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## GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE

*Ron Thompson*

**Happy New Year 2015.** As your Grand Knight, I am proud of what we have done this past year. December was a busy month for us, and we did very well.

We need to focus on bringing in new members this year. That is our monthly focus, every month, one new member per council per month. We all need to find our replacements. This is so important in our council. We have been increasing our membership and our insurance members.

Our snow-birds will be going to warmer places for the next few months. I wish them all a great winter! Everyone else please try to come to our business meetings held on the first Monday of each month.

## LADIES AUXILIARY

*By Janice Polan, President*

Happy New Year to all the Ladies and their families! Our next meeting will be on Thursday, January 8th, at 7:00 p.m. Hostesses are Pat Podgorski, Cindy Podgorski and Janice Polan. If you are interested in becoming a member of our Ladies Auxiliary, please contact Janice Polan or attend one of our meetings.

Thank you to all that helped with the December events for the Ladies and the Knights. Please remember to continue to support our Knights with their Sunday morning breakfasts at St. Vincent Ferrer and Friday night dinners.

Happy birthday to: Earlene (Jan. 1), Yvette (Jan. 9), Janice (Jan. 14) and Bernie and Marge (Jan. 24).

Thank you to Cindy Podgorski and her crew (Emily Ramm, Alicia Podgorski and Janice Polan) for holding another successful Children's Christmas Party. And a special thanks to Tony & Paula Bliss for once again being our Santa and Mrs. Claus. The Children had a wonderful time.

## Program Director Report

*By Darren Gray*

Brother Knights, now that we have survived the hectic December month, let us look forward to the new year of activities. We will start off with the return of Friday Night Dinner, being hosted by Tony Bliss. We also have the Free Throw Contests going on this month, being returned to Page Middle School this year. It's not too early to start thinking about the Anniversary Dinner. See details in the coming month.

***Have a Happy New Year!***

## CALENDAR FOR FUTURE EVENTS

### COFFEE & DONUTS

January 4, 2015 - After 8 and 10 a.m. Masses

### Monday, January 5, 2015

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

### Friday Night Dinner

**January 9, 2015 - 5:30 p.m.**  
***Hosted by Tony Bliss***

**PANCAKE BREAKFAST: Sunday, Jan. 18, 2015**  
**After 8 & 10 a.m. Masses at St. Vincent Ferrer**

**SHIELD DEADLINE: Tuesday, January 20, 2015**

### Free Throw Contest

**Friday, January 23, 2015 - 6:30p.m.**  
**Page Middle School**

### Officers Meeting

**Monday, January 26, 2015 - 7:00 p.m.**

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Don Wesierski	Joe Schanbeck	Lynn Figg
Frank Meister	Norm Podgorski	Darren Gray

## FUNERAL CALL LIST UPDATE

Brother Knights, in case you didn't know this, when a Brother Knight from our council passes away, we show our support to the family by attending the Rosary and funeral. As such, we have a funeral call list to spread the word of a deceased member. This call list is created by using the phone numbers that we have on file with Supreme. Which means, if you have never been called about a deceased member of our council, and would like to be informed, you need to make sure that your phone number is up to date. Contact the Financial Secretary to update any of your contact information.

## WHEELBARROW OF CHEER RAFFLE

The 2014 Wheelbarrow of Cheer Raffle was very successful! Not our best but somewhere in the middle of things. First Prize went to C. Hamilton and second prize went to Sue McNulty. Congratulations to you both. Many thanks also to everyone who donated booze and bought tickets in order to win prizes. Once again it was a profitable endeavor.

—*Silvio Marchesi*  
*Chairperson*

## DEPUTY GRAND KNIGHT

The position of Deputy Grand Knight has remained open. It is a new year and I believe this position, should be filled soon. Come to our business meeting on Monday, January 5, 2015. We will accept nominations and then by a vote of our members present will decide who will fill this important position.

## DONUTS and COFFEE PANCAKE BREAKFAST

*By Jim Morrison*

Sunday, January 4 will be our Coffee & Donuts. Sunday, January 18 will be our Pancake Breakfast which will feature waffles with a fruit topping. My thanks to everyone who have been supporting this fundraiser and especially those who help in the kitchen.

## JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

01 Francis Meister, PGK  
04 Randall Dulecki  
06 Mario Rizzo  
10 Joseph Palazzola  
14 Timothy Wezner  
19 Richard Roeske  
20 Blasé Raona  
21 Michael Malley  
24 Robert Stack  
24 Ronald Binienda  
26 Randall Carlisle  
31 Timothy Thorn

## FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

07 Ralph Merkel  
08 Louis Longo II  
10 Joseph Marchesi  
10 Edward Novak  
10 Craig Massman  
13 Timothy Morton  
21 John Brehmer  
23 William Hughes  
24 Kevin Gruse  
25 Scott Wesierski

## LAUGH LINES!

A hunting guide turned to his group and said, "Hey guys, I think that we are lost." "How can that be?" one hunter replied. "You told us you were the best guide in Michigan." "I am, but now we're in Canada."

--Submitted by Roy Kowalski of Addison Township

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Marriage sometimes is like a deck of cards. First, there are two hearts that come together and share a union with one diamond. After 40 years, their thoughts may turn to a club and a spade.

--Submitted by Roy Kowalski of Addison Township



## K. of C. Auxiliary Childrens' Christmas Party a Great Success

As you can see in this picture, the children were very happy and smiling after receiving their gifts from Santa. Thanks to all the people who helped to make this a happy and memorable event.

## JIM MORRISON REPORTS FUTURE ACTIVITIES

I hope everyone had a very enjoyable Christmas and a Happy New Year. Starting off the New Year, the next Coffee and Donuts is January 4 and the next Pancake Breakfast is January 18. We have given our seminarian, Craig Marion, \$500.00 in advance of our Anniversary Dinner and will be able to donate that amount again at the Anniversary Dinner. The Pancake Breakfast provides the funds for this support. Craig Marion was able to lead the rosary for our deceased Gus Peklo.

The 4th Degree Knights of Columbus held their Christmas Dinner at Villa Penna on Hayes. Below is a photo from the event. If you are not a member of the fourth degree, please consider joining. Ask any of the members of the fourth degree about the activities of the fourth degree.



## Prayer List

Valleria Alexander, Don Bessler, Gerald Bliss, Lawrence Bliss, Bea Bouttillier, Mike Briggs, Nan Brown, Betty Cookets, Noah Cranston, Derek Dinkins, Ray Dulecki, Dee Figg, Barbara Fisher, Mary Jane Guc, Rose Halkey, Aldo Marchesi, Silvio Marchesi, Chris McCoy, Sharon McCoy, Rachel McLaughlin, Barbara Olevenick, Leona Peklo, Stella Ploskonka, Pat Podgorski, Joe Scamamna, Judie Schanbeck, Joe Schanbeck, Patricia A. Scheid, Patricia M. Scheid, Marilyn Shaub, Robert Stack, Ann Tupiak, Lee Ventimiglia, Matt Ventimiglia, Ilene Wagely, Marian Welsh, Regis Welsh, Jean Witkowski.

Please prayer for the families of the following, recently deceased: Gus Peklo, Wanda Schram

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



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