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## THE GRAND KNIGHT'S REPORT

By Darren Gray

Brother Knights, well, after two cancellations, due to the awful weather we had in January, we finally held the Free Throw Contest. Thank you , Tony Bliss and Ron Bertolini, for putting this on. While we didn't have the numbers that we were hoping for, we still had a decent turnout.

I want to congratulate Randy Carlisle for being the Knight of the Year and Ron/Cindy Bertolini for Family of the Year. As I mentioned at the Anniversary Dinner, I wish I could give these awards to every single Knight, but since I can't, they were awarded to those that really exemplifies the spirit of what it means to be a Knight. Congratulations and keep up the good work.

Speaking of the Anniversary Dinner, thank you to Norm Podgorski, PGK, FDD, for putting on yet another wonderful dinner. It was a wonderful evening and it was a great pleasure to have Fr. John and our State Deputy, Michael Malinowski and his wife Maureen in attendance. Have a blessed spring.

## CALENDAR FOR FUTURE EVENTS

### COFFEE and DOUGHNUTS

SUNDAY, MARCH 2, 2014 after 8:00 and 10:00 masses

Membership Meeting: Monday, March 3, 2014 - 8:00 p.m.

Ladies Auxiliary Meeting: Thurs., March 13, 2014 - 7:00 p.m.

**Knights of Columbus Michigan State Council Raffle**  
**Sat., March 15, 2014 - 1:00 p.m. Lincoln Park, MI**

### PANCAKE BREAKFAST

SUNDAY, MARCH 16, 2014 after 8:00 & 10:00 masses

**St. Patrick's Day Corn Beef and Cabbage Dinner**  
**Monday, March 17 - 5:30 p.m. at the Council**

**SHIELD DEADLINE: March 20, 2014 - scm04@wowway.biz**

**LADIES MEMORIAL MASS: SVF on Sunday, March 23rd - 10:00 a.m.**

**Officers Meeting: Monday, March 31, 2014 - 7:30 p.m.**

**MI TOOTSIE ROLL DRIVE - April 11-13, 2014**  
Annual Tootsie Roll Drive Potluck: Sunday, April 13, 2014 - 6:00 p.m.

## MEMBERSHIP NEWS

*By Ron Bertolini*

Brother Knights for things to change we must change our membership recruiting. If this council is to grow we must take a greater responsibility for our growth. Sometimes even the strongest groups fail! It is because they do not have a plan in force to replace members once they leave the group. We have a generation gap or two in our membership. We really need a combined effort from all members to bring in new people.

We were all approached by a practicing Catholic Knight who asked us simply: are you interested in helping the Knights of Columbus? We only ask Catholic men 18 years of age or older to become a Knight, or if they know anyone who would maybe want to help us out with our acts of Charity.

Please be sure to assure them we will not consume all their time a little help would be appreciated.

### **Corn Beef and Cabbage Dinner**

**Fr. James B. Heary Council**  
**Mon., March 17, 2014**  
**5:30 p.m.**  
**Hope to see all of you there!**

### **RESOLUTION 2014**

**I make a motion for  
providing each Delegate  
\$600.00 for attending  
the 2014 State Conven-  
tion.**

*Signed,*  
**James Morrison, PGK, FDD**  
**Craig Massman**

## PROGRAM DIRECTOR

*Ronnie Thompson, DGK*

I would like to mention the St. Patrick's Day Dinner, on Monday, March 17. It will be Corned Beef and Cabbage, hosted by Duane & Marge Mc Laughlin and Joe Miller.

We have coffee and donuts at SVF and a Vocation Pancake Breakfast. The Ladies will be having a Special Memorial Service at the 10 a.m. Mass on Sunday, March 23, 2014 at St. Vincent. Next month will be the upcoming MI Tootsie Roll Drive in April (Palm Sunday Weekend). Please help if you can. This event is for God's Special People.

### **MARCH BIRTHDAYS**

- 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**

### **APRIL BIRTHDAYS**

- 01 Jeffrey Scott**
- 02 John Turchin, PGK, FDD**
- 04 Thaddeus Zakrzewski**
- 04 Robert Pasternak**
- 05 Richard Witkowski**
- 14 Marion Craig**
- 17 John Lamerato**
- 17 Francis McFall**
- 19 Timothy Kujawa**
- 21 Lewis Bertrand**
- 22 John Hanser**
- 30 Silvio Marchesi**

## LADIES AUXILIARY

*By Janice Polan, President*

Is it Spring time yet? Our regular meeting will be on Thursday, March 13, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. Hostesses are Helen Piana, Bernie Turchin, Janice Polan and Sue Landry. We will continue to collect donations for our "Cow Bank" basket for the Holy Cross Children's Services Raffle on Mackinac Island in May. Can be a monetary donation or cow-print accessories (towels, kitchen or bath items, etc.). Bring ideas for locations/restaurants for our April 10th birthday celebration. Nominations for officers will also be discussed for our upcoming elections in May.

Our condolences to Edda Marchesi on the loss of her husband, Frank, who was very active in our council. The Ladies' Memorial Mass will be offered at SVF on Sunday, March 23, 2014 at the 10:00 a.m. service.

The Knights are holding their annual Corned Beef Dinner on Monday, March 17 - please plan to attend and support our Knights. As usual, the Ladies Auxiliary will be providing desserts. Wear something green and help celebrate St. Patrick's Day at this social event.

Happy March birthdays to:

**Pat Scheid (3/14), Marian Welsh (3/15), Marie Bessler (3/22) and Anna Neil (3/30).**

### **SPECIAL EDITION ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS**

Our Ladies Auxiliary was chosen as one of the special groups to hold a "mini" sale of a limited edition: "Fine Dining 2014 Entertainment Book" available only for the months of March and April. The book features a discount card for casual and fine dining restaurants in the metro Detroit area. The cost per book is \$25. If you are interested in purchasing a book or would like further information, please contact Janice Polan, Ladies Auxiliary President, at [jpolan@aol.com](mailto:jpolan@aol.com) or home phone: **248-585-1573**. Books will also be available at the Corned Beef Dinner on March 17th, and the Palm Sunday Tootsie Roll Drive Potluck Dinner at SVF on April 13th.

Your support on behalf of the Ladies Auxiliary would be greatly appreciated. These limited edition Entertainment Books can be a great gift for that special Easter basket, Mother's Day, or upcoming birthday/anniversary.

# I HAVE NO HANDS BUT YOURS

By Johan Van Parys

My mother was big on two major cleaning efforts each year. The first was Easter cleaning — she argued that just as our souls needed cleansing in preparation for Easter, so did our home. The second was a fall cleaning that coincided with the St. Michael Summer, named for the September 29 feast of the archangels. Our share in these weeklong adventures was a thorough reorganization of our closets. We were instructed to remove every item, discern what we wanted to keep or toss, and then organize all that remained. To this day, I have a perfectly organized closet. Over the years I've come to appreciate my mom's connection between the physical cleansing of our home and the spiritual cleansing of our heart and soul. As Christians, we're called to search our soul to rid ourselves of everything that keeps us from sharing more perfectly in the Body of Christ. We do this mostly as individuals, but from time to time even the Church takes stock of where we've come from, where we are today, and where we're going. This kind of spiritual exercise is necessary because being Christian isn't always easy. Neither is being the Church, especially in a constantly changing and challenging world. Some people are trying to take the Church in a direction that makes it difficult to reconcile with the gospel. Others call for a return to the past, giving in to a false nostalgia for a Church they never knew and that may never have existed. Both responses are ill-fared — we can't go back to the past, and we ought to be true to the gospel.

The only way forward in this age — as in every age — is to engage completely and openly with the world while using the gospel as our compass. The essence of our message never changes; however, the language we use to express it ought to change constantly. Like everything else, our spiritual lives necessarily revolve — and so does the Church's. The alternative is a slow but sure spiritual demise. I wish my spiritual home was in as good order as my physical home is. I still hear my mother's voice asking me to clean my room and cleanse my soul. And I take solace in the statue of the Sacred Heart of Jesus that stands abandoned in a small Italian village.

Due to years of neglect, the statue is badly in need of repair; it's cracked, and both hands are missing. Someone hung a sign around its neck that says, **"I have no hands but yours."** This image and invitation should prompt us to analyze our lives so we might be better Christians. We're called to do this to realize that Christ's invitation is to be his hands, his feet, and his heart.

## COFFE & DOUGHNUTS PANCAKE BREAKFAST

**Sunday, March 2 is Coffee and Donuts after the 8:00 and 10:00 masses. Sunday, March 16 is the Pancake Breakfast after the 8:00 and 10:00 masses. Help is always needed for cleanup after 11:30 a.m.**

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## PRAYER LIST

Geri Andry, Gerard Beauchamp, Ettore Bignotti, Gerald Bliss, Lawrence Bliss, Connie Boguth, Bea Boutillier, Nan Brown (Lynn Figg's Aunt), Paige Chamberlain, Ray Dulecki, Barbara Fisher (Ron Thompson's Mother-in-law), Wallis Flynn (Randy's son-in-law), Charlie Hamilton, Rose Halkey, Larry Huddleston, Earl Kaszubowski, Dana Kaszubowski, Mary Kline, Cathy Krenzer, Joann Kuester, Pete Kuester, Patty Lobos, Pete Malega, Steve Mall, Pat Malley, Mimi Marchesi (Silvio's sister-in-law), Aldo Marchesi, Sharon McCoy (Richard Witkowski's daughter), Beth Menard, John O'Neal, Diane O'Neil, Nancy Oparka, Jim Palmer, Leona Peklo, Gus Peklo, Helen Piana (John Turchin's mother-in-law), Stella Ploskonka (Ron's mother), Bill Rearick, Joanne Rearick, Patricia A. Scheid, Patricia M. Scheid (Ernie's daughter-in-law), Brenda Schrade (Mike Studebaker's mother-in-law), Betty Shaw, Caroline Sobas (Lynn Figg's sister-in-law), Jess Sobas, Lori Stack, Robert Stack, Robert Stack Jr., Barbara Szeliga (Tony's sister-in-law), Paul Szeliga (Tony's brother), Dennis Szlag, Lee Ventimiglia, Matt Ventimiglia, Jerry Waligora, Tom Waligora, Regis Welsh, Marian Welsh, Jean Witkowski, Richard Witkowski. And please pray for all of the men and women of our Armed Services.

**Please keep Frank Marchesi in your prayers. Frank passed away on Saturday, January 31st.**

**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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2 Coffee & Donuts 8 - 10 a.m.	3 Building Corp Meeting 7:00 p.m. Mem. Meet 800 p.m.	4 Happy Birthday Mike Niemasz Peter Miles	5	6 Happy Birthday William Rearick	7	8 Happy Birthday Glain Guilemette
9	10 Happy Birthday Glain A. Guilemette	11	12	13 Auxiliary Meeting 7:00 p.m.	14 Happy Birthday Pat Scheid	15 Happy Birthday Marian Welsh MI St. K of C Raffle 1:00 p.m.
16 Pancake Breakfast 8 - 10 a.m.	17 St. Patrick's Dinner 5:30 p.m.	18 Happy Birthday Roert Casman	19	20 Shield Deadline	21	22 Happy Birthday Patrick Allen Marie Bessler
23/30 Auxiliary Mem. Mass 10:00 a.m. (23) Happy Birthday Anna Neil (30th)	24/31 Happy Birthday Adam Wittmer Officers Meet 7:30p	25	26	27 Happy Birthday Richard King	28 Happy Birthday Rev. Lee Acervo	29