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GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE *Ron Thompson*

Brother Knights, Vivat Jesus. As we begin our busiest of all months, I ask that you consider joining us this month. December is the month that the Knights really shine. This is going to be the first time that where we shop at Meijer's for God's Special People, due to the closing of K-mart. Please come and join us for the "Light up for Christ Night" at the council, the Ladies pot-luck. Adult Party and Cheer Raffle. Please support us with the Christmas Basket Program. ***Lastly, I am so proud to be your Grand Knight and I want to wish everyone a Very Merry Christmas and a Blessed Happy New Year.***

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 December dates on your calendar: **Saturday, 6th - MRAW** gift shopping/wrapping at Meijer's on 13 Mile between John R & Dequindre, then wrapping at the MH Senior Citizens Center - Contact Mel Szlag for details. **Sunday, 7th** - 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, 11th - Meeting Night - This is our Potluck Dinner and Chinese Auction in lieu of our regular meeting. Ladies' spouses and the 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 Christmas holidays. **Friday, 12th** - Final sale day of 2015 Entertainment Books - all money is due to Janice.

Monday, 15th - 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 Lady/Knight wrapped gift and snack to share. **Friday, 19th** (Packing boxes) and **Saturday, 20th** (Delivery) - Knight's holiday food baskets at Council - contact Craig Massman for details. Thank you to all that contributed a sweatshirt for Holy Cross Children's Services, and those that contributed or volunteered with the Knights' holiday food baskets and their Christmas parties for the disabled children. The spirit of Christmas lives in your hearts, and your service is truly appreciated. I'd like to welcome another new member to our group: Marge McLaughlin. Let's keep our membership growing! Next meeting will be **Thursday, January 8, 2015**, at 7:00 p.m. Hostesses are Pat Podgorski, Cindy Podgorski and Janice Polan.

**DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS: Paula Bliss (12/13);
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!!

Program Director Article

Brother Knights, Merry Christmas!! I say this every year, but December is the pinnacle of our year. All of the work that we do throughout the year comes together and goes into action this month. And, on top of it all, we get to have a little fun. See the front of the Shield for dates/times of all of the events. Also see the insert for the dates/times of all of the MRAW events. If you haven't been to one of these events, I highly recommend that you attend. It is important that every member see the good works that is done by our council. One last comment: The Food Baskets will be packed up on Friday, December 19, 2014. I don't have a specific time, but I believe Craig is planning on packing them up again in the morning of the 19th. That worked out really well last year. If you were planning on helping with that, please give Craig a call. Delivery will be on the 20th. Lastly, the Friday Night Dinner will be returning in January, hosted by Tony Bliss. If you would like to show off your culinary skills to the council, please let me know.

CALENDAR FOR FUTURE EVENTS

Monday, December 1, 2014

**Building Corporation Meeting: 7:00 p.m. at the Council
MEMBERSHIP MEETING - 8:00 p.m. at the Council**

LIGHT UP FOR CHRIST

Tuesday, Dec. 2, 2014 - 7:30 p.m. at Council

K-MART SHOPPING: Saturday, Dec. 6, 2014

**7:00 a.m. at Meijers - 13 Mile Road - West entrance
(Wrapping Location: Madison Heights Senior Center**

**COFFEE & DONUTS: Dec. 7 - After 8:00 and 10:00 a.m. Masses
CHILDREN CHRISTMAS PARTY: Sun., Dec. 7, 2014 - 2:00-4:00 p.m.**

LADIES POTLUCK & CHINESE AUCTION - Thursday, Dec. 11, 2014 - 6:00 p.m.

**CHRISTMAS BASKETS: Packing: Friday, Dec. 19, 2014
Delivery: Saturday, Dec. 20, 2014**

**ADULT CHRISTMAS PARTY and CHEER RAFFLE
Monday, December 15, 2014 - 7:00 p.m.**

SHIELD DEADLINE: Saturday, Dec. 20, 2014

**PANCAKE BREAKFAST: Sunday, December 21, 2014
After 8:00 & 10:00 a.m. Masses at St. Vincent Ferrer**

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MEMBERSHIP NEWS

By Ron Bertolini

Brother Knights I know that this is a very busy time of the year. We are all very busy supporting our charity work and spending time with loved ones, but let's not forget about recruiting new members. This is still very important for the growth and strength of our council. Let's all work together to help build our membership by contacting inactive members inviting them back to meetings. If you know a practical Catholic man, invite him to join us. When a man hears or sees the good works our council is doing, he'll naturally want to be a part of that. **What we provide**

- Support the parish with its needs
 - Help meet the needs of those in the local community
 - Provide "Coats for Kids" and "Food for Families"
 - Support programs that benefit people with intellectual disabilities
- And more.

We are dedicated to doing good works in the service of God and our neighbor.

Thank you for your support.

Wishing you all a Very Blessed Christmas and a Happy New Year!

The office of DEPUTY GRAND KNIGHT is vacant.

Please consider filling this position. In the event of your Grand Knight, not being able to conduct the council's business, The DGK is the officer that will take over. It is an important position to be filled. We need to have every officer position filled. If you believe you might be interested in helping our council fill this position please come to the next business meeting. Thank You,

Ron Thompson, Grand Knight

CHRISTMAS BASKETS

By Craig Massman

Our annual Christmas Basket campaign is progressing nicely. Once again we have a local Madison Heights Elementary school doing a can food drive for us. Several of the Brother Knights and Lady Knights have purchased several of the items we need.

We will be sorting and boxing up the food on Friday December 19th starting at 9:00 AM. Delivery of the food baskets will happen Saturday morning December 20th. I will like to have about 15 drivers. If you know of any younger guys that can come along to help carry the baskets please invite them. On the delivery day, Saturday December 20th, please arrive at the council around 8:30 AM we will start loading the vehicles around 8:45 and leave the council at 9:00 AM. As usual there will be coffee and donuts at the council.

Also below is the list of the remaining items that still need to be purchased. I will gladly take cash donations and purchase the items for those individual who want to help but currently are unable to shop at this time. You can contact me at 586.506.8077

Remaining items

- Can of Frosting
- Jar of Jelly
- Jar of Peanut Butter
- Jar or can of Spaghetti Sauce
- Box of Spaghetti Pasta
- Can of Cranberries
- Bag of Cookies
- Box of Candy Canes

DONUTS and COFFEE PANCAKE BREAKFAST

By Jim Morrison

Sunday, December 7 will be our Coffee & Donuts. Sunday, December 21 will be our Pancake Breakfast which will feature waffles with a fruit topping. My thanks to everyone who have been supporting this fundraiser and especially those who help in the kitchen.

2014 HOLIDAY EVENTS for the DEVELOPMENTALLY DISABLED

Sponsored THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FR. HEARY COUNCIL

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Bring your family and friends and help us purchase items to be distributed to the developmentally disabled at Christmas Parties. Over 800 gifts need to be purchased and wrapped that will be distributed to over 400 people during the Christmas Holidays.

Christmas Shopping at MEJER in Madison Heights - 300 MI approx.

Saturday, December 6, 2014 from 7:00 a.m till 10:00 a.m.

13 Mile Road East of John R Road in Madison Heights

Task: Purchase approx, 800 items/gifts (\$9,000 to \$10,000) for distribution at Christmas Parties

Christmas Wrapping at Senior Citizens Center in Madison Heights - 300 MI

Saturday, December 6, 2014 from 7:00 a.m till 10:30 a.m.

John R North of 12 Mile Road in Madison Heights

Task: Wrap, tag, box over 800 items/gifts for distribution at Christmas Parties

Special Recreation Christmas Holiday Brunch With Santa - 16 MI

Sunday, December 7, 2014 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

Friday, December 19, 2014 from 10:00 a.m till 11:00 a.m.

Simonds Elementary: 30000 Rose, Madison Heights; Santa 10 a.m.

Task: Distribute individually wrapped gifts, provide Santa

Christmas Party for early on children - 34 MI (new)

Friday, December 19, 2014 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 at 9:00 a.m.

Christmas Party for Day Treatment Children - 8 MI

Friday, December 19, 2014 from 9:00 a.m till 10:00 a.m.

Edmonson Elementary 621 E. Katherine (moved to Simonds) in M.H.

Task: Distribute individually wrapped gifts, Provide Santa at 9:30 a.m.

Lamphere Center and Page Christmas Party - 72 MI

Lamphere Cognitive/Emotionally Impaired - 10 MI (new)

Friday, December 19, 2014 from 11:30 a.m till 2:00 p.m.

Santa at 12:30 p.m. - 29685 Tawas Street in Madison Heights

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

Families Exploring Down Syndrome Annual Christmas Party - 45 MI

Saturday, December 13, 2014 from 12:00 noon till 3:00 p.m.

Venetian Club, just north of 12 Mile Road in Madison Heights

Task: distribute individually wrapped gifts and provide Santa

Note: ages 16 and over party on December 5, no Santa, no gift cards - 25 MI

Social Resources South Macomb Skill Building Center

Christmas Lunch - 105 MI

Friday, December 19, 2014 from 11:00 a.m till 2:00 p.m.

34860 Utica Road at 15 Mile Road in Fraser

Task: purchase and deliver Christmas Cakes on 18th

Social Resources North Macomb Skill Building Center

Christmas Lunch - 110 MI

Friday, December 19, 2014 from 11:00 a.m till 2:00 p.m.

15762 Claire Court in Macomb Township

Task: purchase and deliver Christmas cakes on 18th

Parents Who Care Christmas Party for Bowlers

and Cleave Group Home - 65 MI

Sunday, December 14, 2014 from 3:00 p.m till 5:30 p.m.

St. Vincent Ferrer Social Hall - 1035 E. Gardenia in Madison Heights

Task: distribute wrapped gifts, provide meals, DJ for dancing and Santa

Christmas Celebration at the Cleave Home - 13 MI

Friday, December 19, 2014 at 11:00 a.m.

36588 Union Lake Road in Harrison Township

Task: Purchase and deliver needed items and Christmas cake on 18th

Troy Recreation Center Christmas Party - 30 MI

Thursday, December 18, 2014 from 12:30 p.m. till 3:00 p.m.

3179 Livenois, north of Big Beaver (Troy Community Center)

Task: Purchase and deliver gift cards, provide Santa

MI = MENTALLY IMPAIRED/DEVELOPMENTALLY DISABLED BROTHER KNIGHTS PLEASE HELP

Prayer List

Prayer for the Sick and in Distress

Valeria Alexander, Don Bessler, Gerald Bliss, Lawrence Bliss, Bea Bouttillier, Mike Briggs, Nan Brown, Betty Cookets, Noah Cranston, Derek Dinkins, Ray Dulecki, Dee Figg, Barbara Fisher, Mary Jane Guc, Rose Halkey, Tom Kania, Aldo Marchesi, Chris McCoy, Sharon McCoy, Rachel McLaughlin, Duane McLaughlin, Barbara Olevenick, Stella Ploskonka, Pat Podgorski, Judie Schanbeck, Joe Schanbeck, Patricia A. Scheid, Patricia M. Scheid, Marilyn Schaub, Wanda Schram, Robert Stack, Steve Szeliga, Ann Tupiak, Lee Ventimiglia, Matt Ventimiglia, Ilene Wagely, Marian Welsh, Regis Welsh, Jean Witkowski.

Please prayer for the families of the following, recently deceased: Steve Mall.

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

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

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FRIDAY

SATURDAY

	1 Bldg. Corp. 7:00 p.m.	2 Light Up for Christ 7:00 p.m.	3	4	5	6 K-Mart Shopping at Meijers 7:00 a.m.
7 Children's Party Coffee & Donuts 8:00 & 10:00 Mass Happy Birthday Frank Haranczak	8	9	10	11 Happy Birthday Edward Castillo Ladies Potluck 6:00 p.m.	12	13
14	15 Adult Christmas Party & Cheer Raffle 7:00 p.m.	16 Happy Birthday John Marchesi	17	18	19 Packing Christmas Baskets	20 Delivery of Christmas Baskets Shield Deadline
21 Pancake Breakfast 8 & 10 a.m. Mass	22	23	24 Happy Birthday William Dixon	25	26	27 Happy Birthday Ernie Scheid
28 Happy Birthday Jim Morrison FDD, PGK	29	30	31			