

THE SHIELD

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GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE

Ghost written by Shield Editor

Brother Knights,

Vivat Jesus!

REMINDER: April meeting with be on April 8th!!!! NOT April 1st.

Our worthy Grand Knight is still out of town, but here are some things that I am sure he would want to pass along.

We will be nominating officers for our next fraternal year at this meeting. Please consider serving as an officer for your council!!

The BIG event this month is the Cornhole Tournament at St. Vincent Ferrer on April 12th. We need to discuss the final details at the April meeting, so please plan to attend. And please plan to help and/or participate. At minimum, get the word out about this event.

We will also be discussing the Coffee and Donuts at St. Vincent. It has been suggested that, with the passing of Linda Karolski, may she rest in peace, we may want to fill the gap and take a more active role in this parish activity.

Lastly, we will need able bodied persons to help the Building Corp with their spring council clean-up on Saturday May 4th. There are several things that need to be done around the council and many hands make light work.

I wish all our members had a Happy Easter!!

Fraternally yours in Christ,

Samuel P. Lamerato
Grand Knight

Program Chairperson Report

By James Morrison

I do not have any activities planned for April. Dorothy and I want to wish everyone a very Happy Easter.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Monday, April 8, 2024

Note the Date Change!!!

Building Corp Meeting - 6:15 p.m.

Membership Meeting - 7:00 p.m.

**** Meeting In-Person at Council****

Thursday, April 11, 2024

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

**** Meeting In-Person at Council ****

Friday, April 12th, 2024

CORNHOLE TOURNAMENT

6:30pm – At St. Vincent Ferrer

Shield Deadline:

Sunday, April 21, 2024

editor@kofc7239.org

(Always 3rd Sunday of Month)

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LADIES AUXILIARY

Hi Ladies!

We want to thank Darren Gray and Knights for the St. Patrick's Day Dinner! Thanks to the Ladies who helped.

We will need gift cards for April's meeting for the Charity Raffle at Mackinaw. We need to bring in the rest of the gift baskets for the cornhole tournament by April's meeting.

Donations are still needed for St. Vincent De Paul.

Happy Anniversary to Nancy and Tim Oparka!

Please pray for our Prayer List.

Next Meeting is April 11th at 7:00 P.M. at the council. Hostesses are Marie Bessler, Earlene Carlisle, and Nancy Oparka.

Happy belated Easter!
 Happy Easter!

Cindy Podgorski
 President

CORN BEEF DINNER

I wanted to thank everyone who came out to the Corned Beef Dinner in March. While we had a lot of people missing, it was still a decent turnout and a nice evening. And I especially thank the Ladies Auxiliary for providing the sides and the plentiful amount of desserts. Hopefully, I did not disappoint anyone as the beef did not turn out quite as I expected. And thank you to Jim and Dorothy Morrison, providing dessert and the soda bread. And also Randy and Earlene for helping with the cleanup. If I missed anyone, I apologize.

Thank you!

Sincerely,
 Darren Gray
 PGK, FDD

Special Announcement

Congratulations to Past Grand Knight, Glain Guilmette for becoming a Great Grand Dad! Blessings to new great grand baby, Lainey Guilmette and the rest of the Guilmette family

Convention Delegate Elections Update

Congratulations on the Delegates for the 2024 Michigan State Council Convention. Your District Deputy looks forward to seeing you on the island.

1st Delegate – Sam Lamerato
2nd Delegate – Ron Thompson

1st Alternate – Ryan Thompson
2nd Alternate – Mario Lemon

Building Corp News

Several things in regards to the Building Corp:

1. Once again, if anyone has left over White or Off-White paint available that can be used to paint some of the outdoor items, please drop them off in front of the garage in the back.
2. **MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!!** Summer Clean up of the Council will be Saturday, May 4th. Planning on between 8am-Noon. Many hands make light work.
3. If we have enough garbage to get rid of, we will be loading it up on Saturday, May 11th for the Madison Heights Spring Clean-up Day. If you have a truck available, please let us know.

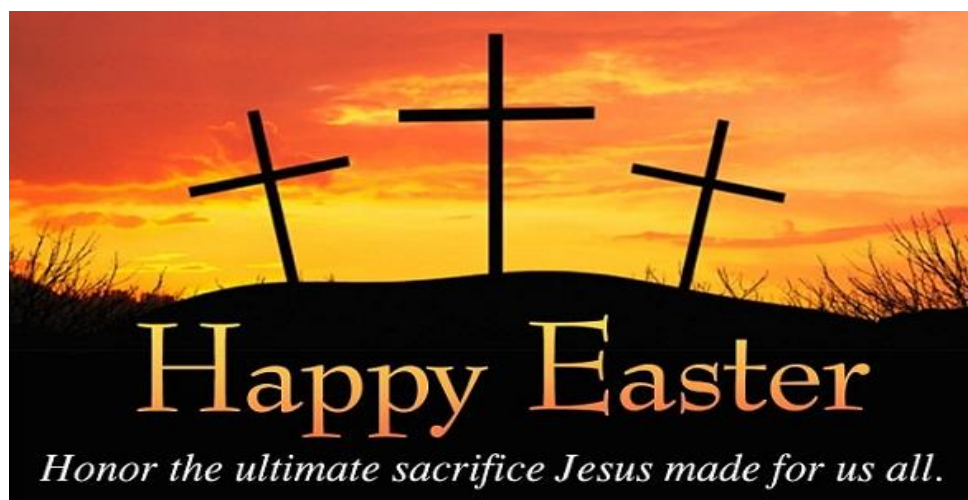
PRAYER LIST

Deloris Bail, Marie Bessler, Ann Brunk, Larry Bunting, Randy Carlisle, Stephen Claya (John Claya's Grandson), Doug Evans, Alexander Hopcroft, Shirley Hopcroft (Dave's Mother), Heather Lang, Edda Marchesi, Silvio Marchesi, Sharon McCoy (Ken Witkowski's Sister), Mary Jo Miles, Peter Miles, Ron Ploskonka, Yvette Ploskonka, Stefanie Olszewski, Ernie Schied, Marie Szlag, Tony Szeliga, Ronnie Thompson, Matt Ventimiglia, Regis Welsh, Jean Witkowski, Ken Witkowski.

NOTE: I have cleared out the Prayer List for the new year, except for those who have been added at the last meeting. If you wish to have someone added to this list, please send an email to: editor@kofc7239.org

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

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





Hosted by:

Fr. Heary K of C Council

Where: St. Vincent Ferrer - Social Hall 28353 Herbert St. Madison Heights, MI 48071

When: April 12th – Registration starts @ 6:30pm

Entry Fee \$30.00 Cash per player – Cost covers one Food & one Beverage item per player. Additional food and beverages available for purchase.

This is a blind draw Cornhole tournament

1st Place Cash Prize!

2nd Place Cash Prize!

3rd Place Entry Fee Returned!

There will be 50/50 drawings & gift basket raffles.

Please help make this a successful event for Fr. Heary K of C Council #7239 to support our 4 key principles: Charity, Unity, Fraternity & Patriotism.

Please share this flyer with friends and family. All are welcome.

Questions regarding this Cornhole tournament - Call Glain @ 586-876-3974

Sponsorships are welcome – Call 248-885-1847

Cornhole equipment & services provided by: Badges & Bags



APRIL BIRTHDAYS

- 04/02 John Turchin
- 04/04 Robert Pasternak
- 04/04 Thaddeus Zakrzewki
- 04/06 Darren Ambrosiewicz
- 04/14 William Baumgart
- 04/22 John Hanser
- 04/27 Timothy Pompo
- 04/30 Silvio Marchesi

**LADIES AUXILIARY
APRIL BIRTHDAYS**

None for April

If we missed your birthday or the date is wrong, please email me at editor@kofc7239.org . Thanks.

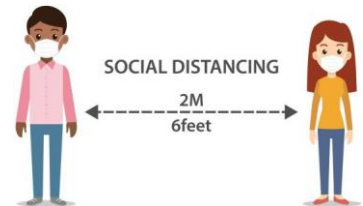
THE ROSARY

An Editor's Request

As we come out of the Lenten season, I think it's important to reflect on our journey. If you are not doing so, please consider taking out your Bible and your Rosary and say a special dedication to all that the Holy Spirit has graced you with over this Lenten time. God Bless and stay safe.

Darren Gray, PGK, FDD

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April 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2 Happy Birthday John Turchin	3	4 Happy Birthday Robert Pasternak Thaddeus Zakrzewski	5	6 Happy Birthday Darren Ambrosiewicz
7	8 <i>6:15pm Building Corp 7pm Member Mtg</i>	9	10	11 <i>7pm Ladies Aux Mtg At Council</i>	12 <i>6:30pm Cornhole Tourney At St. Vincent</i>	13
14 Happy Birthday William Baumgart	15	16	17	18	19	20
21 SHIELD DEADLINE	22 Happy Birthday John Hanser	23	24	25	26	27 Happy Birthday Timothy Pompo
28	29	30 Happy Birthday Silvio Marchesi				

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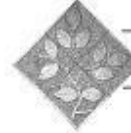
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