

# THE SHIELD

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## GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE

*By Ron Thompson*

Greeting Everyone,  
Spring is here or at least it's March. We have St Patrick's Dinner at the Council – see details posted

At the time of writing this article, it's close to the cut off time mid February 15, 2020. Which reminds me of a few things... First is next Month is Palm Sunday on April 5, 2020 That means we will be having our Tootsie Roll Drive starting Friday April 3, and on Saturday April 4<sup>th</sup> and ending on Palm Sunday.

The other thing is our council started in February, 1979 and its now 2020, this means our annual anniversary dinner celebration is coming, There may be a venue change this year. As I always say, our council needs to Keep on bringing in new members. We are responsible for finding our replacements.

Have a great March! And remember early April will be the drive.

## PROGRAM DIRECTOR REPORT

*By Ken Podgorski, PGK, DGK*

St. Patrick's Day Dinner is on Saturday March 14<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 pm, Jim Morrison will be hosting this event. Tony Bliss is hosting our Anniversary dinner this year on Saturday May 2<sup>nd</sup> at St. Lawrence council, let Tony know if you plan on attending.



## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Saturday, March 1, 2020

Coffee & Donuts  
After the 8:00 am Mass

Monday, March 2, 2020

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

Thursday, March 12, 2020

Ladies Auxiliary Meeting -- 7:00 p.m.

Saturday, March 14, 2020

St. Patrick's Day Dinner -- 5:30 p.m.

**Shield Deadline:**

**Sunday, March 15, 2020**

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**(Always 3rd Sunday of Month)**

**\*\* Planning Meeting \*\***

**(All are welcome)**

**Monday, March 30, 2020 - 7:30 p.m.**

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**LADIES AUXILIARY**

One of the Knights Don Bessler passed away on February 3<sup>rd</sup>. Condolences to His wife Marie and Family.

March is here. Jim Morrison is doing the corned beef and cabbage dinner on Saturday, March 14<sup>th</sup> this year. We need to prepare for the Palm Sunday Dinner on April 5<sup>th</sup>. We are not having an April meeting this year due to Holy Thursday. So, our Ladies Birthday dinner will be on May 14<sup>th</sup> at the Madhouse restaurant at 6:00 p.m. Try to think about running for office since our voting of officers will be the same day. The basket raffle on Mackinaw Island is May 21-23. We will be donating Meijer gift cards this year and we need to think of a name for our basket.

We need to pray for our prayer list.

Happy March Birthday to Amber Thompson (17)!

Our next meeting is March 12th at 7:00 P.M. The hostesses are Mary and Amber Thompson.

Happy St. Patrick's Day!

Cindy Podgorski  
President

**RESOLUTION**

BE IT RESOLVED THAT FR. HEARY COUNCIL 7239 ALLOCATE \$700.00 EACH TO TWO DELEGATES TO ATTEND THE 2020 CONVENTION ON MACKINAC ISLAND MAY 21,22 AND 23, 2019

RESOLUTION SUBMITTED BY:

Glain Gulimette, PGK

Anthony Bliss, PGK, Field Agent

**COFFEE & DONUTS / ST. PATRICK'S DAY DINNER**

Coffee & Donuts will be after the 8:00 AM masson Sunday March 1st.

St. Pat's day celebration dinner will be held at the council on March 14. We will be serving corn beef and cabbage along with home made Irish bread from 5:30 to 7:00 PM. Cost is only \$7.00 a person. Coffee, tea, and desserts will also be served and carry outs will be available.

## FINANCIAL SECRETARY REPORT

*By Darren Gray, FS*

None this month..

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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 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.

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## ANNUAL BANQUET HONORING OUR PAST GRAND KNIGHTS

Mark your Calendars for Saturday May 2, 2020 for our Annual Banquet.

This year we'll be returning to honor our Past Grand Knights at this Banquet.

Location: St Lawrence KofC Hall on Utica Road in Utica

Time: 6 PM to 11 PM

Includes: Dinner, Beer, Wine, Soft Drinks, and Coffee.

Bring your own Liquor

Dancing to DJ Spranger & Alpha Z Productions

Master of Ceremonies Mel Szlag will be toasting and roasting each of our Past Grand Knights

Cost: Individual tickets - \$40      Couples: \$70  
Past Grand Knights – Free      KofC Widows - Free

Call PGK Tony Bliss at 248-224-4396 to reserve your tickets or email me at Anthony.Bliss@kofc.org

## PRAYER LIST

Cindy Bertolini, Clarence Bessler, Don Bessler, Paula Bliss, Shirley Bliss, Callista Boleski, John Brehmer, Mary Brehmer, Holly Bush, Bob Carlisle, Paige Chamberlain, Dee Figg, Madeline Ford, Wallis Flynn, Jessie Giszczak, Charlie Hamilton, Joanne Hamilton, Drew James, Mike Kapolka, Russel Kreinbring, Lori Leeman, Sharon McCoy, Maggie Meister, Dennis Menard, Rick Miller, Ed Novak, Yvette Ploskonka Ed Poplawski, Norman Podgorski, Patricia Podgorski, Callista Polasek (Meister granddaughter), Chris Peterson, Richard Salvatore, Patricia M. Scheid (Ernie's daughter-in-law), Dennis Szlag, Mel Szlag, Christine Tallman, Brenda Thomas, Donovan S. Turchin, John Turchin, Debbie Vaughn, Matt Ventimiglia, Greg Vetten, 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, Don Bessler and Terese Lamerato.**

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

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## Knights of Columbus “BENEFITS NEWS”

**April 15 - tax day** - is right around the corner. It's become popular this time of year to encourage the opening of an IRA or similar retirement annuity, or the depositing of additional funds into an existing account, as a tax savings vehicle. A secondary approach is to tout the rate of interest that money in one of these accounts can earn. Let me join the chorus of folks encouraging you to open or add funds to an annuity, but for a different reason.

Certainly, contributing money to a Knights of Columbus annuity will allow you to save some money on your income tax return. And our annuities do pay a very competitive interest rate, consistent with our primary goal of absolute safety of principal. Opening or adding to an annuity for these reasons, however, strikes me as taking a short-term view of a product that is designed to provide long-term security. How much security?

**How does a retirement income that you cannot outlive - guaranteed – sound to you?**

Here at the Knights of Columbus, you can open a retirement annuity for as little as \$300. Consistent and disciplined savings placed into that annuity over time can guarantee you an income at retirement that you cannot outlive. That guarantee – along with the fact that no one has ever lost money left in a Knights of Columbus annuity (remember – **absolute safety of principal**), really will provide you with peace of mind.

I am happy to meet with you – at your convenience and in your home – to explain in detail the benefits of opening a Knights of Columbus annuity, along with the benefits of our top-rated life insurance and long term care insurance plans.

As you ponder all the things that may not work out as you proceed toward retirement, think about one thing you can do to help yourself – opening a Knights of Columbus annuity. It's reasonably priced (\$300 to start), guaranteed, and controlled by someone you trust – you!

**\*Receive a complete *Family Needs Analysis* at my expense.  
Ask about our **GUARANTEED LIFE INSURANCE, ANNUITIES,  
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### THE MUSE

*An Editor's Exposé*

I want to take this time to personally thank the Knights of Columbus, Father Heary Council, for allowing me to put together this monthly newsletter. Who am I? Well, let me tell you a most wonderful story, friends.

I just recently turned the big Five-O. For the past thirty years, I have crafted well-written stories and published over a handful of books. One non-fiction under my own name, one fantasy novel (M.A. Donovan), two non-fiction and five fiction books (Shelby Patrick). Living the dream here.

When I'm not working my day job at Amazon, you can also find me with a camera around my neck doing photo shoots (events, portraits, pets, special occasions, products, you name it). And now I'm delving into the world of film. It's a whole new ballpark now. You need photos or videos? Let's talk.

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### MARCH BIRTHDAYS

03/04 Mike Niemasz  
03/04 Peter Miles  
03/08 Duane McLaughlin  
03/08 Glain C. Guilmette  
03/10 Glain A. Guilmette  
03/18 Robert Casman  
03/18 Claude Flori  
03/22 Patrick Allen  
03/28 Rev. Lee Acervo  
03/31 Adam Wittmer

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

# MARCH 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Coffee & Donuts	2	3	4 Happy Birthday Mike Niemasz Peter Miles	5	6	7
8 Happy Birthday Duane McLaughlin Glain C. Guilmette	9 7pm Bld. Corp. Mtg 8pm Member Mtg	10 Happy Birthday Glain A. Guilmette	11	12 7pm Ladies Aux. Meeting	13	14 5:30pm St. Patrick's Day Dinner
15 SHIELD DEADLINE	16	17 Happy Birthday Amber Thompson 	18 Happy Birthday Robert Casman Claude Flori	19	20	21
22 Happy Birthday Patrick Allen	23	24	25	26	27	28 Happy Birthday Rev. Lee Acervo
29	30 7:30pm Planning Mtg	31 Happy Birthday Adam Wittmer				

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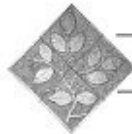
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