

# THE SHIELD

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## GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE

*By Glain Guilmette*

Brother Knights,

Vivat Jesus!

In February, we have to nominate Delegates to the State Council Convention on Mackinaw Island at our business meeting on Feb. 7<sup>th</sup>, 2022. Anyone interested in being a Delegate, contact me at 586-419-4641.

We also have the Officers Bowling Tournament.

I look forward to seeing all of our members at our February Business meeting!

Yours in Christ,

Glain C. Guilmette  
Grand Knight

## EDITORS MESSAGE

*By Darren Gray, PGK, FDD*

Brother Knights,

I have agreed to take over the job as Editor for the Shield. I want to thank Marianne Podgorski for handling this responsibility over the last several years. This is no easy task.

That said, most everything will stay the same. Please continue to send articles to: [editor@kofc7239.org](mailto:editor@kofc7239.org) and they are still due by the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month. If you would like a reminder, please send me your email address.

## PROGRAM DIRECTOR REPORT

*By Ken Podgorski, PGK, DGK*

No article this month

Bless those who risk their lives to help their community. Police, fire, doctors, nurses, EMTs, store associates, Amazon workers, and anyone else still working to make our daily lives better during this worldwide crisis.

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Monday, February 7, 2022  
Membership Meeting - 7:00 p.m.  
**\*\* Meeting In-Person at Council\*\***

**\*\* Planning Meeting \*\***  
(All are welcome)  
Monday, February 14, 2022 - 7:00 p.m.  
**\*\* Meeting In-Person at Council \*\***

Thursday, February 10, 2022  
Ladies Auxiliary Meeting -- 7:00 p.m.  
**\*\* Meeting In-Person at Council \*\***

**Shield Deadline:**  
**Sunday, February 20, 2022**  
**[editor@kofc7239.org](mailto:editor@kofc7239.org)**  
**(Always 3rd Sunday of Month)**

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**LADIES AUXILIARY**

Hi Ladies!

We had a good January zoom meeting. Hope we meet in person in February. Keep you posted.

We need to pray for our prayer list.

Happy January Birthdays to: Mary Lou Stema (11), Cindy Podgorski (16)!

Our next meeting is Thursday, February 10<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 P.M. The hostesses are Lisa Gray and Janice Polan.

Happy Valentine's Day!

Cindy Podgorski  
 President

**CHAIRMAN NEWS**

I don't have any activities planned for this month. I pray that everyone stays safe from the flu and the virus throughout the year.

Sincerely,  
 Jim Morrison

**SPECIAL BIRTHDAY WISH**

We do not normally point out special birthdays. They are just listed on the calendar or on the last page. However, it was brought to my attention that one of the Ladies has a very important birthday this month, so if you see Mary Lou Stema around, make sure to wish her a Happy Birthday!

Sincerely,  
 Darren Gray



## FINANCIAL SECRETARY REPORT

*By Craig Massman*

None this month..

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### February Meeting Elections

At the February Meeting, we will be electing Delegates for the 2022 Michigan Convention. This is a very important election as these delegates are OUR voice at the State Convention.

Vivat Jesus!

## PRAYER LIST

Paul Halkey, Mike Higgins,  
Silvio Marchesi, Yvette  
Ploskonka, Ken Podgorski,  
Norman Podgorski, Patricia  
Podgorski, Marie Szlag, Jeanette  
Szeliga, Tony Szeliga, Matt  
Ventimiglia, Regis Welsh, Jean  
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](mailto: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 list.**



. HAPPY.  
Valentine's  
Day

## 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.

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### **THE ROSARY**

*An Editor’s Request*

As we enter our 2<sup>nd</sup> year of dealing with the Coronavirus pandemic, I would like to request that each Knight take out their rosary and prayer a special dedication to the ending of this pandemic. I am sure most of you are doing this already, but if you’re not, please do. God Bless and stay safe.

*Darren Gray, PGK, FDD*

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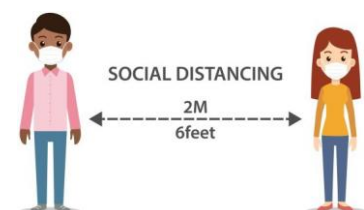
### **FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS**

**02/04 Bill Peasley**  
**02/06 Fredrick Greaves**  
**02/08 Jeremy Bliss**  
**02/08 Alexander Ibezi-Enendu**  
**02/10 Joseph Marchesi**  
**02/10 Craig Massman**  
**02/10 Ed Novak**  
**02/13 Timothy Morton**  
**02/23 William Hughes**  
**02/24 Kevin Gruse**  
**02/25 Scott Wesierski**

### **LADIES AUXILIARY FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS**

**02/11 Mary Lou Stema**  
**02/16 Cindy Podgorski**

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



# February 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4 Happy Birthday Bill Peasley	5
6 Happy Birthday Fredrick Greaves	7 <i>7pm Member Mtg</i>	8 Happy Birthday Jeremy Bliss Akexander Ibezi-Enendu	9	10 <b>7pm Ladies Mtg</b> Happy Birthday Joseph Marchesi Craig Massman Ed Novak	11 Happy Birthday Mary Lou Stema	12
13 Happy Birthday Timothy Morton	14 <u><i>7:30pm Planning Mtg</i></u> Happy Valentine's Day!	15	16 Happy Birthday Cindy Podgorski	17	18	19
20 SHIELD DEADLINE	21	22	23 Happy Birthday William Hughes	24 Happy Birthday Kevin Gruse	25 Happy Birthday Scott Wesierski	26
27	28					

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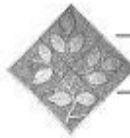
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