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GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE *Ron Thompson*

It's been a challenging end of summer for Madison Heights. We have been cleaning up due to the great flood of 2014. We did have a First Degree the night of the flood. The garage sale was held as planned and again the next week. Our annual picnic was postponed for one week. Hopefully you were able to make it out this summer. This brings up the importance of a communication system with updated e-mail and contact information. Send an e-mail to me with your phone numbers, and if you accept to get the shield by e-mail, to gk7239@mikofc.org

The Deputy Grand Knight position is still vacant, if you are interested or know a brother who is, please let me know. At our business meeting we will again be accepting nominations for this position. I am in need of the help he will provide.

It will be Tootsie Roll time next month and we need your support. Start planning to sell tickets for the annual draw down raffle. To make it a success, WE will need to have all 100 tickets sold. The Friday night dinners needS our support, we can't continue to have them, without hosts and attendees. School is starting back up so watch out for all the children and the busses.

LADIES AUXILIARY *By Janice Polan, President*

Welcome back, Ladies, to another exciting year. Looking forward to our monthly meetings and Council events. Our first meeting is on Thursday, September 11, at 7:00 p.m. at the Council. Our hostesses will be our new and returning officers: Janice Polan (President), Yvette Ploskonka (VP), Bernie Turchin (Sec'y) and MaryLou Stema, Treasurer). Please bring ideas for charities, social events, and fundraisers; AND remember to bring your \$5.00 Annual Dues. We are looking to increase our membership, and welcome all Council Knights' spouses, daughters, granddaughters and/or female relatives age eighteen or older. Come join the fun!

Thank you to all that attended the summertime events, although many of us are probably still cleaning up from "The Great Flood of 2014". Your participation was greatly appreciated.

Program Director Article

Brother Knights, welcome to September. We did not have a volunteer for the Friday Night Dinner, so I am afraid that it will have to be cancelled for September. If you would like to host October, please let me or the Grand Knight know at the September meeting.

The Pancake Breakfasts at St. Vincent will be starting up again in September. Please consider helping with these breakfasts as the money collected goes to help fund our seminarians. Jim Morrison can always use help, but the first couple is especially important until we get back into the swing of things.

Lastly, the kits for the Poster and Essay Contests will be ordered soon. 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.

CALENDAR FOR FUTURE EVENTS

Tuesday, September 2, 2014
Building Corp Meeting 7:00 p.m. at the Council
MEMBERSHIP MEETING
8:00 p.m. at the Council

Coffee and Doughnuts
Sunday, September 7, 2014

LADIES AUXILIARY REGULAR MEETING
Thursday, September 11, 2014

PANCAKE BREAKFAST
Sunday, September 21, 2014
after 8:00 a.m. & 10:00 a.m. Mass

OFFICERS MEETING
Monday, September 29, 2014
7:30 p.m. at the Council

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"For Your Freedom and Ours"

On September 7, 2014 the Color Corps of the Blessed Virgin Mary Assembly will participate in an historic commemoration of the start of World War Two. The memorial will be held at the Polish Mission at Orchard Lake. Color Corps from other assemblies in our district along with a contingent of US Marines will also participate. Knights and their families are invited to attend and observe this memorial event.

Sunday, September 7, 2014

**Barbeque Luncheon will be available @ 2:30 p.m.
at a cost of \$7.00 per person.**

See this web site for details:

**<http://www.polishmission.com/1939>
commemoration-the-75th-anniversary-of-wwii/**

September 1, 2014 will mark the **75th Anniversary** of the start of World War Two. Nazi Germany invaded Poland on Sept. 1, 1939. The Nazis expected a quick capitulation and surrender of the Polish nation. Instead, Poland declared war on Nazi Germany. Defeated in the early stages of the war, she never surrendered. Many of her armies escaped imprisonment by the advancing German troops. Polish soldiers fought side by side with the allied armies throughout the war, most notably at the Battle of Britain, the Siege of Tobruk, the Invasion of France and the Battle of Monte Cassino. First to fight against the Nazis, Poland fought heroically until the very last day of the war.

On the home front, Poland set up **NO** collaborationist government as did other conquered countries. Instead, the government of Poland set up in exile and orchestrated a "Home Army" movement where men, women and children sabotaged the Nazi invaders and valiantly fought an underground war against their oppressors.

THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FOURTH DEGREE COLOR CORPS

**Salute the heroic efforts, epic struggles
and enormous sacrifices made by the Polish Nation
during World War Two.**

**May Poland's faith in God, her devotion
to Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ
her affectionate love of the Most Holy Virgin Mary
and her loyalty to Holy Mother Church**

**always sustain her as a free
sovereign and independent nation.**

**Her love of freedom and liberty
epitomized through the slogan:**

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is an inspiration to the entire civilized world.

MAY POLAND ALWAYS BE POLAND!

- VIVAT JESUS -

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MORE THAN JUST A GOD IDEA

Fr. Bruce Lewandowski, CSSR

Popes Paul VI, John Paul II, Benedict XVI, and Francis have something in common other than the papacy: a focus on the new evangelization. Paul VI popularized the term in his 1975 apostolic exhortation *Evangelii Nuntiandi*. John Paul II explained it in great detail in his 1990 encyclical letter *Redemptoris Missio*, in which he called for a new kind of evangelization — new in its ardor, methods, and expression. John Paul II was a missionary to the world who preached the gospel to countless people in many countries and cultures. Benedict XVI offered writings and lectures that focused on living the truth of the faith. Francis is drawing our attention to affording loving service to the poor and marginalized. Each of these popes has presented concrete ideas to make the new evangelization real in the here and now.

What's the point? After the promulgation of brilliant documents like *Evangelii Nuntiandi*, *Redemptoris Missio*, and the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops 2002 document *Go and Make Disciples*, after witnessing the missionary example of Church leadership, and after years of hearing and reading about new evangelization, where is it? In everyday U.S. Catholic life, I don't see or experience it. It seems that the new evangelization — a really great idea — has pretty much stayed just that: a great idea, a theological concept. The first Catholics to arrive on this continent were zealous missionaries who built log cabin chapels and searched the wilderness for lost souls. The missionary spirit gave way to brick-and-mortar parishes, schools, and charitable institutions. Missionaries were sent in droves to other countries. Once it was well established, the U.S. Catholic Church stopped going out to evangelize and became the place people came to for the sacraments — and that's where we find ourselves today. Most of us have never lived in or experienced a "missionary" Church; until we can achieve greater balance between sacramental ministry and missionary zeal, it seems the ministry of the U.S. Church will remain predominantly sacramental — and the new evangelization will continue to be nothing more than a theological concept.

Nostalgia may be the greatest enemy of new evangelization. Some Catholics long for the good old days, but they're longing for the wrong good old days the days of overcrowded churches and parochial schools, when everyone in the neighborhood was Catholic and the parish was the center of the world. Instead, we should be pining for the days of frontier missionaries who trekked for days through the woods just to find one abandoned soul.

Prayer List

Prayer for the Sick and in Distress

Gerald Bliss, Lawrence Bliss, Bea Boutillier, Nan Brown, Derek Dinkins, Ray Dulecki, Barbara Fisher, Rose Halkey, Rachel McLaughlin, Duane McLaughlin, Patricia A. Scheid, Patricia M. Scheid, Marilyn Shaub, Robert Stack, Ann Tupiak, Lee Ventimiglia, Matt Ventimiglia, Marian Welsh, Regis Welsh. Don Bessler is going for surgery on his foot as it has gotten infected. Marie said that he would probably be laid up for about 12 weeks.

Please say an extra prayer of all of those affected by the storms and flooding that happened last month.

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

Do Not Forget Your Supreme Council Insurance Representative

As a Supreme Council Insurance Representative, I am asked to occasionally send in Council Newsletters to Supreme as well as Communications to assure them that we are doing all we can do to assist Councils/Brother Knights as well as having articles posted in the Newsletters. Also that there is a **contact for Brother Knights** to reach us with questions regarding the Knights of Columbus Benefits.

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	1 Happy Birthday Rev. John Esper	2 Bldg. Corp. 7:00 p.m. Membership 8:00 p.m.	3	4 Happy Birthday Mel Szlag	5 Happy Birthday Joseph Miller	6
7 Happy Birthday Joseph Longo Coffee & Donuts 8 - 10 a.m. Masses	8 Happy Birthday Mark Bliss	9	10	11 Auxiliary Meeting 7:00 p.m.	12	13
14	15	16	17	18 Happy Birthday David Notarianni	19	20
21 Pancake Breakfast 8 & 10 a.m. Masses	22	23	24 Happy Birthday Michael Lehr	25	26	27
28	29 Happy Birthday Kevin Pawlowski Officers Meeting 7:30 p.m.	30 Happy Birthday Michael Kapolka Robert Scheere				