

THE SHIELD

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GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE

By Sam P. Lamerato

Brother Knights,

Vivat Jesus!

On February 5th the Building Corp held their monthly meeting before our K of C meeting.

A Corn Hole tournament was discussed, with a tentative date of April 12th. The event will be held at St. Vincent Ferrer Social Hall. Glain Guilmette Jr. has offered to help with this fundraiser. Glain Guilmette Jr. will be at the March 4th meeting to go over what is needed by us to make this event a success. Glain's friend Kris Socha is the owner of Badges and Bags Cornhole and runs these types of fund raiser events. With this being our first cornhole tournament, I feel we should ask for his assistance and the use of his equipment. Deputy Grand Knight Dave Hopcroft and District Deputy Darren Gray will be going over the event information at the March 4th meeting. The Ladies' auxiliary has offered to put together baskets for the raffle at this fundraiser.

The K of C State convention was discussed, and delegates were selected and will be voted on at the March meeting.

Sunday, February 11st the 9:00am mass was said for the living and deceased members of the Knights. We will be continuing to have a monthly mass said for this intention.

St. Patrick's Day dinner will be held on Saturday, March 16th. Please read Darren's article for more information.

We are still seeking ads for the Shield, both new and renewed. If you have any leads, please pass them on to me. The yearly ad will cost \$60.00.

The March meeting for both the K of C and the Building Corp will be held Monday, March 4th. Deputy Grand Knight Dave Hopcroft will be running the meeting in my absence. Please join us and try to contact a Knight who may need assistance with transportation to and from the meeting and offer a ride. We need their support and wisdom!

Note: the April meeting will be held April 8th which is the second Monday of April.

Fraternally yours in Christ,

Sam P. Lamerato

Grand Knight

PROGRAM DIRECTOR REPORT

By Darren Gray, PGK, DD

The St. Patrick's Day Dinner will be Saturday, March 16th at the council. Come for Corned Beef and Cabbage, Potatoes, and all the sides. Thank you to the Ladies Auxiliary for helping me with the desserts/sides. Price will be \$8.00 per person again this year.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Monday, March 4th, 2024
Building Corp Meeting – 6:15 p.m.
Membership Meeting - 7:00 p.m.
**** Meeting In-Person at Council****

**** Planning Meeting ****
(All are welcome)
Monday, March 11th, 2024 - 7:00 p.m.
**** Meeting In-Person at Council ****

Thursday, March 14th, 2024
Ladies Auxiliary Meeting -- 7:00 p.m.
**** Meeting In-Person at Council ****

Saturday, March 16th, 2024
St. Patrick's Day Dinner – 5:30 p.m.
**** at Council ****

Shield Deadline:
Sunday, March 17, 2024
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(Always 3rd Sunday of Month)

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LADIES AUXILIARY

Hi Ladies!

Time marches on. We still need to bring food items, etc. for St Vincent DePaul. We are helping Darren Gray with desserts and sides for the corned beef and cabbage dinner on March 16th at 5:30 pm. We are making raffle baskets for the cornhole tournament on April 12th. We also are doing a charity item for the Mackinac Island Convention. More details during our March meeting.

Please pray for our Prayer List!

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

Out next meeting is March 14th at 7:00pm. Hostesses are Mary Thompson and Amber Thompson.

Happy St. Patrick's Day!

Cindy Podgorski
 President

CHAIRMAN NEWS

I don't have any activities planned for this month. I pray that everyone stays safe from the flu and the virus throughout the year.

Sincerely,
 Jim Morrison

2024 RESOLUTION

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE FR. JAMES B HEARY COUNCIL 7239 ALLOCATE \$700.00 EACH FOR TWO (2) DELEGATES TO ATTEND THE 2024 KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS STATE CONVENTION ON MACKINAC ISLAND, MAY 22nd, 23rd, AND 24th 2024.

SUBMITTED BY:
 Darren Gray, PGK, DD
 Jim Morrison, PGK, FDD

ATTENDANCE DRAWING

Congratulations to Tim Oparka, who won the Attendance Drawing at the February Meeting. You must be in attendance to win. That's all, just show up and you're entered. Prize starts up at \$5 at the March Meeting and grows by \$5 each month if there is no winner.

March Meeting Delegate Elections

Current Nominations for State Council Convention

1st Delegate – Sam Lamerato

2nd Delegate – Ron Thompson

1st Alternate – Ryan Thompson

Ron Bertolini (Note: Has not accepted yet)

2nd Alternate – Mario Lemon (Note: Has not accepted yet).

We will be holding another round of nominations and voting for these delegates at the March Meeting.

Building Corp News

Several things in regards to the Building Corp:

1. Once again, if anyone has left over White or Off-White paint available that can be used to paint some of the outdoor items, please drop them off in front of the garage in the back.
2. The Building Corp will be holding a summer clean-up day on a Saturday. Date to be announced. We are looking for any able-bodied Knights (and friends) that can come and spend an hour or two helping with various projects around the council. Painting, windows cleaning, gutter cleanout, raking, etc.
3. There have been some questions about renting out the council for various events. Please note that only members of the Council and Ladies Auxiliary can rent the council. We will be putting together a formal "Rules of Conduct" for anyone renting the council, along with a formal "Requested Donation" amount. Once approved by the Building Corp, the "Rules" will be published in the Shield and posted upstairs.

PRAYER LIST

Deloris Bail, Marie Bessler, Ann Brunk, Larry Bunting, Randy Carlisle, Stephen Claya (John Claya's Grandson), Shirley Hopcroft (Dave's Mother), Heather Lang, Edda Marchesi, Silvio Marchesi, Sharon McCoy (Ken Witkowski's Sister), Mary Jo Miles, Ron Ploskonka, Yvette Ploskonka, Stefanie Olszewski, Ernie Schied, Marie Szlag, 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

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”

Update Your Beneficiaries

Sometimes it is easy to overlook the simplest of things. Take, for example, the beneficiaries on your life insurance policies. If your policy was applied for and issued several years ago, it may very well be that the person you originally selected as the beneficiary is no longer the person you would want to receive the policy proceeds. If you bought the policy when you were single, for example, you may have named your parents as beneficiaries. If you have since married, your policies should be updated to reflect your spouse as beneficiary. Maybe you’ve had children since, who are not named on the policies.

Most people list a primary beneficiary, who is specifically designated as the first in priority to receive policy proceeds. We also encourage the naming of a contingent beneficiary, an alternate person designated to receive policy proceeds, usually in the event that the original beneficiary pre-deceases the insured.

I routinely call all of my policyholders for annual review appointments, usually near the anniversary date of your policy – that is, the date it was originally issued. One of the matters that I’ll discuss during this review is the status of your beneficiary designations. If they need updating, and they often do, I can complete the paperwork during that appointment.

I look forward to meeting with each of you to discuss your family’s needs.

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In Christ,

Benji Borrelli, FIC

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THE ROSARY

An Editor’s Request

COVID, Flu, and RSV season is still very active this time of year. Please consider praying the Rosary for all of those who are sick.

Darren Gray, PGK, FDD

The Shield Editor
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MARCH BIRTHDAYS

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 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2
3	4 <i>6:30pm Building Corp</i> <i>7pm Member Mtg</i> Happy Birthday Peter Miles Michael Niemasz	5	6	7 Happy Birthday Zachary Parton	8 Happy Birthday Duane McLaughlin	9 Happy Birthday Glain C. Guilmette
10	11 <u><i>7:00pm Planning Mtg</i></u>	12 Happy Birthday Donald Wesierski	13	14 <u><i>7pm Ladies Mtg</i></u>	15	16 <i>5:30pm</i> <i>Corned Beef Dinner</i>
17 Happy Birthday Amber Thompson SHIELD DEADLINE	18 Happy Birthday Claude Fiori	19	20 Happy Birthday Ryan Thompson	21	22 Happy Birthday Patrick Allen Marie Bessler	23
24	25 Happy Birthday Francisco Camarillo	26	27	28	29	30
31 Happy Birthday Thomas Laurencelle Jr.						

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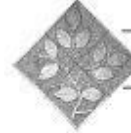
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