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THE GRAND KNIGHT'S REPORT

By Darren Gray

Brother Knights, I thank you all who came out to help with the Tootsie Roll Drive and to those who sent in donations. I have to be honest that I was a little disappointed with the number of guys out there helping. It was such a nice weekend, weather-wise and it was a shame that we did not have more help. But thank you to all of those who did help. After several discussions with different people, I hope that our Spring Tootsie Roll drive will run a little smoother and that we will have more help. If not, the MRAW may need to find other resources and I would really hate for that to happen. The events that we do with the MRAW are what really make our Council special. I also want to thank Ken Pasternak for his service as Chancellor. He, unfortunately, needs to step down from his position due to work schedule. And, lastly, I hope everyone has a very Blessed and Happy Thanksgiving.

CALENDAR FOR FUTURE EVENTS

Regular Meeting - Monday, Nov. 4, 2013 - 8:00 p.m. at the Council

DRAW DOWN RAFFLE! - Fri., Nov. 8, 2013 - 7:00 p.m.
Fr. Kramer K. of C. Council, 7400 Bernice, Center Line

LADIES AUXILIARY REGULAR MEETING: Thurs., Nov. 14, 2013 - 7:30 p.m.

Friday Night Dinner: Nov. 15, 2013 - 5:00 p.m.
at the Council - (Note the Date Change!)

Corporate Communion/Memorial Mass - Sunday, November 17, 2013
8:00 a.m. Mass at St. Vincent Ferrer Church

PANCAKE BREAKFAST: Sunday, November 17, 2013
St. Vincent Ferrer Church after 8:00 a.m. & 10:00 a.m. Mass

SHIELD DEADLINE: THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 21, 2013

Officers Meeting - Mon., Nov. 25, 2013 - 7:30 p.m.

Kmart Shopping: Saturday, November 30 - 7:00 a.m.
(Wrapping at St. Vincent 7:30-10:30) - Light Up for Christ
Tuesday, December 3, 2013 - 7:30 p.m. at the Council

Wheelbarrow of Cheer - Monday, Dec. 16, 2013

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

By Ron Bertolini

Brothers, Vivat Jesus! First of all I want to extend a warm welcome to members who have not been able to be with us. We want you back, come to our next membership meeting, it will be at 8:00 p.m. November 4, 2013. The meetings are completed quickly and you will be the guests of honor by rejoining us!

MEMBERSHIP is very important to the growth of the Knights of Columbus. We have to focus our efforts and talents to find ways to attract new members as well as encouraging less active members to get more involved. Sometimes a phone call to an inactive member letting them know their help and involvement is needed can go a long way.

We conducted our membership drive last week – end October 12 – 13 at St. Vincent Ferrer Catholic Church. I hope we will get some interest, but it's difficult to tell how much interest we raised. I hope it will pay off. We could use every member's help and lessen the work load in this endeavor to find new potential candidates and encouraging existing member to come back and feel welcome.

ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS

The holidays are sneaking up and it's not too late to purchase your 2014 Entertainment Book for a special gift for that special person/family. Cost is only \$25 per book. Contact any Ladies Auxiliary member or officer to purchase a book or two; or contact Janice Polan (President) at jpolan@aol.com or 248/585-1573. Other State and/or City books are available upon request. Your support will be GREATLY appreciated!!

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- 03 Charles Tiffany
- 03 Mark Tripp
- 03 Lynn Figg
- 11 Michael Higgins, PGK
- 14 Edward Galczynski
- 23 Eugene Kaczmar
- 25 Stephen Orloski
- 27 Aldo Marchesi
- 29 Christopher Pasternak
- 30 Michael McNally

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- 07 Frank Haranczak
- 11 Edward Castillo
- 16 John Marchesi
- 24 William Dixon
- 27 Ernest Scheid
- 28 Jim Morrison, PGK, FDD

PROGRAM DIRECTOR

Ron Thompson, DGK

I hope everyone had a safe Halloween. As we move into November, we have a variety of events happening. First, we have the 2nd Annual Draw Down Raffle happening on November 8th, to be held at Fr. Kramer. If you have not yet bought a ticket, please contact Mike Higgins. Even if you want to just split a ticket (\$20/\$25/\$50), let Mike know and I am sure he can pair you up with someone. Because of the Raffle on the 8th, the Friday Night has been moved to Nov. 15th, but at the time of this writing, the menu has not yet been written in stone. I understand, however, that chicken cordon bleu is the likely item. The Memorial Mass/Corporate Communion will be on November 17th, at the 8:00 am Mass, at St. Vincent Ferrer. The Kmart shopping has been moved to Nov 30th, due to a scheduling conflict with the church. Lastly, if you were not at the October meeting, Craig Massman gave an update on this year Food Baskets. We will not be purchasing turkeys this year, instead, we will be purchasing gift cards that can only be used to purchase meat/dairy items. Please consider donating to help with the cost of this event. In case you have forgotten, we assemble 30 food baskets that are delivered to needy families in the Madison Heights area. God Bless and have a Happy Thanksgiving!

CHANCELLOR NEEDED

Brother Knights!! We need your help!! We are in need of an Officer. Our current Chancellor has had to resign from his position due to a conflict with his work schedule. We will be holding elections to temporarily fill this position until the June formal elections. The responsibilities for Chancellor are as follows: "The chancellor has a variety of responsibilities. Primarily, he assists the grand knight and the deputy grand knight in the execution of their duties and oversees the council in both their absences. He is charged with strengthening the members' interests in council activities. The chancellor is chairman of the admission committee and a member of the Columbian Squires circle ceremonial team." And just a couple of things to note: 1. We do not currently sponsor a Squires group. And 2. The Chancellor is also responsible for reading the 'Good of the Order' at the meetings, in place of a Lector. If you have any interest in being an Officer of the Council, please attend the November and December meetings for the election.

LADIES AUXILIARY

By Janice Polan, President

Thanksgiving is approaching and it's that time of year to give our thanks:

Thank you for the generosity and kindness of our Ladies, Knights and their families in supporting our Auxiliary. May the Lord grant health and happiness to each and every one.

Thank you to all that contributed baked goods or made a donation to our Bake Sale in October. Your support is appreciated.

Thank you to all the Ladies that attended and enjoyed the spaghetti appreciation dinner in October. Hope you had fun and enjoyed a great meal cooked by our Knights.

Thank you for all that have purchased an Entertainment Book or plan to.

Thank you to all that purchased a new sweatshirt and/or helped wrap sweatshirts for Holy Cross Children's Services of Michigan. It will make Christmas a little more special to these children.

A couple of reminders in supporting our Knights: **Friday, November 8** is the "**Draw-down-call**" Raffle at Fr. Kramer K/C Hall, the Friday night dinner will be on November 15, the SVF breakfast will be on Sunday, November 17, and Christmas Gift shopping/wrapping for the MRAW will be Sunday, November 30. Please plan to attend and enjoy these festivities.

Our prayers go out to the Wesierski Family on the passing of one of our members, Doris. The Ladies have made a contribution to the Polish Heritage Center in Ashton, Nebraska, in honor of a Memorial Mass at St. Francis Church, where Doris was from. Doris was very active in our Auxiliary and will be greatly missed.

Our next meeting is Thursday, November 14th at 7:00 p.m. We will be wrapping sweatshirts at 6:00 p.m. that evening prior to our meeting. Bring a newly purchased adult-sized sweatshirt (boxes, wrapping paper, tape and labels will be provided).

Hostesses for November are:

Stephanie Olszewski, Genny Palazzola and Jean Witkowski.

Happy Birthday Helen Piana (Nov. 10) and Pat Nixon (Nov. 28).

On behalf of my family, may you have a blessed, safe and happy Thanksgiving holiday.

ANNUAL CHRISTMAS BASKETS

By **Craig Massman Shared Services Global Projects 248.447.1120**

It's that time of year again... our Annual Christmas Basket Campaign. I will be chairing the event this year. I am asking for your continued support and cooperation in making this project a success.

I ask that you sign-up to purchase a specific item and deliver them to our K. of C. Hall. This will be a huge help. We understand the expense and since we need approximately 30 of each item you may want to consider joining with a fellow knight and purchase an item. Also this year instead of supplying Turkeys and other perishable items we will be providing our Christmas Basket recipients with gifts cards from Save-A-Lot that can only be used to purchase food items. I would like to provide each family with \$15 worth of gift certificates in \$5 increments. For those families with a large number of members I would like to provide extra gift certificates. So any cash donation you could make would be greatly appreciated. The list of times needed is below. Please let me know which item you selected by either emailing me at craigmassman@gmail.com or leaving a message on my home answering machine at 586.573.3634 so we don't have any duplicate items purchased.

Item to be Purchased	Name
5 lb bag of Potatoes	
Cake mix	
Can of Frosting	
Jar of Jelly	
Jar of Peanut Butter	
Jar of Spaghetti Sauce	
Box of Spaghetti pasta	
Can of Cranberries	
Can of Tuna Fish	
Box of Macaroni & Cheese	Ernie Scheid
Bag of Cookies	
Box of Candy Canes	
14 oz box of Cereal	Darren Gray
Gift Certificates	

Prayer List

Geri Andry, Gerard Beauchamp, Lawrence Bliss, Mike Bliss, Mary Bliss, Connie Boguth, Nan Brown (Lynn Figg's Aunt), Paige Chamberlain, Ray Dulecki, Lorraine Dulecki, Wallis Flynn (Randy's son-in-law), Larry Huddleston, Mary Kline, Patty Lobos, Pete Malega, Steve Mall, Mike Malley, Mimi Marchesi (Frank's Sister-in-law), Edda Marchesi, Emory Massman, Sharon McCoy (Richard Witkowski's daughter), Roger McCoy, Frank McFall, Dennis Menard, Diane O'Neil, Nancy Oparka, Jim Palmer, Charlene Pasternak, Leona Peklo, Gus Peklo, Helen Piana (John Turchin's Mother-in-law), Stella Ploskonka (Ron's mother), Bill Rearick, Joanne Rearick, Patricia A. Scheid, Patricia M. Scheid (Ernie's daughter-in-law), Brenda Schrade (Mike Studebaker's Mother-in-law), Caroline Sobas (Lynn Figg's Sister-in-law), Jess Sobas, Robert Stack, Paul Szeliga (Tony's Brother), Dennis Szlag, Lee Ventimiglia, Matt Ventimiglia, Regis Welsh, Marian Welsh, Jean Witkowski, Richard Witkowski. And please pray for all of the men and women of our Armed Services.

Deceased: James Fisher (Ron Thompson's Father-in-law), Doris Wisierski, Edward Schanbeck (Joe's Uncle)

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.

NEED HELP FROM ALL MEMBERS TO BE SUCCESSFULL

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10 Happy Birthday! Robert Brunk Pat Podgorski	11 Happy Birthday! Michael Higgins, PGK	12	13	14 Happy Birthday! Edward Galczynski	15 Friday Night Dinner 5:00 p.m.	16
17 Pancakes Corporate Communion 8:00 a.m.	18	19	20 Happy Birthday! B. Baumgardner	21 Shield Deadline Shield Deadline	22	23 Happy Birthday! Eugene Kaczmar
24	25 Off. Meeting Officers Meet 7:30 p.m. Happy Birthday! Stephen Orloski	26	27 Happy Birthday! Aldo Marchesi	28	29 Happy Birthday! Chris Pasternak	30 Happy Birthday! Michael McNally K-Mart Shopping