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THE GRAND KNIGHT'S REPORT

By Darren Gray

Brother Knights, Happy New Year to everyone. I want to thank everyone for their help and patience during the hectic December activities. There were several changes to plans and schedules during the month, but everything was completed and accomplished without too much hassle. I wish all of you snow birds a safe travel to warmer weather. Don't forget your Brothers who are stuck here in the Michigan Winter. I really do not have much more to say, other than let us make 2014 an even better year than 2013. God Bless and stay safe.

CALENDAR FOR FUTURE EVENTS

COFFEE AND DOUGHNUTS - Sunday, January 5, 2014 - 8 and 10 a.m.

MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Monday, January 6, 2014 - 8:00 p.m. at the Council

Free Throw Contest: Wed., Jan. 7th - 5 p.m. - Wilkinson

Friday, Jan. 10th - 6:30 p.m. - Page Middle School

Wed., Jan. 15th - 5 p.m. - Wilkinson

Ladies AUXILIARY MONTHLY MEETING

Thursday, January 9, 2014 - 7:00 p.m.

FRIDAY NIGHT DINNER - Friday, January 10, 2014 - 5:30 p.m.

Country Ribs - Hosted by Benny Guc and Joe Miller

Pancake Breakfast - Sun., January 19, 2014

After 8:00 and 10:00 Masses at St. Vincent Ferrer

SHIELD DEADLINE: MONDAY, JANUARY 20, 2014

OFFICERS MEETING: Monday, Jan. 27, 2014 - 7:30 p.m.

FR. HEARY ANNIVERSARY DINNER

Saturday, February 8, 2014 - 6:00 p.m.

Fr. Kramer Knights of Columbus Council

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

By Ron Bertolini

Brother Knights, we still have some time to get new members in for this fraternal year, which ends in June. As mentioned at the meetings, if you know of anyone that might be interested in joining, but are afraid to ask them directly, please send the information along to any of the officers. Please include name and at least an address or phone number so that we can contact them. We are close to achieving Star Council, so don't let the lack of new members be the reason that we don't make it.

HUMOR

RETIRED HUSBAND - After I retired, my wife insisted that I accompany her on her trips to Target. Unfortunately, like most men, I found shopping boring and preferred to get in and get out. Equally unfortunate, my wife is like most women - she loves to browse. Yesterday my dear wife received the following letter from the local Target:

Dear Mrs. Harris, I Over the past six months, your husband has caused quite a commotion in our store. We cannot tolerate this behavior and have been forced to ban both of you from the store. Our complaints against your husband, Mr. Harris, are listed below and are documented by our video surveillance cameras:

June 15: He took 24 boxes of condoms and randomly put them in other people's carts when they weren't looking.

July 2: Set all the alarm clocks in house wares to go off at 5-minute intervals.

July 19: Walked up to an employee and told her in an official voice, 'Code 3 in house wares. Get on it right away'.

This caused the employee to leave her assigned station and receive a reprimand from her Supervisor that in turn resulted with a union grievance, causing management to lose time and costing the company money.

August 4: Went to the Service Desk and tried to put a bag of M&Ms on layaway.

August 14: Moved a 'CAUTION - WET FLOOR' sign to a carpeted area.

August 15: Set up a tent in the camping department and told the children shoppers he'd invite them in if they would bring pillows and blankets from the bedding department to which twenty children obliged.

August 23: When a clerk asked if they could help him he began crying and screamed, 'Why can't you people just leave me alone?' EMTs were called.

September 4: Looked right into the security camera and used it as a mirror while he picked his nose.

September 10: While handling guns in the hunting department, he asked the clerk where he could find the antidepressants.

October 6: In the auto department, he prac-

PROGRAM DIRECTOR

Ronnie Thompson, DGK

Brother Knights, now that we have survived the hectic December month, let us look forward to the new year of activities. We will start off with the Friday Night Dinner, being hosted by Joe Miller and Benny Guc, with their world famous Country Ribs. We also have not one, but three Free Throw Contests going on this month. See the front of the Shield for dates and times. Tony Bliss is hoping for a big turnout, so help is much appreciated. Lastly, please note the date change for the Anniversary Dinner. It is not too early to get your tickets. See Norm Podgorski for tickets.

Have a Happy New Year.

FRIDAY NIGHT DINNER

Friday, January 10, 2014

Our Friday night Dinner for January will be offered by that Madcap Wannabe Chef Joe Miller ably assisted by Benny Guc. The Dinner will consist of scrumptious, finger licking, give me more, country ribs with sides of potato, corn, and a salad with a dessert kicker. Hope to see you there.

Cheer Raffle Recap

Congratulations to **Debe Malega** for being our Grand Prize Winner in the Cheer Raffle and also to **Norm Podgorski** for winning the 2nd place prize (A Box of Cheer). Enjoy your holiday cheer and please remember to drink responsibly.

ticed his 'Madonna look' by using different sizes of funnels.

October 18: Hid in a clothing rack and when people browsed through, yelled 'PICK ME! PICK ME!'

October 21: When an announcement came over the loud speaker, he assumed a fetal position and screamed "OH NO! I IT'S THOSE VOICES AGAIN!"

October 23: Went into a fitting room, shut the door, waited awhile, then yelled very loudly, 'Hey! There's no toilet paper in here.' One of the clerks passed out.

LADIES AUXILIARY

By Janice Polan, President

Happy New Year to all. Our first regular meeting of the new year will be on Thursday, January 9th at 7:00 p.m. at the Council. Each lady is asked to bring a small hot or cold snack to share. Janice will provide beverages and paper products.

I'd like to welcome our newest member, Marie Bessler to our organization. We hope to see you at many of our meetings and events.

Our condolences and prayers were sent to Earlene Carlisle on the passing of her sister and one of our members, Lorraine Dulecki. May the perpetual light shine upon her. Our Ladies' memorial mass for Lorraine will be offered on Sunday, January 19, at the St. Vincent Ferrer 8:00 am Mass. (same day at the Knights' breakfast).

Please continue to support our Knights at their breakfasts at SVF and the Friday night dinners. Check the newsletter calendar for dates and times.

Thank you to Cindy Podgorski and her crew (Pat Podgorski, Emily Ramm, Alicia Podgorski and Janice Polan) for holding another successful Children's Christmas Party. And a special thanks to Tony & Paula Bliss for once again being our Santa and Mrs. Claus. The Children had a wonderful time.

Happy birthday to: Earlene (Jan. 1), Yvette (Jan. 9), Janice (Jan. 14) and Bernie (Jan. 24).

RESOLUTION

We resolve that the Fr. Heary Council #7239 provide \$1,000 for repairs to the outside windows to the Building Corp.

Signed,

Anthony Bliss, Norman Podgorski

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**

THE FIRST STEP - Fr. Donald Willard, CSsR

How many of your relationships: have I gone stagnant only to later be unexpectedly revived? Consider high school friends. You haven't seen them in years when out of the blue something reminds you of them. All sorts of questions arise regarding their well-being and whereabouts, and you feel the desire to call them. Your friendship never ended—you were just so busy with daily life you simply lost contact, and now you sense an urge to renew your friendship.

Perhaps you have a loving relationship with your spouse. But over the years your job, children, and life in general have taken most of your time and energy. Your attention is demanded from many directions, and you haven't given as much love and attention to your spouse and marriage as you'd like. You love your spouse dearly now, but you want to; renew your relationship and regain those feelings of the first few years. Relationships require hard work and energy. Imagine if you never called your mother, wrote her, or visited. Although she might not be pleased by your behavior, would she love you less? It's likely she would love you just as much as she always has. However, imagine the joy she would feel if you called for no reason except to say "I love you." Relationships thrive on shared experiences and good communication. Even though we all know this, from time to time we realize we're not giving enough of ourselves to our important relationships and that we may need to make an effort to renew them.

Now think about your relationship with God. Just as with our human relationships, our relationship with God requires hard work. We have to visit his house, communicate with him in prayer, and enter into a covenant with him through the sacraments. We must be part of Christ's Body — the Church and offer praise and worship. God lacks nothing; therefore, he doesn't gain anything from our worship. Nothing we give him makes him more complete.

Instead, we receive grace, divine life, grateful hearts, hope, and love. Through the act of worship, we enter into the life of God — and into the most important relationship we can have. God doesn't love us less when we fail to work at keeping our relationship alive with him, but we run the risk of loving God less. This is why constant renewal of our relationship with the Lord is essential to Christian life. God renews our hearts, refreshes our souls, and gives us the inner strength to meet challenges. Renewing our relationship with God is the first step in renewing our relationships with one another in a healthy and meaningful manner.

THERE IS HAPPINESS IN MAKING OTHER PEOPLE HAPPY!

Two men, both seriously ill, occupied the same hospital room. One man was allowed to sit up in his bed for an hour each afternoon to help drain the fluid from his lungs. His bed was next to the room's only window. The other man had to spend all his time flat on his back. The men talked for hours on end. They spoke of their wives and families, their homes, their jobs, their involvement in the military service, where they had been on vacation. Every afternoon, when the man in the bed by the window could sit up, he would pass the time by describing to his roommate all the things he could see outside the window.

The man in the other bed began to live for those one hour periods where his world would be broadened and enlivened by all the activity and color of the world outside. The window overlooked a park with a lovely lake ducks and swans played on the water while children sailed their model boats. Young lovers walked arm in arm amidst flowers of every color and a fine view of the city skyline could be seen in the distance. As the man by the window described all this in exquisite details, the man on the other side of the room would close his eyes and imagine this picturesque scene. One warm afternoon, the man by the window described a parade passing by. Although the other man could not hear the band - he could see it in his mind's eye as the gentleman by the window portrayed it with descriptive words.

Days, weeks and months passed. One morning, the day nurse arrived to bring water for their baths only to find the lifeless body of the man by the window, who had died peacefully in his sleep. She was saddened and called the hospital attendants to take the body away. As soon as it seemed appropriate, the other man asked if he could be moved next to the window. The nurse was happy to make the switch, and after making sure he was comfortable, she left him alone.

Slowly, painfully, he propped himself up on one elbow to take his first look at the real world outside. He strained to slowly turn to look out the window besides the bed. It faced a blank wall. The man asked the nurse what could have compelled his deceased roommate who had described such wonderful things outside this window. The nurse responded that the man was blind and could not even see the wall. She said, 'Perhaps he just wanted to encourage you.'

Epilogue: There is tremendous happiness in making others happy, despite our own situations. Shared grief is half the sorrow, but happiness when shared, is doubled. If you want to feel rich, just count all the things you have that money can't buy. *"Today is a gift, that is why it is called The Present."*

PRAYER LIST

Gerri Andry, Gerard Beauchamp, Ettore Bignotti, Gerald Bliss, Lawrence Bliss, Mike Bliss, Mary Bliss, Connie Boguth, Bea Boutillier, Nan Brown (Lynn Figg's Aunt), Paige Chamberlain, Ray Dulecki, Jennifer Fisher (Lynn Figg's Daughter), Wallis Flynn (Randy's son-in-law), Charlie Hamilton, Rose Halkey, Larry Huddleston, Earl Kaszubowski, Dana Kaszubowski, Mary Kline, Cathy Krenzer, Patty Lobos, Pete Malega, Steve Mall, Pat Malley, Mimi Marchesi (Frank's Sister-in-law), Edda Marchesi, Emory Massman, Sharon McCoy (Richard Witkowski's daughter), Roger McCoy, Frank McFall, Beth Menard, Ralph Merkel, John O'Neal, Diane O'Neil, Nancy Oparka, Jim Palmer, Charlene Pasternak, Leona Peklo, Gus Peklo, Helen Piana (John Turchin's Mother-in-law), Stella Ploskonka (Ron's mother), Bill Rearick, Joanne Rearick, Joe Schanbeck, Patricia A. Scheid, Patricia M. Scheid (Ernie's daughter-in-law), Brenda Schrade (Mike Studebaker's Mother-in-law), Betty Shaw, Caroline Sobas (Lynn Figg's Sister-in-law), Jess Sobas, Lori Stack, Robert Stack, Robert Stack Jr., Paul Szeliga (Tony's Brother), Dennis Szlag, John Turchin, Lee Ventimiglia, Matt Ventimiglia, Jerry Waligora, Regis Welsh, Marian Welsh, Jean Witkowski, Richard Witkowski. And please pray for all of the men and women of our Armed Services.

Please keep Lorraine Dulecki in your prayers. She passed away December 14th. Also keep Parker Stancroft and Bob Rascowski in your prayers, who also have passed away.

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

ANNUAL ANNIVERSARY DINNER

Fr. Heary Council 7239 is holding their 35th ANNIVERSARY DINNER on Saturday, February 8th, 2014, from 6 p.m. until 11 p.m. at Fr. Kramer Council located at 7900 Bernice in Center Line. (First stop light about three blocks south of I-696 on the West side of Van Dyke). Ticket price for all over 18 is \$27.50 per person, (under 18 \$25.00). Includes meat buffet, dessert, alcoholic beverages, juice, soda pop, and a DJ for your dancing pleasure. It is okay to B.Y.O.B. if you desire.

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5 Coffee & Donuts St. Vincent 8:00-10:00	6 Happy Birthday Mario Rizzo	7	8	9 Happy Birthday Yvette Ploskonka Aux. Meeting: 7pm	10 Happy Birthday Joseph Palazzola	11
12	13	14 Happy Birthday Timothy Wezner Janice Polan	15	16	17	18
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