in back that make it happen and look easy... it isn't, They just have fun doing it!!!

John

Membership

By Bob Wyman

Brothers,

We just completed our 3rd Exemplification for our fiscal year on Tuesday, December 14, 2021. Glen Kosiba, Jack Johnson and Adrien Gonzales joined our council. Robert Peck joined Elizabeth Anne Seton's council. The ceremony was well attended, and the team did a great job. Congratulations to all! By the way, we had a great council Christmas party after the ceremony too.

Every time I attend the ceremony, I think of the last statement the presiding officer says at the close. **"We have witnessed the promises you have made here today. Let them challenge you to live life from**

this day forward holding fast to our principles of Charity, Unity and Fraternity, so that on the last day your souls, filled with happiness, may enjoy the reward of a life well spent – an eternity in the presence of God Himself". Please take to heart how important these 3 principles are.

Christmas Trees 2021 committee was surprised and overwhelmed with the support of the council for the event this year. We had new and established members of our council working the tree stand. I hope the new members felt the unity and fraternity working along the older members to support our first goal...Charity! >>>

Troop and Pack 127

By Dan O'Connell

Happy Holidays - Scout Style



Scouting is a year-round event and so it goes that we celebrate when we can. December brought cabin camping for the Troop in Rockford where unfortunately we had no snow but were able to do some great activities while out in the woods. Breakfast was prepared on the camp stoves and enjoyed by all.



We also had our annual Holiday Party and invited AOL and Webelos scouts to join us for fun activities like our grab bag exchange. It gets pretty crazy with gifts getting stolen as the

scouts take turns selecting to steal or open at new gift. We use this as one of our recruiting events for potential candidates to crossover to our Troop in February. We hope to add 4 to 8 new scouts to the Troop if all goes well.

Not to be outdone, the Pack meeting in December was also a holiday event. The cub scouts were allowed to wear their pajamas to the meeting and after awards were handed out, hot chocolate and cookies were served to go with the Christmas movie they got to watch. I believe it was the black and white version of Rudolph the Red Nosed Reindeer.



The Pack also helped our community by packing meals at Feed My Starving Children and ringing bells for the Salvation Army. We continue to try and build responsible citizens of tomorrow helping out wherever we can. Hopefully it will be a lesson well learned.

This time of year, reminds us to be thankful for what we have and look forward to the coming year with high expectations and to thank those who help us along the way. We appreciate all that Council 3880 has for the Pack and Troop over the years and look forward to assisting you with many more events in the future. Merry Christmas to you and yours and all the best in the coming New Year.

Chaplain's Message

By, Rev. Bob Jones

Dear Friends,

It is the morning of Christmas Eve, as I write this column, and I pray you all have a most blessed Christmas Season! The past two years have been difficult as we continue to live through this Covid-19 world-wide pandemic. It has brought sickness and some darkness into the lives of many individuals, families and communities. Yet, there have also been so many stories of the light shining in the darkness. This is especially true for those who have embraced the One True Light, our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Faith in Christ does not mean that we will no longer have any difficulties in our lives, but it does mean, that, more often than not, we will find the inner strength to face those difficulties.

As we look to 2022, we look to the 100th Anniversary Year of St.

Thomas the Apostle Parish. Yes, the first sitting pastor was installed 100 years ago in 1922. It has been a wonderful history filled with many, many memorable milestones. I look forward to celebrating this history with all of you throughout the year ahead.



On Sunday, January 9, we will be celebrating the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord. That afternoon, we will have a special Holy Hour to celebrate our 100th Anniversary Year and the great gift of life that we share. I would personally like to thank the Knights of Columbus for always being front line supporters of the gift of life! Your presence as men of faith has been a very significant force in the life of our faith community for much of its history!

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Membership

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Brothers, please continue to bring in new members to our council show them our very important principles and how great it is to be a member of council 3880. I wish you and your families a most blessed Christmas Season.

Robert Wyman
Membership Chair KC Council 3880
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Crystal Lake Food Pantry

By PGK, Vince Esposito



Crystal Lake Food Pantry

No one should go hungry.

The Knight's involvement with the food pantry is now on hiatus. If you still want to help, please contact the help out, call the number below.

Crystal Lake Food Pantry

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

www.cfoodpantry.org



Fourth Degree

By SK, Dan O'Connell



The next Exemplification of the 4th Degree is scheduled for Saturday, February 19, 2022, in Lisle. It will be in person at the Sheraton Lisle Naperville Hotel provided COVID does not continue to rear its ugly head. If you are a 3rd Degree Knight and want to take that next step, now is the time to fill out a Form 4 and get your place reserved. Registration for the event must be in no later than February 4th but the last Assembly meeting to have your application approved is January 12, 2022. Please see one of our many Sir Knights in the Council for a Form 4 or let me know and I can get it to you. You can find the reservation paperwork [here](#). Please complete it with a check payable to Alex Tennant, Master and give it to Dan O'Connell.

Also, any current Sir Knights who have not attended an Exemplification in a while, this may be a good time to witness it again. You can use the same reservation form in the packet to reserve your spot at the event. If dinner is not an option, you can still attend the event and can wear your tuxedo if you wish or a dark suit with white shirt and conservative tie. If you wish to attend the dinner, your reservation and payment must be into the Master by February 4th.

Our next Assembly meeting is January 12th at Holy Apostles in McHenry at 7:30 PM and will also be available virtually. If you are not getting the meeting invites, please contact Dan O'Connell and verify/update your email address.

Merry Christmas and all the best to you and yours in the coming New Year!
Vivat Jesus!

Catholic College Students Need Our Support

Each year the State council collects funds to support the Newman centers on college campuses in Illinois. Imagine the challenge of a catholic college student maintaining faith on a college campus. (Learn more about Newman below)

We have a goal to contribute \$5 per active member or a total of \$1405 for the council. This is normally done through the annual postcard mailing. **There will be no postcard mailed this year.**

Instead, to save mailing expenses, I've been requested to send out the attached.

List of Illinois Newman Centers
<https://drive.google.com/open?id=1IVECVJIFcw6QBppKvF9lVaaPrNPPZQa>
Download the Newman Postcard



[Newman.pdf](#)

Donate Online

<https://www.illinoisknights.org/charity/newman>

Donate to the Newman Apostolate Fund

Brother Knights,
For over 100 years, the Brother Knights in Illinois have joined "Together as One" with strong support for our college-age family members and I hope that you will continue to do so this year and help us reach our goal of \$345,000, or just \$5.00 per active member. Please consider a gift this year: Nickels, Dimes, and Quarters or any amount adds up to help college students in Illinois be supported in the Catholic faith. Thank you for your prayerful consideration to this appeal.

Donate Online
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Include your Council Number
and Membership Number on the check

Newman Centers

- provide a Catholic environment
- do spiritual programming
- do social events
- help students strengthen and grow their faith

Worthy Newman Checkmate

Please check off one to provide a "Name Place" for our Catholic students away at school. Please send only the Checkable Donations to the Newman Apostolate Program.

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\$ 5.00 \$ 10.00 \$ 25.00 \$ 75.00 Other \$ _____
 \$ 500.00 Century Donor (Please Pin for each year)
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Pro-Life

Novena for Life

[Novena for Life - Life Programs | Knights of Columbus](#)

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

December

John went throughout the whole region of the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, as it is written in the book of the words of the prophet

Isaiah: **“A voice of one crying out in the desert: ‘Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths.’”** (Gospel for Dec. 5, Lk 3:3-4)



The preaching of John the Baptist reminds us what Advent is all about: turning away from sin and preparing for the coming of the Lord. It's all too easy to get sidetracked or distracted by Christmas shopping and parties and fail to prepare spiritually for Christ's coming. My

brothers, let us truly prepare our hearts this Advent — and help

our families do the same — so that we might fully and fruitfully celebrate Christ's birth.

Challenge by Supreme Chaplain Archbishop William E. Lori:

This month, I challenge you to prayerfully incorporate both an Advent calendar and Advent wreath into your Christmas preparations. Second, I challenge you to undertake the Keep Christ in Christmas Faith in Action program.

Questions for Reflection:

How can you avoid getting excessively distracted by your work obligations or holiday stress during the weeks of Advent? What can you do to set aside time for prayer, confession and other spiritual preparations for Christmas? How can you lead your family in staying focused on the true spirit of the coming Christmas feast?

Prayer for Protection in Time of Pandemic

By Robert Kosin

Prayer composed by Pope Francis seek Our Lady's Intercession

It's never too late. Join us in this Novena - 3/15 to 3/23. Do it on your own!

Join us in saying this prayer, from your home, with your family. Simply

download and print the prayer by selecting one of the links below:

- [I1036 - Full Page Version](#)
- [I1036A - Card Version](#)
- [I1036B - Multiple Card Version](#)

Vivat Jesus



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

Deputy Grand Knight's Report

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The December exemplification brought a few new members to council. It was great to get to know some of our new knights. May God fill you with wonder this Christmas. Please join us in the months to come.

The breakfast in December was a great hit. Santa was heard laughing around the many filled tables all morning long. It was great to see the community out in this end of the year event. Thanks to Kevin Scanlan for all the decorations and preparations as always.

Vivat Jesus,

Matt Carzoli

Chaplain's Report

From Page 3

Please know of my prayers and blessings as we begin the New Year of 2022, which will also be the 100th Anniversary Year of St. Thomas the Apostle Parish!

God bless you all ,
Fr. Bob Jones

Christmas Tree Sales 2021

By Bob Wyman

- 5th year for the tree vendor High Ground Tree Farm from Merrill Wis. 250 trees were ordered.
- 10th year for the Wreath vendor from Ogema Wis. 80 wreaths ordered, all OK. Also, Advent Wreaths 45 units with Boxes, we provided prayers. Also offered candles, set of 4. Sold Advent Wreaths inside the church and from the trailer out in the parking lot after the Masses for two weekends. Sold out very fast! Matt Carzoli, and PGK Scott Popp did the selling of the Advent Wreaths.
- Bill Tillman a brother Knight went up to Ogema Wis. November 6, to pick up the wreaths and advent wreaths. Joe, Matt, and Bob put provided bows on the wreaths November 9, in the shed.
- Set-up for the tree lot was on November 20, 8am - Noon good turn-out. Good weather
- Monday November 22, off- loaded the trees in the early AM, good turn-out for help. Also cut all the roping off the trees. Good weather.
- Sales started at 9am **November 26**, help for Friday and the weekend was good. Sold over 80 trees 1st day.
- Completed sales **December 4, 2020. Tear Down December 4 Note: Shortest time for selling trees ever.**
- **December 11**, wood for the stand and trailer were put away by the council.

Date of Start & Finish of Sales November 26 - December 4, 2021

Chairman's Comments:

All the trees had a great shape, some of the tops, and bottoms not so good

- Had 1 swag wreath not sold, gave it away
- Discounted 7'-8' Canaan Fir to 6'-7' price due to size
- Gave away 3 – 7'-8' Canaan's at the end of the last day of sales
- Canaan Fir 7' – 8' sold very well, may up amount for next year. Less smaller trees?
- Only could get 50 7'-8' Fraser Fir's. Need to check for next year
- Tree Blessing laminated cards, customers really like them again
- Advent Wreaths up the amount, due to the demand this year?
- Again, CC Machine was used with the items entered, great tracking of inventory and money
- Expenses:
 - Internet fee
 - Coffee and Donuts
 - Screws
 - \$50.00 gift card for Matt Kebr. For use of trailer to haul wreaths

Thank you all who work the tree stand and bought trees from us!!
Tree Committee 2021
Bob Wyman, Mike Kebr, Matt Carzoli, Joe Scherb & Vince Esposito
Merry Christmas to All

3880 Photographic Memories



Good of the Order

Knights' January Birthdays:

- Thomas J. Dawson
- Ted F. Duda
- Robert Frazier
- Michael L. Gregus
- Anthony Marcucci
- Dr. Nathaniel Miller
- Jacob Nice
- Brian O'Connell
- Tom Ryan
- Jack R. Scott
- Robert Telmanik
- Matthew J. Turk
- Frank Willy

Wives January Birthdays:

- Carol Anderson
- Sue Reed
- Sheri Turk
- Lisa Waggoner

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January Anniversaries:

For all January Anniversaries, Congratulations and let me know so it can be included in the newsletter



Read the Bible and Pray the Rosary.

Good of the Order— Pray For List is included in your December 2021 Minutes



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

3880 Photographic Memories



Left: First Place Winner in Eighth Grade at St. Thomas School, from left Ms. Reis, Anastasia Kamysz, Robert Kosin.



Right: Christmas Tree Crew



Fifth Sunday Memorial Mass—Jan. 30, 2022 —9:00AM

By SK, Robert Kosin

5th SUNDAY

Sunday Jan 23rd is a Fifth Sunday of the month for which the 9AM Mass is in memory for the Deceased Members of Father McCormick Council 3880. The health and safety standards during the Pandemic has changed to expand our attendance and participation at Mass. If your health condition provides, please consider attending in your Blue Shirt and for those Past Grand Knights, the White Shirt is a worthy memento to wear of your past 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.



Fr. McCormick Council 3880
Crystal Lake, IL 60014

St. Thomas the Apostle



Council Calendar

January 2022	February 2022	March 2022
1/1 Mary, Mother of God / New Years Day 1/4 Business Meeting 1/6 Epiphany 1/8 Polish Dinner 1/15 Blood Drive & Food Pantry 1/16 Breakfast 1/22 Free Throw Contest 1/25 Officers Meeting 1/27 Food Pantry 1/30 5th Sunday	2/1 Business Meeting 2/19 Food Pantry 2/20 Breakfast 2/22 Officers Meeting 2/24 Food Pantry Clergy Night	3/2 Business Meeting 3/13 Annual St. Pat's Dinner 3/14 Breakfast 3/19 Food Pantry 3/24 Food Pantry 3/31 Officers Meeting

Prayer for the Canonization of Fr. Michael J McGivney

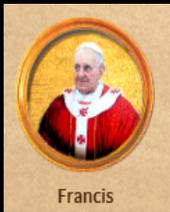
God, our Father, protector of the poor and defender of the widow and orphan, you called your priest, Fr. Michael J. McGivney, to be an apostle of Christian family life and lead the young to the generous service of their neighbor. Through the example of his life and virtue, may we follow your Son, Jesus 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.

Knight Life

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