

# THE SHIELD

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## GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE

*By Ron Thompson*

Brother Knights, Vivat Jesus,

There are several events taking place this month. There are many opportunities to help with charitable activities. December is our month that the Knights really shine, please consider joining us at our monthly meeting on Monday December 2nd at 8p.m. On Tuesday December 3rd we will **celebrate Light Up for Christ** outside at the council with hot chocolate and singing of Christmas carols. Please be sure to RSVP for the Children's Christmas party.

On Saturday December 7th we will be **shopping at Meijer for Christmas for the MRAW**. Then going to the Venetian Club for the wrapping up the gifts to distribute at the various Christmas parties planned. Thursday December 12th The Ladies Christmas potluck and Chinese Auction will be held. The next day on Friday December 13th 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 that you consider joining us this month. December is the month that the Knights really shine. We will be shopping at Meijer for Christmas for MRAW, to pass out at the various Christmas parties planned. Please come and join us for the "Light up for Christ Night" at the council on Tuesday December 3rd at 7:30 pm. The Ladies Christmas potluck and Chinese Auction will be held on Thursday December 12th at 6:00 pm. **ADULT CHRISTMAS PARTY and CHEER RAFFLE** Friday, December 13th at 7:00 p.m. Please support us with the Christmas Basket Program.

The Children's Christmas party will be on Sunday December 15th from 2 – 4 pm, if going contact Cindy Podgorski @ 586-202-1038 or Janice Polan @ 248-585-1573.

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Monday, December 2, 2019  
Building Corporation Meeting - 7:00 p.m.  
Membership Meeting - 8:00 p.m.

Tuesday, December 3, 2019  
Light Up For Christ -- 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, December 7, 2019  
Shopping for the MRAW at Meijer

Thursday, December 12, 2019  
Ladies Potluck & Chinese Auction -- 6 p.m.

Friday, December 13, 2019  
Adult Christmas Party & Cheer Raffle -- 7 p.m.

**Children's Christmas Party**  
**2:00 -- 4:00 p.m.**  
**And Shield Deadline:**  
**Sunday, December 15, 2019**  
**[editor@kofc7239.org](mailto:editor@kofc7239.org)**  
**(Always 3rd Sunday of Month)**

**\*\* Planning Meeting \*\***  
(All are welcome)  
Monday, December 30, 2019 - 7:30 p.m.

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

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**LADIES AUXILIARY**

December is such a busy month in a good way!

Shopping for the MRAW is December 7<sup>th</sup> at Meijers on 13 Mile Rd. at 7a.m. Food gift boxes are being packed on December 20<sup>th</sup>.

We have the Ladies Chinese Auction/Potluck Dinner December 12<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. Bring a gift to auction off. The Knight's Christmas Party is the 13<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. Bring a \$10 gift each for a man and a woman.

The Children's Christmas Party is at the council on December 15, 2019 -Sunday from 2p.m.-4p.m. All the Knights families and children 0-12 years old are invited from our council. Teens 13-17 years old are welcome. If you plan on coming, please fill out the Christmas flyer and return it to:

Cindy Podgorski, 3030 Breen Rd., Emmett, MI 48022

or Email at [clpstreet@yahoo.com](mailto:clpstreet@yahoo.com) or call (text) 586-202-1038.

We need to pray for our prayer list.

Happy December Birthday to Krys Higgins (29)!

Our next meeting is December 12th at 6:00 P.M. The Ladies Chinese Auction/Potluck dinner.

Merry Christmas!

Cindy Podgorski  
President

**MRAW SHOPPING & GIFT WRAPPING**

*By Mel Szlag*

**BROTHER KNIGHTS PLEASE HELP THIS EVENT  
SPONSORED BY YOUR MADISON HEIGHTS KNIGHTS OF  
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Bring your family and friends and help us purchase items to be distributed to the developmentally disabled at Christmas parties. Over 500 gifts need to be purchased and wrapped that will be distributed to over 225 people during the Christmas holidays.

**When:** Saturday, December 7, 2019 at 7:00 a.m. sharp

**Where:** MEIJER at 13 Mile Road east of John R – west entrance

**Wrap:** Venetian Club at 29310 John R north of 12 Mile Road

**2019 HOLIDAY EVENTS FOR THE DEVELOPMENTALLY DISABLED SPONSORED BY THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FR. JAMES HEARY COUNCIL # 7239 MADISON HEIGHTS (MI = MENTALLY IMPAIRED)**

**Christmas Shopping At MEIJER In Madison Heights - 228 MI**

Date: Saturday, December 7, 2019 from 7:00a.m till 9:00a.m.  
At: 13 Mile Road East Of John R Road In Madison Heights  
Task: Purchase approx, 800 items/gifts (\$8,000 to \$10,000) for distribution at Christmas parties

**Christmas Wrapping At Venetian Club In Madison Heights – 228 MI**

Date: Saturday, December 7, 2019 from 7:00a.m till 10:00a.m.  
At: 29310 John R North Of 12 Mile Road in Madison Heights  
Task: Wrap, tag, box over 800 items/gifts for distribution at Christmas parties

**Families Exploring Down Syndrome Annual Christmas Party - 61 MI**

Date: Saturday, December 14, 2019 from 12:00p.m till 3:00p.m.  
At: Venetian Club, just north of 12 Mile Road in Madison Heights  
For: babies to children 15 years of age – 36MI  
Task: distribute individually wrapped gifts and provide Santa at 12:45pm  
Note: party for ages 16 +at Christ United Methodist Church on 1/10/19–  
25 MI

**Christmas For Pre-Primary Impaired/Transition – 15 MI**

Date: Friday, December 13, 2019 from 1:30p.m till 3:00p.m.  
At: Simonds Elementary Learning Center at 30000 Rose in Madison Heights  
Task: Distribute individually wrapped gifts, provide Santa at 1:30pm

**Christmas Party For Early On Children – 33 MI**

Date: Friday, December 13, 2019 from 9:00a.m till 10:30a.m.  
At: District Administration Building Early Childhood Center At 31201 Dorchester In Madison Heights  
Task: Distribute individually wrapped gifts, Provide Santa at 9:00am

**Parents Who Care Christmas Party For Bowlers And Cleave Group Home – 60 MI**

Date: Saturday, December 21, 2019 from 12:00 p.m till 3:00p.m.  
At: St. Vincent Ferrer Social Hall at 1035 E. Gardenia in Madison Hts.  
Task: distribute wrapped gifts, provide meals, DJ for dancing and Santa Eat at 12noon, dj at 12:30pm, Elvis at 1:00pm, Santa at 2:00pm

**Lamphere Center And Page Christmas Party - 54 MI**

**Lamphere Cognitively/Emotionally Impaired – 7 MI (new)**

Date: Thursday, December 19, 2019 from 11:00a.m till 2:00p.m.  
At: 29685 Tawas Street in Madison Heights  
Task: Distribute individual wrapped gifts, DJ, dinner, entertainment,  
Santa  
Eat at 11:15am, DJ at 11:45, Santa at 12:30pm  
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**PRAYER LIST**

Cindy Bertolini, Clarence Bessler, Don Bessler, Shirley Bliss, Callista Boleski, John Brehmer, Mary Brehmer, Holly Bush, Bob Carlisle, Paige Chamberlain, Madeline Ford, Wallis Flynn, Jessie Giszczak, Charlie Hamilton, Joanne Hamilton, Drew James, Mike Kapolka, Russel Kreinbring, Lori Leeman, Sharon McCoy, Maggie Meister, Dennis Menard, Rick Miller, Ed Novak, Yvette Ploskonka Ed Poplawski, Norman Podgorski, Patricia Podgorski, Callista Polasek (Meister granddaughter), Chris Peterson, Richard Salvatore, 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, Richard Salvatore's father.**

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



## Knights of Columbus “BENEFITS NEWS”

### “LTC Is an Important Piece of the Puzzle”

#### NOVEMBER IS LONG TERM CARE AWARENESS MONTH

There are many financial consultants and retirement authorities who emphasize the need for a long-term care (LTC) product for estate preservation and family protection. While many commercial life insurance companies have gotten out of the long-term care business, the Knights of Columbus considers LTC a very important piece of the family protection puzzle. The Order has been actively offering our members this product for nearly 19 years without a premium increase on current policyholders. Members who wisely purchased an LTC plan from the Knights in 2000 are still paying the same premiums today. Even better, our LTC coverage is backed by the full strength of the Order, which remains rooted in our strong Catholic values. Talk about stability when it counts.

If we have not spoken about your need for LTC coverage in your family portfolio, please take some time out of your schedule to meet with me. Remember, long-term care policies are underwritten based on your health, and you most likely will never be any healthier than you are today.

**\*Receive a complete Family Needs Analysis at my expense.**

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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 James Morrison, PGK

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

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*An Editor's Exposé*

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# DECEMBER 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2 7pm Bld. Corp. Mtg 8pm Member Mtg	3 7:30pm Light Up For Christ	4	5	6	7 7am Shopping for MRAW  Happy Birthday Frank Haranczak
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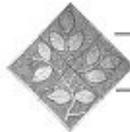
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