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## THE GRAND KNIGHT'S REPORT

By Darren Gray

I always consider October to be the beginning of a very busy time for our Council. And, as always, it starts with the MI Drive (or Tootsie Roll Drive). Our council used to be able to get away without doing the October Drive, but for the last several years, we have had to do the fall drive to make up for the lack of funds that is needed to help support the MRAW. This year will be no exception, and as I have in the past, I urge every member to help in any way that they can to support this MI Drive. If you can't hit the streets, maybe you can help at the entrance of Kmart or one of the other store-front locations. We also have the **OK** to stand in front of the entrances after the masses at Church. We need drivers to help empty canisters and deliver tootsie rolls. We need money counters. If you can't help in any in those areas, then I ask that you consider a monetary donation. I hate asking for money, but please consider it if you can't physically help.

## CALENDAR FOR FUTURE EVENTS

**Coffee and Doughnuts - Sunday, October 6, 2013**

**Membership Meeting: Mon., Oct. 7, 2013 - 8:00 p.m. at the Council**

**LADIES AUXILIARY REGULAR MEETING: Thursday, October 10, 2013**

**M.I. DRIVE - Thurs., Fri., Sat., Oct. 11, 12, 13, 2013**

**Membership Drive - Sat/Sun Masses - October 12 & 13, 2013**

**PANCAKE BREAKFAST: Sunday, October 20, 2013  
St. Vincent Ferrer Church after 8:00 a.m. & 10:00 a.m. Mass**

**Ladies Appreciation Dinner - Mon., Oct. 21, 2013 - 5:30 p.m. at the Council**

**Prep Bowl: Sat., October 26, 2013 at Ford Field**

**Officers: Monday, Oct. 28, 2013 - 7:30 p.m. at the Council**

**CALL DOWN RAFFLE: Friday, Nov. 8, 2013 - 7:00 p.m.  
Father Kramer Council - Bernice and Van Dyke, Center Line, MI**

**Wheelbarrow of Cheer - Monday, Dec. 16, 2013**

## MEMBERSHIP NEWS

*By Ron Bertolini*

Brother Knights - We have final approval from Fr. John to hold a membership drive after the masses the week-end of October 12-13. I know that this is the same week-end as the MI Drive, but our Grand Knight felt that we could kill two birds with one stone by having it the same weekend. I would like to have two or three Knights at every mass that would be willing to be at the doors at the end of mass to pass out flyers and answer any questions about the Knights of Columbus. We will have Form 100's available, but more importantly, there will be 'Request Cards' that are easier to fill out and would allow us to spend more one on one time with the potential candidates. We will also be at the Vietnamese Mass, so if you can help with that one too, please let me, or the Grand Knight know. It's not a lot of work and it would just mean staying an extra few minutes after mass.

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### New Red Bag Food Collection Program

Brother Knights - The State Council has started a new program to collect food for the needy. I know we have the food baskets coming up, but this would be in addition to that program and would be a year-round program. At every K of C meeting and event, I invite to bring a can good, or other non-perishable item, with you. There will be a red bag that you can place the can in. Every week, I will weigh the bag and then deposit it in the food collection basket at church. So start bringing in your cans.

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### Attendance Drawing

One of our new members, Mike Studebaker, would have won the Attendance Drawing at the September Meeting, had he been there. The Drawing, now at \$35, rolls over to the October meeting. Remember, you can't win if you're not there.

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**Sept. Knight of the Month**  
**BOB BRUNK**

**Sept. Family of the Month**  
**MARK & ALLIE BLISS**

## PROGRAM DIRECTOR

*Ron Thompson, DGK*

Brother Knights - There is no Friday Night Dinner this month because of the MI Drive. And we are looking for a cook for November. The Ladies Appreciation Dinner will have a new cook this year, as Frank Marchesi will be out of the country. The menu will be the same as it has been in the past though. Spaghetti, salad, bread, dessert, etc. I understand that our Grand Knight has volunteered to cook for this event, but he requests help. He believes that he'll need to be at the Church that night for the Faith Formation Mentor Speech, but he will have time to cook before he goes. He is looking for help with setup, coffee, and cleanup. Please let him know if you can help. Also, just a reminder, this Appreciation Dinner is for ALL the ladies within the Council, not just the Ladies Auxiliary. That being said, I also want to stress that this does NOT diminish the thanks and gratitudes that we have towards our Ladies Auxiliary. We could not do what we do without YOU.

Lastly, please see the additional article about the Red Bag Food Collection program.

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### COFFEE & DOUGHNUTS PANCAKE BREAKFAST

*By Jim Morrison*

Sunday, October 6 is the next Coffee & Donuts and Sunday, October 20 is the next Pancake Breakfast. Many thanks to all who came and helped clean up after the September Pancake Breakfast. We were able to leave a half hour earlier than we were previously.

Thanks to all who donated blood. I will have a report on total donations at the next meeting.

## LADIES AUXILIARY

*By Janice Polan, President*

Our regular meeting will be on Thursday, October 10 at 7:00 p.m. Hostesses are Pat Podgorski and Dee Figg.

The Ladies will be holding a bake sale at St. Vincent's Church on Sunday, October 20 after all the masses and during the Knights' Breakfast. Contributions and/or donations would be welcomed.

2014 Entertainment Books are still available through Janice Polan. This is our major fundraiser for the year and your support would be greatly appreciated. Cost has been reduced to \$25 per book. Contact Janice or any Ladies Auxiliary member to purchase your book(s).

Happy Birthday to Maggie Meister (Oct.10), Pat Podgorski (Oct. 13) and Dee Figg (Oct. 19).

On behalf of my family, thank you for all the condolences and prayers on the loss of my mother-in-law, Alfreda Polan.

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### OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

- 01 Scott Szeliga
- 02 Donald Wesierski, PGK
- 03 Norman Podgorski, PGK
- 10 Timothy Oparka
- 13 Robert Brunk
- 15 Anthony Szeliga
- 15 Kenneth Pasternak
- 16 Leroy Proszkowski
- 20 Renato Evans
- 23 Bernard Baumgardner
- 24 Giuseppe Palazzola

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### 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

# Faith Lived Is Faith Taught

By Kathleen M. Basi

From the day the priest poured water over our babies' heads and anointed them with chrism, my husband and I knew it was our responsibility to train them in the practice of the faith. The rite of baptism told us so. But it didn't seem like a big deal. What's faith formation to an infant? As long as we cuddle them and keep them fed and dry and safe, we're mirroring God, who is love. Fast-forward a few years, and the responsibility gets a lot scarier. After all, we're not theologians or saints. We're doctors and factory workers, stay-at-home moms and retail clerks. What do we know about passing on the faith? What if we get it wrong - and our children leave the Church for good?

We faithfully send our kids to Catholic schools and religious -education classes, trusting that great Someone Else to cover our bases. Classes are important, but a living faith is learned by consistent example, and our children watch us all the time. Even after they're in school, we're still their primary teachers of the faith - and we can't teach what we don't know. In other words, forming our children's faith begins with forming our own. We can't wait for some nebulous future; the future is now. Opportunities to form our faith aren't hard to find. Some parishes offer Scripture studies or faith-sharing groups, and the Internet is the great equalizer. Podcasts, devotions, Church documents - even the Catholic Encyclopedia - are online. You can make friends through Catholic blogs and websites, share insights and thoughtful conversations via comment boxes. Pop culture takes its share of hits, but movies, TV Sessions that make us think,

## TOOTSIE ROLL WEEKEND COLUMBAS DAY WEEKEND

Our special "Tootsie Roll" weekend for the mentally challenged is coming up on October 11, 12, & 13, 2013. As you probably know, the majority of the money collected is given to the M.R.A.W. for its use throughout the year, especially at Christmas time.

With the current economic situation we fell short of our anticipated goal during the spring M.I. Drive, which correlates into the M.R.A.W. possibly having to reduce the number of people they assist.

We have over 150 members at our council and I am asking that each of you brother knights try and give us an hour or two of your time to help solicit on one of the days mentioned above or maybe you could take a box to work and set them out asking for donations, or possibly just sending a check to help out, whatever you can do, the special people that we assist do appreciate it.

Joe Schanbeck, M.I. Co-chairman

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question, and go in search of answers.

The more I learn, the more connections I see between the teachings of my faith and the world at large. The more connections I see, the more I realize faith reaches every aspect of life - work, social, family - and that God must be there, directing every choice, decision, and action every moment of every day. A tall order? Perhaps! But think of it this way: If we can manage this, the rest will take care of itself. After all, faith lived does its own teaching to the next generation.

### ARE YOU THE PRESIDENT?

The president of large corporation one day reprimanded an employee for his inefficiency, where upon the young employee began finding fault with the way the president was managing the place.

The president was irate. "Are you the president of this corporation?" the president demanded. "No sir, of course not," was the reply. "then," thundered the president, "don't talk like an idiot". *Submitted by Bill Cagrenko of Shelby Township.*

### PRAY FOR THE SICK

Gerri Andry, Gerard Beauchamp, Lawrence Bliss, Mike Bliss, Mary Bliss, Nan Brown (Lynn Figg's Aunt), Ray Dulecki, Lorraine Dulecki, James Fisher (Ron Thompson's Father-in-law), Wallis Flynn (Randy's son-in-law), Larry Huddleston, Mary Kline, Patty Lobos, Steve Mall, Mike Malley, Mimi Marchesi (Frank's sister-in-law), Edda Marchesi, 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, Dennis Szlag, Lee Ventimiglia, Matt Ventimiglia, Regis Welsh, Marian Welsh, Jean Witkowski. Please pray for all of the men and women of our Armed Services.

Deceased: Alfreda Polan (Janice's mother-in-law). 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.**

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		<b>1</b> Happy Birthday! Scott Szeliga	<b>2</b> Happy Birthday! Don Wesierski, PGK	<b>3</b> Happy Birthday! Norm Podgorski, PGK	<b>4</b> Happy Birthday! Mel Szag	<b>5</b> Happy Birthday! Mary Kline
<b>6</b> Coffee & Donuts	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> Happy Birthday! Mark Bliss	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> Happy Birthday! Timothy Oparka Maggie Meister	<b>11</b> M.R. Drive L.A.W. Meeting 7:30 p.m.	<b>12</b> M.R. Drive Fish Fry 5:30 p.m.
<b>13</b> Happy Birthday! Robert Brunk Pat Podgorski M.R. Drive	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b> Ladies Dinner Happy Birthday! Anthony Szeliga Ken Pasternak	<b>16</b> Happy Birthday! Leroy Proszkowski	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b> Happy Birthday! Dee Figg
<b>20</b> Happy Birthday! Renato Evans Pancake Breakfast	<b>21</b> <b>Shield Deadline</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b> Happy Birthday! B. Baumgardner	<b>24</b> Happy Birthday! Giuseppe Palazzola	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b> PREP BOWL
<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> Officers Meeting 7:30 p.m.	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>		