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## GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE

*By Ron Thompson*

Brother Knights,

February meeting will be virtual. I was told by our Recording Secretary that last meeting went well on this platform I've been using for free. I believe soon we will be able to meet in person. When? I'm thinking it could be this year. The State convention is set up this year at Mackinaw Island on Wednesday May 26 thru Friday May 28 in the morning. This is a change made by the State Council. It is going to be held at the Grand Hotel. Last year it turned to virtual and Darren and I virtually. The State Council has requested that we vote on who will be our delegates. I'm hopeful that we will be able to send 2 delegates to the convention this year. Please attend this important business meeting to help us elect who will go this year.

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Our Business meeting will be at 8pm on February 1, 2021  
The planning meeting will be at 7:30pm February 22, 2021

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 working to make our daily lives better during this worldwide crisis.

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Monday, February 1, 2021  
Membership Meeting - 8:00 p.m.  
**\*\* Meeting Online / Phone Call-In\*\***

Thursday, February 11, 2021  
Ladies Auxiliary Meeting -- 7:00 p.m.  
**\*\* Meeting Online \*\***

**Shield Deadline:**  
**Sunday, February 21, 2021**  
**[editor@kofc7239.org](mailto:editor@kofc7239.org)**  
**(Always 3rd Sunday of Month)**

**\*\* Planning Meeting \*\***  
**(All are welcome)**  
Monday, February 22, 2021 - 7:30 p.m.  
**\*\* Meeting Online \*\***

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

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**LADIES AUXILIARY**

We were saddened by the passing of our past Ladies Auxiliary member Dee Figg. Her Family is in our thoughts and prayers. She will be missed!

We had a good January meeting. Discussed were the charities we gave to and of course the corona virus vaccine. We need to discuss more on charities in February.

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 11th at 7:00 P.M. The meeting will be a zoom meeting hosted by Mary Thompson.

Happy Valentine's Day!

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

**RESOLUTION**

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT FR. HEARY COUNCIL 7239 ALLOCATE \$700.00 EACH TO TWO DELEGATES TO ATTEND THE 2021 CONVENTION ON MACKINAC ISLAND MAY 26,27 AND 28, 2021**

**SUBMITTED BY:**

**Ronnie Thompson and Ken Podgorski**



Happy  
Valentine's Day!



## FINANCIAL SECRETARY REPORT

*By Craig Massman*

The dues invoices have gone out. I have 3 members that I was not able to deliver their dues. I was hoping someone may know them and would provide contact information for them. Their names are:

- Timothy Morton
- Michael Laurencelle
- Kevin Pawtowski

## 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

Clarence Bessler, Shirley Bliss, Callista Boleski, John Brehmer, Mary Brehmer, Holly Bush, Bob Carlisle, Paige Chamberlain, Dee Figg, 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, 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.**

**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”

### Update Your Beneficiaries

Sometimes it is easy to overlook the simplest of things. Take, for example, the beneficiaries on your life insurance policies. If your policy was applied for and issued several years ago, it may very well be that the person you originally selected as the beneficiary is no longer the person you would want to receive the policy proceeds. If you bought the policy when you were single, for example, you may have named your parents as beneficiaries. If you have since married, your policies should be updated to reflect your spouse as beneficiary. Maybe you’ve had children since, who are not named on the policies.

Most people list a primary beneficiary, who is specifically designated as the first in priority to receive policy proceeds. We also encourage the naming of a contingent beneficiary, an alternate person designated to receive policy proceeds, usually in the event that the original beneficiary pre-deceases the insured.

I routinely call all of my policyholders for annual review appointments, usually near the anniversary date of your policy – that is, the date it was originally issued. One of the matters that I’ll discuss during this review is the status of your beneficiary designations. If they need updating, and they often do, I can complete the paperwork during that appointment.

I look forward to meeting with each of you to discuss your family’s needs.

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

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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.

I just recently turned the big Five-O. For the past thirty years, I have crafted well-written stories and published over a handful of books. One non-fiction under my own name, one fantasy novel (M.A. Donovan), two non-fiction and five fiction books (Shelby Patrick). Living the dream here.

When I’m not working my day job at Amazon, 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.

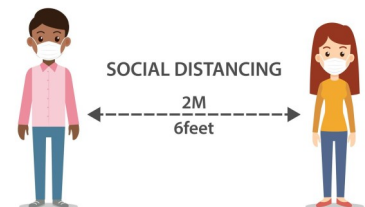
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### FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

02/01 Francis LaPointe  
02/06 Frederick Greaves  
02/08 Alexander Ibezi-Eneno  
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 2021

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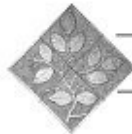
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