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## THE GRAND KNIGHT'S REPORT

By Darren Gray

Brother Knights, Vivat Jesus - As we move into what I consider the pinnacle of our Council's year, the first thing that I want to bring to your attention is the date change for the Christmas Shopping with the MRAW. Kmart required this change and we were notified after the November Shield went out. Second, this is the time of year that our Council really shines. We do more this month for those less fortunate, than some do all year long. And it is those deeds that we do that make me proud to be your Grand Knight. Third, I want to congratulate the new officers to our council. **Ron Bertolini** has accepted his new position as Chancellor and **Tony Szeliga** has been voted in to replace Ron as Warden. Please congratulate these new Knights in their new positions. Lastly, I just want to wish everyone A Very Merry Christmas and I hope that your New Year is a blessed one.

## CALENDAR FOR FUTURE EVENTS

### LIGHT UP FOR CHRIST

Tuesday, December 3, 2013 - 7:30 p.m. - At the Council

### IMPORTANT DATE CHANGE!!!

Kmart Shopping: Sat., Dec. 7, 2013 - 7:00 a.m.  
(Wrapping Location: TBD)

### CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY

Sunday, December 8, 2013 - 2:00 - 4:00 p.m.

### Ladies Potluck & Chinese Auction

Thursday, December 12, 2013 - 6:00 p.m.

Christmas Baskets - Sat., December 14, 2013

Pancake Breakfast - Sun., December 15, 2013

After 8:00 and 10:00 Masses at St. Vincent Ferrer

Adult Christmas Party and Cheer Raffle

Monday, December 16, 2013 - 7:00 p.m.

SHIELD DEADLINE: THURSDAY, DECEMBER 19, 2013

## MEMBERSHIP NEWS

*By Ron Bertolini*

Brother Knights, we really need your help. The fraternal year is almost half over and we are nowhere near meeting our quota of new members. Our Grand Knight has expressed a desire to achieve Star Council this year and it looks like the only stumbling block is going to be our membership. As was mentioned at the November meeting, if you have a Catholic neighbor, friend, son, brother, co-worker that you think might be interested in becoming a Knight, but you do not want to be the one to harass him, let us know and we'll harass them for you. There are white request cards in the office, or you can just send an email to: [gk7239@mikofc.org](mailto:gk7239@mikofc.org) with the name/address/phone of the person that you would like us to contact and we will take care of the rest.

### NICOLE JOYCE IS REQUESTING YOUR HELP!

Brother Knights!! Nicole Joyce, a daughter of one of our Knights, is looking for some help. She is training to be a FertilityCare Practitioner in January and is in need of donations to help support the cost of the Education Program. FertilityCare Practitioners teach couples how to use the Creighton Model of Natural Family Planning, which tracks biomarkers in a woman's cycle to aid doctors in treating infertility and reproductive health issues within the teachings of Catholic morality. If you would like to help Nicole, donations may be paid in the following ways:

- **PayPal Account:** [mandycox\\_cfce@gmail.com](mailto:mandycox_cfce@gmail.com) Please include "Donation: Nicole Joyce" in the notes section of your payment submission. There is a small fee associated with PayPal. To avoid this fee, select the option to "send money to a friend or family member."

- **Checks payable to "FertilityCare Centers of North Texas"** should include "Donation: Nicole Joyce" on the memo line, and can be mailed to: Mandy Cox, CFCE, 610 Martha Street, Euless, TX 76040.

Nicole is also looking for additional, specific supplies. If you would like more information on those items, please contact the Grand Knight, Darren Gray and he will relay that information to you.

## PROGRAM DIRECTOR

*Ron Thompson, DGK*

**The Kmart shopping has been moved BACK to Dec 7<sup>th</sup>!!** As you can see by the calendar, there are lots of things going on in December. I'm not going to rehash everything here, but please try to attend one or more events/projects this month. And with all of the Christmas parties that we do the MRAW, there is always help needed at these events and your attendance to any of them is always welcomed and appreciated. I was informed by the Grand Knight that the first month of the Red Bag Program resulted in over 20 pounds of canned goods being delivered to the Church. Please remember that this is an on-going project and to bring canned goods to any events at the Council. And speaking of canned goods, Craig Massman is still looking for people to contribute to the Food Baskets. If you would like to contribute a particular item or \$\$, please contact Craig at (586) 573-3634 or [craigmassman@gmail.com](mailto:craigmassman@gmail.com).

***Everyone have a very Merry Christmas.***

### DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- 07 Frank Haranczak
- 11 Edward Castillo
- 16 John Marchesi
- 24 William Dixon
- 27 Ernest Scheid
- 28 Jim Morrison, PGK, FDD

### JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

- 01 Francis Meister, PGK
- 04 Randall Dulecki
- 06 Mario Rizzo
- 10 Joseph Palazzola
- 14 Timothy Wezner
- 19 Richard Roeske
- 20 Blasé Raona
- 21 Michael Malley
- 24 Robert Stack
- 24 Ronald Binienda
- 26 Randall Carlisle
- 31 Timothy Thorn

## LADIES AUXILIARY

*By Janice Polan, President*

The Christmas holiday season is fast approaching, and as we keep busy with shopping, baking, decorating and religious events, please mark some important auxiliary dates on your calendar:

**Saturday, 7th** - MRAW gift shopping/wrapping at Kmart - Contact Mel Szlag for details.

**Sunday, 8th** - Children's Christmas Party, 2-4 p.m. at the council. Volunteers are welcome to help with crafts and food. Contact chairperson is Cindy Podgorski (Ken's wife).

**Thursday, 12th** - Meeting Night at Dinner and Chinese Auction in lieu of our regular meeting. Ladies' spouses and Knights' officers/spouses are invited. Food items are still needed for the dinner. Contact Janice if you have not signed up to bring an item. Chinese auction item(s) should be wrapped or in a gift bag and preferably something nice you yourself would like to receive. Ho-Ho-Ho: Feel free to wear festive clothing (santa hats, holiday shirts, jewelry, etc.) as we celebrate the holidays.

**Friday, 13th** - Final sale day of 2014 Entertainment Books - all money is due to Janice.

**Monday, 16th** - Knights' Adult Christmas Party at the council and Wheelbarrow of Cheer Raffle drawing. Tickets are still available if you would like to purchase. Bring a gift and snack to share.

Thank you to Earlene Carlisle for researching the "adopt-a-family" and coordinating the holiday gifts for the children and mom. We hope they enjoyed the coats, boots, games, toys, bath items and food.

Next meeting will be **Thursday, January 9, 2014, at 7:00 p.m.** is asked to bring a small snack to share. Janice will provide beverage and paper products.

### DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- Cathy Lesniak (12/20)
- Krys Higgins (12/29)

***From Janice & her family to all the Ladies and their families, wishes for a blessed Christmas and a happy and healthy New Year!!***

## **BROTHER KNIGHTS PLEASE HELP THIS EVENT SPONSORED BY YOUR KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL**

Bring your family and friends and help us purchase items to be distributed to the developmentally disabled at Christmas parties. Over 1000 gifts need to be purchased and - wrapped that will be distributed to over 400 people during the Christmas holidays. **When: Saturday, December 7, 2013 at 7:00 a.m. sharp. Where: KMART at I2 Mile Road and John R — south entrance.**

**2013 HOLIDAY EVENTS FOR THE DEVELOPMENTALLY DISABLED SPONSORED BY THE  
K. OF C. FR. HEARY COUNCIL AND THE MENTAL RETARDATION ASSOCIATION OF WARREN  
Social Resources South Macomb Skill Building Center**

**Thanksgiving Lunch - 105 MI (MI: Mentally Impaired)**

**Thursday, November 21, 2013 from 11:30 a.m till 2:00 p.m.**

**34860 Utica Road at 15 Mile Road in Frazier - Co-sponsored by the Alhambra**

**Task: Provide monetary donation (\$75.00) to purchase turkeys**

**Social Resources North Macomb Skill Building Center**

**Thanksgiving Lunch - 110 MI**

**Thursday, November 21, 2013 from 11:30 a.m till 2:00 p.m.**

**15762 Claire Court in Macomb Township - Co-sponsored by the Alhambra**

**Task: Provide monetary donation (\$75.00) to purchase turkeys.**

**Christmas Shopping at KMART in Madison Heights - 347 MI**

**Saturday, December 7, 2013 from 7:00a.m till 10:00 a.m.**

**12 Mile Road And John R Road in Madison Heights**

**Task: Purchase approx, 1000 items/gifts (\$9,000 to \$10,000)**

**for distribution at Christmas Parties.**

**Christmas Wrapping at St. Vincent Ferrer Social Hall - 400 MI**

**Saturday, November 30, 2013 from 7:30 a.m till 11:30 a.m.**

**Herbert Street south of 12 Mile east of John R Road in Madison Heights**

**Task: Wrap, tag, box over 1000 items/gifts for distribution at Christmas parties**

**CHANGED TO "VENETIAN CLUB"**

**Special Recreation Christmas Holiday Brunch with Santa - 16 MI**

**Sunday, December 8, 2013 from 9:00 a.m till 11:30 a.m.**

**Sterling Heights Recreation Building in Dodge Park**

**Task: Distribute individually wrapped gifts, provide Santa.**

**Christmas for Pre-primary impaired/Transition - 24 MI**

**Thursday, December 12, 2013 from 11:00 a.m till 12:00 noon**

**Simonds Elementary at 30000 Rose in Madison Heights**

**Task: Distribute individually wrapped gifts, provide Santa.**

**Christmas Party For Early on Children - 28 MI (new)**

**Friday, December 13, 2013 from 9:00 a.m till 10:00 a.m.**

**District Administration Building Early Childhood Center**

**31201 Dorchester in Madison Heights**

**Task: Distribute individually wrapped gifts, Provide Santa.**

**Christmas Party For Day Treatment Children - 9 MI**

**Thursday, December 12, 2013 from 10:00 a.m till 11:00 p.m.**

**Edmonson Elementary at 621 E. Katherine in Madison Heights**

**Task: Distribute individually wrapped gifts, Provide Santa.**

**Lamphere Center And Page Christmas Party - 73 MI**

**Lamphere Cognitively/Emotionally Impaired - 10 MI (new)**

**Friday, December 13, 2013 from 11:00 a.m till 3:00 p.m.**

**29685 Tawas Street in Madison Heights, chicken: \$519.29**

**Task: Distribute individual wrapped gifts, DJ, dinner, entertainment, Santa.**

**Families Exploring Down Syndrome Annual Christmas Party — 48 MI**

**Saturday, December 14, 2013 from 12:00 noon till 3:00 p.m.**

**Venetian Club, just north of I2 Mile Road in Madison Heights**

**Task: distribute individually wrapped gifts and provide Santa.**

**Note: party for ages 16 and over in attendance, no Santa, gift cards - 25 MI**

**Social Resources South Macomb Skill Building Center Christmas Lunch - 105 MI**

**Friday, December 20, 2013 from 11:00a.m till 2:00p.m.**

**34860 Utica Road at 15 Mile Road in Fraser**

**Task: purchase and deliver Christmas Cakes at 1:00 p.m. on 15th.**

**Social Resources North Macomb Skill Building Center Christmas Lunch — 110 MI**

**Friday, December 20, 2013 from 11:00 a.m till 2:00 p.m.**

**15762 Claire Court in Macomb Township**

**Task: purchase and deliver Christmas Cakes at 11:00 a.m. on 15th.**

**Parents Who Care Christmas Party for Bowlers and Cleave Group Home — 64 MI**

**Sunday, December 22, 2013 from 2:30 p.m till 5:00 p.m. chicken: \$554.27**

**St. Vincent Ferrer Social Hall at 1035 East Gardenia in Madison Heights**

**Task: Distribute wrapped gifts, provide meals, DJ for dancing and Santa.**

**Christmas Celebration at the Cleave Home — 13 MI**

**Tues., Dec. 17, 2013 at 11:00 a.m., 36588 Union Lake Road in Harrison Township**

**Task: Purchase and deliver needed items and buy/ deliver Christmas cake**

**Troy Recreation Center Christmas Party - 30 NH**

**Thursday, December 19, 2013 from 12:30 noon till 3:00 p.m.**

**3179 Livernois, north of Big Beaver (Troy Community Center)**

**Task: Purchase and deliver Kmart gifts or certificates, provide Santa**

## **Life insurance as a gift?**

The initial reaction for many people when you mention life insurance as a gift is a quick step back and a questioning stare. How morbid, they may think quietly or aloud. While it may seem that way when you first mention it, life insurance is a really thoughtful gift that can be a financial life preserver in tough times.

The problem with life insurance is the general perception. Many think of life insurance only in cases where someone dies. Life insurance should, in fact, be thought of as a precautionary protective measure for a family unit. The purchase of this product can mean saving your home, sending your children to college, and preserving your spouse's quality of life in the event of your death. One of the times you may want to purchase life insurance for someone is when a family has a new baby. It's a great, low-cost way to set money aside for the future (i.e. college tuition, housing, business start-up, etc.). Of greater importance, it ensures these children will have insurance as adults, in case an illness later in life makes him or her uninsurable.

Newlyweds are also ideal recipients for life insurance. As they join their lives and financial responsibilities, young couples need to make sure that their early investments are fully protected. If something were to happen to one of them, the other may be faced with serious financial hardship. A life insurance policy is an ideal way to ensure their future and protect their assets.

As nontraditional as it may be, life insurance is a wise and caring gift to purchase for many people. In this time of giving, call me or email me so I can guide you to a wonderful caring gift. You can reach me at

586-755-7594 or email me at [dave.parker@kofc.org](mailto:dave.parker@kofc.org).

## **PRAYER LIST**

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Also please keep Angelina Ronewicz (Dee Figg's Mother) in your prayers. She passed away in 2008, but her memorial is in the coming weeks.

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

## **DRAW DOWN COFFEE and DONUTS**

We had 86 Draw Down tickets sold and eleven winners. It seems that almost all the tickets were purchased by members of the council and their families. Hopefully we can get more outside sales next year. Any ideas on how to attract new buyers are welcomed.

The next Coffee and Donuts will be December 1. The next Pancake Breakfast will be December 15. Many thanks to all those who came for the breakfast and to all who helped with cooking and clean up.

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1	2	3	4	5	6	7 Happy Birthday Frank Haranczak KMART Shopping 7:00 a.m.
8 Children Xmas Party 2:00-4:00 p.m.	9	10	11 Happy Birthday Edward Castillo	12 Ladies Pot Lock 6:00 p.m.	13	14 Christmas Baskets
15 Pancake Breakfast St. Vincent 8:00-10:00 Masses	16 Happy Birthday John Marchesi Adult Xmas Party - 7:00	17	18	19 Shield Deadline	20	21
22	23	24 Happy Birthday William Dixon	25	26	27 Happy Birthday Ernest Scheid	28 Happy Birthday J. Morrison, PGK,FDD
29	30	31				