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GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE *Ron Thompson*

Brother Knights – Vivat Jesus! The elections are over and it looks like you've voted for me again this year. Thank you for having the confidence in me. I also want to welcome Paul Halkey to the list of new officers. He will be our newest Guard replacing Bob Brunk who has stepped down. I want to give thanks for all the support I have had from my past and in advance, thanks all those for serving this new fraternal year 2015-2016.

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. They also performed a living rosary outside with the K. of C. Color Guard.

My goals for this coming year are as follows: 1. Membership; 2. Programs; 3. Fund Raising; 4. Reaching for Star Council; 5. Projects; 6. Ongoing training; Remember that membership is everyone's job. Continue reaching for the goal of Star Council and it will happen.

God Bless and enjoy your summer!

LADIES AUXILIARY *By Janice Polan, President*

Wishing everyone a safe and fun summer. No meetings for July or August, but please be sure to support our Knights with their summertime activities - Ice Cream Social, Garage Sale and Picnic. Look for dates and information in the newsletter. A special thank you to Bernie Turchin, Marge McLaughlin and Bob Pasternak for helping me with gardening and planting around the Council the first Saturday in June. We did a nice job and added some color to the grounds. It's not too late to send in your "bakeless" bake sale donations to Janice Polan. If you need further information, or my address, please contact me at 248-585-1573 or jpolan@aol.com. Donations will be accepted throughout the summer.

Program Director Report

By Darren Gray

July can only mean one thing: ICE CREAM SOCIAL!! Well, that, and a small thing like our independence from England. But I'm talking ICE CREAM!!! Join us for the annual Ice Cream Social. As usual, everyone under 12 is free. Everyone else is \$3.00, way cheaper than going to DQ. Second, we need your STUFF! If you are cleaning your basement/garage/attic, consider donating your used stuff to the Annual Garage Sale. If it is too big to move, please contact an officer of the council and we will arrange to pick it up. Lastly, I am sad to say that this will be my last report as Program Director. I need to remove myself from these duties. Good news is, I will be more than willing to help someone who wants to take over this position.

CALENDAR FOR FUTURE EVENTS

Building Corporation Meeting
Monday, July 6, 2015 - 7:00 p.m.
Monday, July 6, 2015 - 8:00 p.m.

COFFEE and DONUTS
Sunday, July 5 and July 19, 2015
After 8:00 & 10:00 a.m. Masses

SHIELD DEADLINE: JULY 20, 2015

ICE CREAM SOCIAL
Monday, July 20, 2015 - 5:30 p.m.
At the Council

Officers Meeting
Monday, July 27, 2015 - 7:30 p.m.

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Ron Ploskonka	Jim Morrison	Ken Podgorski
Don Wesierski	Joe Schanbeck	Lynn Figg
Frank Meister	Norm Podgorski	Darren Gray

WORDS OF THANKS TO RANDY!

I would like to publicly air some words of thanks to Brother Knight Randy Carlisle. Randy is the kind of guy who can take a quick look at a screw and tell its size, thread, and count, he can look at a pipe and tell its size, look at a nut tell its size, and tell a corny joke.

I called Randy for help to install a lift chair. He could have said "I have other things to do, spend time with family etc.". No! He came over and spent hours working with my son to install the chair. The job got done.

Randy is to be applauded for this. He is the epitome of what a Knight should be.

I thank you, Randy.

As for me, I am pretty much pain free. I can have visitors. Whatever I have will not give you warts if we shake hands. Drop by or give me call.

Thanks for what you are and what you do. —*Benny Guc*

POKER UPDATE!!

By Darren Gray, PGK

Brother Knights, I need your help again. We are scheduled at Big Beaver Tavern, July 29th – Aug 1st. We are scheduled from 10:30 am to 6:30 pm. And I will guarantee that you will be out of there at 6:30 pm. If I get enough guys to sign up, I can make it four hour shifts. So, please call/email me if you can help. I need to know which day(s)/time(s) you can work. 248-302-8918 or dgray@fytek.com.

JULY BIRTHDAYS

Benny Guc – 07/01
Carmello Mandarino – 07/01
Lee Sharp – 07/01
Mel Szlag – 07/03
Gordon Szlag – 07/09
Richard Salloum – 07/11
Donald Bessler – 07/13
Ronald Ploskonka – 07/13
Warren Broglin – 07/16
Michael Studebaker – 07/16
Rev. Steven Koehler – 07/31

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS!

Edward Adams – 08/01
James McCarthy – 08/03
Edward Poplawski – 08/04
Matthew Thomas – 08/08
Regis Welsh – 08/09
Anthony Bliss – 08/12
John Claya – 08/15
Martin Peklo – 08/15
Ron Bertolini – 08/18
James Green – 08/19
Paul Palmer – 08/22
Kenneth Podgorski – 08/23
Ricardo Moreyra – 08/25
Kenneth Witkowski – 08/25
Dr. Chris Gorecki – 08/26
James O. Palmer – 08/28
Charles Hamilton – 08/30

HUMOR!

Jimmy: "hey, Mike! How's your new pet fish doing? You told me he was really something special."

Mike: "To tell the truth, I'm really disappointed in him. The guy who sold him to me said I could teach him to sing like a bird?"

Jimmy: "What Let me get this straight, you bought a fish because you thought you could teach it to sing like a bird?"

Mike: "Well, yeah. After all he is a parrot fish."

Jimmy: "Now listen, Mike. While you might be able to teach a parrot to sing, you're not going to get anywhere with a parrot fish."

Mike: "That's what you think! It just so happens that this fish CAN sing." The thing is, he's terribly off-key and it's driving me crazy. Do you know how hard it is to tuna fish?"

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Linking Past, Present, Future

Fr. Donald B. Willard, CSSR

At my father's funeral, I received my grandfathers wedding ring, which had been passed down to my father when my grandfather passed away. Now the ring had been given to me. I thought about how this ring had been on my grandfather's hand through nearly every major event of his sixty-seven years of married life through World War II, while working on the family farm, when he held his sons for the first time and when he held my grandmothers hand. I never felt so close to my grandfather as when I put that ring on my finger.

We have relics in the Church because people need a tangible link to the past, and that link transforms the past into the present. When we come into contact with an object, our minds and hearts are flooded with memories, stories, and emotions. Consider how many people who are in love keep a photo of the person they love. The loved one could be on the other side of the world, but that photo makes them feel close and reminds them of the person they love. And, because the memory is kept alive, it affects how a person acts. People want to behave in a way that will continue to honor the relationship they have.

One might say that relics are just material objects that don't do anything; they have no magical abilities. But what they represent profoundly affects us. It is like an autograph from a famous person. The autograph actually is just ink on paper. But it serves as a reminder of the person who signed it, and for a brief moment you were in that individuals presence.

Relics call to mind the lives of the saints. They help us remember the stories of the past and build upon those stories for the future. The relics of the saints remind us that we are always in the presence of a great cloud of witnesses who intercede for us, encourage us, and assist us. The relics do not bring the saints closer to us. Instead, they help us to grow closer to the saints. We feel connected to the men and women who have been witnesses to the faith. We aspire to be more like them and feel compelled to give our lives as a testimony to the faith we profess.

Every time I wear my grandfather's wedding ring, I know that I aspire to make him proud of me. I know that I honor his memory by how I live my life each day. The little band carries with it traditions and memories that live on through my life and help me to be the best man I can be.

PRAYER LIST

Valleria Alexander, Glenn Bessler, Gerald Bliss, Bea Bouttillier, Mike Briggs, Nan Brown, Ann Brunk, Bobby Carlisle, Mark Carlisle, Betty Cookets, Noah Cranston, Derek Dinkins, Ray Dulecki, Dee Figg, Barbara Fisher, Wallis Flynn, Ed Galczynski, Frederick Greaves, Benny Guc, Mary Jane Guc, Rose Halkey, Shirley Jurek, Catherine Lesniak, Aldo Marchesi, Edna Marchesi, Silvio Marchesi, Chris McCoy, Sharon McCoy, Rachel McLaughlin, Marge Moore, Barbara Olevenick, Leona Peklo, Helen Piana, Stella Ploskonka, Pat Podgorski, Norm Podgorski, Dick Roeske, Judie Schanbeck, Patricia A. Scheid, Patricia M. Scheid, Marilyn Shaub, Mark Smith, Robert Stack, Lori Stack, Ronnie Thompson, GK, Tyler Tupiak, Ann Tupiak, Lee Ventimiglia, Matt Ventimiglia, Ilene Wagely, Marian Welsh, Regis Welsh, Jean Witkowski. And please pray for all of the men and women of our Armed Services. Also please pray for the recently deceased: Lulu Somersall (Ronnie's Grandmother), Patti Lobos, and Dave Goodman (Friend of Frank Meister).

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

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

Be Sure to attend the

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5 Coffee & Donuts After 8 & 10 Masses	6 Bldg. Corp Meeting 7:00 p.m.	7	8	9 Happy Birthday Gordon Szlag	10	11 Happy Birthday R. Salloum
12	13 Happy Birthday R. Ploskonka Don Bessler	14	15	16 Happy Birthday Warren Broglin M. Studebaker	17	18
19 Coffee & Donuts After 8 & 10 Masses	20 Shield Deadline Ice Cream Social 5:30 p.m.	21	22	23	24	25
26	27 Officers Meeting 7:30 p.m.	28	29	30	31 Happy Birthday Rev. Koehler	