

# THE SHIELD

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## GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE

*By Glain Guilmette*

Brother Knights,

Vivat Jesus!

I will have lots to report on at the June meeting, covering what I learned at convention.

Happy Father's Day to all the Dad's out there.

Fraternally,  
Glain C. Guilmette  
Grand Knight

## COUNCIL BUILDING DISCUSSION

Dear Brother Knights of Council 7239:  
There has been some confusion about what is going to happen to the council property when the Senior Center is completed. It was thought that that the developers would come and make an offer but after talking to Rickey Busler (Cambell real estate agent), I understand that our property is not being considered as part of their project as Mr. Busler was given the impression that we didn't want to sell and that is what the developers were told. We need to make a definite commitment one way or another and we need to make it quickly. If we don't sell, their property line would be against the edge of our driveway. We would also need to reroof the house and improve the appearance of the property. I propose selling and letting the real estate agent search for a suitable property for us. I believe there is a very short window to be able to confirm our intentions.

Sincerely,  
James Morrison, PGK, FDD

## Officer Appreciation/Anniversary Dinner

*By Darren Gray, PGK, FDD*

The dinner will be on Monday, June 13<sup>th</sup> at 5:30pm, at the council. \$10 for non-officers.

Due to the high cost of steaks, you need to RSVP with the number of people attending, no later than June 6<sup>th</sup>. Call or email me: [darren\\_gray@fytek.com](mailto:darren_gray@fytek.com) or 248-302-8918

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Monday, June 6, 2022  
Membership Meeting - 7:00 p.m.

**\*\* Meeting In-Person at Council\*\***

**Ladies Potluck/Chinese Auction**  
Thursday, June 9, 2022  
6:00 pm at Council

**Officer Appreciation/Anniversary Dinner**  
Monday, June 13, 2022  
Steak Dinner - 5:30pm

**\*\* Planning Meeting \*\***  
(All are welcome)  
Monday, June 13, 2022 - After Dinner  
**\*\* Meeting In-Person at Council \*\***

**Shield Deadline:**  
**Sunday, June 19th, 2022**  
**[editor@kofc7239.org](mailto:editor@kofc7239.org)**  
**(Always 3rd Sunday of Month)**

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

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**LADIES AUXILIARY**

Hi Ladies!

I am pleased to introduce the officers for this year. The Officers are Mark Lou Stema as Treasurer, Bernie Turchin as Secretary, Amber Thompson as Vice President and Cindy Podgorski as President. Sunshine Lady is Lisa Gray. I look forward to working with all of you Ladies another year.

Please continue to pray for our prayer list.

Our next meeting is June 9<sup>th</sup> – Ladies Potluck and Chinese Auction at 6:00pm.

Happy Father’s Day! Happy 4<sup>th</sup> of July!

Cindy Podgorski  
 President



**OFFICERS APPRECIATION / ANNIVERSARY  
 STEAK DINNER**

We have decided to combine the two dinners this year into one and hold it at the council. It will be on Monday, June 13th, 2022 at 5:30pm.

Due to the high cost of steaks, it is important that we get a head count prior to the dinner. **Dinner will consist of steak, baked potato, salad, bread and dessert. Cost of the dinner is \$10 for non-officers.**

**Please RSVP to Darren Gray at: darren\_gray@fytek.com, or leave a message at 248-302-8918, with a head count, no later than June 6th.**



**YOUR HELP IS NEEDED  
CHARITY POKER!!**

**JUNE 29<sup>th</sup> – JULY 2<sup>nd</sup>  
4pm – 2am**

**At Five Star Lanes  
2666 Metro Parkway, Sterling Heights**

Sign up at: [www.kofc7239.org/poker.html](http://www.kofc7239.org/poker.html)

Brother Knights,

It has been a LONG time since we held a Poker Event. The rules have changed again and we only required to have two (2) workers at all times, compared to three (3) last time. However, I have kept the signup at 3, figuring people can take breaks. As we discussed, the majority or the proceeds for this event will be used to help supplement the MRAW, given the lack of funds raised from the Tootsie Roll drives.

Please sign up today. Don't wait. Because if there are Knights working that I did not originally tell the State, I need to get an update into the State.

Vivat Jesus!

Darren Gray, PGK, FDD

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Jeanette Szeliga, Tony Szeliga,  
Matt Ventimiglia, Regis Welsh,  
Jean Witkowski, Ken Witkowski

**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.**

**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 2022, 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.*

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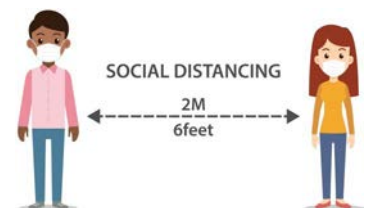
#### JUNE BIRTHDAYS

06/10 Darren Gray  
06/11 Christopher Bliss  
06/14 Ronnie Thompson  
06/16 Samuel Lamerato  
06/20 James Wojciechowski  
06/23 Rev Thai Hung Nguyen  
06/26 Paul Halkey

#### LADIES AUXILIARY JUNE BIRTHDAYS

None for June

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



# JUNE 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3	4
5	6 <i>7pm Member Mtg</i> Elections Selling Building Discussion!	7	8	9	10 <b>Happy Birthday</b> Darren Gray	11 <b>Happy Birthday</b> Christopher Bliss
12	13 <i>5:30pm Officers</i> <i>Appreciation /</i> <i>Anniversary Dinner</i> <b><u>RSVP REQUIRED</u></b> <i>7:00pm Planning Mtg</i>	14 <b>Happy Birthday</b> Ronnie Thompson	15	16 <b>Happy Birthday</b> Samuel Lamerato	17	18
19 <b>HAPPY FATHER'S DAY</b>	20 <b>Happy Birthday</b> James Wojciechowski	21	22	23 <b>Happy Birthday</b> Rev. Thai Hung Nguyen	24	25
26 <b>Happy Birthday</b> Paul Halkey	27	28	29 <b>CHARITY POKER!</b> See Article to sign up to help	30 <b>CHARITY POKER!</b> See Article to sign up to help	<b>CHARITY POKER!</b> See Article to sign up to help	<b>CHARITY POKER!</b> See Article to sign up to help



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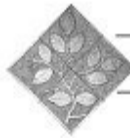
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