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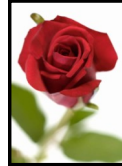
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THE GRAND KNIGHT'S REPORT

By Darren Gray

Vivat Jesus! Once again, I have a lot of thanks to give out. First and foremost, a HUGE thank you to Jim Morrison, PGK, FDD, for all of the work that he did for the Vocations Dinner. There were several people that also helped, but Jim was really in the forefront and a huge help for this event. I also cannot give enough thanks to Janice Polan and the Ladies Auxiliary for all of the desserts that they made for the Vocations Dinner as well as the additional donation to our Seminarians. Thank you ladies! For those who wanted to attend the dinner, but did not have tickets, I'm sorry. This was the first time that we attempted to do this with the Church and the Vietnamese community and the response was overwhelming. We will attempt to do things a little different next year.

I received confirmation that our State Deputy and State Advocate will be at our Anniversary Dinner on Saturday, February 16. If you have not bought tickets yet, please do so soon. See Norm Podgorski, PGK, FDD, for those tickets. It would be wonderful if we had a strong showing this year with the State Officers in attendance.

CALENDAR FOR FUTURE EVENTS

COFFEE and DOUGHNUTS

Sunday, Feb. 3, 2013 - After 8:00 Mass - St. Vincent Ferrer

MEMBERSHIP MEETING - Monday, Feb. 4, 2013 - 8:00 p.m.

Friday Night Dinner - February 8, 2013
5:30 p.m. at the Council - (See the Article for details)

LADIES AUXILIARY MEETING - Thursday, Feb. 14, 2013 - 7:00 p.m.

Anniversary Dinner - Sat., Feb. 16, 2013 - 6:00 p.m.
Father Kramer Council - Center Line

PANCAKE BREAKFAST - Sunday, Feb. 17, 2013
After 8:30 and 10:30 Masses - At St. Vincent Ferrer

SHIELD DEADLINE: Wednesday, Feb. 20, 2013: scm04@wowway.biz

OFFICERS MEETING - Mon., Feb. 25, 2013 - 7:30 p.m.

THE SHIELD - FEBRUARY, 2013

| SUNDAY | MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SATURDAY |
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| | | | | | 1 | 2 |
| 3 Coffee & Donuts After 8:00 a.m. Mass | 4 Membership Meeting 8:00 p.m. | 5 | 6 | 7 Happy Birthday! Ralph Merkel | 8 Happy Birthday! Louis Longo Fri. Dinner 5:30 p.m. | 9 |
| 10 Happy Birthday! Joseph Marchesi Edward Novak Craig Massman | 11 Happy Birthday! Frank Marchesi Mary Lou Stema | 12 | 13 Happy Birthday! Timothy Morton | 14 VALENTINE DAY Auxiliary Meet--7:00 p.m. | 15 | 16 Happy Birthday! Cindy Podgorski 34th Anniv. Dinner 6:00-11:00 p.m. |
| 17 Pancake Breakfast After 8:30-10:30 am | 18 Happy Birthday! Stephanie Olszewski | 19 | 20 "Shield" Deadline | 21 Happy Birthday! John Brehmer | 22 | 23 Happy Birthday! William Hughes |
| 24 Happy Birthday! Kevin Gruse | 25 Happy Birthday! Scott Wesierski Officers Meeting-7:30 | 26 | 27 | 28 | | |

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

By Ron Thompson

We set up a K. of C. membership table at the Vocation Dinner, January 20, 2013. We can use pictures of anything we do a Knights. I would like to be able to create a picture board to keep up on pictures of events we do. This also includes knights with their families as we are a family oriented fraternal organization. Membership is open to Catholic men 18 years of age and older. If you know someone who is interested in becoming a new member, fill out a form 100. We will be having an open house soon. I know when people see all we do, as knights, they will come. Remember that we all need to find our replacements. The power of one, is so important, all we need to do is recruit one new member per month. On a greater scale it is one new member per council per month. Just think of how nice it will be to have twelve new families helping us with all we do.

DEPUTY GRAND KNIGHT NEWS

Ron Thompson, DKG

Looking forward to seeing everyone at our upcoming business meeting on the first Monday of the month February 4, 2013. If you need transportation to the meeting please contact someone. I have done this in the past and it works two-fold. It is a way to make sure you are able to get to the meeting and also your driver will go to the meeting. Our business meetings shall commence at 8:00 p.m. and we need at least twelve members to constitute a quorum at business meetings. I would like to see four or five times that many men at our monthly meeting. Let's all make a special effort to make it to this upcoming meeting.

If you were the proposer of a knight and he has not been coming to meetings, call him to ask for a ride or offer to pick him up and bring him to the meeting.

PROGRAM DIRECTOR

By Ron Bertolini

Brother Knights!

Thank you to Norm and Tony for helping me with the Free Throw Contest. We only had eight kids this year, but there were at least two that I know of that were returns from last year. For February, we have the Friday Night Dinner on the 8th and the Pancake Breakfast on the 17th. And the big event is the **Anniversary Dinner on Saturday, February 16th at Fr. Kramer Council.** It has been confirmed that our State Deputy, Mike Malinowski, will be in attendance along with the State Advocate, Antonio "Tony" Vittorini. Please see Norm Podgorski, PGK, FDD, for Tickets and let us have a great showing of support for our State Officers.

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

- 07 Ralph Merkel
- 08 Louis Longo II
- 10 Joseph Marchesi
- 10 Edward Novak
- 10 Craig Massman
- 11 Frank Marchesi
- 13 Timothy Morton
- 21 John Brehmer
- 23 William Hughes
- 24 Kevin Gruse
- 25 Scott Wesierski

MARCH BIRTHDAYS - MEN

- 04 Mike Niemasz
- 04 Peter Miles
- 06 William Rearick
- 08 Glain Guilmette
- 10 Glain A. Guilmette
- 18 Robert Casman
- 22 Patrick Allen
- 27 Richard King
- 28 Rev. Lee Acervo
- 31 Adam Wittmer

LADIES AUXILIARY

By Janice Polan

February is a month of change and awareness. As you prepare your Lenten resolutions on Ash Wednesday, please consider to say an extra prayer to grant our Ladies and their families good health and love. Our meeting in February is on St. Valentine's Day, and as voted in January, the meeting will begin at **7:00 p.m. Please note this time change for all future regular meetings.**

I will be collecting any gift cards/lottery tickets you have purchased for the Holy Cross Children's Services Mackinac Island Raffle; and be sure to bring any ideas to where we could hold our Annual Birthday Dinner/Meeting. Our hostesses in February are Anna Neil, Marian Welsh and Helen Zolna, (and Cupid, of course).

If you have not purchased your tickets to the Knights 34th Anniversary Dinner on Saturday, February 16, please contact Norm Podgorski or Joe Schanbeck.

Let's help celebrate.

A special thank you to all those members that helped me with the January, Friday Night, City Chicken Dinner - from providing desserts, to setting up, to washing dishes. Your participation is greatly appreciated and guarantees the success of these social evenings for our Knights. Please be sure to attend the Friday, February Dinner on the 8th!

Thank you to all the ladies that baked desserts and/or helped at the SVF Vocations Dinner for the two seminarians that was held on Sunday, January 20th.

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS!

- Mary Lou Stema.....11th
- Cindy Podgorski.....16th
- Stephanie Olszewski....18th

34th ANNUAL ANNIVERSARY DINNER

By Norm Podgorski, Chairperson

Our Council #7239 is holding their 34th ANNIVERSARY DINNER on Saturday, February 16, 2013, from 6:00 p.m. until 11:00 p.m. at Fr. Kramer Council, located at 7900 Bernice in Center Line (first stoplight about three blocks South of I-696 off of the west side of Van Dyke). Ticket price is \$25 per person. The two-meat buffet meal includes salad, fruit and vegetable tray, mostaccioli, potato, vegetable, rolls, dessert, beer, wine, juice and soda pop. Anything stronger is okay to B.Y.O.B.

PLEASE RESERVE THIS DATE AND HELP US CELEBRATE.

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FRIDAY NIGHT DINNER

The Grill Guru, Sultan of the Spatula, Roaster Rooster, Culinary Cousin, Fancy Fryin, Master Chef trapped in an IRS Bookkeepers body, Joseph Miller is announcing the Menu for The February 8, 5:30 p.m. Dinner.

MENU
Country Ribs
Potato Vegetable
Salad Bread & Butter
Dessert Coffee

The price is a very modest six dollars. Chef Miller assisted by Benny Guc reminds you that a great deal of preparation is required to put on these affairs and your presence is appreciated.

PRAY FOR THE SICK AND IN DISTRESS

By Darren Gray

Don Adams (Randy's brother-in-law), Glen Bessler (Don's nephew), Lawrence Bliss, Bea Boutillier (Tony's Aunt), Bob Brunk, Ariel Chaillou (Dennis Menard's Niece), Ray Dulecki, Lorraine Dulecki, James Fisher (Ron Thompson's Father-in-law), Wallis Flynn (Randy's son-in-law), Benny Guc, Larry Huddleston, Bill King (Randy's brother-in-law), Marian King (Randy's sister-in-law), Mary Kline, Sue Landry, Pete Malega, Helen Malega, Michael Malley, Charley Malloney, Mimi Marchesi, Daniel Marchesi, Sharon McCoy (Richard Witkowski's daughter), Frank McFall, Jerry Meicer, Dennis Menard's Niece & Baby Alexander, Catherine Meadows (Tony's Sister), Diane O'Neil (Maggie's Sister-in-law), Joe Palazzola, Jim Palmer, Janice Pasternak, Charlene Pasternak, Leona Peklo, Gus Peklo, Rob Persinger, Stella Ploskonka (Ron's mother), Pat Podgorski, John Pollock (Ron Thompson's Brother-in-law), Bill Rearick, Patricia A. Scheid, Patricia M. Scheid (Ernie's daughter-in-law), Robert Stack, Lee Ventimiglia, Matt Ventimiglia, Rick Waligora, Marian Welsh. And please pray for all of the men and women of our Armed Services.

Please also say a prayer for Dorothy Hughes (Bob Brunk's Sister), who passed away on December 21st.

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.

Coffee & Donuts Sunday, February 17

February 3 will be our next Coffee & Donuts. February 17 will be our next Pancake Breakfast. I will need help with the cooking and cleanup.

The Vocation dinner was well attended and I want to thank the kitchen help; Ken & Richard Witkowski, Ron Bertolini, Tony Bliss and our Grand Knight Darren Gray who helped us clean up. The financial results of the dinner will be announced at our next business meeting.

That 's Entertainment?

By Kathleen M. Basi

I don't know about you, but I find my nightly TV-viewing options rather uninspiring. It seems basic cable offers little more than crude sitcoms, so-called reality TV, and gruesome crime dramas. If an alien race tapped into our video streams to find out what sort of people inhabit earth, they'd turn their flying saucers around and put a big "Caution! Danger zone!" on their interstellar maps. I'm a writer with aspirations to publish Action, so I understand how we got to this point. As entertainment options increase, artists try to stand out by delivering the unexpected, something that irresistibly draws people to the next page or scene. The trouble is, the more we see, the more it takes to shock us and the more desensitized we become to the real - but ultimately less dramatic presence of evil in everyday life. Of course, there are bright spots in modern entertainment. And we have the option not to view morally offensive material. We can always change the channel, but boycotting leaves us with limited alternatives.

Corporate executive, author, and syndicated radio personality Dr. Dick Lyles has spent his life training leaders. In recent years he created Origin Entertainment as a way to carve out a place for Christianity in today's culture.

Catholics, he says, are willing to give money to the poor, but they don't give to the arts as much as they used to. That means Catholics aren't helping shape our culture through the arts. Artists of the past like Michelangelo, Palestrina, and Da Vinci are revered by the faithful as masters, in part because the Church and its wealthiest members made the arts a priority. Nowadays, people criticize the Church's vast collections of art. Sometimes local parishes catch flak for commissioning artwork for new worship spaces: wealth should be used instead to feed the poorest of the poor. It's a tough question, and I don't pretend to have answers. But it's worth remembering that the stakes are high: The next generation is at risk of becoming even more desensitized to cultural values that stand utterly opposed to the faith that we were responsible for passing on.