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GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE

By Ron Thompson

October is the beginning of a very busy time for our Council. And, as always, it starts with the MR 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 Fall MR Drive. If you can't hit the streets, maybe you can help at the entrance of a store-front location. 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.

Program Director Report

By Glain Guilmette, DKG

Well here it is, October already! This is going to be a busy month. First and foremost we will be having our M.R. Drive, October 9, 10 and 11. We need all able bodied members to help work the intersections as well as members to collect in front of stores and businesses. If you have any questions please contact Jim Morrison at 248-585-2324 or Norm Podgorski at 248-546-3730.

We are also having our Pancake Breakfast on October 18, 2015 after the 8:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. Masses at St. Vincent Ferrer Parish. Additionally the Ladies Auxiliary is going to have a Bake Sale during the Pancake Breakfasts. Thank You Ladies! Anyone who wants to help out with the breakfasts can contact Jim Morrison. If you wish to help with the Bake Sale or contribute a baked good call **Janice Polan at 248-585-1573.**

LADIES AUXILIARY

By Janice Polan, President

October is the month of the Holy Rosary and Breast Cancer Awareness. Let's say an extra prayer for those battling cancer or illness. Our regular meeting will be on Thursday, October 8, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. and our hostesses are Patricia and Cindy Podgorski. The Ladies Fall Bake Sale will be held on Sunday, October 18th, after morning masses at SVF. I will be bringing aluminum pans and labels to our meeting for your use at the bake sale. Remember to bring your \$5 membership dues if you did not pay in September, or send it to me or our Treasurer, MaryLou Stema. All dues should be paid no later than November to remain on our membership roster.

The Knights are holding a Ladies Appreciation Spaghetti Dinner on Monday, October 19th, at 5:30 p.m. at the Council. Please plan to attend, enjoy the culinary skills of our Knights and chef Darren, and socialize with our K/C families and friends. There is no cost for Ladies to attend this event. Let's make the dinner a success with all of our Ladies participating!!

Volunteers are always needed for the Knights' Tootsie Roll Drive to be held the weekend of October 9-11. Contact Grand Knight Ronnie Thompson to sign up or find out where you could be needed. See the newsletter for details.

Happy October birthdays to Maggie Meister (10th), Pat Podgorski (13th), Mary Thompson (17th) and Dee Figg (19th).

CALENDAR FOR FUTURE EVENTS

Coffee and Doughnuts - Sunday, October 4, 2015

Monday, October 5, 2015

Building Corp Meeting - 7:00 p.m. at the Council
Membership Meeting - 8:00 p.m. at the Council

Thursday, October 8, 2015

Ladies Membership Meeting - 7:00 p.m. at the Council

MR DRIVE OCTOBER - 11-13, 2015 (Fri-Sat-Sun)

PANCAKE BREAKFAST - BAKE SALE

Sunday, October 18, 2015

After 8:00 a.m. - 10:00a.m. Masses

Ladies Appreciation Dinner - Mon., Oct. 19, 2015

5:30 p.m. at the Council

Shield Deadline: Wed., October 21, 2015

Officers: Monday, October 26, 2015

7:30 p.m. at the Council

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COOPERATING WITH THE DEVINE

By Kathleen M. Basi

In 1864, Ignatius Strecker - a German immigrant working in a soap factory in St. Louis - was dying of a work - related injury that had defeated all medical treatment. He had given up all hope of recovery when a visiting priest brought a relic of Peter Claver to his parish, St. Joseph.

Mr. Strecker kissed the relic and within days was back at work, fully healed. His cure was memorialized in St. Peter Claver's canonization cause. Over time, the small immigrant parish became a pilgrimage site and the church was expanded into a large, ornate shrine. One hundred fifty years after Ignatius was healed of what was thought to be unhealable, I found myself in the Shrine of St. Joseph on an unusually cool July evening, preparing a concert of sacred music with six other musicians. The man who had let us into the shrine threw open the doors to let the breeze help cool the building. As we began rehearsing, some boys appeared on the steps. They looked hesitant, as if they weren't sure they were allowed to enter. The man saw them and greeted them with open arms - literally. For the next half-hour, he shepherded them around the shrine, explaining the paintings, statues, and carvings. He even sat on the floor with them in front of one of the side altars to talk about a statue of Christ in the tomb. We don't have a lot of relics in America. Yet all of us can understand the attraction of possessing something that once belonged to a loved one. When we touch those items, we're reminded of those who came before us. The human touch, in cooperation with the divine, is a reminder that the value of a relic lies not only in its ability to heal but in its power to inspire.

October Birthdays

Scott Szeliga - 10/01
Thomas Raona - 10/02
Don Wesierski - 10/02
Norm Podgorski - 10/03
Richard Haifleigh - 10/10
Tim Oparka - 10/10
Robert Brunk - 10/13
Ken Pasternak - 10/15
Tony Szeliga - 10/15
LeRoy Proszkowski - 10/16
Doug Evans - 10/20
Renato Marchesi - 10/20
Giuseppe Palazzola - 10/24

November Birthdays

Lynn Figg, PGK - 11/03
Charlies Tiffany - 11/03
Mark Tripp - 11/03
Russell Joyce - 11/09
Michael Laurencelle - 11/10
Michael Higgins, PGK - 11/11
Ed Galczynski - 11/14
Eugene Kaczmar - 11/23
Steve Orloski - 11/25
Aldo Marchesi - 11/27
Chris Pasternak - 11/29
Richard Waligora - 11/30

I hope we're also inspired to imitate the example of the boys, the man who welcomed them, and Ignatius Strecker.

When we do, we cooperate with the divine. It can happen in miraculous ways, as it did for Mr. Strecker. But that miracle—an interaction between men separated by two centuries inspired other acts of faith as grand as building a church and as simple as inviting a trio of neighborhood boys inside to see what we celebrate within its walls. Throughout the centuries, this is how faith has been born, nourished, and spread: in ripples that pass from one person to the next, from one generation to the next. Every day, we are given the chance to cooperate with the divine. The question is, are we paying attention when the opportunities arise?

DEFUND PLANNED PARENTHOOD

Dear Brother Knights,

Congress is set to vote in the coming days on three important pro-life measures. In the House, the Defund Planned Parenthood Act (H.R. 3134) would put a one-year moratorium on funding for the organization unless it agrees to abandon its abortion practice. Also in the House, the Born Alive Abortion Survivors Protection Act (H.R. 3504) provides federal criminal and civil penalties for failing to provide care to an infant who has survived an abortion attempt. Next week, the Senate is expected to take up the Pain-Capable Unborn Child Protection Act (S. 1553), which bans abortions after 20 weeks of gestation, the point at which experts agree that the unborn feel pain. Please contact your elected representatives in support of these measures.

Click here to take action on the Defund Planned Parenthood Act (H.R. 3134)

Click here to take action on the Born Alive Abortion Survivors Protection Act (H.R. 3504)

Click here to take action on the Pain-Capable Unborn Child Protection Act (S. 1553)

At the heart of these three pieces of legislation is recognition of the dignity of the unborn child. In the past several weeks, through the release of several undercover videos, the United States has received a distinct call to re-examine its conscience regarding abortion, which claims the lives of over a million unborn children every year in this country.

As you may know, most of the videos show or explain some aspect of the harvesting of organs for monetary compensation, including the grisly details of how these organs are extracted from recently aborted babies, many of them late-term.

Congress has held two hearings, one in the House Judiciary Committee, and one in the Energy and Commerce Committee, investigating the practices of Planned Parenthood and shining a light on this disregard for human life.

I was moved recently to see this video interview of Utah Congresswoman Mia Love discussing the Planned Parenthood videos: "Here we are in the United States of America and our job is to protect life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness - first and foremost life," she said. There simply is no good reason for taxpayers to fund Planned Parenthood or any organization that performs abortions.

Thank you for all you do in support of the dignity of human life.

Vivat Jesus! **Carl A. Anderson**, *Supreme Knight*

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LADIES AUXILIARY BAKE SALE

The K/C Ladies Auxiliary are holding their Fall Bake Sale on Sunday, October 18, 2015 at St. Vincent Ferrer's Church Hall after the 8:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. Masses and during the Knights' breakfast. Please stop by and check out the delicious baked goods for sale and help support the Ladies. Donations of baked goods or monetary contributions would also be greatly appreciated. Contact President Janice Polan if you have questions, suggestions, or need help getting items to the Church Hall. Happy Sweetest Day to all our families.

PRAYER LIST

Valleria Alexander, Glenn Bessler, Gerald Bliss, Bea Bouttillier, Mike Briggs, Nan Brown, Ann Brunk, Bob Carlisle, Mark Carlisle, Betty Cookets, Noah Cranston, Derek Dinkins, Ray Dulecki, Dee Figg, Barbara Fisher, Jodi Flynn, Wallis Flynn, Ed Galczynski, Frederick Greaves, Mary Jane Guc, Rose Halkey, Shirley Jurek, Catherine Lesniak, Aldo Marchesi, Edda Marchesi, Chris McCoy, Sharon McCoy, Rachel McLaughlin, Marge Moore, Barbara Olevenick, Ray Pasternak, Leona Peklo, Helen Piana, Norm Podgorski, Ed Poplawski, Judie Schanbeck, Patricia M. Scheid (Ernie's daughter-in-law), Marilyn Shaub, Mark Smith, Robert Stack, Lori Stack, Tyler Tupiak, Ann Tupiak, 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 pray for the recently deceased: Joe Jaje, Lynn Figg's Cousin.**

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

LADIES APPRECIATION DINNER

By Darren Gray

Brother Knights, please bring your special lady to the council for a Spaghetti Dinner on **Monday, October 19, 2015**. This dinner is for ALL of the Ladies that help support us as Knights. Mothers, daughters, spouses, etc. are all welcome. Dinner will consist of Spaghetti with meat sauce, or marinara, salad, rolls, and dessert. And if I feel up to it, I'll make garlic bread. Everyone that knows me, knows I love garlic bread.

RESOLUTION 2015

Be it resolved that the Fr. James B Heary council allow for up to \$2,000 to be spent for the purchase of an Automated External Defibrillator (AED) and for training of selected members for use of said AED.

Signed,

John Turchin, PGK, FDD
Mike Higgins, PGK, FDD

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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4	5 General Meeting	6	7	8	9 M.R. Drive	10 M.R. Drive Happy Birthday R. Haifleigh Tim Oparka Maggie Meister
11 M.R. Drive	12	13 Happy Birthday Robert Brunk Pat Podgorski	14	15 Happy Birthday Ken Pasternak Tony Szeliga	16 Happy Birthday L. Proszkowski	17 Happy Birthday Mary Thompson
18 Pancake Breakfast Bake Sale After 8-10 a.m. Masses	19 Happy Birthday Dee Figg	20 Happy Birthday Doug Evans R. Marchesi	21 SHIELD DEADLINE	22	23	24 Happy Birthday G. Palazzola
25	26 Officers Meeting 7:30 p.m.	27	28	29	30	31