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GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE *Ron Thompson*

Thanks to all of the people who helped us with our TOOTSIE ROLL DRIVE. Your support is kindly appreciated. I wish everyone a blessed Easter. Our KofC Anniversary Dinner is this month and look forward to celebrating it with you.

How important is it to you to help us achieve Star Council? I hope it's very important. New members are necessary to getting us to Star Council. They will be our replacements. They will not fall in our laps. We all need to make a push to contact potential new members.

I want everyone to start thinking about our future. I have a vision of new young families becoming members. They will be the future leaders of this council. I challenge you to each bring in a new member. With the additional new members, outreach to our parish and community will be exponentially increased.

LADIES AUXILIARY *By Janice Polan, President*

Wishing all a Happy and Blessed Easter holiday.

There will be no regular meeting in April. Instead, the Ladies will hold a birthday celebration for their current and active members on **Tuesday, April 14, at 6:00 p.m.** at the Bob Evans Restaurant on Concord Street near 14 Mile/I-75 ramp. Our "Lady of the Year" Award will be presented at the dinner. Cost per member to attend is \$5 and can be paid to our Treasurer, MaryLou.

Please remember to pick up a restaurant gift card for our Mackinac Island Raffle Basket "*Bon Appetit A La Michigan*". The deadline for donations will be the end of April to allow me sufficient time to put together a menu/frame prior to our May meeting.

Thank you to all that participated in the Tootsie Roll Drive and/or Thank You Potluck Dinner held on Palm Sunday. Your support was greatly appreciated.

Please remember to continue to support our Knights with their events, including their Anniversary Dinner on **Saturday, April 25th**. See the newsletter article for tickets and additional information.

Program Director Report

By Darren Gray

Brother Knights, it warms my heart that we had such a wonderful turnout for the St. Patrick's Day dinner. It was the biggest turnout that I have seen in quite a while. However, as I mentioned at the meeting, I will not be pushing for people to make the Friday Night Dinners anymore. I don't know if it was the weather or that Friday's are bad nights, but the last several Friday Night Dinners have had a terrible turnout. That being said, we will stick with the 'special' dinners for now. The next one is the Anniversary Dinner on April 25th. See Norm Podgorski for tickets. The rest of April is pretty quiet, after the rush of the Spring Tootsie Roll drive. So enjoy the Spring weather.

CALENDAR FOR FUTURE EVENTS

Monday, April 6, 2015
Building Corporation Meeting – 7:00 p.m.
Membership Meeting – 8:00 p.m.

PANCAKE BREAKFAST
Sunday, April 12, 2015
8:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. Masses at St. Vincent

SHIELD DEADLINE: Mon., April 20, 2015

Thirty-sixth Anniversary Dinner
Saturday, April 25, 2015
Fr. Kramer Council - See Norm Podgorski for Tickets

Officers Meeting
Monday, April 27, 2015 - 7:30 p.m.

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PAST GRAND KNIGHTS

Becoming the Paschal Mystery

By Johan Van Parys

Have you ever wondered where Lent comes from? The word Lent comes from the Middle English word Lente, which means "spring." Just as new life abounds in spring, during Lent we prepare to celebrate new life at Easter. The origin of Lent can be traced back to a period of intense fasting and praying in preparation for adult baptism. In some Christian communities this period lasted anywhere from a few days or a few weeks to the symbolic forty days. Our current forty-day Lenten fast refers back to the forty days of Jesus and the forty years of Israel's people spent in the desert.

It was determined that Easter Vigil to be the best time to celebrate baptism, and forty days of preparation before Easter became a custom. Currently the period of preparation for Easter known as Lent is recognized by the entire community; it used to be recognized only by catechumens planning to be baptized during the Easter Vigil.

Lent also became the time for great penance by those who belonged to the Order of Penitents as the precursor to the sacrament of reconciliation, which was created to allow people to repent for grave sins. The bishop admitted sinners to the Order of Penitents during a special rite that included the use of ashes. A remnant of this rite is found in our Ash Wednesday service.

Members of the Order of Penitents were excluded from the sacraments and expected to dedicate their lives to prayer and penance. Once a year, on Holy Thursday, the bishop welcomed those who were ready to be readmitted to the Church and the sacraments. Penitents would intensify their prayer and penance during the days leading up to Easter.

Today, these two movements toward the sacraments of initiation and reconciliation characterize the season of Lent. Lent is indeed the time of final preparation for those who will join the Catholic Church during the Easter Vigil. Those who are already members are called to reconcile with God and the Church so they can celebrate Easter in a worthy manner.

In addition, Lent offers three disciplines as part of the preparation for initiation and reconciliation: fasting, praying and giving of alms (charity or care for others). Prayer allows us to reconnect with God. Without this relationship, our Church membership is a mere exercise in following rules and regulations. Penance helps us reconnect with ourselves as an exercise in removing everything that clouds our vision. Giving alms enables us to reconnect with others as an exercise in sharing.

May the celebration of this great season of Lent be a time of sincere penance, prayer, and sharing so that, in a renewed spirit, we may become the paschal mystery we celebrate.

36th ANNUAL ANNIVERSARY DINNER

Fr. Heary Council #7239 is holding its **36th ANNI-VERSARY DINNER** on **Saturday, April 25, 2015 from 6:00 p.m. until 11:00 p.m. at Fr. Kramer Council**, located at 7900 Bernice in Center Line (first stop light about three blocks south of I-696 off of the west side of Van Dyke). **Ticket price is \$27.50** per person. Includes two meat buffet, dessert, beer, wine, juice and soda pop and a DJ for your dancing pleasure. Also, if you prefer It is okay to B.Y.O.B. Some hard liquor will be provided.

Please reserve this date and help us celebrate.

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

MAY BIRTHDAYS

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NOTE: Just a reminder.

Please make sure to write names clearly so that I can add them correctly to the sick and deceased list

COFFEE & DONUTS PANCAKE BREAKFAST

There will be NO COFFEE and DONUTS, April 5 since that is Easter. Because the third Sunday is reserved for First Communion, the Pancake Breakfast will be held April 12 after the 8:00 and 10:00 Masses.

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5 Happy Birthday Richard Witkowski	6	7	8	9	10	11
12 Pancake Breakfast After 8 & 10 masses	13	14 Happy Birthday Craig Marion	15	16	17 Happy Birthday John Lamerato Francis McFall	21
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23/30 Happy Birthday 30th Silvio Marchesi	24	25	26	27	28	29