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GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE

By Ron Thompson

Brother Knights,

I hope everyone had a Merry Christmas, and a Happy New Years Eve. This has been the first time that we were unable to do our works of charity during the past month of December when we are at the peak of activities. It hopefully will be for the best is keeping us safe from ill effects of the virus. The covid-19 pandemic of 2020 has made it rough on all of us.

Good news is 2021 is here. There are currently 2 vaccines that have been created very quickly. I'm going to stay positive and continue following the guidelines of keeping safe. Essential workers like myself have another year to continue working safely. Our meetings will continue to be done virtually. I look forward to seeing everyone who can attend our meeting this month virtually.

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Our Business meeting will be at 8pm on January 4,2021
The planning meeting will be at 7:30pm January 25,2021

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, Amazon workers, and anyone else still working to make our daily lives better during this worldwide crisis.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Monday, January 4, 2021
Membership Meeting - 8:00 p.m.
**** Meeting Online / Phone Call-In****

Thursday, January 14, 2021
Ladies Auxiliary Meeting -- 7:00 p.m.
**** Meeting Online ****

Shield Deadline:
Sunday, January 17, 2021
editor@kofc7239.org
(Always 3rd Sunday of Month)

**** Planning Meeting ****
(All are welcome)
Monday, January 25, 2021 - 7:30 p.m.
**** Meeting Online ****

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

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LADIES AUXILIARY

We had a very charitable Ladies meeting. We decided to give \$100 to each organization (Holy Cross Children Services, Goodfellows, and the JDF). Yvette will get back with us about the uterine cancer donation. Thanks to the Ladies for running the Charity Committees. We need to pray for our prayer list.

Happy January Birthdays to: Earlene Carlisle (1), Yvette Ploskonka (9), Janice Polan (14), Marge McLaughlin (24), and Bernie Turchin (24)! Wow!

Our next meeting is January 14th at 7:00 P.M. On-line meeting hosted by Mary Thompson, probably zoom this time. Thanks Mary!! Anyone who wants to call Mary Thompson, Cindy Podgorski or any of the other Ladies that are on-line can put their phone on speaker and we should be able to hear you during our meeting. Even on a home phone if you put it on speaker. My internet quit on me during the November meeting, so I had to call Mary and I was able to finish the meeting cause I put my phone on speaker.

Merry Christmas! Happy New Year!

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

**Happy
New Year
2021**



FINANCIAL SECRETARY REPORT

By Craig Massman

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

Clarence 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, 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.

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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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JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

01/04 **Randall Dulecki**
01/06 **Mario Rizzo**
01/09 **Michael Briggs**
01/10 **Joseph Palazzola**
01/12 **Kenneth Jensen**
01/14 **Timothy Wezner**
01/19 **Richard Roeske**
01/20 **Blasé Raona**
01/24 **Ronald Binienda**
01/26 **Randall Carlisle**
01/27 **Donovan Turchin**
01/31 **Timothy Thorn**

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



January 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				NEW YEARS EVE	1 NEW YEARS DAY Happy Birthday Earlene Carlisle	2
3	4 8pm Member Mtg Happy Birthday Randall Dulecki	5	6 Happy Birthday Mario Rizzo	7	8	9 Happy Birthday Michael Briggs Yvette Ploskonka
10 Happy Birthday Joseph Palazzola	11	12	13	14 7pm Ladies Mtg Happy Birthday Timothy Wezner Janice Polan	15	16
17 SHIELD DEADLINE	18	19 Happy Birthday Richard Roeske	20 Happy Birthday Blasé Raona	21	22	23
24 Happy Birthday Ronald Binienda Marge McLaughlin Bernie Turchin	25 7:30pm Planning Mtg	26 Happy Birthday Randall Carlisle	27 Happy Birthday Donovan Turchin	28	29	30
31 Happy Birthday Timothy Thorn						

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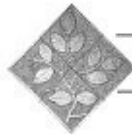
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