

# THE SHIELD

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## GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE

*By Glain Guilmette*

Brother Knights,

Vivat Jesus!

I want to thank everyone who brought food and desserts for the Christmas Party and all who attended it. We had a great turnout and a wonderful time was had by all.

Thank you to all of the people who helped pack and deliver the food boxes, as well as all those who helped at the MRAW parties. Also thank you to all of the people who shopped for the gifts for the MRAW.

Our business meeting will be on January 2<sup>nd</sup>, at 7:00pm. January will be a slow month. No activities planned that I know of.

Wishing everyone a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Yours in Christ,

Glain C. Guilmette  
Grand Knight

## DISTRICT DEPUTY MESSAGE

*By Darren Gray, PGK, DD*

Brother Knights,

I just want to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. I will, unfortunately, not be at the January Meeting. I am heading to Florida for a much needed visit with my parents.

Blessings,

Darren Gray, District Deputy

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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Monday, January 2, 2023  
Membership Meeting - 7:00 p.m.  
**\*\* Meeting In-Person at Council \*\***

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**\*\* Planning Meeting \*\***  
(All are welcome)  
Monday, January 9, 2023 - 7:00 p.m.  
**\*\* Meeting In-Person at Council \*\***

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Thursday, January 12, 2023  
Ladies Auxiliary Meeting -- 7:00 p.m.  
**\*\* Meeting In-Person at Council \*\***

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**Shield Deadline:**  
**Sunday, January 15, 2023**  
**[editor@kofc7239.org](mailto:editor@kofc7239.org)**  
**(Always 3rd Sunday of Month)**

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**LADIES AUXILIARY**

We are sad at the passing of my Father-In-Law, Norman Podgorski this past December. Condolences to his family. He will be greatly missed.

I want to mention a quick thank-you to Darren Gray for putting on the Ladies Appreciation Dinner this past October.

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)!

Our next meeting is January 12th at 7:00 P.M. The hostesses are Pat Podgorski and Bernie Turchin.

Happy New Year!

Cindy Podgorski  
President

**CHAIRMAN NEWS**

I have no activities planned for January, but I wish everyone had a wonderful Christmas and a joyous New Year.

Sincerely,  
Jim Morrison

**CHRISTMAS BASKETS REPORT**

Once again, we were able to deliver the food baskets to the needy families in Madison Heights. This year, we delivered a total of 17 baskets. We would not be able to achieve this without all the help I received this year from my fellow Knights and Ladies. I would also like to thank Maureen (Regis' Daughter) for coordinating the food drive again at Hiller Elementary and Cameron (Regis' Great Grandson) for providing the young men to help us carry the heavy boxes.

Sincerely,  
Craig Massman

### FINANCIAL SECRETARY REPORT

*By Craig Massman*

None this month..

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### WEBSITE UPDATES

*By Darren Gray, Editor*

I will be working on some updates to the website. I will be updating the Officer information, including photos. And I will be trying to add upcoming events to the page as well. This may be more time consuming than expected, so please bear with me.

If you have suggestions on items to include on the website, however, please let me know and I will see what is feasible.

Thank you.

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### 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

Please Pray for Norman Podgorski, who passed away last month.

**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.**



## 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*

The Coronavirus pandemic is still around and this year’s flu season looks to be a rough one. 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, DD*

*The Shield Editor*  
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### **JANUARY BIRTHDAYS**

**01/04 Randall Dulecki**

**01/04 Joseph Bliss**

**01/06 John Sprecher**

**01/10 Timothy Doran**

**01/14 Timothy Wezner**

**01/15 A Mario Limon**

**01/20 Blasé Raona**

**01/24 Ronald Binienda**

**01/26 Randall Carlisle**

### **LADIES AUXILIARY**

#### **JANUARY BIRTHDAYS**

**01/01 Earlene Carlisle**

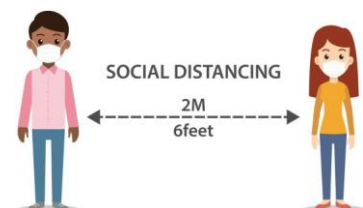
**01/09 Yvette Ploskonka**

**01/14 Janice Polan**

**01/24 Marge McLaughlin**

**01/24 Bernie Turchin**

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



# January 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						NEW YEARS EVE
1 NEW YEARS DAY  <b>Happy Birthday</b> Earlene Carlisle	2  <i>7pm Member Mtg</i>	3	4  <b>Happy Birthday</b> Randall Dulecki Joseph Bliss	5	6  <b>Happy Birthday</b> John Sprecher	7
8	9  <i>7:00pm Planning Mtg</i> <i>Diocesan Meeting</i> <i>SHMS – 6pm</i>  <b>Happy Birthday</b> Yvette Ploskonka	10  <b>Happy Birthday</b> Timothy Doran	11	12  <i>7pm Ladies Mtg</i>	13	14  <b>Happy Birthday</b> Timothy Wezner Janice Polan
15 SHIELD DEADLINE <b>Happy Birthday</b> Mario Limon	16	17	18	19	20  <b>Happy Birthday</b> Blasé Raona	21
22	23	24  <b>Happy Birthday</b> Ronald Binienda Marge McLaughlin Bernie Turchin	25	26  <b>Happy Birthday</b> Randall Carlisle	27	28
29	30	31 District Meeting 6:30pm St. Michael of Sterling Heights				

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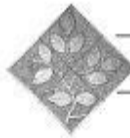
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