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THE GRAND KNIGHT'S REPORT

By Darren Gray

I would like to Congratulate Tony Bliss, PGK and the Podgorski Family for being awarded the Knight and Family of the Year Awards. Without the hard work and commitment of Knights and their families, such as yours, our Council would not be what it is. These awards were presented at the 34th Anniversary Dinner, which was held on Feb. 16th at Fr. Kramer Council. The Dinner turned out very nice and I think everyone who attended. Our Worthy State Deputy, Michael Malinowski, gave a wonderful speech and a nice praise to our Council and our Knights.

The Tootsie Roll Drive is once again upon us. As always, I make my plea to please come on help for this worthy cause. And please pray for good, warm, weather for Palm Sunday weekend.

Happy Easter, Everyone!!!

CALENDAR FOR FUTURE EVENTS

COFFEE and DONUTS at St. Vincent Ferrer
Sunday, March 3, 2013 after 8:00 a.m. Mass

MEMBERSHIP MEETING - Monday, March 4, 2013 - 8:00 p.m.

LADIES AUXILIARY MEETING - Thursday, March 14, 2013 - 7:00 p.m.

PANCAKE BREAKFAST - Sun., March 17, 2013

After 8:30 and 10:30 Masses - At St. Vincent Ferrer

St. Patrick's Day Corn Beef and Cabbage Dinner

Monday, March 18, 2013 - 5:30 p.m. at the Council

SHIELD DEADLINE: Wed., March 20, 2013: scm04@wowway.biz

TOOTSIE ROLL DRIVE - MARCH 22-24, 2013

Annual Tootsie Roll Drive Potluck: Sunday, March 24, 2013 - 6:00 p.m.

OFFICERS MEETING - Mon., March 25, 2013 - 7:30 p.m.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

By Ron Thompson

Brothers. New Members are key to the growth of Every K. of C. Council. One New Member per Council per Month.

That's so simple, and yet we are not doing this? Why? Is it something you think about? I do! and this is something we all must do together. We have the potential to be a Star Council. We do so much, we care, we all need to have replacements. What I mean is when we are gone who will be there in our place.

Let us all find a new member this spring and be a proposer to as many new men as possible. Remember The power of one! Just think about this, we conduct a first degree at our council with let's say just five new members. The next month they alone each bring in one new member. This continues on and on over and over. This is the power of one. You are the one member who starts a chain reaction of new members. I'm not going to do the math but if you do your part, we will get a growing membership force that has the potential of doubling our membership in the coming years.

Let's start asking for new members eighteen years and older who attend our church, or maybe a local business owner who is a practicing catholic.

Many of our members have moved away from the Madison Heights area. Let's all thank our past Grand Knights who are so important with our council. Thank them by being a proposer of new candidates. Please let's all help out our K. of C. insurance agent Dave Parker. He will help all new members and existing members with their insurance needs.

PROGRAM DIRECTOR

By Ron Bertolini

Since Ron Bertolini is still staying warm in Florida, I get to hijack his report this month. As you can see by the dates on the front, there will be no Friday Night Dinner this month. It is usually the Lenten Dinner, but given that we have two more dinners going on in March, and the turnout for the last few years have been low, we have decided to skip the Lenten Dinner this year. I would, however, like to recommend that you hit the Fish Fry over at Fr. Kramer Council sometime during the Fridays in Lent. All you can eat for \$8. The St. Patrick's Day Corned Beef dinner will be on Monday, March 18, at the Council. Tootsie Roll Drive is Palm Sunday weekend, March 22-24. Even if you cannot hit the streets, we can use your help, so show up during those days and we'll find something for you to do. And, lastly, your Grand Knight needs your help for the Poker Event at Big Beaver Tavern from April 1-4. He needs at least two members, each day, which can handle the 2-8 p.m. shifts and one member, each day, to work with him during the 8:00 p.m.-2:00 a.m. shifts.

Call or e-mail your Grand Knight if you can help.

***Vivat Jesus! Darren Gray
Acting Program Director***

DEPUTY GRAND KNIGHT NEWS

Ron Thompson, DGK

Brothers - We just had a great turn out at our anniversary dinner. The food and fellowship was outstanding. We had some KOC State officers in attendance and our very own District Deputy celebrated with us. I used my phone to take some pictures, I would like to get pictures that you may of taken also. These are some of the things we need to capture and save. In this digital age it's easy to capture them on our camera's. I would like to use the images to place on display boards.

LADIES AUXILIARY

By Janice Polan

Our condolences go out to the Malega Family on the loss of one of our members, Helen. Thank you to all the ladies that contributed a dessert for the funeral luncheon.

Please remember to bring your Mackinac Island Raffle donations - either gift cards, instant lottery tickets or a monetary donation to our March meeting.

Rainbow and pots of gold and Leprechauns, oh my!! Get your green on and attend the St. Patty's Day Dinner on Monday, March 18, at 5:30 p.m. to support our Knights. Featuring a boiled dinner of corned beef w/cabbage, potatoes, & carrots, and soda, bread, green jello and desserts.

Sunday, March 24, will be the Annual Tootsie Roll Drive potluck at St. Vincent Ferrer at 6:00 p.m. Contact Janice if you'd like to bring a dish to share. Raffle prize donations also welcomed.

Happy Birthday to Patricia Scheid (3/14), Marian Welsh (3/15) and Anna Neil (3/30) Our March meeting is on the 14th at 7:00 p.m. Hostesses are Dee Figg, Cindy Podgorski and Pat Podgorski.

***Wishes for a Happy
Easter to all our members
from Janice and her family!***

MARCH BIRTHDAYS - MEN

**04 Mike Niemasz
04 Peter Miles
06 William Rearick
08 Glain Guilmette
10 Glain A. Guilmette
18 Robert Casman
22 Patrick Allen
27 Richard King
28 Rev. Lee Acervo
31 Adam Wittmer**

MOMENTS OF TRUTHS

By Gary Lauenstein, CSsR

Before a Funeral Mass, a parishioner told the priest, "Father, I know the pallbearers are baptized, but I'm not sure whether they're confirmed." Puzzled, the priest asked, "Why do you want to know that?" The parishioner replied, "The funeral director said I should make sure the pallbearers are confirmed." Of course, the funeral director was talking about verifying the pallbearers' commitment to be at the Mass. The parishioner, having a Catholic mentality, thought the pallbearer was speaking about the sacrament of confirmation. People like this parishioner including most readers-have internalized what they've learned about our faith. Some of us begin learning about Catholicism from birth. Perhaps we were blessed with parents who set a good example and a childhood religious education that had a great impact on us. As adults, our education continues. We regularly attend Mass. We take religion classes at our parish or watch Catholic programs on TV or on the Internet. Maybe we read Catholic books, magazines, newspapers, blogs, and websites. Such things help us to know more about our faith, but there's another step-internalizing our Catholic faith, drinking it in deeply. This happens only through meditation.

One way to do this is to meditate on the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* one article at a time. Each meditation is a conversation with the Lord about how an article of faith applies to everyday life. Meditating on the Catechism offers an opportunity of petition for humility and faith. Granted, going through the whole *Catechism* is a very long exercise, but the Catechism is the most authentic source of our faith. If it's too much, have a conversation with the Lord over a source of Catholic teaching you find more accessible. But do have the conversation. If we don't read and meditate on the truths of our faith, we risk being like the man who was asked whether he believed whether people today are more ignorant and apathetic than those of previous generations. He said, "I don't know, and I don't care."

How one generation compares to another doesn't matter. What matters is that the truths of our faith become part of us and of how we live.

PRAY FOR THE SICK AND IN DISTRESS

By Darren Gray

Don Adams (Randy's brother-in-law), Thomas Adams (Randy's Brother-in-law), Glen Bessler (Don's nephew), Lawrence Bliss, Bea Boutillier (Tony's Aunt), Carolyn Bree (Tony Szeliga's Cousin), Bob Brunk, Ariel Chaillou (Dennis Menard's Niece), Ray Dulecki, Lorraine Dulecki, James Fisher (Ron Thompson's Father-in-law), Wallis Flynn (Randy's son-in-law), Benny Guc, Rose Halkey, Larry Huddleston, Bob Keyse, Bill King (Randy's brother-in-law), Marian King (Randy's sister-in-law), Mary Kline, Sue Landry, Pete Malega, Michael Malley, Charley Maloney, Mimi Marchesi, Daniel Marchesi, Silvio Marchesi, Sharon McCoy (Richard Witkowski's daughter), Frank McFall, Jerry Meicer, Dennis Menard's Niece & Baby Alexander, Catherine Meadows (Tony's Sister), Wanda Meadows, Diane O'Neil (Maggie's Sister-in-law), Joe Palazzola, Jim Palmer, Janice Pasternak, Charlene Pasternak, Leona Peklo, Gus Peklo, Rob Persinger, Stella Ploskonka (Ron's mother), Pat Podgorski, John Pollock (Ron Thompson's Brother-in-law), Bill Rearick, Patricia A. Scheid, Patricia M. Scheid (Ernie's daughter-in-law), Caroline Sobas (Lynn Figg's Sister-in-law), Lori Stack, Robert Stack, Lee Ventimiglia, Matt Ventimiglia, Rick Waligora, Marian Welsh. And please pray for all of the men and women of our Armed Services.

Please also say a prayer for Kim Green (Ronnie Thompson's Sister) who passed away in January, Andrew Tomasko (Father of Fr. Drew Tomasko), who passed away January 18th, Helen Malega, who passed away on January 28th, and Mike Damico, who passed away on January 30th.

Let us please also remember those that have lost their jobs or have been hit hard by the flustering economy. Let them be touched by God's wel-come hands so that they may get back on their feet and look forward to a prosperous future.

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

RESOLUTION 2013

Be it resolved that Fr. James B. Heary Council 7239 appropriate \$600.00 for the First Delegate and \$600.00 for the Second Delegate to offset expenses at the 2013 Michigan State Convention.

**Signed, James Morrison, PGK, FDD
Ronnie Thompson, DGK**

PANCAKE BREAKFAST

By Jim Morrison

Many thanks to all who helped at the February Pancake Breakfast. That was one of our more profitable breakfasts which cleared \$216. Our next Pancake Breakfast will be March 17th. Coffee and Donuts will be March 3rd.

In the Divine Potter's Hands

By Johan Van Parys

My father was a great storyteller. Every night he read from the Bible. He had the talent to depict biblical scenes in such a way that we could see them unfold in our minds' eyes. I clearly remember the night he read the creation story to us. Though I loved all the other stories, I was mostly intrigued by the creation of Adam. I visualized God collecting the clay before lovingly molding Adam and blowing life into him. X This image of God as primordial potter molded and shaped me as well.

There is something wholesome, something sacred, about pottery. Pottery is about clay, and clay is about soil; in Adam's case, primordial soil. Pottery, of course, is not only about clay - it also bears the imprint of the potter's hands. A potter takes the clay and judges its quality and its consistency.

She carefully places a lump of clay on the potter's wheel and starts spinning it. She works the clay with her skillful hands as the undefined mass of clay takes shape, never giving up on the clay, starting over until she is pleased with the result.

As every cup bears the imprint of its maker's hands, so each member of the human race bears the imprint of the Divine Potter's hands. But unlike a cup, which can't be changed once it's tired, humans can be reshaped. God shaped humans in his own image, and he continues to mold and remold us. In the sacred liturgy, we're molded and remolded by God; this is our time to worship and God's, (I time to shape. I , During the celebration of the liturgy, God molds us, into the Body of Christ. The liturgy is the divine hands, and we are the clay. Sunday after Sunday, we're shaped and reshaped. In liturgy upon liturgy, God focuses and refocuses us on what is right. During our ongoing catechesis, we have or the opportunity to learn more about what God has in mind for us as it is revealed to us through Scripture and Tradition,

Any potter knows it's difficult to create the perfect shape and that it takes a long time to get it just right. Similarly, becoming a good Christian isn't an easy task. It takes a life-long commitment to celebrate the liturgy and to engage in learning so we can live a truly Christian life. However, thanks to God's persistence and unfailing commitment to keep shaping and reshaping us, one day we'll be molded into perfect shape as members of the Body of Christ.

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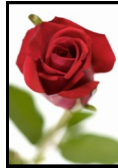
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10 Happy Birthday! G. A. Guillemette	11	12	13	14 Auxiliary Meet 7:00 Happy Birthday! Patricia Scheid	15 Happy Birthday! Marian Welsh	16
17 Pancakes After 8:30 & 10:30	18 Happy Birthday Robert Casman Corn Beef & Cabbage 5:30 p.m.	19	20 "Shield" Deadline	21	22 TOOTSIE ROLL Happy Birthday! Patrick Allen	23 TOOTSIE ROLL
24/31 TOOTSIE ROLL Potluck Dinner 6 p.m. HB!: Adam Wittmer(31)	25 Officers Meeting 7:30 p.m.	26	27 Happy Birthday! Richard King	28 Happy Birthday! Rev. Lee Acervo	29	30 Happy Birthday! Anna Neil