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## GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE *Ron Thompson*

Happy Mother's Day to all of our Mothers. Thanks to everyone who attended the Annual Anniversary Dinner this past month. Knight of the year is presented to Giuseppe Palazzola. Family of the year is presented to Duane and Margaret McLaughlin. These are in recognition of outstanding service, loyalty, and dedication to our council. I also want to thank every Knight and his family for all they have done this past year. I am asking every member to help with making our order stronger by helping with membership. We all need to continue our efforts in asking all eligible catholic gentlemen in joining the Knights of Columbus. With new members, our council will have the additional manpower to assist us in our works of charity.

## LADIES AUXILIARY *By Janice Polan, President*

Happy Mother's Day to all our Moms, Grandmothers, and Godmothers. Wishing each a day filled with love and family. Our next regular meeting will be on **Thursday, May 14th, at 7:00 p.m.** Hostesses are Yvette Ploskonka, Krys Higgins and Nancy Oparka. May is also the month we hold our elections for officers. Please contact Yvette if you would like to nominate a member and/or wish to be placed on the ballot. **SPECIAL NOTE:** Our Spring bake sale scheduled for May **HAS BEEN CANCELLED** due to a conflict in dates and availability. I hope all that attended our Knights' Anniversary Dinner in April had a great time. Thank you for supporting our council events.

Congratulations to Cindy Podgorski on receiving Lady of the Year for 2015. *(See her separate article in the newsletter).*

Thank you to the 19 Ladies that attended our Annual Birthday Celebration at Bob Evans in April. It was good to see everyone and celebrate our special days.

*(See Picture on Page 3)*

## Program Director Report

*By Darren Gray*

Nothing major to report for May. Our Grand Knight and I will be attending the State Convention at the end of the month. No Friday Night Dinner for May. In June, we will be holding the Officer Appreciation Steak Dinner, so look for details on that in the June Shield.

**Happy Mother's Day to the Moms!**

## CALENDAR FOR FUTURE EVENTS

**Monday, May 4, 2015**

**Building Corporation Meeting**

**7:00 p.m.**

**Membership Meeting – 8:00 p.m.**

**PANCAKE BREAKFAST**

**Note the Date Change**

**Sunday, May 3, 2015**

**8:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. Masses at St. Vincent**

**LADIES AUXILIARY MEETING**

**Thursday, May 14, 2015**

**SHIELD DEADLINE**

**Friday, May 22, 2015**

**Officers Meeting**

**Note the Date Change**

**Tuesday, May 26, 2015**

**7:30 p.m.**

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## DEPUTY GRAND KNIGHT

If you are interested in becoming an officer this upcoming fraternal year, we are having nominations starting this month. Also please help us bring in new members by asking men at church if they are interested in becoming a knight. Get there name and phone number, and address. The membership team can help you with prompt contacting and getting a signed form 100. Soon the size of the form 100 will be reduced to half it's size, making it easy for us to carry one with us.

## ATTENDANCE DRAWING

Don Wieserski would have won \$15 at the April Meeting, had he been there. Pot rolls over to the May Meeting.

## LADY OF THE YEAR



Congratulations to our 2015 recipient, Cindy Podgorski, on receiving the *Ladies Auxiliary Lady of the Year Award*. Cindy has been an active member for many years and has chaired the Children's Christmas Party for the past 5 years. She participates in most council events, supports our Knights, runs the children's games at the summer picnic, volunteers to transport ladies, and helps with set up and clean up after meetings and events. Thank you, Cindy!!

## Nomination of Officers

During the May meeting, we will hold nominations for the Officer Positions for the 2015-2016 Fraternal Year. Any Third Degree member may hold office. The person nominated must be present to accept the nomination, or provide a written approval for nomination. If you would like to be nominated, please let a fellow Knight know. Elections will be held at the June Meeting.

## COFFEE & DONUTS PANCAKE BREAKFAST

There will be no Coffee & Donuts on May 3 as I am replacing it with the Pancake Breakfast. The date was changed due to the scheduling of a Farewell Party for Suzie Gordon on May 17th. The next K of C Coffee & Do-nuts will be held June 6.

## MAY BIRTHDAYS

02 James Linn  
 10 David Hopcroft  
 11 Rev. Ralph Cahover  
 12 Anthony Ritter  
 13 Larry Surratt  
 14 Matthew Ventimiglia  
 16 Matthew Skogland  
 21 Raymond Dulecki

## JUNE BIRTHDAYS

03 Gary Meerschaert  
 10 Darren Gray  
 11 Christopher Bliss  
 14 Ronnie Thompson  
 16 Rev. Robert Schaefer  
 17 Gary Puchalski  
 19 John Schroeder  
 20 James Wojciehowski  
 21 Mark Smith  
 23 Frederick Schanbeck  
 23 Thai Hung Nguyen  
 24 Michael Mandarino

## **Knights of Columbus "BENEFITS NEWS" LAWS and RULES of the ORDER!**

The laws and rules of our Order, as well as state (provincial) laws, specify that the Knights of Columbus may accept insurance applications only from Knights of Columbus members. As a member, you may apply for insurance on yourself, your wife and your dependent, minor children.

The Order's Board of Directors has taken action, though, to assure that a brother Knight's widow maintains the right to purchase additional insurance for a limited time. This can be of great benefit and comfort to those we leave behind.

This "right to apply" is available only to the widows of insured members. If a member has not availed himself of our top-rated life insurance program, or purchased an annuity or long-term care policy, Disability Insurance, this benefit is not available to his widow.

But if the member was an insured member, his widow has the right to apply for additional insurance on her life and on the lives of the member's minor children. This right can be exercised for up to one year following the Order's receipt of proof of the insured's death.

Know two things. First, I'll assist your widow and children in any way possible if you should die, both with your Knights of Columbus Insurance and any other life insurance you may have. Second, I'll provide them my best professional advice and service, to assure that they continue to have adequate insurance protection.

As a professional agent and a brother Knight, I have no greater responsibility.

**\*Receive a complete Family Needs Analysis at my expense.  
Ask about our GUARANTEED LIFE INSURANCE, ANNUITIES,  
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*In Christ,*

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***(Ladies Auxiliary Birthday Celebration at Bob Evans in April)***

## **PRAYER LIST**

Ed Adams, Valleria Alexander, Glenn Bessler, Gerald Bliss, Bea Boutillier, Mike Briggs, Nan Brown, Ann Brunk, 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, Paul Halkey, Rose Halkey, Shirley Jurek, Catherine Lesniak, Patti Lobos, 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, Joe Schanbeck, Patricia A. Scheid, Patricia M. Scheid, Marilyn Shaub, Christine Szeliga, Steve Szeliga, Mark Smith, Robert Stack, Lori Stack, Ronnie Thompson, GK, 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.

Richard A. Roeske a member of our K of C Family passed away recently. Also Glain Guilmette's brother Allen passed away recently. Keep them in your prayers.

Pray also for Fr. Steve Koehler, as his mother passed away last month.

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

## **HUMOR**

Lee and Eddy were in the jungle and as they came around the corner, they met a lion head on, pawing the ground. Eddy ever so carefully reached into his knapsack and slowly took out a set of Nike running shoes, never once breaking eye contact with the lion.

Lee hissed, "What are you doing? You can't outrun the lion."

Eddy replied, "no, but all I have to do is outrun you."

*--Submitted by Edward Indish of St. Clair Shores*

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