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GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE

By Ron Thompson

Thanks to all of the people who helped us with our TOOTSIE ROLL DRIVE. Your support is kindly appreciated. Our K.of C Anniversary Dinner is this month and I 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. We all need to make a push to contact potential new members. I want everyone to start thinking about our future. The new members will be the future leaders of this council. I challenge each of you to bring in a new member. This will allow us to do more for the parish and community.

PROGRAM DIRECTOR REPORT

By Glain Guilmette, DGK

This month is the Anniversary Dinner Dance at Fr. Kramer Council on Sat. April 23, at 5:30 p.m. If you don't have your tickets for the Anniversary Dinner contact Norm Podgorski at 248-546-3730 or at the April Council meeting.

We are also having the coffee & donuts and the Pancake Breakfast at St. Vincent. Anyone wanting to help with the Pancake Breakfast or the coffee & donuts should contact Jim Morrison at 248-585-2324.

I thank all those who worked on the Tootsie Roll Drive in March, as well as all the Ladies and whoever helped put on the Pot Luck Dinner on Sunday after the Tootsie Roll Drive.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Monday, April 4, 2016
Building Corporation Meeting - 7:00 p.m.
Membership Meeting - 8:00 p.m.

Ladies Auxiliary Birthday Dinner
Thursday, April 14, 2016 - 6:00 p.m.
At Antonio's (14 Mile/Dequindre)

Shield Deadline: Sunday, April 17, 2016
editor@kofc7239.org

37th Anniversary Dinner
Saturday, April 23, 2016 - 5:30 p.m.
At Fr. Kramer Council
(See Norm Podgorski for tickets)

Officers Meeting
Monday, April 25, 2016
7:30 p.m.

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LADIES AUXILIARY*By Janice Polan, President*

Happy Springtime to all. 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 14th, at 6:00 pm at Antonio's Italian Cuisine on 14 Mile/Dequindre. Our "Lady of the Year" award will be presented at the dinner. Cost per member to attend is \$10 and can be paid to our Treasurer, MaryLou Stema. A letter with details and a map will be mailed to each invited member.

Please remember to pick up small hand-held games, store gift cards or give a monetary donation for our Mackinac Island raffle "Games" basket in support of Holy Cross Children's Services. The deadline for donations will be the end of April to allow me sufficient time to assemble the games basket prior to our May meeting.

Election of Officers will be held at our May meeting. If you are interested in running for an office, or nominating one of our Ladies, please contact Committee Chair Yvette Ploskonka.

Thank you to all that participated in the Tootsie Roll Drive and/or Appreciation Potluck Dinner held on Palm Sunday for our Knights and their families. Your support was greatly appreciated. Remember to continue to support our Knights with their monthly activities.

ANNUAL ANNIVERSARY DINNER

Fr. Heary Council #7239 is holding their 37th ANNIVERSARY DINNER on Saturday April 23, 2016 from 6:00 p.m. until 11:00 p.m. at Fr. Kramer Council, located at 7900 Bernice in Centerline (first stoplight about 3 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 pop, and a DJ for your dancing pleasure. Also, it is okay to B.Y.O. B. Some hard liquor will be provided.

PLEASE RESERVE THIS DATE AND HELP US CELEBRATE.

FOR TICKETS CONTACT:

NORM PODGORSKI at 248-546-3730, or normpod@wowway.com

RESOLUTION 2016

BE IT RESOLVED THAT FR. JAMES B. HEARY COUNCIL 7239 APPROPRIATE \$600.00 FOR THE FIRST DELEGATE AND \$600.00 FOR THE SECOND DELEGATE TO OFFSET EXPENSES AT THE 2016 MICHIGAN STATE CONVENTION.

**Signed, Glain Guilmette, DGK
Norm Podgorski, PGK, FDD**

FINANCIAL SECRETARY REPORT

By Darren Gray, FS

Brother Knights, communication is the key to a healthy council. And in today's hi-tech world, email is the easiest way to get important, timely messages out to our membership. And because people change their email addresses from time to time, it is important to keep our records updated. In order to make sure I have your most recent email address available, I am asking **ALL** members to please send an email to fs7239@mikofc.org from your current email address. Along with the email, please include your current home phone number and your current cell phone, if available. If you don't send me an email, I will assume that your email address is no longer active and update our records accordingly.

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An Editor's Exposé

Reminder: April 15th is Tax Day. Here are some interesting facts regarding taxes:

- Russian Emperor Peter the Great placed a tax on beards in 1705. He hoped that the tax would encourage men to have a clean-shaven look that was popular in Western Europe.
- Alabama is the only state in the United States to impose a 10¢ playing card tax for decks of cards purchased in the state. In contrast, Nevada issues free decks of card with every tax return filed.
- In 1691, England taxed the number of windows on a house. Consequently, houses began to be built with very few windows or people would close up existing windows. When people began to suffer health problems from lack of windows/air, the tax was finally repealed in 1851.
- England has a tax on televisions. Color TVs are taxed more than black-and-white TVs. However, if a blind person has a television, he or she has to pay only half the tax.
- The number of words in *Atlas Shrugged* is 645,000. The Bible has about 700,000 words. The number of words in the Federal Tax Code: 3,700,000.

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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.

APRIL BIRTHDAYS

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

If we missed your birthday or the date is wrong, please email me at editor@kofc7239.org . Thanks.

April 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2 Happy Birthday John Turchin
3	4 7pm Bld. Corp. Mtg 8pm Member Mtg Happy Birthday Thad Zakrzewski Robert Pasternak	5 Happy Birthday Richard Witkowski	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14 6pm Ladies Mtg. Happy Birthday Marion Craig	15 	16
17 Shield Deadline! Happy Birthday Francis McFall	18	19 Happy Birthday Timothy Kujawa	20	21	22 Happy Birthday John Hanser	23 5:30pm Anniversary Dinner
24	25 7:30pm Officers Mtg	26	27	28	29	30 Happy Birthday Silvio Marchesi



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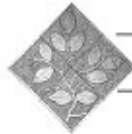
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