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# Happy Labor Day!

## THE GRAND KNIGHT'S REPORT

By Darren Gray

Brother Knights, I have to, once again, say that I am honored to have been elected as your new Grand Knight. Over the years, I have heard many stories regarding the history of our Council and the great many things that our Council does. And if I compare that to some of the stories that I hear from other councils that are struggling, it makes me proud to say that I am a member here. And even prouder to say that I am your Grand Knight. But let's be honest, our Council would be nothing without each and every one of you.

All that being said, I do have some things that I want to focus on during my time as Grand Knight. Number 1: Membership. I know this is cliché, but without members, our Council is nothing. Without new members, our Council will slowly die. Number 2: Fundraising. This HAS to be a priority. Otherwise, financially, we will not survive. We need to bring back to life some of our old fundraising Entertainment Books, Cheer Raffle, Garage Sale, etc.) as well as looking into some newer and different fundraising. I will be talking with the Ladies Auxiliary also to work together with them with some newer ideas. And Lastly, Programs: A lot of our programs have had the same Chairperson for a number of years. While I do NOT want to take away any programs from anyone, I think it is important for each program to have a backup person that could take over at a moments notice. So, if you chair a program, any program, please start looking for another Knight to help you with it this year. Let's make this next year a great year for the Fr. Heary Council. Vivat Jesus!

## CALENDAR FOR AUGUST

**Membership Meeting: Monday, August 6, 2012**  
 8:00 p.m. at the Council

**Installation of Officers: Monday, August 13, 2012**  
 7:00 p.m. at the Council

**Garage Sale: August 16-18, 2012 - All Day**  
**Coffee and Donuts: Sunday, August 19, 2012**  
 after 10:00 a.m. Mass at St. Vincent Ferrer Hall

**Council Picnic: Sunday, August 19, 2012**  
 2:00 p.m. at the Council

**Officers Meeting: Monday, August 27, 2012**  
 7:30 p.m. at the Council

## MEMBERSHIP NEWS

By Ron Thompson

Brothers, Vivat Jesus! Membership is so important to the growth of the Knights of Columbus. We have not had any new members join our order in some time. Let's focus on the next few months.

We get a rebate from KOC of \$5 this month and then \$4 followed by \$3 for the following months, just for bringing in new members. This was featured at a Diocese program at Sacred Heart in Detroit, where all the councils in the Archdiocese of Detroit gathered.

THE POWER OF ONE! This is a membership program that was shown to me on a video that is going to be used to increase our membership in the order. Recruit one new member per month per council.

This is a realistic goal that we can make to bring in some more new members. What do you think? Can we double or triple this? Yes we can! I have been asked by the Grand Knight to be our membership director this fraternal year. If we do the same old things, we will fail! Let's make this fun and bring in some new men to our order. At a recent coffee and donuts fellowship, I saw something that proves that the children of catholic families are a great way for the young family with kids to have us to be together to do things together as practical Catholics. What a great way to attract new members, Social events like the ice cream social, the K. of C. Family Picnic. The MI drives, making food baskets.

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## Deputy Grand Knight News

By Ron Thompson

Brothers, Vivat Jesus! As your Deputy Grand Knight I want to Thank You for electing the new officers. Our Grand Knight has asked me to be the membership director. I will need everyone's help as usual for Membership. Being second in charge I will be in training for taking over and running our business meetings in the absence of the Grand Knight.

It's a new fraternal year. Let us all pray for a great one.

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## Life in the Light

By Gary Lauenstein, CSsR  
(The Liguorian)

As an eighteen-year-old, Redemptorist Father Don MacLellan worked in a hard-rock mine. On a July afternoon at 2:00 p.m., the mine caved in. He and a couple of other men were trapped underground in the dark for thirty-two hours before they were rescued.

He looked at life very differently after that. A view of life from the perspective of eternity can be terrifying. It can also be clarifying.

Antonio Montesino was a Dominican friar who worked in Cuba 500 years ago. One Sunday he gave a scathing homily in which he told landowners they were in mortal sin for overworking the native people, for not giving them enough to eat, and for stealing their land. The outraged landowners marched directly to the friary to complain to the prior. The prior said the friars agreed with Father Antonio.

I wonder what those landowners think 500 years later - now that they've entered eternity and seen life in the light of God's truth, now that they've seen the consequences of their actions. If they didn't repent during their earthly lives, they may be wishing with eternal regret that they had. They may be wishing they had listened to someone like Antonio Montesino. Saint Ignatius of Loyola often asked people what decisions they would make if they were on their deathbed. From the perspective of eternity, what values would they wish they had lived, and what kind of life would have best helped them express those values?

Saint Francis of Assisi is said to have been hoeing his garden when someone asked him what he'd do if he knew it was his last hour on earth. He paused, then said, "I would keep hoeing my garden." He was able to say that because his life - like his garden - was in good order. How many of us can say the same?

Don MacLellan's thirty-two hours in a dark, collapsed mine helped him decide to become a priest. What would you change about your life if you knew today was to be your last day on earth? Would you continue hoeing your garden, or would there be for you - as there were for the landowners of Friar Antonio Montesino's time - situations of injustice you've tolerated as "normal" for too long?

What's your view of life from the perspective of eternity?

What would you like to change?

Now do it!

## LADIES AUXILIARY

By Janice Polan

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Thank you, Sue Landry, for your past service as President. Our prayers are with you for a speedy recovery from your broken leg accident. Thank you, also, to Lorraine Dulecki, for your past service as Vice President.

The Potluck and Chinese Auction at our June meeting was a success and I believe everyone had a fun time. I hope everyone cooled off in July at the Ice Cream Social.

Upcoming annual summer events in August for the Knights include a garage sale and picnic. I'm sure our support and participation would be greatly appreciated.

Our first meeting of the 2012/2013 year will be on Thursday, September 13. The new officers will be our hostesses. Remember to bring your annual dues in September.

Have a safe and enjoyable summer! Happy Birthday to our ladies with summer birthdays:

**Judy Schanbeck - June 17**  
**Sue Landry - June 21**  
**Jean Witkowski - June 23**  
**Lorraine Dulecki - July 15**  
**Helen Malega - July 27**  
**Genny Palazzola - August 12**

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## AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

### Brother Knights

**01 Edward Adams**  
**03 James McCarthy**  
**03 Michael Clay**  
**04 Charles Maloney**  
**04 Edward Poplawski**  
**08 Matthew Thomas**  
**09 Regis Welsh**  
**12 Anthony Bliss**  
**15 John Clay**  
**18 Ronald Bertolini**  
**19 James Green**  
**22 Paul Palmer**  
**23 Ken Podgorski, PGK**  
**23 Rick Moreyra**  
**25 Ken Witkowski**  
**26 Dr. Christopher Gorecki**  
**26 Edward Poplawski**  
**28 James Palmer**  
**30 Charles Hamilton**

## OUR FAMILY PICNIC

By Tony Bliss 248-224-4396  
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On Sunday, August 19, 2012 we will be having our annual Council Family Picnic from 2:00-7:00 p.m. at the Council Grounds. We'll be providing Burgers, Brats, Hot Dogs, Beverages, etc. There will also be Games and Family Fun. I consider this to be the most important activity of our Council; everything else we do stems from how much we pull together as a Family; Brothers and Sisters in Christ and how much we grow our Family so that we can continue to do our Charitable Works.

Please invite Family and Catholic Friends, this is the perfect activity for them to meet the Knights. Several have asked me if they can bring a side dish or a dessert. My reply is Thank you and Bless you.

I'll be calling through the Roster to personally invite every member to the picnic. You can save me a phone call by Texting or Calling me (or e-mailing me or FB'ing me) your RSVP with how many people that you think that you'll be bringing. I'm looking forward to seeing everyone on the 19th.

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## Program Director News

*Brother Knights, Vivat Jesus!*

I hope everyone is enjoying their summer and staying cool. August is a busy month. The Installation of Officers will be on August 13. Everyone is welcome to attend and show their support for the new officers. The Garage Sale will be going on from the 15-18 of August. This is our big fundraiser for the summer. If you have anything that can be sold, please contact an officer to have it dropped off at the garage. Many hands make for light work, so please try to allow some time to help for this event. And the Council Picnic will be on August 19. This will be an Open House event, so feel free to bring a guest along that may be interested in joining the Knights.

## PRAY FOR THE SICK AND IN DISTRESS

By Darren Gray

Joe Giuseppe Palazzola, Frank Meister, Marian Welsh, Patricia A. Scheid, Patricia M. Scheid (Ernie's daughter-in-law), Lawrence Bliss, Catherine Meadows, Robert Stack, Stella Ploskonka (Ron's mother), Sharon McCoy (Richard Witkowski's daughter), Maggie Meister, Wallis Flynn (Randy's son-in-law), Bill King (Randy's brother-in-law), Pat Marchesi (Frank's sister-in-law), Mimi Marchesi, Wanda Schram (Bernie Turchin's Aunt), Lee Ventimiglia, Matt Ventimiglia, Rob Persinger, Bea Boutillier (Tony's Aunt), Cathy Kreuger, Helen Malega, Charlie Maloney, Sue Landry, Leona Peklo, John Pollock (Ron Thompson's Brother-in-law).

Deceased: John Connolly, Della and Ernie Evans (Darren's Aunt and Uncle). 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 welcome 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.**

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## GARAGE SALE

By Jim Morrison

Our Garage Sale will be from August 16 through August 18. We will need help on Wednesday, August 15 to set up the tents for the sale. Also we will need help to bring the items out of the garage, which then will need to be priced and if necessary made presentable. Anyone who wishes to contribute items, please contact Jim Morrison at 248-585-2324. On Saturday, August 18, after twelve, we will have to put all the unsold items away in the garage. When St. Louise holds their Garage Sale, we will need help to load and unload all the unsold items at St. Louise.

## WE SHALL MEET AGAIN

If I should leave this world  
without a warning,  
and not even whisper a fond farewell,  
grieve not for one more message  
from the lips that God has stilled.  
But just remember me with love  
and prayers for my soul's journey  
to that fair land beyond life's tears.  
For I have believed with all my heart  
in its existence, and I know  
that God is good, for He has come to me  
through the life of Him  
whose very garment I have  
sought to touch.  
It may be lonely, and I hope you miss me  
just a little, because I have  
loved so deeply my own family  
and faithful friends.  
Forgive me if I have ever hurt you  
and remember me  
for what I longed to be.  
Have faith that I am nearer  
than your dreams and fondest longings.  
For the God of love  
shall keep all kindred spirits  
close together, though the misty vale be-  
tween this world and that to come.  
Keep us from each other's sight,  
for a few precious moments.  
Whisper softly that you love me  
and it shall linger on within my soul  
until you come. Say not goodbye,  
for on some tomorrow  
WE SHALL MEET AGAIN.

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## Request from your Grand Knight

Recently, I had a need to send out some information regarding a short movie that was filmed at our Council by the daughter of one of our Knights, Frank Marchesi. Due to the short time frame, I was not able to make many phone calls, and resorted to emails and a facebook posting. However, my email list is extremely short. My request is, if you have an email account, please let me know. You can email me at: gk7239@mikofc.org. Just include your name and the email address that you would like to have used. I promise that it will only be used for Council information.

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## CAN YOU HELP?

This is a reminder that we host the Coffee and Donuts at St. Vincent, after the 10 a.m. Mass on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of every month. At least until we start up the Pancake Breakfast again. I see quite a few Knights at the 10 a.m. Mass, so I am asking you for your help with these Coffee and Donuts. The more men that we have to help, the less work there would be. Think about it, if I had a list of six Knights that could help, you would only have to do it twice a year. 12 Knights = Once a year.

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<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> Membership Mtg.: 8 p.m.	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> Happy Birthday! Matthew Thomas	<b>9</b> Happy Birthday! Regis Welsh	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>
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