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GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE

By Ron Thompson

Brothers, Happy Labor Day! September is here! School is back in session. Summer is over and next month is Tootsie Roll Time. **Membership is so important!** We continually need to find new members to continue our good works. Everyone needs to **find their replacement.**

The meeting of District #9 will be on Saturday Sep 12 at Pius X, St Martin de Porres, 31555 Hoover, Warren MI. We will have registration at 8:30 A.M. and start the meeting at 9 A.M. If everything goes well we will be done before noon. **All members are welcome.** I am encouraging some new people to please consider going. **All members are welcome.** We achieved STAR COUNCIL. I say lets repeat! To do this we have to really work hard this year, starting now.

LADIES AUXILIARY

By Janice Polan, President

Our first meeting is on Thursday, September 10, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. at the Council. Our hostesses will be our new and returning officers: Janice Polan, President; Yvette Ploskonka, Vice President; Bernie Turchin, Secretary; 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 18 or older. Come join the fun!

Thank you to all that attended the summertime events. Your participation was greatly appreciated.

Happy September birthday to Nancy Oparka (9/1) and Helen Zolna (9/24)

Program Director Report

By Glain Guilmette, DGK

First of all, I want to thank Darren Grey who headed up the Texas Holdem Fundraiser along with everyone that worked on it. He reported that, in spite of two power outages, we made about \$2400.00.

Thank you also to all those who helped with the set up, take down and for working on our Annual Garage Sale. I would especially like to thank Jean Witkowski and Jim Morrison, who ran the garage sale and reported that we made about \$1400.00.

A special thank you to Ken Podgorski, Janice Polan, and everyone else that helped out with the picnic. A good time was had by all.

Just a reminder that the pancake breakfasts at St. Vincents start up again in September.

CALENDAR FOR FUTURE EVENTS

Tuesday, September 8, 2015

Note date change due to holiday

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

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

No Friday Night Dinner this month

COFFEE & DOUGHNUTS

Sunday, September 6, 2015

After 8 & 10 a.m. Mass at St. Vincent Ferrer Hall

PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Sunday September 20, 2015

After 8 & 10 a.m. Mass at St. Vincent Ferrer Hall

Shield deadline September 20, 2015

Officers Meeting

Monday, September 28, 2015

7:30 p.m.

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GARAGE SALE RESULTS

By Jim Morrison

I want to thank all the hard workers that helped on the Garage Sale. I especially want to thank Ken & Richard Witkowski, Ron Ploskonka, Ron Bertolini, Bob Pasternak, Randy Carlisle, Dave Tupiak & Lynn Figg for putting up the tents; Kris Higgins, Earlene Carlisle, Yvette Ploskonka and Jean Witkowski for cleaning & organizing merchandise in the tents; Bob Pasternak and Randy Carlisle for organizing the garage merchandise; and Bob Brunk, Dave Tupiak, Ron & Yvette Ploskonka, Randy and Earlene Carlisle, Ken & Jean Witkowski & Tony Szlega for helping out during the sale. Randy Carlisle went back Thursday evening to make sure that the tents were secure from wind and rain from the storm. That is dedication. I also want to thank everyone for their donations. Thank you all.

The Coffee & Donuts will be September 6. The first Pancake Breakfast will be September 20.

Rights vs. Entitlements

Fr. Bruce Lewandowski, CSSr

A faded sign in the window of a small storefront church near my home declares, "We offer a hand-up, not a hand-out!" A Salvation Army social service center offers food vouchers; a stone's throw away, the Catholic Worker offers a free clinic. Churches and church organizations have been in the charity business for centuries, so it's hard to imagine a faith community of any denomination void of an outreach or assistance program. We expect it — and for the most part, we're proud of it.

For decades, expectations for our churches have spilled over into expectations for our government. In early United States history, the colonies imported the British Poor Laws that ensured people would have food, clothing, and shelter. Throughout the 1800s, social programs like the Civil War Pension Program of 1862 helped struggling families. After the Great Depression, social-welfare programs came into their own as structured agencies — it seemed to make sense. Our nation's greatness was predicated on how well we cared for our most vulnerable people. The idea bolstered the Great Society programs of the 1960s and early 1970s. We expected our government to care — and for the most part, we were proud of it.

The 1976 presidential campaign coined the pejorative phrase "welfare queen," and an unfortunate recurring trend began — the vilification of people who receive public assistance. The nation's mindset shifted; no longer did Americans expect the government to take care of people in need. In fact, many came to view the government and its social programs

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Rev. John Esper — 09/01
Joe Miller — 09/05
Joseph Longo — 09/07
Mark Bliss — 09/08
David Tupiak — 09/16
David Notarianni — 09/18
Michael Lehr — 09/24
Kevin Pawlowski — 09/29
Michael Kapolka — 09/30
Robert Scheere — 09/30

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
Guiseppe Palazzola — 10/24

as a great enabler of undeserving masses of freeloaders duping society and beating the system.

The current national battle over entitlements has unleashed the latest war on the poor. Political debate and pundits' spin have deteriorated into stigmatizing and name-calling. Nutrition programs, head start, veterans' pensions, unemployment assistance, low-income energy and housing assistance, food stamps, and medicaid give people the basics to survive and thrive: food, shelter, education, and medical care. Doesn't everyone have the right to a standard of living conducive to their good health and well-being? What about the right to security in the event of uncontrollable circumstances like unemployment, disability, or old age? The right to a decent standard of living becomes a casualty in the battle over entitlements.

The U.S. Catholic Bishops support policies that protect human life and dignity. In February, they and other faith leaders issued A Circle of Protection: A Statement on Why We Need to Protect Programs for the Poor (www.circleofprotectionus.org), an open letter to U.S. government leaders.

It's not churches or government alone, but all of us working together. We must strengthen families, encourage and reward work, and avoid placing additional burdens on people and families struggling to live in dignity.

In a broken and struggling economy, poor people suffer most. As Jesus said, "The poor you will always have with you" (*Matthew 26:11*). The question is, when are we going to stop beating them up?

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"BENEFITS NEWS"

Life Insurance as a Gift?

The initial reaction for many people when you mention life insurance as a gift is a quick step back and a questioning stare. "How morbid," they think. While it may seem that way when you first mention it, life insurance is really a thoughtful gift that can be a financial life preserver in tough times.

The problem with life insurance is the general perception. Many think of death instead of the great benefits it provides, and the security that it offers – even while you're alive. Life insurance should be thought of as a precautionary protective measure for a family unit. The purchase of this product can mean saving your home, sending your children to college, and preserving your spouse's quality of life in the event of your death.

One of the times you may want to purchase life insurance for someone is when a family has a new baby. It's a great, low-cost way to set money aside for the future (i.e. college tuition, housing, business start-up, etc.). Of greater importance, it ensures these children will have insurance as adults, in case an illness later in life makes him or her uninsurable.

Newlyweds are also ideal recipients for life insurance. As they join their lives and financial responsibilities, young couples need to make sure that their early investments are fully protected. If something were to happen to one of them, the other may be faced with serious financial hardship. A life insurance policy is an ideal way to ensure their future and protect their assets.

As nontraditional as it may be, life insurance is a wise and caring gift to purchase for many people.

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Also please pray for the recently deceased: Benny Guc, Stella Ploskonka and Bob Cornell.

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

REMEMBERING A TRUE ICON

Please join em in remembering a great icon of the entertainment community. The Pillsbury Doughboy died yesterday of a yeast infection and trauma complications from repeated pokes in the belly. He was 71.

Doughboy was buried in a lightly greased coffin. Dozens of celebrities turned out to pay their respects including Mrs. Butterworth, Hungry Jack, the California Raisins, Betty Crocker, the Hostess Twinkies and Captain Crunch. The grave site was piled with flours.

Aunt Jemima delivered the eulogy and lovingly described Doughboy as a man who never knew how much he was kneaded. Doughboy rose quickly in Show Business, but his later life was filled with turnovers. He was not considered a very smart cookie wasting much of his dough on half-baked schemes. Despite being a little flaky at times he still was a crusty old man and was considered a positive roll model for millions.

Doughboy is survived by his wife Play Dough, two children, John Dough and Jane Dough, plus they had one in the oven. He is also survived by his elderly father, Pop Tart.

The funeral was held at 350° for 20 minutes.

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