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THE GRAND KNIGHT'S REPORT

By Darren Gray

As the summer comes to an end, it can only mean one thing: TOOTSIE ROLL TIME!!! I know the drive really isn't until October, but now is the time to start thinking about it. Without the work that we do and the money that we collect during these drives, the MRAW wouldn't be able to do all of the good work that they do. In going through the attic at the council, I managed to come across some old posters from Tootsie Roll Drives of past. And I have to say, it seems like there were a lot more helpers back then. And I've said this before, even if you can't hit the streets, there is always a way that you can help. Maybe in front of one of the businesses, or helping with the counting of money, or even doing the run to collect the money from the guys in the streets. Please consider spending a couple of hours in October to help.

And, as always in September, I want to thank Jim Morrison and all of the people that helped with the **Garage Sale**. This is a huge undertaking and I want to make sure that those that helped know that they are appreciated. And I also want to thank the Bliss Family and all of those that helped (i.e. the Podgorski's and Ladies Auxiliary in particular), for putting on another wonderful Council Picnic.

As the new school year begins, please say a prayer for the students and teachers and be careful driving and look out for the little ones.

CALENDAR FOR FUTURE EVENTS

MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Tuesday, Sept. 3, 2013 - 8:00 p.m. at the Council

Coffee and Doughnuts - Sunday, September 8, 2013

LADIES AUXILIARY REGULAR MEETING: Thursday, Sept. 12, 2013

FRIDAY NIGHT DINNER - PORK ROAST
Friday, Sept. 13, 2013 - 5:30 p.m. at the Council

PANCAKE BREAKFAST: Sunday, September 15, 2013
after 8:00 a.m. & 10:00 a.m. Mass

SHIELD DEADLINE: Friday, Sept. 20, 2013: scm04@wowway.biz

OFFICERS MEETING:
Monday, Sept. 30, 2013 - 7:30 p.m. at the Council

CALL DOWN RAFFLE: Friday, November 8, 2013

THE SHIELD - SEPTEMBER, 2013

| SUNDAY | MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SATURDAY |
|--|--|---|--|--|---|---|
| 1 Happy Birthday! Rev. John Esper Nancy Oparka | 2 Happy Birthday! Doris wesierski | 3 Membership Meeting 8:00 p.m. | 4 Happy Birthday! Mel Szlag | 5 Happy Birthday! Joseph Miller | 6 | 7 Happy Birthday! Joseph Longo |
| 8 Coffee & Donuts Happy Birthday! Mark Bliss | 9 Membership Meeting 8:00 p.m. | 10 | 11 | 12 Auxiliary Meeting 7:00 p.m. | 13 Friday Night Dinner 5:30 p.m. | 14 |
| 15 Pancake Breakfast 8-10 a.m. Masses | 16 | 17 | 18 Happy Birthday! David Notarianni | 19 | 20 Shield Deadline | 21 |
| 22 | 23 | 24 Happy Birthday! Michael Lehr Helen Zolna | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 |
| 29 Happy Birthday! Kevin Polowski | 30 Officers Meeting Happy Birthday! Michael Kapolka Robert Scheere | | | | | |

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MEMBERSHIP NEWS

By Ron Bertolini

It was nice to see some new members at the Council Picnic. Of course, it would be nicer to see even MORE new members at events. There are lots of opportunities to bring in new members. The key thing is to just talk to your fellow Catholic men and their wives. They do not have to be a member of St. Vincent/St. Dennis, just as long as they are active Catholics. I would also like to suggest that every member of our Council wear their name badge at Mass and at the St. Vincent/St. Dennis picnic on September 8th. I will make sure that there are Form 100's and Information Cards available at the picnic. I am also working with the Grand Knight and the church office to schedule a Membership Drive at church. Once I have a firm date, I will let everyone know.

DAY OF REMEMBRANCE FOR ABORTED CHILDREN

A National Day of Remembrance for Aborted children will be held on Saturday, September 14, 2013. Services are being planned at grave sites for aborted babies throughout the country. In MI, services are being planned at 4 locations.

Archdiocese of Detroit - Assumption Grotto Cemetery, 13770 Gratiot Ave, Detroit. Ceremony to take place from 11 am - 12:30 pm. Guests to include Al Kresta, Rebecca Kiessling, Pastor Levon Yuelle, and musician Joe Balestrari from Most Blessed Sacrament Cathedral.

Gravesite of Aborted Babies, Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, 25800 W. Ten Mile Road. Southfield. Ceremony to begin at 1 pm with special guests Stacy Swimp and Michelle Schmidt.

Burial Site for five Aborted Babies, White Chapel Cemetery, 621 W. Long Lake Road, Troy Ceremony hosted by Lifespan to begin at 1 pm.

Diocese of Lansing - Gravesite of Aborted Babies, St. Joseph Cemetery, 2520 West Willow Street, Lansing. Ceremony to begin at 2:30 pm with Bishop Earl Boyea will include blessing of new grave marker, recitation of Rosary and Divine Mercy Chaplet.

Please pray for Aborted Babies on September 14. Thank you. Paul Thorn, State Culture of Life Director, Michigan State Council, Knights of Columbus.

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Brother Knights, welcome to September. The Friday Night Dinner this month will be hosted by Jim Morrison. I understand that it will be a pork roast. The Pancake Breakfasts at St. Vincent/St. Dennis will be starting up again on Sunday, Sept. 15th. If you are able to help with these breakfasts, please contact Jim Morrison. He can always use help, but the first couple is especially important until we get back into the swing of things. Blood Drive at the Madison Heights City Office will be on Sept. 20th. If you are not able to give blood this last Good Friday, please consider giving the gift of life on the 20th. Lastly, I understand our Grand Knight has ordered the kits for the Poster and Essay Contests. If you are interested in helping with these two contests, please let me, or the Grand Knight know. We will especially need judges.

Enjoy the last few days of summer.

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS!

- 01 Rev. John Esper
- 04 Mel Szlag
- 05 Joseph Miller
- 07 Joseph Longo
- 08 Mark Bliss
- 18 David Notarianni
- 24 Michael Lehr
- 29 Kevin Pawlowski
- 30 Michael Kapolka
- 30 Robert Scheere

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

LADIES AUXILIARY

By Janice Polan, President

Welcome back to another exciting year. Our first meeting will on Thursday, Sept. 12, at 7:00 p.m. at the Council. The hostesses will be our officers: Janice, Earlene, MaryLou and Bernie. Please bring ideas for charities and social events for the upcoming year. Bring a new or past member to sign up and receive a \$1 Instant Lottery ticket from me!

Thank you to all who supported our Knights during their summer events. Although exhausted from just returning from my daughter's wedding in Milwaukee, I had a very nice time visiting with everyone at the picnic in August.

Our first fundraiser is in swing - YES, we are once again selling "2014" Entertainment Books. Although the company had financial issues last year, they are back in business. This year the books will cost \$25.00 each. I am asking each lady to try and sell two books if possible. I will bring the books to the first meeting to distribute. Or contact me to obtain additional books at my home phone at 248/585-1573. Your support will be greatly appreciated.

The Knights will be holding their "Call-down" Raffle on Friday, Nov. 8th. Mark your calendars to attend. Each ticket costs \$100. Last year the Ladies purchased ticket #69 and ended up winning \$1000. I will be asking the Ladies at our September meeting if they would like to purchase a ticket for the new Raffle. Contact person is Mike Higgins.

Happy Birthday to Nancy Oparka (Sept. 1), Doris Wesierski (Sept. 2) and Helen Zolna (Sept. 24).

COFFEE & DOUGHNUTS FRIDAY DINNER BLOOD DRIVE GARAGE SALE

By Jim Morrison

Sunday, September 8, 2013 is the next **Coffee and Doughnuts** Sunday at the 8 and 10 o'clock masses at St. Vincent Ferrer Church.

The **Friday Night Dinner** on September 13 will feature a pork roast, mashed potatoes, gravy, green beans and deserts. We will serve from 5:30 to 7:00. We hope to price the dinner at \$6.00 a person.

The **Blood Drive** is on Friday, September 20 from noon to 6:00 p.m. in a bus parked outside of the police department. If you wish to donate, please call Jim Morrison at 248-585-2324 to arrange an appointment. Those that donate would be eligible to donate the Friday after Thanksgiving in the church hall.

Many thanks to all who helped at the **Garage Sale** either by donations of items, helping to sell, setting up and packing away, directing traffic or by buying items. Thank you all. We made around a thousand dollars from everyone's combined effort. We were fortunate to have very nice weather.

EDITOR'S NOTE!

When I prepare the Shield, I usually start two or three days after the deadline. It takes me a couple of days to finish it. You have approximately four to five days leeway after the deadline. However I do not know if you will have an article submitted, or not so you MUST email me whether you have an article or not, so that I will know to find other material for the paper. It has not been real bad so far, but I know that we can do MUCH BETTER! Thank You for all you are doing for the Shield and the Knights of Columbus. —Silvio

No Church, No Jesus

By Gary Lauenstein, CSSR

In recent decades, church attendance has fallen off in Western Europe, North America, and Australia. People are often quoted as saying they're for Jesus, not the institutional Church.

In his 2012 Holy Thursday homily, Pope Benedict said we cannot say yes to Jesus and no to the Church.

The greatest proof that such a division is false is that Jesus founded the community of the apostles to carry on his work after his ascension. And ever since, the Church has tried to call its members more deeply into living a community life.

Why do Christians put so much emphasis on community? Because God is communal. The Gospel of John tells us Jesus came into the world to reveal to us who God is, and God is a community of persons: Father, Son and Holy Spirit. In the second century, the Christian writer Tertullian gave a term to that: Trinity - unity of three.

He was drawing on our experience of family life. A family is one entity that consists of several persons. God is one divine being who consists of three persons. The Father and Son are bound in the Holy Spirit of love. Tertullian tried to give another example: God is like a plant, he said, in which the Father is the root, the Son is the shoot, and the Spirit of Holiness is the fruit.

And so humans, made in the image of God, are also by destiny communal. As the Catechism of the Catholic Church says, "God has revealed his innermost secret: God himself is an eternal exchange of

PRAY FOR THE SICK AND IN DISTRESS

By Darren Gray

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, 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, Diane O'Neil, Jim Palmer, Charlene Pasternak, Leona Peklo, Gus Peklo, Helen Plana (John Turchin's Mother-in-law), Stella Ploskonka (Ron's mother), Bill Rearick, Joanne Rearick, Joe Schanbeck, 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. And please pray for all of the men and women of our Armed Services.

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.

love, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, and he has destined us to share in that exchange (221).

Our sharing in this Triune divine life does not limit itself to sharing in God's family only with God. Christ invites us to share in God's family with our brothers and sisters. We cannot say yes to Jesus without saying yes to the rest of his family.

We cannot say yes to Jesus without acting positively in service to the Church and on behalf of the Church.