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THE GRAND KNIGHT'S REPORT

By Darren Gray

Vivat Jesus!! - Our DGK, Ronnie Thompson and I attended the Detroit Diocesan Meeting at the Samaritan Center. The purpose of these meetings is typically to get councils energized for the new year. If you haven't been to one, think of it as kind of a formal 'pep rally'. This year of course, was no exception and I have to say, I really am energized. I have seen some positive changes in our council over the last year and I would like to see more. In fact, it has been several years since our council has earned a Star Council Award and I would like the 2013-2014 year to be the restart of many Star Council Awards to come. However, to do that, I need **YOUR HELP**. I think one of the biggest road blocks to us getting **Star Council** is reaching our membership quota. So this is my charge to each and every one of you: Ask your fellow Catholic men if they would be interested in learning about the Knights of Columbus. Neighbors, sons, brothers, uncles, dads, the guy sitting in the pew next to you. Ask. Just ask. If they say no, they say no. But ask.

On a completely different note, thank you all for the wonderful response to the Membership Information Update mailing. I have received quite a few back already and I really appreciate it. It will be a great help having your information up to date. If you haven't received the form and some of the newer members did not get a form, please let me know. Mike S., Jim P. and Duane M., I will be sending you a form in coming weeks.



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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1 Happy Birthday! Edward Adams	2	3 Happy Birthday! James McCarthy Michael Claya
4 Coffee & Donuts Happy Birthday! Charles Maloney Edward Poplawski	5 Membership Meeting 8:00 p.m.	6	7	8 Happy Birthday! Matthew Thomas	9 Happy Birthday! Regis Welsh	10
11	12 Happy Birthday! Anthony Bliss	13	14	15 Garage Sale 15-17 Please Help! Happy Birthday! John Claya	16	17 Officers Installation 5:00 p.m. St. Vincent Ferrer
18 Coffee & Donuts Happy Birthday! Ronald Bertolini Council Picnic	19 Happy Birthday! James Green	20 Shield Deadline	21	22 Happy Birthday! Paul Palmer	23 Happy Birthday! Ken Podgorski, PGK	24
25 Happy Birthday! Rick Moreyra Ken Witkowski	26 Happy Birthday! Dr. Chris Gorecki Officers Meet 7:30pm	27	28 Happy Birthday! James Palmer	29	30 Happy Birthday! Charles Hamilton	31

CALENDAR FOR FUTURE EVENTS

COFFEE & DOUGHNUTS - Sunday, August 4 & 18, 2013
After 8 & 10 a.m. Mass at St. Vincent Ferrer Hall

MEMBERSHIP MEETING
Monday, August 5, 2013 - 8:00 p.m. at the Council

GARAGE SALE - August 15-17, 2013
All Day - Set up August 14 - Please Help!

COUNCIL PICNIC: Sunday, August 18, 2013

SHIELD DEADLINE: Tuesday, August 20, 2013: scm04@wowway.biz

OFFICERS MEETING:
Monday, Aug. 26, 2013 - 7:30 p.m. at the Council

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

By Ron Bertolini

Brothers, Vivat Jesus. What does membership in the Knights of Columbus mean to us?

What do the Knights of Columbus do? Why would a man want to become a knight? Answers to these questions are usually easier than you might believe. We as brother knights became a knight for different reasons. First of all, let's look at the minimum requirements for becoming a knight. You need to be a practical Catholic. You have to be at least 18 years of age or older. What it means to be a knight is the need to want to help others, you should be a caring person. We are human, thus we are sinners, we are not saints. We are men of the catholic faith. To answer what we do, is just this. "We protect the widowed and orphans". You may ask how is this? Well we are a part of the Knight of Columbus, who do this with monies that help out the needy and the outcast. We also help out those who need our help in numbers of other ways in addition to this.

Venerable Father Michael J. McGivney was a man of prayer. He was taught by his parents to pray morning and night. He is the founding Father of the Knights of Columbus.

Our Lord calls us to pray, not because he needs it, but because we need it. I would like to recommend reading, "Parish Priest" Father Michael McGivney and American Catholicism, this is a must read for members of the Knights of Columbus as well as for anyone who have interest in religious history.

HUMOR!

An elderly couple had been dating for several years. Finally, he proposed. She immediately said yes. The next morning he was horrified to realize he couldn't remember her answer. After racking his brain for about an hour, he called her. Embarrassed, he admitted he didn't remember her answer to his marriage proposal. To his relief, she responded, "Oh, I'm so glad you called. I remember saying yes to someone, but I can't remember who it was or what it was for".

PROGRAM DIRECTOR

Ron Thompson, DGK

Brother Knights, August for our Council is filled with hard work, shopping, and fun. The hard work and shopping comes from the annual Council Garage Sale. We can use lots of help with the setup on August 14th. If you can help, please see Jim Morrison or come by the Council. The sale itself will go on from the 15th to the 17th. There is always a need to help with sales, parking, cleanup, etc. Please stop by and offer a hand. That Sunday, August 18th at 2:00 p.m. is our Annual Council Picnic. Please consider coming by for food, fun, and fellowship. The picnic will be hosted, once again, by Tony and Paula Bliss. As always, there is no charge for the picnic. Donations are, of course, appreciated.

Enjoy the rest of your summer.

COUNCIL PICNIC

Sunday, August 18, 2013

Family and Close Friends are invited to our Council's Annual Family Picnic on Sunday, August 18, from 2:00 p.m. until the last person leaves around dusk. As always there will be Food, Beverage, Games (Volleyball, Ropeball, etc). Allie & Mark Bliss are organizing Kid Games. Several have asked if they should bring a dish to pass and as always, this is on a "If you'd like to basis", but don't in the least feel obligated. This Picnic says "Thank You", "Welcome", or "It's really good to see you again" to our members and their families. Feel free to personally invite potential members. We hope to see everyone there!!!! —*Tony & Paula Bliss*

PUN INTENDED

A chicken crossing the road is **poultry in motion.**

If you don't pay your exorcist, you get **repossessed.**

A boiled egg in the morning is **hard to beat.**

Bakers trade bread recipes on a **knead-to-know basis.**

Marathon runners with bad shoes suffer the **agony of defeat.**

LADIES AUXILIARY

By Janice Polan, President

I hope everyone is enjoying their summer. Thank you to all that cooled off with treats at the Ice Cream Social. Remember to continue to support our Knights at their upcoming Garage Sale and Annual Summer Picnic. Bring your family, a dish to share, outdoor games and a lawn chair to the picnic for some fun afternoon socializing!

2014 Entertainment Books will be arriving the 2nd week of August and are available for \$25.00 each. Contact Janice Polan to purchase. This is our major fundraiser and your support is greatly appreciated.

Would like to learn more about our Ladies Auxiliary? Come and join in the summer activities and talk with our President, Janice, and/or any officer or member. Janice will have membership forms at the picnic.

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS!

- 01 Edward Adams**
- 03 James McCarthy**
- 03 Michael Claya**
- 04 Charles Maloney**
- 04 Edward Poplawski**
- 08 Matthew Thomas**
- 09 Regis Welsh**
- 12 Anthony Bliss**
- 15 John Claya**
- 18 Ronald Bertolini**
- 19 James Green**
- 22 Paul Palmer**
- 23 Ken Podgorski, PGK**
- 25 Rick Moreyra**
- 25 Ken witkowski**
- 26 Dr. Christopher Gorecki**
- 28 James Palmer**
- 30 Charles Hamilton**

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS!

- 01 Rev. John Esper**
- 04 Mel Szlag**
- 05 Joseph Miller**
- 07 Joseph Longo**
- 08 Mark Bliss**
- 18 David Notarianni**
- 24 Michael Lehr**
- 29 Kevin Pawlowski**
- 30 Michael Kapolka**
- 30 Robert Scheere**

COFFEE and DOUGHNUTS AND GARAGE SALE

By Jim Morrison

We had a good turnout for the Ice Cream Social. However, it was disappointing that we didn't have more children. We have left over vanilla and chocolate ice cream for the summer picnic.

August 4, August 18 and September 1 are the dates for Coffee & Donuts. Pancake Breakfasts will start September 15.

August 14, We will need help to set up the tents for the Garage Sale. We will need workers to man the sale on the 15th, 16th and at noon on the 17th, we will need workers to put all unsold items away. All unsold items will be donated and will we need help to move them to St. Louise. For the sale, we are accepting donated items. If you need the item picked up, call Jim Morrison at 248-585-2324.

Sunday, August 18 is the summer picnic at the council.

ADDITIONAL NEWS FROM THE GRAND KNIGHT

By Darren Gray

Brother Knights, as we move into the new fraternal year, I have decided to do a little restructuring. Ron Bertolini will be taking over as Membership Director and Ronnie Thompson will be Program Director. I have also asked our new Chancellor, Ken Pasternak, to help both of them as a co-director. After the Diocesan Meeting, Ronnie and I have talked about adding some new programs to the council that we have not done in some time. Including, but not limited to, the Essay and Poster Contests, Casey the Teddy Bear Program, sending one or more people to the Right to Life Rally in D.C., sending one or more people to the Special Olympics up at CMU, etc. If you are interested in any of these programs, either helping, participating, or being, a Chairman, please let myself or Ronnie Thompson know.

Beyond Gun Control

By Bruce Lewandowski, CSSR

Michael couldn't wait to tell his second-grade friend what had happened to him. "A policeman pointed a gun at my head this morning!" Michael's friend was scared, so he told the teacher, who told the principal, who called Michael's parents. His parents explained that their home had been raided at 6:00 a.m. by federal agents, guns drawn. One had pointed a gun at Michael. An uncle living with the family had been arrested and charged with illegal sale of semi-automatic weapons.

In 1978, the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops called for gun control in their document Community and Crime: A Statement of the committee on Social Development and World Peace. Their 2000 document Responsibility, Rehabilitation, and Restoration: A Catholic Perspective on Crime and Criminal Justice reiterated their support for legislative efforts to protect society from the violence associated with easy access to deadly weapons. And this past January, the bishops affirmed their hope that any government action on gun-violence prevention would lead to greater respect for human life.

Like it or not, violence is part of our lives. Violent TV programs, video games, and movies are a source of entertainment for many. War, insurrection, and mob scenes are reported on the news, in newspapers, and across the Internet. Veterans are haunted daily by the trauma of battles fought decades ago, and thousands of soldiers continue to fight in conflicts around the world. Domestic violence is a reality for many, and the tragedies of Littleton, Aurora, Columbine, and Newtown have left an indelible mark on the American soul. Even the Word of God is filled with violence - it can be found throughout the Hebrew and Christian Testaments. Prophets, Priests, and Kings are guilty of it; innocent and God-fearing men, women, and children are victims of it - and it's often attributed to God.

Even our salvation was won through a horrific and violent act. We can't escape or explain violence away. It's a reality.

Our society encourages and celebrates overindulgence. People overeat, overspend, overwork, overachieve, overcommit, overdose, and overreact. It seems a bit like overkill to say this

PRAY FOR THE SICK AND IN DISTRESS

By Darren Gray

Gerard Beauchamp, Lawrence Bliss, Mike Bliss, Nan Brown (Lynn Figg's Aunt), Ray Dulecki, Lorraine Dulecki, James Fisher (Ron Thompson's father-in-law), Wallis Flynn (Randy's son-in-law), Larry Huddleston, Steve Mall, Mike Malley, Mimi Marchesi (Frank's sister-in-law), Edda Marchesi, Sharon McCoy (Richard Witkowski's daughter), Roger McCoy, Frank McFall, Jim Palmer, Charlene Pasternak, Leona Peklo, Gus Peklo, Stella Ploskonka (Ron's mother), Bill Rearick, Joanne Rearick, Joe Schanbeck, Patricia A. Scheid, Patricia M. Scheid (Ernie's daughter-in-law), Brenda Schrade (Mike Studebaker's Mother-in-law), Caroline Sobas (Lynn Figg's Sister-in-law), Robert Stack, Dennis Szlag, Lee Ventimiglia, Matt Ventimiglia, Regis Welsh, Marian Welsh. And please pray for all of the men and women of our Armed Services.

Deceased: Charles Maloney, John Fay, Jerry Mecier, and Franz Breidenich. Please keep them and their families in your prayers.

Let us please also remember those that have lost their jobs or have been hit hard by the flustering economy. Let them be touched by God's welcome hands so that they may get back on their feet and look forward to a prosperous future.

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

you can indulge in it.

Many turn to gun control as a remedy, and maybe there should be stricter government oversight of the availability and use of firearms.

But a deeper problem exists, one much greater than uncontrolled access to weapons. The inability to manage powerful emotions and urges - the absence of self-control - can have life-threatening and life-ending consequences. Self-discipline and self-restraint are more than indicators of healthy and mature growth and development; they are imperative to saving lives and building and maintaining true and lasting peace.

As a nation, we've got a gun to our head - it's time to get control of ourselves.