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GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE

Ron Thompson

Brother Knights: I hope everyone is enjoying winter 2015 just remember the Spring season is right around the corner!!! I want to thank everyone who made it to our last meeting. We voted in our Deputy Grand Knight Glain Guilmette. We will be nominating delegates for the State Convention in May. The snow-birds will be able to join us this year as the anniversary dinner will be held later this year in the spring. Remember membership is the priority, "One new member per month per council". We were Star Council in the past and we can be again. The Tootsie Roll drive is in the spring too! We will need everyone's help to make it successful. More new member's will be able to assist us with our works of charity.

LADIES AUXILIARY

By Janice Polan, President

Our regular meeting will be on Thursday, February 12th, at 7:00 p.m. Hostesses are Helen Piana, Bernie Turchin, and Helen Piana. Due to inclement weather, our January meeting was cancelled, so our regular reports, new rosters and updates will be discussed and/or distributed at the February meeting. Please bring ideas for our birthday celebration, fundraisers, and the Mackinac Island Raffle for Holy Cross Children's Services.

Remember to support the Knights at their Sunday breakfast at St. Vincent, and their Friday Night Dinner at the Council on February 13th. This month, Janice and her brother-in-law Mike will be preparing venison sloppy joes for your dining enjoyment. The Ladies are asked to bring a dessert to share if you plan to attend.

Happy birthday to:

**MaryLou Stema (2/11), Cindy Podgorski (2/16)
and Stefanie Olszewski (2/18).**

Sending wishes for a Happy St. Valentine's Day.

Program Director Report

By Darren Gray

Brother Knights, Happy Valentine's Day! What better way to celebrate with your love than to take them to a wonderful Venison Sloppy Joe Dinner on February 13, 2015 at the Council. Please support our cooks for these dinners. The January Dinner was excellent and turnout was very poor. It will be hard to keep these dinners up if the attendance continues to decline. I am also looking for someone to cook the Corned Beef/Cabbage Dinner for our Annual St. Patrick's Day Dinner in March. Believe me, you don't want me cooking Corned Beef. We also have a date for the Anniversary Dinner: **Sat., April 25, 2015. Contact Norm Podgorski for tickets.**

CALENDAR FOR FUTURE EVENTS

CORPORATE COMMUNION

Sunday, February 1, 2015

8:00 a.m. Mass

**PANCAKE BREAKFAST: Sunday, Feb. 1, 2015
After 8 & 10 a.m. Masses at St. Vincent Ferrer**

Monday, February 2, 2015

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

Friday Night Dinner - (Venison Sloppy Joes)

January 13, 2015 - 5:30 p.m.

Hosted by Mike Geboski and Janice Polan

SHIELD DEADLINE: Friday, January 20, 2015

Officers Meeting

Monday, February 23, 2015 - 7:30 p.m.

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The Fifteen Promises of Mary to Christians who Recite the Rosary

1. Whoever shall faithfully serve me by the recitation of the rosary, shall receive signal graces.

2. I promise my special protection and the greatest graces to all those who shall recite the rosary.

3. The rosary shall be a powerful armour against hell, it will destroy vice, decrease sin, and defeat heresies.

4. It will cause virtue and good works to flourish; it will obtain for souls the abundant mercy of God; it will withdraw the hearts of men from the love of the world and its vanities, and will lift them to the desire of eternal things. Oh, that souls would sanctify themselves by this means.

5. The soul which recommends itself to me by the recitation of the rosary, shall not perish.

6. Whoever shall recite the rosary devoutly, applying himself to the consideration of its sacred mysteries shall never be conquered by misfortune. God will not chastise him in His justice, he shall not perish by an unprovided death; if he be just he shall remain in the grace of God, and become worthy of eternal life.

7. Whoever shall have a true devotion for the rosary shall not die without the sacraments of the Church.

8. Those who are faithful to recite the rosary shall have during their life and at their death the light of God and the plenitude of His graces; at the moment of death they shall participate in the merits of the saints in paradise.

9. I shall deliver from purgatory those who have been devoted to the rosary.

10. The faithful children of the rosary shall merit a high degree of glory in heaven.

11. You shall obtain all you ask of me by the recitation of the rosary.

12. All those who propagate the holy rosary shall be aided by me in their necessities.

13. I have obtained from my Divine Son that all the advocates of the rosary shall have for intercessors the entire celestial court during their life and at the hour of death.

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

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

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

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

14. All who recite the rosary are my sons, and brothers of my only son Jesus Christ.

15. Devotion of my rosary is a great sign of predestination. *(Given to St. Dominic and Blessed Alan)*

POKER UPDATE – HELP!!!

Brother Knights, I need your help. State Regulations for Poker Events have changed. I must have 3 members present at all times (up from 2). Unfortunately, the dates of our next event (March 25th-28th) conflict with the Tootsie Roll drive. However, on the positive side, we will only be in the Poker Room from 10:30am to 5:30pm. Seven hours. I only ask for seven hours of your time. And all you really need to do is sit and write stuff down, count money, and hand out chips. Call/email me if you can help. Please let me know what day you are available. Darren Gray:
248-302-8918, gray@fytek.com

PANCAKE BREAKFAST COFFEE & DONUTS

Because the Vietnamese will be using the church hall on the third Sunday in February to celebrate their New Year, I have moved the Pancake Breakfast to Sunday, February 1.

This eliminates the Coffee & Donuts on the first Sunday.

Friday Night Dinner

Come join us on Friday, February 13th, at 5:30 p.m. for a delicious home-made dinner prepared by Mike Geboski (the "hunter") and Janice Polan (the "other chef") of Venison Sloppy Joes, Broccoli/Veggie Soup, Sweet Potato Puffs, Kale Cole Slaw, and a variety of desserts for the low cost of only \$6.00 per person. Plus, have fun and enjoy the great company of fellow Knights/Ladies. Invite and bring along your whole family and friends/neighbors for this social event. This is your opportunity to expand your palate, try something new, and have a fun night out!

Our attendance for the Friday Night Dinners has been down, so the success and continuation will rely on your participation. We are looking forward to seeing many of our members for this dinner. *Bon appetit! Mangiare bene! Guten appetit! Buen apetito! Smacznego!*

RESOLUTION 2015

I make a motion that the council approves \$1,000, payable to the Fr. James B. Heary Building Corporation to cover the costs of the tree removal.

**Signed,
James Morrison, PGK
Darren Gray, PGK**

VOTE for DELEGATES

Brother Knights, we will vote on Delegates, at our February Meeting, for the 2015 Michigan Knights of Columbus Convention at the Grand Hotel on Mackinaw Island. If you wish to have a say, please attend the meeting and vote for your delegates.

God's Call Doesn't Wait

By Kathleen M. Basi

Occasions like New Year's, Ash Wednesday, and birthdays seem custom-made for adopting new life goals. It's neat and tidy to say, "As of January 1, I will no longer lose my temper with my children." "Beginning Ash Wednesday, I will stop using food to ward off boredom or anesthetize pain." But how often have you promised yourself to change, only to find that within a few days or weeks you've reverted to your old ways?

Conversion doesn't happen according to a schedule, and God doesn't call us based on the calendar. He calls us when he has work for us or when we're tripping on our own weaknesses. In other words, he calls every moment of every day.

The question is, do we listen and respond? When I find myself re-resolving the same things, I get frustrated. If my commitment is sincere, why doesn't it "take" the first time?

Why do I have to keep starting over? I once heard a homily that addressed this frustration. The priest urged us not to beat ourselves up when our attention wanders during Mass.

We all come to the table filled with our own worries and concerns; it's human nature to be distracted. The important thing is to keep turning back. This, he emphasized, is the true meaning of repentance. Every time we consciously shift our focus from our own anxieties back to God, it's a recommitment - a moment of renewal.

This is an encouraging thought. Bad habits are easier to come by than good ones, and replacing the former with the latter requires constant vigilance. The practice of turning and returning to God defines the Christian journey, separating the true disciple from the seed that's sown in shallow soil and withers in the sun (*Matthew 13:1-9*).

Prayer List

Valleria Alexander, Gerald Bliss, Bea Bouttillier, Mike Briggs, Nan Brown, Betty Cookets, Noah Cranston, Derek Dinkins, Ray Dulecki, Dee Figg, Barbara Fisher, Wallis Flynn, Mary Jane Guc, Rose Halkey, Aldo Marchesi, Chris McCoy, Sharon McCoy, Rachel McLaughlin, Marge Moore, Barbara Olevenick, Leona Peklo, Stella Ploskonka, Pat Podgorski, Joe Scamamna, Judie Schanbeck, Joe Schanbeck, Patricia A. Scheid, Patricia M. Scheid, Marilyn Shaub, Robert Stack, Lori Stack, Ann Tupiak, Lee Ventimiglia, Matt Ventimiglia, Ilene Wagely, Marian Welsh, Regis Welsh, Jean Witkowski.

Please pray for the families of the following, recently deceased: Lawrence Bliss, Tony's father.

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

We all need daily reminders of how much we depend on God's saving grace. We all need to be smacked upside the head with awareness of how little we can accomplish on our own.

God calls us when our lives are in need of refocus, when our hearts are in need of repentance and that call doesn't wait for some artificially imposed milestone on a calendar.

It comes every day, as reliable as the sun rising in the east, as certain as the failure of our own resolve and our own strength. Can you hear that quiet voice within your heart speaking, asking you to make a change? Don't wait for some date on a calendar to tell you it's time to start anew. ***"Behold, now is a very acceptable time; behold, now is the day of salvation."***

(2 Corinthians 6:2).

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THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

1 Pancake Breakfast After 8:00 & 10:00 a.m. Masses	2	3	4	5	6	7 Happy Birthday Ralph Merkel
8 Happy Birthday Louis Longo II	9	10 Happy Birthday Joseph Marchesi Edward Novak Craig Massman	11 Happy Birthday MaryLou Stema	12	13 Happy Birthday Timothy Morton	14 HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY
15	16 Happy Birthday Cindy Podgorski	17	18 Happy Birthday Stefanie 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	26	27	28