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THE GRAND KNIGHT'S REPORT

By Darren Gray

Brother Knights, I want to thank everyone that helped make this last Tootsie Roll Drive a success. Every year, I am humbled and amazed at the amount of work that everyone puts into these drives. I congratulate you on a job well done. Unfortunately, however, we will still need to do the Fall Tootsie Roll drive.

As my time comes to an end as your Grand Knight, I just want to say what a wonderful experience this has been. This last year has definitely had its trials, but in the end, I think we still have a strong and active council. And I hope that we stay that way for years to come. We do, however, need to get more new members in place to help carry on the work that we do.

Lastly, I wish all of the mothers out there a very Happy Mother's Day!!! God Bless,

CALENDAR FOR FUTURE EVENTS

Spaghetti Dinner/Fraternal Benefits Night

Saturday, May 3 - After 4 p.m. Mass

St. Vincent Ferrer Social Hall

You MUST call Darren Gray, GK if you want to attend

Building Corporation Meeting

Monday, May 5, 2014 - 7:00 pm

Membership Meeting - Mon., May 5, 2014 - 8:00 p.m.

Friday Night Dinner

Friday, May 9 - 5:30pm - At the Council

Pancake Breakfast

Sunday, May 18 - After 8 & 10 a.m. Masses

St. Vincent Ferrer Social Hall

Officers Meeting

Tuesday, May 27, 2014 - 7:30 p.m.

NOTE DATE CHANGE!

New and Improved?

Fr. Bruce Lewandowski

Years ago I stopped wearing a watch; a watch hanging on my wrist annoys me. As a result, I often ask people for the time. I stop someone, ask the question, look them in the eye, and listen carefully to their response. I do this knowing full well that human interaction, however brief, is always risky. While I might meet someone friendly, I could also be outright rejected. Many times I've been told, "It's time to get" a watch." Regardless, the possibility of a negative encounter has never been enough to motivate me to begin wearing a watch or dissuaded me from asking the time. However, I wonder how many of us would buy a watch just to avoid the unpredictability of human, interaction.

Human interaction is erratic. People make mistakes — they can give us the wrong time. People have emotions — they will give us the time but with an attitude. People are busy — they give us the time on their time. We consider it an improvement when we take people out of the equation.

I 'm the expert!

What I don't know, I search for on the computer. If I don't know how to get somewhere, I grab the GPS. If I need a recipe, I look online. If I have a pain . . . well, you get the idea. While we used to rely on people (the experts), for answers, today we rely on technology. We expect the computer to give us instant, accurate answers to our inquiries. We live with an odd sense of security, trusting that the answers we need are at our fingertips. We relish the idea that we know it all, that we're the experts!

Attitude

It's never good to be the victim of someone else's bad day. Technology makes it easy to disconnect from people and ignore

them. As we choose to interact less and less with one another and, seek more and more to interact with electronic devices, human engagement becomes disingenuous, utilitarian, purely mechanical, or functionally less human! I can get information without human, emotion attached. I can actually turn people "off." I get what I want, when I want it, the way I want it, allowing me to be in control.

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

By Ron Bertolini

Brother Knights, we will be hosting a Spaghetti Dinner on May 3, 2014 at St Vincent Ferrer Church. This is in place of our Annual Fraternal Benefits Night. We will have speakers there talking about the insurance benefits that are offered to the Knights, as well as discussing our Council with non-members. If you wish to attend, because seating is limited, you must contact our Grand Knight, Darren Gray, at **248-302-8918**. **If you would like to help with cooking, please call Darren also.**

Nomination of Officers

During the May meeting, we will hold nominations 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. Elections will be held at the June Meeting.

Don't make me wait!

High-speed Internet, faster downloads, and instant messaging promise less waiting. Who likes to wait? As computers get faster, the results on our screens offer instant gratification. Patience, self-control, and delayed gratification have become had words. Fast is good; slow is bad. We equate speed with efficiency and productivity and tend to think that electronic devices outperform humans.

At what price?

The need to know, to be in control, and the fact that we don't like waiting all have something to do with that band on our wrist. Technology is changing us. Human interaction is unpredictable. People can disappoint us. We love our predictable, unemotional, and "always available" electronic devices. People have been removed from the toll booth, the checkout line, and the other end of the telephone. But to what end? We call it "new and improved," but it all seems to be at the expense of human interaction. Is it worth it?

PROGRAM DIRECTOR

Ronnie Thompson, DGK

Brother Knights, there was some discussion regarding the Garage Sale, due to the condition of the roof in the garage. However, it appears that everything is still in good shape and it has been decided that we WILL be holding the Annual Garage Sale again this August. If you do any spring cleaning and would like to drop items off at the council, please let James Morrison, or any of the officers know, and we will arrange a time for you to drop the items off.

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**
- 16 Matthew Skogland**
- 21 Raymond Dulecki**
- 26 Peter Malega**

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**

LADIES AUXILIARY

Happy Mother's Day to all our Moms, Grandmas, and Godmothers. Wishes for a day filled with love and family.

Thank you to everyone that helped out and/or attended the Tootsie Roll Appreciation Dinner. You did a wonderful job.

Our regular meeting will be on Thursday, May 8, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. Hostesses are Yvette Ploskonka, Nancy Oparka and Krys Higgins. Remember to bring your donations for our "cow" basket for the Mackinac Island Raffle.

May is also the month we hold elections for officers. The offices of President and Vice President have reached their two-year term limitations according to our by-laws and will need to be filled. Please consider running for one of these two open positions, or Secretary or Treasurer. Contact Yvette Ploskonka to submit your nominations.

Our spring bake sale at St. Vincent's Church is scheduled for Sunday, May 18, after the 8:00 and 10:00 a.m. services. The Knights are also holding their breakfast on that date. Your support would be greatly appreciated. Bake goods can be dropped off as early as 7:30 a.m. at the church hall. Please be sure to bring in a non-returnable container or plate (I will have some available for your use at the May meeting).

The Friday Night Dinner at the Council will be on May 9. Please plan to attend and bring along a dessert to share.

Thank you to the 18 Ladies that attended our annual birthday celebration at Bob Evans. We had a fun time. (Picture below).



COFFEE AND DOUGHNUTS

The Coffee & Donuts will be on May 4, 2014. The next Pancake Breakfast will be May 18. We will need help with the cleanup. The Pancake Breakfast will be replaced by Coffee & Donuts during June, July and August. In July & August, the third Sunday will be Coffee & Donuts but in June, The dates will be June 8 and June 22.

The First Degree Staff Needs Your Help!!

Brother Knights, the first degree staff is in great need of new volunteers to help with the First Degree Ceremonials. With current staff members being gone during the winter, or taking on other responsibilities, it is becoming harder and harder for them to be able to hold practice and even the Ceremonials. Supreme has made the First Degree much easier to perform. While you are expected to memorize your parts, you can, if needed, read the part. Please consider giving back to the council by becoming part of this important staff. If the staff doesn't get help, it will have no other option but to disband. Please contact Lynn Figg or Norm Podgorski if you would like to help.

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, Sheryl 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, Diane 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, 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.

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

HUMOR!

'Mr. Clark, I have reviewed this case very carefully,' the Divorce Court Judge said, 'And I've decided to give your wife \$775 a week'. That's very fair, your honor', the husband said. 'And every now and then I'll try to send her a few bucks myself.

* * *

'A doctor examining a woman who had been rushed to the emergency Room, took the husband aside, and said, 'I don't like the looks of your wife at all'. 'Me neither Doc., said the husband. 'But she's a great cook and really good with the kids'.

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1	2 Happy Birthday James Linn	3 Spaghetti Dinner 4:00 p.m. St. Vincent
4 Coffee & Donuts 8:00 & 10:00 a.m.	5 Building Corp Meeting 7:00 p.m. Mem. Meet 8:00 p.m.	6	7	8 Ladies Regular Meeting - 7:00 p.m.	9 Friday Night Dinner 5:30 p.m.	10 Happy Birthday Gustie Peklo Jimmie Johnson David Hopcroft
11 Happy Birthday Rev. Cahover	12 Happy Birthday Anthony Ritter	13 Happy Birthday Larry Surratt	14 Happy Birthday Matt Ventimiglia	15	16 Happy Birthday Matt Skogland	17
18 Pancake Breakfast 8:00 & 10:00 a.m.	19	20	21 Happy Birthday Ray Dulecki	22 Shield Deadline	23	24
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