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GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE

By Sam P. Lamerato

Brother Knights,

Vivat Jesus!

December was a busy month for the Knights.

We had our membership meeting on December 4th. The Building Corp elections were held following our meeting. The Board of Directors were nominated during the meeting, and elections were held following the monthly meeting. The results of the election will be in the Shield. Building Corp meetings are scheduled to be held the first Monday of the month starting at 6 pm at the K of C hall.

Knights of the month were Robert Pasternak for October and Jim Morrison for November.

The MRAW shopping event was December 9th at Madison Heights Meijer, followed by gift wrapping at the house, and it was another great success. Thank you to all the volunteers who came out.

The coffee and donuts on December 10th after the 9am mass was sponsored by the Knights. Thank you to all who helped at this event. A mass intention that morning was for the living and deceased members of the Knights.

The K of C adult Christmas party was held on Monday, December 11th. Approximately 20 people were in attendance and the food was delicious and the gift exchange went very well. Unfortunately, several of our members were unable to attend this event due to various health issues.

The Ladies' Auxiliary held its Christmas party and auction on December 14th. The event was well attended, and everyone had a good time.

We want to thank the volunteers who helped with the Christmas for Pre-Primary impaired/transition and the Christmas Party for early on children on December 15th.

On December 15th, food baskets were packed, and they were delivered on Saturday December 16th to 20 families. I would like to thank Craig Massman for coordinating this and all the volunteers, including our young hockey players, who helped make this event a success.

The Lamphere Center and Page Christmas Party, along with the Lamphere Cognitively/Emotionally impaired Christmas Party will be held on December 18th. Thanks to Mel Szlag for his work coordinating these events.

We are still seeking ads for the Shield, both new and renewed. If you have any leads, please pass them on to me. The yearly ad will cost \$60.00.

January's meeting for both the K of C and the Building Corp will be held Monday, January 8th due to the New Year's holiday. Please join us and try to contact a Knight who may need assistance with transportation to and from the meeting and offer a ride. We need their support and wisdom!

Fraternally yours in Christ,

Sam P. Lamerato
Grand Knight

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Monday, January 8th, 2024
Building Corp Meeting – 6:00pm
Membership Meeting - 7:00 p.m.
**** Meeting In-Person at Council****

Ladies Auxiliary Meeting
Thursday, January 11th, 2024
7:00pm at the Council

Shield Deadline:
Sunday, January 21st, 2024
editor@kofc7239.org
(Always 3rd Sunday of Month)

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LADIES AUXILIARY

Hi Ladies,

We're sad to hear about Yvette's brother passing away this past December. Condolences to Yvette and her family.

December's parties went well. Thanks to the Knights and Ladies.

Prayers need to go out to our prayer list including Marie Bessler and Randy Carlisle.

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

Our next meeting is Thursday January 11th at 7:00 PM at the council. Hostess is Janice Polan.

Happy New Year!

Cindy Podgorski-President

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Dorothy and I wish that all our members had a very merry Christmas and that the New Year will be extremely joyous for them and their families.

— Jim & Dorothy Morrison

BUILDING CORP ELECTIONS

Brothers, we held the elections and congratulations to all of the new Officers/Board Members.

Current Board are as follows:

Randy Carlisle – President
 Ronnie Thompson – Vice President
 Tim Oparka - Treasurer
 Bob Pasternak - Recorder

Darren Gray – Board of Directors
 Craig Massman – Board of Directors
 Ken Witkowski – Board of Directors
 Mel Szlag – Board of Directors

PRAYER LIST

Deloris Bail, Marie Bessler, Ann Brunk, Larry Bunting, Randy Carlisle, Stephen Claya (John Claya's Grandson), Heather Lang, Edda Marchesi, Silvio Marchesi, Sharon McCoy (Ken Witkowski's Sister), Mary Jo Miles, Ron Ploskonka, Yvette Ploskonka, Stefanie Olszewski, Ernie Schied, Marie Szlag, Tony Szeliga, Matt Ventimiglia, Regis Welsh, Jean Witkowski, Ken Witkowski.

Please prayer for the passing of Diane Karolski, Ed Kanigowki (Bob Pasternak's Uncle), Daine Emerick (Bob's Sister-in-law) and Yvette Ploskonka's Brother.

NOTE: I will be clearing out the Prayer List at the beginning of the year. 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.

NOTE: Just a reminder. Please make sure to write names clearly so that I can add them correctly to the sick and deceased list.

CHRISTMAS FOOD BASKET REPORT

I would like to thank everyone for your support with this year's Christmas Food Baskets for the needy. We were able to deliver a total of 20 baskets this year. 15 of those families came from names the Goodfellows provided. The other 5 families came from members of our council that knew of families in need. Each family received a basket of food a \$25.00 gift card.

I would especially like to thank our fellow Knight's Regis's daughter Maureen for organizing the canned food drive at Hiller Elementary School and Regis's Great Grandson Cameron for organizing and getting the Troy High school Hockey team in helping our fellow Knights in carrying our food baskets during the delivery process. And Randy for once again getting the boxes to deliver the food in. Even though Regis can't physically part he is still a big part of the process. I know we missed some of our drivers this year due to the cold that is going around which is totally understandable. A do appreciate all of those that showed up to help. Thanks again for all your support.

Thanks Craig Massman



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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In Christ,

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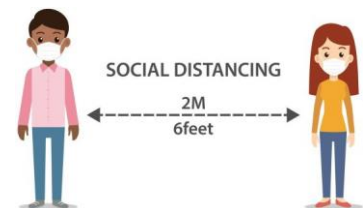
JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

01/04 Randall Dulecki
 01/04 Joseph Bliss
 01/06 John Sprecher
 01/10 Timothy Doran
 01/14 Fr. Timothy Wezner
 01/15 A Mario Limon
 01/20 Blasé Raona
 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 .
 Thanks.**



JANUARY 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 HAPPY NEW YEAR! Happy Birthday Earlene Carlisle	2	3	4 Happy Birthday Randall Dulecki Joseph Bliss	5	6 Happy Birthday John Sprecher
7	8 Building Corp Meeting – 6pm General Meeting 7pm at the Council	9 Happy Birthday Yvette Ploskonka	10 Happy Birthday Timothy Doran	11 Ladies Auxiliary Meeting 7pm at the Council	12	13
14 Happy Birthday Fr. Timothy Wezner Janice Polan	15 Happy Birthday A Mario Limon	16	17	18	19	20 Happy Birthday Blasé Raona
21	22	23	24 Happy Birthday Marge McLaughlin Bernie Turchin	25	26 Happy Birthday Randall Carlisle	27
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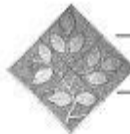
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