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## GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE

By Ron Thompson

**Happy New Year 2016** - 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 also brought in four new members! Please make them feel welcome! We need to continue to focus on bringing in new members this new 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. Let's make 2016 a year to remember. Achieving Star Council again in 2016 is a goal we can reach.

## ANNUAL ANNIVERSARY DINNER

Fr. Heary Council #7239 is holding their 37<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY DINNER on Saturday April 23, 2016 from 6:00 p.m. until 11:00 p.m. at Fr. Kramer Council, located at 7900 Bernice in Centerline (first stoplight about 3 blocks South of I-696 off of the west side of VanDyke). Ticket price is \$27.50 per person. Includes two meat buffet, dessert, beer, wine, juice and soda pop, and a DJ for your dancing pleasure. Also, if you prefer It is okay to B.Y.O. B. Some hard liquor will be provided. PLEASE RESERVE THIS DATE AND HELP US CELEBRATE. FOR TICKETS CONTACT: **NORM PODGORSKI** at 248-546-3730, or normpod@wowway.com

## LADIES AUXILIARY

By Janice Polan, President

Happy New Year! Our next meeting is Thursday, January 14th, at 7:00 p.m. Since no one signed up as hostesses, I am asking each Lady that attends the meeting to bring a small snack to share. I will provide beverages and paper products.

Please remember to continue to support our Knights at their monthly breakfasts held at St. Vincent Ferrer after the morning masses. In addition, please plan to attend their annual anniversary dinner to be held in April. Reservations need to be made by February. Check the newsletter for dates and further information.

Happy birthday to: Earlene Carlisle (1/1), Yvette Ploskonka (1/9), Janice Polan (1/14), Bernie Turchin (1/24) and Marge McLaughlin (1/24)

## Program Director Report

By Glain Guilmette, DKG

Dear Brother Knights, the first thing on the calendar for January is Coffee & Donuts on Sunday, January 3, 2016 and the Pancake Breakfast on Sunday, January 17 at St. Vincent Ferrer Church after the 8:00 & 10:00 a.m. masses. Please contact Jim Morrison if you want to help. As of this date no one has volunteered to host a Friday Night Dinner in January.

Plans have not yet been completed for the Free Throw Contest later this month.

Although the Anniversary Dinner is not until April please get your reservations in to Norm Podgorski as soon as you can so he knows how many people to plan for!

Finally, I would like to wish everyone a **Very Happy New Year.**

## CALENDAR FOR FUTURE EVENTS

**Coffee and Doughnuts - Sun., Jan. 3, 2016**  
After 8:00 and 10:00 a.m. Masses at St. Vincent

**Monday, January 4, 2016**  
Building Corporation Meeting - 7:00 p.m.  
Membership Meeting - 8:00 p.m.

**District Meeting - January 9, 2016**  
9:00 a.m. - At the Council

**Ladies Auxiliary Meeting**  
Thursday, January 14, 2015 - 7:00 p.m.

**Pancake Breakfast - Sun., January 17, 2016**  
After 8:00 and 10:00 a.m. Masses at St. Vincent

**Shield Deadline: Thursday, Jan. 21, 2016**

**Free Throw Contest**  
Friday, January 22, 2016 - 6:30 p.m.  
Page Middle School

**Officers Meeting**  
Monday, January 25, 2016 - 7:30 p.m.

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## PAST GRAND KNIGHTS

Mike Higgins	John Turchin	Tony Bliss
Ron Ploskonka	Jim Morrison	Ken Podgorski
Don Wesierski	Joe Schanbeck	Lynn Figg
Frank Meister	Norm Podgorski	Darren Gray

## Financial Secretary Report

Brother Knights, the 2016 Billing is in full swing. For those that have already paid their 2016 dues, thank you. If you did not receive your card yet, I will have them at the January Meeting. For those that do not pick them up at that time, I will mail them. For those that have NOT paid yet, what's the holdup? If you are disabled, or having financial hardship, please contact me. Cell: 248-302-8918 Also, the Fr. McGivney Chair of Life Ethics addition to the bill was questioned. I found out that this was a 10-year commitment to the Foundation Fund. We are at the tail end of that commitment. I will have more detailed information at the January meeting for those that would like it.

## Christmas Basket Report

Well we had another successful year. I would like to thank all my fellow Knights and there wives, that were involved. from helping me pick up the food from the school can food drive, to sorting, boxing and delivering all the Baskets. I would like to especially thank Jason (Regis's grandson-in-law) for bringing all the young help from the Troy Hockey Club to help us carry all the baskets for our drivers. I look forward to doing this next year, especially with all the help that I receive.

## 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

## ACTION NEEDED!

Your action is needed to urge Congress to protect the rights of conscientious objectors to abortion, sterilization, and contraception. Real protection is possible, but Congress needs to hear from you today as they consider a measure that could become law before the end of the year. The Abortion Non-Discrimination Act (ANDAs) provides conscientious objectors a means for protecting their conscience rights through legal action. Contact your members of Congress to support ANDAs. Immediate action is necessary. Right now, Catholic schools and institutions are being forced to cover abortion - even late-term abortion - in their health plans. Right now, Catholic health professionals are being coerced into participation in abortion, sterilization, and contraception in violation of federal law.

Contact your elected representatives today and ask them to support ANDAs. Thank you for doing your part to protect conscience rights and to build a Culture of Life.

Carl A. Anderson  
*Supreme Knight*

## K. of C. Christian Refugee Relief Fund

Brother Knights, Christians in the Middle East face persecution simply for their belief in the one who taught us to love one another. Despite the genocidal persecution against them, they continue to be an inspiration as they remain true to their faith and bear witness to the love of God and neighbor. Yet, regardless of their great witness, they need solidarity and support. One way we are helping is through the Knights of Columbus Christian Refugee Relief Fund, which has contributed more than \$4.5 million. These contributions have provided food, clothing, shelter and medical care to refugees. Individuals can contribute to this fund by visiting: [christianatrisk.org](http://christianatrisk.org) and making a direct contribution. Along with financial support, Knights and their families are encouraged to pray for persecuted Christians. To aid in this, the new **Prayer for Persecuted Christians Prayer Card (#10340)** is now available. This prayer card is available in packs of 100 cards for \$3 per order, shipping charges included, and can be obtained by sending a completed **Form #1** to the Supply Dept. via mail, fax (800-266-6340), or email to [supply@kofc.org](mailto:supply@kofc.org). You may also order the cards by mailing a check, payable to the Knights of Columbus and addressed to:

K. of C. Supply Department,  
78 Meadow St., New Haven, CT. 06519.

## Knights of Columbus "BENEFITS NEWS" Insurance check-up for 2016

Can you believe it will soon be 2016? I hope that 2015 was a healthy, prosperous year for you and your family. It's said that time flies, and the older we get, the more that statement seems true. As we review the past year and prepare to welcome a new one, we wonder where the time goes.

If you're like most people, you've made some resolutions for 2016. If I may, I'd like to make two suggestions regarding your resolutions. First, write them down. A resolution is really a goal for the year and until you commit a goal to writing, it's nothing more than a wish. Writing a resolution down is the first step towards achieving it. Whether your goal is to lose weight, contribute more time and money to charity, read more or watch less television, you're more likely to accomplish it if you write it down.

Second, schedule some time to visit with me, your professional Knights of Columbus Insurance Agent. The "insurance check-up" that I'll provide (free of charge, by the way!) will quickly identify any gaps in your family's life insurance program. And you'll want to fill those gaps now, not later. Because unlike many other products, you need more than money to obtain life insurance. You also need good health and no one will ring a bell warning you when your health is about to change.

Knights of Columbus life insurance offers something precious few other financial products can – **guarantee**. As long as you pay your premiums, the policy proceeds will be there for your beneficiaries should something happen to you. We call that peace of mind, and that's (as they say in the credit card commercials) **priceless**.

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## WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Brother Knights, please welcome the following members who have gone through the First Degree of our Order on Monday, December 14, 2015. Please welcome: Thaddeus (Ted) Huminski, Martin Smith, and Richard (Michael) Salvatore.



**Fr. Heary K. of C.  
Annual Ladies  
Auxiliary  
Children  
Christmas Party  
was a success  
as you can see  
from the picture  
on the left**

## PRAYER LIST

Valleria Alexander, Jerry Beauchamp, Gerald Bliss, Bea Bouttillier, Mike Briggs, Nan Brown, Ann Brunk, Bob Carlisle, Mark Carlisle, Betty Cookets, Gigi Cooper (LeRoy's daughter), Noah Cranston, Derek Dinkins, Ray Dulecki, Dee Figg, Barbara Fisher, Jodi Flynn, Wallis Flynn, Frederick Greaves, Mary Jane Guc, Shirley Jurek, Cathy Krenzer, Catherine Lesniak, Aldo Marchesi, Chris McCoy, Sharon McCoy, Rachel McLaughlin, Carol Miller, Barbara Olevenick, Ray Pasternak, Leona Peklo, Helen Piana, Norm Podgorski, Ed Poplawski, Judie Schanbeck, Patricia M. Scheid (Ernie's daughter-in-law), Marilyn Shaub, Mark Smith, Paul Sobas, Robert Stack, Lori Stack, 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 pray for the recently deceased: Ed Galczynski, Anna Neil and Rose Halkey.**

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

## Coffee & Donuts Pancake Breakfast

**Sunday, January 3 will  
be Coffee & Donuts and  
Sunday, January 17 will  
be the Pancake Breakfast.**



## Rising Storm

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<b>24/31</b> Happy Birthday Robert Stack (24) Ron Binienda (24) Bernie Turchin (24) M. McLaughlan(24) Timothy Thorn (31)	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b> Happy Birthday Randall Carlisle	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>