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GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE

By Ron Thompson

2020 is off and running. Happy Groundhogs Day and Valentines Day. Let's keep focusing on Membership. Let's stop recruiting new members, instead we can now invite all Catholic men over the age of 18 to come and join us. Let's remember, we a Catholic family organization, invite them and their family to come and see what we do. We have a need to find the next generation of members. Back when we started up our council, we were young, I was in High School. Now I'm your Grand Knight. I was asked to join the KofC right after going thru the RCIA program at St. Vincent Ferrer. Why did you become a knight? Everyone has their own story. The new ceremonials for the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd degrees are now all in one! They can be held in our house with their family or in the social hall if we get that approved by our pastor. The secret of the KNIGHTS is no longer, "secrecy" At our Diocesan meeting in January, held in the social hall of the St. Lawrence K of C center, I witnessed the new degree presentation by the State officers.

Our candidate still needs to go thru and any other brother knight who is a 1st degree member can now become a full Knight in less than an hour.

E-membership at the kofc.org is available for signing up as Knight. Times are changing and we are also making changes for the greater good.

PROGRAM DIRECTOR REPORT

By Ken Podgorski, PGK, DGK

February is going to be a fairly uneventful month other than the Officers Bowling Tournament on the 8th in Flint. I am also looking for someone to cook the Corned Beef/Cabbage Dinner for our Annual St. Patrick's Day Dinner in March. Tony Bliss volunteered to do the KofC 41st Anniversary dinner in April.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Monday, February 3, 2020
Building Corporation Meeting - 7:00 p.m.
Membership Meeting - 8:00 p.m.

Saturday, February 8, 2020
Coffee & Donuts
After the 8:00 am Mass

Thursday, February 13, 2020
Ladies Auxiliary Meeting -- 7:00 p.m.

Shield Deadline:
Sunday, February 16, 2020
editor@kofc7239.org
(Always 3rd Sunday of Month)

**** Planning Meeting ****
(All are welcome)
Monday, February 24, 2020 - 7:30 p.m.

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

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LADIES AUXILIARY

Hi, Ladies!

February here we are. The Ladies have decided to have a Meier gift card give-away for The Children's Holy Cross basket raffle at Mackinaw Island in May. It will be funded by the Ladies and Knights. The Ladies voted to have the Birthday dinner in May instead of April. Due to our Birthday dinner in April would have landed on Holy Thursday. So, there will be no Ladies meeting in April either. The Birthday Dinner will again this year be at the Madhouse on Thursday, May 14th at 6:00 p.m..

We need to pray for our prayer list.

Happy February Birthdays to Mary Lou Stema (11), Cindy Podgorski (16), and Stefanie Olszewski (18)!

Our next meeting is Thursday, February 13th at 7:00 P.M. The hostesses are Earlene Carlisle and Lisa Gray.

Happy Valentine's Day!

Cindy Podgorski
President

2020 State Convention Nomination of Delegates

This year's State Convention will be held at Mackinac Island on May 21-May 23, 2020. Please be advised that the convention delegates and alternates are to be elected at a regularly scheduled business meeting conducted during the month of February. We should send two delegates to the Convention as this is a voting year.

Ron Thompson
Grand Knight



FINANCIAL SECRETARY REPORT

By Darren Gray, FS

None this month..

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

Cindy Bertolini, Clarence Bessler, Don Bessler, Paula Bliss, Shirley Bliss, Callista Boleski, John Brehmer, Mary Brehmer, Holly Bush, Bob Carlisle, Paige Chamberlain, Dee Figg, 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”

Insurance check-up for 2020

I hope that 2019 was a healthy, prosperous year for you and your family. It's said that time flies, and the older we get, the more that statement seems true. As we review the past year and prepare to welcome a new one, we wonder where the time goes.

If you're like most people, you've made some resolutions for 2020. If I may, I'd like to make two suggestions regarding your resolutions. First, write them down. A resolution is really a goal for the year and, until you commit a goal to writing, it's nothing more than a wish. Writing a resolution down is the first step towards achieving it. Whether your goal is to lose weight, contribute more time and money to charity, read more or watch less television, you're more likely to accomplish it if you write it down.

Second, schedule some time to visit with me, your professional Knights of Columbus insurance agent. The “insurance check-up” that I'll provide (free of charge, by the way!) will quickly identify any gaps in your family's life insurance program. And you'll want to fill those gaps now, not later. Because unlike many other products, you need more than money to obtain life insurance. You also need good health, and no one will ring a bell warning you when your health is about to change.

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

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In Christ,

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THE MUSE *An Editor's Exposé*

A few things this month:

1. Is anyone interested in having their house (with a basement) in a short horror film? Or know anyone who might? Three day shoot in the spring. Contact me to discuss details. Also looking for a drone operator for said film.

2. As a writer, I am always looking for new ways to get to know people and to interact with my readers. This Valentine's Day, get a special gift for your loved one with a customized horror, science fiction, or fantasy story. You provide the details. I'll craft an award-winning tale centered around you and your significant other. I can guarantee this won't be like any lover's gift they will ever receive. Get in touch with me today to discuss your needs. Not only do you get to design your perfect story, you choose the price! What a deal.

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FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

02/01 Francis LaPointe
02/06 Frederick Greaves
02/08 Ibezi-Eneno Alexander
02/08 Louis Longo II
02/10 Joseph Marchesi
02/10 Edward Novak
02/10 Craig Massman
02/13 Timothy Morton
02/21 John Brehmer
02/23 William Hughes
02/24 Kevin Gruse
02/25 Scott Wesierski

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

FEBRUARY 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 Happy Birthday Earlene Caslisle
2 	3 7pm Bld. Corp. Mtg 8pm Member Mtg	4	5	6 Happy Birthday Frederick Greaves	7	8 Happy Birthday Ibezi-Eneno Alexander Louis Longo II
9 Happy Birthday Joseph Marchesi Edward Novak Craig Massman	10	11 Happy Birthday Mary Lou Stema	12	13 7pm Ladies Aux. Meeting Happy Birthday Timothy Morton	14 	15
16 SHIELD DEADLINE Happy Birthday Cindy Podgorski	17 	18 Happy Birthday Stefanie Olszewski	19	20	21 Happy Birthday John Brehmer	22
23 Happy Birthday William Hughes	24 7:30pm Planning Mtg Happy Birthday Kevin Gruse	25 Happy Birthday Scott Wesierski	26	27	28	29

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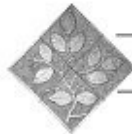
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