

THE SHIELD

Official Publication of Fr. James B. Heary, O.P. - Council 7239 Knights of Columbus
30191 Dequindre, Madison Heights, MI 48071
Phone: (248) 588-3430
<http://www.kofc7239.org>



Vol. XXXIV, No. 6 • June 2019

GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE

By Ron Thompson

Brother Knights,

This month will conclude our Fraternal Year which runs from July 1 to June 30. We had our elections for Officers, and I have been re-elected as your Grand Knight. Congratulations to Ryan Thompson who was elected our new treasurer. I am still in need of a new financial secretary to take over for Darren Gray who is staying in this position on a month to month basis. Our officer appreciation steak dinner is on Friday, June 14, and I want to let everyone know that this is open to all knights and their families and guests. Officers are free of charge, all others pay for their dinner. Please let Ken Podgorski know if you are attending.

I went to our State Convention in May, as 1st delegate, with John Turchin as 2nd delegate. I will be bringing back ideas on how to make our council more successful. I presented Norm Podgorski the award for Knight of the Year at the Madison Heights Roundtable annual awards luncheon. Family of the Year was given to Randy and Earlene Carlisle. We have an award for Meijer for their support this past year, which will be presented to them at the store. Father John was not able to attend our 40th anniversary dinner in April. He sent a letter with his regrets and also some heartfelt comments about our council that I would like to share.

"On the occasion of the 40th anniversary of the Fr. Heary Council of the Knights of Columbus, I offer my hearty congratulations. The work and commitment of the council over the years has served as an important addition to the life of St. Vincent Ferrer Catholic Community; not to mention the many ongoing outreach programs and services offered in the wider Madison Heights community. Your efforts, prayer and camaraderie has served as a living witness to gospel values and our Catholic life throughout the last 40 years. You are to be commended and appreciated for all your good work. I pray God's blessing on the work and identity of the Fr. Heary council. May your good work be an inspiration for many others to join and follow in the rich tradition of the Knights of Columbus. May God bless each of you."

Father John Esper

PROGRAM DIRECTOR REPORT

By Ken Podgorski, PGK, DGK

Congratulations to the elected officers last month. We are having our annual Officers appreciation steak dinner Friday June 14th at 5:30 pm, everyone is invited and the officers eat for free and \$ 7.00 dollars for non officers. I will be the cook once again.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Monday, June 3, 2019

Building Corporation Meeting - 7:00 p.m.
Membership Meeting - 8:00 p.m.

Thursday, June 13, 2019 - 6:00 p.m.
Ladies Potluck/Chinese Auction

Friday, June 14, 2019 - 5:30 p.m.
Officer's Appreciation Steak Dinner

Shield Deadline:

Sunday, June 16, 2019

editor@kofc7239.org

(Always 3rd Sunday of Month)

**** Planning Meeting ****

(All are welcome)

Monday, June 24, 2019 - 7:30 p.m.

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

OFFICER ROSTER**State Deputy**

William H. Chasse

District Deputy

John Hundiak

Chaplain**Grand Knight**

Ron Thompson, PGK (248) 561-3360

Deputy Grand Knight

Kenneth Podgorski, PGK (810) 395-8926

Financial Secretary

Darren Gray, PGK (248) 302-8918

Chancellor

Ron Bertolini (248) 399-9261

Warden

Randy Carlisle

Advocate

Glain C. Guilmette, PGK (586) 419-4641

Treasurer

James Morrison, PGK, FDD (248) 585-2324

Recorder

Robert Pasternak (586) 264-5994

Guards

Ernie Scheid (248) 544-2739

Paul Halkey (248) 398-7413

Trustees

Joseph Miller, 3 YR (248) 399-0262

Tony Szeliga, 2 YR (248) 399-3574

Frank Meister, PGK, 1 YR (517) 552-9514

Program Director

Kenneth Podgorski, PGK (810) 395-8926

Membership Chairman

Ron Bertolini (248) 399-9261

Church Activities Director

Joseph Miller (248) 399-0262

Boysville Chairman

J. Turchin, PGK, FDD (248) 547-0854

Vocation P.R. Director**Youth Director**

Darren Gray, PGK (248) 302-8918

Mentally Impaired Drive Chairmen

Randy Carlisle

Ernie Scheid (248) 544-2739

Right-to-Life Chairman

Jim Morrison, PGK, FDD (248) 585-2324

THE SHIELD Editor

Marianne Podgorski editor@kofc7239.org

Auxiliary President

Cindy Podgorski (810) 395-8926

Field Insurance Agent

Tony Bliss (248) 224-4396

BUILDING CORPORATION**President**

R. Carlisle C: (248) 703-4136

Vice President

Richard Salvatore (248) 464-5087

Treasurer

Norm Podgorski, PGK, FDD (248) 546-3730

LADIES AUXILIARY

Hi Ladies,

Wow! Another year coming to a close. Our last meeting is June 13th, and it is the Potluck/Chinese Auction dinner at 6:00 p.m. Make sure you bring your significant other and a gift to auction off. The Anniversary Dinner was nice. Knight of the Year went to Norm Podgorski and Family of the Year went to Earlene and Randy Carlisle. Congratulations! Our new Lady officers are Cindy Podgorski-President, Mary Thompson- Vice President, Bernie Turchin-Secretary, and Mary Lou Stema-Treasurer. Looking forward to working with you.

We need to pray for our prayer list.

The next meeting is Thursday June 13th at 6:00 p.m. It will be the Potluck/Chinese Auction. Happy Father's Day!

Cindy Podgorski
President

COFFEE & DONUTS

Coffee & Donuts will be after the 8:00 & 10:00 masses.

Membership Is Key

- **Finish our Fraternal year right and recruit a man.**
- **Start mentoring him for next year.**
- **We always need to be looking for our replacements.**
- **Watch for exciting new programs starting in July.**



FINANCIAL SECRETARY REPORT

By Darren Gray, FS

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

Cindy Bertolini, Don Bessler, Shirley Bliss, Callista Boleski, John Brehmer, Mary Brehmer, Holly Bush, Bob Carlisle, Paige Chamberlain, Madeline Ford, Wallis Flynn, Jessie Giszczak, Glain A. Guilmette, Shawn Guilmette, Mike Kapolka, Russel Kreinbring, Lori Leeman, Sharon McCoy, Maggie Meister, Dennis Menard, Ed Novak, Jenny Palazzola, Yvette Ploskonka Ed Poplawski, Norman Podgorski, Patricia Podgorski, Callista Polasek (Meister granddaughter), Chris Peterson, Sherri Primeau (Darren's mother-in-law), Emily Ramm, Patricia M. Scheid (Ernie's daughter-in-law), Michael Studebaker, Dennis Szlag, Mel Szlag, Christine Tallman, Brenda Thomas, Donovan S. Turchin, John Turchin, Debbie Vaughn, 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 pray for the recently deceased, Betty Pontia and Amil Jauj Utant.

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”

May is Disability Insurance Awareness Month: A Founding Notion: Protecting the Breadwinner’s Income

While jobs may be safer in 2019, accidents, injuries, and illnesses that can impact your ability to work still happen. Most, in fact, do not happen on the jobsite or place of employment. Did you know that a 2011 study revealed that more than 95 percent of the long-term disability claims on file were not work related?

The Knights have always sought to protect members’ families from the “loss” of a breadwinner. I’m sure you know all about Father McGivney’s vision for our first, insurance program. But you may not know that Father McGivney also wanted to find a way to help members who couldn’t work because of an illness. After all, the “loss” of the breadwinner does not have to mean that person’s death; it can also mean the loss of the breadwinner’s income.

Consider that loss for a moment. How would your family fare if a source of income suddenly stopped? Could a dual-income family manage on one income stream? What about young families with a working father and a mother who cares for the children? What if his income halted due to an accident or illness?

I’ve heard some people say they have coverage at work, but too many aren’t sure what this coverage entails, how much income it would provide or for how long. Having this protection counts for something, certainly, but it isn’t “yours”; it’s provided by the company for which you work at their discretion. It could be eliminated tomorrow.

That’s where a personally-owned disability income insurance product, like Income Armor, comes into play. It can offer valuable income replacement in the event of an injury or illness.. If you have a job, you must know about this coverage. I’d like to meet with you in your home, at your convenience. I’ll work with you to make sure your family is protected. As a brother Knight you can trust, I’ll take the stress and worry out of the buying decision.

***Receive a complete Family Needs Analysis at my expense.**
Ask about our GUARANTEED LIFE INSURANCE, ANNUITIES,
LONG TERM CARE & DISABILITY INSURANCE

Just a reminder that Jakub Shonka is my Administrative Assistant. Jakub is a 4th degree Sir Knight & an active 3rd Degree member of St Jane De Chantal Council #13340. The #1 role of an Admin is to assist the Field Agent in fulfilling his primary obligation, which is to meet with all members of their assigned Councils on a regular basis, so he’ll be contacting each of you.

In Christ,

Anthony Bliss, FICF FSCP
Supreme Council Field Agent
Knights of Columbus Insurance
750 Pine Ridge Lane, Madison Heights MI 48071
Cell: (248) 224-4396
E-mail: Anthony.Bliss@KofC.org

To schedule a Field Agent visit, please call:
Jakub Shonka
Administrative Ass’t
(586) 381-8574



JUNE BIRTHDAYS

06/03 Paul Reynolds
06/03 Gary Meerschaert
06/10 Darren Gray
06/10 Michael Bernardo
06/11 Christopher Bliss
06/14 Ronnie Thompson
06/16 Rev. Robert Shafer
06/19 Gary Puchalski
06/20 James Wojciechowski
06/20 John McNulty
06/21 Mark Smith
06/23 Thai Hung Nguyen
06/24 Michael Mandarino
06/26 Paul Halkey

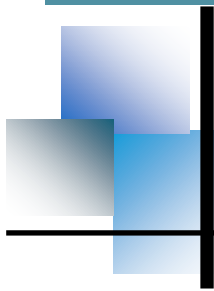
**If we missed your birthday
or the date is wrong, please email
me at editor@kofc7239.org .
Thanks.**

THE MUSE

An Editor’s Exposé

As most of you may or may not know, I am an author (with seven published books), a photographer, and a virtual assistant (personal or business). Are you looking for a unique gift? Why not request a customized short story from me, or a personalized signed copy of one of my books? If you like mysteries, suspense, thrillers, or yes, even horror or science fiction or fantasy, then you will enjoy my creative worlds, and so will your recipient. Email me for details at editor@kofc7239.org. Please put in the subject of your email: Gift.

Marianne Podgorski
The Shield Editor
editor@kofc7239.org



JUNE 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1
2	3 7pm Bld. Corp. Mtg 8pm Member Mtg Happy Birthday Paul Reynolds Gary Meerschaert	4	5	6	7	8
9	10 Happy Birthday Darren Gray Michael Bernardo	11 Happy Birthday Christopher Bliss	12	13 6:00pm Ladies Pot Luck/Chinese Auct.	14 5:30pm Officer's Appreciation Dinner. Happy Birthday Ronnie Thompson	15
16 SHIELD DEADLINE Happy Birthday Rev. Robert Shafer	17	18	19 Happy Birthday Gary Pulchaski	20 Happy Birthday John McNulty James Wojciechowski	21 Happy Birthday Mark Smith	22
23 Happy Birthday Thai Hung Nguyen	24 7:30pm Planning Mtg Happy Birthday Michael Mandarino	25	26 Happy Birthday Paul Halkey	27	28	29
30						

Rising Storm Photography
www.risingstormphotography.com

Marianne Podgorski
 Photographer
map@risingstormphotography.com

Find us on Facebook & Instagram
 Text/Voice: 248-747-3762
 Located in SE Michigan

**HOPCROFT
FUNERAL HOMES**

ART HOPCROFT, FOUNDER

HAZEL PARK MADISON HEIGHTS
23919 JOHN R. 31145 JOHN R.
(248) 543-6687 (248) 585-7770

DAVID HOPCROFT, Owner

DANIEL FINLEY, Director

FAMILY OWNED AND OPERATED
PROUDLY SERVING THE COMMUNITY
FOR OVER 50 YEARS
Family Owned and Operated



**GERALD'S
FLORIST**

29131 DEQUINDRE
MADISON HEIGHTS, MICHIGAN 48071

(248) 398-2322

Open
Monday - Saturday

Blase Raona

Phone (248) 547-5440

Cell (248) 895-5714

Fax (248) 547-7073



*Carpet Repair • Commercial and Residential
Carpet & Upholstery Cleaning*



EDWARD SWANSON & SON

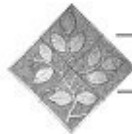
FUNERAL HOME

30351 Dequindre
Madison Heights, MI 48071
Edward C. Swanson

Dennis C. Swanson
(248) 588-5120

FAX (248) 588-5935

Marlow Family Dental



Christopher T. Gorecki, D.D.S.
Michele M. Tulak-Gorecki, D.D.S

**"come and experience
a true family practice"**

1905 Marlow
Warren, MI 48092
(586) 751-7777

The office is located on Dequindre
@ 12 1/2 Mile

Marchesi Printing Co.

**25329 Virginia Drive
Warren, MI 48091-1343**

Letterheads — Envelopes

Business Cards

Our Specialty:

Holy Cards and Tickets

586-757-0944

Fax: 586-754-4709

Email: Marchesiprinting@gmail.com



Fr. James B. Heary O.P. - Council 7239
30191 Dequindre
Madison Heights, MI 48071

PLACE
POSTAGE
HERE

