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GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE

By Ron Thompson

Happy Mother's Day to all our Moms, Wives, Grandmas, Aunts and Godmothers. Happy Memorial Day.

This Month I will be going to the State Convention and hope it will be the 2nd straight year of making Star Council.

Last year we made it to Star after the convention with in the fraternal year. It is important that we continue to bring in new members. I would ask that everyone find a replacement for yourself by bringing in a new member.

I want to congratulate David Tupiac for being our Knight of the year. The Family of the year is John and Bernie Turchin. John and Bernie have done so much for the Church and continue to serve from their hearts the love of the lord. They will also be at the convention with my wife Mary and I.

PROGRAM DIRECTOR REPORT

By Glain Guilmette, DGK

There is not too much to report for May. We are having the coffee & doughnuts and the pancake breakfast so if you want to help, please contact Jim Morrison at 248-585-2324 .

Our Grand Knight Ron Thompson and PKG John Turchin are attending the Michigan State Convention at the end of the month.

In June, there is the Officers appreciation steak dinner. More details in next months Shield.

August is the Garage Sale. Anyone having

items to donate, please contact one of the officers or bring them to the Council house .

Happy Mothers Day to everyone!!

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Monday, May 2, 2016

Building Corporation Meeting - 7:00 p.m.

Membership Meeting - 8:00 p.m.

Thursday, May 12, 2016

Ladies Auxiliary Meeting - 7:00 p.m.

Shield Deadline: Sunday, May 22, 2016

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5th Sunday Rosary

Sunday, May 29, 2016

St. Vincent Ferrer Parish - 7:00 p.m.

Officers Meeting

**** NOTE THE DATE CHANGE ****

Tuesday, May 31, 2016

7:30 p.m.

**** Find us on Facebook ****

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LADIES AUXILIARY

By Janice Polan, President

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

Our regular meeting will be on Thursday, May 12, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. Hostesses are Yvette Ploskonka, Nancy Oparka and Krys Higgins. May is also the month we hold elections for Officers. The offices of President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer are available, so please consider running for one of these positions. Contact our Nominating Chairwoman, Yvette Ploskonka, to submit your nominations.

Due to scheduling changes at St. Vincent's Church, our spring bake sale has been changed to a "Bakeless" bake sale. See the article in this newsletter for details. Your contribution(s) and support for this fundraiser would be greatly appreciated.

I hope all that attended our Knights' Anniversary Dinner in April had a great time. Thank you for supporting our council events.

Thank you to the 14 Ladies that attended our annual birthday celebration at Antonio's Italian Cuisine in April. We had a fun time, great servers, and great food. (Picture below).



RESOLUTION 2016

BE IT RESOLVED THAT FR. JAMES B. HEARY COUNCIL 7239 APPROPRIATE \$600.00 FOR THE FIRST DELEGATE AND \$600.00 FOR THE SECOND DELEGATE TO OFFSET EXPENSES AT THE 2016 MICHIGAN STATE CONVENTION.

**Signed, Glain Guilmette, DGK
Norm Podgorski, PGK, FDD**

FINANCIAL SECRETARY REPORT

By Darren Gray, FS

Brother Knights, communication is the key to a healthy council. And in today's hi-tech world, email is the easiest way to get important, timely messages out to our membership. And because people change their email addresses from time to time, it is important to keep our records updated. In order to make sure I have your most recent email address available, I am asking **ALL** members to please send an email to fs7239@mikofc.org from your current email address. Along with the email, please include your current home phone number and your current cell phone, if available. If you don't send me an email, I will assume that your email address is no longer active and update our records accordingly.

NOMINATION OF OFFICERS

During the May meeting, we will hold nominations for the Officer Positions for the 2016 - 2017 Fraternal Year. Any Third Degree member may hold office. The person nominated must be present to accept the nomination, or provide a written approval or nomination. If you would like to be nominated, please let a fellow Knight know. Elections will be held at the June Meeting.

RESOLUTION 2016

BE IT RESOLVED THAT FR. JAMES B. HEARY COUNCIL 7239 DONATE \$2,000 TO THE MRAW FROM THE GENERAL FUND.

**Signed, Glain Guilmette, DGK
John Turchin, PGK, FDD**

LADY OF THE YEAR

Congratulations to our 2016 recipient, Marge McLaughlin, on receiving the Ladies Auxiliary "Lady of the Year" Award. Although Marge is one of our newest members, she has put forth 110% for our Ladies and Knights. Marge has volunteered to cook the St. Paddy Day dinners, helps out at the Knights' breakfasts and events, has cleaned, painted and helped repair our Council after the basement has flooded more than once, involves her family in projects and has asked her husband Duane to make our coat rack, had a new refrigerator donated, and has co-chaired the Ladies "adopt a family" program for the holidays. She does not hesitate to volunteer her services to help when needed, and is a great asset to our organization. Thank you, Marge!!



PRAYER LIST

Valleria Alexander, Jerry Beauchamp, Bea Boutillier, Mike Briggs, Nan Brown, Ann Brunk, Bob Carlisle, Mark Carlisle, Betty Cookets, Noah Cranston, David Dinkins, Dee Figg, Barbara Fisher, Jodi Flynn, Wallis Flynn, Frederick Greaves, Mary Jane Guc, Natalie Hunt, Steve Karam, Ed Kanigowski, Cathy Krenzer, Robert Lebioda, Catherine Lesniak, Aldo Marchesi, Silvio Marchesi, Chris McCoy, Roger McCoy, Sharon McCoy, Rachel McLaughlin, Catherine Meadows, Carol Miller, Jim Palmer, Leona Peklo, Ken Piana, Ed Poplawski, Judie Schanbeck, Patricia M. Scheid (Ernie's daughter-in-law), Mark Smith, Robert Stack, Lori Stack, Donovan Turchin, Tyler Tupiak, Ann Tupiak, Ron Tarnowski, 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 prayer for the recently deceased: Ray Dulecki and Eugene Kazmar**

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

MAY BIRTHDAYS

**02 James Linn
08 Eric Neustadt
10 David Hopcroft
11 Rev. Ralph Cahover
12 Anthony Ritter
13 Larry Surratt
14 Matthew Ventimiglia
16 Matthew Skoglund
16 John Raona**

**If we missed your birthday or the date is wrong, please email me at editor@kofc7239.org .
Thanks.**

Knights of Columbus “BENEFITS NEWS”

We Stand Strong On Ethical Ground.

Some people believe that ethics in business is a contradiction in terms. They think that in order to be profitable, a company and its leaders must abandon morality and embrace the dark, greedy side that they see so often in the news and in movies.

At the Knights of Columbus, we know this isn't true. A business can be both ethical and successful. We are. As a Catholic organization, we understand the value and importance of our core beliefs and the original mission of Venerable Father Michael J. McGivney. In fact, much of the strength and financial security we provide to members and their families can be attributed to our ethical, moral standards.

More than 96 percent of Knights who buy our life insurance keep it, year in and year out. The Order takes this commitment to our members very seriously. This means carefully planning when it comes time to invest. Our professional staff researches all transactions to insure that they fall in line with Catholic values. If a transaction makes them uncomfortable, they don't make it.

“We exclude any company engaged in activity that conflicts with Catholic moral teaching: companies directly involved in abortion, contraception, human cloning, embryonic stem cell research, for-profit health care that pays for any of these, or pornography,” said Supreme Knight Carl Anderson. “There are many companies in the pharmaceutical and communications industries that would undoubtedly provide excellent returns for us, but which are not in our portfolio because they engage in research and development or programming in ways that violate the sanctity or dignity of human life.”

In the end, the Knights of Columbus investment strategy is motivated by morality, not money. Yet, each year we remain profitable, increase our assets and stay dedicated to this vision that will keep the Order financially sound for generations to come.

But don't just take our word for it. In **2016**, the Knights of Columbus was named a “**World's Most Ethical Company**” by the Ethisphere Institute for a **3rd Year**. We were one of only two life insurance companies to earn the honor this year.

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THE MUSE

An Editor's Exposé

Last month was Distracted Driving Awareness month. According to The National Safety Council, about 100 people die every day in car crashes. About 26% of car crashes involve cell phone use (hands-on or hands-free). The activity in the area of the brain that processes moving images decreases by up to 1/3 when listening to or talking on a phone. Drivers looking out the windshield can miss seeing up to 50% of what's around them when talking on any kind of a cell phone. Checking emails or social media or texting is no exception. Pledge to be an attentive driver at www.nsc.org/DDmonth.

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May 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2 7pm Bld. Corp. Mtg 8pm Member Mtg Happy Birthday James Linn	3	4	5	6	7
8  Happy Birthday Eric Neustadt	9	10 Happy Birthday David Hopcroft	11 Happy Birthday Rev. Ralph Cahover	12 6pm Ladies Mtg. Happy Birthday Anthony Ritter	13 Happy Birthday Larry Surratt	14 Happy Birthday Matt Ventimiglia
15	16 Happy Birthday Matt Skoglund John Raona	17	18	19	20	21
22 Shield Deadline!	23	24	25	26	27	28
29 7:00pm Rosary	30  Memorial Day	31 7:30pm Officers Mtg				



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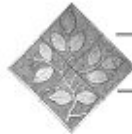
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