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GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE

Ron Thompson

Spring is here!!! This year has been moving so fast! TOOTSIE ROLL TIME!!!! Brother Knights, We need your help! This is, by far, the most important fund raising event that we do. We need to find younger replacements of ourselves. For your safety, we need only able knights on the streets. We need to recruit new younger members, so next time they will be able to hit the streets. I especially implore the younger guys in the council to come out and help with the collections in the streets. That is where you can make the biggest contribution. Even if you only have an hour to spare, come on out!! I have been working with Darren in trying to get some additional locations and donations this year, but we will have to see if anything pans out. **God Bless!**

LADIES AUXILIARY

By Janice Polan, President

Spring and Easter are on their way!!! Time for the weather to warm up with lots of sunshine. March will be a busy month for the Knights with a Corned Beef Dinner, breakfast at SVF, their Tootsie Roll Drive, and the potluck on Palm Sunday hosted by our Ladies. Check the newsletter calendar for dates and times. Our next meeting is on Thursday, March 12th, at 7:00 p.m. Hostesses are Anna Neil, Pat Podgorski and Janice Polan. Wear something green to celebrate St. Patrick's Day. Remember to pick up a restaurant gift card to contribute to the Mackinac Island Basket Raffle, and bring your ideas for our April birthday celebration.

The Thank You Tootsie Roll Drive Potluck Dinner for the Knights and their families will be held St. Vincent's Church on Sunday, March 29th at 5:30 p.m. If you have not signed up to bring an item, please contact Janice Polan. Donations and Raffle prizes (new items, please) will be welcomed.

Happy March birthdays to: Pat Scheid (3/14), Marian Welsh (3/15), Marie Bessler (3/22) and Anna Neil (3/30). **Wishing all a Happy St. Patrick's Day.**

Program Director Report

By Darren Gray

Spring is around the corner and you know what that means! Tootsie Roll Drive time!! This year, the Tootsie Roll drive will be held the weekend of March 27-29th. Participation during the drive has really slumped the last couple of years. Please, we need your help. Even if you can only spare an hour or two.

See the calendar for other important dates/times. Please thank the McLaughlins and Millers for hosting the Corned Beef and Cabbage Dinner for St. Patrick's Day. **The Dinner will be on Monday, March 16th at the Council.**

CALENDAR FOR FUTURE EVENTS

COFFEE and DONUTS

Sunday, March 1, 2015

8:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. Masses at St. Vincent

Monday, March 2nd, 2015

Building Corporation Meeting – 7:00 p.m.

Membership Meeting – 8:00 p.m.

AUXILIARY MARCH MEETING

Thursday, March 12th, at 7:00 p.m.

Hostesses are Anna Neil, Pat Podgorski and Janice Polan

PANCAKE BREAKFAST: Sunday, March 15, 2015

After 8 & 10 a.m. Masses at St. Vincent Ferrer

St. Patrick's Day Corned Beef/Cabbage Dinner

Monday, March 16, 2015 - 5:30 p.m.

Hosted by McLaughlins and Millers

Dinner: Um, Corned beef and Cabbage

SHIELD DEADLINE: Friday, March 20, 2015

MI Tootsie Roll Drive – March 27-29, 2015

Annual Tootsie Roll Drive Potluck

Sunday, March 29 – 6:00 p.m. at St. Vincent Ferrer

Officers Meeting

Monday, March 30, 2015 - 7:30 p.m.

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PAST GRAND KNIGHTS

COFFEE and DONUTS and Scroll Saw for Sale

Sunday, March 1 will be Coffee & Donuts. March 15 will be the Pancake Breakfast. Money from the Pancake Breakfast supports our seminarians.



The council has a 16" Craftsman Scroll saw for sale. The saw can cut up to 2" thick materials and is solidly built with a cast iron base. We are listing it for **\$75.00**. See attached photo.

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

04 Mike Niemasz
 04 Peter Miles
 06 William Rearick
 08 Glain Guilmette
 08 Duane McLaughlin
 10 Glain A. Guilmette
 22 Patrick Allen
 27 Richard King
 28 Rev. Lee Acervo
 31 Adam Wittmer

APRIL BIRTHDAYS

01 Jeffrey Scott
 02 John Turchin, PGK, FDD
 04 Thaddeus Zakrzewski
 04 Robert Pasternak
 05 Richard Witkowski
 14 Marion Craig
 17 John Lamerato
 17 Francis McFall
 19 Timothy Kujawa
 21 Lewis Bertrand
 22 John Hanser

RESOLUTION 215

*I make a motion
 for providing each Delegate
 \$600.00 for attending
 the 2015 State Convention.*

*Signed,
 James Morrison, PGK, FDD
 Norm Podgorski, PGK, FDD*

Knights of Columbus "BENEFITS NEWS"

April 15 - Tax day - is right around the corner. It's become popular this time of year to encourage the opening of an IRA or similar retirement annuity, or the depositing of additional funds into an existing account, as a tax savings vehicle. A secondary approach is to tout the rate of interest that money in one of these accounts can earn. Let me join the chorus of folks encouraging you to open or add funds to an annuity, but for a different reason.

Certainly, contributing money to a Knights of Columbus annuity will allow you to save some money on your income tax return. And our annuities do pay a very competitive interest rate, consistent with our primary goal of absolute safety of principal. Opening or adding to an annuity for these reasons, however, strikes me as taking a short-term view of a product that is designed to provide long-term security. How much security? **How does a retirement income that you cannot outlive – Guaranteed – sound to you?**

Here at the Knights of Columbus, you can open a retirement annuity for as little as \$300. Consistent and disciplined savings placed into that annuity over time can guarantee you an income at retirement that you cannot outlive. That guarantee – along with the fact that no one has ever lost money left in a Knights of Columbus Annuity (remember – **absolute safety of principal**), really will provide you with peace of mind.

I am happy to meet with you – at your convenience and in your home – to explain in detail the benefits of opening a Knights of Columbus Annuity, along with the benefits of our top-rated life insurance and long term care insurance plans. As you ponder all the things that may not work out as you proceed toward retirement, think about one thing you can do to help yourself – opening a Knights of Columbus Annuity. It's reasonably priced (\$300 to start), guaranteed and controlled by someone you trust – you!

**Receive a complete Family Needs Analysis at my expense. Ask about our GUARANTEED LIFE INSURANCE, ANNUITIES, LONG TERM CARE & DISABILITY INSURANCE. In Christ,*

Anthony Bliss

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36th ANNUAL ANNIVERSARY DINNER

Fr. Heary Council #7239 is holding its 36th ANNIVERSARY DINNER on **Saturday, April 25, 2015 from 6:00 p.m. until 11:00 p.m. at Fr. Kramer Council**, located at 7900 Bernice in Center Line (first stop light about three blocks south of I-696 off of the west side of Van Dyke). **Ticket price is \$27.50** per person. Includes two meat buffet, dessert, beer, wine, juice and soda pop and a DJ for your dancing pleasure. Also, if you prefer It is okay to B.Y.O.B. Some hard liquor will be provided.

Please reserve this date and help us celebrate.

FOR TICKETS CONTACT:

NORM PODGORSKI

at 248-546-3730

or normpod@wowway.com

HUMOR!

Mother was sick with the flu. Her darling daughter wanted to be a good nurse, so she fluffed the pillows and brought a magazine for her mother to read. And then she showed up with a cup of tea.

"You're such a sweetheart," the mother said as she drank the tea. "I didn't know you could make tea."

"Oh yes," the little girl replied. "I put the leaves in the water like you do and boiled it, then strained it into a cup. But I couldn't find a strainer, so I used a fly swatter." "You what?" the mother exclaimed.

The girl said, "Oh don't worry, mom. I didn't use the new fly swatter. I used the old one."

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

The Knights of Columbus has a program: **"Reach for the Ring"**. This is how it works: For your **first** new member, you will receive a certificate acknowledging your efforts. For your **second** new member, you will receive a Knights of Columbus portfolio. For your **third** new member, you will receive a certificate acknowledging your efforts. For your **fourth** new member, you will receive a statue of Our Lady of Guadalupe. For your **fifth** new member, you will receive a certificate acknowledging your efforts. For your **sixth** new member, you will receive a Knights of Columbus ring.



Membership Certificate



K of C Portfolio

Statue

of

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Lady

of

Guadalupe



Prayer List

Valleria Alexander, Glenn Bessler, Gerald Bliss, Bea Bouttillier, Mike Briggs, Nan Brown, Mark Carlisle, Betty Cookets, Noah Cranston, Derek Dinkins, Ray Dulecki, Dee Figg, Barbara Fisher, Wallis Flynn, Ed Galczynski, Mary Jane Guc, Rose Halkey, Catherine Lesniak, Aldo Marchesi, Edna Marchesi, Silvio Marchesi, Chris McCoy, Sharon McCoy, Duane McLaughlin, Rachel McLaughlin, Marge Moore, Barbara Olevenick, Leona Peklo, Stella Ploskonka, Pat Podgorski, Dick Roeske, Joe Scamamna, Judie Schanbeck, Joe Schanbeck, Patricia A. Scheid, Patricia M. Scheid, Marilyn Shaub, Tony Szeliga, Jeanette Szeliga, Mark Smith, Robert Stack, Lori Stack, Ann Tupiak, Lee Ventimiglia, Matt Ventimiglia, Ilene Wagely, Marian Welsh, Regis Welsh, Jean Witkowski.

NOTE:

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



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SUNDAY

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

1 Pancake Breakfast After 8:00 & 10:00 a.m. Masses	2	3	4 Happy Birthday Mike Niemasz Peter Miles	5	6 Happy Birthday William Rearick	7
8 Happy Birthday Glain Guilmette Duane McLaughlin	9	10 Happy Birthday Glain A. Guilmette	11	12	13	14 Happy Birthday Pat Scheid
15 Happy Birthday Marian Welsh	16	17 Happy St. Patrick Day	18	19	20 Shield Deadline	21
22 Happy Birthday Patrick Allen Marie Bessler	23	24	25	26	27 Happy Birthday Richard King	28 Happy Birthday Rev. Lee Acervo
29	30 Happy Birthday Anna Neil	31 Happy Birthday Adam Wittmer				