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GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE

By Glain Guilmette

Brother Knights,

Vivat Jesus!

We are planning a corned beef dinner for March, anyone who wants to help please contact Darren Gray.

We will also be voting on the \$700.00 for our representative to the Michigan State Council Convention.

I hope everyone had a wonderful Valentine's day.

I am looking forward to seeing everyone at our next business meeting on March 6th at 7:00 pm.

Yours in Christ,
Glain C. Guilmette
Grand Knight

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE FR. JAMES B HEARY COUNCIL 7239 ALLOCATE \$700.00 TO ONE DELEGATE TO ATTEND THE 2023 KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS STATE CONVENTION ON MACKINAC ISLAND, MAY 24th, 25th, AND 26th 2022.

SUBMITTED BY:
Craig Massman, FS
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PROGRAM DIRECTOR REPORT

By Darren Gray, PGK, DD

Bless those who risk their lives to help their community. Police, fire, doctors, nurses, EMTs, store associates, Amazon workers, and anyone else still working to make our daily lives better during this worldwide crisis.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Monday, March 6, 2022
Membership Meeting - 7:00 p.m.
**** Meeting In-Person at Council****

Thursday, March 9, 2022
Ladies Auxiliary Meeting -- 7:00 p.m.
**** Meeting In-Person at Council ****

**** Planning Meeting ****
(All are welcome)
Monday, March 13, 2022 - 7:00 p.m.
**** Meeting In-Person at Council ****

Saturday, March 13, 2023
Corn Beef Dinner – 5:30pm - 7:00pm
**** at Council ****
Contact Darren Gray if planning on attending

Shield Deadline:
Sunday, March 19, 2023
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(Always 3rd Sunday of Month)

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LADIES AUXILIARY

Hi Ladies!

My dearly loved Mother-in-law and our fellow Ladies Auxiliary member Pat Podgorski passed away this past February. Condolences to all of her Family and Friends. She will be greatly missed!

Happy March Birthdays to Amber Thompson (17) and Marie Bessler (22).

Our Birthday dinner will be on April 20th at the Madhouse restaurant at 6:00 PM.

Let us pray for our prayer list. Pray for Mary Lou and Heather (Glain's stepdaughter) full recoveries.

Next meeting is March 9th at 7:00 PM. Hostesses are Janice Polan and Cindy Podgorski..

Happy St. Patrick's Day!

Cindy Podgorski
President

CHAIRMAN NEWS

CORN BEEF DINNER

I will be doing a corn beef dinner on Monday, March 13th starting at 5:30pm to 7:00Pm at the council. We will have corn beef, cabbage, red potatoes, onion and hopefully I can talk Dorothy into making her soda bread. Price will be \$8.00 per person. I am only planning on serving twenty people so if you plan to come, let me know so that I can buy enough food.

I've never made Corned Beef before, so be gentle with your critiques.

The normal Planning Meeting, which everyone is welcome to stay for, will start after the dinner.

Sincerely,
Darren Gray



PRAYER LIST



St. Patrick

Long ago in the 5th century lived a man we now call St. Patrick. St. Patrick was born in Britain, but when he was 16 years old he was captured and made a slave in Ireland. St. Patrick was a slave to a sheep farmer for 6 years.

It was during his time as a slave that St. Patrick embraced Christianity. His faith in God became a great comfort to him. He prayed often while he spent lonely days as a shepherd.

One night St. Patrick woke from a dream. He would later write, "I heard a voice saying to me: 'You do well to fast; soon you will depart for your home country.' And then he heard again, 'Behold, your ship is ready.'" St. Patrick believed the dream to be from God. He left captivity and walked 200 miles until he found the ship from his dream. It would be 3 more years before St. Patrick finally made it home.

After many years back home St. Patrick would have another dream. In the dream he saw many letters from Ireland. As he began reading them he could hear the voices of the Irish crying out to him to go back. He knew he must return to Ireland. This time St. Patrick would share of his faith in God. St. Patrick lived among the Irish until his final day on earth, March 17th.

One of the most famous legends surrounding St. Patrick is that of the clover. It's said he used a 3 leaf clover to explain the Holy Trinity (Father God, Son Jesus and Holy Spirit).

Explore Time on Teachers Pay Teachers

Gary Bertolini (Ron's Brother), Heather Lang, Silvio Marchesi, Sharon McCoy (Ken Witkowski's Sister), Yvette Ploskonka, Ernie Schied, Marie Szlag, Tony Szeliga, Matt Ventimiglia, Regis Welsh, Jean Witkowski, Ken Witkowski

Please prayer for the Podgorski family for the passing of Patricia Podgorski.

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

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



Knights of Columbus “BENEFITS NEWS”

The Value of Membership Referrals

As a professional insurance agent, one of the things I appreciate most is when one of my brother Knight clients or his wife refers another member to me. This is a great endorsement of the service I provided. It tells me that they were so pleased with what I helped them accomplish that they want me to help others achieve the safe level of financial safety and security. When I meet with you, please pass along the names of those who might be able to benefit from the analysis that I provide.

Similarly, there is no stronger membership recruiting tool than the referral. How many of us know an eligible Catholic male who is not a member of the Knights of Columbus? Do you have Catholic family or friends, local or not, who have yet to join? Most likely, they’ve never been asked and don’t know enough about the Order to seek out membership on their own.

If you have names of potential members, please pass them along to me or your Grand Knight. Let us know if we can use your name when we contact the gentlemen in question. It’s always more effective to tell a candidate for membership that he was recommended by a current member, especially someone he knows. Don’t worry if the candidate is outside the area I serve or beyond the district of the local councils, we can make sure we put these future members in touch with the right people in their communities.

New members are the lifeblood of the Order. All the good deeds done by the Order are driven by the members. Over the past decade, Knights have given more than \$1.75 billion to charity and provided in excess of 700 million hours of service. And our membership has merely scratched the surface in North America. Imagine the potential.

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THE ROSARY

An Editor’s Request

As we enter into the Lenten season this year, the world is in quite a mess and I would like to request that each Knight take out their rosary and prayer a special dedication to the ending the war in the Ukraine, the people of East Palestine, OH, victims of the several devastating earthquakes, the list goes on. I am sure most of you are doing this already, but if you’re not, please do. God Bless and stay safe.

Darren Gray, PGK, FDD

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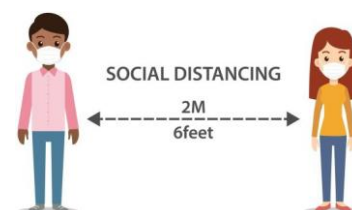
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03/04 Peter Miles
03/04 Michael Niemasz
03/07 Zachary Parton
03/08 Duane McLaughlin
03/09 Glain Guilmette
03/12 Donald Wesierski
03/18 Claude Fiori
03/20 Ryan Thompson
03/22 Patrick Allen
03/25 Francisco Camarillo
03/31 Thomas Laurencelle Jr

LADIES AUXILIARY MARCH BIRTHDAYS

03/17 Amber Thompson
03/22 Marie Bessler

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



March 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3	4 Happy Birthday Peter Miles Michael Niemasz
5	6 <i>7pm Member Mtg</i> Happy Birthday Zachary Parton	7	8 Happy Birthday Duane Mc Laughlin	9 <i>7pm Ladies Mtg</i> Happy Birthday Glain Guilmette	10	11
12 Happy Birthday Donald Wesierski	13 <i>7:00pm Planning Mtg</i> 5:30 – 7:00pm – Corned Beef Dinner at the council \$8/person	14	15	16	17 Happy St. Patrick's Day Happy Birthday Amber Thompson	18 Happy Birthday Claude Fiori
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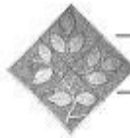
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