

# THE SHIELD

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## GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE

*By Glain Guilmette*

Brother Knights,

Thank you to all the officers and knights and ladies and families for all your help and encouragement during my term as Grand Knight of our Council . I never would have been able to do the job without you!!! I will do my best to help the new Grand Knight and other officers in the coming year and beyond.

Congratulations to all the newly elected officers and thank you for accepting your offices and the responsibility that goes with them.

A special thank you to Norm and Kenny and their crew for putting on the Steak Dinner again this year, everything was excellent!!

I want to wish everyone a happy and safe 4th of July.

## PROGRAM DIRECTOR REPORT

*By Ken Podgorski, PGK, DGK*

Well here it is July already , this month is the Ice Cream Social on Monday July 16th at 5:30 pm. All are welcome . The cost is \$3.00 per person , unless you are 12 or under. If you have items for the Garage Sale next month, please bring them in when you can or contact an officer for when to deliver them. I would like to thank everyone who helped out at the Officers Steak Dinner especially Janice Polan and Jim Morrison for washing dishes and Tony Bliss for bringing the beans, but only 24 people were there. Coffee & Donuts Sunday, July 1, 2018 and July 15th After 8:30 & 10:30 masses Finally, Happy 4th of July to everyone .

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Coffee & Donuts  
Sunday, July 1 & 15, 2018  
After 8:30 & 10:30 masses

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Monday, July 2, 2018  
Building Corporation Meeting - 7:00 p.m.  
Membership Meeting - 8:00 p.m.

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Monday, July 16, 2018  
Ice Cream Social - 5:30 p.m.



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**Shield Deadline:**  
**Sunday, July 15, 2018**  
**[editor@kofc7239.org](mailto:editor@kofc7239.org)**  
**(Always 3rd Sunday of Month)**

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Officers Meeting  
Monday, July 30, 2018 - 7:30 p.m.

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

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and

Peter Kuester

Ron Thompson

**LADIES AUXILIARY**

*By Janice Polan, Vice President*

Happy 4th of July to all the Ladies and their families. Thank you to all the Ladies that attended our meetings and participated in Council events this past year. Remember to check the newsletter for summer events to support our Knights - Ice Cream Social in July, Garage Sale and Picnic in August.

**MEMBERSHIP DRIVE:** Are you a Knights' wife, daughter, sister, or female relative and are still looking for that "social" group to join? I would like to extend an invitation to please consider our Ladies Auxiliary. Membership is only \$5 per year, with monthly meetings and social events from September to June. Meetings are held on the second Thursday of each month at 7:00 p.m. at the Council. The Ladies assist the Knights and participate with their events/activities, hold bake sales, a Children's Christmas Party, potluck dinners, Holy Cross Children's charitable raffles and baskets, help needy families for holidays - and the Ladies get together for social and fun activities throughout the year. For further information, or to meet and talk with one of our officers or Lady members, feel free to attend any upcoming Knights' summer event. Current officers for the 2018-19 year are Cindy Podgorski, President, Janice Polan, Vice President, Bernie Turchin, Secretary, and MaryLou Stema, Treasurer. Our regular meetings will resume in September and we are looking to increase our membership this next year - come join in the fun!

Summer Birthdays to remember and celebrate: Lisa Gray and Genny Palazzola (Aug 12).

Stay cool and have a fun and safe summer.

**COFFEE & DONUTS**

Coffee & Donuts will be July 1 and July 15. The Ice Cream Social will be held on July 16 and August 15 trough August 18 will be the Garage Sale. We will be looking for donations for the garage sale.

**RESOLUTION**

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE BUILDING CORPORATION IS ASKING KOFC COUNCIL 7239 FOR \$2,000 FOR INSTALLATION OF A BATHROOM DOWNSTAIRS.**

**SIGNED,  
RANDY CARLISLE  
BOB PASTERNAK**

## FINANCIAL SECRETARY REPORT

*By Darren Gray, FS*

Brother Knights,

As part of the "Way Forward" initiative, I have been charged with making sure that the membership information is up to date. If you have an email address, but have NEVER received an email from me, please send me an email (fs7239@mikofc.org) so that I can update our system. Emails are the quickest way to relay important information in a timely manner. Also, if you have gotten rid of your landline over the last several years, and just use a cell phone, there is a good change that I do not have that phone number. Please email me or call me with your cell phone number. (My Cell is: 248-302-8918).

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## NEWSLETTER & WEBSITE UPDATES

*By Marianne Podgorski, Editor*

Just a reminder that any articles are due by the third Sunday of each month. I understand when you submit your article, you receive an automated thank you message that states the 20th of the month. This is an old message I no longer have access to in order to change it. Please disregard the 20th and mark down the third Sundays.

Also, there have been issues with me not receiving all of my emails. To avoid future problems, it is advised to CC your articles to my other email at angelkarma69@yahoo.com.

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.

Thank you.

## PRAYER LIST

Don Bessler, Wayne Bessler, Callista Boleski, Bob Brunk, Bob Carlisle, Dee Figg, Wallis Flynn, Jessie Giszczak, Glain A. Guilmette, Shawn Guilmette, Russel Kreinbring, Lori Leeman, Rachel McLaughlin, Sharon McCoy, Frank Meister, Maggie Meister, Dennis Menard, Ed Novak, Joe Palazzola, Ed Poplawski, Norman Podgorski, Patricia Podgorski, Callista Polasek (Meister granddaughter), Chris Peterson, Sherri Primeau (Darren's mother-in-law), Patricia M. Scheid (Ernie's daughter-in-law), Michael Studebaker, Dennis Szlag, Mel Szlag, Christine Tallman, Mary Thompson, Ron Thompson, Donovan S. Turchin, Matt Ventimiglia, Greg Vetten, Marian Welsh, Regis Welsh, Jean Witkowski, Richard Witkowski.

**And please pray for all of the men and women of our Armed Services. Also please prayer 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.**

**From the Editor: The old Sick & Deceased List has been removed and replaced with an updated list from your last meeting. If you need someone added back to the list, please let us know. Thanks.**

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## Knights of Columbus “BENEFITS NEWS” (edited for space)

### ONLY HAVING INSURANCE “Through Work” DOESN’T WORK.

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Do you know anyone whose life or career has drastically changed during these years of economic downturn? It’s very likely that someone in your immediate or extended family or group of friends is facing financial uncertainty. Maybe there’s a possibility that you (or your spouse) could change employers, or even lose your job.

Too many people have often relied on group term life insurance as their only safety net. Often, this insurance is an employee benefit provided at low or no cost. The existence of this coverage might convince someone that personally-owned life insurance is not necessary.

But only having “through work” insurance can leave you and your family vulnerable. Most group life insurance policies are limited in amount, which may be tied to salary or some other benchmark. These numbers are often capped, and this cap may be dangerously low when compared to your family’s actual needs. In fact, a detailed needs analysis that evaluates your specific situation, will likely show that any employer-provided coverage falls short.

In addition, the amount of group insurance offered is almost always reduced, sometimes dramatically, when you retire. You could one day find yourself without coverage, and if your health has changed (which it will as you age), you might also find yourself unable to secure individual protection. At the very least, it will definitely be more expensive. While group life insurance can help, it does not replace the need for individually owned life insurance.

I’ll be happy to meet with you and provide a no-cost needs analysis, so you’ll know exactly where you stand.

**\*Receive a complete Family Needs Analysis at my expense.**

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*An Editor’s Exposé*

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*Marianne Podgorski*  
*The Shield Editor*



### JULY BIRTHDAYS

07/01 Carmollo Mandarinino  
07/01 Lee Sharp  
07/03 Mel Szlag  
07/09 Gordon Szlag  
07/13 Donald Bessler  
07/13 Ron Ploskonka, PGK  
07/16 Warren Broglin  
07/19 Michael Studebaker  
07/31 Rev. Steven Koehler

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

# July 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Coffee & Donuts Happy Birthday Carmollo Mandarinino Lee Sharp	2 7pm Bld. Corp. Mtg 8pm Member Mtg	3 Happy Birthday Mel Szlag	4	5	6	7
8	9 Happy Birthday Gordon Szlag	10	11	12	13 Happy Birthday Don Bessler Ron Ploskonka	14
15 <b>SHIELD DEADLINE</b> Coffee & Donuts	16 5:30pm Ice Cream Social Happy Birthday Warren Broglin	17	18	19 Happy Birthday Michael Studebaker	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30 7:30pm Officers Mtg	31 Happy Birthday Rev. Steven Koehler				

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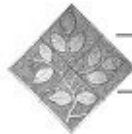
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