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GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE

Ron Thompson

Brother Knights, Vivat Jesus! Thank you for electing me as your new Grand Knight. I first want to thank my proposer, Don Wesierski, who is a past Grand Knight. I remember when he asked me to be a member of the Knights of Columbus in 1995. I told him when I finished going thru the RCIA program I would join the Knights. Not long after being a member, I proposed a new member myself. This is what we do. Membership is the life of our order. We all must find new members. We were Star Council before and we will get there again. There will be special incentives to recognize brothers who are proposers. We have an opening for Deputy Grand Knight. We will fill this office once a brother knight is nominated and accepts this important officer position. I took that position almost two years ago and have been mentored by our newest Past Grand Knight, Darren Gray, who will now be our Advocate and Program Director until I am able to appoint a new program director.

Programs are something that I would like to see some new people step forward and help out with. I remember working with another brother for a few years for the Ice Cream Social. That is a great program, along with the Family Picnic. The young families with children look forward to these types of programs. The Ladies Auxiliary continues to do so much for us. I want to thank them in advance for all they do to help us.

Fund raising, this and every year, has to be a priority. Garage Sale, Charity Poker, Cheer Raffle, and our newest Draw Down Raffle have all worked well in the past. New fund raising programs are needed to help us with charitable giving.

Increasing membership, having fun family programs, and continuing with fundraisers are the kind of things that will get us to Star Council.

Program Director Report *By Darren Gray*

Due to the lack of a Deputy Grand Knight, I have volunteered to temporarily assume the position of Program Director. You can't get rid of me that easily. August is a big month. **Our Annual Garage Sale** will be going on from August 14-16. Setup will be on Wednesday, **August 13**. Many hands make for light work. Please come out and spend an hour or two to help with setup and the garage sale. At the end of the garage sale, on **Sunday, August 17**, will be our Council Picnic. We have a new horseshoe pit, put in by Dave Tupiak, for your enjoyment. Please come for good food and fellowship. Enjoy the rest of your summer.

EDITOR'S NOTE *By Silvio Marchesi*

You may have noticed the changes that have been made in "The Shield". The officers phones are now on page 2. More room easier to read. Also I think that all PGKS should be mentioned each month for their past and continued services to the Knights of Columbus. I hope you like the changes.

CALENDAR FOR FUTURE EVENTS

Monday, August 4, 2014 - Building Corp Meeting
7:00 p.m. at the Council
Membership Meeting - 8:00 p.m. at the Council

No Friday Night Dinner this month

COFFEE & DOUGHNUTS
Sunday, August 3 & 17, 2014
After 8 & 10 a.m. Mass at St. Vincent Ferrer Hall

GARAGE SALE - August 14-16, 2014
All Day - Set up August 13 - Please Help!

COUNCIL PICNIC: Sunday, August 17, 2014

Officers Meeting
Monday, August 25, 2014 - 7:30 p.m.

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Frank Meister

Being Green - Checking out at the store, the young cashier suggested to the much older woman, that she should bring her own grocery bags because plastic bags weren't good for the environment. The woman apologized and explained, **"We didn't have this 'green thing' back in my earlier days."** The young clerk responded, "That's our problem today. Your generation did not care enough to save our environment for future generations."

She was right -- our generation didn't have the 'green thing' in its day. Back then, we returned milk bottles, soda bottles and beer bottles to the store. The store sent them back to the plant to be washed and sterilized and refilled, so it could use the same bottles over and over. So they really were recycled.

But we didn't have the "green thing" back in our day.

Grocery stores bagged our groceries in brown paper bags, that we reused for numerous things, most memorable besides household garbage bags, was the use of brown paper bags as book covers for our schoolbooks. This was to ensure that public property, (the books provided for our use by the school) was not defaced by our scribbling. Then we were able to personalize our books on the brown paper bags.

But too bad we didn't do the "green thing" back then. We walked upstairs, because we didn't have an escalator in every store and office building. We walked to the grocery store and didn't climb into a 300-horsepower machine every time we had to go two blocks. But she was right. **We didn't have the "green thing" in our day.**

Back then, we washed the baby's diapers because we didn't have the throwaway kind. We dried clothes on a line, not in an energy-gobbling machine burning up 220 volts -- wind and solar power really did dry our clothes back in our early days. Kids got hand-me-down clothes from their brothers or sisters, not always brand-new clothing. But that young lady is right; **we didn't have the "green thing" back in our day.**

Back then, we had one TV, or radio, in the house -- not a TV in every room. And the TV had a small screen the size of a handkerchief (remember them?), not a screen the size of the state of Montana. In the kitchen, we blended and stirred by hand because we didn't have electric machines to do everything for us. When we packaged a fragile item to send in the mail, we used wadded up old newspapers to cushion it, not styrofoam or plastic bubble wrap. Back then, we didn't fire up an engine and burn gasoline just to cut the lawn. We used a push mower that ran on human power. We exercised by working so we didn't need to go to a health club to run on treadmills that operate on electricity. But she's right; **we didn't have the "green thing" back then.**

We drank from a fountain when we were thirsty instead of using a cup or a plastic bottle every time we had a drink of water. We refilled writing pens with ink instead of buying a new pen, and we replaced the razor blades in a razor instead of throwing away the whole razor just because the blade got dull. **But we didn't have the "green thing" back then.**

Back then, people took the streetcar or a bus and kids rode their bikes to school or walked instead of turning their moms into a 24-hour taxi service in the family's \$45,000 SUV or van, which cost what a whole house did before the "green thing." We had one electrical outlet in a room, not an entire bank of sockets to power a dozen appliances. And we didn't need a computerized gadget to receive a signal beamed from satellites 23,000 miles out in space in order to find the nearest burger joint. But isn't it SAD the current generation laments how wasteful we old folks were just because **we didn't have the "green thing" back then?**

LADIES AUXILIARY

By Janice Polan, President

It's the middle of summertime festivities and sunshine and vacations. Hope the Ladies and their families are enjoying the season and staying cool. Remember to support our Knights with their summer activities at the Ice Cream Social, Garage Sale and Picnic. Ladies - please feel free to donate a side dish or dessert for the picnic. Contact me for suggestions. Check the newsletter for dates and times and plan to attend these events.

Are you a Knights' wife, daughter, sister, or female relative and are still looking for that "social" group to join? Then please consider our Ladies Auxiliary. I will be attending the summertime events and would be happy to talk with you. Our regular meetings will resume in September and we are looking to increase our membership this next year - come join in the fun.

Faith-Filled Women

By Virgil Tipton

The theme of this month's issue faith-filled women feels very familiar to me. I've been surrounded by faith-filled women my entire life. Maybe you have, too. While my father was an important and devoted presence, my mother and aunt taught me the day-to-day application of my faith. My wife's quiet and practical faith is evident daily in how she makes the world and our home better places. In the gradual decline of our parents' health, my sister demonstrated the sweetness of a constant faith in God's plan. She visited them daily for hours at a time in their nursing home, finding joy amid the pain and sorrow. I suspect that your experience is similar - the faithful women in your life bring something special to it. The Catholic Church holds that only men can become ordained priests and celebrate the sacraments. That is the ministerial priesthood. But the Church also holds that, through our baptism, every Catholic -- women, and children -- participate in "the priesthood of the faithful."

There is wholeness in embracing us into that priesthood. Every priest offers sacrifices and prayers. The women in our lives - mothers, aunts, wives, sisters, daughters, friends and colleagues. - continually offer sacrifices and prayers that bring consolation, hope and encouragement to our lives.

Whether through their ministries, their prayerfulness, the way they pass on the tradition, or their silent witness, the women in our lives enrich the Church and its people. I know I am a better man and a better Catholic because of the women in my life.

COUNCIL PICNIC - SUNDAY, AUG. 17, 2014

FROM 12:30 P.M. UNTIL DUSK - COME AND ENJOY AN OUTING WITH YOUR FRIENDS RELATIVES AND MEMBERS. HOTDOGS, HAMBURGERS, BAKED BEANS AND CORN ON THE COB WILL BE PROVIDED, AS WELL AS LIQUID REFRESHMENTS. PLEASE BRING YOUR OWN CHAIRS. IT IS OKAY TO BRING ANY SIDE DISHES OR DESSERTS IF YOU SO WISH.

Be Sure to attend the K. of C.

GARAGE SALE

Thurs., Fri., Sat., August 14, 15, 16, 2014

Set up will be Wednesday, August 13, 2014 - Please Help!

Everyone is Welcome!

Many Good Deals Are Here!

Prayer List

As this is the beginning of the Fraternal Year, we have decided to clear the Prayer List. We will keep names on here until requested to be removed and new names added each month. We mean no disrespect to those removed. Please contact Darren Gray to add any names.

Ray Dulecki, Barbara Fisher, Rose Halkey, Rachel McLaughlin, Duane McLaughlin, Patricia A. Scheid, Patricia M. Scheid, Marilyn Shaub, Robert Stack, Ann Tupiak, Marian Welsh, Regis Welsh and Derek Dinkins Mel and Marie's grandson who was hit hard with a tennis ball in the eye.

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

GARAGE SALE NEWS

By Jim Morrison

Thanks to everyone who came to the Ice Cream Social. Wish we had more children but maybe I should start to cater the ice cream selections more to adults next year.

The next Coffee & Donuts will be **August 3** and **August 17**. Wish we had a Knight and/or family to cover the 10:00 a.m. mass as Clarise Kavala and Sue have been helping instead. It does entail staying later after mass to clean up and put everything away.

The **Garage Sale** will be **Thursday, August 14, 15, and close on Saturday, August 16**. The Tent set-up will be on **Wednesday, August 13**. Help is needed to sort, clean, price and set out the sale items. Better prices will be gained by articles that are clean and well presented. Many hands are needed to accomplish this.

If you only have an hour to help, please come. When we close on **Saturday, August 16**, we need help to put the unsold items away in the garage to get ready for the picnic on **Sunday, August 17**.

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