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## THE GRAND KNIGHT'S REPORT

By Darren Gray

Brother Knights, by the time you read this, I will have returned from the Annual Convention at Mackinac Island. As with our Council, elections will be held and new State Officers will be elected. Please pray for our new State Officers, as well as our current State Deputy, Michael Malinowski. I look forward with sharing with you any information that I receive from the Convention.

God Bless!

## CALENDAR FOR FUTURE EVENTS

**Building Corp Meeting - Mon., June 2, 2014 - 7:00 p.m.**  
**Membership Meeting – OFFICER ELECTIONS!!**  
**Monday, June 2, 2014 - 8:00 p.m.**

**Potluck Dinner & Chinese Auction**  
**Thursday, June 12, 2014 - 6:00 p.m.**

**Officers Appreciation Steak Dinner**  
**Friday, June 13 – 5:30 p.m. - At the Council**

**Coffee and Donuts**  
**Sunday, June 8 & 22 - After 8 & 10 a.m. Masses**  
**St. Vincent Ferrer Social Hall**

**Corporate Communion**  
**Sunday, June 22, 2014 - 8:00 a.m. Mass**  
**St. Vincent Ferrer Church**

**Officers Meeting**  
**Monday, June 30, 2014 - 7:30 p.m.**

## MEMBERSHIP NEWS

*By Ron Bertolini*

Brothers: New members are key to the growth of every Knight of Columbus Council. One new member per month is the goal we are trying to achieve. We all should keep this goal in mind and look for every opportunity to talk to new potential members.

If we all keep trying we are sure to attract new members. The key is to keep trying.

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### Election of Officers

During the June meeting, we will hold nominations/elections for the Officer Positions for the 2014-2015 Fraternal Year. Any Third Degree member may hold office. The person nominated must be present to accept the nomination, or provide a written approval for nomination. If you would like to be nominated, please let a fellow Knight know. This is YOUR chance to shape the future of our council.

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### JUNE BIRTHDAYS

- 03 Paul Reynolds**
- 03 Gary Meerschaert**
- 10 Darren Gray**
- 11 Christopher Bliss**
- 14 Ronnie Thompson**
- 16 Rev. Robert Schaefer**
- 17 Gary Puchalski**
- 19 John Schroeder**
- 20 James Wojciehowski**
- 21 John McNulty**
- 21 Mark Smith**
- 23 Frederick Schanbeck**
- 23 Thai Hung Nguyen**
- 24 Michael Mandarino**

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### JULY BIRTHDAYS

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

## An Adequate Response

*Fr. Donald Willard, CSSR*

The Holy Spirit is often described as the bond of love that exists between the Father and the Son. The mutual self-donational and "self-communicative intimate bond between the Father and the Son is so perfect that perfect love exists between the two. Therefore, the Holy Spirit is the love between the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit is the third person in the Holy Trinity. The Holy Spirit is consubstantial with the Father and the Son. This divine mystery occurs because the goodness of God must be communicated and shared. But the Most Holy Trinity must communicate its goodness. This explains the existence of the whole of creation. It affords a place for the Most Holy Trinity to communicate its goodness and share God's divine life. We are then called into existence out of pure love. Humanity has the capacity to receive and enter into a relationship with divine love. We also have the capacity to communicate, share, and love the Most Holy Trinity.

This is the call to holiness and wholeness in the life of every person, the call to respond to the love of God poured into our hearts. What is the right and adequate response to a God who would give himself to us—and even die — so we might know the depths of his mercy and love? There is only one proper response — the gift of self.

We give ourselves in loving service to the one who gave himself in loving service to us. Holiness is setting oneself aside for the purposes of God. We realize our lives are not our own. We have been redeemed by the blood of Jesus Christ. And so, if we claim a relationship with him, we are bound to God and offer ourselves in service to our sisters and brothers, who are also the children of God. This service in love brings us wholeness at both a personal and communal level. When we allow the love of God into our lives, we can be healed from all our sins, the injuries other people may have inflicted upon us and our selfish desires. This offers true freedom, which allows us to reach out to those in need, show them the love of God and bring healing to their lives. In doing so, our pains begin to take on new meaning. The story doesn't end in pain, but rather, mutual healing. The result is a whole community in unity who can offer fitting thanksgiving and praise to show their love for God.

## PROGRAM DIRECTOR

*Ronnie Thompson, DGK*

Brother Knights, June is the month to get involved with the direction of the council. Please attend the June meeting to vote for the new officers of our council. Also, please consider running for office. We still have some positions that need to be filled. A couple of programs in June: Officer Appreciation Steak Dinner. This dinner is for EVERYONE!! It's just that the Officers get their meal free. If you plan to attend, please let Ken Podgorski know so that we have enough steaks. The next Corporate Communion will be June 22<sup>nd</sup> at the 8am Mass. Lastly, we WILL be having the garage sale this year, so if you are cleaning out your basement/garage, please consider donating your used stuff for the garage sale.

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### Companies who supported the Tootsie Roll Drive

Brother Knights, the following companies supported our Tootsie Roll drive in April, either by direct donation, or by allowing solicitations. Please support these companies as they have supported us.

**Leo's Country Kitchen, Madison Heights Target (on John R), Big Boy Restaurant, Costco Wholesale, National Ladder and Scaffold, Hollywood Market, Seros Restaurant and of course, K-Mart in Madison Heights.**

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## LADIES AUXILIARY

June 12, 2014 will be our final Ladies' Meeting and will be a Potluck Dinner and Chinese Auction. The Potluck will begin promptly at 6:00 p.m. and each lady is asked to contribute one food item. If you did not attend our May meeting to sign up, or need a reminder, please contact Janice at **248/585-1573**. The Chinese Auction will be held immediately after the dinner. Please remember to bring a small (but nice) wrapped gift to auction off. Ladies and their Knights plus officers in the Knights are invited to attend.

Congratulations to our "Lady of the Year" recipient, Patricia Podgorski. Your dedication, service, and participation in all events over the years of your membership is greatly appreciated.

Congratulations to our newly elected Ladies Auxiliary officers for the 2014-15 calendar year: Janice Polan, President; Yvette Ploskonka, Vice President; Bernie Turchin, Secretary; and MaryLou Stema, Treasurer. Thank you Earlene, Bernie & MaryLou for your service this past year, and thank you to all the Ladies for your support and friendship. Looking forward to another successful year with a great leadership team!



Enjoy your summer - remember to support our Knights and attend their summertime activities: Ice Cream Social, Picnic, Garage Sale and any breakfasts that will be held at St. Vincent. Check the newsletter for event date and times.

Happy June birthdays to **Judie Schanbeck (6/14)**, **Sue Landry (6/21)**, **Jean Witkowski (6/23)**.

Our next meeting will be on September 12, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. Hostesses will be the Ladies Auxiliary Officers.

← "**LADY OF THE YEAR**"  
**Pat Podgorski**

## **Come, Get Involved, Join Us!**

Looking for a fun social group to join? Why not consider joining the Ladies Auxiliary at our Council? An open invitation is awaiting for all the wives, sisters, daughters and female relatives of our new and/or current Knight members to join our Ladies Auxiliary. Membership is only \$5.00 per year, with monthly meetings, prize raffles and drawings, 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, Chinese auctions, Holy Cross Children's charitable raffles and baskets - plus 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](mailto:jpolan@aol.com) or telephone 248/585-1573, or attend an upcoming Knights' summer event to talk with any of our officers.

Come join the fun!!!

## **THANK YOU FROM THE PODGORSKI FAMILY!**

I just wanted to send a special thank you to all my Brother Knights and their families for all the prayers, cards, phone calls, visits and encouragement during my recent hospital ordeal and my recovery from quintuple bypass surgery. It's a long road ahead, but have confidence that I will be returning to most of my usual activities and events at the Council in the very near future.

—**Norman Podgorski and Family**

## Prayer List

Gerard Beauchamp, Ettore Bignotti, Gerald Bliss, Lawrence Bliss, Connie Boguth, Bea Boutillier, Nan Brown (Lynn Figg's Aunt), Paige Chamberlain, Ray Dulecki, Barbara Fisher (Ron Thompson's Mother-in-law), Wallis Flynn (Randy's son-in-law), Charlie Hamilton, Rose Halkey, Larry Huddleston, Dana Kaszubowski, Mary Kline, Cathy Krenzer, Joann Kuester, Pete Kuester, Cheryl Latson, Patty Lobos, Pete Malega, Steve Mall, Pat Malley, Aldo Marchesi, Mimi Marchesi (Frank's Sister-in-law), Paul Marion, Sharon McCoy (Richard Witkowski's daughter), Beth Menard, John O'Neil, Nancy Oparka, Jim Palmer, Leona Peklo, Gus Peklo, Stella Ploskonka (Ron's mother), Norm Podgorski (PGK,FDD), Ralph Purdue, Bill Rearick, Joanne Rearick, 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., Dennis Szlag, Ann Tupaik, Lee Ventimiglia, Matt Ventimiglia, Jerry Waligora, Tom Waligora, Regis Welsh, Marian Welsh, Jean Witkowski. And please pray for all of the men and women of our Armed Services.

Please keep the following, recently deceased in your prayers: Robert Casman, Monte Gerald, Diane O'Neil, and Irene DeNike.

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

## **PANCAKE BREAKFAST**

*By Jim Morrison*

May was the last Pancake Breakfast until September when we resume.

The next two **Coffee & Donuts** will be **June 8 and June 22**. Look forward to an **Ice Cream Social** in July and the **August Garage Sale**.

If you have items you would like to donate or have neighbors who have items they would want to donate, please let me know. I'm not certain what we can store in the garage until the projected repairs are made to ensure that the donations will not be ruined.

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	Membership Meeting—8:00 p.m.	Happy Birthday Paul Reynolds Gary Meerschaert				
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15	16 Happy Birthday Rev. Robert Schaefer	17 Happy Birthday Gary Puchalski	18	19 Happy Birthday John Schroeder	20 Happy Birthday James Wojciehowski SHIELD DEADLINE	21 Happy Birthday John McNulty Mark Smith Sue Landry
22 Coffee & Donuts After 8 & 10 Mass Corporae Comm. 8:00 a.m.	23 Happy Birthday Fred Schanbeck Thai Hung Nguyen-Jean Witkowski	24 Happy Birthday Michael Mandarino	25	26	27	28
29	30 Officers Meet 7:30 p.m.					