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## GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE

*Ron Thompson*

I would like to thank all of you that helped with our fall Tootsie Roll Drive. It was decent weather, I do have to say I wish we had more members to help out in the streets. There was another group out collecting for their cause and kept up for many days. Let's try to increase our workforce for the next drive by getting in some new members. Membership is everyone's job. When we do things to help others it is the reason why we joined up to be a knight. There are men at church that are not K. of C. members yet. When they see all we do, they will want to find out more about us and someday they will join us to do works of charity.

Lastly I want everyone to have a blessed Thanksgiving.

## LADIES AUXILIARY

*By Janice Polan, President*

Gobble, gobble - time to give thanks for our families, friends and blessings in our lives. Let's say an extra prayer for those that may be suffering from illness, dealing with violence in their homelands, or traveling to visit with family and friends for the holidays. Thank you to all the ladies for baking and/or helping out at our first-of-the-season bake sale at St. Vincent's Church. Your participation made our fundraiser a success.

Thank you to the Knights and chef Darren Gray and his staff for the very nice Spaghetti Ladies Appreciation Dinner. It was delicious! I'd like to welcome our two newest members to our Auxiliary: Mary Thompson and Paula Bliss. Glad you are joining in on the fun and friendship through our group. New members are always welcome. Contact Janice Polan or any officer/member if you are interested in joining, or attend one of our meetings.

Our next meeting is Thursday, November 13th at 7:00 pm. Hostesses will be Marie Bessler, Earlene Carlisle, and Mary Thompson. We will be wrapping sweatshirts for Holy Cross Children's Services at 6:00 pm that evening prior to our meeting for those that would like to help. Bring a NEWLY purchased adult-sized sweatshirt (boxes, wrapping paper, tape and labels will be provided). See the article in this newsletter for sweatshirt requirements.

Remember to support our Knights in their events, including the "Draw-Down" Raffle on Friday, November 7th, at Fr. Kramer Council on Van Dyke. Refer to the newsletter calendar for event details.

Happy Birthday to Helen Piana (11/10) and Pat Nixon (11/28).

*Wishing everyone a happy and safe Thanksgiving holiday!*

## Program Director Article

Brother Knights, I want to wish everyone a Happy Thanksgiving!!! From a Programs standpoint, November is fairly quiet. Kind of the 'calm before the storm', if you will. Please note that the Food Basket sign-up is coming up, as well as the shopping for the MRAW at Meijer. Note the location change, due to Kmart closing. No Friday Night dinner again in November. I understand, however, that we DO have cooks for January and February, so please keep your eyes open for those dates.

## CALENDAR FOR FUTURE EVENTS

**COFFEE & DOUGHNUTS - Sun., NOV. 2, 2014**  
after 8:00 a.m. & 10:00 a.m. Mass

**Monday, November 3, 2014**  
**Bldg. Corp Meeting 7:00 p.m. at the Council**  
**MEMBERSHIP MEETING - 8:00 p.m. at the Council**

**DRAW DOWN RAFFLE**  
**Friday, November 7, 2014 - 7:00 p.m.**  
Father Kramer Council - Bernice and Van Dyke, Center Line, MI

**LADIES AUXILIARY REGULAR MEETING**  
**Thursday, November 13, 2014**

**PANCAKE BREAKFAST**  
**Sunday, November 16, 2014**  
after 8:00 a.m. & 10:00 a.m. Mass

**Corporate Communion/Memorial Mass**  
**Sunday, November 16, 2014**  
**8:00 am Mass at St. Vincent Ferrer Church**

**OFFICERS MEETING**  
**Mon., Nov. 24, 2014 - 7:30 p.m. at the Council**

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## CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY

The Ladies Auxiliary will be hosting their Annual Children's Christmas Party for the children, grandchildren and younger family members (ages 0-12) of our Knights. The event will be held on Sunday, December 7th, from 2:00-4:00 p.m. at our Council. Children, teens, and family members are invited to enjoy crafts, songs, food and a special visit for the younger children from Santa and Mrs. Claus.

Please complete the flyer enclosed in this newsletter and return to Cindy Podgorski, committee chairwoman, or Janice Polan, president, **NO LATER THAN Saturday, November 22, to participate in this event. Additional flyers are available at the Council on the downstairs bulletin board in a designated pocket folder.**

## 2015 ENTERTAINMENT COUPON BOOKS

The Ladies Auxiliary are selling the 2015 Entertainment Coupon Books for \$30 each. Quantities are limited, and books will only be available through the end of November. These make great gifts for the holidays, birthdays or that special person. Please contact President, Janice Polan, if you would like to purchase a book(s), or any Auxiliary member. Your support in this major fundraiser for the Ladies would be greatly appreciated.

## Christmas Shopping for the Developmentally Disabled

This year, shopping for the Mentally Impaired will be held at MEIJERS on Thirteen Mile Road in Madison Heights. Shopping will be on Saturday, December 6th starting at 7:00 a.m. Immediately following the shopping, gifts will be wrapped at the Senior Citizens Center located on John R Road. Brother Knights, please plan on helping in this charitable function.

## SWEATSHIRTS FOR HOLY CROSS CHILDREN'S SERVICES

Once again the Ladies will be collecting and wrapping NEW sweatshirts for Holy Cross Children's Services on Thursday, November 13th at 6:00 p.m. If you would like to contribute, please purchase a NEW long-sleeved sweatshirt (with or without hoods) in adult sizes Large, X-Large, 2X, or 3X. May have a sports or local college logo, or can be plain, and may be for male, female and/or both. Please leave purchase tags and labels attached. Drop off at the Council no later than **November 13th** so we can wrap and box all the sweatshirts and deliver to our District Deputy to take to the K/C State Convention at the end of the month.

## DONUTS and COFFEE PANCAKE BREAKFAST

*By Jim Morrison*

**Sunday, Nov. 2nd is the next Coffee & Donuts.**

**Sunday, Nov. 16th is the next Pancake Breakfast.**

**Be present to eat and be present to help out.**

# 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](mailto: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. *Items to be Purchased*

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
Bag of Cookies
Box of Candy Canes
14 oz box of Cereal
Gift Certificates

## APPLY TO FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY

Residents of Macomb, Oakland and Wayne Counties who suffered damages to their dwellings in the **August 11-13 storms** and flooding are encouraged to register for federal disaster assistance. **Deadline: November 24, 2014.**

Insurance may cover some of the damage, but people may be missing out on additional assistance if they haven't registered with the **Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)**. Until a resident registers for assistance, **FEMA** has no way of knowing who suffered damages or what people need to help in their recovery. Applicants may also call **1-800-621-FEMA (3362)**. **Deadline is November 24, 2014.**

## Prayer List

### Prayer for the Sick and in Distress

Valleria Alexander, Don Bessler, Gerald Bliss, Lawrence Bliss, Bea Bouttillier, Nan Brown, Betty Cookets, Derek Dinkins, Ray Dulecki, Barbara Fisher, Mary Jane Guc, Rose Halkey, Tom Kania, Steve Mall, Aldo Marchesi, Chris McCoy, Sharon McCoy, Rachel McLaughlin, Duane McLaughlin, Barbara Olevenick, Stella Ploskonka, Pat Podgorski, Judie Schanbeck, Joe Schanbeck, Patricia A. Scheid, Patricia M. Scheid, Marilyn Shaub, Wanda Schram, Robert Stack, Steve Szeliga, Ann Tupiak, Lee Ventimiglia, Matt Ventimiglia, Marian Welsh, Regis Welsh, Jean Witkowski.

Please pray for the families of the following, recently deceased: Ralph Perdw (Lynn Figg's Step Dad), Tom Kania, James Fisher, and Eugenie Lossick (Tim Oparka's Sister in Law).

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

### NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- 03 Charles Tiffany
- 03 Mark Tripp
- 03 Lynn Figg
- 11 Michael Higgins, PGK
- 14 Edward Galczyński
- 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

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