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GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE Ron Thompson

It's August, and you know what that means. Garage Sale and Family Picnic. I hope everyone will attend the two events. I am in my second term as your Grand Knight, I have told you before and I will keep on telling this message **WE GOT STAR COUNCIL.**

Membership is just one part of getting to **Star.** We will need to get our new and existing members to meet with our Field Insurance Agent. Lastly, we have to do our service programs, looking forward to success with Poker fundraisers, and help with raffles, and any other programs that we can do for this next fraternal year. We need more able members to help us with the M. R. TOOTSIE ROLL DRIVE, EMAIL is a necessary tool to contact you in the event of Rosary's at funeral homes for Members or family members. I want to thank Jim Morrison who lead the two rosaries in July.

Send your emails to gk7239@mikofc.org I want to thank our DGK Glain for being our new Program Director. We still **need a Recording Secretary**, I want to thank Bob Pasternak who has filled in for the last two months helping us until we get a new officer to be our recording secretary.

LADIES AUXILIARY By Janice Polan, President

Hope the Ladies and their families are enjoying the summer season and staying cool. Remember to support our Knights at their August activities - Garage Sale and Picnic. Ladies, please feel free to donate a side dish or dessert for the picnic. Contact me for suggestions. Check the newsletter for dates and times and plan to attend these events. On behalf of the Ladies, I would like to extend our condolences and prayers to Knight Ernie Scheid and his family on the passing of his wife, Patricia, in July. Pat was a long-time active member and past officer of our Ladies Auxiliary, and will be missed.

Are you a Knights' wife, daughter, sister, or female relative and are still looking for that "social" group to join? Then please consider our Ladies Auxiliary. I will be attending the summertime events and would be happy to talk with you. Our regular meetings will resume in September and we are looking to increase our membership this next year - come join in the fun.

Happy August 12th birthday to Genny Palazzola.

Program Director Report

By Glain Guilmette, DGK (Ghost written by Darren Gray)

I want to thank Glain for agreeing to take over as Program Director. I offered to write the August report because we haven't had a chance to sit down yet and go over anything. Big things for the month of August are, the Garage Sale. Jim Morrison needs lots of help for this big fundraiser for the Council. Come and spend a few hours, if only to give Jim a well needed break. Set up will be on Wednesday, August 12. And, the Council picnic will be on Sunday, August 16. Come and enjoy some good food and good fellowship.

Lastly, a new program will start this month. The **'5th Sunday Rosary'** is a program started by Supreme. Each Month that has five Sundays, they request that the Councils hold a Rosary Service. Our first one will be on Sunday, August 30, at 7:00 p.m., at the Council. Special Intentions will be for St. Vincent Ferrer Church and the Mission in October.

CALENDAR FOR FUTURE EVENTS

Monday, August 3, 2015
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, August 2 & 16, 2015
After 8 & 10 a.m. Mass at St. Vincent Ferrer Hall

GARAGE SALE

August 13-15, 2015 - All Day Set up August 12, 2015 - Please Help!

COUNCIL PICNIC: Sunday, August 16, 2015

Fifth Sunday Rosary Sunday, August 30, 2015 7:00 p.m. – At the Council

Officers Meeting
Monday, August 31, 2015 - 7:30 p.m.

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Ice Cream Social Coffee and Donuts Picnic and Garage Sale

Thanks to everyone who came out for the Ice Cream Social. We again have some ice cream left over. Hopefully it will be used at the picnic. Coffee and donuts will be August 2 and August 16.The council picnic is also on Sunday, August 16. We will be setting up tents and getting items ready for the garage sale on August 12. The Garage Sale will run from Thursday, August 13 through noon on Saturday, August 15. We need help to clean, price and set things out and on Saturday afternoon to box and put away whatever didn't sell in the garage. The following week, we will deliver the left over items to St. Louise for their garage sale.

HUMOR!

A judge asked a witness, "Do you understand that you have sworn to tell the truth?"

"I do," the witness replied.

"Do you understand what will happen if you are not truthful?" the judge asked.

"Sure," the witness replied.
"My side wins."

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A man was driving down the freeway when his car phone rang. Answering, he heard his wife's frantic voice. "Honey, I just heard that there's a car going the wrong way on the interstate," she warned. "Please be careful!"

"It's not just one car, dear," he replied. "It's hundreds of them!"

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A rather absentminded girl was bragging about her knowledge of state capitals and said proudly, "Go ahead and ask me. I know them all."

"OK," her friend replied. "What is the capital of Wisconsin?"

"That's easy!" the girl exclaimed. "W."

August Birthdays

Edward Adams - 08/01 James McCarthy - 08/03 Edward Poplawski - 08/04 Matthew Thomas - 08/08 Regis Welsh - 08/09 Anthony Bliss - 08/12 John Claya – 08/15 Martin Peklo - 08/15 Ron Bertolini - 08/18 James Green - 08/19 **Paul Palmer – 08/22** Ken Podgorski - 08/23 Ricardo Moreyra - 08/25 Ken Witkowski - 08/25 Chris Gorecki - 08/26 **James O Palmer - 08/28** Charles Hamilton - 08/30

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

All in a Day's Work

A telemarketer is surprised to be greeted by a nice woman (since most don't respond to his calls with such kindness). She was extremely friendly; in fact she was the type who helps a telemarketer get through a long day. After some pleasantries, the telemarketer asked if Mr. Jones was available.

She replied: "I'm sorry, I'm afraid he doesn't live here anymore." The telemarketer didn't miss a beat: "I'm sorry to hear that. Do you happen to have contact information for him?" "Sure," the woman replied, and proceeded to give him a phone number. Imagine the telemarketer's surprise when he called the new number and heard the recording: "Thank you for calling Grandview Cemetery"

A Reader Says Albert Einstein Said . . .

- Don't go around saying the world owes you a living. The world owes you nothing. It was here first.
- I have never let my schooling interfere with my education.
- The man who doesn't read good books has no advantage over the man who can't read them.

THE BACK NINE!

I first started reading this email & was reading fast until I reached the third sentence. I stopped and started over reading slower and thinking about every word. This email is very thought provoking. Makes you stop and think. Read slowly!

AND THEN IT IS WINTER!

You know . . . Time has a way of moving quickly and catching you unaware of the passing years. It seems just yesterday that I was young, just married and embarking on my new life with my mate. Yet in a way, it seems like eons ago, and I wonder where all the years went. I know that I lived them all. I have glimpses of how it was back then and of all my hopes and dreams. But, here it is . . . The back nine of my life and it catches me by surprise . . . how did I get here so fast? Where did the years go and where did my youth go?

I remember well seeing older people through the years and thinking that those older people were years away from me and that I was only on the first hole and the back nine was so far off that I could not fathom it or imagine fully what it would be like. Each day now, I find that just getting a shower is a real target for the day! And taking a nap is not a treat anymore . . . It's mandatory! Cause if I don't on my own free will . . . I just fall asleep where I sit! And so . . . now I enter into this new season of my life unprepared for all the aches and pains and the loss of strength and ability to go and do things that I wish I had done but never did!! But, at least I know, that though I'm on the back nine, and I'm not sure how long it will last . . . this I know, that when it's over on this earth . . . it's over. A new adventure will begin! Yes, I have regrets. There are things I wish I hadn't done . . . things I should have done, but indeed, there are many things I'm happy to have done. It's all in a lifetime.

Lastly, consider this:

- Your kids are becoming you . . . but your grandchildren are perfect!
- Going out is good . . . coming home is better!
- You forget names . . . but it's **ok** because some people forgot they even knew you!!!
- You realize you're never going to be really good at anything like golf.
- The things you used to care to do, you aren't as interested in anymore, but you really do care that you aren't as interested.
- You sleep better on a lounge chair with the TV 'on' than in bed. It's called "pre-sleep".
- You miss the days when everything worked with just an "on" and "off" switch.
- You tend to use more four letter words . . . "what?" . . . "when?" . . . ???
- You notice everything they sell in stores is "sleeveless"?!!!
- What used to be freckles are now liver spots.
- Everybody whispers.
- You have three sizes of clothes in your closet . . . two of which you will never wear.
- But old is good in some things: old songs, old movies and best of all, old friends!!

Today is the oldest you've ever been; yet the youngest you'll ever be, so enjoy this day while it lasts.

PRAYER LIST

Valleria Alexander, Glenn Bessler, Gerald Bliss, Bea Bouttillier, Mike Briggs, Nan Brown, Ann Brunk, Bobby Carlisle, Mark Carlisle, Betty Cookets, Noah Cranston, Derek Dinkins, Ray Dulecki, Dee Figg, Barbara Fisher, Wallis Flynn, Ed Galczynski, Frederick Greaves, Benny Guc, Mary Jane Guc, Rose Halkey, Shirley Jurek, Catherine Lesniak, Aldo Marchesi, Edna Marchesi, Silvio Marchesi, Chris McCoy, Sharon McCoy, Rachel McLaughlin, Marge Moore, Barbara Olevenick, Leona Peklo, Helen Piana, Stella Ploskonka, Pat Podgorski, Norm Podgorski, Dick Roeske, Judie Schanbeck, Patricia M. Scheid, Marilyn Shaub, Mark Smith, Robert Stack, Lori Stack, Ronnie Thompson, GK, 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 prayer for the recently deceased: Patricia A. Scheid (Ernie's Wife) and Michael Malley.

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

A Sign from Above

An avid hunter had made extensive preparations for deer hunting season. He searched out the best location for a tree stand and set it up a month ahead of time. He trailed the herd and picked out a trophy buck. He relayed his experience of opening day: "It was a Sunday morning; I woke up eagerly at two o'clock, put on my camouflage suit and orange vest, loaded my backpack, gear, and rifle, and set out for my stand. As I approached the tree stand, I saw a big black bear sitting in it."

"What did you do?" asked his buddies, who were listening intently. "I changed my mind and took it as a sign from God that I better get back to church," the hunter said.

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