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## GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE

*By Glain Guilmette*

Brother Knights,

I would like to thank all the volunteers who helped with the Texas Hold-em fundraiser in May, it was quite successful.

This month we are having our officers elections, all members are invited to come and participate, by nominating someone or accepting a nomination for office, and voting!!

The annual Officers Appreciation Steak dinner will be Friday June 8, at 5:30 pm. all are invited, Officers eat free!

Finally I want to wish everyone a happy Memorial Day. Wishing a Happy Fathers Day to all the dads!!.

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## PROGRAM DIRECTOR REPORT

*By Ken Podgorski, PGK, DGK*

The Election of Officers will be at our June Business meeting . We are also going to be having our annual Officers appreciation steak dinner Friday June 8th at 5:30 pm, everyone is invited and the officers eat for free. I would like to see someone different to cook the steaks for that event. Anyone wanting to help with the Coffee & Doughnuts at St. Vincent on June 3<sup>rd</sup> and June 17th please contact Jim Morrison at 248- 585-2324 .

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Coffee & Donuts  
Sunday, June 3 & 17, 2018  
After 8:30 & 10:30 masses

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Monday, June 4, 2018  
Building Corporation Meeting - 7:00 p.m.  
Membership Meeting - 8:00 p.m.

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Friday, June 8, 2018  
Officer's Appreciation Dinner - 5:30 p.m.

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Thursday, June 14, 2018  
Ladies Potluck & Chinese Auction - 6:00 p.m.

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**Shield Deadline:**  
**Sunday, June 17, 2018**  
**[editor@kofc7239.org](mailto:editor@kofc7239.org)**

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Saturday, June 23, 2018  
The Way Forward Meeting -- 12:00 Noon  
At the Council

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Officers Meeting  
Monday, June 25, 2018 - 7:30 p.m.

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and

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Ron Thompson

**LADIES AUXILIARY***By Janice Polan, President*

On behalf of the new and re-elected officers for next year, I would like to extend my thank you to each and every Lady member of our Auxiliary for your support and friendship throughout this past year. And a special thank you to all our Officers for your past and future service. Congratulations to our new President, Cindy Podgorski. Welcome to our Leadership Team! Bernie Turchin will continue as our Secretary, MaryLou Stema will continue as our Treasurer, and Janice Polan will step down into the VP position.

Our last Ladies' meeting for this year will be on Thursday, June 14th, and will be a Pizza Potluck Dinner and Chinese Auction. The Potluck meal will begin promptly at 6:00 p.m. and each Lady is asked to contribute a side dish and/or dessert to share. I will be picking up the Green Lantern Pizzas. If you did not attend our May meeting to sign up, or need a reminder, please contact Janice at 248/259-9414. The Chinese Auction will be held immediately following the dinner. Please remember to bring a small (but new) wrapped gift to auction off. Lady Members, please invite your Knight/Spouse to attend this Potluck Dinner with you.

Our sincere condolences and prayers go out to the family of two of our members, Mary Thompson and Amber Arwine (soon to be Mrs. Ryan Thompson) on the passing of Mary's mother Barbara Fisher in late May. May the perpetual light shine upon her.

Happy June birthday to Jean Witkowski (6/23).

There will be no summer meetings, but please remember to support our Knights at their Officer's Appreciation Dinner in June and with their summer events like the ice cream social, garage sale and picnic.

Our meetings will resume in September with our Officers as hostesses. Look for details in the August newsletter. Hoping to increase our membership and invite new members to attend. Have a wonderful-relaxing-sunny summer vacation.

**COFFEE & DONUTS**

Coffee & Donuts will be June 3 and June 17. The Ice Cream Social will be held on July 16 and August 15 through August 18 will be the Garage Sale. We will be looking for donations for the garage sale.



## 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 chance 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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## WAY FORWARD MEETING UPDATE

Brother Knights, the meeting held on May 19th was a productive one. However, there were not a lot of Knights in attendance. That being said, here are just some highlights from the meeting and some 'marching orders' if you will:

1. It was suggested that every effort be made to cut the monthly meetings down to under an hour. One reason that has been heard from members that no longer attend meetings is that the meetings run too long. Any discussions on events should be handled by the committees and just a brief recap done at the meeting.
2. A "Welcoming Committee" will be formed to help new members become more aware of the going-ons of the council.
3. A calling list, similar to the Funeral Call List, will be established and used to help get more involvement with the council.
4. Clean up of the member rolls will be done. This includes verifying phone numbers and email addresses.

The full meeting minutes will be posted on the website (www.kofc7239.org) as soon as they have been written up. Next meeting, focusing on Fundraising, is scheduled for June 23rd, at Noon, at the Council.

## 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, Barbara Fisher.**

**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)

### May is Disability Insurance Awareness Month.

#### Is Your Paycheck Protected?

Most people see work as something that will always be there. We live our lives expecting to wake up, go to work, and complete our tasks throughout the day to provide for our families. Work, and the financial stability that it provides, is often taken for granted. What if one day you wake up and you are no longer able to go to work, through no fault of your own? Accidents and illness can affect anyone, at any stage in their career. How will you react to unforeseeable adversity? Do you have a plan in place if you are no longer able to perform your duty?

The statistics tell a different story.

According to the United States government, a staggering 1 in 4 of today’s 20-year-olds will become disabled before reaching the age of 67. The nature of the job is irrelevant.

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\* “Social Security Fact Sheet,” United States Social Security Administration, accessed April 5, 2018, [www.ssa.gov/news/press/factsheets/basicfact-alt.pdf](http://www.ssa.gov/news/press/factsheets/basicfact-alt.pdf).

\*\* “What’s Your PDQ?” Council for Disability Awareness, accessed April 5, 2018, [www.whatsmypdq.org](http://www.whatsmypdq.org).

\*\*\* “What do You Know about Disability Insurance?” Life Happens, accessed April 5, 2018, [www.lifehappens.org](http://www.lifehappens.org)

\*\*\*\* “K of C: Most Ethical,” February 12, 2018, [www.kofc.org/en/news/releases/most-ethical-companies.html](http://www.kofc.org/en/news/releases/most-ethical-companies.html)

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### 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](mailto:editor@kofc7239.org) .  
Thanks.**

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*An Editor’s Exposé*

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# June 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3 Coffee & Donuts Happy Birthday Paul Reynolds Gary Meerschaert	4 7pm Bld. Corp. Mtg 8pm Member Mtg	5	6	7	8 5:30pm Officers Appreciation Dinner	9
10 Happy Birthday Darren Gray Michael Bernardo	11 Happy Birthday Christopher Bliss	12	13	14 6pm Ladies Potluck & Chinese Auction Happy Birthday Ronnie Thompson	15	16 Happy Birthday Rev. Robert Shafer
17 <b>SHIELD DEADLINE</b> Coffee & Donuts	18	19 Happy Birthday Gary Puchalski	20 Happy Birthday James Wojciechowski John McNulty	21 Happy Birthday Mark Smith	22	23 12pm The Way Forward Meeting Happy Birthday Jean Witkowski Thai Hung Nguyen
24 Happy Birthday Michael Mandarino	25 7:30pm Officers Mtg	26 Happy Birthday Paul Halkey	27	28	29	30

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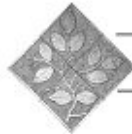
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