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THE GRAND KNIGHT'S REPORT

By Darren Gray

Brother Knights - Well, elections are over and it looks like you're stuck with me for another year. Thank you for having the confidence in me. I also want to welcome Ken Pasternak to the list of new officers. He will replace Michael Malley at Chancellor. I want to thank Mike for his service as Chancellor over the last year and wish him well as he takes a break and moves into the Guard role.

The State Convention was quite an event and an eye-opener. While there wasn't much down time, I did get to see a little bit of the island. To me, the opening Mass was by far the most impressive. If you ever have the opportunity to be up there during the convention, even if you're not a delegate, I highly recommend you go to the opening mass. And while it was an off year, we did elect a new State Warden. It was quite interesting to see how that all worked.

And just to keep everyone in the loop, my goals for this coming year are as follows: 1. Membership, 2. Documenting all of the programs that we do, especially for the MRAW, and 3. Membership.

God Bless and enjoy your summer!

CALENDAR FOR FUTURE EVENTS

MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Monday, July 1, 2013 - 8:00 p.m. at the Council

ICE CREAM SOCIAL

Monday, July 15, 2013

5:30 p.m. at the Council

OFFICERS' INSTALLATION

Saturday, July 20, 2013

After the 4:00 p.m. Mass at St. Vincent Ferrer Church

SHIELD DEADLINE:

Sunday, July 21, 2013: scm04@wowway.biz

OFFICERS MEETING:

Monday, July 29, 2013 - 7:30 p.m. at the Council

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

Ron Thompson, DGK

Brothers, Vivat Jesus! Membership and training on how to retain and increase membership is always an ongoing function for all councils. Appointments by our Grand Knight have resulted in a shift of duties for membership. I am glad to help out any way I can to increase our ranks. Ron Bertolini has recently attended the training for membership and is ready to take on this position! We had a great representation of K. of C. #7239 recently at the officer training. New membership is key! We all need to find new members to help us with doing what we do. There are so many different things we can do as knights. Please think of why you became a knight. As a fellow knight have you gotten every thing you expected by becoming a knight? What are some things you would like to do? This brings me to my new appointment as program director. We can do many programs with help from the members. The Ice Cream Social is a great way to bring in new members with families. The summer picnic as well. Also the garage sale! We have a lot of activities this summer.

DEPUTY GRAND KNIGHT MESSAGE

By Ron Thompson

I am thanking you for your support! I recently took on training for Grand Knight/Deputy Grand Knight. The training consisted of a power-point presentation of filling out forms. This is something that is almost paperless, most can be filled out electronically, except for some forms that have to be mailed out. In a nut shell, the more we do, the more we can get credit for with supreme and at the state level. Every thing we do that is charitable is recorded and sent to supreme. With more members we are able to provide more support for the contests for children in our community. These include The Free-throw, Essays, Soccer Challenge. The programs we do or do not do have a dramatic effect on our community. The more active we are in our communities the more satisfaction we receive in a job done well. Our fraternal year starts July First. If you want help out with new projects or existing projects we do, now is the time to start.

PROGRAM DIRECTOR

By Ron Bertolini

Brother Knights Vivat Jesus! - If you haven't already, you will be receiving a letter regarding the need to update our database with current and complete information. Please take a few minutes to fill out the included form as completely as possible. I understand that the Grand Knight's son spent a lot of time stuffing envelopes, so please make him happy by returning the form. You can mail the form back or bring it with you to a meeting. There is no Friday Night Dinner for July, but there **IS** an Ice Cream Social on Monday, July 15. And, please note that the Officers Installation will be on Saturday, July 20, after the 4:00 p.m. Mass at St. Vincent Ferrer Church. Please come and show your support for our officers.

JULY BIRTHDAYS

- 01 Bernard Guc
- 01 Gerald Green
- 11 Richard Salloum
- 12 John Connolly
- 13 Donald Bessler
- 13 R. Ploskonka, PGK, FDD
- 16 Warren Brpglin
- 31 Rev. Steven Koehler

GARAGE SALE

The garage sale season is in full swing. Many of you are, in fact, having your own sales. Our Council will be holding a sale in August and is in need of merchandise to sell. All of us have stuff that we no longer need or use. This is a great opportunity to reclaim some space and give new life to articles no longer needed. If you have articles to donate, please give Jim Morrison, 248-585-2324 or any of the officers, a call and we can make arrangements to meet at the Council or pick up your material. Please, no clothing or computer equipment.

LADIES AUXILIARY

By Janice Polan, President

Thank you for a great year Ladies. Our final June meeting/event was very nice and I'd like to send my thanks to all that attended and contributed to the potluck/Chinese Auction.

I would like to extend an invitation to all the wives, sisters, daughters and female relatives of our newest (and/or current) Knight members to join our Ladies Auxiliary. Membership is only \$5 per year, with monthly meetings and social events from September to June. Meetings are held on the second Thursday of each month at 7:00 p.m. at the Council. The Ladies assist the Knights and participate with their events/activities, and also hold bake sales, a Children's Christmas Party, potluck dinners, Holy Cross Children's charitable raffles and baskets - and the Ladies get together for social and fun activities. For further information, or a membership form, please contact President Janice Polan at jpolan@aol.com or telephone 248/585-1573, or attend an upcoming Knights' summer event to talk with any of our officers.

I hope everyone has a fun and safe summer. Remember to support our Knights in their upcoming events - ice cream social, garage sale and picnic. Check for dates and times in the Shield Newsletters.

ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS

They're back!!! The Ladies Auxiliary will be selling the "2014" Entertainment Coupon Books. The price has been reduced to \$25.00 per book, with expected arrival of the books in mid-August. **Special Deal from the Ladies:** Pre-order a book prior to August 1st and receive a discount of \$2.00 per book!!! To place an order, contact Janice Polan (Ladies Auxiliary President) at jpolan@aol.com or telephone (248) 585-1573.

In the Divine Potter's Hands

By Johan VanParys

My father was a great storyteller. Every night he read from the Bible. He had the talent to depict biblical scenes in such a way that we could see them unfold in our minds' eyes. I clearly remember the night he read the creation story to us. 'Though I loved all the other stories, I was mostly intrigued by the creation of Adam. I visualized God collecting the clay before lovingly molding Adam and blowing life into him. This image of God as primordial potter molded and shaped me as well.

There is something wholesome, something sacred, about pottery. Pottery is about clay, and clay is about soil; in Adam's case, primordial soil. Pottery, of course, is not only about clay, it also bears the imprint of the potter's hands. A potter takes the clay and judges its quality and its consistency. She carefully places a lump of clay on the potter's wheel and starts spinning it. She works the clay with her skillful hands as the undefined mass of clay takes shape, never giving up on the clay, starting over until she is pleased with the result.

As every cup bears the imprint of its maker's hands, so each member of the human race bears the imprint of the Divine Potter's hands. But unlike a cup, which can't be changed once it's fired, humans can be re-shaped. God shaped humans in his own image, and he continues to mold and remold us. In the sacred liturgy, we're molded and remolded by God; this is our time to worship and God's time to shape.

During the celebration of the liturgy, God molds us into the Body of Christ. The liturgy is the divine hands, and we are the clay. Sunday after Sunday, were shaped and re-shaped. In liturgy upon liturgy, God focuses and refocuses us on what is right. During our ongoing catechesis, we have the opportunity to learn more about what God has in mind for us as it is revealed to us through Scripture and Tradition. The goal, of course, is to go into the world and

PRAY FOR THE SICK AND IN DISTRESS

By Darren Gray

Gerard Beauchamp, Lawrence Bliss, Mike Bliss, Nan Brown (Lynn Figg's aunt), Ray Dulecki, Lorraine Dulecki, James Fisher (Ron Thompson's father-in-law), Wallis Flynn (Randy's son-in-law), Larry Huddleston, Steve Mall, Mimi Marchesi (Frank's sister-in-law), Edda Marchesi, Sharon McCoy (Richard Witkowski's daughter), Roger McCoy, Frank McFall, Jerry Meicer, Amanda Moy (friend of Darren Gray), Charlene Pasternak, Leona Peklo, Gus Peklo, Stella Ploskonka (Ron's mother), Bill Rearick, Joanne Rearick, Joe Schanbeck (knee replacement), Patricia A. Scheid, Patricia M. Scheid (Ernie's daughter-in-law), Brenda Schrade (Mike Studebaker's Mother-in-law), Caroline Sobas (Lynn Figg's Sister-in-law), Robert Stack, Dennis Szlag, Lee Ventimiglia, Matt Ventimiglia, Regis Welsh, Marian Welsh. And please pray for all of the men and women of our Armed Services.

Deceased: Charles Maloney, Don Adams (Randy's brother-in-law), Cassie DeClercq. Please keep them and their families in your prayers.

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.

do what is right in the eyes of God.

Any potter knows it's difficult to create the perfect shape and that it takes a long time to get it just right. Similarly, becoming a good Christian isn't an easy task. It takes a life long commitment to celebrate the liturgy and to engage in learning so we can live a truly Christian life. However, thanks to God's persistence and unfailing commitment to keep shaping and reshaping us, one day we'll be molded into perfect shape as members of the Body of Christ.

*Be Sure
to attend the*

ICE CREAM

SOCIAL

Monday,

July 15, 2013

5:30 p.m.

at the Council

HUMOR!

According to a news report, a certain private catholic school was recently faced with a unique problem. A number of 12-year-old girls were beginning to use lipstick and would put it on in the bathroom. That was fine provided it was of a natural or neutral skin tone, but after they put on their lipstick they would press their lips to the mirror leaving dozens of little lip prints.

Every night the maintenance man would remove them and the next day the girls would put them back. Finally the principal, Sister Mary, decided that something had to be done. She called all the girls to the bathroom and met them there with the maintenance man. She explained that all these lip prints were causing a major problem for the custodian who had to clean the mirrors every night (you can just imagine the yawns from the little princesses).

To demonstrate how difficult it had been to clean the mirrors, Sister Paschal asked the maintenance man to show the girls how much effort was required. He took out a long-handled squeegee, dipped it in the toilet, and cleaned the mirror with it.

Since then, there have been no lip prints on the mirror.

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