

# THE SHIELD

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## GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE

*By Ron Thompson*

Brothers,

We continue to have our meeting virtually, This Months meeting will remain the same way with the same format.

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Our Business meeting will be at 8pm on April 5 , 2021

The planning meeting will be at 7:30pm April 26,2021

Happy Easter!

Ronnie Thompson  
Grand Knight 7239

## PROGRAM DIRECTOR REPORT

*By Ken Podgorski, PGK, DGK*

Due to the Coronavirus, any upcoming events scheduled will be cancelled. Stay tuned with the Shield for information.

Bless those who risk their lives to help their community. Police, fire, doctors, nurses, EMTs, store associates, warehouse workers, and anyone else still work-

ing to make our daily lives better during this world-wide crisis.

Let us pray for those stricken with the virus and for the ones who have lost their battle with it, and their families. Together, we will get through this.

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Monday, April 5, 2021

Membership Meeting - 8:00 p.m.

**\*\* Meeting Online / Phone Call-In\*\***

Thursday, April 8, 2021

Ladies Auxiliary Meeting -- 7:00 p.m.

**\*\* Meeting Online \*\***

**Shield Deadline:**

**Sunday, April 18, 2021**

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**(Always 3rd Sunday of Month)**

**\*\* Planning Meeting \*\***

(All are welcome)

Monday, April 26, 2021 - 7:30 p.m.

**\*\* Meeting Online \*\***

**\*\* Find us on Facebook \*\***

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**LADIES AUXILIARY**

Hi Ladies,

Time marches on even in April.

The Ladies are doing a Meier gift card give-away called “Shop Til You Drop” for The Children’s Holy Cross basket raffle at Mackinaw Island in May. If the Knights have a convention.

Ladies don’t forget to run for office. We will be voting and electing new officers at our May meeting.

We need to pray for our prayer list.

Happy April Birthday! To all the Ladies!

Our next meeting is Thursday, April 8<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 P.M. Zoom by Mary.

Happy Easter!

Cindy Podgorski  
President

**CHAIRMAN NEWS**

I have no activities planned, but I do want to wish that everyone will be able to stay safe and get their vaccine injections..

James Morrison

**Happy  
Easter!**



**STAY SAFE,  
EVERYONE!**



## FINANCIAL SECRETARY REPORT

*By Craig Massman*

Nothing to report this month.

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## NEWSLETTER & WEBSITE UPDATES

*By Marianne Podgorski, Editor*

Just a reminder that any articles are due by the third Sunday of each month. I have an autoresponder set up to notify people via email when the Shield deadline is coming up. If you would like to be added to this notification, please drop me a line. If in doubt, send your article in early. It helps a great deal.

Future newsletters may only be available via email or the website. If you would like to be added to the email list to receive a pdf version of the newsletter, please send me your email address.

If you have been to the website lately, you will notice we are using the Knights of Columbus template. I would like to update the officer's page. Everyone listed there should have a head shot photo as well as a brief bio, which may include how long you have been a knight or why you joined the knights or any other information you would like visitors to know about you. Please send your pictures and bio's directly to me and I will update the page. In its current state, the council site looks unfinished.

Thank you.

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## PRAYER LIST

Clarence Bessler, Shirley Bliss, Callista Boleski, Jack Brehmer, John Brehmer, Mary Brehmer, Holly Bush, Bob Carlisle, Paige Chamberlain, Madeline Ford, Wallis Flynn, Jessie Giszczak, Paul Gray, Charlie Hamilton, Joanne Hamilton, Drew James, Mike Kapolka, Russel Kreinbring, Lori Leeman, Sharon McCoy, Maggie Meister, Dennis Menard, Rick Miller, Patricia Nixon, Ed Novak, Yvette Ploskonka Ed Poplawski, Norman Podgorski, Patricia Podgorski, Callista Polasek (Meister granddaughter), Chris Peterson, Richard Salvatore, Ernie Scheid, Patricia M. Scheid (Ernie's daughter-in-law), Dennis Szlag, Mel Szlag, Christine Tallman, Brenda Thomas, Donovan S. Turchin, John Turchin, Debbie Vaughn, Matt Ventimiglia, Greg Vetten, Regis Welsh, Jean Witkowski, Richard Witkowski.

**And please pray for all of the men and women of our Armed Services. Also please pray for the recently deceased, Dee Figg.**

**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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## Knights of Columbus “BENEFITS NEWS”

### *The Value of Membership Referrals*

As a professional insurance agent, one of the things I appreciate most is when one of my brother Knight clients or his wife refers another member to me. This is a great endorsement of the service I provided. It tells me that they were so pleased with what I helped them accomplish that they want me to help others achieve the safe level of financial safety and security. When I meet with you, please pass along the names of those who might be able to benefit from the analysis that I provide.

Similarly, there is no stronger membership recruiting tool than the referral. How many of us know an eligible Catholic male who is not a member of the Knights of Columbus? Do you have Catholic family or friends, local or not, who have yet to join? Most likely, they’ve never been asked and don’t know enough about the Order to seek out membership on their own.

If you have names of potential members, please pass them along to me or your Grand Knight. Let us know if we can use your name when we contact the gentlemen in question. It’s always more effective to tell a candidate for membership that he was recommended by a current member, especially someone he knows. Don’t worry if the candidate is outside the area I serve or beyond the district of the local councils, we can make sure we put these future members in touch with the right people in their communities.

New members are the lifeblood of the Order. All the good deeds done by the Order are driven by the members. Over the past decade, Knights have given more than \$1.75 billion to charity and provided in excess of 700 million hours of service. And our membership has merely scratched the surface in North America. Imagine the potential.

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### THE MUSE

*An Editor’s Exposé*

I want to take this time to personally thank the Knights of Columbus, Father Heary Council, for allowing me to put together this monthly newsletter. Who am I? Well, let me tell you a most wonderful story, friends.

For the past thirty years, I have crafted well-written stories and published over a handful of books. Living the dream here.

When I’m not working my day job, you can also find me with a camera around my neck doing photo shoots (events, portraits, pets, special occasions, products, you name it). And now I’m delving into the world of film. It’s a whole new ballpark now. You need photos or videos? Let’s talk.

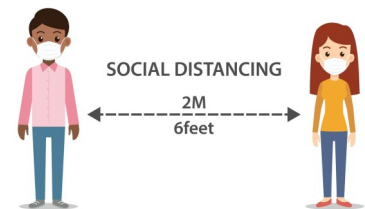
*Marianne Podgorski  
The Shield Editor*



### APRIL BIRTHDAYS

04/01	Silvio Marchesi
04/02	John Turchin, PGK
04/04	Thaddeus Zakrzewski
04/04	Robert Pasternak
04/05	Richard Witkowski
04/14	Marion Craig
04/19	Timothy Kujawa
04/22	John Hanser
04/27	Timothy Pompo

If we missed your birthday or the date is wrong, please email me at [editor@kofc7239.org](mailto:editor@kofc7239.org). Thanks.



# APRIL 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 Happy Birthday Silvio Marchesi	2 Happy Birthday John Turchin	3
4 Happy Birthday Thad Zakrzewski Robert Pasternak	5 8pm Member Mtg Happy Birthday Richard Witkowski	6	7	8 7pm Ladies Mtg	9	10
11	12	13	14 Happy Birthday Marion Craig	15	16	17
18 SHIELD DEADLINE	19 Happy Birthday Tim Kujawa	20	21	22 Happy Birthday John Hanser	23	24
25	26 7:30pm Planning Mtg	27 Happy Birthday Tim Pompo	28	29	30	

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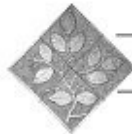
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