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GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE By Ron Thompson

Brother Knights, Vivat Jesus.

There are several events taking place this month, with many opportunities to help out our council. December is the month that the Knights really shine, please consider joining us at our monthly meeting.

Please RSVP for the Children's Christmas party. We will be shopping at Meijer for Christmas for the MRAW, then wrapping up the gifts to distribute at the various Christmas parties planned. We will celebrate Light Up for Christ outside at the council with hot chocolate and singing Christmas carols. The Ladies Christmas potluck and Chinese Auction will be held this month. The next day will be the Knights Adult Christmas Party. Lastly, we will need help to pack and deliver the Christmas baskets.

I would like to wish everyone a Very Merry Christmas, and a Blessed New Year!

PROGRAM DIRECTOR REPORT By Ken Podgorski, PGK, DGK

Brother Knights, Merry Christmas. As we begin our busiest of all months, I ask you to consider joining us. We will be Christmas shopping at Meijer for MRAW. Please come and join us for the "Light up for Christ Night" at the council on Tuesday December 4th at 7:30 pm. The Ladies Christmas potluck and Chinese Auction will be held on Thursday December 13th at 6:00 pm. ADULT CHRISTMAS PARTY and CHEER RAFFLE Friday, December 14th at 7:00 p.m. Please support us with the Christmas Basket Program. The Children's Christmas party will be on Saturday December 8th, 1 – 3 pm, if going contact Cindy Podgorski @ 586-202-1038 or Janice Polan @ 248-585-1573.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Monday, December 3, 2018 Building Corporation Meeting - 7:00 p.m. Membership Meeting - 8:00 p.m.

> Tuesday, December 4, 2018 Light Up for Christ - 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, December 8, 2018 Children's Christmas Party - 1:00 p.m.

Thursday, December 13, 2018 - 6:00 p.m. Ladies Christmas Potluck & Chinese Auction

Friday, December 14, 2018 - 7:00 p.m. Adult Christmas Party & Cheer Raffle

Shield Deadline: Sunday, December 16, 2018 editor@kofc7239.org (Always 3rd Sunday of Month)

Tuesday, December 25, 2018 CHRISTMAS DAY

** Planning Meeting **
(All are welcome)
Wednesday, January 2, 2019 - 7:30 p.m.

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LADIES AUXILIARY

Hi Ladies,

December is a busy month! Lots of parties! But first, we have shopping to do for the MRAW on December 1st - Saturday at Meijers on 13 mile rd. between John R. and Dequindre from 7 a.m. - 9 a.m. The gift wrapping for it is around the same time, 7 am. - 10 a.m. at the Venetian at John R. and 12 mile.. The light up for Christ is December 4th at 7:30 p.m. at the council. The Children,s Christmas Party is on December 8th - Saturday, at the council, from 1 p.m.-3 p.m.. The Ladies Christmas Chinese Auction/Potluck is December 13th at 6:00 p.m. at the council. The Knights Adult Christmas party is December 14th at 7:00 p. m. at the council. Please join the festivities. Oh what fun it is!

I want to thank the Ladies for the donated sweatshirts for Holy Cross Children's Services, and a special thanks to the anonymous Knight's wife who donated money for the sweatshirts. Wonderful! Thank You all!

Pray for Pat Nixon. The last I heard she is doing better. We were so glad to see Yvette at the last Ladies meeting. Prayers do work! Let's continue our prayers for those in need and for all.

Happy December Birthdays! Paula Bliss (13th) and Krys Higgins (29th). The next meeting is December 13th at 6:00 p.m. and will be the Chinese auction/potluck. So please bring a dish to pass and a gift for the auction.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Cindy Podgorski President

BY-LAW CHANGE PROPOSAL

To decrease the Initiation Fee for new members from the present \$35 to \$15.

Proposers: Anthony Bliss FA/ PGK, Darren Gray FS/ PGK



FINANCIAL SECRETARY REPORT

By Darren Gray, FS

None this month..

ANNUAL CHRISTMAS BASKETS

By Craig Massman

It's that time of year again... our Annual Christmas Basket Campaign. I will be chairing the event this year. I am asking for your continued support and cooperation in making this project a success. I ask that you sign-up to purchase a specific item and deliver them to our K. of C. Hall. This will be a huge help. We understand the expense and since we need approximately 30 of each item you may want to consider joining with a fellow knight and purchase an item. I would like to provide each family with \$15 worth of gift certificates in \$5 increments. For those families with a large number of members I would like to provide extra gift certificates. So any cash donation you could make would be greatly appreciated. The list of items needed is below. Please let me know which item you selected by either emailing me at craigmassman@gmail.com or leaving a message on my cell phone at 586.506.8077 so we don't have any duplicate items purchased. The food baskets will be packed during the day on Friday, December 15 and delivered on Saturday December 16 starting at 9:00 AM. If you can help deliver I would ask that you arrive at the Counsel hours between 8 - 8:30 AM

Can of tuna fish

Jar of spaghetti sauce

Bag of cookies

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. Despite my best intentions, articles continue to be arriving in my inbox later than the deadline. Due to my increased hours working for Amazon, I have limited availability to work on the newsletter so I would appreciate everyone adhering to the deadline. Thanks to those that already do. If in doubt, send your article in early. It helps a great deal.

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.



PRAYER LIST

Don Bessler, Bishop Cistone of Saginaw, Shirley Bliss, Callista Boleski, Bob Brunk, Bob Carlisle, Paige Chamberlain, Dee Figg, Madeline Ford, Wallis Flynn, Jessie Giszczak, Glain A. Guilmette, Shawn Guilmette, Russel Kreinbring, Lori Leeman, Rachel McLaughlin, Sharon McCoy, Frank Meister, Maggie Meister, Dennis Menard, Ed Novak, Joe Palazzola, Yvette Ploskonka Ed Poplawski, Norman Podgorski, Patricia Podgorski, Callista Polasek (Meister granddaughter), Chris Peterson, Sherri Primeau (Darren's mother-in-law), Patricia M. Scheid (Ernie's daughter-in-law), Michael Studebaker, Dennis Szlag, Mel Szlag, Christine Tallman, Brenda Thomas, Donovan S. Turchin, Debbie Vaughn, Matt Ventimiglia, Greg Vetten, Marian Welsh, 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.

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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In Christ,

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DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

12/07 Frank Haranczak

12/11 Edward Castillo

12/16 John Marchesi

12/17 Dennis Menard

12/27 Ernest Scheid

12/27 Jim Morrison, PGK,FDD

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

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An Editor's Exposé

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2	3 7pm Bld. Corp. Mtg 8pm Member Mtg	4 7:30pm Light Up For Christ	5	6	7 Happy Birthday Frank Haranczak	8 1pm Children's Christmas Party
9	10	11 Happy Birthday Edward Castillo	12	13 6pm Ladies Potluck Dinner/Chin. Auct. Happy Birthday Paula Bliss	7pm Adult Christmas Party/Cheer Raffle	15
16 SHIELD DEADLINE Happy Birthday John Marchesi	17 Happy Birthday Dennis Menard	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27 Happy Birthday Ernest Scheid Jim Morrison	28	29 Happy Birthday Krys Higgins
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