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## THE GRAND KNIGHT'S REPORT

By Darren Gray

Brother Knights, Welcome to May. I want to thank those who helped me with the Poker Event in April. It turned out to be a worthwhile event, raising just over \$3,000 for the Council. We will be having another from May 19-22 and I REALLY need helpers for this one. The hours have been expanded due to the increase in number of players that Big Beaver Tavern has. I also want to thank the Council for electing me a First Delegate for the State Convention. I am honored and excited to represent our Council. Elections of Officers will be next month. If you are considering running for office, please be at the May/June Meetings.

I hope all of the Mothers out there have a very Happy Mother's Day. And please remember those veterans who have died serving this great country on this Memorial Day.



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## THE SHIELD - MAY, 2013

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1	2 Happy Birthday! James Linn	3	4
5 Pancake Breakfast 8 & 10 a.m. Masses	6 Membership Meeting: 8:00 p.m.	7	8	9	10 Dinner 5:30 p.m. HB: Gustie Peklo Jimmie Johnson David Hopcroft	11 Happy Birthday! Rev. Ralph Cahover
12 Happy Birthday! Anthony Ritter	13 Happy Birthday! Larry Surratt	14 Happy Birthday! Matthew Ventimiglia	15	16 Happy Birthday! Matthew Skogland	17	18
19 May 19-22 Texas Hold Em Big Beaver Tavern	20 May 19-22 Texas Hold Em Big Beaver Tavern	21 Happy Birthday! Raymond Dulecki	22 "Shield" Deadline!	23	24	25
26 Happy Birthday! Peter Malega	27	28 Officers Meeting 7:30 p.m.	29	30	31	

## CALENDAR FOR FUTURE EVENTS

### PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Sun., May 5, 2013 - 8 & 10 Masses - St. Vincent Ferrer Hall

### MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Monday, May 6, 2013 - 8:00 p.m. at the Council

### Friday Night Spaghetti Dinner

Friday, May 10, 2013 - 5:30 p.m. at the Council

### Texas Hold Em Poker Event

May 19-22 - 12:30 p.m.-2:00a.m. - Big Beaver Tavern

SHIELD DEADLINE: Wednesday, May 22, 2013: scm04@wowway.biz

OFFICER MEETING: Tuesday, May 28, 2013 - 7:30 p.m. at the Council

(NOTE DATE CHANGE DUE TO MEMORIAL DAY)

## MEMBERSHIP NEWS

*Ron Thompson, DGK*

Brothers, Vivat Jesus! I want us to focus on bringing in new members. Did you know a former brother who has quit us at some point? Great news we can have them join us again. The time to do this is now, "Welcome Back Brother". If you would like to go out and visit with them or invite them to our next activity, please do so! They will need to sign a new membership document (#100) for readmission up to 7 years, or reapplication if over 7 years. We also can take in transfers from other councils. It all starts by filling out the membership document.

Bringing in a new member. There are many eligible Catholic men who will benefit by being a member of the Knights of Columbus. We might think the hardest question is how do I get recruit him? Actually the question is

"Why should he join?" Let me ask this again. Why did you join? Your reason back then may be different than why you continue to remain a member. Or your reasons now have been proven over the years now are very satisfying to you. Belonging to our council gives a man and his family to be of service and to help others. You just can not ask would you like to join?, or tell the prospect you should join, unless you invite them to see first hand what we do at one of our charitable activities. Then ask them if they like what we are doing and ask him to join! Fill out the new (#100) form. We must then do an interview with 2 members and get me the signed form 100 so that I can inform the members at our monthly meeting that we have candidates seeking to join our order. The First Degree will follow the next week at our council. Please be sure to let the candidate know this when after he signs the membership document.

## PROGRAM DIRECTOR

*By Ron Bertolini*

Brother Knights, lots of fun things going on in May. Blood Drive on May 3, contact Jim Morrison if you are able to donate. Pancake breakfast on May 5, due to a scheduling change with St. Vincent. Spaghetti for the Friday Night Dinner on May 10, hosted by our Grand Knight, and, lastly, another Poker Event on May 19-22. If you can help, please contact our Grand Knight. We also have the Madison Heights Memorial Day Parade coming up on May 25. It has yet to be determined if the Knights will be in the Parade this year.

God Bless our members of the Armed Services and please remember those that have died serving our country this Memorial Day.

## MEMBERSHIP REPORT

*By Ron Thompson*

Looking forward to seeing everyone at our meeting this month! Please email me or bring in pictures you have from recent events. In the past we have had picture boards that I recently found while in our attic. I would like to see if we can update our history using pictures from the last five to seven years.

## JUNE BIRTHDAYS

**01 William Olszewski**  
**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**  
**26 Paul Halkey**

## LADIES AUXILIARY

*By Janice Polan*

Happy Mother's Day to all the mothers, grandmothers, godmothers in our Ladies Auxiliary. Wishes for a day filled with love and family.

A reminder that our regular meetings resume on the second Thursday of the month and will start promptly at 7:00 p.m. Hostesses for the May ninth meeting are Krys Higgins, Helen Pia-na, Yvette Ploskonka and Nancy Oparka. May is our election of officers month. If you would like to be nominated or would like to nominate a lady for one of the offices of President, Vice President, Secretary or Treasurer, please contact Yvette Ploskonka, our Nominating Committee Chairperson.

June will be our final meeting for this year and will be a potluck/chinese auction. Details will be discussed at the May meeting.

## Happy Summer Birthdays:

**(no May birthdays)**

**Judie Schanbeck (June 14)**

**Sue Landry (June 21)**

**Jean Witkowski (June 23)**

**Lorraine Dulecki (July 15)**

**Genny Palazzola (August 12)**

## MAY BIRTHDAYS

**02 James Linn**  
**10 Gustie Peklo**  
**10 Jimmie Johnson**  
**10 David Hopcroft**  
**11 Rev. Ralph Cahover**  
**12 Anthony Ritter**  
**13 Larry Surratt**  
**14 Matthew Ventimiglia**  
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**26 Peter Malega**

## A Perfect Recipe for Hunger

*By Bruce Lewandowski, CSsR*

I choked on a couple of words recently, not just because of their sound, but because they aren't usually associated with each other: "food desert." Food seems to be everywhere. We love food so much that whole television networks are devoted to a kind of food worship. And don't we all eat too much? So what's a food desert? Contrary to the perception created by marketing and media outlets, food is not everywhere. A food desert is a geographic area, a neighborhood, where social and economic barriers seriously limit access to affordable, nutritious food. Food deserts create food insecurity - hunger: And a stark 14.5 percent of households in America were left hungry last year.

Food deserts have more than one cause: lack of chain grocery stores in poorer neighborhoods; lack of ready transportation to those stores; the inability of small independent grocers in poorer neighborhoods to stock fruit, vegetables, and other healthy food because of high costs; failures in diet and health education; poverty; unemployment. These and many other factors mix to create the perfect recipe for hunger.

The results are tragic. People who live in food deserts are more likely to have - and die from - diet-related illness such as diabetes and obesity. Those most adversely affected are children. In a 2006 report (Examining the Impact of Food Deserts on Public Health in Chicago, Mari Gallagher Research & Consulting Group), University of Michigan public-health professor George A. Kaplan keenly observed that the term "food desert" doesn't only speak to the problem, it exposes the cause. Desert as a noun means a place that's dry, barren, and empty - in this case, empty of food. But, he points out, desert is also a verb: "to leave someone without help or in a difficult situation and not come back." He continues, "The lack of access to good food in some areas is not a natural, accidental phenomenon but is instead the result of decisions made at multiple levels by multiple actors." People at all levels - senators, governors, mayors, corporate heads, manufacturers, consumers—we are the actors. We have deserted neighborhoods and people and left them without food.

We've all heard the call to enter the Lenten desert of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. When Lent begins this year, many people will give up some kind of favorite food. Some will commit to spiritual exercises, penance, and sacrifice. But just maybe, some will get online, key "food desert locator" into the browser, and actually go there. And then just maybe they'll find some way to help transform it into a "food oasis."

## PRAY FOR THE SICK AND IN DISTRESS

*By Darren Gray*

Don Adams (Randy's brother-in-law), Glen Bessler (Don's nephew), Lawrence Bliss, Mike Bliss, Bea Boutillier (Tony's Aunt), Carolyn Bree (Tony Szeliga's Cousin), Ann Brunk, Bob Brunk, Ariel Chaillou (Dennis Menard's Niece), Cassy Declercq, Ray Dulecki, Lorraine Dulecki, James Fisher (Ron Thompson's Father-in-law), Wallis Flynn (Randy's son-in-law), Benny Guc, Rose Halkey, Larry Huddleston, Bob Keyse, Bill King (Randy's brother-in-law), Marian King (Randy's sister-in-law), Mary Kline, Sue Landry, Pete Malega, Steve Mall, Charley Malloy, Mimi Marchesi, Danny Marchesi, Sharon McCoy (Richard Witkowski's daughter), Roger McCoy, Frank McFall, Jerry Meicer, Dennis Menard's Niece & Baby Alexander, Catherine Meadows (Tony's Sister), Diane O'Neil (Maggie's Sister-in-law), Joe Palazzola, Jim Palmer, Janice Pasternak, Charlene Pasternak, Leona Peklo, Gus Peklo, Rob Persinger, Stella Ploskonka (Ron's mother), Janice Polan, John Pollock (Ron Thompson's Brother-in-law), Bill Rearick, Patricia A. Scheid, Patricia M. Scheid (Ernie's daughter-in-law), Caroline Sobas (Lynn Figg's Sister-in-law), Jess Sobas (Lynn Figg's Brother-in-law), Lori Stack, Robert Stack, Lee Ventimiglia, Matt Ventimiglia, Rick Waligora, Regis Welsh, Marian Welsh, Jean Witkowski, Deacon Gerry. And please pray for all of the men and women of our Armed Services.

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.**

## HELP APPRECIATED!

**Ken Witkowski is looking for people to help with a project in the attic. We are trying to get some holes filled in the attic to stop squirrels and other vermint from getting in. If you are able to help, please contact Ken at: 248-546-0867.**

## PANCAKE BREAKFAST

*By Jim Morrison*

**Due to scheduling of the church hall, the Pancake Breakfast will replace the Coffee & Donuts on May 5th.**

**If you missed donating blood on Good Friday, the Knights are sponsoring a blood drive on May 3rd from 2:00 to 7:45 p.m. in a mobile unit behind City of Madison Heights offices. There is still a very great need for blood donations. You can go on line at [www.redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org), type Madison Heights and set your appointment time or call Jim Morrison at 248-585-2324 or walk in. Thank you.**

## ATTEND YOUR COUNCIL MEETINGS

Michael McNally would have won \$10.00 in the Attendance Drawing if he would have been present.

## FRIDAY NIGHT DINNERS IN DANGER OF EXTINCTION

*By Darren Gray, Grand Knight*

**Vivat Jesus!!!** Brother Knights, I need your help. The Friday Night Dinners are in danger of becoming extinct. It has become harder and harder to find people that are willing to cook for this once popular social gathering. I'm asking you to commit to a specific month at this time, but I am asking for people that would be willing to cook. It's no easy task to cook for 40-50 people. I know, I've been there. But I will also tell you that there are lots of members that are willing to help the day of. If you are willing to have your name added to a list of people that can cook, please let me know, either by calling/emailing me, or just letting me know at a meeting.

## RESOLUTION 2013

Be it resolved that  
Fr. James B. Heary Council 7239  
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made to the drain system.

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