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THE GRAND KNIGHT'S REPORT

By Darren Gray

Spring is finally here!!! And that can only mean one thing: **TOOTSIE ROLL TIME!!!!** Brother Knights, I say the same thing every year. This is, by far, the most important fund raising event that we do. And the more that we collect during this spring event, the better off we will be. In fact, in the past, we have collected enough during the spring drive that we did not need to do the fall drive. But we can't do that without your help and support. Please consider this a personal request to get out there and hit the streets. I especially implore the younger guys in the council to come out and help with the collections in the streets. That is where you can make the biggest contribution. Even if you only have an hour to spare, come on out!! I have been working with Joe Schanbeck in trying to get some additional locations and donations this year, but we will have to see if anything pans out.

God Bless and Happy Easter!!

CALENDAR FOR FUTURE EVENTS

COFFEE and DOUGHNUTS

SUNDAY, APRIL 6, 2014 after 8:00 and 10:00 masses

Building Corp Meeting - Monday, April 7, 2014 - 7:00 p.m.

Membership Meeting - Mon., April 7, 2014 - 8:00 p.m.

Ladies Auxiliary Birthday Celebration - Thurs., April 10, 2014

TOOTSIE ROLL DRIVE, APRIL 11-13, 2014

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!!!!

Tootsie Roll Appreciation Dinner
Sunday, April 13, 2014

St. Vincent Ferrer Social Hall – 6:00 p.m.

PANCAKE BREAKFAST

SUNDAY, APRIL 13, 2014 after 8:00 and 10:00 masses

Officers Meeting - Monday, April 28, 2014 - 7:30 p.m.

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

By Ron Bertolini

Brothers, spring is here or maybe just around the corner. Let's all make an effort to recruit new members. We belong to a very active council that does good works for a large number of less fortunate people. Please don't be bashful about telling new prospects about who we help and how we do it. I believe this is one of our best selling points. Keep up the good work and see if you can attract a new member with this information. Thank you all for your continued efforts.

HUMOR!

Students at a local high school were asked to tell their big ambition in life. One young man explained, "I have dreams of making it a million dollars in show business just like my father".

The teacher asked, "did your father really make a million dollars in show business?" "No, he didn't", declared the student. "But he had dreams, too." Submitted by Ted Keller of Warren.

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"Boy, am I glad you could come, aunt, Mary," a small boy greeted a visiting relative at the door: "Now maybe Daddy will do that trick he talked about." "What trick, dear?" Aunt Mary asked. "He told us that if you came to visit, he would climb the walls."

Submitted by Ted Keller of Warren.

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When my wife and I showed up at a very popular restaurant, it was very crowded. My wife went up to the hostess and asked, "will it be long?" The hostess, ignoring her, kept writing in her book. My wife again asked, "How much of a wait?" The woman looked up and said, "Ten minutes." A short time later we heard over the speaker: "**Willette B. Long, your table is ready.**"

Submitted by Ted Keller of Warren.

PROGRAM DIRECTOR

Ronnie Thompson, DGK

It is Tootsie Roll Drive time! Palm Sunday Weekend, April 11-13, 2014. We need every able bodied brother to help collect money for this drive. We will have the usual intersections along John R. Hopefully we will have some additional locations, as some businesses have dropped off over the years, but we should still have Kmart and Oak Ridge Market. So if you can't hit the streets, we can still place you somewhere. The drive ends with an Appreciation Potluck Dinner, hosted by our Ladies Auxiliary. That will be on Palm Sunday, 6:00 p.m., in the St. Vincent Ferrer Social Hall. We are also in need of someone to host the Friday Night Dinner for May. If you are interested, please let me know.

APRIL BIRTHDAYS

- 01 Jeffrey Scott
- 02 John Turchin, PGK, FDD
- 04 Thaddeus Zakrzewski
- 04 Robert Pasternak
- 05 Richard Witkowski
- 14 Marion Craig
- 17 John Lamerato
- 17 Francis McFall
- 19 Timothy Kujawa
- 21 Lewis Bertrand
- 22 John Hanser
- 30 Silvio Marchesi

MAY BIRTHDAYS

- 02 James Linn
- 10 Gustie Peklo
- 10 Jimmie Johnson
- 10 David Hopcroft
- 11 Rev. Ralph Cahover
- 12 Anthony Ritter
- 13 Larry Surratt
- 14 Matthew Ventimiglia
- 16 Matthew Skogland
- 21 Raymond Dulecki
- 26 Peter Malega

LADIES AUXILIARY

By Janice Polan, President

Springtime has arrived! April will be a busy month for the Knights with their Tootsie Roll Drive on Palm Sunday weekend, April 11-13. Volunteers are greatly needed. The Ladies will once again be hosting a thank-you Potluck Dinner for the Knights and their families at St. Vincent's Church on Sunday, April 13th at 6:00 pm. If you have not signed up to bring an item, please contact Janice Polan. Donations and Raffle prizes (new items, please) will be welcomed.

Our condolences to Stephanie Olszewski on the loss of her husband, Bill. The Ladies will sponsor a memorial Mass for Bill at St. Vincent's on Sunday, April 13th, at the 8:00 a.m. service.

There will be no regular meeting in April. Instead, the Ladies will hold a birthday celebration for their current and active members on Thursday, April 10th, at 6:00 p.m. at the Bob Evans Restaurant on Concord Street near Fourteen Mile/I-75 ramp. Maps were mailed to all Ladies with their March update letter. Due to inclement weather, our March meeting was cancelled. Regular meetings will resume on Thursday, May 8 at the Council. Our hostesses will be Krys Higgins, Nancy Oparka and Yvette Ploskonka. March business will be conducted at the May meeting. Remember to bring any "Cash Cow" items for our Mackinac Island Basket. Officer elections will also be held. Contact Yvette if you wish to make a nomination.

The "Premier Dining" Entertainment Book edition is still available. Contact Janice if you'd like to purchase one for \$25.

Wishing all Ladies, Knights and their families a blessed and sunny Easter Holiday.

The First Degree Staff Needs Your Help!!

Brother Knights, the first degree staff is in great need of new volunteers to help with the First Degree Ceremonials. With current staff members being gone during the winter, or taking on other responsibilities, it is becoming harder and harder for them to be able to hold practice and even the Ceremonials. Supreme has made the First Degree much easier to perform. While you are expected to memorize your parts, you can, if needed, read the part. Please consider giving back to the council by becoming part of this important staff. If the staff doesn't get help, it will have no other option but to disband. Please contact Lynn Figg or Norm Podgorski if you would like to help.

We have a new Insurance Field Agent

Please congratulate Tony Bliss as he takes on the new position as our Insurance Field Agent. Because of his new position, Tony will need to relinquish his current positions of Secretary and Madison Heights Community Round Table Representative. If you wish to fulfill either of these positions, please talk to the Grand Knight.

Attendance Award Continues to Rollover

Robert Stack would have won the \$65 Attendance Drawing for March, but was not present at the meeting, so the drawing rolls over to April. Current prize is \$70.

A Thank You Note from the Frank Marchesi Family

Dear Knights: Thank you for the loving support and prayers you have wished us. You are really all amazing people. We all miss him. I miss having him say, when I would ask him, "Where are you going?" He would reply "To the K.C. House!" Thank You again for everything.

Love Edda Marchesi and Family

COFFE & DOUGHNUTS and PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Sunday, April 6 is the next **Coffee & Donuts**. **Sunday, April 13** will be the next Pancake Breakfast. As always, we need help cleaning up after the last mass.

Also Jim Palmer's son, James, is in the hospice at St. John Hospital and isn't expected to live more than a few days.

EDITOR'S NOTE!

To all the people who write articles for "THE SHIELD". I would like to recommend that when you choose a day for an event, that you mention on which DAY OF THE WEEK it is on, even if it has always been the same day.

Example: Instead of April 13, 2014

put SUNDAY, April 13, 2014

When people who do not belong to our organization read it, it will help to keep them better informed. Thank You!

Prayer List

Gerard Beauchamp, Ettore Bignotti, Gerald Bliss, Lawrence Bliss, Connie Boguth, Bea Boutillier, Nan Brown (Lynn Figg's Aunt), Paige Chamberlain, Ray Dulecki, Barbara Fisher (Ron Thompson's Mother-in-law), Wallis Flynn (Randy's son-in-law), Charlie Hamilton, Rose Halkey, Larry Huddleston, Earl Kaszubowski, Dana Kaszubowski, Mary Kline, Cathy Krenzer, Joann Kuester, Pete Kuester, Patty Lobos, Pete Malega, Steve Mall, Pat Malley, Aldo Marchesi, Mimi Marchesi (Frank's Sister-in-law), Sharon McCoy (Richard Witkowski's daughter), Beth Menard, John O'Neil, Diane O'Neil, Nancy Oparka, Jim Palmer, Leona Peklo, Gus Peklo, Helen Piana (John Turchin's Mother-in-law), Stella Ploskonka (Ron's mother), Ralph Purdue, Bill Rearick, Joanne Rearick, Patricia A. Scheid, Patricia M. Scheid (Ernie's daughter-in-law), Brenda Schrade (Mike Studebaker's Mother-in-law), Betty Shaw, Caroline Sobas (Lynn Figg's Sister-in-law), Jess Sobas, Lori Stack, Robert Stack, Robert Stack Jr., Barbara Szeliga (Tony's sister-in-law), Paul Szeliga (Tony's Brother), Dennis Szlag, Lee Ventimiglia, Matt Ventimiglia, Jerry Waligora, Tom Waligora, Regis Welsh, Marian Welsh, Jean Witkowski, Richard Witkowski. And please pray for all of the men and women of our Armed Services.

Please keep William Olszewski, Larry Huddleston, and James A. Palmer in your prayers. These three Knights passed away in March. Please also pray for the deceased: Geri Andry, Marcel Nicholas, and Carol Adams (Randy's sister-in-law)

NOTE: Just a reminder. Please make sure to write names clearly so that I can add them correctly to the sick and deceased list.

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20	21 Happy Birthday Lewis Bertrand	22 Happy Birthday John Hanser	23	24 Shield Deadline	25	26 Happy Birthday Patrick Allen Marie Bessler
27	28	29	30 Happy Birthday Silvio Marchesi			