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## THE GRAND KNIGHT'S REPORT

By Darren Gray

**Happy New Year!!!** When I first became your new Grand Knight, I had a list of things that I wanted to focus on. I will not bore you by repeating them. But as I reflect on the past year and look forward to the New Year, I would like to add a **'Top Priority'** for 2013. I will be establishing a committee to document the works that we, as a Council, do for the MRAW. I want to include a history of the MRAW, pictures of all of the events, including the Kmart Shopping. Thank You Cards/Gifts examples from the different groups. Testimonies from the organizers from the different groups. Everything. The things that we do in December are the corner stone of our Council. **True**, it is not **ALL** that we do, but it **IS** a lot of what we do. If you have a gift of photography or writing and would like to be a part of this committee, please contact me. I would also like a form a "Public Relations" chairperson or committee, but I haven't quite flushed out what all I want this group to do yet. In short, I think it is time that people know what exactly we do. Also, we need help with the **Spaghetti Vocations Dinner**, to be held on **Sunday, January 20, at 2:00 p.m.**, in the Church Hall. We'll need cooks and servers. Please contact me, or Jim Morrison, if you are able to help.

## CALENDAR FOR DECEMBER

**Membership Meeting - Mon., January 7, 2013**

**8:00 p.m. at the Council**

**Friday Night Dinner - Jan. 11, 2013 - 5:30 p.m.**

**City Chicken, hosted by Janice Polan**

**Free Throw Contest - Friday, January 18, 2013**

**6:30 p.m. Registration - Page Middle School on Tawas**

**Dinner for Vocations - Sun., Jan. 20, 2013 - 2:00 p.m.**

**St. Vincent Ferrer Church. Get your tickets at Church!!!**

**SHIELD DEADLINE: MONDAY, JAN. 21, 2013: scm04@wowway.biz**

**Officers Meeting - Mon., Jan. 28, 2013 - 7:30 p.m.**

**Fr. Heary Anniversary Dinner - Saturday, Feb. 16, 2012**  
**Father Kramer Council**

## MEMBERSHIP REPORT

By Ron Thompson

Charity is the first principle of the Knights of Columbus. Are you a charitable person? December gave us the opportunity to assist with the needy. Many of you went out for the Christmas shopping for the MRAW for the parties of the mentally impaired. Food baskets were distributed, parties for those who are mentally impaired. These are just some of the things we do as a Knight of Columbus. Brothers it is now the time to go out and ask other men to join our ranks. We as Brother Knights pay dues to become a Knight. I am asking each of you to go out and find your replacement. We all have joined to help others. The membership is in need of active members that will get us back to Star Council Status. If you know of anyone interested in joining our ranks, please start the process of filling out the 100 form and make yourself the proposer of the candidate. Collect the dues and initiation fees and have them interviewed by myself or another brother in our council. Their name will be read aloud and we will vote on them to become a new member. It is just this simple, one new member per month for Fr. Heary Council #7239.

## Christmas Baskets

By Craig Massman and Regis Welsh

Regis and I would like to thank everyone again for a successful event. We were again able to send out 30 Baskets this year. Fortunately we had great weather and plenty of help to load the vehicles. I would like to especially thank Regis's Daughters Maureen for organizing the can food drive at the school and Kathy for bringing the donuts and helping me stay organized. I also need to thank the crew that came in Friday Morning to organize all the food, you guys and gals did a great job. And not to leave anyone out Joe Miller and Tony Bliss for going to Meijer and getting all the last minute items we needed. I do appreciate all the help and support from the council this being my first year as co-chairman. I look forward to many more years working with everyone on this great event.

## PROGRAM DIRECTOR

By Ron Bertolini

Vivat Jesus! Knights, Happy New Year! For January, we have the Friday Night Dinner on January 11<sup>th</sup> at the Council. The main dish is City Chicken. Our Council is hosting a Vocations Spaghetti Dinner with the Vietnamese Community on January 20<sup>th</sup>. Tickets for the dinner need to be purchased during the masses of Jan. 5/6<sup>th</sup> and 12/13<sup>th</sup>. If you can help cook, please contact our Grand Knight or Jim Morrison. We also have the Free Throw Contest on Friday, January 18<sup>th</sup>, at the Page Middle School Auxiliary Gym. All kids, ages 10 to 14, are invited to participate. Lastly, the Anniversary Dinner is scheduled for February 16<sup>th</sup> at Father Kramer Council. If you are planning on attending, please let Joe Schanbeck or Norm Podgorski know.

## DEPUTY GRAND KNIGHT REPORT

Brothers, Vivat Jesus! - Our next meeting is January 7, 2013. Please attend this meeting and plan to attend some social events this year. We are a Catholic Men's Organization which is very family orientated. We are here to strengthen Catholic families by the deeds we do, "Charity that Evangelizes" which is getting out the Gospel's message of love.

## 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

## 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

## LADIES AUXILIARY

By Janice Polan

Happy New Year! Congratulations to our Ladies Auxiliary on being one of the five recipients from the Knights' raffle and thanks to those that attended and helped make the unanimous decision to split our ticket at the perfect moment.

Thank you to all the ladies that participated in our December activities. The Children's Christmas Party was a huge success. The Knights have presented us with a certificate of appreciation for hosting the party for the children and grandchildren of our K. of C. Council.

Our Potluck and Chinese Auction was a lot of fun with plenty of good food and some very nice gifts. The Christmas cookie sale at SVF went well during the two morning masses with an abundance of cookie varieties. Thank you to all those that baked and helped sell. January starts a new year with a few dates to keep on your calendars.

**Thursday, January 10th regular meeting at 7:00 p.m. Hostesses are Earlene Lorraine, Janice and Pat P.**

**Friday, January 11th** - The Knights' Friday Night Dinner at 5:30 p.m. (city chicken & fixings on the menu).

**Sunday, January 20th** - The Knights Spaghetti Dinner for Vocations at SVF at 2:00 p.m. **NOTE: The Ladies Auxiliary will be providing cookies, brownies and cupcakes for the desert. A sign-up sheet will be distributed at our meeting.**

**Saturday, February 16** - The Knights 34-year Anniversary celebration dinner at Fr. Kramer K/C Hall on Van Dyke. I hope to have more details by our meeting.

**Happy January Birthday to:**

|                  |        |
|------------------|--------|
| Earlene Carlisle | (1st)  |
| Yvette Ploskanka | (9th)  |
| Janice Polan     | (14th) |
| Bernie Turchin   | (24th) |

## BROTHER KNIGHTS HELP GOD'S SPECIAL PEOPLE

Thank you and God Bless to everyone who made so many of the mentally impaired and their families so happy and full of joy this Christmas Season. The tears of happiness and the many God Bless You's and Merry Christmases we received were overwhelming. Did any of the Brother Knights who gave so much happiness and love to so many of the developmentally disabled care if those people they were helping were young or old, white or black, Christian, Jew, or Muslim, or from Madison Heights, Warren, Sterling Heights, Troy, etc. NO! NO! NO! Who cares? Everyone was doing God's work and we were doing real good in a world that is anything but real good. How much good did our council, Fr. James B. Heary Council 7239, do? Well, we purchased and individually wrapped gifts for the mentally impaired and distributed them at the following places: **64** gifts for the Parents Who Care Mentally Impaired Bowling League; **48** children gifts for the Families Exploring Down Syndrome; **27** teen gifts for the Families Exploring Down Syndrome; **4** gifts for Edmonson School for day treatment children; **30** gifts for Simonds School for pre-primary impaired children; **26** gifts for Lessinger School cognitively/emotionally impaired children; **15** gifts for Sterling Heights Special Recreation Christmas Party; **29** gifts for Troy Friendship Club for developmentally disabled; **84** gifts for Lamphere/Page Schools developmentally disabled; **4** gifts for special requests for selective mentally impaired children, in addition, monies were given to the North and South Macomb Skill Buildings to purchase turkeys for their Thanksgiving Parties where they served and fed over 200 of God's Special People. Christmas cakes were also delivered to the two centers. Finally, brother knights, delivered Christmas cakes to the Cleave Home where 16 developmentally disabled adults live with their group home mother. If this does not make you proud of our council and its commitment to charity and love for those less fortunate, nothing will. **God bless you - have a great New Year.**

—Mel Szlag

**PS—There are so many people to thank for their help that if I were to list them, I'm sure I would miss someone. Please accept my sincere and honest thank you to all.**

## 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, Lorrain Dulecki, James Fisher (Ron Thompson's Father-in-law), Wallis Flynn (Randy's son-in-law), Larry Huddleston, Dorothy Hughes (Bob Brunk's Sister), Bill King (Randy's brother-in-law), Marian King (Randy's sister-in-law), 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), John Pollock (Ron Thompson's Brother-in-law), Patricia A. Scheid, Patricia M. Scheid (Ernie's daughter-in-law), Robert Stack, Baby Stancroc, Lee Ventimiglia, Matt Ventimiglia, Marian Welsh, Dorothy Hughes, (sister of Bob Brunk). And please pray for all of the men and women of our Armed Services. And please say a special prayer for the victims of the tragedy at Sandy Hook Elementary and their families. 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.**

## Reporting Requirements

Only large raffle licensees are required to submit a financial statement. This financial statement must be submitted by the 10<sup>th</sup> day of the month following the month in which the raffle was held. Failure to submit this statement will prevent the issuance of future licenses. A financial statement will be included in the envelope in which your license is mailed. This form can also be obtained from our web site at [www.michigan.gov/cg](http://www.michigan.gov/cg) or you can request a copy by calling our office at **(517) 335-5780.**

So, we're good. We do, however, need to keep the accounting of the tick-

## DRAW DOWN RAFFLE By Mike Higgins, PGK

The raffle held on November 30<sup>th</sup> was a great success thanks to the help of many.

A special thanks goes to Norm Podgorski PGK, FDD and Janice Polan without whose help the drawing would not have happened. Also many thanks to ALL the members who either sold or bought tickets, especially those who sold multiple tickets. As of the night of the drawing we had sold 85 of the 100 tickets, we sold an additional 7 tickets with the Council splitting the tickets. We gave \$50 to the 1<sup>st</sup> and 46<sup>th</sup> ticket drawn and \$1,000.00 each to 5 tickets who split the Grand Prize of \$5,000.00. One of the \$1000 winners was the Council Ladies Auxiliary. Thanks to Fr. Kramer Council and its GK Jim Reid we were able to have a great atmosphere and liquid refreshments at a very reasonable cost. Thanks to the Ladies Auxiliary's Janice Poland, Pat Podgorski, Yvette Ploskonka and Bernie Turchin for handling the refreshments and the 50/50 (beep). Thanks to Silvio Marchesi for Printing the tickets.

The event cleared \$3,320.00 after expenses. Hopefully next year we can sell all the tickets and do even better. Anybody who has any ideas on how to improve things for next year please feel free to pass them on to me.

**P.S. Apologies if I missed anyone in my thanks.**

## WHEELBARROW OF CHEER DRAWING

By Silvio Marchesi

Due to the generosity of The K. of C. and the Ladies Auxiliary the Wheelbarrow of Cheer was a huge success.

The winners were: Wheelbarrow of Cheer: **Frank Marchesi**;  
Box of Cheer: **Messer**;  
A consolation Prize to: **Mike Kapolka.**

This raffle has always done well for the club due to the fact that many of you have donated bottles of wine or liquor, to reduce the expenses usually incurred when you have a drawing.

Thanks to all of you who helped in one way or the other by bringing bottles to the club or selling the tickets.

**The profit will be around the \$640.00 mark.**

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| SUNDAY                                      | MONDAY  | TUESDAY  | WEDNESDAY                                       | THURSDAY   | FRIDAY   | SATURDAY   |
|---|---|--|---|--|--|--|
|   |   | <b>1</b><br>Happy Birthday!<br>Earline Carlisle<br>Francis Meister | <b>2</b>  | <b>3</b>   | <b>4</b><br>Happy Birthday!<br>Randall Dulecki | <b>5</b>   |
| <b>6</b><br>Happy Birthday!<br>Mario Rizzo  | <b>7</b><br>Mem. Meeting<br>8:00 p.m.                             | <b>8</b>   | <b>9</b><br>Happy Birthday!<br>Yvette Ploskonka | <b>10</b>  | <b>11</b><br>Friday Dinner<br>5:30 p.m.        | <b>12</b>  |
| <b>13</b><br>Vocations Dinner<br>2:00 p.m.  | <b>14</b><br>Happy Birthday!<br>Joseph Palazzola                  | <b>15</b>  | <b>16</b>                                       | <b>17</b>  | <b>18</b><br>Free Throw Contest<br>6:30 p.m.   | <b>19</b><br>Happy Birthday!<br>Richard Roeske   |
| <b>20</b><br>Happy Birthday!<br>Blasé Raona | <b>21</b> SHIELD<br>Deadline<br>Happy Birthday!<br>Michael Malley | <b>22</b>  | <b>23</b>                                       | <b>24</b> Happy Birthday!<br>Bernie Turchin<br>Robert Stack<br>Ronald Binienda | <b>25</b>                                      | <b>26</b><br>Happy Birthday!<br>Randall Carlisle |
| <b>27</b>                                   | <b>28</b><br>Officers Meeting<br>7:30 p.m.                        | <b>29</b>  | <b>30</b>                                       | <b>31</b><br>Happy Birthday!<br>Timothy Thorn                                  |  |  |