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GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE

By Ron Thompson

Brother Knights, Vivat Jesus. There are several events taking place this month, with many opportunities to help out our council. Since December is the month that the Knights really shine, please consider joining us at our monthly meeting. We will be shopping at Meijer for Christmas for MRAW, to pass out at the various Christmas parties planned. We will celebrate Light Up for Christ outside at the council with hot chocolate and Christmas carols. The Ladies Christmas potluck and Chinese Auction will be held this month, as well as the Knights adult Christmas party, and the children's party. We will need help to pack and deliver the Christmas baskets. I would like to wish everyone a Very Merry Christmas, and a Blessed 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: Sunday, 6th - 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, 10th - Ladies Meeting Night - This is our Potluck Dinner and Chinese Auction fundraiser 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.

Additional dates and information for Knights' events regarding the MRAW shopping, MRAW children's Christmas parties, food basket deliveries, Christmas celebrations, etc., can be found in this newsletter.

Thank you to all that contributed a sweatshirt for Holy Cross Children's Services, and those that contribute or volunteer 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.

In November we had to say goodbye to another of our active Auxiliary members, Anna Neil. Our condolences to Marian & Regis Welsh and their families. May the perpetual light shine upon Anna. Her smile and enthusiasm to help and all her baking and desserts will be dearly missed.

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Program Director Report

By Glain Guilmette, DGK

Brother Knights, Merry Christmas!! This gets said 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 18th. 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 19th.

CALENDAR FOR FUTURE EVENTS

LIGHT UP FOR CHRIST:

Tuesday, December 1, 2015 - 7:30 p.m.

K-Mart Shopping: Sat., Dec. 5, 2015 - 7:00 a.m.
Mejer, 13 Mile Road (West Entrance)
Wrapping Location: Madison Heights Senior Center

CHILDREN CHRISTMAS PARTY

Sunday, December 6, 2015 - 2:00-4:00 p.m.

Monday, December 7, 2015

Building Corporation Meeting: 7:00 p.m.

Membership Meeting: 8:00 p.m.

Ladies Pot Luck and Chinese Auction

Thursday, December 10, 2015 - 6:00 p.m.

CHRISTMAS BASKETS

Packing: Friday, Dec. 18, 2015 - 1-4 p.m.

Delivery: Sat., Dec. 19, 2015 - 12 noon-3 p.m.

Shield Deadline: Thursday, Dec. 18, 2015

PANCAKE BREAKFAST - Sun., Dec. 20, 2015
After 8:00 and 10:00 a.m. Masses at St. Vincent

Adult Christmas Party and Cheer Raffle
Monday, December 21, 2015 - 7:00 p.m.

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Frank Meister	Norm Podgorski	Darren Gray

LADIES AUXILIARY

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Our next regular meeting will be Thursday, January 14, 2016, at 7:00 p.m. No one signed up to be the hostesses, so I am asking everyone to bring a small snack to share.

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!!

Annual Anniversary Party

Hi everyone and Merry Christmas. This article is to give everyone a head's up on the upcoming Annual Anniversary Party. This year the party will be held at the Fr. Kramer Council in Center Line on Saturday, April 23, 2016. The cost will be \$27.50 per person. We are committed for a minimum of 50 people. All reservations should be in by March 1, 2016. If I do not have at least 45 person's paid or definitely committed by this date the party will be cancelled. You are permitted to bring your own booze if so desired. Beer and wine will be served along with a scrumptious dinner and some donated prizes. Anything you wish to donate will be appreciated.

Norman Podgorski, PGK, FDD
248-546-3730

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

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

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

ANNUAL CHRISTMAS BASKETS

By Craig Massman

I would like to thank all the people who have donated so far. We have received a lot of items but have a few left to go. I understand the expense and since we need approximately 30 of each item you may want to consider joining with a fellow knight and purchase an item. I would like to provide each family with \$15 worth of gift certificates in \$5 increments. For those families with a large number of members I would like to provide extra gift certificates. So any cash donation you could make would be greatly appreciated. The list of times needed is below. Please let me know which item you selected by either emailing me at

craigmassman@gmail.com or leaving a message on my home answering machine at **586.573.3634** so we don't have any duplicate items purchased.

We will be sorting and packing the boxes Friday morning **December 18th at 9:00 A.M.** Delivery of the boxes will be the next day, **Saturday, December 19th.** I am asking the drivers to arrive around 8:30 A.M. so we can get the vehicles packed up and ready to leave at 9:00 A.M.

5 lb bag of Potatoes - Cake mix
Can of Frosting - Jar of Jelly
Jar of Peanut Butter
Jar of Spaghetti Sauce
Box of Spaghetti pasta
Bag of Cookies -
Box of Candy Canes 1
Gift Certificates



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ANNUAL CHRISTMAS BASKETS

By Mel Szlag

**2015 HOLIDAY EVENTS FOR THE DEVELOPMENTALLY DISABLED
SPONSORED BY THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FR. HEARY COUNCIL
AND THE MENTAL RETARDATION ASSOCIATION OF WARREN
Christmas Shopping at MEIJER In Madison Heights - 300 MI***

*MI = MENTALLY IMPAIRED

Date: Saturday, December 5, 2015 from 7:00 a.m till 9:00 a.m.

At: 13 Mile Road East of John R Road In Madison Heights

Task: Purchase approx, 800 items/gifts (\$8,000 to \$10,000) for distribution at Christmas parties
Christmas Wrapping At Senior Citizens Center In Madison Heights - 300 MI

Date: Saturday, December 5, 2015 from 7:00a.m till 10:00a.m.

At: 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 - 20 MI

Date: Saturday December 12, 2015 from 12:00p.m till 3:00p.m.

At: Sterling Heights Recreation Building in Dodge Park

Task: distribute individually wrapped gifts, provide Santa Families Exploring Down Syndrome
Annual Christmas Party - 55 MI

Date: Saturday, December 12, 2015 from 12:00p.m till 3:00p.m.

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

For: babies to children 15 years of age Task: distribute individually wrapped gifts and provide Santa
Note: party for ages 16 and over held at Beaumont Hospital in Troy - 25 MI
Christmas for Pre-Primary Impaired/Transition - 24 MI

Date: Friday, December 18, 2015 from 10:00a.m till 11:00a.m.

At: Simonds Elementary at 30000 Rose in Madison Heights

Task: Distribute individually wrapped gifts,
provide Santa Christmas Party For Early On Children - 34 MI (new)

Date: Friday, December 18, 2015 from 9:00a.m till 10:00a.m.

At: District Administration Bldg. Early Childhood Center - 31201 Dorchester In Madison Heights

Task: Distribute individually wrapped gifts, Provide Santa
Lamphere Center And Page Christmas Party - 72 MI
Lamphere Cognitively/Emotionally Impaired - 10 MI (new)

Date: Friday, December 18, 2015 from 11:00a.m till 3:00p.m.

At: 29685 Tawas Street in Madison Heights

Task: Distribute individual wrapped gifts, DJ, dinner, entertainment, Santa
Social Resources South Macomb Skill Building Ctr Christmas Lunch - 105 MI

Date: Wednesday, December 16, 2015 from 11:00a.m till 2:00p.m.

At: 34860 Utica Road at 15 Mile Road in Frazier

Task: purchase and deliver Christmas cakes for Christmas Party Social Resources North Macomb Skill
Building Ctr Christmas Lunch - 110 MI

Date: Wednesday, December 16, 2015 from 11:00a.m till 2:00p.m.

At: 15762 Claire Court in Macomb Township

Task: purchase and deliver Christmas cakes for Christmas Party
Note: parties for both skill buildings held here Parents Who Care Christmas Party For Bowlers And
Cleave Group Home - 65 MI

Date: Saturday, December 19, 2015 from 12:00 p.m till 3:00 p.m.

At: St. Vincent Ferrer Social Hall at 1035 E. Gardenia in Madison Hts.

Task: distribute wrapped gifts, provide meals, DJ for dancing and Santa
Christmas Celebration At The Cleave Home - 16 MI

Date: Friday, December 18, 2015 from 1:00 p.m till 4:00 p.m.

At: 36588 Union Lake Road in Harrison Township

Task: Purchase and deliver needed items and buy/deliver Christmas cake Troy Recreation Center Christ-
mas Party - 30 MI

Date: Thursday, December 17, 2015 from 12:30p.m. till 3:00p.m.

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

Task: Purchase and deliver MEIJER gift certificates, provide Santa

BROTHER KNIGHTS – PLEASE HELP

Please help shop and wrap gifts to be distributed to the developmentally disabled during the Christmas Holiday Season. Over 800 items need to be purchased. Shopping will be at MEIJER on 13 Mile Road between John R and Dequindre Roads. Wrapping will be done at the Senior Citizens Center on John R north of 12 Mile Road located on the east side of John R. Meet at MEIJER on SATURDAY, DECEMBER 5, 2015 at 7:00 a.m. SHARP. Bring family and friends. If you have any questions, please call Mel Szlag at 248-542-7950. Also, help is needed to serve the mentally impaired on Friday, December 18 at the Lamphere Center located on 29685 Tawas at 12:00 noon sharp, and at St. Vincent Ferrer on Saturday, December 19 at 12:00 noon sharp. Chicken dinners will be served.

PRAYER LIST

Valleria Alexander, Jerry Beauchamp, Gerald Bliss, Bea Bouttillier, Mike Briggs, Nan Brown, Ann Brunk, Bob Carlisle, Mark Carlisle, Betty Cookets, Gigi Cooper (LeRoy's daughter), Noah Cranston, Derek Dinkins, Ray Dulecki, Dee Figg, Barbara Fisher, Jodi Flynn, Wallis Flynn, Frederick Greaves, Mary Jane Guc, Rose Halkey, Shirley Jurek, Catherine Lesniak, Aldo Marchesi, Edda Marchesi, Chris McCoy, Sharon McCoy, Rachel McLaughlin, Carol Miller, Barbara Olevenick, Ray Pasternak, Leona Peklo, Helen Piana, Norm Podgor-ski, Ed Poplawski, Judie Schanbeck, Patricia M. Scheid (Ernie's daughter-in-law), Marilyn Shaub, Mark Smith, Paul Sobas, Robert Stack, Lori Stack, Tyler Tupiak, Ann Tupiak, Lee Ventimiglia, Matt Ventimiglia, Ilene Wagely, Marian Welsh, Regis Welsh, Jean Witkowski. And please pray for all of the men and women of our Armed Services. Also please prayer for the recently deceased: Adam Oliver, Glenn Bessler, Ed Galczynski and Anna Neil.

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

FINANCIAL SECRETARY'S REPORT

Brother Knights, the 2016 Membership billing has been sent out. If you did not receive yours, please let me know. Membership cards should be available at the January meeting. There is a question on the form, please read it. If you have any questions, please contact me:

**fs7239@mikofc.org or
248-302-8918.**

SHIELD MAILINGS

Brother Knights, as you may know, there have been some issues with the mailings of the Shield over the last several months. This was due to several miscommunications between the Financial Secretary and our printer. Please know that we are working to get all of the issues resolved and, currently, you should be receiving a hard copy in the mail. If you prefer to ONLY get the Shield via email, please send an email to:

fs7239@mikofc.org and we will update the mailings accordingly.

Coffee & Donuts Pancake Breakfast

Coffee and Donuts will be December 6, 2015 and the next Pancake Breakfast will be December 20. Dorothy and I wish everyone a very Happy Christmas and a prosperous New Year.

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1 Light up for Christmas 7:30 p.m.	2	3	4	5 K-Mart Shopping 7:00 a.m.
6 Coffee & Donuts After 8-10 Masses Children Christmas Party - 2:00-4:00	7 Happy Birthday Frank Haranczak Bld. Corp. 7:00 Reg. 8:00 p.m.	8	9	10 Pot Luck 6:00 p.m.	11 Happy Birthday Edward Castillo	12
13 Happy Birthday Paula Bliss	14	15	16 Happy Birthday John Marchesi	17	18 Christmas Baskets 1-4 p.m.	19 Shield deadline Baskets Delivery 12 noon to 3 p.m.
20 Pancake Breakfast After 8-10 Masses Happy Birthday Cathy Lesniak	21 Adult Christmas Party 7:00 p.m.	22	23	24 Happy Birthday William Dixon	25	26
27 Happy Birthday Ernest Scheid	28 Happy Birthday Jim Morrison PGK, FDD	29 Happy Birthday Krys Higgins	30	31		