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GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE

By Glain Guilmette

Brother Knights,

Vivat Jesus!

February is when we elect a representative to go to the annual State Convention on Macinaw Island... anyone who would like to go should come to our Business Meeting on Monday, February 6th at 7:00 pm or have someone nominate them.

We should also discuss any fundraising plans for the MRAW.

Yours in Christ,

Glain C. Guilmette
Grand Knight

District Deputy's Report

By Darren Gray, DD #109

I held an informational "Open House" at the council on January 21st. This was published in not only the paper at St. Vincent Ferrer, but also 2 other councils in the District. Unfortunately, we had no one attend.

Brothers, I can't stress this enough, if we do not get some new, active members, our council will not be around much longer.

I will attempt another "Open House" on February 18th. Please encourage those men at church to consider attending.

PROGRAM DIRECTOR REPORT

By Darren Gray, PGK, DD

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 6, 2023
Membership Meeting - 7:00 p.m.
**** Meeting In-Person at Council****

**** Planning Meeting ****
(All are welcome)
Monday, February 13, 2023 - 7:00 p.m.
**** Meeting In-Person at Council ****

Thursday, February 9, 2023
Ladies Auxiliary Meeting -- 7:00 p.m.
**** Meeting In-Person at Council ****

Shield Deadline:
Sunday, February 19, 2023
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(Always 3rd Sunday of Month)

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LADIES AUXILIARY

Hi Ladies!

February here we are. We need to wish Mary Lou Stema a speedy recovery. We love you Mary Lou! The Birthday Dinner will again this year be at the Madhouse on Thursday, April 20th at 6:00 p.m. instead of April 13th.

We need to pray for our prayer list. We need to pray for Mary Lou.

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

Our next meeting is Thursday, February 9th at 7:00 P.M. The hostesses are Earlene Carlisle and Lisa Gray.

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



FINANCIAL SECRETARY REPORT

By Craig Massman

None this month..

February Meeting Elections

At the February Meeting, we will be electing Delegates for the 2023 Michigan Convention. This is a very important election as these delegates are OUR voice at the State Convention.

Vivat Jesus!

PRAYER LIST

Gary Bertolini (Ron’s Brother), Heather Lang, Silvio Marchesi, Sharon McCoy (Ken Witkowski’s Sister), Yvette Ploskonka, Patricia Podgorski, Ernie Schied, Marie Szlag, Tony Szeliga, Matt Ventimiglia, Regis Welsh, Jean Witkowski, Ken 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

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.

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THE ROSARY

An Editor’s Request

As we enter our 3rd 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
02/10 Joseph Marchesi
02/10 Craig Massman
02/10 Ed Novak
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
02/18 Stefanie Olszewski

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

February 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3	4 Happy Birthday Bill Peasley
5	6 <i>7pm Member Mtg</i> Happy Birthday Fredrick Greaves	7	8 Happy Birthday Jeremy Bliss	9 <i>7pm Ladies Mtg</i>	10 Happy Birthday Joseph Marchesi Craig Massman Ed Novak	11 Happy Birthday Mary Lou Stema
12	13 <i>7:30pm Planning Mtg</i>	14 Happy Valentine's Day!	15	16 Happy Birthday Cindy Podgorski	17	18 Happy Birthday Stefanie Olszewski
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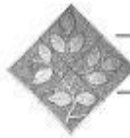
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